

**PROCEEDINGS**  
OF THE  
**M.: W.: GRAND LODGE**  
OF  
**A.: F.: AND A.: MASONS**  
OF  
**NOVA SCOTIA,**

**For the Year ending, with Annual Communication,  
June 24, A. D. 1868.**

**HELD AT HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.**

**STEPHEN R. SIRCOM,.....Grand Master.**  
**C. J. MACDONALD,.....Grand Secretary.**



**HALIFAX, N. S.**

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PROCEEDINGS  
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GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Halifax, on Friday the 13th day of September, A. L. 5867, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The following Grand Officers present:

W. H. DAVIES, M. D.....	M.W. Grand Master.	
R. BRECHIN.....	R.W. Substitute Grand Master.	
WM. WILLIAMS,.....	R.W. Grand Senior Warden.	
A. S. BUSBY.....	R.W. Grand Junior Warden.	
C. J. MACDONALD.....	R.W. Grand Secretary.	
ISAAC J. WYLDE.....	R.W. Grand Clerk.	
W. S. MACDONALD...	V.W. Grand Senior Deacon.	
JAMES FORTUNE.....	V.W. Grand Bible Bearer.	
ALEX. CAMPBELL.....	V.W. Grand Marshall	
J. E. M. TAYLOR.....	V.W. Grand Tyler.	
ALEXANDER WADDELL,	}	W. Grand Stewards.
JOHN CAHILL,		
A. SUTHERLAND,		
JOHN MACLEAN,		
T. A. COSSMANN,		

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Officers and Members present.

The minutes of the last regular communication were read and approved.

Brother Williams from Committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of Grand Lodge and in attendance:

BURNS LODGE No. 1.....Isaac Melvin, W. M.  
David Pottinger, J. W.  
ATHOLE LODGE No. 2...W. S. Macdonald, W.M.  
Alex. Rockwell, J. W.  
KEITH LODGE No. 3.....A. S. Busby, W. M.  
W. M. D. Pearman, S.W.  
James K. Munnis, J.W.  
SCOTIA LODGE No. 4.....C. F. Vose, J. W.  
ALBERT LODGE No. 6...W. Taylor, proxy for 3.  
CONCORD LODGE No. 8...C. J. Macdonald, do.  
QUEENS LODGE No. 10...J. R. Graham, do.  
ST. MARK LODGE No. 11..George J. Payne, W.M.  
Geo. T. Smithers, S.W.  
George Sanford, J. W.  
PAST MASTERS—Wm. Taylor, H. J. Marshall, J. R.  
B. Fidler, and James R. Graham.

On motion of Brother James R. Graham, it was

*Resolved*, that all Master Masons in good standing be invited to attend this communication of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Substitute Grand Master presented the following Report :

HALIFAX, N. S., September 13, 1867.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :*

During recess of Grand Lodge, and in the absence of the M. W. Grand Master, and R. W. Deputy Grand Master, it became my duty to perform the following official act, which I now submit for the approval of this Grand Lodge :

In August I received from the members of Ophir Lodge, a petition praying to be allowed to suspend the meetings of their Lodge for six months. Considering the reasons good and substantial, I granted the same.

Respectfully submitted,

R. BRECHIN,  
*Substitute Grand Master.*

On motion of Brother W. S. Macdonald it was *Resolved*, that the action of the R. W. Substitute Grand Master be confirmed.

A communication was read from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama, appointing R. W. Brother W. S. Macdonald as the Representative of that M. W. Grand Lodge near this M. W. Grand Lodge.

Also, a communication from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana, appointing M. W. Brother W. H. Davies as the Representative of that M. W. Grand Lodge near this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother George J. Payne, it was

*Resolved*, that the appointments of M. W. Brother W. H. Davies as the Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana, and R. W. Brother W. S. Macdonald as the Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama, be received and confirmed.

Brothers Davies and Macdonald were introduced and received with customary honors.

Brother Wm. Taylor, from committee on constitution and regulation, reported favorably on the by-laws of Albert Lodge No. 6, and Keith Lodge, No. 3.

On motion of Brother H. J. Marshall it was

*Resolved*, that the report of committee be received and adopted.

Brother Melvin, Worshipful Master of Burns Lodge No. 1, brought to the notice of Grand Lodge, the case of a Brother Macdonald, a Fellow Craft Mason, who had received the first and second degrees in Burns Lodge, and now desires to receive the third degree; but owing to a sickness, the brother was deprived of the full use of his limbs, and the Worshipful Master declined to confer the third degree, until the Grand Lodge should decide the question, as to whether the case came within the ancient landmarks of the order.

On motion of Brother Brechin it was

*Resolved*, that as the case of Brother Macdonald does not conflict with the ancient landmarks of the order, Burns Lodge be allowed to confer the third degree.

Brother W. S. Macdonald gave notice that at next communication of Grand Lodge he would bring forward a form for a good standing certificate.

The M. W. Grand Master stated his willingness to deliver a course of Lectures on Masonic History, for the benefit of the Library and Reading Room.

On motion of Brother W. S. Macdonald, it was *Resolved*, that the Masters of the City Lodges be a Committee to make necessary arrangements for the same.

There being no further business, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, after the usual ceremonies, declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in  
AMPLE FORM.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,  
*Grand Secretary.*

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provision of constitution, at Masonic Temple, in the City of Halifax, on Friday, December 13th, at 8 o'clock, in the evening:

The following Grand Officers present:

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| W. H. DAVIES, M. D.....  | M. W. Grand Master.            |
| S. R. SIRCOM,.....       | R. W. Deputy Grand Master.     |
| R. BRECHIN,.....         | R. W. Substitute Grand Master. |
| W. W. WILLIAMS.....      | R. W. Grand Senior Warden.     |
| A. S. BUSBY.....         | R. W. Grand Junior Warden.     |
| CHAS. J. MACDONALD...    | R. W. Grand Secretary.         |
| REV. C. B. PITBLADO..... | R. W. Grand Chaplain.          |
| W. S. MACDONALD...       | V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.     |
| JAMES FORTUNE....        | V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.      |
| JOHN E. M. TAYLOR.....   | V. W. Grand Tyler.             |
| ALEX WADDELL,            | } W. Grand Stewards.           |
| JOHN CAHILL,             |                                |
| A. SUTHERLAND,           |                                |
| T. A. COSSMANN,          |                                |
| L. J. CROWE,             |                                |

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Most Worshipful Grand Master with the assistance of the Officers and Members present.

The minutes of last quarterly communication were read and approved.

Brother Melvin from Committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of Grand Lodge and in attendance :

BURNS LODGE No. 1.....Isaac Melvin, W. M.  
 John Overy, S. W.  
 David Pottinger, J. W.

ATHOLE LODGE No. 2...W. S. Macdonald, W. M.  
 Alex. Rockwell, J. W.

KEITH LODGE No. 3.....A. S. Busby, W. M.  
 W. M. D. Pearman, S. W.  
 James K. Munnis, J. W.

SCOTIA LODGE No. 4.....S. R. Sircom, W. M.  
 Albert R. Payne, S. W.

DAVIES LODGE No. 5.....S. R. Sircom, proxy for 3

ALBERT LODGE No. 6.....W. Taylor, do.

CONCORD LODGE No. 8...C. J. Macdonald, do.

QUEENS LODGE No. 10...John Power, do.

ST. MARK LODGE, No. 11..George J. Payne, W. M.  
 Geo. T. Smithers, S. W.

TRURO LODGE No. 15.....Robert Duncan, S. W.

ELDORADO LODGE No. 16.....W. S. Macdonald,  
 proxy for three.

PAST MASTERS—Wm. Taylor, James R. Graham,  
 and H. J. Marshall.

On motion of Brother Brechin it was

*Resolved*, that all Master Masons in good standing be invited to attend this communication of Grand Lodge.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then delivered the following

ADDRESS:

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,—*

This will be one of the most important meetings that has taken place since the organization of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for on the legislation of this evening depends to a great extent the future of this Grand Lodge. You will have placed before you resolutions with reference to the English Lodges at present existing in our territory. These Lodges have been permitted to enjoy undisturbed possession of our territory ever since our formation, but in my opinion the time has now arrived when we must take the existing state of Masonry in this Province seriously into consideration. We claim to be the Supreme Masonic body in Nova Scotia, and in accordance with all well known recognized principles of Masonic law, we are so if we have fulfilled certain conditions. But we have been refused recognition by one Grand Lodge because we are not Supreme, and it is for you to decide this evening if we shall become so in the full meaning of the word. We certainly are not so, if we permit a number of Lodges even larger than our own, to occupy our territory, resist our authority, and even go so far as to pronounce us irregular. Let us then calmly and in a spirit of brotherly love approach this momentous question; and as I must be brief, I say to you, I fully endorse the sentiments of the resolution which is to be laid before you. By this means will we show to the Masonic world that we are in truth a Supreme body, while at the same time we give our English

brethren a fair opportunity of joining our ranks and forming a powerful and influential Grand Lodge. I have next to ask your most serious attention to a deep-seated and rapidly advancing evil in our jurisdiction, one that if not dealt with promptly and decidedly will eventually undermine, if not altogether uproot, all our influence for good; I allude, brethren, to the violation of the cardinal virtue of Temperance. We have no regulations on the subject, but I do not think there is a brother here who will deny that there is nothing in our Constitution demanding at our hands more careful consideration. Brethren, it is the foulest stain on our Masonic escutcheon; it has done, and is still doing us more harm daily, and in every place, than all our excellent teachings can ever undo. Why do we teach our candidates Temperance, and at perhaps the same meeting show him that we do not practice it? In these remarks I mean to be in no way personal; let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall; and let each of us see to it that he sin not. But while we must cast the veil of charity over a brother's acts, let us at the same time tell him of his faults and aid his reformation,—if that cannot be accomplished, it is a stern yet painful duty we owe, not only to ourselves, but to the Craft everywhere, to cut off the offending branch, rather than the tree should be sapped and its fruit fail. I would recommend that we adopt stringent regulations not only to forbid the making of a man of known intemperate habits, but further to permit and insist on his expulsion, when his reformation cannot be accomplished. Now for my official acts, which have been few. On the receipt of a petition from a number of brethren in

Yarmouth, of Scotia Lodge, formerly holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, I granted my Dispensation to empower them to meet as a regular Lodge. The Grand Secretary will lay before you an application for warrant, together with bye-laws, for your approval, and all the necessary documents. Having been informed that Cobequid Lodge, at Truro, had received a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, I deemed it my duty to make a demand on the Grand Lodge of England for the recall of said warrant,—the reply thereto will be laid before you. I also received an application from St. Mark's Lodge, Baddeck, for permission to attend a ball in Masonic costume; the request appearing reasonable and constitutional, I granted it, cautioning them at the same time not to wear regalia after the conclusion of festivities. Now, brethren, you have before you most of the business which will occupy your time to-night, and I have no doubt such decisions will be arrived at as will best advance the interests of our time-honored institution.

On motion of Brother W. Taylor it was

*Resolved*, that the Address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master be referred to a Committee of three to report thereon.

Committee—Brothers W. Taylor, J. R. Graham, and Geo. T. Smithers.

A communication was read from the Grand Orient of Brazil, appointing R. W. Brother S. R. Sircom the representative of that Grand Orient near this Grand Lodge.

Also, a communication from the Grand Lodge of Kansas, appointing Brother T. H. Pryor, M. D., the representative of that M. W. Grand Lodge near this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother W. S. Macdonald it was

*Resolved*, that the appointment of R. W. Brother S. R. Sircom as the representative of the Grand Orient of Brazil, and of W. Brother T. H. Pryor, M. D., as the representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas be received and confirmed.

Brothers Sircom and Pryor were introduced and received with customary honors.

Brother W. Taylor was appointed on the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in place of Bro. Ralph Patrick, who was absent from the city.

Brother W. Taylor from committee on Constitution, submitted a form of good standing certificate, (handed to them by Brother W. S. Macdonald,) which was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

A communication was received from members of Scotia Lodge, No. 430, R. S., stating that they had surrendered their warrant to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and were now desirous of obtaining a warrant from this Grand Lodge, to enable them to meet as a regular Lodge at Yarmouth, under the name and title of Scotia Lodge.

The petition being duly recommended and in form, on motion of Brother S. R. Sircom it was

*Resolved*, that a warrant be granted to the petitioners as Scotia Lodge, No. 17.

On motion of Brother Sircom it was

*Resolved*, that in appreciation of the services rendered, and valuable assistance given by Brother Andreas Cassard to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia since its organization in 1866, he be elected an honorary member of the same.

A communication was read from the Grand Orient of Uruguay appointing Brother W. Garvie as the representative of that Grand Orient near this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother Payne it was

*Resolved*, that the appointment of Brother W. Garvie as the representative of the Grand Orient of Uruguay be received and confirmed.

Brother W. Taylor from Committee on Constitution submitted the bye-laws of Scotia Lodge, Yarmouth, which report was received and adopted.

The committee on address of Grand Master submitted the following Report :

HALIFAX, N. S. December 13, 1867.

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

Your committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's address, beg respectfully to submit the following :

That so much of said address as refers to Lodges within the Province holding under other jurisdictions, is fully concurred in by your committee. But

they would recommend that action on the same be deferred until next communication of Grand Lodge.

That such portions of address as refers to the evil of intemperance be referred to Committee on Constitution, and that said committee be requested to frame a clause for insertion in constitution, to be approved of at next communication of Grand Lodge. That with regard to official acts, your committee are not in a position to report thereon, not having the documents referred to, but recommend that the same be discussed when papers are laid before Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. TAYLOR,  
JAS. R. GRAHAM,  
GEO. T. SMITHERS,

On motion of Brother Brechin it was

*Resolved*, that the report of Committee on Address of Grand Master be received and adopted.

The committee of the Masonic Library submitted their report, which was received and adopted, showing the receipts towards the same for the past year to have been \$224.74, and disbursements and liabilities \$237.19, leaving a deficit of \$12.45.

On motion of Brother Williams it was

*Resolved*, that Grand Lodge contribute the sum of twenty dollars annually toward the Library fund.

The matter of Cobequid Lodge, Truro, was then taken up, and the Grand Secretary read a copy of the letter which he had been ordered by the Grand

Master to write them, to the effect that unless said warrant was surrendered to the Grand Lodge of England before next communication of Grand Lodge, he, the Grand Master, would proclaim them an irregular Lodge.

On motion of Brother Sircom it was

*Resolved*, that the action of the M. W. Grand Master be approved of; and also, that in consequence of later information received, it would be advisable to allow them an extension of three months before taking such action.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for a course of lectures in aid of the Masonic Library, submitted their report, which shewed the nett proceeds of the same to have been \$41.50.

Which on motion was received and adopted.

The business of Grand Lodge having been disposed of, a very interesting ceremony took place, viz., presenting the M. W. Grand Master with the following address, accompanied with a handsome piece of plate.

ADDRESS :

HALIFAX, N. S. Dec. 13, A. L. 5867, A. D. 1867.  
*To M. W. W. H. DAVIES, ESQ., M. D., Grand Master  
 of Nova Scotia,*

DEAR BROTHER,—

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that the Free Masons of Nova Scotia, holding under your jurisdiction, have learned that in consequence of your

impaired health and the severity of this climate, it has become necessary that you should for a period leave this your native Province, to seek a more congenial temperature. We cannot, therefore, allow you to depart without some expression from us in appreciation of the deep interest taken by yourself in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. We feel a large portion of the success attending our organization is mainly due to the untiring exertions manifested by yourself as the head of our institution. As an expression of our esteem, we beg your acceptance of the accompanying piece of plate, in the hope on our part that it may be a continued memento to you of the good and friendly wishes of the brethren who have had the pleasure of your counsel and advice. We pray that T. G. A. O. T. U. will guide and protect you on your journey, and again restore you in renewed health to the bosom of your family; that you may also soon again resume your position amongst us as our head and chief, to guide us in our counsels and aid us in our labors.

Fraternally yours,

ISAAC MELVIN, W. M. Burns Lodge No. 1,  
 W. S. MACDONALD, W. M. Athole Lodge No. 2,  
 Grand Senior Deacon,  
 ARTHUR S. BUSBY, W. M. Keith Lodge No. 3,  
 Grand Junior Warden,  
 S. R. SIRCOM, W. M. Scotia Lodge No. 4, Deputy  
 Grand Master,  
 G. J. PAYNE, W. M. St. Mark Lodge, No. 11,  
 WILLIAM TAYLOR, P. M., P. D. G. M.  
 CHAS. J. MACDONALD, P. M., Grand Secretary,  
 R. BRECHIN, P. M. Substitute Grand Master,  
 W. M. WILLIAMS, P. M., Grand Senior Warden,  
 H. J. MARSHALL, P. M.  
 W. M. D. PEARMAN, and Representatives of eight-  
 een Lodges.

To which the Most Worshipful Grand Master made the following

REPLY :

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,  
Office of Grand Master, 82 Argyle Street,  
HALIFAX, 13th Dec., 1867.

*To the Masters, Wardens, and Brethern of the several  
Lodges holding under the Most Worshipful Grand  
Lodge of Nova Scotia.*

BRETHREN,—

The Address with which you have honored me this evening stirs within me strange emotions: on the one hand the proud consciousness that my humble efforts on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia are considered worthy of acknowledgment, and that I enjoy in a high degree the confidence of the Craft over whom it has been my privilege to preside for some time. On the other hand it reminds me that I am now called to rest from my labors at least for a season, and that the many pleasant communings we have enjoyed, must only be treasured memories of the past. We are taught in our beautiful ritual at all times to bow with submission to the will of our Supreme Grand Master, and while trying to act up to its glorious teachings, I may still be permitted to express my deep regret at our approaching separation. But, brethren, I carry with me very tangible proof of your affection in the elegant piece of plate your truly Masonic generosity offers for my acceptance; but I needed no such valuable present as a "continual memento" of your good and friendly wishes, for I am assured from the many expressions of brother-

ly love that have so constantly greeted me, that I have a living memento where every true Mason should desire to live, in the hearts of the brethren. For your kind wishes for my safety during my journey, and speedy restoration to my health and my family, I thank you ; and may He whose blessing you have invoked on me, so bless, protect and guide you all, that should we never meet again on earth we may all be found in the Grand Lodge above ; and may He so guide your counsels and deliberations for the good of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, that to it may be applicable the words of the poet, "gloria in perpetuum."

W. H. DAVIES, M. D.,  
Grand Master.

There being no further business, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, after the usual ceremonies, declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in AMPLE FORM.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,  
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS  
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GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provisions of the constitution, at Masonic Temple, in the City of Halifax, on Friday, 15th day of March, A. L. 5868, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The following Grand Officers and members present:

- S. R. SIRCOM,.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- R. BRECHIN,..... R.W. Substitute Grand Master.
- Wm. WILLIAMS.....R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
- A. S. BUSBY.....R. W. Grand Junior Warden.
- CHAS. J. MACDONALD...R. W. Grand Secretary.
- NEWELL SNOW.....R. W. Grand Lecturer.
- W. S. MACDONALD...V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.
- E. L. SPIKE.....V. W. Grand Jeweler.
- JAMES FORTUNE....V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.
- GEO. ANDERSON..V.W. Grand Director of Music.
- JOHN E. M. TAYLOR.....V. W. Grand Tyler.
- ALEX WADDELL,        }
- JOHN CAHILL,         } W. Grand Stewards.
- T. A. COSSMANN,       }

PAST MASTERS—Wm. Taylor, H. J. Marshall, J. R. B. Fidler, and James R. Graham.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Form by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Officers and Members present.

The minutes of the last quarterly communication were read and approved.

Brother Melvin from Committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of Grand Lodge and in attendance:

BURNS LODGE No. 1.....Isaac Melvin, W. M.  
 John Overy, S. W.  
 David Pottinger, J. W.

ATHOLE LODGE No. 2...W. S. Macdonald, W.M.  
 Ralph Patrick, S. W.  
 A. Rockwell, J. W.

KEITH LODGE No. 3.....A. S. Busby, W. M.  
 W. M. D. Pearman, S.W.  
 James K. Munnis, J.W.

SCOTIA LODGE No. 4.....S. R. Sircorn, W. M.  
 A. R. Payne, S. W.

DAVIES LODGE, No. 5...S. R. Sircorn, proxy for 3.

ALBERT LODGE No. 6...W. Taylor, do.

CONCORD LODGE No. 8...C. J. Macdonald, do.

QUEENS LODGE No. 10...N. Snow, do.

ST. MARK LODGE No. 11..Geo. T. Smithers, W.M.  
 George Sanford, J. W.

TRURO LODGE, No. 15.....H. McCallum, W. M.  
 Robt. Duncan, S. W.  
 A. C. Page, J. W.

ELDORADO LODGE, No. 15....W. S. Macdonald,  
 proxy for 3.

On motion of Brother W. Taylor, it was

*Resolved*, that all Master Masons in good standing be invited to attend this communication of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master stated that during the recess of Grand Lodge he had received the following applications for Charters :

One from a number of brethren at North Sydney, who formerly composed the Royal Albert Lodge, under Scottish jurisdiction, they having surrendered their warrant were desirous of receiving a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, to continue working under the original name at the same place.

Also, from a number of brethren at Port Hawkesbury, Strait of Canso, Cape Breton, there to meet under the name and style of Solomon Lodge.

Also, from brethren at Woods Harbor, Barrington, at present working under dispensation. The papers relating thereto, together with other acts performed, would be presented at this communication.

A communication was read from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, appointing R. W. Brother Newell Snow as the representative of that Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother Busby it was

*Resolved*, that the appointment of R. W. Brother Snow as the representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine be received and confirmed.

The Committee on Constitution and Regulation submitted the following :

HALIFAX, N. S., March 13, 1868.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,—*

Your committee beg to report that they have carefully examined the Bye-Laws of the following Lodges, viz. : Keith Lodge, No. 3 ; Eureka Lodge, No. 13 ; Acacia Lodge, No. 14 ; Royal Albert Lodge, No. 18, and would recommend that they be adopted as revised.

Your committee also beg to submit, in regard to the special duty assigned them in relation to that part of the Grand Master's Address referring to the evils of intemperance, the following resolution : That it shall be the duty of all Lodges under this jurisdiction whenever the evils of intemperance shall appear among any of its members, forthwith to refer the case to the Investigating Committee of the Lodge, or to some other, should there be no such committee ; and it shall be the duty of the said committee forthwith to wait upon the offending brother and forewarn him of the evil consequences resulting from such conduct, and if the brother be not reclaimed from the vice after a reasonable time, the secretary of the Lodge shall be directed to summon the offender to appear before his Lodge and answer for such un-Masonic conduct, and unless the offending brother shall satisfy the Lodge that he will abandon these habits, (and in that case they shall have power to stay further proceedings until sufficient time be given him to thoroughly test the sincerity of his promise of amendment,) the Lodge shall proceed to suspend the brother for a limited time, and when that time shall have expired,

if not then reclaimed, the Lodge shall have the power of inflicting the penalty of expulsion from the Craft, subject to the confirmation of the sentence by the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee, in closing their Report, would recommend that an order be passed by Grand Lodge, authorizing Lodges to change the time of receiving the report of the Auditing Committee, where necessary, from July to the meeting of installation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. TAYLOR,  
S. R. SIRCOM  
GEO. T. SMITHERS.

On motion of Brother W. S. Macdonald it was

*Resolved*, that the Report of Committee on Constitution and Regulation be received and adopted.

Brother J. R. Graham, from Committee on Charters, submitted the following :

HALIFAX, N. S., March 13th, 1868,

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :*

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following Report :—

That having examined the application from members of Royal Albert Lodge, formerly on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, they find the same to be in proper form and largely signed, and would recommend that a charter be granted as asked for.

The application of Solomon Lodge being in proper form, and regular, we would recommend that the same be granted.

With regard to the application of W. H. Davies Lodge, U. D., your committee would recommend

that they be ordered to furnish a copy of their minutes while under dispensation, and that if correct a charter be granted, subject to approval of Committee on Charters.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. R. GRAHAM,  
W. WILLIAMS,  
W. TAYLOR.

On motion of Brother L. J. Crowe it was

*Resolved*, that the Report of Committee on Charters be received and approved.

On motion of Brother Taylor it was

*Resolved*, that whereas the Constitution of the Grand Lodge has been altered in several particulars during the past year in revision thereof.

*Therefore Resolved*, that where said alteration of the Constitution effects the Bye-Laws of any Lodge, a change of any such particular points in any such Bye-Laws to conform with said alteration of Constitution is hereby authorized to be made by the Lodge and legalized without further reference to the Grand Lodge.

Brother Taylor gave notice that at the next quarterly communication he would move the following addition to the Constitution :

"That a dispensation to open a new Lodge shall only remain in force (unless renewed) for one year. That ten dollars shall be charged for the first issue thereof, and three dollars for each renewal of the same, and that first charge shall be deducted from the fee for charter when the same shall be issued.

On motion of Brother Graham it was  
*Resolved*, that a vote of thanks be passed to the  
 Committee of Constitution and Regulation.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to re-  
 freshment until to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING.

7 o'clock, P. M., March 14th, 1868.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment  
 to labor at 7 o'clock.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The R. W. Grand Lecturer proceeded to exem-  
 plify the Work as adopted by this Grand Lodge.

The evening was taken up until a late hour  
 exemplifying the first and third degrees.

On motion of Brother W. S. Macdonald it was  
*Resolved*, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are  
 due our Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer, Brother  
 Newell Snow, for the instruction imparted in the  
 working of the degrees.

There being no further business, the Right  
 Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, after the usual  
 ceremonies, declared the Grand Lodge of Nova  
 Scotia closed in FORM.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,  
*Grand Secretary.*

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**PROCEEDINGS**  
 OF THE  
**GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.**

An Emergency Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Halifax, on ~~Friday~~ the 15th day of May, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The following Grand Officers present :

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| S. R. SIRCOM.....     | R. W. Deputy Grand Master.     |
| R. BRECHIN.....       | R. W. Substitute Grand Master. |
| WM. WILLIAMS,.....    | R. W. Grand Senior Warden.     |
| A. S. BUSBY.....      | R. W. Grand Junior Warden.     |
| A. K. MACKINLAY ..... | R. W. Grand Treasurer.         |
| C. J. MACDONALD.....  | R. W. Grand Secretary.         |
| ISAAC J. WYLDE.....   | R. W. Grand Clerk.             |
| NEWELL SNOW.....      | R. W. Grand Lecturer.          |
| W. S. MACDONALD...    | V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.     |
| E. L. SPIKE... ..     | V. W. Grand Jeweler.           |
| JAMES FORTUNE.....    | V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.      |
| JAMES MACCOUSH...     | V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.      |
| ALEX. CAMPBELL.....   | V. W. Grand Marshall.          |
| J. E. M. TAYLOR.....  | V. W. Grand Tyler.             |
| ALEXANDER WADDELL,    | }                              |
| JOHN CAHILL,          |                                |
| A. SUTHERLAND,        |                                |
| GEO. W. HALLS, ;      |                                |
| T. A. COSSMANN,       |                                |
|                       | } W. Grand Stewards.           |



Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia would appoint a committee to meet them for the purpose of considering the practicability of uniting the interests of the Craft in this Province.

On motion of Brother Taylor it was

*Resolved*, that said communication be received:

On motion of Brother W. S. Macdonald it was

*Resolved*, that a committee be appointed by this Grand Lodge to meet the committee from the District Grand Lodge, said committee to report at next communication.

On motion of Brother Melvin it was

*Resolved*, that the committee consist of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the R. R. Past Deputy Grand Master, the R. W. Substitute Grand Master, the R. W. Past Substitute Grand Master, and the R. W. Grand Secretary.

The business for which the meeting was called having been disposed of, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, after the usual ceremonies, declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in FORM.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,

*Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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The Quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provisions of the constitution, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Halifax, on Friday, the 12th day of June, at 8 o'clock in the evening:

The following Grand Officers and Members present :

S. R. SIRCOM.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
R. BRECHIN.....	R. W. Substitute Grand Master.
W. WILLIAMS.....	R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
A. S. BUSBY.....	R. W. Grand Junior Warden.
A. K. MACKINLAY.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
C. J. MACDONALD.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
ISAAC J. WYLDE.....	R. W. Grand Clerk.
N. SNOW.....	R. W. Grand Lecturer.
W. S. MACDONALD..	V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.
JAMES FORTUNE....	R. W. Grand Bible Bearer.
JAMES MACCOUSH..	V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.
ALEX. CAMPBELL.....	V. W. Grand Marshall.
J. E. M. TAYLOR.....	V. W. Grand Tyler.
ALEX. WADDELL,	} W. Grand Stewards.
ARCH. SUTHERLAND,	
T. A. COSSMANN	

The Grand Lodge was opened in form by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, with the assistance of the officers and members present.

Brother Melvin, from Committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges represented and the following brethren members of Grand Lodge and in attendance :

- BURNS LODGE, No. 1....David Pottinger, W.M.  
Alex. Waddell, S. W.
- ATHOLE LODGE, No. 2..W. S. Macdonald, W.M.  
John Cahill, S. W.  
D. McDougall, J. W.
- KEITH LODGE, No. 3....J. K. Munnis, W. M.  
Robert Duncan, J. W.
- SCOTIA LODGE, No. 4....S. R. Sircom, W. M.
- DAVIES LODGE, No. 5...S. R. Sircom, proxy for 3
- ALBERT LODGE, No. 6...W. Taylor, “
- CONCORD LODGE, No. 8..C. J. Macdonald, “
- QUEENS LODGE, No. 10..N. Snow, W.M., “
- ST. MARK LODGE, No. 11.Geo. T. Smithers, W.M.  
T. A. Cossmann, S. W.
- EUREKA LODGE, No. 13..J. R. Graham,  
proxy for 3.
- TRURO LODGE, No. 15...G. S. Nelson,  
proxy for W. M.
- ELDORADO LODGE, No. 16...W. S. Macdonald,  
proxy for 3.
- PAST MASTERS.—W. Taylor, Isaac Melvin, J. R. Graham, H. J. Marshall, Geo. J. Payne.

On motion of Brother Isaac J. Wyldé it was  
*Resolved*, that all Master Masons in good standing  
be invited to attend this communication of Grand  
Lodge.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master gave the  
following statement of official acts performed by  
him during recess of Grand Lodge:

April 1st. Received a petition from a number  
of brethren in Barrington for a dispensation to  
open a Lodge under the name of Philadelphia  
Lodge, but the petition not being in form, had  
declined to grant the same.

April 28. Received a petition from a number of  
brethren at Bridgewater, who had been working  
under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of  
England. The same being in form had granted  
his dispensation under the name of Accaia Lodge.

On May 9 appointed Brother B. L. Peters as the  
representative of this M. W. Grand Lodge near the  
M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

On May 12 instructed the Grand Secretary to  
order W. H. Davies Lodge to suspend work until  
proper returns were sent in to Grand Lodge.

May 15, instructed the Grand Secretary to invite  
M. W. Brother Josiah H. Drummond, Past Grand  
Master of Maine, to be present and install Grand  
Lodge officers at the Annual Communication of

June 24. The papers in connection with the same will be submitted to Grand Lodge, together with an application for charter from Acacia Lodge.

On motion of Brother A. K. Mackinlay it was

*Resolved*, that the action taken by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master during recess of Grand Lodge be confirmed, and that the petitions for charters and dispensations be referred to committee on charters.

A communication was read from the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, announcing the formation of the same, and asking that fraternal relations be established between the two Grand Lodges.

On motion of Brother Taylor, P. D. G. M., it was

*Resolved*, that the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia hail with pleasure the organization of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and extend toward her our fraternal recognition and congratulation, and welcome her into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges.

The committee appointed to confer with the committee from the District Grand Lodge of England, submitted the following, which was adopted :

HALIFAX, N. S., June 12, 1868.

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

Your committee met, and having organized the same, acquainted the committee from the District Grand Lodge of their appointment, and accordingly met them on the 29th day of May, when they offered the following proposal :

*Halifax, N. S., May 29th. 1868.*

The Committee from the District Grand Lodge propose to the Committee from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia that a convention of all the Masonic bodies as Lodges in the Province, be called at some convenient place for the purpose of forming an United Grand Lodge, under one head, to be called the United Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. That at said convention all superiority be left aside, and that the parties there, present form themselves into a Grand Lodge, and there make choice of Grand Lodge Officers, issue warrants, &c.

But your committee feeling they could not accede to such a proposition, submitted the following, which they trust will meet with the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

*Halifax, N. S., May 29, 1868.*

In order to a thorough consolidation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the Grand Lodge are desirous to accomplish the same, and the committee of the said Grand Lodge propose, that the Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England be welcomed into the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, should an application be made, either through the Secretary of the District Grand Lodge, or directly by the Lodges to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. That then the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia issue such authority to said Lodges as will entitle them to all their Lodge rights, such as their funds, the position of their Past-Masters, and other matters, and full representation in Grand Lodge under the constitution.

That charters be granted to said Lodges at or after the quarterly meeting in September, and at such meeting the roll of said Grand Lodge be revised,

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and the Lodges shall be numbered and placed on the roll according to the seniority of such Lodges, by satisfactory proof of the date of the original organization of the several Lodges on the list at such period.

Your committee beg further to state that they have received nothing official as to what action was taken by the District Grand Lodge at its quarterly communication. But the chairman of your committee was informed through the chairman of the District Grand Lodge Committee that said Committee was still in existence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. R. SIRCOM, Chairman.  
W. TAYLOR,  
R. BRECHIN,  
J. R. GRAHAM,  
C. J. MACDONALD, Sec'y.

On motion of Brother C. J. Macdonald it was

*Resolved*, that should an application be received from any Lodge under English jurisdiction for a warrant during recess of Grand Lodge, the Deputy Grand Master be empowered to grant a working warrant upon receipt of the application, and that the confirmation of the same be made the first business of the Annual Communication, and that said Lodge be entitled, at said communication, to a full representation.

The committee on Charters submitted the following, which was adopted :

HALIFAX, N. S., June 12, 1868.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia?*

Your committee beg to submit the following:  
That they have examined the papers in connection

with the application of brethren at Bridgewater, and find the same correct. They find many names on the return of members made under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and recommend that diplomas be granted, suited to their case, and that the charter be granted on the application containing the names of those duly registered. The committee also recommend the application of the brethren in Barrington to the favorable consideration of the Deputy Grand Master, to be complied with if possible, as we deem a compliance with the request would best promote the interests of the Craft in that locality:

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. R. GRAHAM,  
GEO. J. PAYNE,  
WM. TAYLOR.

On motion of Brother Williams it was

*Resolved*, that a committee be appointed to act in conjunction with the Grand Stewards for the purpose of providing a Banquet on the evening of the 24th inst.

Committee—Brother W. Taylor, W. S. Macdonald, A. K. Mackinlay.

Brother Taylor from Committee on Credentials submitted the Bye-Laws of Acacia Lodge, Bridgewater, which, on motion, was adopted.

Brother Taylor gave notice that at next quarterly communication he would move the following alteration in section 4, chapter 1 of the Constitution, making it to read as follows:

"The Masters and Wardens of all Subordinate Lodges, duly installed, and in their absence by proxies, duly certified; all Past Masters being subscribing members of the Lodge for which they are returned. Past Grand Masters shall rank next to Grand Master. The five principal Past Grand Officers shall be entitled to a vote for three successive years. Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges shall have a vote as such.

Also, Brother King gave notice by writing that he would, at next regular communication, move for the following alteration in chapter 10, section 2 of the Constitution. To read:

"Every Lodge shall annually, at its regular meeting in May or November, elect the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer by ballot; the remainder by open vote. The ballot shall be taken in the manner prescribed for Grand Lodge. They shall be duly installed according to ancient usage."

Brother Taylor moved, and Brother Fortune seconded the following which passed unanimously.

*Resolved*, that a dispensation to open a new Lodge shall only remain in force, unless renewed for one year. That ten dollars shall be charged for the first issue, and three dollars for each renewal of the same, and that said first charge shall be deducted from the fee for Charter, when the same shall be issued.

The W. Master of Burns Lodge brought to the notice of Grand Lodge the following, and requested the decision of Grand Lodge upon the same:

A brother received his degrees in Burns Lodge some seven or eight years ago, and while the Lodge was under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Subsequently he demitted from the Lodge, and is now desirous of joining again, when it is discovered that the brother cannot write, but signs the application with his mark. The W, M, therefore desired to know whether he would be justified in entertaining the petition.

On motion of Brother Payne it was

*Resolved*, that as this is an instance not likely to occur under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the Grand Lodge take special action in the case, and allow Burns Lodge to entertain the petition:

On motion of Brother A. S. Busby it was

*Resolved*, that a Committee on Regalia be appointed.

Committee—Brothers Geo. T. Smithers, A. S. Busby, Jas. R. Graham.

A communication was read from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, appointing R. W. Brother Chas. J. Macdonald the representative of that M. W. Grand Lodge. Also, from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, appointing W. Brother James K. Munnis the representative of that M. W. Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother Geo. T. Smithers it was

*Resolved*, that the appointment of Brothers Macdonald and Munnis be confirmed.

Brothers Macdonald and Munnis were received with customary honors.

The Committee on Constitution submitted amendments to Keith Lodge Bye-Laws, in sections 8 and 9, which were adopted.

There being no further business, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, after the usual ceremonies, declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in due form.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,  
*Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provisions of the constitution, at Masonic Temple, in the City of Halifax, on Wednesday, the 24th day of June, A. L. 5868, at High Twelve.

The following Grand Officers and members present:

S. R. SIRCOM,.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.  
R. BRECHIN,..... R.W. Substitute Grand Master.  
WM. WILLIAMS.....R. W. Grand Senior Warden.  
A. S. BUSBY.....R. W. Grand Junior Warden.  
A. K. MACKINLAY .....R. W. Grand Treasurer.  
CHAS. J. MACDONALD...R. W. Grand Secretary.  
ISAAC J. WYLDE.....R.W. Grand Clerk.  
REV. C. B. PITBLADO.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.  
W. S. MACDONALD...V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.  
E. L. SPIKE.....V. W. Grand Jeweler.  
JAMES FORTUNE....V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.  
JAMES MACCOUSH...V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.  
JOHN E. M. TAYLOR.....V. W. Grand Tyler.

ALEXANDER WADDELL,	}	W. Grand Stewards.
JOHN CAHILL,		
A. SUTHERLAND,		
GEO. W. HALLS,		
T. A. COSSMANN,		
W. TAYLOR, R.W.....		Past Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due Form by the acting Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Officers and Members present.

The minutes of the last quarterly and special meetings were read and approved.

Brother Melvin from Committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of Grand Lodge and in attendance:

BURNS LODGE No. 1.....	David Pottinger, W.M. A. Waddell, J. W.
ATHOLE LODGE No. 2...	W. S. Macdonald, W.M. John Cahill, S. W. A. McDougall, J. W.
KEITH LODGE No. 3.....	James K. Munnis, J.W. Geo. W. Halls, S. W. R. Duncan, J. W.
SCOTIA LODGE No. 4.....	S. R. Sircom, W. M. C. F Vose, S W. W. Robertson, J. W.
DAVIES LODGE, No. 5.....	B. Spinney, W. M. " proxy for S.W.
ALBERT LODGE No. 6...	W. Taylor, proxy for 3.
CONCORD LODGE No. 8...	C. J. Macdonald, do.
QUEENS LODGE No. 10....	J. Stuart, do.

ST. MARK LODGE No. 11..Geo. T. Smithers, W.M.

T. A. Cossmann, S. W.

J. R. Glendenning, J. W.

ACACIA LODGE, N. 14.....J. K. Munnis, proxy for 3

TRURO LODGE, No. 15.....A. C. Page, W. M.

H. McCallum, proxy for

S. W. and J. W.

ELDORADO LODGE, No. 16....W. S. Macdonald,

proxy for 3.

ROYAL ALBERT LODGE, No. 18..A. K. Mackinlay

proxy for 3.

PAST MASTERS.—W. Taylor, Isaac Melvin, G. J. Payne, H. McCallum.

On motion of Brother A. K. Mackinlay it was

*Resolved*, that all Master Masons in good standing be invited to attend this communication of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary read the following Address from the Grand Master :

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,—*

The rapid flight of time reminds me that the term of my office as your chief executive officer has terminated, and that I must resign into your hands the high and honorable office entrusted to me, and give an account of my stewardship. I do sincerely regret that this report must be one of duties unperformed; but you all know that it so pleased the Supreme Grand Master to afflict me as to render even my stay among you impossible, and that to this cause, and not any want of desire to promote your interests

must be attributed my absence of official acts. The high duties of my office have, I have every reason to believe, been faithfully and satisfactorily performed by my very efficient deputy, to whose official report I must refer you. I must now ask your kind forbearance while I offer a few parting words of friendly counsel, the last I shall ever be privileged to offer in my present capacity. Since the organization of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, you have accomplished much,—you can now look forward with confidence to a speedy reunion of of the Craft, provided you act in a true spirit of brotherly love, and exercise that greatest of all Masonic gifts—Charity; and while keeping strictly in view those great principles for which you have successfully contended, forget not that you are members of a universal brotherhood, and that around a common altar you have sworn to defend and love one another. There must be mutual concessions, but no sinking of great principles. In previous addresses I have called your attention to many things that tend to hinder the advance of our order, and mar its full development, and at the risk of being tiresome, I must again briefly refer to them. And first of the attendance of Lodges—this is far from what it should be, and is alike discouraging to the Master and Officers, and unjust to yourselves. You have freely and voluntarily joined an organization in which you appear to manifest so little interest as not to give one or two hours occasionally to take part in its active business,—you absent yourselves and allow the whole burden to be borne by a few who are willing to spend and be spent in the good cause. Is this right? Either be one thing or another. If you have joined the Order from mere

idle curiosity, and are now satisfied that it does not come up to your expectations, demit, and do not remain to add apparent strength but real weakness; either labor according to your individual gifts, or make way for those who, by their presence, counsel or advice at our Lodge meetings, further the noble ends and aims of our time-honored institution. Remember, also, that you put yourselves in a false position. Many of you visit other jurisdictions, and to your shame be it said, are often unable to prove yourselves, even after having been for years members in good standing, simply because you do not attend your own Lodge and see the work performed, thereby bringing discredit not only on your own Masonic abilities, but on the Lodge and Grand Lodge with which you are connected. Secondly, the matter of non affiliation demands your most earnest and faithful consideration, because it is a rapidly growing evil. Legislate wisely, yet firmly. Let the unaffiliated Mason understand thoroughly the position he occupies—that although he has forgotten or neglected his duty in not contributing his fair share to the support of some Lodge, and thereby to distressed worthy brothers, yet he is still as much under control as he ever was, subject to discipline for any offence against the Masonic code, while he is not entitled to any of its privileges. Maintain this position—make the provisions of your Constitution clear and explicit, and you will have done much to at least stay the progress of this serious hindrance to the usefulness of our beloved order.

Lastly, and here I would fain pause, yet I must fulfill my duty, painful though it be, and press upon your notice the daily increasing violation of the

cardinal virtue of Temperance. You have had, during the past year, many painful illustrations. Be warned, brethren, this one thing does more to oppose the progress of our cause than everything else combined. It arrays against us, and justly too, those whose influence is most widely felt and exercised, our mothers, sisters and wives, and, depend upon it, you will never rise to the position you desire to occupy till you have them on your side, and this you cannot accomplish till you satisfy them that you not only preach temperance in the Lodge room, but practice it after adjournment. Rise then, brethren, manfully to the work—let no one be received, no matter what his other qualifications, if he be of intemperate habits, discipline those you now have in your ranks, and if that fail, purge them out, better that you decimate your Lodge rolls than that the foul blot remain. I do not urge on you total abstinence, but I do beseech you with all my powers to let the world see that under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Temperance and Masonry shall henceforth be hand-maidens indissolubly linked together.

And now, brethren, if I have offended any of you I crave pardon. I have followed the dictates of my own conscience and spoken very plainly,—accept it in a spirit of brotherly love. Remember that we have each promised to tell an erring brother of his faults and aid his reformation; and while taking leave of you as your Grand Master, I have a responsibility placed upon me by my Supreme Head, and I must endeavor to fulfill it. Farewell, brethren; in great weakness and feebleness I have endeavored to discharge my duties. I have now to rest from my

labors and sever our official ties,—let me yet live in your memories, in your hearts,—accept my heartfelt thanks for all your past kindness and all the undeserved honors you have heaped upon me, and my constant wish and prayer for you all shall be, that when the great day of reckoning arrives you shall be able to give an account of with joy and not with grief, and that we may all become members of the Supreme triumphal Grand Lodge above.

In the bonds of brotherly love,

Truly and fraternally yours,

WM. H. DAVIES, M. D.,

Grand Master.

On motion of Brother Geo. T. Smithers it was *Resolved*, that the Address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master be referred to a committee of three to report thereon:

Committee—Geo. T. Smithers, T. H. Pryor, M.D.,  
W. S. Macdonald.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master delivered the following Address :

*Brethren of Grand Lodge,—*

By the goodness of the Grand Architect of the Universe, we are again permitted to assemble on this our third Annual Grand Communication, to take council together how we may best advance the interest of the Craft in this jurisdiction, and strengthen the bonds of brotherly love and affection among the whole fraternity.

In discharging these important duties, let us well consider the obligations resting upon us as Masons. Let that spirit of harmony attend our deliberations

that should ever exist among us, so that after the business of this session is over we may carry to our homes the happy reflections that we have earnestly labored for the progress of our beloved order.

Our beloved brother, M. W., Wm. H. Davies, who has hitherto presided over our deliberations, has been compelled, in consequence of ill-health, to leave this his native Province, and seek a more congenial climate. I cannot but express deep regret that he is not with us on this auspicious occasion, to aid us with his wise and valued counsels.

The great interests he always displayed in our institution, his integrity and great skill in performing the duties appertaining to his exalted position, has materially tended to elevate Masonry in this jurisdiction to the high position it now occupies. He was one of the most active and zealous among us in establishing the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and his kindness and affability will be ever remembered by those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

His address, which has just been presented to you, contains matters of vast importance to the Craft, which I trust will receive your careful consideration.

During the absence of M. W., Wm. H. Davies, it has devolved upon me as Deputy Grand Master to discharge the duties appertaining to his office, and it therefore becomes my duty to lay before you my official acts.

I have issued dispensations for the establishment of the following new Lodges:

January 18, 1868. Solomon Lodge, at Hawkesbury, Strait of Canso. Levi Hart, W. M., John W. Ingraham, S. W., Edward Kent, J. W.

April 8, 1868. Acacia Lodge, at Bridgewater lately working under Dispensation from the Grand Lodge of England. Andrew Gow, W. M., William H. Owen, S. W., J. W. Andrews, J. W.

June 17, 1868. Philadelphia Lodge, at Barrington. William McKay, W. M., James Britle, S. W., Oscar Davison, J. W.

Both the Solomon Lodge and Acacia Lodge have been granted warrants by the Grand Lodge, the former at the quarterly communication in March, and the latter at the quarterly communication in June.

I have issued my proxies to the following named brethren, to constitute the Lodges which had been granted charters at the annual and subsequent quarterly communications.

To R. W. Brother Newel Snow, to constitute Eldorado Lodge, No. 16, at Wine Harbor, Guysboro' County.

To Brother W. B. Stephenson, to constitute Scotia Lodge, No. 17, at Yarmouth, Yarmouth County lately holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

To Brother Albert Corbett, to constitute Solomon Lodge, No. 19, at Hawkesbury, Strait of Canso.

I have also issued my dispensation to R. W. William Taylor, to instal the officers and inspect work and proceedings of Truro Lodge No. 15, at Truro, Colchester County.

I granted a special dispensation to Albert Lodge, No. 6, Shelburne, to join in procession, and hold a banquet in celebration of St. John's Day, December 27th, 1867.

On the 13th January, 1868, I addressed a letter to Brother Albert Corbett, P. M., of Royal Albert

Lodge, No. 379, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Sectland, on the subject of uniting with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and urging him to bring the matter before the said Lodge, at its next regular communication.

I am gratified in being able to inform you that the same was received with courtesy and brotherly feeling, and the subject matter therein contained, was impartially and justly considered. This as many of you are aware resulted in an application to the Grand Lodge for a charter, which was granted at the quarterly communication in March. Thus terminates Scotch Masonry in this jurisdiction, as this was the last chartered Lodge, holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

On the 16th January, 1868, I addressed a communication to the Right Honorable Earl of Dalhousie, M. W. Grand Master of Scotland, setting forth the rise and progress of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia since its formation, and praying for that recognition which would so eminently lead to promote that harmony and brotherly love which should ever exist among those claiming to belong to an universal brotherhood. An acknowledgement was duly received, stating that the subject should receive careful consideration, and that we should be advised of any steps taken relative to the same.

A second communication was received from the Grand Secretary of Scotland, stating that the matter had been placed in the hands of the Grand Committee, who, however, declined to act, in consequence of the absence of the M. W. Grand Master, having been compelled through indisposition to retire to the South of France.

I firmly believe they will consider the justice of our cause, and in the name of our Divine Art extend to us the right hand of brotherhood, which will eminently tend to advance the interests of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

During the past year I have visited the following Lodges. Burns, No. 1, Athole, No. 2, Keith, No. 3, Scotia, No. 4, and Lodge St. Mark, No. 11, all of which have made marked progress, especially in the system and order of working, and the knowledge of our beautiful ritual. It is particularly gratifying to see the great interest manifested by many of the members, more especially the younger ones, who seemed determined to advance in the science and form of Royal Art. On all occasions I have been kindly and courteously received.

It affords me great pleasure in informing you that our distinguished brother, M. W. Hiram Chase, P. G. M. of the State of Maine, has accepted our invitation to be present at this communication, and to instal the officers for the ensuing year. I feel assured you will give him a cordial and hearty welcome.

A strong desire has been manifested, especially during the past year, by the members of Lodges still holding under the Grand Lodge of England, to become united to this Grand Lodge. Upon several occasions, the subject has been freely discussed in their Lodges and also at the quarterly communications of their District Grand Lodge. These discussions resulted in the formation of a committee at their quarterly meeting, held on the 6th day last May, to negotiate with the Grand Lodge upon the subject of the amalgamation of the Craft in this Province.

Notice of the same was forwarded to the Grand Secretary, in which a desire was expressed that this Grand Lodge would appoint a committee to confer with them in promoting so desirable an object.

Accordingly an emergency of Grand Lodge was called on the 15th May, to take the matter into consideration, at which a committee of five were appointed to consult with the said District Grand Lodge committee.

The result of these deliberations will be duly placed before you, together with a copy of a circular which has been addressed to the several Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England.

Since the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, much has been accomplished, yet much remains to be done. Let us not, then, be weary in well-doing, but unitedly set to work in the performance of the important duties assigned us, that the whole Masonic world might say we are entitled to the great trust and confidence reposed in us.

May it please the great Creator of all things to direct our consultations to the advancement, honor, and dignity of the institution in this jurisdiction; by his infinite goodness may we be enabled to regulate our lives by the true principles of morality and virtue, so that at the close of our earthly existence, we may be found worthy to be received into that celestial Lodge above, where the Grand Architect of the Universe presides.

STEPHEN R. SIRCOM, D. G. M.,  
Acting Grand Master.

Halifax, June 24, 1863.

On motion of Brother A. K. Mackinlay it was

*Resolved*, that the address of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master be referred to a committee of three to report thereon.

Committee—A. K. Mackinlay, Geo. J. Payne, I. J. Wyld.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted the following, which was received and adopted:

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,—*

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have received the reports of the following Grand Lodges;

Alabama,	1867.	Minnesota,	1867.
Arkansas,	"	Mississippi,	"
California,	"	Missouri,	"
Colorado,	"	Montana,	"
Delaware,	"	Nebraska,	"
District Columbia,	"	Nevada,	"
Georgia,	"	New Brunswick,	1868.
Idaho,	"	New Hampshire,	1867.
Illinois,	"	New York,	"
Kentucky,	"	Ohio,	"
Louisiana,	"	Oregon,	"
Maine,	"	Tennessee,	1866.
Maryland,	"	Texas,	1867.
Massachusetts,	"	Virginia,	"

The reports contain an immense amount of useful information. We find a great difficulty in confining extracts to proper limits. Our principal aim has been to select such topics and remarks as will be most useful to the Lodges and members in our jurisdiction. We trust that our endeavors in this respect will not be wholly unsuccessful. If no other good result follows, we hope our imperfect attempts will be the means of guiding those that may follow us in this important undertaking, how to discharge the duty more efficiently. We deem this department highly requisite, This is about the only way that

our Lodges can obtain a general idea of what takes place in the Masonic world, and how very many important points that we are in doubt and uncertainty about, are disposed of in older and more experienced jurisdictions. Your committee have carefully kept this object in view in their extracts. We have refrained from any criticisms of our own, wishing rather to learn well and truly the workings of our venerable institution themselves, and having our brethren of the jurisdiction enlightened by the opinions and decisions of those who have labored long to good effect in placing the Order in so efficient and honorable position as it now occupies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. TAYLOR,	} Committee.
A. S. BUSBY,	
I. J. WYLDE,	

#### ALABAMA.

The forty-seventh annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at the city of Montgomery on the 2nd December, 1867, M. W. Wilson Williams, Grand Master. One hundred and forty Lodges represented. Among the representatives of other Grand Lodges we notice R. W. Daniel Sayre, the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The Grand Master's address is truly commendable. He opens by invoking the aid of that Being in whom we trust. He acknowledges with grateful thanks many donations for Masonic charity. He declined to grant a dispensation for a Lodge to elect a Master and S. Warden, who had removed from the district of the Lodge, as the Junior Warden was in that case, ex officio, the governing officer of the Lodge. He had granted nine dispensations to open new Lodges. "During the year," he says, "I was informed that

the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia had appointed Brother Daniel Sarye as their representative near this Grand Lodge. His credentials will be presented to you, and I doubt not you will receive him in a manner proportionate to the high respect we entertain for the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. I also appointed R. W. Brother W. S. Macdonald as our representative near that Grand Lodge, which, I hope, will meet with your approbation, and have a tendency to draw more closely the the bonds which unite us together in a common brotherhood."

The finance officer's reports exhibit a wholesome state of the funds of Grand Lodge, giving its income to be about \$5900.

Brother Sayre was introduced and represented to Grand Lodge as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and received with appropriate ceremonies.

The committee to whom was referred a communication from the G. O. of Italy, reported favorably, and recommend a resolution of fraternal feeling with the Grand Orient, which was adopted.

P. G. M., Brother W. C. Penick, submitted an able report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of 38 Grand Lodges, where he thinks a pretty sharp thrust necessary, and likely to produce a good effect. He is not backward in sending it home. In concluding, he remarks, "We have endeavored to keep ourself within the bounds of fraternity and good feeling towards those with whom we have been necessarily led to differ and sometimes combat." \* \* \* \* "We feel that we have not done our brethren of the different committees full justice. We find that to condense five

or six thousand pages of closely printed matter into a suitably small compass, is no small matter, but to fish about and catch no fish is worse !

From a recapitulation table, which is indeed a very excellent arrangement, we find members of Lodges reported in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge to be 9, 707, dues received \$4899. 738 raised this year. Total number of Lodges 339, of which 218 are square upon the Grand Lodge books, and several other interesting particulars.

M. W. Geo. D. Morris was elected Grand Master and R. W. Brother Daniel Sayre was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### ARKANSAS.

The 29th Annual Communication, held at Little Rock, on the 4th, 5th, and 6th November, 1867, M. W. E. H. English, Grand Master, and R. W. W. D. Blocken, Grand Secretary.

On opening, representatives of 80 subordinate Lodges were reported present.

The Grand Master's Address covers 16 pages of the Report. We wish at least as many of our own Report was covered with it, but must only quote the following :

“ Nature, like Masonry, in all her departments, abounds with hidden mysteries, locked up and concealed in her arcana ; because it is the plan of Providence that man, organized for unlimited and unending progress and improvement, shall labor for knowledge—toil for light.”

“ The indolent, untoiling, unobserving man, dwells in the midst of these mysteries for three score years and ten, and dies in *darkness*. And yet, perhaps, he

is a prominent grumbler at Masons, because they have *secrets* which they do not publish in the streets and proclaim to the world from the house-tops."

"Masonry, like Nature, reveals her sublime mysteries—unlocks the sources of light—to her toiling inmates. And the idle, listless, unlaboring drone, as too often happens, may pass through the mere forms and ceremonies, (impressive as they are to the comprehensive mind,) of all the degrees and grades, and yet remain in comparative darkness."

Again, "Among other instances of the liberality of our northern brethren, the Grand Lodge of New York donated five thousand dollars for the relief of the destitute of the Southern States, and the Grand Treasurer, our illustrious Brother, John Simmons, sent me five hundred dollars of the contribution, to be distributed at my discretion. I have been endeavoring to divide it among a hundred of the most destitute widows to be found in the different parts of the State. So that, small as the sum is to each, a hundred hearts might feel emotions of gratitude to the Grand Lodge of New York." \* \* \* \* "The Grand Lodge of New York is a great light. Brother Simmons is a light, and a representative man of the Masons of that State."

Of the Grand Master's decisions, sixteen are given. We quote only three :

1st--The old rule is that a Lodge cannot voluntarily surrender its charter while seven members vote to retain it, that being the number to whom the original warrant to work was granted.

3rd...The W. Master and S. Warden being absent, the J. Warden invited a neighboring Past Master to open the Lodge and preside. Before the business of

the meeting was concluded, the Junior Warden was unavoidably called away, and left the Lodge in charge of the Past Master to finish the work, and close the Lodge. There was nothing improper or illegal in this."

14th.—In this Jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge having made no regulation to the contrary, a Master Mason may be a member of more than one Lodge. When a demitted Mason desires to affiliate, he should send in his demit with his application. When a Mason affiliated with one Lodge desires to retain his membership there, and affiliate, with another Lodge also, he should so state in his application, and accompany it with the certificate of the Secretary of the first Lodge that he is a member of it in good standing, and if affiliated in the second Lodge, the first Lodge should be advised of it, so that if he is suspended or expelled by one Lodge, the other may be informed of it."

The Grand Master had issued during the past year, fourteen dispensations to open new Lodges.

"When the Grand Lodge, he says, first imposed on me the duties of the office of Grand Master, eighteen years ago, there were but thirty five subordinate Lodges upon our Register, now there are over two hundred. If the officers and members teach and practice genuine Masonry, every Lodge is a moral Light in the community of its domicil."

The Grand Secretary submits an able report full and interesting. An evidence that every effort is being made by the Grand Lodge, and its officials to repair and heal up the injuries inflicted by the late disastrous war upon many Lodges and the Craft in

general throughout the state. He reports the receipt of \$4224 dues from Lodges.

On motion of Brother L. E. Barber, the following in regard to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was adopted :

*Resolved*,—That this Grand Lodge will recognise and hereby does recognise the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and extend to it the right hand of fellowship, and welcome, into the family of the Grand Lodges of the World."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondings, review the proceedings of 40 Grand Lodges, Nova Scotia included. Commenting on the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, the committee say, "The Grand Lodge of Connecticut refuses to recognise the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, because it is properly under the Jurisdiction of Scotland, and is organized in opposition to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, both of which refuse to recognize it  
\*\*\*\*\* We think, sometimes parent Grand Lodges stand in the way of the good of Masonry.  
\*\*\*\*\* The Provincial Grand Lodge is a mere creature of Scotland. Connecticut is not in this, very consistent, that she recognizes Western Virginia without the consent, and against the will of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and yet, is very squeamish about Scotland and the Provincial Grand Lodge, her creature.

Also reviewing the suggestions of the Grand Master of Massachusetts, to wait for the decision of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the committee say, "We think every Grand Lodge has the right to judge and decide in

such case for itself. And while courtesy might require a due consideration of the reasons for withholding recognition by a parent Grand Lodge, and awaiting a hearing, yet if the reasons are sufficient, as they evidently are, where there is such a wide separation geographically as there is between Nova Scotia and Scotland, aside from the utter neglect of of that Grand Lodge towards the Lodges of Nova Scotia under its jurisdiction, we think it a stretch of courtesy to require greater delay, and a much greater to yield our right to decide. The Grand Lodge does not seem to have acted upon the matter at all at this communication."

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

#### CALIFORNIA.

The Eighteenth Communication of this Grand Lodge was commenced at San Francisco on the 8th October, 1867, M. W. Gilbert B. Clairborne, Grand Master, V. W. Alexander G. Abell, Grand Secretary. The representatives of 128 Lodges present. The Grand Master gives an able and faithful address. He says: "Three new bodies, claiming to be Grand Lodges, have recently made their appearance above the Masonic horizon in our hemisphere, Montana, Nova Scotia, and West Virginia. The proceeding of Nova Scotia is apparently the culmination of a plan which has been long agitated in that British Province, and seems to have been executed in a regular and legitimate manner by the Lodges which engaged in the organization. Having accounted to their transatlantic mother, and having discharged themselves of the allegiance which they owed her, so far

as appears from the information which I have received, a just claim seems to be presented for recognition." He had granted dispensations to open five new Lodges during the year. Touching the recommendation of candidates, he gives such valuable council that we cannot refrain giving a portion of his remarks. "It is not a mere form to recommend a petitioner, as some seem to think; it is a personal pledge of Masonic honor to the Lodge, that in the opinion of those who sign the recommendation, the person recommended possesses the positive qualifications which will contribute to "the honor, glory and reputation of the institution of Free Masonry. It is not the true design to receive unknown or doubtful characters who penitently profess reformation, with a hope to make them good; that is the mission of holy religion, which is high above us in its attributes and promises; but the true design is to receive and associate all men of positively good character, who voluntarily desire to unite with us in promoting our purposes. It is as damaging to our speculative character and practical operations, to admit poor material to a knowledge of and participation in our rites, as it is for the operative mason to introduce an imperfect stone in the temple which he rears. A Lodge violates less law when it rejects ten worthy persons, than when it receives one unworthy one."

The Grand Secretary's accounts give the total receipts for the fiscal year to 31st July, 1867, to be \$16,445.35, and he remarks. "It is very gratifying to be enabled to state that no Lodge in the jurisdiction was in arrears for dues at the date of closing the foregoing financial report, and that the returns of every Lodge for the present year have been re-

ceived,—a showing most creditable to the Lodges of California, and one which few, if any, of the Grand Lodges of the Union have heretofore been able to present.”

Brother Lawrence C. Owen presented the report from the Committee on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of 37 Grand Lodges.

On the remarks of Brother McCorkle, of Kentucky, who deems the practice of California unjust in requiring a member suspended for non-payment of dues to pay dues for the period during which he was suspended, in order to restore himself, Brother Owen observes, “When a member of a Lodge is suspended for non-payment of dues, it is his own fault,—he should pay his indebtedness, if able to do so; if unable, he should represent his inability to his Lodge, and his dues would be remitted. \* \* \* \* We believe in the enforcement of the requirement, unless inability to pay be shown.” Our practice on this point is in accordance with the regulation of California.

In his remarks on Louisiana he says, “Brother Homer does not believe that in cases of trial the prosecutor should not be allowed to appeal. \* \* \* We beg to differ with Brother Homer in this opinion, for cases have occurred in this jurisdiction in which the accused, through the partiality of the triers, and in direct violation of the testimony given, have been acquitted of the most atrocious offences, and so outrageous were those decisions that the Grand Lodge in each case revoked the charter of the offending Lodge; and yet it would have been powerless to act if the right of appeal was not permitted to the prosecutor.”

Brother Owen acknowledges the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at its first Annual Communication, which, he says, contains the history of the formation of the Grand Lodge. His sympathies are strongly with the movement, and will, we have no doubt, result in fraternal intercourse being established between the Grand Lodge of California and ourselves.

The Board of Relief distributed \$6,104.66:

There are 152 Lodges on the roll, with 7,568 members.

Most Worshipful W. A. Davies was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful A. G. Abell re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### COLORADO.

The Seventh Annual Communication, held in Denver, 7th October, 1867.

Most Worshipful Chase Withrow, Grand Master, the Grand Officers and representatives of six Lodges present.

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened, when, after the Grand Secretary announced the number of Lodges represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

In his neat and business-like address, the Grand Master hints that too much popularity might tend to mar the propriety of our noble institution. He had consequently declined to grant dispensations in places that had not apparently sufficient stability. Where, he says, so much work is done in such haste, some of it must be badly done.

On December 22, he says, I conferred the P. M. degree upon the W. M. elect, and installed the officers of Golden City Lodge, No. 1.

He urges on the brethren to go beyond the simple conferring of degrees in working a Lodge—to strive after the moral lessons and principles contained in the true teachings of Masons. These, if correctly understood and zealously practised, will make us better men, break off our our vices and superfluities, and leave us “better fitted for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.”

The income of Grand Lodge is \$718.25, of which sum \$364 are dues from nine Lodges.

Brother Whittemore presented a very short report on Foreign Correspondence. He acknowledges the reports of some twenty-six Grand Lodges; others he thinks withheld for lack of pre-payment of postage. Ours appears not to have come to hand; but we think the committee might have given something more from those received than what they have, that would not have been too laborious to themselves, but have been of interest and advantage to the brethren in the jurisdiction.

The following resolution was adopted,—“That it is at variance with the spirit of Masonry to make nomination for officers in Grand or subordinate Lodges; and the practice is hereby prohibited in this Grand Lodge jurisdiction.”

Total number of members in jurisdiction 582, increase since last year, 97.

H. W. Teller elected Grand Master, and Brother E. C. Parmelee, Grand Secretary.

#### DELAWARE.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication, held in the City of Wilmington, 27th June, 1867.

Most Worshipful Daniel McClintock, Grand Master, Grand Officers, several Past Grand Officers, and the representatives of nine Lodges present at opening.

In his address, the Grand Master refers in appropriate language to the demise of several Past Grand Officers, at the funeral rites of two of whom he was present, when they were laid in their final resting place with Masonic honors. The Past Grand Officers, he states, have given the present officers some trouble to get the Grand Lodge books and records all right. It appears that part have been irrecoverably lost. The register of Lodges for sixty years has been arranged by the Grand Secretary as correctly as possible at this late day. The Grand Master also recommends a revision of the Constitution, as the present print has been in use since 1826. He recommends that more time be given than is usual with them to the business of Grand Lodge, so as to have it transacted with that careful deliberation that the good of the Craft requires.

The Committee on Finance report a large deficiency by some Past Grand Officers in regard to Grand Lodge funds. This shows a great necessity of having a regular investigation, every year, of the financial affairs. Had a yearly committee attended to this duty, such irregularities, if any, would have been remedied at the time. Now, after some three or four years, it is next to impossible to get matters set right.

A resolution was adopted to elect the Grand Secretary for three years, and then to be eligible for re-election. This is a new feature for electing a Grand Secretary.

The following was also adopted, *Resolved*, that

none but members of the Grand Lodge, past and present officers of other Grand Lodges excepted, shall be present at the opening thereof."

There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

The summary of sixteen Lodges gives the members to be 868.

Most Worshipful D. McClintock was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful J. P. Allmond was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The report from this jurisdiction contains doings of Grand Lodge at a semi-annual, several special, and the annual communications.

Semi-annual held at Washington, 7th May, 5867, Most Worshipful Grand Master G. C. Whitney, presiding.

A communication from M. Mellinet, Grand Master of the Masonic Order of France, was read, requesting a representation at a feast and banquet in Paris, on 15th June. The invitation was complied with.

An application from a Lodge in Georgia for aid to relieve the suffering of widows and orphans of deceased brethren was responded to, and \$25 appropriated to that purpose.

A special assessment of \$1.00 on each member of constituent Lodges was passed, to enable Grand Lodge to meet its present pressing liabilities.

On 6th September Grand Lodge was specially called to perform the solemn ceremony of attending the funeral of Grand Master Whitney. There was a full attendance of Grand Lodge Officers, and representatives from all the Lodges, together with a very large number of brethren, numbering several hundred.

The Annual Communication held on 5th November. The acting Grand Master, Most Worshipful R. B. Donaldson, in his address, beautifully refers to their late Grand Master, "whose heart, he says, was filled with love for his brethren, and whose learning, skill and integrity had tended so materially to elevate Masonry in this jurisdiction to the high position it so well deserves and has so fully attained."

"No words of mine," he says, "can add additional lustre to the memory of one so beloved by his brethren and so worthy the exalted position to which he had been so often called in this Grand Lodge."

The appointment of M. W. Smith as Grand representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was announced, and his credentials presented, when, on motion, it was ordered that he be duly recognized as such by this Grand Lodge.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee recommend very strongly to Grand Lodge to appoint a special committee to consider the propriety of amending the constitution in relation to the practice of Lodges in that jurisdiction in conferring degrees upon non-residents.

And the Grand Master elect, Most Worshipful B. B. French, addressing Grand Lodge at his installation, fully alludes to this subject of jurisdiction. In 1860, he says, I made a somewhat elaborate report upon the difficulties then existing between the Grand Lodges of Maine and England, with regard to the jurisdiction of two subordinate Lodges, one in Maine and the other in Nova Scotia. The Earl of Zetland, Grand Master of England, took the ground "that every Lodge possesses the abstract right, to initiate any person whom it may consider fit and

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proper, without considering where his residence may be."

This doctrine, the Grand Master of Maine earnestly combatted, and I, as the organ of the Committee of this Grand Lodge, sustained his position.

But, in 1865, the committee on the Grand Master's address, of which I was Chairman, said, "we desire to endorse his views upon the subject of the right of this Grand Lodge and its subordinates to confer the degrees of Freemasonry upon whomsoever they may deem qualified to receive them."

Grand Master French then remarks, "you will all see that I was guilty of a glaring inconsistency. Many of the Committees of the Grand Lodges' of other jurisdictions saw it, and they did not hesitate to point it out, in a manner by no means flattering to my feelings. I was in no position to say anything, and so was silent; but now, with no attempt at explanation or excuse, I must assume the position I occupied in 1860: "That no Lodge can extend its geographical jurisdiction beyond the territorial limits of its own Grand Lodge."

A statement shows that 15 Lodges have disbursed 4501 dollars during the year, for charitable purposes.

In the account of Grand Secretary, R. W. Noble D. Larder, who was re-elected, we find \$4098.50 paid by Lodges to Grand Lodge funds.

Master Masons returned by 16 Lodges 2288. Number raised 464, rejected applicants 176.

#### GEORGIA.

This Grand Lodge was opened at Macon by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of 1st District, Brother W. A. Lowe, on 30th October, 1867, being as near as we can ascertain the 81st year of its existence.

The Grand Master, M. W. John Harris, was formally introduced, after opening of Grand Lodge, and received with the private Grand Honors. Representatives of 175 Lodges present.

The Grand Master's address is good and full of sound instruction. One portion of it we quote, being something not yet met with. It is while speaking of offences. "I admit, that an individual who has received the degrees in Masonry (but he cannot be considered a Mason) may be guilty of murder, treason, theft, arson, rape, seduction, and any of the offences named in the black catalogue of crimes. Yet, in the investigation of these offences, I do not consider it consistent with the principles of Masonry, or the dignity and honor of the Institution, that the odious names, by which offences are generally known, should be spread upon our Journal, and be proclaimed to the world, by which our enemies may be furnished with material for abuse. Such exposure is in violation of the divine principles of Masonry, and not demanded by Justice, nor sanctioned by charity. Therefore, offences committed by brethren, should be exposed to the world, only by their Masonic names—such as, un-masonic, or *gross un-masonic conduct.*"

The report of the Grand Treasurer's accounts, show the year's income of Grand Lodge to be \$13742,24 and assets of Grand Lodge to be \$17514,76.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by Brother Geo. L. Barry, touch on about 37 Grand Lodges. Some very lengthy. The whole report covers 64 pages. On California the Committee open their review as follows :

"We approach the examination of the Journal of this Grand Lodge, with fear and trembling. There is about everything pertaining to this far off State, such gigantic proportions, "that time, patience and perseverance," must each be exercised in their examination; and a Grand Lodge but five years in its teens, composed of delegates from 181 Lodges, with a membership of 7020, dispensing in ten years \$53,000 in charity; paying its Grand Secretary a salary of \$3,600, Assistant Grand Secretary \$800; expenses of Grand Secretary's Office \$2,500; Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence \$150; devoting an entire week to the deliberation of matters affecting its interests; dispensing Masonic light and instruction through 360 pages of printed proceedings, may well excite the fear and disturb the nerves of any who may have the hardihood to sit in judgment upon its acts, or express an opinion of its legislation." And on Arkansas, they, "our brother is very wide of the mark, when he so emphatically declares such a thing as the resignation of a Master of a Lodge is unknown to the laws and usages of our order. If it exists, it is an innovation on the ancient landmarks. If our brother had reflected he would have remembered that previous to 1712 there was no such a thing as continuing in office of Worshipful Master; the office was but temporarily filled, by the selection of a qualified Master to preside—when the Lodge closed, the office closed." Of Nova Scotia the committee friendly observe, "This being the first annual communication of this recently constituted Grand Lodge, but little was done, except organizing and preparing for future usefulness. The Grand Master and Grand

Secretary each made a report, and by masterly and cogent arguments, maintained their right to establish a Grand Lodge. We bid them God speed in all their laudable undertakings."

Appended to the report is a summary of verdicts and decisions as compiled, with a great deal of labor and care, by Brother Samuel Lawrence; who was appointed to that duty in 1865. These extend no further back than 1845. It would appear, that the records of Grand Lodge, previous to 1843 are probably lost. This is surely much to be regretted. The constitution of Grand Lodge Rules of Order; A code of Bye-Laws, as well as the ancient constitutions and general regulations, are also added, making the whole volume of real value, not only to the jurisdiction of Georgia, but to ourselves. The Lodges number 264. There being two Lodges numbered 1. How many are not working we do not see. We hope to see a recapitulation of members &c.

M. W. John Harris was re-elected Grand Master, and S. Bore Grand Secretary.

#### IDAHO.

This territory appears to have been occupied Masonically by Lodges holding charters from the Grand Lodges of Oregon and Washington territory. These Lodges assembled by delegations and representations at Idaho City, on 16th December, 1867, and deliberately, regularly, and in truly Masonic Order, as we believe, organized "the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho Territory." Three Lodges under the jurisdiction of Oregon, and one under that of Washington Territory,

and one under a dispensation, making five Lodges, were represented at these proceedings. M. W., George H. Coe, elected Grand Master, R. W. P. E. Edmondson Grand Secretary.

The proceedings of this session are necessarily brief. But the work recorded therein is good and promises well for the future of this new Sister Grand Lodge. May prosperity abundantly rest upon her, and enlightened counsel guide her.

#### ILLINOIS.

The twenty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, held at Springfield on 1st and 2nd October, 1867. M. W., Jerome B. Gorin Grand Master and R. W., Herman G. Reynolds Grand Secretary. Present Grand Officers, three representatives of Grand Lodges, past G. M. Mitchell of Missouri, and the representatives of about 400 subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Master reports, in his address, no less than 57 dispensations issued to open new Lodges during the past year. Referring to the ballot, he observes. "In Masonry, all brethren stand on the level in the duties, obligations, sacrifices and burdens. It is not supposable among Master Masons, that there are any who would reject a candidate through malice, envy, ill-will, anger, jealousy or spleen; if any Lodge has admitted to its fold, any who can be guilty of such base conduct, it is her misfortune and perhaps her fault. The right to reject a candidate is a clear sequence of the right to vote, and is as clear and sacred as the right to re-elect. The ballot is not spread to elect a candidate alone, but to determine whether the candidate shall be rejected,

and for the further protection of the weak, of the timid or the poor, the secret ballot is spread. The duty to reject is also as clear as the duty to vote; and that duty is to be the result of conscientious convictions in each brother's breast, and he votes upon those convictions in the presence of Deity alone. The rejection of a candidate, when declared, is to be shared in silence by every brother, no matter how unpleasant; for if any one states how he voted he violates the secrecy of the ballot, and thereby violates his obligation. The more shields there are thrown around the ballot, which is the great safety valve of Masonry, the better."

Sixty new charters were granted.

In the report of the Committee on appeals, is a case where a brother was tried, found guilty and suspended for one year. After some time had elapsed, the Lodge ordered a re-hearing in the case, the brother was again found guilty and indefinitely suspended. From this latter sentence he appeals. The Committee are of opinion that after trial and sentence a Lodge possesses no power to authorise a new hearing, and as the time of first sentence had expired the committee recommend that the brother be declared restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges, make a thorough and searching report. From it we learn that Grand Lodge is not paid dues for non-resident members of Lodges. The report gives in 512 chartered Lodges in the jurisdiction.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, very carefully review the proceedings of 37 Grand bodies on this continent, and gives 17 pages of extracts from

the New York report on European Grand Lodges. Nova Scotia occupies an extended and conspicuous place in this report. An extract from the report of North Carolina, touching the action of some Lodges here, in admitting candidates from that jurisdiction, is given in full. The Lodges mentioned therein, at that time, held warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We now candidly admit the impropriety of such work. It positively proves the necessity of a Grand Lodge here, where information and instruction may be obtained, that we then so plainly were in need of. We can assure the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and other Grand Lodges, that the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia does not permit anything of this kind in its subordinate Lodges. We feel sure all Grand Lodges will herein see further reason, were such required, for sustaining a Grand Lodge in this Province.

And in reference to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the Committee give an outline of our proceedings from our Grand Secretary's report. Our case and proceedings are given fully and in detail up to the installation of Grand Master Davies, in June, 1866, by Past Grand Master Wilson, of Canada.

M. W., J. R. Gorin re-elected Grand Master and R. W., H. G. Reynolds Grand Secretary.

#### KENTUCKY.

This Grand Lodge met at Louisville on 21st October, 1867. M. W., J. T. Martin Grand Master presiding, and that in an assembly where some 400 (four hundred) Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master expresses thankfulness for

peace and quiet in the jurisdiction since last assembling of Grand Lodge. He declines the flowery orational style for his address, but gives valuable hints in a style that is easily read and understood. He urges the brethren to guard well the outer door. He suggests a rule, similar to our own, in which subordinate Lodges should suspend members for non-payment of dues when over one year in arrears, and not attended to after notice given. He suggests that non-affiliated Masons should be allowed one year to join a Lodge and thus contribute to the cause, and if not attended to in that time they should be declared suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. He had granted dispensations to open nineteen new Lodges.

The Grand Treasurer reports total debts of Grand Lodge to be \$28,500, and resources of the Grand Lodge \$72,600.

A resolution was introduced to divide the state into two Masonic jurisdictions. How comes this? Is it not something of an unusual step? Our big neighbour Canada will not, surely, see the necessity for this, as she inclines to double rather than to halve her territory.

The Grand Secretary submits an able report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-six Grand bodies. In his review of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, he notices the report of the Committee touching ourselves. This Committee, it seems, have had that decree, issued by what it calls the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, brought to its notice. This was issued in December, 1866. We are sorry the Connecticut Committee were not as well acquainted with that proceeding

and the source it originated from, as we are ourselves. If they were, we are sure its effect with them would have been of little moment. But Brother McCorkell of Kentucky, very correctly and sensibly observes. "We apprehend that this fulmination of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, suspending those brethren who hold allegiance to the "Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia" will be entirely harmless. Many Grand Lodges on this continent have already acknowledged her legitimacy, and the slur of being the offspring of "secession and revolution" language used by the Grand Master of Massachusetts, and adopted by this Committee, will scarcely frighten them now."

"This decision, or rather want of decision of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, like that of Massachusetts, totally avoids the merits of the case. The right of the brethren of Nova Scotia to form a Grand Lodge for themselves and thus redress evils long complained of, is not inquired into, but the whole question is made to turn upon the recognition of the new Grand Lodge, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland."

Brother McCorkle sharply criticises the doings of Athole and Keith Lodges, as complained against by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, for work done in 1864. We have spoken of this matter elsewhere, and will here only make this observation. We thank the Grand Secretary of Kentucky for his remarks and suggestions, and venture to assure him that such work, if done under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, would not be overlooked as was the case then, when those Lodges held warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Brother McCorkle kindly notices our proceedings for 1867, also our feeble attempt in the shape of Foreign Correspondence report. We have so much to learn that our object in these cullings is to disseminate among our subordinate Lodges, such extracts from Grand Lodge proceedings as will be beneficial and instructive to the members of our several Lodges.

The number of initiation reported is 2254. The members 14,614, amount paid in by subordinate Lodges \$18,677.

M. W., Elisha S. Fitch was elected Grand Master, and R. W., J. M. S. McCorkle re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### LOUISIANA.

The 55th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, held at New Orleans on 11th February, 1867. M. W., William M. Perkins Grand Master, R. W., Samuel M. Todd Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form in the third degree.

The Committee on Credentials, reported 71 Chartered Lodges, entitled to representation, and 10 Lodges under dispensation, whose delegates were entitled to seats in Grand Lodge. Before the communication closed, 30 more Lodges were reported, entitled to representation. On roll call 57 chartered Lodges and one under dispensation were found represented.

In his address, the Grand Master congratulates Grand Lodge on the peace and harmony that prevail throughout the jurisdiction, having only one complaint to bring forward. That he had constituted

Dante Lodge, No. 174,—this being the only Lodge in the State working, in the Italian language.

He reports that the work and returns of nine Lodges, under dispensation, will come before Grand Lodge. All of them, he says, will no doubt, ask for charters, and I deem it not amiss to suggest that we should not only examine carefully the record of their labors, but satisfy ourselves by all means within our reach, whether the members have the necessary capacity, intelligence and moral and social position to justify their being entrusted with Masonic affairs, in their respective localities, and invested with legal and Masonic rights, equal to those of the oldest Lodges of the State. We may expect some defects in technical matters, and probably some serious errors, which on being pointed out, would be avoided in future. When we find good intentions and a disposition to learn, and to conform strictly to regulations and instructions, we can afford to judge charitably. On the other hand the written record may show no defect, and yet it may be impolitic and against the interests of Masonry to charter the Lodge. In deciding upon these applications for charters, let nothing blind you to the importance of the main question: Will the real interests of Masonry be promoted by chartering the new Lodge?

Several Lodges having lost their charters by fire, the Grand Master had issued warrants of authority to work until this Grand Annual Communication. He recommended the issue of new charters to each, with an endorsement, showing the date of issue of the several originals and accounting for the loss.

Touching the request to modify or evade that clause of their constitution, which positively forbids

the reconsideration of unfavourable ballots, the Grand Master observes, "neither you nor I can properly know how others have voted, nor why unfavourable ballots have been cast. No member should ever, by act or word, expose his own ballot; if any one may say he has voted favourably, others of course can, and they will do the same, and thus the secrecy of the ballot will be practically done away with."

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports are plain, but complete in every respect. The annual amount passing through the hands of these officers is some \$26,500, of which about \$20,000, are on special acts.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, review the proceedings of 33 Grand Lodges, that of Nova Scotia at its first annual meeting among the number. The Committee remark: "There can be no doubt, we think, of the advisability of the step taken by our brethren of Nova Scotia, and that it will result favourably for all concerned. We certainly think that one hemisphere is sufficient for the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge, and take great pleasure in appending to our report the usual resolution of recognition and recommend its adoption." Brother J. P. Horner, Chairman of said Committee, submitted the following, which was adopted, viz. That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, hereby cordially extends the hand of fellowship and recognition to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and welcomes her into the circle of Sister Grand Lodges." In the disbursements of the Louisiana relief Lodge, \$110 had been given to applicants from Nova Scotia.

About 180 Lodges appear to be on the roll of the

Grand Lodge. We notice a peculiarity, scarcely met elsewhere, that is, several Lodges are designated by the same number. From the summary of work, we find 123 Lodges had made returns, showing 6128 members. 647 raised.

M. W., A. G. Norwood elected Grand Master, and R. W., J. C. Batchelor Grand Secretary.

Since writing the foregoing we have received the report of 1868, which we are happy to be able to review and include with this as follows :

The fifty-sixth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was commenced at New Orleans on 10th February, 1868.

Most Worshipful Abel J. Norwood, Grand Master, opened Grand Lodge in the third degree. Fifty Lodges represented at opening.

The address of the Grand Master is brief, as he was absent from the jurisdiction a good part of the year, consequently the duties largely devolved on the Deputy Grand Master.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, H. R. Swabey, gives an outline of duties attended to. These were numerous and of a varied nature. That of commissioning the Junior Grand Warden, Worshipful Brother J. C. Gordey, to lecture and teach the work approved by Committee of Grand Lodge, being one, no doubt, of great utility and importance.

The Grand Secretary's Report is exceedingly full and explicit. He evidently attends to business in the proper time and place, and does not forget to make a note as he journeys along. We find over \$35,000 of Grand Lodge monies pass through his hands. The sources from whence this large sum springs are many and varied. The real dues paid

by Lodges into Grand Lodge for the year hardly reach \$2000.

The Report of the Relief Lodge, at New Orleans, we presume, shows an expenditure of \$3,390 during the year, in extending assistance to Masons from almost every part of the world.

The Committee on Audit and Account report assets of Grand Lodge to be \$246,295, and the liabilities only \$70,910.

Worshipful Brother James B. Scott submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, and circulars from England and other transatlantic Grand bodies.

Touching the resolution of Delaware, to elect a Grand Secretary for three years, Brother Scott remarks; "We doubt the propriety of this resolution." He also dissents from the practice of Maine in admitting candidates on affirmation in certain instances. Brother Scott acknowledges our proceedings for 1867. He refers to the proclamation of the Grand Master in reference to the illegality of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, and "hopes the Brethren will soon amicably arrange their family quarrel, and live in harmony with each other and the rest of mankind." This, if fraternally and honorably effected, is our sincere desire, and which we would be glad to report at our next session. We admit that there is a certain degree of discord between ourselves and what is styled the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, in Nova Scotia, but we maintain that body to be so egregiously irregular in its composition and continuance, that discord with it is altogether unavoidable. There is not at present a

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regular Lodge under authority from the Grand Lodge of Scotland in the jurisdiction, and how the said Grand Lodge sustains a Provincial Grand Lodge where there is not even one regular Lodge, is what we fail to understand. We trust, however, that the true principles of our order will soon overrule all differences and that harmony and fraternal feelings will permeate every Masonic breast in this jurisdiction.

The general observations of this Committee in conclusion are very valuable, but as we have now exceeded our limits, we must refrain from any further extracts.

M. W., Henry R. Swasey was elected Grand Master, and R. W., J. C. Batchelor re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### MARYLAND.

The Report for 1867 received. It contains proceedings of several meetings of Grand Stewards' Lodge. This appears to be an appendage, so to speak, of the Grand Lodge. It considers many matters referred in other jurisdictions to Grand Lodge, and disposes of them, subject, however, it appears, to appeal to Grand Lodge. Some special sessions of Grand Lodge were held to consider invitations to Grand Lodge to assist in laying corner stones of buildings.

The Annual Communication was held at Baltimore, on the 18th November, 1867, and two following days. Most Worshipful John Coates, Grand Master, opened Grand Lodge, assisted by Grand Officers and a due representation of Lodges.

The Grand Master refers in his address to the rapid progress of the new Temple to completion, which he trusts will long remain as a monument to the liberal and refined taste of the Masonic fraternity in the jurisdiction of Maryland. In concluding, he earnestly cautions the brethren to be careful in introducing those for whose conduct all of us are more or less responsible, and by whose acts Masonry will, in some measure, be judged.

At the election of officers, Grand Lodge elects a Grand Inspector for each County. These report at the annual meeting on the condition of the Lodges in each such division. The report of the Grand Secretary shows a large income of Grand Lodge, amounting to \$5340. Among the charges of the Grand Treasurer we notice one of \$1806.70 for a banquet on 10th June. The Grand Lecturer's report of visitations and instructions given to many Lodges is interesting, and the duties discharged must have been really beneficial. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of fifteen Grand Lodges quite extensively. In the review of Connecticut, they allude to the proclamation of our so-called Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland. This proclamation, it would appear, must have been sent to Connecticut, but it did not reach, it seems, the Grand Lodge of Maryland direct. We beg the brethren will look into the position of what is stated to be the Grand Lodge of Scotland in this Province. The Hon. Mr. Keith, it is true, has a patent from Scotland as Provincial Grand Master, but since the Lodges have wholly returned their warrants, it is hard to see how a Provincial Grand Lodge can exist. All the Lodges that formerly held authority

from Scotland in the Province, as well as those authorised by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and a portion of those holding authority from an English source, are now working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Those few scattered individuals who rally round Mr. Keith's patent, cannot surely with any propriety be styled a Provincial Grand Lodge. They may print and scatter circulars, but these should be investigated by sister Grand Lodges before coming to what they may at length discover to be very erroneous conclusions. Past Grand Master Wilson, now again Grand Master of Canada, visited us in June, 1866. He examined the position of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia well, and sanctioned that position so far as to install our Grand Master, and give us every encouragement to go on and persevere in the course we had taken. This we have steadily continued to do, and from ten Lodges two years since, we have now reached over double that number. This we offer as strong evidence of the propriety of the step taken, and of the goodness of our cause, and so we shall continue to go on and hope to prosper.

This report is submitted by Brother W. J. Worth, and is a very able and interesting document throughout; but having taken up so much space with the one uninteresting subject, we must refrain quoting what would be much more interesting to others, and agreeable to ourselves.

In the abstract from returns of Lodges, we find fifty-seven Lodges give the large number of 4387 Master Masons. They have contributed the large sum of \$4260, of which \$2633 was for dues alone to Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful John Coates was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful J. M. Medairy, Grand Secretary.

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

The report from this jurisdiction, contains minutes of proceedings at quarterly meetings in March, June, and September, a special on 24th June, and the annual on 11th December, and Installation on 27th December.

At the meeting in March, the Committee appointed to report upon the Grand Master's address, in December previous, submitted a partial report. The Grand Master had suggested a tax on candidates for the purpose of paying off the debt of the new Temple. The debt it appeared was some \$300,000. The Committee recommend instead of the Grand Master's proposition that a direct tax of one dollar a year for thirteen years be exacted of all affiliated Masons in the jurisdiction. As there are about sixteen thousand such Masons, the amount required would thus be raised in the set time. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted unanimously by Grand Lodge. At the quarterly meeting in June, however, we find an argumentative and able protest offered against this action, by the members of King Solomon's Lodge. It called forth an able and lengthened discussion, and on motion the protest was referred to a Committee of sixteen brethren. A motion to suspend the collection of the capitation tax was adopted. The same was subsequently reconsidered and an order passed that the referring of the paper from King Solomon's Lodge to a committee, was not intended to rescind the

imposing a capitation tax, but rather with a view of causing the subordinate Lodges more fully to understand the necessity for its passage. The committee of sixteen reported on the memorial of King Solomon's Lodge in September, which it is said was accepted and considered. Now, though we have traversed the winding stairs carefully in this matter, we have to ask for more light. We are not informed what decision the committee came to, or how the matter is really settled. The course taken, however, is strong evidence that this Grand body is a really deliberate assembly, open and ready to amend steps taken when grounds for different action are submitted.

Now, this same Committee on the address of the Grand Master, reported again in September on that portion of the address that refers to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. The committee recommend Grand Lodge to sustain the Grand Master in withholding its recognition of our Grand Lodge, until such time as the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England have recognized us, or until at least a majority of the Lodges in the Province are in unison with our Grand Lodge. The information that has led the Committee to this conclusion as given by them, is rather one-sided. One of the committee, it is stated, visited the Province, and derived such information from the Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, as appeared to the member valuable. It would have been well and only fair if the member of the committee had made some inquiries from a member or two of the Grand Lodge also. Taking the opinion of one of the interested parties only, is not with us the correct way of coming to a proper conclusion. For instance, the

information received was to the effect that forty-eight Lodges in this Province are under the Provincial Grand Master for England and Scotland. While the information we would have given this member of the committee, would have been, that there is not one Lodge under authority from either Scotland or Ireland now in the Province,—some of the Lodges working under English authority having returned that authority and received their authority from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and there is now a very strong effort being made by many of the most influential of the members and Lodges belonging to the authority of England to consolidate with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; so that had this member of the committee when here obtained information on the matter in extenso, and reported both sides to his Grand Lodge, your committee feel convinced from the deliberate, just and anxious sentiments evinced by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to come to equitable and correct conclusions, that it would not withhold that recognition from your Grand body which has been so universally extended to her by the Grand Lodges on this Continent and elsewhere. However, we must touch on another feature of this report, and this is one that is truly pleasing. We refer to the Dedication of the new Masonic Temple on 24th June, 1867. There was present the President of the United States, in company with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Massachusetts. The procession was led off by the Grand Escort of Knights Templars of Massachusetts, succeeded by Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies from New York, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, and District of

Columbia, and then a multitude of Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters, then the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and representatives of other Grand Lodges. The procession occupied six hours, from eleven a. m. until five p. m., passing from the Common through the principal streets of the city to Music Hall, where the exercises were of the most solemn and imposing nature. The Oration delivered by the Rev. William S. Studley, was befitting the occasion. The festivities of the day were concluded by a Grand Banquet, where, as is usual, the customary speeches were made by the President, the leading members of Grand Lodge, and several representatives and visitors. Every movement appears to have passed off most harmoniously, so much so that the remarks of the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Newell A. Thompson, are well timed when he said, "We owe, in the first place, thanks to Almighty God for giving us one of the most beautiful days of the season upon which to have our Festival of St. John. We owe thanks to Almighty God for having allowed us to rear here in Massachusetts a pile which I trust will stand long as a monument to the patriotism, if I may say so, and the fraternal character of the brethren of Massachusetts. It is a day for thanks, too, to those who have labored to erect it; and I know no one to whom our thanks are more especially due than to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts." With this your committee must conclude their remarks on this interesting report.

The total number of members given in a table of recapitulation is 17,136. There is no reference as Foreign Correspondence

Most Worshipful C. C. Dame was re-elected Grand Master, and delivered a highly interesting address at his installation on St. John's Day, December. Right Worshipful Solon Thornton was elected Recording Grand Secretary, and Right Wershipful Charles L. Woodbury was appointed Corresponding Grand Secretary.

#### MINNESOTA.

The fifteenth Annual Communication, held at St. Paul on 22nd October, 1867. A Lodge of Master Masons was opened, when on roll call 38 Lodges were found represented. The Grand Lodge was then opened in ample form by M. W., C. W. Nash, Grand Master.

In his address, the Grand Master offers profound acknowledgements for manifold blessings, and congratulates the brethren that peace, harmony and kind fraternal feeling exist within the jurisdiction. He had issued during the year, twelve dispensations, to open new Lodges. In answer to his circular to the Lodges and to brethren in the jurisdiction in March for means to assist distressed brethren in the south, the Grand Master says \$2292 was raised and distributed in South Carolina, North Carolina Georgia and Alabama.

He says, "A short time after the last session of this Grand body, I received an official communication, informing me of the organization of a Grand Lodge in Nova Scotia, requesting from this Grand Lodge fraternal recognition. I recommend that the papers herewith submitted, and the whole subject, be referred to a special committee."

During recess of Grand Lodge, he says, he has

visited 42 Lodges. "In my visitations I adopted the custom of inspecting the records of the Lodge correcting errors and irregularities if any, examining its financial condition, observing the appearance of the hall and furniture, and requiring the brethren to exemplify the work and ritual."

The report on financial affairs shows an amount of \$4156 in bonds and cash in hand.

The Committee on the decision presented a full report of the several questions. We quote only one as follows; "Can members be demitted at any other than a regular communication, and if a brother applies for a demit at a proper time, and it is granted, but the member does not receive the certificate from the Secretary, and afterwards declines to receive it, is he still a member of the Lodge?" Ans. "The Lodge has no right to grant demits, except at a regular communication of the Lodge. When the Lodge grants a demit he ceases to be a member; the action of the Lodge is complete and final. The certificate is only the written evidence of the action of the Lodge. If he desires to become a member of said Lodge, he must apply as a non-affiliated Mason."

The Grand Secretary presented the appointment of Past Grand Master, G. W. Prescott, as a representative to this Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings and work of 28 Grand Lodges. Touching the District of Columbia, the Committee write as follows: "This jurisdiction was greatly exposed, during the late unhappy war,

to danger of conflict with other jurisdictions. Washington was the great rendezvous of the army; and vast numbers of men, from all the northern and western states, were eager applicants for the degrees, before entering active service. As some of them took only part of the degrees, and on their return home, desired advancement, which involved correspondence with the Lodges of the district, it is not wonderful that some painful misunderstandings should have occurred. All these, however, we are assured, will be satisfactorily adjusted, by appeal to the proper authorities.

Under the head of North Carolina, the Committee give the report of the North Carolina Committee on Masonic jurisprudence, touching the jurisdiction question which occurred between two Lodges at Halifax and St. John's Lodge, No. 1, N. C. The North Carolina Committee referred to England supposing the Halifax Lodges were under that jurisdiction. But they held from Scotland then, whose care and teachings were far from clear as to what they should be to the Lodges in this province. Otherwise such erroneous work as that done then could not surely have occurred. These Lodges are now under the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, where we trust no subordinate Lodge can ever be guilty of any such irregularity or anything bordering on it. We are confident North Carolina and Minnesota, likewise, will here, if further reasons are required, see the actual necessity there is of the Grand Lodge in this province, and give it a helping and encouraging hand in the good work it has commenced.

M. W., C. W. Nash re-elected Grand Master, and R. W., W. S. Combs, Grand Secretary.

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## MISSISSIPPI.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Vicksburg, 21st January, 1867. Most Worshipful G. W. Perkins, Grand Master, presiding. Present, the Grand Officers, fifteen past Grand Officers, ninety-one Past Masters, and representatives of 280 subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Master's address, though not long, is good and well to the point. We can only quote the following: "Never has there been so pressing a call for the active employment of that universal benevolence as well as those special charities which have in all ages been the grand characteristic of our time-honored Order. Be it ours to put the ball in motion—to begin the movement which shall result in opening a way out of all our troubles. And to come from generalities down to details, let us begin the work of benevolence and reform among ourselves. There is a subject to which I desire, first and foremost, to call your attention. It is one that in our Masonic Statute Book comes under the head of "Offences." Now, brethren, we have good and wholesome laws against drunkenness, gambling, and profane swearing—laws which, if faithfully executed, would relieve our Order from much, nay all of that reproach which the outside world is so prone to heap upon us. But, unfortunately for Masonry, and still more unfortunately for those who violate the laws and their solemn obligations, these laws are very seldom, if ever, enforced, and the aggressors are almost universally permitted to go unpunished, and consequently unreformed. This leads directly to the growth of these great evils from day to day among us. I, therefore, trust that the Grand Lodge

will pass a special resolution in regard to the rules against those degrading offences, making it imperative upon all subordinate Lodges in the State to enforce them."

From the Grand Secretary's report we observe that by order of Grand Lodge he had issued six charters to new Lodges, four dispensations to open Lodges, and six duplicate charters. Also, by order of the Grand Master, eleven dispensations to open Lodges. The Grand Secretary's account shows \$13,510 paid to fund of Grand Lodge by different Lodges since last report.

The recapitulation gives 225 Lodges, whose returns have been received. Raisings reported 1087, suspensions for non-payment of dues 1740, for un-Masonic conduct 21, expulsions 28, reinstatements 332, deaths 226. Members of Lodges reported 9,618.

Most Worshipful John T. Larkin elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful D. P. Porter, Grand Secretary.

#### MISSOURI.

The forty-seventh Annual Communication commenced at St. Louis, 14th October, 1867.

M. W., and Rev. John D. Vincill Grand Master presiding, R. W., George F. Gouley Grand Secretary. Present, several Past Grand Officers, Past Masters and representatives of one hundred and six Lodges.

The Grand Master, in the opening of his fervent, beautiful and truly Masonic address, turns the attention of Grand Lodge to the absence in death of many who had been wont to assemble with them at their Annual Communication. But "though the workmen fall, he says, the work still goes on."

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Owing to a change of the time for assembling of Grand Lodge, a period of eighteen months had elapsed since last meeting. Consequently the Grand Master had a much larger amount of official business to report. A large number of dispensations to open new Lodges, had been issued, near fifty as reported by Grand Secretary. And the Grand Master remarks, "In no case have I granted a dispensation until satisfied fully that the interests of Masonry would not suffer by the formation of the proposed Lodge."

He declared null and void, the proceedings of a Lodge which had met and raised two Fellow Crafts, while the Worshipful Master was attending Grand Lodge and having with him the charter. He had ordered the usual course to be pursued, and the third degree to be conferred, as if the gathering of the brethren had never taken place while their charter was in St. Louis. He had invariably refused to grant permission, when applied to, for conferring the degrees in advance of the time prescribed by the law of the Grand Lodge. He had also taken the same course with requests to receive candidates or confer degrees upon persons who had been seriously maimed, founding his refusal on the resolution of Grand Lodge, adopted in 1859, as follows: "That it is incompetent for any Lodge under this jurisdiction to confer either of the three degrees upon any person whose physical defects are such as to prevent him from conforming literally to all the requirements of the Order." He then says. "I have this final remark to make concerning the suspension of the laws of the Grand Lodge and the interference of official prerogatives, so called. If the law is good, none

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should seek to evade its force, nor should it be set aside by any power save the one that made it. If it work a hardship on any, let them patiently submit till they can obtain redress from the law making power." He refers at large to the death of the Grand Secretary, A. O. Sullivan, on 11th August, 1866. The committee appointed by Grand Lodge, which had assembled to attend Brother Sullivan's funeral, submitted a suitable memorial and resolution in honor of the memory of their lamented and late Grand Secretary. One part of the resolutions we give, viz.: "That in the death of Brother A. Sullivan this State has lost a faithful son, society a bright and intelligent ornament, the fraternity a devoted and untiring member, and this Grand Lodge a faithful and efficient officer.

"A Lodge permitted its Junior Warden to demit for the purpose of aiding in the formation of a new Lodge. The act of demission was illegal, because the Junior Warden had been regularly installed for a Masonic year. I ordered the Junior Warden to resume his place in his Lodge, from which he irregularly and illegally demitted." This decision was endorsed by the committee on the Grand Master's address.

Brother G. F. Gouley submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of fifty Grand bodies.

Touching the action of Connecticut on Nova Scotia, Brother Gouley observes: "The special committee in the case of Nova Scotia reported adversely to recognition, until the co-operation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia can be secured. We do not

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think the reasons adduced as sound, for the reason that Nova Scotia was common territory, being occupied by the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England, hence open to a third, viz: the new Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. We hold that where any territory or State is occupied by more than one Grand Lodge without specific limits of jurisdiction, it becomes common ground."

On the roll of Grand Lodge are 250 Lodges of which 230 have made returns, with a total membership of about 12,500. Charters were granted to forty-two Lodges at this communication of Grand Lodge.

The M. W., Wm. E. Dunscombe was elected Grand Master, and R. W., George F. Gouley Grand Secretary.

#### MONTANA.

The third Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Virginia city on the 7th October, 1867. Most Worshipful John J. Hall, Grand Master. The chartered Lodges at the opening of Grand Lodge, being seven, were all represented. After two years in office, the Grand Master expresses a desire to be relieved of official position. He expresses his belief that Masonry is in a prosperous condition in their Territory; and expresses thanks to the Supreme Grand Master that during the past year death has not invaded the sacred portals of Grand Lodge. He had granted four dispensations to open new Lodges in the Territory since last session.

A very interesting address was given by the R. W. Grand Historian, Brother N. P. Langford. He

minutely details the benefits of Masonry by, almost we might say, enforcing order among the first settlers of that distant Territory.

A lengthy application is given from a number of brethren in Great Salt Lake city, asking for a charter from the Grand Lodge of Montana. These brethren had worked under a dispensation from Nevada. But the Grand Master of Nevada having sent an order that this Lodge should neither admit Mormons as visitors or entertain applications from them, and Grand Lodge sustaining this decision of the Grand Master, the applicants, turn to Montana. They wished a charter without any such conditions being laid on them; but in Montana their case is referred to a committee, who report that as the Grand Lodge of Nevada had exercised jurisdiction over the brethren, it could form a better judgement upon the grievance complained of than the Grand Lodge of Montana, and was qualified and as the committee believed, disposed to render justice in the premises. This highly commendable decision of the committee was adopted by Grand Lodge, and the Grand-Secretary ordered to transmit a copy thereof, to the petitioners with their papers.

At the installation of the Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Brother Green C. Smith delivered an admirable address, and concludes by urging the brethren to be steady in their purpose; to hold fast to the great principles of the order; to teach them, and teach them well, to those who are with us, and those who shall come after us, that in the close it shall be

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Brother W. F. Saunders submitted a report on Foreign Correspondence, very straightforward, and well pointed in many instances. He reviews the proceedings of fifteen Grand Lodges. His introductory remarks are excellent. The statistical style of the report of Canada does not receive much commendation. Brother Sanders does not think the report does the brethren of Canada justice. In concluding he remarks, "the many kind words spoken of our Grand Lodge have not been referred to. They shall, however, be grateful incitements to us to persevere in our purpose, and shall forever remain attestations of our brethren, of the interest they feel in the Craft Universal." The constitution of the Grand Lodge is appended to the report, as well as a beautiful oration delivered by the Grand Orator, Brother H. L. Horner, at the dedication of the Masonic Temple, at Virginia City, on 27th December, 1867.

M. W., Leander W. Frary, was elected Grand Master, and R. W., W. F. Sanders re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### MAINE.

The Annual Communication held at Portland, on the 7th May, 1867. M. W., T. T. Murray, Grand Master.

A Lodge of Master Masons opened. A Committee on Credentials appointed, who reported a full attendance of Grand Lodge Officers, representatives from 116 Lodges, six past Grand Masters, and other Past Grand Officers.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then declared the Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form.

The Grand Master refers his decisions and the subject of grievances to the proper committees, in order that none of them may be published unless confirmed by the Grand Lodge. Touching grievances, he remarks, "So long as human nature shall continue what it now is, so long will imperfections and wrong doing exist in all human organizations; and ours, with all its antiquity, and land marks, and devoted laborers, cannot expect to be exempt from these unpleasant circumstances. It has been my practice to examine into the facts of all such cases, to hear what was offered in extenuation, and then to act upon them in the spirit of our Order, remembering that while strict justice might demand severe penalties, it was my brother who had erred, and charity must not be forgotten."

The fearful fire in Portland, on 4th July, 1866, is referred to at length. By this calamity the Masonic Halls with contents, except Charters and most of the Jewels of Lodges, were totally destroyed. The property, records, &c., of Grand Lodge, were saved. The Lodges are now engaged, in connection with other Masonic bodies, in preparing a Masonic Temple, that will be an honor to the Craft in that State.

The Grand Master urges the officers of Lodges to adhere to the ritual approved by Grand Lodge, discountenances the ostentatious display of Masonic jewelry, and draws attention to the ease with which visitors are admitted to Lodges. "It is," he says, "not only necessary to know that a man is a Mason, but it is also necessary to know something of the regularity of his acceptance. If, as provided in the old regulations, every brother should receive a certificate of the time and place of his making, it is not

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unreasonable that some such document ought to be exhibited to entitle any one to an examination."

The Grand Treasurer reports an income of about \$5500 and the expenditure \$5250; also the loss at the great fire of many accounts, papers and receipts, which gave him a deal of trouble to get rectified.

The invested charity fund is \$14,000.

The proceedings of forty-two Grand Lodges are reviewed in the report on Foreign Correspondence. Referring to Canada, the committee observe. "The Grand Lodge of Canada still allows the existence in that province of a few Lodges independent of her, and paying allegiance to Foreign Grand Lodges. Notice of a motion was given, for the passage of a resolution putting an end to this state of affairs; but we do not find any action upon it. Difficulties have already arisen and will continue to do so, until that Grand Lodge takes exclusive jurisdiction on Canadian soil."

Of Nova Scotia, the committee say: "The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has been recognized by almost all the American Grand Lodges. No one has refused to do so; but the Grand Master of Massachusetts, in his address takes ground against it, and the subject has not been acted on by his Grand Lodge. The objection that he makes, is, that the action was not consented to by the parent Grand Lodge.

But it is now well settled Masonic Law, that when the Lodges in any state, territory, or province (being at least three in number) choose to form a Grand Lodge, they have the *right* to do so. If they have the right to do so, the consent of the parent Grand Lodge is not necessary. Neither right nor courtesy require us to wait for it, any more than we

should wait for the consent of a father for his son to act for himself when he becomes twenty-one years old. The principle was applied to Canada successfully, and as Maine led the way then, she does now."

M. W., T. J. Murray was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W., Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

#### NEBRASKA.

We have received the proceedings of this Grand Lodge from 1857-1867, bound in one volume—a really valuable and interesting report. The Grand Lodge was formed by three Lodges in Omaha City, in September, 1867. M. W., R. C. Jordan elected Grand Master, in June, 1867. There are fifteen Lodges on the roll, with a total of 595 Master Masons, and dues paid to Grand Lodge, amounting to \$919.00.

The tenth Annual Communication was held in Omaha City, on 18th June, 1867.

M. W., R. W. Furnas, Grand Master, the Grand Officers, several Past Grand Officers, and a full representation from every Lodge in the jurisdiction present.

The Grand Master's address is a good, business like document. He has had a great amount of work to attend to during the recess, considering the small number of Lodges in the jurisdiction. He is no advocate for "cases of emergency." Though custom compels him almost to comply in some cases, he evidently does so very reluctantly. He remarks that he has been a Mason for twenty-three years, and has never known "a case of emergency" attended with good results. He recommends the Grand

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Lodges to adopt the system of Grand Lodge Representation. "There is every reason," he says, "to believe that the existence of this old custom would tend to draw the ties of brotherhood in the different jurisdictions closer."

At the installation of the officers, Brother J. Q. Goss delivered a beautiful oration upon the principles, the aims and objects of our institution. This was delivered publicly in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Grand Lodge on regular motion tendered the Orator a vote of thanks for the excellent oration.

Grand Lodge paid its members for mileage and per diem pay, the total amount of \$1362.30. The Grand Chaplain, we observe, travelled 200 miles to attend Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review quite elaborately the proceedings of about forty Grand bodies. They are quite well up in their work, and very fraternally, but closely discuss many important points and decisions in the proceedings touched on.

On the proceedings of Massachusetts, the committee observe, that they contain nothing which is of interest to the Craft, beyond its own jurisdiction. This is on the year 1865, which proceedings we have not seen. One great defect is the want of a report on Foreign Correspondence. From the committee's remarks on the movements of Masonry in France, we are led to think the Order must be in a very promising condition under its Grand Master Mellinet. And from documents received by the committee from Ireland, they state that there is evidence of Masonry in action. This Grand Lodge, it appears, does not

publish its proceedings. The Duke of Leinster was Grand Master.

In closing, the committee say: "With this and a sigh of relief our report closes. We offer it as the very feeble effort to discharge the important work of an important committee; and we humbly trust the labors of your committee may be viewed with that spirit of indulgence it deserves, rather than a spirit of criticism."

M. W., O. H. Irish was elected Grand Master, and R. W., J. N. Wise re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### NEVADA.

The Third Annual Communication held at the city of Virginia on 17th September, 1867, Most Worshipful John C. Currie, Grand Master, presiding. Nine warranted Lodges represented, and a delegate from one Lodge under dispensation, and several Past Masters, entitled to seats.

In his address, the Grand Master appropriately alludes to the death of the Most Worshipful Brother John L. Goddard, Grand Master of Pennsylvania; which sad event had been announced to him by a letter from Most Worshipful Richard Vaux, Deputy and acting Grand Master of Pennsylvania. "Let us offer," he says, "to the brethren of Pennsylvania our unfeigned sorrow in their bereavement; a sorrow, however, relieved of its gloom by the hope of immortality."

Among his official acts, the Grand Master reports a case where a difficulty had arisen between two Lodges about territorial jurisdiction. He took occasion to make the following appropriate remarks: "Lodges should be exceedingly careful not to work

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upon material belonging to others. No Lodge should receive a petition without feeling assured that the applicant resides in its jurisdiction. Inattention in this particular is almost certain to lead to ill-feeling and strife. Always remember that we are members of a Society among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree. Therefore be careful to remove every cause of provocation of evil contention."

The Grand Master approves of the action of Escurial Lodge in reducing the affiliation fee to one year's dues to Grand Lodge. We learn also that this Grand Lodge has adopted a system of life membership, whereby the payment of one hundred dollars relieves the brother from any farther payment as long as he may live.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the income of Grand Lodge to be about \$2000. The charge in every case for dispensation appears to be \$10.

Brother Robert H. Taylor, from the Committee on Correspondence, reports on the proceedings of twenty-three Grand bodies.

"We are highly gratified," he says, "to be able to say that the materials for an interesting report from your Committee on Correspondence are more diversified and rather more abundant than heretofore." This is owing to two reasons. First—different Grand bodies additional have kindly extended the right hand of fellowship to Nevada; and secondly, the jurisdictions of the South have re-opened correspondence.

In the review on Alabama, the committee observe, "A resolution was adopted that no officer of a

subordinate Lodge can be legally installed by proxy.' Doubtless in the absence of a local law or regulation to the contrary, there is no prohibition of the practice of installing by proxy; but we think the Alabama resolution a right move, believing that every officer should be regularly installed in his own proper person."

Regarding Nova Scotia, the committee report the receipt of the circular sent to the various Grand Lodges at our organization. They also notice our proceedings up to June, 1866. They observe, "The report of the Grand Secretary is an elaborate document, showing in a clear, satisfactory and Masonic manner the history of the formation of the Grand Lodge; and after carefully scrutinizing the proceedings, we are convinced of the entire regularity of the organization. We therefore cordially wish that Grand Lodge the 'perpetual and intimate alliance' with other Grand Lodges, for which it asks in the foregoing circular, and accept its extended right hand of brotherhood, bidding it God-speed in the noble work of extending and perpetuating our glorious art."

"We recommend the adoption of the following resolution."

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Nevada, cordially recognises the Grand Lodge of free and accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, as an independent Grand body, and welcomes her as a sister in the family of Grand Lodges; and that our Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to forward a copy hereof to that Grand Lodge, under our seal."

The Committee on jurisprudence, to whom the above resolution was referred, reported "that they

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had examined the proceedings of that body, and are fully satisfied that it is a legally constituted Grand Lodge.

"We therefore recommend the adoption of the resolution as presented."

Which report was received, and on motion of Brother Wm. L. Hall, the resolution named was unanimously adopted.

A recapitulation shows 10 Lodges with 37 entered apprentices, 14 Fellow Crafts, and 706 Master Masons and dues to Grand Lodge \$1931.

M. W., John C. Currie re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Robt. H. Taylor, Grand Secretary.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

The volume received from this, our nearest sister Grand Lodge, contains proceedings of conventions to organize "the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and accepted Masons of New Brunswick," in August and October, 1867. Also of the first Grand Communication held in January, 1868, with an appendix containing the constitution adopted by Grand Lodge.

The first step was taken in August by the representatives of seven Lodges assembling in St. John. These brethren resolved to issue a circular to all the Lodges in New Brunswick, asking them to meet by representatives in October, to discuss the matter of an independent Grand Lodge.

This second convention assembled on 9th October, in which nineteen Lodges were represented. The following was adopted after a lengthy and harmonious discussion, several amendments having been proposed. On the vote, however, only three

negatives came forward. Whereas, the existence of Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in this Province, hailing from three several Grand Lodges, with the prospect of the introduction of other jurisdictions at an early day, creates a diversity of interests and allegiance, an absence of harmony in working and action, perpetuating local and national feelings, and thus estranging the affections of brethren whose "Order knows no country and is confined to no race,"

Therefore be it resolved; that, in order to apply a remedy to these evils, to form perfect fraternal union and harmony, to establish order and ensure tranquility, to provide for, and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and secure to the fraternity of New Brunswick all the blessings of Masonic privileges, it is expedient and right, and our bounden duty, to form a Grand Lodge in and for the province of New Brunswick."

At the Grand Communication on 22nd, 23rd and 24th January, 1868. The Grand Lodge was regularly organized and the officers installed. M. W., B. Lester Peters, Grand Master, and R. W., W. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master gives a clear and straightforward account of the action taken, and good and sound reasons for the whole of their doings, and in conclusion introduces and welcomes to the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, Worshipful Brother D. E. Seymour of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Maine.

"Worshipful Brother Seymour, in a most eloquent reply, congratulated the Grand Master and the Craft in New Brunswick, on the establishment of the

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Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, under such favourable auspices; and stated that he was directed by the M. W. Grand Master of the State of Maine, on his behalf, to welcome the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick into the circle of Grand Lodges." \*

Thus nobly and fraternally comes in the Grand Lodge of Maine to assist and encourage the young sister Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. And we affectionately remember the same helping hand from the same source, first to the fore to give us a word of counsel and encouragement when we took this trying step over two years ago. We have great pleasure also in recommending to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to adopt the following.

*Resolved*, "That the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia cordially extends to her sister Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, the right hand of fellowship, and welcomes her into the circle of Grand Lodges of the world."

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Semi-Annual Communication held at Manchester, 27th December, 1866. Present at opening M. W. John H. Rowell, Grand Master, R. W., Horace Chase, Grand Secretary, the Officers of Grand Lodge, Representatives of 38 Lodges, and a large number of visitors. Considerable routine work was done.

The 1st and 3rd degrees were exemplified in Grand Lodge. Candidates furnished by Lafayette Lodge.

The Annual Communication held at Concord 12th June. Large attendance of officers and visitors; also representatives from 60 Lodges. M. W., John H. Rowell, Grand Master, and R. W., Horace Chase, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is devoted principally to official duties. The following caution we must commend.

“The Order, as far as I can learn, has been, as for several years past, steadily increasing in numbers and strength; and as Masonry is now considered (as it truly is) “an ancient and honorable institution,” many are knocking at our doors, and it becomes us to throw around us all the safeguards and securities we can, that none, but the worthy may cross the threshold of our doors. Let a man have something more to recommend him than that there is nothing against him.”

District Deputy Grand Master, Brother F. McDuffee, in his report, very properly observes:—“Emergency is a word which ought never to be known in Masonry. It is a net which catches all kinds of fish. . . . No man has any *claim* to be received into our Order; it is a *privilege* extended to him; and if he cannot conform to the condition required, if it is emergent that he should take the degrees, then that is either his fault or his misfortune.”

And his Deputy Grand Master, Br. J. Young, jr., offers a suggestion which more than New Hampshire would do well to heed. He says: “I deem it proper to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the necessity, as I think, of some action with reference to the welfare of our Order, as respects the moral conduct of its members. . . . Profane swearing is quite too common among our brethren, and the excessive use of intoxicating liquors, and low and vulgar conversation, are too little regarded as Masonic delinquencies. These, and other similar

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vices, already too common among our brethren, I think, demand some action which shall show that Masonry disapproves and will reprehend them."

Brother J. J. Bell, for the Committee, reviews the doings of 38 Grand Lodges, that of Nova Scotia up to June, 1866. An instructive and excellent review indeed. Of the acts of Colorado, Br. Bell observes: "The officers elect of Empire Lodge were then installed in Grand Lodge. Although this practice would seem to have been adopted in some jurisdictions, it could never have been deemed regular here, nor can we understand the reasoning upon which it is justified. Until the charter is granted, there is no Lodge which can elect officers; until the Lodge is formally instituted, consecrated, and its officers duly installed, it is but an *inchoate* body, which can do no Masonic act. At least these are the views in our Grand Lodge, and which are found in Masonic text-books. Necessity, which knows no law, may have overridden the usages of the Craft, but we deem it a serious innovation; and wish that the Craft everywhere would return to the old and safe track of abiding by the ancient landmarks."

Of course we consider there is no doubt in the following, in which Brother Bell is speaking of the address of the Grand Master of Massachusetts: "He doubts the propriety of acknowledging the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, until it is acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, under whose jurisdiction the Lodges forming the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia had formerly been; although we had supposed that doubt settled by the unanimous approval of the Grand Lodges on this continent, by the formation of Grand Lodges in the territories of

the United States, and of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada."

Speaking of North Carolina, he says, "Complaint was made of violation of jurisdiction by two Lodges in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and complaint was ordered to be made to the Grand Lodge of England."

Of Nova Scotia Brother Bell states: "The Grand Secretary's report and the address of the Grand Master, were devoted to showing that they were right in seceding from the Grand Lodge of Scotland and setting up for themselves, in which attempt they seem to succeed. Our North Carolina brethren will be pleased to learn from the Grand Master's address, 'our Constitution effectually prevents that undue haste which has long been a stain upon us in making of Masons.'"

Sixty-six Lodges on the roll, with 5005 members, and dues \$1207.50, M. W. Grand Master John R. Rowell, and R. W. Horace Chase, Grand Secretary.

#### NEW YORK.

Grand Lodge assembled in the City of New York at its, we believe, 81st Annual Communication, on 4th June, 5867. M. W., Robert D. Holmes, Grand Master presiding over an assembly of brethren whose names and position in Grand Lodge occupy twelve pages of the report. Also on motion, all Master Masons in good standing and members of Lodges were permitted to occupy seats in the gallery during session of the Grand Lodge, except during the election.

The Grand Master's address; full of good subjects and well discussed, though occupying also, twelve pages of the report, does not appear long or tedious

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after perusal. He speaks unfavourably of a convention of Masons held at Brooklyn without authority from him. "In my view of the matter, he says: no convention of Masons, nor body of Masons except it be a Grand or Subordinate Lodge, can be legally called together to act on any Masonic question, . . . . unless it be under the order, or direction, or by permission of the Grand Master." He had issued dispensations for opening 53 Lodges. The Grand Lodge of Hamburg sustains two Lodges in the jurisdiction without regard to the territorial rights of the Grand Lodge of New York. "This evil," he says: "has become chronic, and is a source of annoyance."

Of Nova Scotia, the Grand Master says :

"The young and healthy Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, to which I referred in my last annual address, has been recognized by twenty-three Grand Lodges. She is now one of the great Masonic sisterhood of this continent, and I recommend that she be immediately recognized by this Grand Lodge, and that we nominate a representative near that new Grand Orient, and receive a representative duly nominated by her."

From the Grand Secretary's report we find the amount paid into Grand Lodge, for dues of Lodges, dispensations, warrants, &c., to be \$62,164,59. The initiations and affiliations for one year to 1st May, 1866, is 10536. Total members in good standing at same date, are 57444. The Grand Treasurer's account shows a balance of \$3968,14 on hand.

M. W., John L. Lewis presented the following, which was adopted.

*Resolved.* That the Grand Lodge of New York does hereby recognize the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge, and cordially welcomes it to the circle of the Grand Lodges of the Masonic Fraternity throughout the world."

In Grand Lodge on 7th June, R. W. Robt. Macoy presented his credentials as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and was received with the customary honors.

A Committee was appointed to carry the following into effect;—

"Whereas, the services of M. W. Robt. D. Holmes as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master of Masons, have merited and received the commendations of the Grand Lodges and those of the Fraternity; and that in retiring from official station, it is due alike to him and ourselves that he should possess some tangible evidence of our regard; therefore,

*Resolved,* That a Committee be named to procure and present to our retiring Grand Master a suitable testimonial that may be a witness to his family and friends that he has not labored in vain."

The reports from twenty District Deputy Grand Masters give a full account of how Masonic affairs are progressing in the different districts of this large jurisdiction. They contain many valuable remarks and suggestions.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in 101 pages, review 37 Grand Lodges of the United States, and the proceedings of 21 Foreign Grand bodies. On Nova Scotia they remark,—“It (the Grand Lodge) was inaugurated by a convention of twelve of the thirteen Lodges composing the Pro-

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vincial Grand Lodge under the authority of Scotland, who agreed to report to their Grand Lodge" (that is the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland) "a recommendation that immediate steps be taken to form an independent Grand Lodge. The report was presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication, February 29, 1866. After the transaction of business, the Provincial Grand Lodge officers resigned, and immediately thereafter a convention was held, . . . . and adopted a resolution to proceed to the formation of a Grand Lodge for Nova Scotia. . . . . The Grand Master was installed in ample form on 21st June, 1866, by Grand Master Wilson of Canada. It does not appear that the English and Irish Lodges in the Province have participated in the movement. When steps were taken toward it five years before, the Provincial Grand Lodge under England united in it, but on applying to the Grand Lodge of England for leave, were peremptorily refused. The Grand Lodge of Scotland made no reply to the request of its Provincial Grand Lodge, and have ever since ignored the subject.

"We wish the new Grand Lodge abundant peace and prosperity."

M. W. Stephen H. Johnston elected Grand Master,  
R. W. James M. Austin, Grand Secretary.

#### OHIO.

The fifty-eighth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Cincinnati, on 15th Oct. 1867. M. W. Thomas Sparrow, Grand Master. 285 Lodges duly represented.

In his extensive and excellent address, the Grand

Master intimates that great activity has prevailed in Masonic matters during the year, amongst them. The first work reported by the Grand Master is the constituting the Lodges chartered at last meeting of Grand Lodge. He had attended to one himself, and issued his proxies to sundry brethren to constitute the remainder, being sixteen others. An irregularity in one Lodge, in conferring degrees during the period between surrendering its dispensation and receiving its charter, draws forth some appropriate remarks as regards the nature and powers of Lodges under dispensations. His conclusions are reduced to six points, viz., No representation to Grand Lodge; no By-Laws; no election of officers; no installation; no admission of members, and no right of voting only to the brethren named in the dispensations. He had issued dispensations to open sixteen new Lodges. He, we presume, discountenances the incorporating of Lodges, as he quotes largely from Grand Master Whitehead, of New Jersey, on this subject. He has quite, if not altogether demonstrated that it is not advisable to incorporate subordinate Lodges. Grand Master Sparrow goes on in his address to enumerate the various subjects and duties attended to, all evidently showing that the office of Grand Master of Ohio is a position requiring ability, energy, and, on his part a willingness to attend to the microscope as well as to the telescope.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submitted a lengthy and argumentative report on so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to the Lodges under dispensations. The Committee take several different stands to those given by the

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Grand Master. The report was laid over until next year.

The following was submitted by the same Committee, and adopted :

"The committee have also had under consideration so much of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, and the report of the Committee on Foreign Communications, as relates to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and the recognition of the same by this Grand Lodge, at its last session, and report : That they discover no reason why the Grand Lodge should reconsider its action on the subject."

Brother John D. Caldwell was presented, and his credentials read, appointing him the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at the Grand Lodge of Ohio. "Brother Caldwell, as such Representative, was conducted to the Dais, welcomed with fraternal greeting by M. W. Grand Master Sparrow, and presented by him to the Grand Lodge."

"Brother Caldwell offered the fraternal regards of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and thanks for this renewed recognition of her independence, and assuring Ohio Masons of a cordial greeting should they ever visit that jurisdiction."

Brother Enoch T. Carson submitted a very interesting report on Foreign Correspondence. His remarks in introducing the same, almost lead us to think he is desirous of having this feature of Grand Lodge reports done away with. We hope the Brother will not carry out that idea, but keep to the work, and that others will do the same.

We find Brother Carson introducing that erroneous observation of the Committee of Connecticut regarding the territory of Nova Scotia: that is terming

the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia "the creation of a rival Grand Lodge within an already occupied territorial jurisdiction." How can the brethren of Connecticut or any where else make out that the Grand Lodge of Scotland is in Nova Scotia. Lodges in Nova Scotia had charters from Scotland. Others had the same from England, and others were from Ireland. But neither of these Grand Lodges could be exclusively the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. How in right or reason, then, can the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, organized in 1866, be termed a rival Grand Lodge. And what is stated to be a Provincial Grand Lodge, is also a subordinate body under a Provincial Grand Master from Scotland or England. It is composed of its officers, and the Masters and Wardens of the Lodges having warrants from the Grand Lodge that appoints the Provincial Grand Master. Brother Carson will please excuse us for introducing these remarks under the head of Ohio.

M. W. Howard Matthews was elected Grand Master, and R. W. John D. Caldwell re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### OREGON.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon held its seventeenth Annual Communication at Portland on 24th June, 1867. R. W. C. H. Lewis, Deputy Grand Master, as Grand Master, presiding, Twenty-six Lodges represented, and delegates from three Lodges under dispensation.

In his annual address, which was read, he not being in attendance, the Grand Master is pleased to note that a higher regard is being paid by many, if not all the Lodges, to the proper qualifications and

characert of the applicants for our sacred mysteries. "If," he says, "we will exclude from our mysteries the ignorant and bad, the good and intelligent will seek light at our altars." He declined to grant a dispensation to a Lodge to join as Masons in celebrating the anniversary of the Nation's independence. He observes,—“The Masonic fraternity should never appear in public, *as such*, unless *itself* be the moving power therein, and the purpose a strictly Masonic one; never under any circumstances for the object of mere pomp and display.”

The Grand Secretary, Brother J. E. Harford, submitted a clear and satisfactory report. By order of the Grand Master, four dispensations had been issued for the formation of new Lodges. The income of Grand Lodge is about \$2800.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 32 Grand Lodges, including that of Nova Scotia.

In reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine, the committee refer to the action of the St. John Lodge in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, at the funeral of Past Master Covell, who was a member of the Grand Lodge of Maine. Their reason for referring to this matter, is to call "attention to the fact that the Craft were called from labor to refreshment before leaving the hall to attend the funeral, and called to labor again on their return." Again, on the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the committee observe that the M. W. Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of listening to the oration and installing the officers elect of the Grand Lodge. We had always supposed these ceremonies

took place in open Lodge, or while the Lodge was at labor."

In noticing the proceedings of our first Annual Communication, the committee state, "that the reports of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, possess a peculiar interest, containing a list of grievances which caused the separation of the Lodges (holding under authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland) from the present body. From the statement therein contained, we are not surprised that they organized a Grand Lodge of their own, but only wonder at their forbearance."

"We inferred from a notice of this Grand Lodge in the proceedings of Canada, that they had shown an unwarrantable exclusiveness, by organizing without inviting or notifying all the Lodges in the Province; but we find that to be an error, as the committee appointed for that purpose, notified all the Lodges at every step of their action and intentions, and urged their co-operation and assistance. Some of the Lodges, it appears, are deterred from joining in the movement from prudential reasons, rather waiting the views of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland before taking part in the independent action of their sisters. We believe the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has or will be sustained by every Grand Lodge on the Continent."

At the election of officers, R. W., C. H. Lewis, being elected Grand Master, declined the honor. The R. W., A. A. Smith, Past Deputy Grand Master, was then elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, and R. W., J. E. Harford, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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## TENNESSEE.

The fifty-third Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was convened at Nashville, on the 1st of October, 1866, and deferred, on account of the prevalence of the Cholera, by the Grand Master's desire, until the 3rd of December next. It was then assembled, when there were present several Grand Lodge Officers, five Past Grand Officers, 134 Past Masters, representatives of 192 chartered Lodges and 23 under dispensation. M. W. C. A. Fuller, Past Grand Master, as Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment in due form.

The Grand Master being absent, his address was received and read.

He had issued nine dispensations to open new Lodges. He decided that a candidate who had his right hand disabled should not be admitted, and that the law should be strictly construed as to the physical qualifications of candidates. The following may be interesting in this jurisdiction some day: "A brother who had received the degrees in what was reported to us an irregular or clandestine Lodge, in New Orleans, visited the Lodges in the city of Memphis, after the usual examination. After a time he applied to us in open Lodge, through Brother L. Aims, jr., to know in what manner he could become a member, he having no demit. We learned from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, that the Lodge in which he had received his degrees was irregular and clandestine. Learning his good character and regular deportment, both before and after receiving his degrees, and being

convinced that if any wrong had been done, he was not the guilty party, we decided to heal him; and this was done, therefore, in the usual manner."

On the second day the M. W. Thos. A. Hamilton, Grand Master, was present.

The report of the committee on the "Masonic Text Book" is given. According to the report, we are led to believe the committee have furnished a valuable work. It contains about 360 pages, and, as they state, is a work that will be found useful in the Lodge Room, as well as a valuable assistant to Masters of Lodges in properly discharging the various duties incumbent upon them.

The Grand Secretary was directed to deliver three copies to each Lodge without charge, and one to each Grand Lodge in correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

The committee on Masonic jurisprudence answer a large number of questions. The 11th is as follows: "Is it in accordance with Masonic law and jurisprudence for a subordinate Lodge to call off, from day to day, to finish the work commenced at a stated meeting? Ans.—The Lodge may call off, from day to day, but must close before the next stated meeting.

The report of the committee on a uniform code of bye-laws was received and read.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence ably review the proceedings of a large number of Grand Lodges. Under the head of Canada, they take notice of the observations of Grand Master Simpson, casting a doubt on the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, but (rather unfairly we consider) they do not report that the Grand Lodge of

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Canada did recognize the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at the same session.

Of Nova Scotia, the committee say: A Grand Lodge has been organized in this British Province. Having received only a notification of the fact, we can give no information as to date of formation, &c.

The Lodges in this jurisdiction number up to 326, Grand Lodge receipts of dues for the year \$5883.75. returned Master Masons this year 2043. The summary states that there are 248 chartered Lodges, and 13,724 members of Lodges.

The report concludes with an annual address delivered before Grand Lodge at this communication by Brother P. G. Stiver Perkins. It covers twenty-six pages of the report, and is highly instructive and eloquent throughout.

M. W. Joseph M. Anderson was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Charles A. Fuller, Grand Secretary,

#### TEXAS

The thirty-first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Houston on 10th June, 1867. M. W. Grand Master R. Douglas presiding. R. W. G. H. Brighurst, Grand Secretary.

Sixty Lodges represented.

The Grand Master states that in obedience to the order of Grand Lodge, eight dispensations had been issued to open new Lodges, and that he had issued five others during the year. He had declined to grant dispensations to open new lodges in seven instances. The Grand Master says:

"I cannot close without alluding to a subject which I deem of the utmost importance. The stan-

standard of Blue Lodge Masonry is, I fear, not what it should be in some portions of our jurisdiction. Excuse me for speaking plainly, but when I hear a man who is recognized as a Mason pronouncing the sacred name of Deity in the most blasphemous manner; when I hear him giving utterance to horrid and profane oaths; when I see him reeling and staggering under the influence of intoxicating drinks, I am necessarily forced to the conclusion that the standard of Masonry in the Lodge to which he belongs is very low. And now, in all candor, let me say to all presiding officers of Lodges present, do your duty; let your imagination go back to your Lodge; take a survey of your membership; and if you know of any brother within your jurisdiction guilty of any of the offences enumerated, or any other un-Masonic conduct in these demoralizing times, do your duty. When you return home, institute the proper proceedings, no matter how influential he or they may be; no matter how bright he or they may be considered, cut them off. Purge your Lodges, remove him or them, thereby doing and fulfilling your duty to the whole body of Masonry."

The Grand Secretary reports an income of \$5150.

We notice a charge was preferred against a brother for being intoxicated while in attendance upon Grand Lodge. The charge was brought in by five members of Grand Lodge. The brother was summoned before a committee the same afternoon. The committee reported next day that the brother had pleaded guilty. Grand Lodge then suspended the brother, and directed the Grand Secretary to report the same to the Lodge to which the Brother belonged.

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The committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report on the doings of about thirty Grand Lodges. On Nova Scotia, they write as follows:—

“ We are in receipt of a copy of the book of constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, which was organized during the past year. That Province was Masonically occupied by Lodges holding charters from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland. The organization was by the Lodges holding from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Some question has been made as to the right of Lodges thus situated to organize a Grand Lodge. We cannot perceive anything in this case to take it out of the rule, established by the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The same Grand Lodges had subordinates in that Province. The English Lodges met and organized an independent Grand Lodge. An attempt was made to crush the organization as irregular. The Grand Lodges of England, New York, Massachusetts, and some other American Grand Lodges, refused to recognize it as a regular Masonic body. An investigation elucidated the fact that the brethren of Canada had not violated any land mark of the Order. An animated correspondence took place between several Grand Lodges on the subject. It ended in an acknowledgement by all of the right of our Canadian brethren so to organize, and a recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada as regular, and the Masonic equal of the other Grand Lodges of the world. The precedent established by the organization of the present Grand Lodge of England in A. D. 1717 by four subordinate Lodges in London, has been too long regarded as sound, to be now departed from. The point was

argued at length by Brother Stedman in the report of this committee to this Grand body in January, 1857, and the action of this Grand Lodge at that time settles the question so far as Texan Masonry is concerned. We do not regard it as an open question. The organization of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was, in our opinion, regular, and we recommend that the Grand Secretary place its name upon our list of Grand Lodges in fraternal communication with this Grand Lodge, and that this Grand Lodge extend to it a fraternal greeting." The report of the committee was received.

There are about 300 subordinate Lodges on the roll of this Grand Lodge at present.

M. W. John R. Fretwell elected Grand Master, and R. W. George H. Bringham re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### VIRGINIA.

Annual Communication held at Richmond on 9th December, 1867. M. W. E. H. Lane, Grand Master, and R. W. John Dove, Grand Secretary. Representatives of 107 Lodges present; also a large attendance of Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges, and visitors.

In his address the Grand Master strongly urges the necessity of adhering to the fundamental principles of Masonry. He recognizes progression in Masonry, in the sense of adding to our stock of knowledge and practical philanthropy. "Beyond this," he says, "I humbly submit that Masonry is not progressive. I, for one, do not belong to that class of Masons (and I think I speak the sentiments of this Grand Lodge on this question) who insist

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that we shall accommodate our institution to every change in the condition of a country, whether it be a change in the social condition of its people, or of her political institutions. No profane has any rights in Masonry. The privilege of becoming a member of our noble fraternity may be extended to those who profess the requisite qualifications, intellectual moral and physical. It is, however, a mere matter of favor—hence the fraternity has the most undoubted right, and no one can dispute it, of selecting her own household. This selection should always be made with a wise reference to the good of the great body of Masonry.”

He commends the successful exertions of the Lodges of Richmond in establishing a school for the orphans of Masons, where there are about sixty-five pupils, both male and female, in attendance.

The officers of Grand Lodge were elected, duly invested, and inducted into office on the second day of meeting. The ballot, we think, as the report reads, is used to decide all elections of officers.

M. W. William Terry elected Grand Master, and R. W. John Dove, Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 39 Grand Lodges. The organization of the Grand Lodge of Western Virginia is fully reported on. Some points of difference still exist between the two Grand bodies. These are likely to be shortly arranged, when no doubt the usual recognitions will be exchanged, and harmony prevail. The movements on the part of Western Virginia appear to have been cautious and deliberate, and with a good deal of skill and ability. And the action of the Grand Lodge of Virginia has been

dignified throughout, also, in a truly Masonic and charitable spirit. About 34 Lodges are located in Western Virginia. A letter is given from Chas. W. Moore, of Boston, to Grand Master Bates of Western Virginia, entirely approving of the action of the Lodges in forming a Grand Lodge. He also gives sundry useful suggestions. There is no suggestion, however, that Western Virginia should await the consent of the parent Grand Lodge before asking elsewhere for recognition.

From the Grand Treasurer's report we find dues paid by 150 Lodges to the amount of \$3991.25; unpaid dues, \$1355.00

The Grand Secretary submitted the following Report :

HALIFAX, N. S., June 24, 1868.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :*

Your Secretary respectfully submits his annual report for the past Masonic year.

In accordance with a resolution of Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, I had the proceedings of Grand Lodge published, and copies thereof forwarded to the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, and also to our sister Grand Lodges.

During the past year, and by the authority of Grand Lodge, I have issued the following Charters :

SCOTIA LODGE, No. 17, Yarmouth, N. S.

ROYAL ALBERT LODGE, No. 18, Sydney, Cape Breton

SOLOMON LODGE, No. 19, Port Hawkesbury, C. B.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 20, Bridgewater, N. S.

Making a total on the roll, of twenty Lodges, and three under dispensation.

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On June 9th, in consequence of the failure of the negotiations with the committee appointed by the District Grand Lodge of England, and that the matter might be placed in its proper light before the subordinate Lodges in both jurisdictions, I issued the following circular letter, together with a copy of the correspondence which passed between the Committees :

*To the Most Worshipful Master, Officers, Wardens  
and Members of.....Lodge, No.....*

**BRETHREN,—**

The subject of an amalgamation and a harmonizing of the conflicting interests of the Craft in this Province has agitated the Masonic mind for many years. In 1861 the first attempt was made to establish that union and harmony which should ever characterize the members of our beloved Institution. The difficulty in communicating with the Parent Grand Lodges, owing to their distance, was found to be a serious inconvenience. The establishing of a Grand Lodge was therefore considered the only way in which matters appertaining to the best interests of the Craft could be legislated and dealt with satisfactorily. Consequently a Committee was appointed by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland to act in conjunction with a similar Committee from the Provincial Grand Lodge of England, with a view of carrying out the above object. The Committee from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland reported favorably. The Provincial Grand Lodge of England declined to co-operate. Therefore action was deferred in deference to the Provincial Grand Lodge of England, although fully convinced of the desirability of the same.

The subject was again revived in 1865, when a Committee was appointed by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, which invited the co-operation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of England. Said

Provincial Grand Lodge at its quarterly communication in December, appointed a committee to confer with the committee from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, but after several ineffectual attempts on their part to organize the same, the object was abandoned by them.

The Convention of Lodges which was called by the committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, reported in favor of the formation of a Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. This report was adopted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland at its quarterly communication in February, 1866, when the present Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was duly organized according to Masonic law and usage; since which time it has steadily continued to exercise its functions in a constitutional manner,—commencing with only ten subordinate Lodges, with a powerful opposition from the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland—with all the energy of the so-called Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, and with a combination of those in the City belonging to the Provincial Grand Lodge of England, whose boast has ever been that they rule that body—arrayed against it. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia now numbers on its roll twenty-three Lodges, and has received the recognition of forty-four Grand Lodges. It has accredited representatives to many of the Grand Lodges, which have reciprocated by appointing representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. The Grand Lodge has not only established, but, as can be seen, has maintained its position. And the desire on our part to have an amalgamation, is not that the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia will or can be in a better position constitutionally, but that there may be that union and harmony which should ever exist among the brotherhood.

The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia therefore desiring to promote this object, agreed to appoint a committee to meet the committee appointed by the District Grand Lodge of England for that purpose. The annexed correspondence will show the appointment

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and proceedings of the same. The document marked A was the first communication we received. It is evidently written with the intention of frustrating the object for which said committee was appointed,—the document being addressed to myself, and signed in the same style. There is nothing to denote a friendly or brotherly motive in the matter. In the communication they avoid all reference to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia—ignoring the fact that we were brothers, or even Masons ; and, as can be seen, it is written in the most unfraternal manner, evidently with the intention of creating that feeling among the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, which it was so well calculated to do. Upon receipt of the same, I immediately presented it to the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, when he consulted some of the principal members of the Grand Lodge, and decided that for the sake of promoting so good an object, he would waive the objection raised by the unfraternal tenor of the note, and summon the Grand Lodge to take action on the same. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was accordingly convened on Friday, 15th ult., when the resolution contained in Paper C was passed, and the communication marked D sent to their committee, informing them of the same.

The next communication received was the one marked E. It is written in a more fraternal and courteous manner, and consequently we met in the Library in connection with our Lodge Room, on Friday, the 10th ult., at 4 p. m. Brothers Nash, Hesson and Clarke were present, and the whole of our Committee. Brother Nash proposed that we commence business, when the question was asked by one of our committee as to how many of their committee constituted a quorum ; the answer being five, we declined to proceed. Brothers Barron and Holloway afterwards came in—although, as we subsequently ascertained, Brother Barron was not a member of that committee. The committee was then organized, and we proceeded to business, when

Brother Nash submitted to us the proposition marked F, which, we presume, was known by them to be useless, as the very fact of their proposing a convention showed that they did not desire a union, as the proposition made is that we throw up our warrants at said convention; and what would then be the position of the Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. The members thereof would all be in the position of so many unaffiliated Masons, and unable to take part in the formation of a Grand Lodge, and any Grand Lodge so formed would be irregular and unconstitutional, and would not be recognized by any Grand Lodge in the world. Therefore what is the whole sum and substance of the proposal made to us? It is simply this. That we ignore the existence of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and form, as they term it, an united Grand Lodge. How that could be accomplished at a convention where they propose for us to throw up our warrants, is what we fail to perceive. And even admitting that the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia were to accede to so unreasonable a request, what benefit would be derived from the same, or what better position would the brethren holding English warrants occupy, than in the proposal made by us. We went to the meeting of committee intending to deal with this matter in a fair and brotherly manner, and expected to be met by them in the same spirit, being prepared to offer such inducements as are contained in our resolution marked B, with the expectation that it would be accepted. The offer contained in our resolution would place them in precisely the same position as if a convention was called for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge, as by the proposition we agree to revise the roll of Grand Lodge and number the Lodges from the date of original warrants, giving them the same rights that we ourselves possess, and a full representation in Grand Lodge. This offer has virtually been rejected by the District Grand Lodge, as it has been indefinitely postponed. We therefore consider that all negotiation with that body are at an end.

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And now, Brethren, we feel justified in appealing directly to you, and placing this matter in its proper light. As we have already on a former occasion explained the reasons why we did not consult the subordinate Lodges at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, it is unnecessary to refer to that again. We believe that the whole matter has been frustrated by a few men in the District Grand Lodge representing the city Lodges. You, Brethren, are the best judges of what were the motives actuating some members of that Committee, and why you were not notified to attend any meeting of the same, although, according to their note to us of the 10th, they state that at any meeting called after the country Lodges getting due notice, five shall constitute a quorum. Why the brethren representing country Lodges were not notified, is best known to themselves. Feeling that you were not to blame in this matter, we are now prepared to deal with individual Lodges, and will extend the same offer to you that was made to the District Grand Lodge. We will therefore welcome and receive you into our Grand Lodge any time before the quarterly meeting of September. If you can arrange matters so as to effect a transfer and be prepared with the enclosed petition duly signed, by the annual communication of Grand Lodge on the 24th inst., we will be prepared to issue you a warrant at once, as we will make that the first business of the meeting. Then your Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and three immediate Past Masters will be at once entitled to sit and vote in Grand Lodge at the election of officers, and will at that meeting enjoy all the rights and privileges accorded to any other Lodge. Then at the September meeting the roll of Grand Lodge will be revised, and numbered according to the seniority of our former warrants. This is the offer we now make in good Masonic faith, and brotherly feeling. Not that we are afraid of our position, for that is so well established, discussion here would be useless; but for the purpose of seeing the fraternity united—and with this object we now

extend to you the right hand of brotherly love and affection, and cordially invite you to unite with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Given under our Hand and Seal, this ninth day of June, A. L. 1868.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,  
*Grand Secretary.*

APPENDIX TO CIRCULAR.

(A.)

*Halifax, May 10, 1868.*

C. MACDONALD, Esq.,

*Dear Sir,*—At the last meeting of the D. G. Lodge of N. S., held on the 6th May, a report was handed in from a Committee which had been previously appointed to make enquiry into the state of Masonry in this Province, with the object of having but one independent body, with the Hon. A. Keith at its head in the first place. Accordingly a committee was formed for the purpose of holding communication with all other bodies connected with the Craft. The committee on the evening of the same day, met and made choice of W. A. Hesson as Chairman, and J. D. Nash as Secretary. They also resolved that after any meeting had been called by them, regularly by summonses, through the Post Office or otherwise, that at any such meeting five shall form a quorum, and transact all business brought before them. We therefore will be happy if your body will, with all speed, have a meeting, and, if so pleased, appoint a committee to confer with us, in the object of promoting so desirable an end as a united and one independent body of the Order under one head, the Hon. Alex. Keith.

Respectfully yours,

By order of the Chairman,

JOHN D. NASH, *Secretary.*

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*Halifax, May 12, 1868.*

JOHN D. NASH, Esq.,

*Dear Sir,*—I am instructed by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 10th inst., and beg to state that the subject matter therein contained will receive due consideration.

I am, dear sir, yours, &amp;c.,

CHARLES J. MACDONALD,  
*Grand Secretary.*

(C.)

*Halifax, N. S., May 16, 1868.*

JOHN D. NASH, Esq.,

*Dear Sir and Brother,*—I am directed by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master to inform you that in compliance with the request expressed in your communication of the 10th inst., an emergency of Grand Lodge was held on Friday evening the 15th inst., when the following resolution was passed:

*Resolved,* That a committee of five be appointed from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to confer with the committee appointed by the District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, under English authority, to consider the subject matter contained in said communication.

The following members were appointed, Brothers S. R. Sircom, Wm. Taylor, James R. Graham, R. Brechin, and Chas. J. Medonald.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES J. MACDONALD,  
*Grand Secretary.*

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I am also directed to inform you that said committee met, and being duly constituted by the election of Brother S. R. Sircom, as Chairman, and Chas. J.

Macdonald, as Secretary, the following resolution was passed :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to inform the Committee appointed by the District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia under English authority, that they will be prepared to meet them on Monday the 25th inst., at 8 o'clock, p. m., at the Committee Room, Victoria Block, or at such other time and place as your committee may appoint.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours, &c.,

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,  
*Grand Secretary.*

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*Halifax, May 20th, 1868.*

*Dear Sir and Brother*,—You are requested to notify your Grand Lodge Committee that our Committee have notified all our members to meet with you at my office in Victoria Building, on Friday, May 29th, at 4 o'clock, p. m.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN D. NASH,  
*Secretary of Committee.*

CHAS. J. MACDONALD, Esq.,  
Grand Secretary G. L. of N. S.

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*Halifax, N. S., May 29th, 1868.*

The Committee from the District Grand Lodge propose to the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, that a convention of all the Masonic bodies as Lodges in the Province, be called at some convenient place for the purpose of forming an United Grand Lodge under the one head, to be called the United Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. That at said convention all superiority to be left aside, and that the parties there present form themselves into a Grand Lodge, and there make choice of Grand Lodge Officers, issue warrants. &c.

(E.)

*Halifax, N. S., May 29th, 1868.*

In order to a thorough consolidation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the Grand Lodge are desirous to accomplish the same, and the Committee of the said Grand Lodge propose, that the Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England be welcomed into the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, should application be made either through the Secretary of the District Grand Lodge, or directly by the Lodges to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. That then the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia issue such authority to said Lodges as will entitle them to all their Lodge rights, such as their funds, the position of their Past-Masters, and other matters, and full representation in Grand Lodge under the constitution.

That Charters be granted to said Lodges at or after the quarterly meeting in September, and at such meeting the roll of said Grand Lodge be revised, and the Lodges shall be numbered and placed on the roll according to the seniority of such Lodges, by satisfactory proof of the date of the original organization of the several Lodges on the list at such period.

Accompanying this report I present an account current of the transactions of my office for the past year:

C. J. MACDONALD, *Grand Secretary, in account with*

THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA, DR.

Burns Lodge.....	No. 1 .....	\$75 75
Athole Lodge.....	No. 2 .....	85 62½
Keith Lodge.....	No. 3 .....	46 75
Scotia Lodge.....	No. 4 .....	46 25
Davies Lodge.....	No. 5 .....	52 75
Concord Lodge...	No. 8 .....	25 25
Queens Lodge.....	No. 10 .....	73 00
St. Mark Lodge.....	No. 11.....	71 80

Ophir Lodge.....No. 12.....	\$1 62½
Eureka Lodge.....No. 13.....	62 75
Acacia Lodge.....No. 14.....	23 62½
Truro Lodge.....No. 15.....	70 87½
Eldorado Lodge.....No. 16.....	24 00
Scotia Lodge.....No. 17.....	15 00
Royal Albert Lodge.....No. 18.....	15 00
Acacia Lodge.....No. 20.....	15 00
W. H. Davies Lodge.....U. D.....	30 30
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By cash paid Grand Treasurer, as per  
Vouchers 1 to 31.....\$735 05

CHAS. J. MACDONALD, *Grand Secretary.*

All of which is respectfully submitted

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,  
*Grand Secretary.*

The Grand Treasurer then submitted the following account current with the Grand Lodge for the past year :

A. K. MACKINLAY, *Grand Treasurer in Acc. with*

THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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June 22—Cash paid A. Grant.....	\$56 00
“ 28 “ “ Postage.....	5 00
Aug. 11 “ “ W. Annand.....	27 50
Sept. 13 “ “ A. J. Ritchie.....	18 00
Oct. 24 “ “ J. C. Crosskill.....	2 00
“ 31 “ “ Keith Lodge.....	18 00

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Jan. 13	" "	Rent.....	27 75
" 18	" "	E. M. McDonald.....	80 00
" 25	" "	" .....	50 75
		Postage.....	5 00
May 5	" "	Rent.....	17 50
" 23	" "	Tyler.....	7 00
June 24	" "	Library.....	20 00
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		Balance to credit.....	417 44
			\$777 94

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June 11—	By Balance.....	\$42 92
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June 26	Cash from Secretary to date .....	735 02
		\$777 94

June 17 By balance.....\$417 44  
 E. & O. E. Respectfully submitted.

A. K. MACKINLAY,  
*Grand Treasurer.*

Halifax, June 27, 1868.

The Treasurer and Secretary's accounts were referred to the committee on Finance and Audit.

On motion of Brother A. K. Mackinlay it was *Resolved*, that the report on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted, and printed with the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

A communication was read from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa, announcing the appointment of Brother C. N. Campbell as the representative of that M. W. Grand Lodge near this Grand Lodge.

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On motion of Brother W. S. Macdonald it was  
*Resolved*, that the same be received and confirmed.

Brother Campbell was announced and received  
with customary honors.

Brother Taylor from the Library Committee  
submitted the following report, shewing the follow-  
ing amounts received :

To cash contribution Keith Lodge.....	\$30 00
“ “ Queens “ .....	20 00
“ “ Scotia “ .....	20 00
“ “ Burns “ .....	40 00
“ “ Athole “ .....	40 00
“ “ Albert “ .....	10 00
“ “ Concord “ .....	25 00
“ “ Scotia Mark Lodge .....	10 00
Subscriptions by Members Burns' Lodge.....	9 50
Books, &c., by Grand Master.....	18 20
Proceeds Lectures .....	41 50
Brother Jacobs, 1.54; Wylde, 50.....	2 04
	\$266 24

Expended for books, papers, fuel, and keep-  
ing room, as per vouchers.....\$266 32

(Signed) W. TAYLOR,  
JOSEPH JACOBS,  
GEO. J. PAYNE.

On motion of Brother Waddell it was  
*Resolved*, that the same be received and adopted.

Brother, Past Deputy Grand Master, W. Taylor  
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HALIFAX, 24th June, 1868.

*To the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :*

In compliance with your warrant of 20th of June, 1868, I proceeded to Truro to inspect the work of said Lodge, and to install the officers for the ensuing year, and have great pleasure in reporting that the books and work of said Lodge were very correctly kept, and the officers duly installed, and from the efficient working of the Lodge, I feel confident that the installed officers will keep this efficient Lodge in good and wholesome order.

(Signed)

W. TAYLOR.

On motion of Brother A. K. Mackinlay it was  
*Resolved*, that the same be received and adopted.

On motion of Brother W. Taylor, it was  
*Resolved*, That the Quarterly Communication of September be held at Truro.

On motion of Brother W. S. Macdonald it was  
*Resolved*, that the Quarterly Communication of June, 1869, be held at Sherbrooke, and the December and March communications at Halifax.

The Committee on Credentials also reported the following representatives of sister Grand Lodges, present and entitled to seats in Grand Lodge :

R. W. S. R. Sircom, Representative of the Grand Orient, of Brazil.

R. W. C. J. Macdonald, Representative of the Grand Orient of New Grenada.

R. W. C. J. Macdonald, Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio.

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- R. W. C. N. Campbell, Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa.
- R. W. T. H. Pryor, M.D., Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas.
- R. W. W. S. Macdonald, Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama.
- R. W. A. S. Busby, Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge, District of Columbia.
- R. W. A. K. MacKinlay, Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada.
- R. W. James K. Munnis, Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, when the following brethren were declared duly elected, viz. :

- STEPHEN R. SIRCOM.....M. W. Grand Master.
- A. C. PAGE, M.D.,.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- N. W. WHITE.....R. W. Substitute Grand Master.
- G. T. SMITHERS.. .R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
- ISAAC MELVIN..... R. W. Grand Junior Warden.
- A. K. MACKINLAY.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- CHAS. J. MACDONALD...R. W. Grand Secretary
- W. S. MACDONALD.....R. W. Grand Clerk.
- REV. C. B. PITBLADO.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
- NEWELL SNOW<sup>d</sup>.....R. W. Grand Lecturer.
- C. C. NICHOLS.....V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.
- A. R. PAYNE.....V. W. Grand Junior Deacon.
- JOHN A. STUART.....V. W. Grand Architect.
- E. L. SPIKE ..... V. W. Grand Jeweller.

JAMES FORTUNE.....V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.  
 E. L. COLEMAN...V. W. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.  
 RALPH PATRICK.....V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.  
 H. A. TAYLOR.....V. W. Grand Director of Music.  
 JOHN OVERY, }  
 G. J. FLUCK, } .....V. W. Grand Marshals.  
 J. E. M. TAYLOR.....V. W. Grand Tyler.

JAMES MACCOUSH,  
 S. D. MACDONALD,  
 I. J. WYLDE,  
 A. SUTHERLAND,  
 D. W. LANDERS,  
 P. G. FRASER,  
 B. F. McCOVELL,  
 B. E. TREMAIN,  
 R. W. MACDONALD,  
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 JOHN POWERS,  
 GEORGE CAMPBELL,  
 DANIEL STEWART,  
 GEORGE W. TOOKER,  
 ALBERT CORBETT,

W. Grand Stewards.

Brother Geo. J. Payne gave notice that at next  
 Quarterly Communication he would introduce the  
 following resolution :

Whereas, a considerable period has elapsed since  
 the formation of the "Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,"  
 during which every effort has been made, consistent  
 with a due regard to the dignity and authority of  
 this Grand Lodge as the supreme ruling power, to  
 unite under one jurisdiction all the Masonic Lodges  
 in Nova Scotia ;

And whereas, up to the present time, no proposition for that purpose has been received by the Grand Lodge, except such as, for reasons previously stated, could not be entertained ;

*Therefore, resolved,* That the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia do now exercise fully the inherent right which it possesses, and notify all Lodges working under warrants from any other authority to surrender the same to the several powers by whom they have been granted, within twelve months from this date, and further informing them that from and after that date all Lodges working under authority other than that of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, will be declared clandestine and illegal, and published as such in the usual masonic manner.

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

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#### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 8 o'clock.

The Grand Master elect stated that M. W. Brother Hiram E. Chase, Past Grand Master of Maine, had arrived in the city by the evening train, and appointed Brothers Page, Taylor, and Pitblado a committee to wait upon the M. W. Brother, and introduce him to Grand Lodge.

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The committee were announced, and introduced M. W. Brother Chase, who was received with Grand honors.

M. W. Brother Chase, after a few introductory remarks, proceeded with the installation of officers, when the following brethren were duly installed into the several offices opposite their names :

STEPHEN R. SIRCOM.....M. W. Grand Master.  
 A. C. PAGE, M. D.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.  
 N. W. WHITE..... R. W. Substitute Grand Master.  
 G. T. SMITHERS .....R. W. Grand Senior Warden.  
 ISAAC MELVIN.....R. W. Grand Junior Warden.  
 A. K. MACKINLAY .....R. W. Grand Treasurer.  
 CHAS. J. MACDONALD...R. W. Grand Secretary.  
 W. S. MACDONALD.....R. W. Grand Clerk.  
 Rev. C. B. PITBLADO.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.  
 NEWELL SNOW.....R. W. Grand Lecturer.  
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 RALPH PATRICK.....V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.  
 H. A. TAYLOR.....V. W. Grand Director of Music.  
 JOHN OVERY, }  
 G. J. FLUCK, } .....V. W. Grand Marshalls.  
 J. E. M. TAYLOR .....V. W. Grand Tyler.

JAMES MACCOUSH,  
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 G. W. TOOKER,  
 ALBERT CORBETT,

} W. Grand Stewards.

The Grand Stewards announced that a Banquet had been prepared, and was now ready.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

#### THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 25TH.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 8 o'clock.

Brother Geo. T. Smithers from the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, reported the following:

HALIFAX, June 25, 1868.

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

The committee to whom was entrusted the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address, for consideration, beg leave to report that having taken the said address into consideration, they are of the opinion that the suggestions contained therein are worthy

of the most careful consideration of the craft, and would recommend that it be published in the annual proceedings of this M. W. Grand Lodge.

Your committee avail themselves of this opportunity, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, to express, with extreme regret, the withdrawal of our eminent brother from his labors among us, and to assure him that though absent from us "his memory is held in perpetual record."

Submitted.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,  
W. S. MACDONALD,  
THOS. H. PRYOR, M. D.

June 24, 1898.

On motion of Brother W. S. Macdonald it was  
*Resolved*, that the report be received and adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following standing committees :

*On Credentials*.—Brothers Geo. J. Payne, John Cahill, and James K. Munnis.

*On Constitution and Regulation*.—Brothers J. R. Grahnm, H. J. Marshall, and A. S. Busby.

*On Grievances and Appeal*.—Brothers A. K. Mackinlay, I. Melvin, and W. Williams.

*On Finance and Audit*.—Brothers Geo. T. Smithers, T. A. Cossmann, and C. F. Vose.

*On Foreign Correspondence*.—Brothers Chas. J. Macdonald, D. Pottinger, and W. Robertson.

*On Charters*.—Brothers W. S. Macdonald, R. Brechin, and G. W. Halls.

On motion of Brother Chas. J. Macdonald it was *Resolved*, that M. W. Hiram E. Chase be elected an honorary member of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 29.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 8 o'clock.

Brother James Fortune, from Committee on Finance and Audit submitted the following :

HALIFAX, June 26, 1868.

Your committee on Finance and Audit, to whom was referred the examination of the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, respectfully submit the following report :

That they have had the same under examination, and find them correct and properly vouched for, and recommend that they be recorded in the books of Grand Lodge, and printed with the proceedings.

Your committee find the total amount received from the subordinate Lodges for fees and dues to be \$735.05, shewing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$417.47, expended \$317.58.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES FORTUNE,  
H. J. MARSHALL,  
W. S. MACDONALD,

On motion of Brother Cossmann it was  
*Resolved*, that the same be received and adopted.

Brother A. K. Mackinlay, from Committee on  
Deputy Grand Master's Address, submitted the  
following :

HALIFAX, June 23, 1868.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :*

The committee appointed to consider the Most  
Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master's address, beg  
leave to report that they have carefully perused the  
said address, and fully concur in the sentiments ex-  
pressed with reference to Brother, the Most Wor-  
shipful William H. Davies.

That they approve the efforts made by the Most  
Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master to advance  
the interests of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

That they also trust that the deliberations of the  
Grand Lodge of Scotland in reference to the com-  
munications of the Most Worshipful Deputy Grand  
Master, will tend to the interest of Masonry in this  
jurisdiction.

It affords this Grand Lodge great pleasure to  
know that the members of the subordinate Lodges  
manifest so great interest in our Royal Art.

That your committee learn with regret that the  
efforts made to effect an amalgamation of the Craft  
in this Province was not successful, but trust that  
no efforts will be spared during the present current  
year to accomplish so desirable an object.

The circular referred to was also laid before your  
committee, and they having carefully considered the  
same, with the copies of correspondence between the

respective committees, consider that as the proposal F ignores wholly the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the committee of this Grand Lodge were justified in refusing to entertain it.

And this committee are of the opinion that the issuing of said circular will have a good effect in calling the attention of many Lodges to facts with which they were previously unacquainted, and will greatly tend to effect the desired amalgamation in an amicable manner, with a due regard to the rights, immunities, and privileges of this Grand Lodge.

And we lastly report that the said address, with the correspondence and circular referred to, together with this report, be printed in the annual report of this Grand Lodge.

A. K. MACKINLAY,  
GEO. J. PAYNE,  
ISAAC J. WYLDE, *Secy. of Com.*

On motion of Brother A. Sutherland it was  
*Resolved*, that the same be received and adopted.

Brother W. S. Macdonald submitted the report from the Banquet Committee, showing a deficiency of \$14.52.

On motion of Brother Geo. J. Payne it was  
*Resolved*, that the same be received and adopted, and that the deficiency be paid from the funds of Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother Williams it was  
*Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to have printed 250 copies of Grand Lodge Proceedings.

On motion of Brother Geo. J. Payne it was

*Resolved*, that should any Lodge at present working under the Grand Lodge of England, desire, during recess of Grand Lodge, a warrant from this body, the Grand Master be authorized to issue a working warrant to the same.

On motion of Brother W. S. Macdonald it was,

*Resolved*, that a warrant in the usual form, but without any number, be granted as such working warrant.

Grand Secretary's bill of \$26.50 for postage, was passed and ordered to be paid.

Brothers H. A. Taylor, J. K. Munnis, and W. Williams were appointed a committee to make arrangements with the Chairman of the Railway Board for a reduction of fares for members of Grand Lodge attending the communication at Truro.

There being no further business, the M. W. Grand Master, after the usual ceremonies, declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in Ample Form.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,  
*Grand Secretary.*

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BURNS LODGE, No. 1.  
HALIFAX CITY.

*Meets on the first Wednesday of each month.*

OFFICERS :

DAVID POTTINGER, *Worshipful Master*,  
ALEX. WADDELL, *Senior Warden*,  
JAMES PARKER, *Junior Warden*,  
JAMES FORTUNE, *Treasurer*,  
WILLIAM TAYLOR, P. M., *Secretary*,  
G. G. BULLEY, *Senior Deacon*,  
JOHN LINDSAY, *Junior Deacon*,  
WILLIAM CLEMENTS, *Marshall*,  
EDWARD CARR, }  
THOMAS VESEY, } *Stewards*,

Isaac Melvin, P. M.,	John Roddick,
R. Brechin, P. M.,	J. J. Armstrong,
J. Fidler, P. M.,	Donald Scott,
John Overy,	John Cawsey,
James Maccoush,	William Moir,
James H. Smith,	George McAllister,
D Waddle,	Adam McKay,
James Carr,	William Stevens,
W. H. Frederick,	A. M. Campbell,
J. Griffin,	J. N. Banks,
J. P. Chatwin,	L. L. Doran,
L. Tomlinson,	D. Crockett,
W. Grant,	L. Nickerson,
J. Kenney,	Jeremiah Sullivan,

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 James Ryan,  
 J. LeGrandais,  
 W. H. Pye,  
 J. Kennedy,  
 Allan Rood,  
 James G. Rayne,  
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 J. C. McPhee,  
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 James McHeffie,  
 James Johnston,  
 Richard Bishop,  
 Philip Griffin.

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 Donald H. Green,  
 William Allen,  
 Peter Monteith,  
 Charles Essex,  
 P. McFarlane,

### ATHOLE LODGE, No. 2.

HALIFAX CITY.

*Meets on the second Monday of each month.*

#### OFFICERS :

W. S. MACDONALD, *Worshipful Master*,  
 JOHN C. CAHILL, *Senior Warden*,  
 DUNCAN McDOUGALL, *Junior Warden*,  
 HENRY A. TAYLOR, *Treasurer*,  
 LOUIS PETITMAUTRE, *Secretary*,  
 SIMON D. MACDONALD, *Senior Deacon*,  
 JOHN HOLLIES, *Junior Deacon*,  
 DONALD McDONALD, *Marshall*,  
 GEORGE J. FLUCK, } *Stewards*,  
 JOSEPH D. SMITH, }  
 J. E. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler*.

John Allen,  
 Chas. F. Brown,

George S. Brown,  
 Jeremiah Barnstead,

William Brush,  
 Jeremiah Ceconi,  
 Thomas Ceconi,  
 John Croucher,  
 George H. Davis,  
 James R. Graham,  
 James Graham,  
 Edward J. Lordly,  
 Chas. J. Macdonald,  
 John McCulloch,  
 Ebenezer Moseley,  
 Robert G. Noble,  
 Alex. Macdonald,  
 William Nisbet,  
 Charles Clemen,

George Porters,  
 John C. Potts,  
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 Robert Savage,  
 Thomas Short,  
 James Shand. jr.,  
 Joseph S. Shaw,  
 James A. Wilson,  
 William Williams,  
 Patrick Walsh,  
 John R. Willis,  
 John C. Young,  
 Ralph Patrick,  
 G. D. Drechia.

### KEITH LODGE, No. 3.

HALIFAX CITY.

*Meets on the second Wednesday of each month.*

#### OFFICERS :

JAMES K. MUNNIS, *Worshipful Master*,  
 GEORGE W. HALLS, *Senior Warden*,  
 ROBERT DUNCAN, *Junior Warden*,  
 EDWARD L. COLEMAN, *Treasurer*,  
 GEORGE N. McMANN, *Secretary*,  
 DANIEL McDONALD, *Senior Deacon*,  
 JOSEPH DYSART, *Junior Deacon*,  
 PETER FREDERICKS, *Marshall*,  
 JOHN M. HAY, }  
 W. L. LOWELL, } *Stewards.*

Arthur Busby, P.M.  
 McC. Z. Barry,  
 John Canning,  
 John Eckersley,  
 F. W. Fishwick,

Joseph J. Jacobs,  
 H. J. Marshall,  
 W. A. McKay,  
 R. P. Mitchell,  
 R. J. Romans,

E. R. Harrington,  
 Alex. Hesslein,  
 W. M. Jones,

Edward Smith,  
 Isaac J. Wylde,  
 W. H. Davies,  
 Honorary Member.

### SCOTIA LODGE, No. 4.

HALIFAX CITY.

*Meets on the third Wednesday of each month.*

#### OFFICERS ;

S. R. SIRCOM, *Worshipful Master*,  
 CHARLES F. VOSE, *Senior Warden*,  
 WILLIAM ROBERTSON, *Junior Warden*,  
 H. J. MARSHALL, *Treasurer*,  
 H. F. WOBRAILL, *Secretary*,  
 JOHN LAWLOR, *Senior Deacon*,  
 THOMAS COOKE, *Junior Deacon*,  
 A. SUTHERLAND, *Marshall*,  
 F. C. MAHON,  
 J. E. RICHARDSON, } *Stewards*,  
 JOHN E. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler*.

W. M. Allan, jr.,  
 William Amy,  
 Augustus Allison,  
 Robert Brechin,  
 H. P. Burton,  
 J. D. H. Brown,  
 Arthur Cowie,  
 M. F. Eagar,  
 Thomas Fowler,  
 George Guy,  
 G. J. B. Garvie,  
 James Jackson,  
 — Joyce,  
 J. Laidlaw,  
 A. H. Woodill,

J. L. Mackie,  
 John Messervey,,  
 A. K. Mackinlay,  
 J. McDonald,  
 H. McCallum,  
 C. H. Mitchell,  
 W. H. Moren,  
 T. H. Pryor,  
 G. J. Payne,  
 A. R. Payne,  
 Robert Strather,  
 H. N. Silver,  
 L. E. Tremain,  
 D. Woodworth,

**DAVIES LODGE, No. 5.**

WILMOT, ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

*Meets on the second Tuesday of each month.*

## OFFICERS ;

BENIAH SPINNEY, *Worshipful Master*,  
 ROBERT FULLERTON, *Senior Warden*,  
 EGBERT WOODBURG, *Junior Warden*,  
 NFLSON PIERCE, *Treasurer*,  
 HENRY MUNRO, *Secretary*,  
 ALBERT MORTON, *Senior Deacon*,  
 BENIAH BAKER, *Junior Deacon*,  
 ALEX. ROBERTSON, *Marshal*,  
 GEORGE V. INCE, } *Stewards*,  
 ALBERT D. MUNRO, }  
 ALFRED MARSHALL, *Tyler*.

J. W. Darragh, P. M.	Henry McMahon,
W. F. Woodbury, P. M.	Henry VanBuskirk,
Alfred Gates,	E. H. Gattess,
W. A. Calneck,	James Gate,
Josh Harris,	John Anderson,
D. U. Landers,	N. B. Spinney,
John Roy,	John Rogers,
James Roy,	Ives Fales,
James Ward,	

**ALBERT LODGE, No. 6.**

SHELBURNE, SHELBURNE COUNTY.

*Meets on the second Monday of each month.*

## OFFICERS :

W. B. STEPHENSON, *Worshipful Master*.  
 JOHN BOWER, *Senior Warden*,  
 ABRAHAM McLEAN, *Junior Warden*.  
 GEORGE A. COX, *Treasurer*.

JOHN A. PURNEY, *Secretary.*  
 SAMUEL H. COX, *Senior Deacon.*  
 JAMES DEXTER, *Junior Deacon,*  
 JACOB ROOD, *Marshall,*  
 JOHN A. MCGOWAN, JR., } *Stewards,*  
 RUFUS UTLEY, }  
 JOHN ETHERINGTON, *Tyler.*

N. W. White,	John McPherson,
James Hogg,	Wilmot Huey,
John Boyd,	William Williams,
P. G. Fraser,	John Picket,
C. B. Bingay,	John S. Smith,
William Forth,	Samuel W. Burns,
John A. B. Johnston,	Edward A. Dunn,
John H. West,	Joseph Collie,
Caleb Allan,	Edward Copstick,
William McLean,	Joshua Nickerson,
Israel K. Bruce,	Joseph Elliott,
Robert G. Irwin,	Arthur Hood,
John McLean,	Charles Newbury,
J. A. McGowan, sr.,	Thomas D. McLean,
Samuel Muir, 2nd,	Peter Young,
Charles Bower,	Robert S. Owen,
Rufus P. McKinney,	Winthrop Sargent,
J. S. Hawkesworth,	Joseph Wilson,
Israel Hersey,	Rev. Geo. M. Clarke.
Michael Collins,	

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**CONCORD LODGE, No. 8.**

BARRINGTON, SHELburnE COUNTY.

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**OFFICERS :**

JAS. J. CLARKE, *Worshipful Master.*  
 AMAZIAH SMITH, *Deputy Master.*  
 WM. B. SMITH, *Substitute Master.*  
 FREMAN NICKERSON, *Senior Warden.*  
 THOS. NEWELL, *Junior Warden,*

A. McGRAY, *Treasurer.*  
 B. G. COVILL, *Secretary.*  
 JOHN CAMERON, *Senior Deacon.*  
 RANDALL McKINNON, *Junior Deacon,*  
 WM. D. NICKERSON, *Senior Steward,*  
 D. G. DALEY, *Junior Steward.*  
 McCALLUM NICKERSON, *Tyler.*

Lewis Nickerson,	David Duncan,
Peter Kenny,	John G. Nickerson,
Jas. L. Nickerson,	John Homer,
Henry Kenney,	Samuel Crowell,
Reuben Smith,	David Powell,
Wm. E. Nickerson,	Thomas Smith,
Jehn W. Kenney,	Wm. Morissey,
Cyrus Nickerson,	James G. Crowell,
Alfred Kenney,	Smith Messenger,
Reuben G. Smith,	Thos. R. Smith,
Jas. R. Kenney,	Angus McKay,
Job Kenney,	Nehemiah Kenney,
Rodney Cunningham,	Bartlett F. Covell,
Crowell Smith,	Vincent Kenney,
Judah C. Smith,	Jeremiah Brannon,
Zepheniah Newall,	Luther Smith.
John J. Kenney,	

### ST. MARKS LODGE, No. 9.

BADDECK, CAPE BRETON.

*Meets on the third Thursday in each month.*

#### OFFICERS :

J. T. CAMERON, M.D., *W. Master.*  
 WM. KIDSTON, M.P.P., *Senior Warden,*  
 DONALD McRAE, *Junior Warden,*  
 R. ELMSLEY, *Treasurer,*  
 S. G. McKEEN, M.D., *Secretary.*

S. ATWATER, *Senior Deacon.*  
 NEIL McKENZIE, *Junior Deacon,*  
 ALEX. BAIN, *Tyler.*

Wm. Kidston, junr.  
 C. N. Campbell, P.M.  
 Alex. Munro, P.M.  
 A. F. Haliburton,  
 John Munro,  
 S. C. Campbell,  
 Angus Melvor,  
 B. E. Tremain,  
 John A. Campbell,  
 Donald Matheson,  
 D. J. McKenzie,  
 Rupert G. Zwicker,  
 James L. Hice,  
 Jacob S. Hart,  
 John J. Cameron,  
 Neil W. McKenzie,  
 William Brigham,

George M. Bishop,  
 K. R. McKenzie,  
 Dougald McAll,  
 John H. McLeod,  
 Kenneth McKenzie,  
 Donald McRae,  
 E. L. Boyden,  
 Duncan McDonald,  
 Allan McIntosh,  
 Alexander McKay,  
 Alexander Daggett,  
 Edward Tremain,  
 Hector McLean,  
 Charles McKinnon,  
 Chas. R. McDonald,  
 Duncan McKenzie.

### QUEENS LODGE, No. 10.

SHERBROOKE, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY

*Meets every Tuesday evening.*

#### OFFICERS ;

NEWELL SNOW, *Worshipful Master,*  
 JOHN A. STEWARD, *Senior Warden,*  
 ALEX. FISHER, *Junior Warden,*  
 ZEHAA HEWITT, *Treasurer,*  
 WM. E. IRISH, *Secretary.*  
 NEIL McEACHERN, *Senior Deacon,*  
 WILLIAM MAY, *Junior Deacon,*  
 WM. MITCHELL, } *Stewards,*  
 JOHN McLANE, }  
 JOHN C. ARCHIBALD, *Tyler.*

A. K. White, P. M.	James A. Fraser,*
R. W. McDonald,	Stephen J. Nichols,
Alexander Fraser,	Angus Sutherland,
Robert Wright,	Alfred McDaniel,
James Tuttle,	George Purdy,
Solomon Johnston,	Thomas Hollis,
David Grant,	Samuel Philipps,
Malcom McAuley,	James Dickson,
Walter Black,	James Andrews,
John D. Fraser, senr.,	Wm. T. Bollong,
Chas. T. McIntosh,	Simon H. Fraser,
William Murdoch,	Charles R. King,
D. McDonald, junr.	John D. Fraser, junr.
Joseph McKeen,	James L. Hattie,
Albert Elliott,	Robert McNaughton,
Alexander Falconer,	Alexander Ireland,
Hugh McDougald,	John McMillan,
Ephraim Archibald,	John R. Fraser,
Henry Archibald,	Norman Logan,
R. T. H. Weir,	Neil McQuarrie,
William Kirk,	Richard Wells,
John Pitblado,	George McQuarrie,
Donald McDonald,	Donald Cameron,
William Clarke,	Ananias May,
Neil McLane,	Danl McDonald, senr.,
C. B. Pitblado,	W. A. McDonald.
John Cameron,	

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**THE LODGE OF ST. MARK, No. II.**

HALIFAX CITY.

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*Meets the first Tuesday of each month.*

**OFFICERS :**

GEO. T. SMITHERS, *Worshipful Master,*  
 T. A. COSSMAN, *Senior Warden,*  
 J. R. GLENDINNING, *Junior Warden,*  
 E. L. SPIKE, *Treasurer,*

W. S. MACDONALD, *Secretary*.  
 C. C. NICHOLS, *Senior Deacon*,  
 J. B. COLEMAN, *Junior Deacon*,  
 H. J. HORNE, *Marshall*,  
 J. W. GRAHAM, } *Stewards*,  
 A. FAULKNER, }  
 J. E. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler*.

William Garvie, P.M.	John G. Allison,
Geo. J. Payne, P.M.	John Scholfield,
S. R. Sircom,	E. M. Macdonald,
B. F. Staples,	N. C. Owen,
Charles F. Browne,	J. A. Bayers,
George A. Sanford,	J. L. McIntosh,
Geo. Anderson, junr.	W. F. Chase,
Chas. J. Macdonald,	James Cordwell,
W. DeWolfe Hall,	John Morgan.

**OPHIR LODGE, No. 12,**  
**TANGIER, HALIFAX COUNTY.**

*Meets on first Thursday of each month.*

**OFFICERS :**

CHAS. CUMMINGS, *Wershipful Master*.  
 D. Y. ESTEY, *Senior Warden*,  
 S. L. JOHNSON, *Junior Warden*.  
 ALFRED FROUD, *Treasurer*,  
 DANIEL W. MCKAY, *Secretary*,  
 R. W. EMMETT, *Senior Deacon*,  
 HENRY McLAUGHLIN, *Junior Deacon*,  
 J. D. VANBUSKIRK, *Senior Steward*,  
 ROBT. JAMIESON, *Junior Steward*,  
 JAMES CRAIG, *Tyler*.

A. P. Penery, P. M.      James Miller,  
 M. L. Heroll.

**EUREKA LODGE, No. 13.**

SHEET HARBOR, HALIFAX COUNTY.

*Meets on first Wednesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS :

DAVID FRASER, *Worshipful Master*,  
 JOHN H. BALCAM, *Senior Warden*,  
 D. W. ARCHIBALD, *Junior Warden*,  
 WILLIAM HULL, *Treasurer*,  
 JOHN TUPPER, *Secretary*,  
 JOHN P. HOGAN, *Senior Deacon*,  
 GEORGE SMITH, *Junior Deacon*,  
 CHARLES FARRELL, } *Stewards*,  
 ARCHIBALD HULL, }  
 CRAWFORD ROSS, *Tyler*.  
 MALCOM McFARLANE, *Sub. Master*,  
 JOHN McPHEE, *Deputy Master*.

Alex. Fraser, P. M.	William Pearson,
William Smith,	John A. Farnell,
Frederick Trott,	James A. Lindsay,
Henry Dixon,	Edward Belmore,
Sidney Smith,	Henry McDonald,
William Wittnebor,	Alexander Parker,
Matthew Henley,	Wm. H. Guild,
James McLeod,	Robert W. Heath,
Alexander Watt,	Wm. G. Leslie,
Thomas Reynolds,	George Hamilton.
David Little,	

**ACACIA LODGE, No. 14.**

AMHERST, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

## OFFICERS :

C. K. MORSE, *Worshipful Master*,  
 JOHN WHITE, *Senior Warden*,

J. W. COVE, M. D., *Junior Warden*,  
 JOSEPH COVE, *Treasurer*,  
 CLINTON J. MORSE, M. D., *Secretary*,  
 DAWSON HAYWARD, *Senior Deacon*,  
 DANIEL W. DOUGLAS, *Junior Deacon*,  
 JOHN POWERS, *Marshall*,  
 NATHAN TUPPER, M. D., } *Stewards*,  
 ANGUS McLEOD, }  
 DAVID SPENCE, *Inner Guard*,  
 JAMES KING, *Tyler*.

John C. Phillips, M.D.	Sampson Morse,
O. A. Sharp,	W. H. Burton,
Chas. S. Delaney,	Thomas Dunlap,
Isaac W. Winchester,	James Stevenson,
George Dimock,	James C. Mills,
James Christie,	David McAndrew,
	Gilbert Seaman.

### TRURO LODGE, No. 15.

TRURO, COLCHESTER COUNTY.

*Meets on the first Tuesday of each month.*

#### OFFICERS :

ALEX. C. PAGE, M.D., *Worshipful Master*.  
 LEANDER J. CROW, *Senior Warden*.  
 WILLIAM BLAIR, *Junior Warden*,  
 GEORGE CAMPBELL, *Treasurer*,  
 GEORGE P. NEILSON, *Secretary*.  
 JAS. J. DICKSON, *Senior Deacon*,  
 HENRY LAWRENCE, *Junior Deacon*,  
 DAVID NELSON, } *Stewards*,  
 DONALD FRASER, }  
 DANIEL HOLMES, *Tyler*.

Hugh McCallum, P.M.	James Caffery,
Robert Duncan,	William McLeod,

James K. Blair,  
George Donkin,  
Gardner Clish,  
Henry B. Prince,  
James Archibald,

James J. Hamilton,  
Walter Lawson,  
John B. Brown,  
Ralph Patrick,

**ELDORADO LODGE, No. 16.**

WINE HARBOR, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

*Meets on first Thursday of each month.*

OFFICERS :

PETER GUNN, *Worshipful Master*,  
JOHN J. LOGAN, *Senior Warden*,  
ALEX. E. CAMERON, *Junior Warden*,  
WM. G. JOHNSTONE, *Treasurer*,  
DANIEL STEWART, *Secretary*,  
GEO. W. CLARKE, *Senior Deacon*,  
DAVID MURRAY, *Junior Deacon*,  
ALEX. D. McPHERSON, *Marshall*,  
JOHN ROOD,  
DANIEL McQUARRIE, } *Stewards*,  
GEORGE MUNROE, *Tyler*.

Daniel McKay,  
Fred. W. McEwan,  
Robert Rood,  
Isaac McLean,  
Jacob Anderson,  
James Rood,  
George H. Nissen,  
Roderick McDonald,

Alex. C. Stewart,  
G. W. Gillespie,  
Isaac Willett,  
John Dixon,  
George Thompson,  
Alex. Anderson,  
William McLean,  
John McInnes,

George Keizer,

**SCOTIA LODGE, No. 17.**

YARMOUTH, YARMOUTH COUNTY.

## OFFICERS :

S. F. RAYMOND, *Worshipful Master*,  
 J. R. CORNING, *Deputy Master*,  
 ROBT. HUNTER, *Substitute Master*,  
 JAS. F. TILLEY, *Senior Warden*,  
 F. A. BAILEY, *Junior Warden*,  
 GEO. B. DOANE, *Treasurer*,  
 GEO. W. TOOKER, *Secretary*,  
 THOS. R. JOLLY, *Senior Deacon*,  
 THOS. G. STOWE, *Junior Deacon*,  
 ROBT. ELLINWOOD, *Senior Steward*,  
 HENRY PHIPPS, *Tyler*.

Geo. W. Johnson,	S. M. Pelton,
R. Scovill,	C. E. Horton,
N. McConnell,	James A. Starritt,
A. M. Davidson,	L. G. Robbins,
Jacob Smith,	Jacob V. B. Bingay,
J. R. Campbell,	Smith Horton,
Charles Dodds,	Simeon Allen,
M. Normandy,	James E. Clements,
W. A. Beale,	J. R. Kinney,
Archibald Spiers,	J. W. Fuller,
C. R. Bill,	

**ROYAL ALBERT LODGE, No. 18.**

NORTH SYDNEY, CAPE BRETON.

## OFFICERS ;

WM. PURVES, *Worshipful Master*,  
 GEO. B. MOFFAT, *Senior Warden*,  
 DANIEL LAWLOR, *Junior Warden*,  
 JOHN B. MOORE, *Treasurer*,  
 CHAS. A. ROBERTSON, *Secretary*,

WALLACE ROBERTSON, *Senior Deacon*,  
 GEORGE F. M. FORBES, *Junior Deacon*,  
 JOHN H. CHRISTIE, *Marshall*,  
 GEORGE S. BROWN, } *Stewards*,  
 ALBERT CORBETT, }  
 DAVID B. NEVINS, *Tyler*,

David Scott,  
 William H. Moore,  
 John Forbes,  
 William Nesbit,  
 William Hackett,  
 William Bonnel,  
 William Hooper,  
 D. McLarty,

John Vooght,  
 William J. Peppett,  
 Joseph W. Peppett,  
 Michael A. Tracy,  
 Kenneth Matheson,  
 Andrew Nesbit,  
 David S. Peppett,  
 William Proctor,

### SOLOMON LODGE, No. 19.

PORT HAWKESBURY, STRAIT OF CANSO.

#### OFFICERS :

LEVI HART, *Worshipful Master*,  
 J. W. INGRAHAM, *Senior Warden*,  
 EDWIN KENT, *Junior Warden*,  
 GEORGE GALLOP, *Treasurer*,  
 ALEX. BAIN, *Secretary*,  
 ANGUS GRANT, *Senior Deacon*,  
 JAS. G. McKEEN, *Junior Deacon*,  
 A. BAIN, *Tyler*.

### ACACIA LODGE, No. 20.

BRIDGEWATER, LUNENBURG COUNTY.

#### OFFICERS :

WILLIAM H. OWEN, *Worshipful Master*,  
 JOHN W. ANDREWS, *Senior Warden*,  
 JAMES BUCKMASTER, *Junior Warden*,

ROBERT H. DAWSON, *Treasurer*,  
 DAVID MACKAY, *Secretary*.  
 CHAS. H. CHASE, *Senior Deacon*,  
 JAMES STARRATT, *Junior Deacon*.  
 ABRAHAM RHODENIZER, *Marshall*,  
 AUGUSTUS FREEMAN, } *Stewards*,  
 L. P. BENJAMIN, }  
 JOHN McMILLAN, *Tyler*.

Andrew Gow, P. M.,	Joseph Bartley,
James Fraser,	James Bailly,
John Bartley,	James McKeen,
James A. McKean,	John M. Shand,
James Ross,	Alexander Stewart,
Emanuel Hebb,	John McKenzie,
Stephen McKean,	Eldridge Foster,
Wm. H. E. Bullock,	Frederick Burgess,
Josiah W. Rudolf,	Charles Leman,
George J. McKean,	George C. Gates,
Lewis Knaut,	Charles H. Davison,
James Bell,	Duncan McMillan.

### HARMONY LODGE, U. D.

NORTH EAST HARBOUR, BARRINGTON.

*Meets on the first Monday of each month.*

#### OFFICERS :

SAMUEL PERRY, *Worshipful Master*,  
 THOMAS GREGORY, *Senior Warden*,  
 NATHAN SWAINE, *Junior Warden*,  
 THOMAS PERRY, *Treasurer*,  
 S. H. GREENWOOD, *Secretary*,  
 ANTHONY PERRY, *Senior Deacon*,  
 SAMUEL GREENWOOD, *Junior Deacon*,  
 RUFUS McKENNY, } *Stewards*.  
 JAMES McKENNY. }  
 THOMAS S. PERRY, *Tyler*.

**W. H. DAVIES LODGE, U. D.**  
WOODS HARBOUR, BARRINGTON.

## OFFICERS :

ANDW. MALONE, *Worshipful Master*,  
ROBT. NICKERSON, *Senior Warden*,  
THOS. NICKERSON, *Junior Warden*  
S. K. WOOD, *Treasurer*,  
W. S. BRANNON, *Secretary*,  
ELIJAH NICKERSON, *Senior Deacon*,  
JAMES NICKERSON, *Junior Deacon*,  
JAMES McCORMSKY, } *Stewards.*  
JONATHAN SMITH, }  
ABRAHAM MALONE, *Tylér.*

**PHILADELPHIA LODGE, U. D.**  
BARRINGTON, SHELburnE COUNTY.

## OFFICERS :

W. McKAY, *Worshipful Master.*  
OSCAR DAVISON, *Senior Warden.*  
W. SARGENT, *Junior Warden,*

## RECAPITULATION.

LODGES.	Number.	Master Masons.	Fellow Craft.	Ent'd Apprent's	Total.	Rejected.	Suspended.	Died.	Withdrawn.	
Burns .....	1	77	7	13	97	1	2	1	4	Halifax.
Athole.....	2	45	6	3	54	...	...	...	2	Halifax.
Keith.....	3	26	1	2	29	...	...	...	1	Halifax.
Sectia.....	4	41	5	2	48	...	...	1	2	Halifax.
Davies.....	5	29	2	3	34	...	...	...	...	Wilmot.
Albert.....	6	50	5	6	61	...	...	...	3	Shelburne,
Concord.....	8	45	7	5	57	...	...	...	4	Barrington
St. Marks.....	9	46	5	3	54	...	...	...	2	Baddeck, C. B.
Queen's.....	10	65	2	3	70	...	...	...	...	Sherbrook.
St. Marks.....	11	29	3	3	35	1	...	...	1	Halifax.
Ophir.....	12	15	2	1	18	...	...	...	...	Tangier.
Eureka.....	13	36	5	2	44	2	...	...	1	Sheet Har- bour.
Acacia.....	14	26	1	1	28	...	...	...	...	Amherst.
Truro.....	15	24	2	2	28	...	...	...	...	Truro.
Eldorado.....	16	28	3	1	32	...	...	...	...	Wine Har- bour.
Scotia.....	17	33	2	2	37	...	...	...	...	Yarmouth.
Royal Albert,	18	27	4	3	34	...	...	...	...	Sydney, C. B.
Solomon.....	19	12	3	1	16	...	...	...	...	Hawkes- bury, C. B.
Acacia.....	20	35	2	4	41	...	...	...	...	Bridge- water.
Harmony... ..	U. D.	18	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	North East Harbour.
W. H. Davies,	U. D.	32	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	Woods Harbour.
Philadelphia..	U. D.	13	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	Barrington
Total.....	23	752	67	60	880	4	2	3	19	

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APPENDIX A.



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

To all whom it may concern.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, that Brothe  
.....is a member of good  
standing in.....Lodge, No....., R. N. S.,  
having on the.....day of.....  
been Initiated on the.....day of.....  
Passed Fellow Craft, on the.....day of.....  
Rised to the Sublime Degree of MASTER MASON  
in.....Lodge, and during his stay among  
us has conducted himself as a true and faithful  
Brother, and as such we recommend him to all  
worthy Masons around the Globe, wherever Provi-  
dence may order his lot.

Given under our Hands and Seal of our  
Lodge, at....., on the.....  
day of....., A. D. 18.....

.....*Master.*  
.....*Secretary.*

GRAND SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	William D. Blocher.....	Little Rock.
California.....	Alexander G. Abell.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	Thomas B. Harris.....	Hamilton, C. W.
Colorado.....	Edward C. Parmelee.....	Central City.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	John P. Allmond.....	Wilmington,
District of Columbia.....	Noble D. Larner.....	Washington.
Florida.....	Hugh A. Corley.....	Tallahassee.
France.....	M. Thevenot.....	16 Rue de Cadet, Paris
Georgia.....	Simri Rose.....	Macon.
Illinois.....	Harmun G. Reynolds.....	Springfield.
Indiana.....	William Hacker.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Theo. S. Parvin.....	Iowa City.
Kansas.....	E. T. Carr.....	Leavenworth.
Kentucky.....	J. M. S. McCorkle.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	J. C. Bachelor, M. D.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	Jacob H. Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Michigan.....	James Denton.....	Detroit.
Minnesota.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	D. P. Porter.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	St. Louis.
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