

PROCEEDINGS  
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THE GRAND LODGE  
OF  
*Ancient Free & Accepted Masons*  
OF CANADA.

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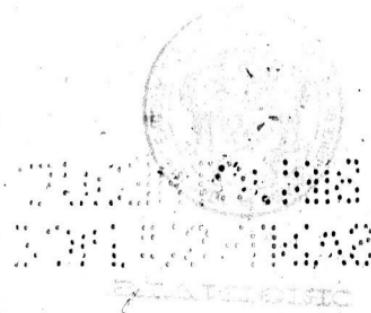


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# ~~GRAND LODGE OF CANADA~~

## PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at  
Shannonville, Ont., on the 15th day of August, A. D.  
1871, A. L. 5871.

### PRESENT:

B. W. Bro. Eber C. Flint, D.D.G.M., as Grand Master.
" " L. H. Henderson, P.D.D.G.M., as Dep. G. Master.
" Thomas Kelso, as Grand Senior Warden.
" Smith Stephens, as " Junior "
" Rev. J. Young, as " Chaplain.
" A. L. Roberts, as " Treasurer.
" Rev. J. C. Smith, as " Registrar.
" S. S. Lazier, as " Secretary.
" C. F. Filliter, as " Senior Deacon.
" A. Ellis, as " Dir. of Cer.
" I. P. Thomas, as " Sword Bearer.
" E. R. Benjamin, as " Steward.
" D. B. Robertson, as " Steward.
" Dr. Oronhyatekha, as " Pursuivant.
" Dr. Campbell, as " Tyler.

And about one hundred brethren hailing from Moira Lodge, No. 11, The Belleville Lodge, No. 122, Belleville; Madoc Lodge, No. 49, Madoc; and Frank Lodge, No. 137, Frankford.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in Germ<sup>n</sup>, the acting Grand Master announced that this Special Communication had been convened for the purpose of laying the CORNER STONE of the new Masonic Lodge Room about to be erected in this place.

The ceremonies were performed in accordance with the usages of the Order.

The Grand Lodge was closed in form with solemn prayer.

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## Grand Lodge of Canada.

### PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in  
the Lodge-room of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18,  
Picton, on Wednesday, the 16th day of August, A. D.

1871, A. L. 5871.

#### PRESENT:

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, P.G.S.W., as Grand Master.	
" " L. H. Henderson, P.D.D.G.M., as Dep. G. Master.	
" " F. Richardson,	as Grand Senior Warden.
" " T. N. Carter,	as " Junior "
" Rev. J. Hill,	as " Chaplain.
" William Owen,	as " Treasurer.
" Donald Ross,	as " Registrar.
" Thomas Shannon,	as " Secretary.
" G. R. Fraser,	as " Senior Deacon.
" J. M. Platt,	as " Junior "
V. W. Bro. Henry T. Woods,	as " Supt. of Works.
" R. A. Norman,	as " Dir. of Comt.
" J. H. Allan,	as " Pursuivant.
" P. McFadden,	as " Tyler.
" J. L. McDonald,	
" B. A. Hubbs,	as " Stewards.
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About one hundred and fifty brethren were present, hailing from the following Lodges, viz: Union, No. 9, Napanee; Moira, No. 11, Belleville; Prince Edward, No. 18, Picton; St. George's, No. 88, Owen Sound; Franck, No. 127, Frankford; Star in the East, No. 164, Wellington; and Minden, No. 253, Kingston.

A special Grand Lodge was opened in ~~Form~~ at 3 o'clock, p. m.

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, who had been deputed by dispensation to represent the M. W. Grand Master, announced that this Special Communication had been convened for the purpose of laying the CORNER STONE of a building intended for the use of the "High and Public School" and "Masonic Hall," about to be erected in the town of Pictou.

A procession was then formed, and proceeded to the site of the intended structure, preceded by the band of the 16th Batt. of V.M.

The ceremonies of laying the stone were impressively and ably performed by the acting Grand Master, in accordance with the antient usages of the Order.

The procession was reformed, and returned to the Lodge room.

The acting Grand Master, before closing, thanked the Brethren for their assistance in a few appropriate remarks.

The business of the Special Communication being ended, the Grand Lodge was closed in ~~sum~~ with solemn prayer.

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## Grand Lodge of Canada.

### PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at  
Windsor, on Thursday, the 30th November, A.D. 1871,  
A. L. 5871.

PRESENT: —

R. W. Bro. John Tracy, D. D. G. M., acting Grand Master,  
assisted by the officers and members of the Great Western  
Lodge, No. 47, Windsor, and a large number of visiting  
brethren.

A special Grand Lodge was opened in ~~1871~~ at one  
o'clock, p. m.

R. W. Bro. J. Tracy having been requested to represent  
the M. W. Grand Master, informed the brethren assembled  
that this Special Communication had been called for the  
purpose of laying the CORNER STONE of the new "Central  
School Building" about to be erected in the town of  
Windsor.

A procession was formed, and marched up Windsor  
Avenue to the site of the School Building. At the corner  
of Chatham Street it was met by the teachers and children

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of the several Protestant schools, who joined in the procession, simultaneously singing the following appropriate verses, composed for the occasion by Mr. J. C. Patterson, Inspector of Schools for the town.

Bid ye welcome heartily,  
Brothers of the Mystic Tie,  
While the trowel ye apply  
To the stone ye lay.

May kind Providence look down  
On us and our thriving town,  
And with His approval crown  
All our work to-day.

May the great Chief Architect  
Bless the building we erect,  
And the youthful minds direct  
Who are nurtured there.

Long within these rising walls  
Flourish learning's chosen halls;  
Here may wisdom's gentle smile  
Fructify of wisdom bear.  
Here may pure ambition fire  
Hence the sea, to join the shore  
In the race to which aspire  
All the good and great.

May our children here be brought  
Into youths with learning fraught—  
Men of free speech and free thought,  
Bulwarks of the State.

Everywhere throughout our land,  
May our youth, a noble band,  
Prosper health God's propounding hand,  
Full of wit and worth;  
Till they come to take their place  
Mid the nations, face to face,  
Sons of the Canadian race,  
Freemen of the North.

The ceremonies of laying the Corner Stone were performed in an able and impressive manner, and in accordance with the antient usages of the Order.

The procession reformed, and returned to the Lodge room.

The business of the Special Communication being ended, Grand Lodge was closed in ~~form~~ with solemn prayer.

**THOS. B. HARRIS,**

## Grand Lodge of Canada.

### PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at Orillia, on Friday, the 24th day of May, A. D. 1872,  
A. L. 5872.

PRESENT.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, D.D.G.M., acting Grand Master.	
" " Robert Ramsay,	as Deputy Grand Master
" " T. S. Atkinson,	as Grand Senior Warden.
" " Robert King,	as " Junior "
" Rev. R. H. Harris,	as " Chaplain.
" J. Hobley,	as " Treasurer.
" R. H. Cozzens,	as " Registrar.
" E. Robinson,	as " Secretary.
" Capt. DeGrassi,	as " Senior Deacon.
" E. B. Alport,	as " Junior "
" C. McInnes,	as " Sup't. of Works.
" T. W. Newton,	as " Dir. of Cer.
" A. M. Empey,	as Asst. " Secretary.
" R. Mortimer,	as Asst. " Dir. of Cer.
" R. Mainier,	as " Organist.
" Geo. Barry,	as Asst. " "
" W. Morris,	as " Sword Bearer.
" G. H. Corbett,	as " Pursuivant.
" R. J. Jupp,	as " Tyler.

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Bro. W. Ramsay,  
 " H. Sutherland,  
 " William Kelsey,  
 " R. Ross,  
 " J. World,  
 " G. M. Wilson,

} as Grand Stewards.

And a number of brethren hailing from the Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia.

A special Grand Lodge was opened in ~~form~~ at nine o'clock, a. m. ~~at the hall of the~~

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, D.D.G.M., having been deputed by the M. W. Grand Master to represent him on the occasion, announced to the brethren that this Special Communication of the members of Grand Lodge had been convened for the purpose of laying, with appropriate masonic ceremonies, the FOUNDATION STONE of "St. Paul's" Episcopal Church, about to be erected in the village of Washago.

The brethren were formed in procession and marched to the wharf, and were conveyed to the village of Washago by the steamer "Ida Burton." Upon arriving at the landing place the procession was again formed, and preceded by a band of music, marched to the site of the proposed new church.

The interesting ceremonies of laying the foundation stone were most efficiently performed by the acting Grand Master, in accordance with the ancient usages of the Order.

The procession was reformed, and returned to Orillia.

The business of the special Grand Lodge being finished, it was closed in ~~form~~ with solemn prayer.

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## Grand Lodge of Canada.

### PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in  
the Masonic Hall, in the city of Toronto, on Thursday,  
the 18th day of June, A. D. 1872, A. L. 5872.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. James Seymour,	Grand Master,
R. " " Jas. K. Kerr, D.D.G.M.	as Deputy Grand Master,
" " Allan McLean,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " R. P. Stephens,	" Junior "
" " Rev. H. W. Davies,	as Chaplain.
" " Richard Bull,	as Treasurer.
" " J. B. Bickell,	" Registrar.
" " Thos. Bird Harris,	Secretary.
V. " " Wm. R. Harris,	as Senior Deacon.
" " H. G. Summers,	" Junior "
" " James Bain,	as Supt. of Works.
R. " " A. DeGrassi,	as Dir. of Cer.
" " Fred. J. Menet,	as Asst. Secretary.
V. " " Charles Sharpe,	as Asst. Dir. of Cer.
" " E. R. O'Brien,	as Sword Bearer.
" " James M. Rogerson,	Organist.
" " N. L. Steiner,	as Asst. Pursuivant.
" " Christopher Burrell,	as Pursuivant.
" " John L. Dixon,	as Tyler.

W. Bro. A. R. Boswell,	as Grand Stewards.
" " N. Gordon Bigelow,	
V. " " W. C. Morrison,	
" " W. H. Archer,	
" " Bernard Saunders,	
" " Wm. Jackes,	
" " R. Robinson,	
" " Geo. Hodgetts,	
" " W. J. Morris,	
" " T. F. Blackwood,	
R. " Kivas Tully, Rep. Grand Lodge of Ireland.	
M. " W. B. Simpson, Rep. Grand Orient of Italy.	
" " C. J. Brydges, of Montreal.	
R. " Henry Robertson, Past Grand Junior Warden.	
" " David McLellan, Past Grand Registrar.	
" " James Grahame, P. G. D. Grand Lodge Scotland.	

With the Masters, Wardens, and about three hundred brethren hailing from the Lodges of the city of Toronto and neighborhood.

A Grand Lodge was opened in *Ample Form* at 12:30 o'clock, p. m.

The M. W. Grand Master informed the brethren assembled, that he had caused this Special Communication of Grand Lodge to be convened for the purpose of laying, with full masonic ceremonics, the CORNER STONE of the "New Union Railway Station" about being erected in the city of Toronto.

The brethren were placed under the charge of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

From the very unpropitious state of the weather, the procession could not be formed until two o'clock, p. m., at which hour, headed by the band of the Grand Trunk Railway Brigade, it marched through King Street to the site of the intended structure, where the imposing ceremonies of formally laying the corner stone were performed

in ample form by the M. W. Grand Master, in accordance with the time-honored usages of the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

During the ceremonies, C. J. Brydges, Esq., Managing Director of the Grand Trunk Railway, on behalf of the Union Station Company, presented the M. W. Grand Master with an elegant silver trowel with which to spread the cement. The presentation was suitably acknowledged by the Grand Master.

In the cavity of the stone were placed the current Coins of the country, a copy of the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada for 1871, copies of the Toronto daily newspapers, a copy of *The Craftsman*, and the scroll containing the particulars of the date of laying the stone, etc., etc.

The ceremonies being completed, three cheers were given for the Queen, the Grand Master, and C. J. Brydges, Esq.

The procession was reformed, and returned to the Masonic Hall.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, D. D. G. M., on behalf of the Toronto brethren, expressed thanks to the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Officers for their attendance, and at the same time extended a fraternal and courteous invitation to all present to partake of the hospitalities provided for the occasion.

The business of the Special Communication being ended, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

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contribution of £1,000. It will be given to the  
Grand Lodge of Canada, and to the  
Lodge of the Royal Arch Masons.

## Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Lodge of Canada was founded in 1813, and is the oldest Masonic body in Canada. It is composed of lodges from all parts of the country, and is the largest in the British Empire. The Grand Lodge of Canada has a large library and a valuable collection of Masonic documents.

## PROCEEDINGS.

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the town of Windsor, on the 24th day of June, A. D. 1872, A. L. 5872, it was resolved that the following officers be appointed:

### PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, P. G. M., as Grand Master.	
V. S. W. Bro. James Gibson, V. S. W., as Grand Senior Warden,	
" A. Whittaker, as " Junior Warden,	
" George Grant, as " Treasurer.	
Thomas Burnie, as " Secretary.	
" Joseph Hall, as " Senior Deacon.	
" S. Blanning, as " Junior Deacon.	
" Griffiths, as " Dir. of Cer.	
Walter Shorland, as " Tyler.	
Bros. Craik, Ferguson, } as " Stewards.	
Cowley and Poole, } as " Stewards.	

And a large number of brethren hailing from Great Western Lodge, No. 47; St. George's Lodge, No. 41; Thistle Lodge, No. 34; and the Detroit city Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

The M. W. Bro. Wilson stated to the brethren assembled, that this Special Communication of Grand Lodge

had been convened for the purpose of laying, with appropriate masonic ceremonies, the FOUNDATION STONE of "St. John's" Episcopal Church, about to be erected at Sandwich, ~~on the 10th day of June 1860~~.

A procession was formed, and proceeded to the site of the Church.

M. W. Bro. Wilson, as the representative of the Grand Master, with his officers and brethren in attendance, having taken up their respective stations, delivered an address on the principles of the Order, after which the stone was laid in accordance with the time-honored usages of the Order.

The business of this special Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in ~~the form~~ <sup>780 P.M. 27th A. M.</sup>

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## Grand Lodge of Canada.

be held at the Institute of Applied Science, 29, U. S. M. A. Field, on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant. The motto of the Association is "Progress through Research." The paper under debate will be a paper, referred to as "the general

**At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at  
the town of Napanee, on Saturday, the 9th day of  
July, A. D. 1872, A. L. 5872.**

**PRESENT :**

R. W. Bro.	Thomas White, jr., D. G. M., as Grand Master.
" " "	John Urquhart, D.D.G.M., as Deputy G. Master
" " "	Frederick Richardson, as Grand Senior Warden
" " "	Georgo Wright, as " Junior "
" " "	Rev. S <sup>t</sup> G. Stone, as " Chaplain.
" " "	Uriah Wilson, as " Treasurer.
" " "	Geo. A. Stevenson, as " Registrar.
" " "	B. S. Abrams, as " Secretary.
" " "	James C. Huffman, as " Senior Deacon.
" " "	W. Steven Gibson, as " Junior "
" " "	W. R. Chamberlain, as " Supt. of Works.
" " "	James Allen, as " Dir. of Cer.
" " "	J. J. Johnson, as " Organist.
" " "	H. L. Geddes, as " Pursuivant.
" " "	James Hervey, as " Tyler.
" " "	A. S. Hart,
" " "	D. H. Preston,
" " "	J. J. Watson,
" " "	Alfred Knight,
	} as " Stewards.

And about two hundred brethren hailing from the Lodges in Napanee and surrounding neighborhood.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ~~Due Form~~ at High Twelve.

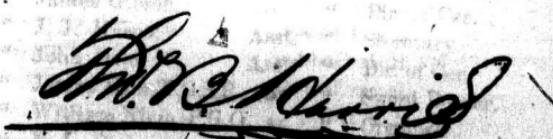
R. W. Bro. Thos. White, jun., Deputy Grand Master, representing the M. W. Grand Master, informed the brethren assembled that this Special Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying, with appropriate masonic ceremonies, the CORNER STONE of a new "Methodist Episcopal Church," about to be erected in the town of Napanee.

A procession was formed, and having been placed under the charge of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, proceeded to the site of the building.

The R. W. the Acting Grand Master, with his officers, having ascended the platform, delivered an eloquent address on the principles of Freemasonry, and then proceeded with the ceremonies of laying the corner stone in its place in accordance with the usages of the Order.

The procession was reformed, and returned to the Masonic Hall.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in ~~Due Form~~.

  
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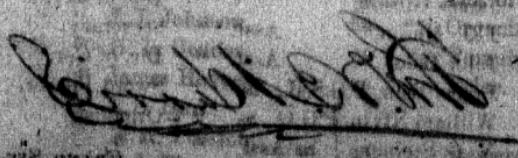
R. W. Mrs. Tress Williams, McDowell County Miner,  
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why apprenticeships among osteomites like Quartz & Stone  
of a man "Mightyest Miner" report to go  
wherever in the land to wherever

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the author of the work giving Director of Ceremonies  
description of the life of the printing

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# Grand Lodge of Canada

## PROCEEDINGS

At the Seventeenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the Mechanics' Hall, in the city of Hamilton, commencing on Wednesday, the 20th day of July, A. D. 1872, A. L. 5872.

### PRESIDENT

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P.G.M., as Grand Master,

On the Throne.

B. W. Bro. Elmer Tracy, P.D.D.G.M., as Deputy Grand Master.

" " " Alonzo Holloman, Grand Senior Warden.

" " " H. F. Thompson, Grand Junior Warden.

" " " Dr. George W. Clement, as " Chaplain.

" " " W. M. Macmillan, as " Secretary.

" " " W. M. Macmillan, as " Corresponding Secretary.

" " " Dr. G. W. Clement, as " Auditor.

" " " Dr. G. W. Clement, as " Treasurer.

" " " Dr. G. W. Clement, as " Master Deacon.

" " " Dr. G. W. Clement, as " Master Steward.

" " " Dr. G. W. Clement, as " Master Marshal.

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V. W. Bro. William Carey,  
 " " " W. L. P. Eager,  
 " " " J. B. Holden,  
 " " " G. B. Bain, 10. 1860 F. 671160 Grand Stewards.  
 " " " W. S. Burnett,

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	Name	St. Clair	District.
" " "	George Billington,	London	"
" " "	Peter J. Brown	Wilson	"
" " "	Isaac F. Toms,	Huron	"
" " "	A. H. Petrie,	Wellington	"
" " "	E. Mitchell,	Hamilton	"
" " "	R. M. Wilson	Niagara	"
" " "	J. K. Kerr,	Toronto	"
" " "	John Wright,	Ontario	"
" " "	Eber C. Flint,	Prince Edward	"
" " "	E. C. Barber,	Ottawa	"
" " "	J. Urquhart, Jr.	Montreal	"
" " "	J. Erskine,	Bedford	"
" " "	R. W. Wilson, P.D.D.G.M.	Winnipeg	"
" " "	John W. MacLellan	Mantobie	"
" " "	Grand Master Warden	Alma	"

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro. James Tully, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

M. " " " William M. Wilson, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Illinois and Kentucky, and the Grand Orient of St. Domingo.

R. " " " B. Harris, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Kansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Oregon, and of the Grand Orient of Louisiana, Lisbon, Portugal.

M. " " " A. A. Stevenson, Representative of the Grand Orient of Brazil, and the Grand Lodges of Connecticut and Rhode Island.

R. " " " Henry MacPherson, Representative of the Grand Orient of Uruguay.

M. " " " W. B. Simpson, Representative of the Grand Orient of Italy.

- R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clement, Representative of the  
Grand Orient of Chile. V  
" " " J. K. Kerr, Representative of the Grand Lodge  
of Tasmania. V  
" " " David McLean, Representative of the Grand  
Lodge of Georgia. V  
M. " " James Seymour, Representative of the Grand  
Lodge of Mississippi. V

**EAST GRAND OFFICES.**

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| M. W. Bro. William M. Wilson, | P. G. M. M. T. O'Brien |
| " " " W. B. Simpson,          | Toronto Room           |
| " " " A. A. Stevenson,        | George P. Bell         |
| R. " " C. D. Macdonnell,      | P. D. D. M. M.         |
| " " " H. B. Bull,             | James F. O'Byrne       |
| " " " C. Magill,              | Samuel N. Langford     |
| " " " R. Bull,                | Thomas C. Monroopp     |
| " " " S. B. Harman,           | Tipperary Guards       |
| " " " Thomas Ridout,          | " "                    |
| " " " Amelias Irving,         | " "                    |
| " " " James Moffat,           | " "                    |
| " " " John Barry,             | " "                    |
| " " " M. Wedlake,             | R. M. Wilson           |
| " " " Otto Klotz,             | C. H. Macdonald        |
| " " " E. Becharoff,           | A. B. Macdonald        |
| " " " Robert Kincaid,         | James Wilson           |
| " " " George Matheson,        | " "                    |
| " " " F. G. Macdonell,        | " "                    |
| " " " D. W. Chamberlain,      | " "                    |
| " " " G. Murray,              | " "                    |
| " " " J. C. Burton,           | P. G. S. Wood          |
| " " " H. S. MacCormick,       | Isaac D. Munro         |
| " " " A. H. MacLean,          | Isaac D. Munro         |
| " " " G. G. MacLellan,        | W. T. Phillips         |
| " " " J. MacLellan,           | John G. Ross           |
| " " " J. MacLellan,           | P. G. Newell           |
| " " " H. MacLellan,           | H. Newell              |
| " " " J. MacLellan,           | P. G. O'Connor         |

## GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

R. W. Bro. David McLellan,	P. G. Registrar.
V. " " E. R. O'Brien,	P. G. S. D.
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"	" George Smith	"	"	John Watson
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"	" T. F. Chamberlain	"	"	George B. Reeve
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"	" Charles Cameron	V.	"	H. Ross Macnabb
V.	" Thomas Conn	"	"	Adam Cranston
"	" B. M. Hodgson	"	"	David Trotter
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A constitutional number of Lodges being represented,  
the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the  
G. A. O. T. U.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada was opened in ~~Montreal~~ at 3 o'clock, p. m.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, appointed R. W. M. & C. D. Macdonnell, V. W. Bros. R. Briefley and T. E. Bain, a Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, who reported the following as being present, viz.:

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No. 8.	<i>Nilem Lodge, Philadelphie, Que.</i>	No. 2.
	M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P.M.	
No. 9.	<i>Union Lodge, Napanee, Ont.</i>	
	W. Bro. G. A. Wright, W. M.	
No. 10.	<i>Neyside Lodge, Simcoe, Ont.</i>	No. 2.
	W. Bro. A. J. Donly, W. M.	
	Robert Rochester, S. W.	
	M. " " William M. Wilson, P. M.	
No. 11.	<i>Motor Lodge, Belleville, Ont.</i>	No. 27.
	W. Bro. James Mackie, W. M.	
	B. " " Eben G. Flint, P. M.	
No. 14.	<i>True Britons' Lodge, Perth, Ont.</i>	No. 28.
	W. Bro. J. F. Kennedy, W. M.	
No. 15.	<i>St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines, Ont.</i>	No. 29.
	Bro. E. Netherway, S. W.	
	" W. Doman, S. W.	
No. 16.	<i>St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.</i>	No. 30.
	Bro. W. L. Wilkinson, S. W.	
	R. W. " S. D. Harmon, P. M.	
	" " Thomas Bissett, P. M.	
	" " Emilie Irving, P. M.	
	V. " " James Bain, P. M.	
	" " George Horrocks, P. M.	
No. 17.	<i>St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, Ont.</i>	No. 35.
	R. W. Bro. J. Wright, Proxy.	
No. 18.	<i>Prince Edward's Lodge, Picton, Ont.</i>	No. 36.
	Bro. John H. Richards, S. W.	
No. 19.	<i>St. George's Lodge, Montreal, Que.</i>	No. 37.
	Bro. John Street, S. W.	
	M. " " A. A. Stevenson, P. M.	
	" " Ray S. W. Myers, P. M.	
No. 20.	<i>St. John's Lodge, London, Ont.</i>	No. 39.
	W. Bro. Robert Wallace, W. M.	
	" " William Kallmyer, J. W.	
	R. " " James McLean, P. M.	
	" " Thomas Bissett, P. M.	
	" " E. D. Dawson, P. M.	
No. 21.	<i>Zelkirk Lodge, Matane, Que.</i>	No. 40.
	W. Bro. J. G. A. Lawrence, W. M.	
No. 22.	<i>King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.</i>	No. 41.
	R. W. Bro. Donald Gray, W. M.	
	" " " A. G. Head, P. M.	
	" " " David Hollister, P. M.	
No. 23.	<i>Richmond Lodge, Montreal Hill, Ont.</i>	No. 42.
	W. Bro. Al L. Shattole, P. M. and Proxy.	

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- No. 25.                    *Ionic Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Rev. H. W. Davies, W. M.  
R. "     " J. K. Kerr, P. M.  
"     "     R. P. Stephens, P. M.
- No. 26.                    *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. B. Taynes, W. M.  
"     "     E. Peplow, Jun'r, S. W.
- No. 27.                    *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, W. M.  
V. "     " J. J. Mason, P. M.  
"     "     W. W. Pringle, P. M.
- No. 28.                    *Mount Zion Lodge, Kemptonville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Walter Kerr, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 29.                    *United Lodge, Brighton, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. M. Wellington, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 30.                    *Composite Lodge, Whitchurch, Ont.*  
Bro. Adam Borrowman, J. W.
- No. 31.                    *Amity Lodge, Dunnville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Charles E. S. Black, W. M.  
R. "     " John Parry, P. M.
- No. 33.                    *Goderich Lodge, Goderich, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Joseph Beck, W. M.
- No. 35.                    *St. John's Lodge, Cayuga, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Joseph Hunsell, P. M.
- No. 36.                    *Welland Lodge, Fonthill, Ont.*  
W. Bro. W. Anderson, W. M.
- No. 37.                    *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Charles H. Corley, W. M.  
"     "     F. G. Lewis, J. W.  
R. "     " Peter J. Brown, P. M.
- No. 39.                    *Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklin, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. P. Campbell, W. M.  
R. "     " John B. Biokell, P. M.
- No. 40.                    *St. John's Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Charles R. Smith, W. M.  
R. "     " Thos. B. Harris, P. M.  
"     "     John G. McLister, P. M.
- No. 41.                    *St. George's Lodge, Kingville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. E. Allwright, W. M.
- No. 42.                    *St. George's Lodge, London, Ont.*  
W. Bro. T. A. Balkwill, W. M.  
R. "     " F. W. Gandy, P. M.

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No. 43.	<i>King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock, Ont.</i> W. Bro. James S. Scatt, W. M. " Robert McLeod, S. W. " R. M. Revell, J. W.	No. 6
No. 44.	<i>St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas, Ont.</i> W. Bro. John Midgeley, W. M. " " James Currie, P. M.	No. 6
No. 45.	<i>Brant Lodge, Brantford, Ont.</i> W. Bro. H. McK. Wilson, W. M. " Thomas Hobson, S. W. " E. Kester, J. W.	No. 63
No. 46.	<i>Wellington Lodge, Chatham, Ont.</i> W. Bro. John H. Luscombe, W. M. " William Young, S. W. " John H. West, J. W. R. " " John E. Brooke, P. M.	No. 64
No. 47.	<i>Great Western Lodge, Windsor, Ont.</i> V. W. Bro. James Gibson, W. M. " A. Whittaker, S. W. " Thomas Burnie, J. W.	No. 65
No. 48.	<i>Madoc Lodge, Madoc, Ont.</i> R. W. Bro. Eber C. Flint, Proxy.	No. 68
No. 50.	<i>Connecon Lodge, Connecon, Ont.</i> W. Bro. Samuel W. Flagler, Proxy.	
No. 52.	<i>Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.</i> W. Bro. Horace Merrill, P. M.	No. 69.
No. 53.	<i>Shefford Lodge, Waterloo, Que.</i> W. Bro. G. Skinner, W. M. " W. A. Ley, J. W. R. " " John Eskine, P. M.	No. 72.
No. 54.	<i>Vaughan Lodge, Maple, Ont.</i> R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Proxy.	No. 73.
No. 56.	<i>Victoria Lodge, Sarnia, Ont.</i> W. Bro. James Gowans, W. M.	
No. 57.	<i>Harmony Lodge,宾顿 Brook, Ont.</i> W. Bro. John Simpson, W. M. " " William Wright, P. M.	No. 74.
No. 58.	<i>Doris Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.</i> Bro. W. H. Baldwin, S. W.	No. 75.
No. 59.	<i>Cornhillian Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.</i> W. Bro. George Johnson, W. M. R. " " Edward C. Barker, P. M.	No. 76.

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- No. 61.                          *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. Hugh Murray, W. M.  
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 R.     "     E. Mitchell, P. M.
- No. 62.                          *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. James Old, junr., W. M.  
 V.     "     J. B. Holden, P. M.  
 "     "     D. E. Broderick, P. M.
- No. 63.                          *St. John's Lodge, Carleton Place, Ont.*  
 R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, Proxy.
- No. 64.                          *Kilwinning Lodge, London, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. H. A. Baxter, W. M.  
 V.     "     W. Carey, P. M.
- No. 65.                          *Rehoboth Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. N. Gordon Bigelow, W. M.  
 "     J. B. Nixon, S. W.  
 "     "     W. H. Fraser, J. W.  
 R.     "     Daniel Spy, P. M.  
 V.     "     E. R. O'Brien, P. M.
- No. 66.                          *St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. Rev. E. Lounsbury, W. M.  
 "     "     John Kerr, S. W.  
 R.     "     Allan McLean, P. M.
- No. 69.                          *Stirling Lodge, Stirling, Ont.*  
 V. W. Bro. George E. Bell, W. M.
- No. 72.                          *Athena Lodge, Galt, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. W. S. Bennett, W. M.  
 "     "     John Allan, S. W.  
 R.     "     John Cowen, J. W.  
 "     "     Otto Klotz, P. M.
- No. 73.                          *St. James Lodge, St. Mary's, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. H. Fred. Sharp, W. M.  
 "     E. W. Hartung, S. W.  
 "     "     T. S. Sharpe, P. M.  
 "     "     John E. Hartung, P. M.
- No. 74.                          *St. James Lodge, Waterloo, Ont.*  
 M. W. Bro. W. H. Thompson, Proxy.
- No. 75.                          *St. John's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. D. MacLennan, W. M.  
 R.     "     A. MacLennan, P. M.  
 "     "     F. E. MacLennan, P. M.  
 V.     "     N. L. MacLennan, P. M.
- No. 76.                          *Oxford Lodge, Mississauga, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. Robert Smith, W. M.

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No. 78.		<i>King Hiram Lodge, Tiltonburg, Ont.</i> W. Bro. T. B. Bain, P. M. and Proxy. " " William Norris, P. M.	No. 1
No. 79.		<i>Simcoe Lodge, Bradford, Ont.</i> W. Bro. W. H. Walker, W. M. " " W. H. J. Wilson, P. M.	No. 1
No. 80.		<i>Albion Lodge, Newbury, Ont.</i> W. Bro. W. D. Hammond, W. M. " " W. D. McGloghlen, P. M.	No. 10
No. 81.		<i>St. John's Lodge, Mt. Brydges, Ont.</i> R. W. Bro. George Billington, W. M. " William Lundie, S. W.	
No. 82.		<i>St. John's Lodge, Paris, Ont.</i> W. Bro. W. S. Martin, W. M. " J. Walker, S. W. " C. Flanagan, J. W.	No. 10
No. 83.		<i>Beaver Lodge, Stratroy, Ont.</i> W. Bro. Jas. C. Small, W. M. " James Noble, J. W. " James Sommerville, P. M.	No. 104
No. 84.		<i>Clinton Lodge, Clinton, Ont.</i> W. Bro. D. M. Malloch, W. M.	No. 105
No. 85.		<i>Rising Sun Lodge, Farnerville, Ont.</i> W. Bro. J. Quigg, Proxy.	No. 106
No. 86.		<i>Wilson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.</i> W. Bro. W. H. Archer, W. M. " Joseph Howes, S. W. R. " Kivas Tally, P. M.	No. 107
No. 88.		<i>St. George's Lodge, Owen Sound, Ont.</i>	No. 109.
No. 90.		R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, P. M. and Proxy.	No. 110.
		<i>Manito Lodge, Collingwood, Ont.</i>	
		W. Bro. John Nastleton, W. M. R. " Henry Robertson, P. M.	
No. 91.		<i>Colborne Lodge, Colborne, Ont.</i> W. Bro. J. D. Henderson, P. M.	No. 111.
No. 92.		<i>Catarqui Lodge, Kingston, Ont.</i> W. Bro. J. S. Oldfield, P. M.	No. 112.
No. 94.		<i>St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley, Ont.</i> W. Bro. John Edgcumbe, Proxy.	No. 113.
No. 95		<i>Ridout Lodge, Oshawa, Ont.</i> W. Bro. A. L. Wilson, W. M.	No. 114.
No. 97.		<i>Sharon Lodge, Sharon, Ont.</i> Bro. A. Dow, S. W. " Abellom Wilson, J. W.	No. 115.

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- No. 99. *Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Alex. Williams, W. M.
- No. 100. *Valley Lodge, Dundas, Ont.*  
W. Bro. N. Greening, W. M.  
" A. H. Walker, S. W.  
" W. G. Niblett, J. W.
- No. 101. *Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro', Ont.*  
Bro. Walter Beal, S. W.  
R. W. " Rev. V. Clements, P. M.  
" " Robert Kincaid, P. M.
- No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines, Ont.*  
W. Bro. P. McCarthy, W. M.  
M. " " James Seymour, P. M.  
" " George Groves, P. M.  
" " John Dean, P. M.
- No. 104. *St. John's Lodge, Norwichville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. L. F. Bungay, W. M.
- No. 105. *St. Marks Lodge, Drummondville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. James McGarry, W. M.  
" " John Bartie, P. M.  
" " Jacob Hartman, P. M.
- No. 106. *Burford Lodge, Burford, Ont.*  
W. Bro. W. G. Nellis, W. M.
- No. 107. *St. Paul's Lodge, Lambton, Ont.*  
W. Bro. James M. Banghart, P. M. and Proxy.  
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" " James O'Connor, P. M.
- No. 109. *Albion Lodge, Harrowmith, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Joseph Purdy, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 110. *Central Lodge, Preston, Ont.*  
V. W. Bro. James Reynolds, P. M. and Proxy.  
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- No. 111. *Morpeth Lodge, Kidston, Ont.*  
Bro. David H. Bedford, S. W.
- No. 112. *Mailand Lodge, Goderich, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. Isaac E. Tome, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 113. *Wilson Lodge, Waterford, Ont.*  
W. Bro. A. McMichael, W. M.
- No. 114. *Hope Lodge, Port Hope, Ont.*  
W. Bro. John Wright, W. M.  
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- No. 115. *Ivy Lodge, Brantford, Ont.*  
W. Bro. John G. Walker, W. M.  
" George Walker, S. W.

No. 116.	<i>Cassia Lodge, Widdow, Ont.</i> W. Bro. George W. Holwell, P. M. and Proxy.	No.
No. 118.	<i>Union Lodge, Schomberg, Ont.</i> Bro. William Nelson, J. W. V. " " H. G. Summers, P. M. " " W. R. Jamison, P. M.	No.
No. 119.	<i>Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath, Ont.</i> W. Bro. J. J. Johnston, W. M.	No.
No. 120.	<i>Warren Lodge, Fingal, Ont.</i> W. Bro. John Edgecombe, Proxy.	No. 1
No. 121.	<i>Doris Lodge, Brantford, Ont.</i> W. Bro. Charles B. Heyd, W. M. " J. W. Digby, S. W. V. " " Thomas Bowling, P. M.	No. 1
No. 122.	<i>Rainfrew Lodge, Rainfrew, Ont.</i> R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, Proxy.	No. 1
No. 123.	<i>The Belleville Lodge, Belleville, Ont.</i> W. Bro. James Smith, W. M.	No. 14
No. 125.	<i>Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall, Ont.</i> W. Bro. A. MacLean, W. M.	No. 15
No. 128.	<i>Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke, Ont.</i> W. Bro. Wm. R. White, W. M. " A. Ansell, J. W. " " S. E. Mitchell, P. M.	No. 15
No. 129.	<i>The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora, Ont.</i> W. Bro. Seth Ashton, P. M.	No. 151
No. 133.	<i>Lebanon Forest Lodge, Fransceton, Ont.</i> W. Bro. J. W. Broderick, W. M. " " M. Hacrett, P. M.	No. 154
No. 135.	<i>St. Clair Lodge, Milton, Ont.</i> Bro. J. A. Fraser, S. W. " J. D. Matheson, J. W. V. W. " W. L. P. Major, P. M. " " George Smith, P. M.	No. 155
No. 136.	<i>Richardson Lodge, Stouffville, Ont.</i> W. Bro. G. B. Vanner, W. M. " Lewis Jones, J. W.	No. 157.
No. 139.	<i>Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa, Ont.</i> V. W. Bro. John Boyd, W. M. R. " " William McCabe, P. M.	No. 158.
No. 140.	<i>Melville Lodge, Aylmer, Ont.</i> W. Bro. M. J. Kerr, W. M. " " Samuel A. Morrison, P. M.	No. 164.

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- No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Jas. Abbott, W. M.  
" Wm. Bedwick, J. W.  
R. " " Thomas Matheson, P. M.
- No. 142. *Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg, Ont.*  
W. Bro. S. R. Tell, W. M.  
R. " " A. G. Macdonell, P. M.  
" " T. F. Chamberlain, P. M.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, Ont.*  
W. Bro. John Gibson, W. M.
- No. 145. *J. B. Holt Lodge, Millbrook, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonell, Proxy.
- No. 146. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Newburg, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Peter Johnson, W. M.
- No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*  
Bro. Henry J. Morgan, S. W.
- No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover, Ont.*  
Bro. Silas Hoover, S. W.  
W. " Jessie V. Hoover, P. M.
- No. 150. *Hastings Lodge, Hastings, Ont.*  
W. Bro. David Brownlee, W. M.  
" " John Blacklock, P. M.
- No. 151. *The Grand River Lodge, Berlin, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Adam Murray, W. M.  
R. " " Charles Hendry, P. M.
- No. 153. *Burns Lodge, Wyoming, Ont.*  
W. Bro. W. Oliver, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 154. *Iroquois Lodge, Lucan, Ont.*  
W. Bro. James Sutton, W. M.
- No. 155. *Peterborough Lodge, Peterboro, Ont.*  
Bro. James Miller, J. W.  
W. " Charles Cameron, P. M.
- No. 156. *York Lodge, Dufferin, Ont.*  
Bro. William Norris, S. W.
- No. 157. *Simpson Lodge, Napanee, Ont.*  
V. W. Bro. Thomas Cumm, P. M.
- No. 158. *Alexander Lodge, Old Kemptville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. David Trotter, Proxy.
- No. 162. *Fern Lodge, Princeton, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Ralph Thompson, W. M.
- No. 164. *Star in the East Lodge, Wellington, Ont.*  
V. W. Bro. George W. Fletcher, W. M.

No. 165.	<i>Burlington Lodge, Wellington Square, Ont.</i>	No. 181.
	W. Bro. William Kerr, W. M. " " B. Eager, J. W. " " W. J. Simcoe Kerr, P. M.	
No. 168.	<i>Merrill Lodge, Welland, Ont.</i>	No. 182.
	W. Bro. James Bridges, W. M.	
No. 170.	<i>Britannia Lodge, Seaforth, Ont.</i>	No. 183.
	Bro. James Hall, J. W.	
No. 171.	<i>Prince of Wales Lodge, Iona, Ont.</i>	No. 184.
	W. Bro. John Edgecombe, W. M. " " John Casaden, P. M.	
No. 172.	<i>Ayr Lodge, Ayr, Ont.</i>	No. 185.
	Bro. A. H. Kay, J. W. W. " John Watson, P. M.	
No. 173.	<i>Victoria Lodge, Montreal, Que.</i>	No. 193.
	V. W. Bro. William Nivin, W. M.	
No. 174.	<i>Walsham Lodge, Port Rowan, Ont.</i>	No. 194.
	V. W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, P. M. and Proxy.	
No. 176.	<i>Spartan Lodge, Sparta, Ont.</i>	No. 195.
	W. Bro. Alex. Fraser, P. M. and Proxy.	
No. 177.	<i>The Builders' Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.</i>	No. 197.
	W. Bro. Gustav Levin, W. M. " " David Wilson, P. M.	
No. 178.	<i>Plattsville Lodge, Plattsville, Ont.</i>	No. 198.
	W. Bro. George Risk, W. M. " " Frederick Butcher, P. M.	
No. 179.	<i>Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell, Ont.</i>	No. 199.
	W. Bro. H. F. Smith, P. M. and Proxy.	
No. 180.	<i>Speed Lodge, Guelph, Ont.</i>	No. 200.
	R. W. Bro. A. B. Patric, W. M. " " W. D. Hepburn, S. W. V. " " Charles Sharpe, P. M. " " F. Mudge, P. M.	
No. 181.	<i>Oriental Lodge, Port Burwell, Ont.</i>	No. 201.
	W. Bro. George W. Pontine, W. M.	
No. 183.	<i>Prince Albert Lodge, Prince Albert, Ont.</i>	No. 202.
	W. Bro. John Currie, W. M.	
No. 184.	<i>Old Light Lodge, Lucknow, Ont.</i>	No. 203.
	W. Bro. John S. Tennant, W. M.	
No. 185.	<i>Enniskillen Lodge, York, Ont.</i>	
	W. Bro. F. A. Neille, P. M. and Proxy.	

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No. 186.	<i>Plantagenet Lodge, Plantagenet, Ont.</i>	.602 .0M
	W. Bro. Henry Smith, W. M.	
	" " W. A. Chamberlain, P. M.	
	" " W. N. Barrie, P. M.	
No. 187.	<i>Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetsburg, Que.</i>	.705 .0M
	R. W. Bro. John Brakine, Proxy.	
No. 189.	<i>Filius Vitae Lodge, Adolphustown, Ont.</i>	.602 .0M
	Bro. Peter D. Davis, S. M. W.	
	" " J. E. Sills, P. M.	
No. 190.	<i>Belmont Lodge, Belmont, Ont.</i>	.612 .0M
	R. W. Bro. F. Westlake, Proxy.	
No. 192.	<i>Orillia Lodge, Orillia, Ont.</i>	.612 .0M
	W. Bro. Thomas S. Skinner, W. M.	
No. 193.	<i>Scotland Lodge, Scotland, Ont.</i>	.612 .0M
	W. Bro. H. F. Teeter, W. M.	
No. 194.	<i>Petrolia Lodge, Petrolia, Ont.</i>	.612 .0M
	W. Bro. John Sinclair, W. M.	
	" " W. J. Reynolds, S. W. M.	
	R. " " John Tracy, P. M.	
No. 195.	<i>The Tucson Lodge, London, Ont.</i>	.612 .0M
	R. W. Bro. James Moffat, P. M.	
No. 197.	<i>Salgan Lodge, Walkerton, Ont.</i>	.612 .0M
	W. Bro. James Hayter, W. M.	
	" " H. B. O'Connor, P. M. W.	
	" " E. A. Hart, P. M. W.	
No. 198.	<i>White Oak Lodge, Oakville, Ont.</i>	.612 .0M
	W. Bro. C. W. Pearce, W. M.	
	" " W. A. Chapman, J. W.	
	" " George K. Chisholm, P. M.	
No. 200.	<i>St. Albans Lodge, Mt. Forest, Ont.</i>	.612 .0M
	W. Bro. Thomas Swan, W. M.	
	" " John McLaren, S. W. M.	
	" " Alex. Grew, J. W. M.	
No. 201.	<i>Leeds Lodge, Guelph, Ont.</i>	.612 .0M
	W. Bro. W. D. Carroll, W. M.	
No. 202.	<i>Mount Royal Lodge, Montreal, Que.</i>	.612 .0M
	R. W. Bro. John Duthart jun'r, Proxy.	
No. 203.	<i>Irvine Lodge, Elora, Ont.</i>	.612 .0M
	W. Bro. W. T. Payne, W. M.	
	" " Francis Bailey, S. W. M.	
	" " John Macmillan, J. W. M.	
	R. " " A. D. Pease, F. M.	

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No. 205.	<i>New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburg, Ont.</i>	.881 .07	No. 226
	W. Bro. John Moran, W. M. " " J. H. King, P. M.		
No. 207.	<i>Lancaster Lodge, Lancaster, Ont.</i>	.781 .07	No. 229
	W. Bro. J. W. MacEdward, W. M. " " A. Cameron, S. W.		
No. 209.	<i>Berrygreen Lodge, Laxart, Ont.</i>	.881 .07	No. 231.
	W. Bro. J. F. Kennedy, Proxy.		
No. 210.	<i>Hawkesbury Lodge, Hawkesbury, Ont.</i>	.881 .07	No. 232.
	W. Bro. W. A. Chamberlain, Proxy.		
No. 211.	<i>Brome Lake Lodge, Knowlton, Que.</i>	.881 .07	No. 233.
	W. Bro. Alfred H. Kimball, W. M.		
No. 212.	<i>Elyman Lodge, Garden Island.</i>	.881 .07	No. 234.
	Bro. G. F. Charles, S. W.		
No. 213.	<i>Dominion Lodge, Ridgeway, Ont.</i>	.881 .07	No. 235.
	Bro. Lorenz Nagel, S. W.		
No. 214.	<i>Craig Lodge, Miss Craig, Ont.</i>	.881 .07	No. 236.
	W. Bro. William Matheson, W. M.		
No. 215.	<i>Lake Lodge, Ameliasburg, Ont.</i>	.881 .07	No. 237.
	R. W. Bro. W. O. Flinn, Proxy.		
No. 216.	<i>Harris Lodge, Orangeville, Ont.</i>	.881 .07	No. 238.
	Bro. R. H. McKittrick, S. W.		
No. 217.	<i>Frederick Lodge, Delhi, Ont.</i>	.881 .07	No. 239.
	W. Bro. Joseph Boloe, W. M. " " J. E. Ross, S. W.		
No. 218.	<i>Stevenson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.</i>	.881 .07	No. 240.
	Bro. J. G. Burns, S. W.		
No. 219.	<i>Credit Lodge, Georgetown, Ont.</i>	.902 .07	No. 243.
	W. Bro. M. H. Scott, W. M.		
No. 220.	<i>Zeredale Lodge, Uxbridge, Ont.</i>	.882 .07	No. 244.
	W. Bro. W. E. Gould, W. M.		
No. 221.	<i>Mountain Lodge, Thetford, Ont.</i>	.102 .07	No. 245.
	W. Bro. John Dale, P. M. " " George E. Bell, P. M.		
No. 222.	<i>Marmora Lodge, Marmora, Ont.</i>	.882 .07	No. 246.
	W. Bro. D. Pickett, W. M.		
No. 223.	<i>Norwood Lodge, Norwood, Ont.</i>	.882 .07	No. 247.
	Bro. T. McCord, S. W.		
No. 225.	<i>Burns Lodge, Lethbridge, Ont.</i>		
	Bro. George Head, S. W.		

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No. 226.	<i>Mount Moriah Lodge, Montreal, Que.</i>	.842 N
W. Bro. John MacLean, W. M.		
No. 229.	<i>Ionic Lodge, Brampton, Ont.</i>	.002 N
Bro. J. P. Clarke, J. W.		
No. 230.	<i>Kerr Lodge, Bell Heart, Ont.</i>	.052 N
W. Bro. Ins. W. H. Wilson, Proxy.		
No. 231.	<i>Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa, Ont.</i>	.002 N
W. Bro. Gustav Ledin, Proxy.		
No. 232.	<i>Cameron Lodge, Walkerton, Ont.</i>	.002 N
W. Bro. D. G. Bushnell, W. M.		
" " John Edgecombe, P. M.		
No. 233.	<i>Dolce Lodge, Paris Hill, Ont.</i>	.452 N
W. Bro. William Gair, W. M.		
No. 234.	<i>M. W. Bro. G. R. Roote, P. M.</i>	.552 N
<i>Bearer Lodge, Markburg, Ont.</i>		
R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, Proxy.		.052 N
No. 235.	<i>Aldworth Lodge, Paisley, Ont.</i>	.452 N
W. Bro. George W. Mallah, W. M.		
No. 236.	<i>Manitoba Lodge, Brandon, Ont.</i>	.852 N
W. Bro. James G. Clark, W. M.		
" " W. H. Jamison, P. M.		
No. 237.	<i>Vienna Lodge, Vienna, Ont.</i>	.002 N
W. Bro. George W. Pontine, Proxy.		
No. 238.	<i>Havelock Lodge, Waterloo, Ont.</i>	.002 N
W. Bro. J. A. Sommerville, W. M.		
No. 239.	<i>Tweed Lodge, Tweed, Ont.</i>	
R. W. Bro. E. C. Price, Proxy.		
No. 240.	<i>Prince Rupert Lodge, Winnipeg, Minn.</i>	
R. W. Bro. John M. Moir, P. M., and Proxy.		
No. 243.	<i>St. George Lodge, St. George, Ont.</i>	
W. Bro. E. E. Kirschen, W. M.		
" " Benjamin Bell, S. W.		
No. 244.	<i>Ligar Lodge, Biggar, Alta.</i>	
R. W. Bro. John W. Head, Proxy.		
No. 245.	<i>Tecumseh Lodge, Tecumseh, Ont.</i>	
W. Bro. David W. Bedford, Proxy.		
No. 246.	<i>Union of Strict Observance Lodge, Montreal, Que.</i>	
Bro. J. C. Thomas, W. M.		
No. 247.	<i>Ashley Lodge, Ashley, Ont.</i>	
W. Bro. D. L. D. Newell, W. M.		

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No. 248.	<i>Eureka Lodge, Pakenham, Ont.</i> W. Bro. E. C. Barber, Proxy.	.000 .00
No. 249.	<i>Caledonia Lodge, Ayrton, Ont.</i> W. Bro. Alexander Cooper, W. M.	.000 .00
No. 250.	<i>Thistle Lodge, Embro, Ont.</i> Bro. Hector Sutherland, J. W.	.000 .00
No. 253.	<i>Minden Lodge, Minden, Ont.</i> W. Bro. J. Greenfield, W. M.	.000 .00
No. 254.	<i>Samuel Woods, G. W. " " P. Garaghty, P. M. Clifton Lodge, Clifton, Ont.</i> W. Bro. Samuel Smith, W. M.	.000 .00
No. 255.	<i>Sydenham Lodge, Dresden, Ont.</i> V. W. Bro. Thomas C. Macnabb, W. M.	.000 .00
No. 256.	<i>Farran's Point Lodge, Farran's Point, Ont.</i> R. W. Bro. A. G. Macdonell, P. M. and Proxy.	.000 .00
No. 257.	<i>Galt Lodge, Galt, Ont.</i> W. Bro. Adam Crispin, W. M.	.000 .00
No. 258.	<i>Guelph Lodge, Guelph, Ont.</i> W. Bro. Hugh Walker, W. M. " " A. C. Chadwick, J. W. V. " " Charles Sharpe, P. M.	.000 .00
No. 259.	<i>Springfield Lodge, Springfield, Ont.</i> W. Bro. Caleb T. Burdick, W. M.	.000 .00
No. 260.	<i>Washington Lodge, Parry Sound, Ont.</i> W. Bro. David Trotter, W. M.	.000 .00
No. 261.	<b>UNDER DISPENSATION.</b>	.000 .00
No. 262.	<i>Oak Branch Lodge, Inverkip, Ont.</i> W. Bro. Robert Stark, W. M.	.000 .00
No. 263.	<i>Forme Lodge, Thetford, Ont.</i> W. Bro. T. S. Shortt, W. M.	.000 .00
No. 264.	<i>Chandler's Lodge, Galtwood, Ont.</i> W. Bro. Horatio Merrill, W. M.	.000 .00
No. 265.	<i>Patterson Lodge, Conestoy, Ont.</i> Bro. John Kirby, J. W.	.000 .00
No. 266.	<i>Northam Light Lodge, Stratford, Ont.</i> Bro. E. B. Hannish, S. W.	.000 .00
No. 267.	<i>Parliament Lodge, Chatham, Ont.</i> W. Bro. A. D. Robert, W. M. " " W. H. Ladd, S. W. " " W. G. Howard, J. W.	.000 .00

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*W. Bro. John Kennedy, W. M.*

*Brougham Union Lodge, Brougham, Ont.*

*W. Bro. J. P. Campbell, W. M.*

*Wellington Lodge, Erin, Ont.*

*W. Bro. David Kirkwood, W. M.*

*Seymour Lodge, Ancaster, Ont.*

*W. Bro. William Downie, W. M.*

*Tremper Lodge, Tremper, Ont.*

*W. Bro. H. B. O'Connor, W. M.*

*Mystic Lodge, Roslin, Ont.*

*W. Bro. E. B. Franklin, W. M.*

*New Hope Lodge, Hosmer, Ont.*

*Bro. R. Clayton, J. W.*

*Kent Lodge, Bleckheim, Ont.*

*W. Bro. William Cuthbert, W. M.*

*Mount Sinai Lodge, Napanee, Ont.*

*W. Bro. Fred. Richardson, W. M.*

*Thorne Lodge, Holland Landing, Ont.*

*W. Bro. Alex. Williams, W. M.*

*Seymour Lodge, Ancaster, Ont.*

*W. Bro. Thomas Gargent, W. M.*

*St. John's Lodge, London, Ont.*

*W. Bro. John Shipland, W. M.*

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

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing to the visitors' gallery.

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

\* Name changed to "New Star" by the Grand Master.

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

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi, seconded by R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, and

RESOLVED.—That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its Sixteenth Annual Communication, held at the city of Ottawa on the 12th, 13th and 14th days of July, A. D. 1871, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and now confirmed.

The Grand Secretary read the minutes of the following Special Communications, viz:

At Shannonville, held on the 15th day of August, A. D. 1871, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a new Masonic Hall.

At the town of Picton, held on the 16th day of August, A. D. 1871, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a High and Public School and Masonic Hall.

At the town of Windsor, held on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1871, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Central School.

At Orillia, held on the 24th day of May, A. D. 1872, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Washago.

At the city of Toronto, held on the 18th day of June, A. D. 1872, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Union Railway Station.

At the town of Windsor, held on the 24th day of June, A. D. 1872, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. John's Episcopal Church at Sandwich.

At the town of Napanee, held on the 8th day of July, A. D. 1872, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a new Methodist Episcopal Church.

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It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. H. Kerr, seconded by R. W. Bro. John Tracy, and carried.

RESOLVED.—That the minutes of the several Special Communications just read be confirmed.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson informed the brethren that he had been requested by the M. W. Grand Master to open and proceed with the business of Grand Lodge until the evening session, by which time he hoped to be sufficiently recovered from an attack of asthma as to be in Grand Lodge, and would then deliver his address.

The following address of the M. W. Grand Master, although delivered at the evening session, is inserted here, its usual place.

ADDRESS.

Brother Grand Master:

Having again been permitted by the G. A. O. T. U. to assemble together in Annual Communication, let us before entering upon our important duties, implore His blessing upon our labors. May He give us wisdom to comprehend, judgment to define, and strength of mind to carry out the true principles of Freemasonry. May the beauty of harmony and peace characterize all our deliberations, and may He consecrate this our mission to the honor and glory of His most holy name.

During my year of office, I issued the following number of twenty-one dispensations for the formation of new Lodges. It would be unnecessary to add anything to this statement, if numbers alone were a certain evidence of success; but since other elements are essential to real prosperity, I am happy to be able to state that after strict enquiry, I have found that all the dispensations have been utilized, and have resulted in the formation of their

operations promise to be productive of excellent material. I have, therefore, every reason to believe that, by the establishment of these several Lodges, the craft will receive additional strength.

The names of the Lodges to which dispensations have been granted are as follows:

<b>Oak Branch Lodge,</b>	<b>Inniskill,</b>	<b>Sept. 18, 1871.</b>
<b>Harriston</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>" 23 "</b>
<b>Forest</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>Oct. 18, "</b>
<b>Chaudiere</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>Nov. 25, "</b>
<b>Patterson</b>	<b>Concord,</b>	<b>Dec. 13, "</b>
<b>Northern Light</b>	<b>Stayner,</b>	<b>" 13, 1872.</b>
<b>Parthenon</b>	<b>Chatham,</b>	<b>Jan. 19, 1872.</b>
<b>Veralam</b>	<b>Bobcaygeon,</b>	<b>Feb. 19, "</b>
<b>Brougham U'n</b>	<b>Brougham,</b>	<b>" 14, "</b>
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Oshawa,</b>	<b>March 6, "</b>
<b>Wellington</b>	<b>Erin,</b>	<b>" 13, "</b>
<b>Seymour</b>	<b>Ancaster,</b>	<b>April 2, "</b>
<b>Olive Branch</b>	<b>W. Sherrard, Q.,</b>	<b>" 16, "</b>
<b>Kent</b>	<b>Blenheim,</b>	<b>" 25, "</b>
<b>Pontiac</b>	<b>Onslow, Q.,</b>	<b>May 4, "</b>
<b>Teeswater</b>	<b>Teeswater,</b>	<b>" 7, " 1872.</b>
<b>Seymour</b>	<b>Pt. Dalhousie,</b>	<b>" 9, "</b>
<b>Mystic</b>	<b>Rosario,</b>	<b>" 14, "</b>
<b>New Hope</b>	<b>Hespeler,</b>	<b>" 15, "</b>
<b>Mount Sinai</b>	<b>Napanee,</b>	<b>June 5, "</b>
<b>Thorne</b>	<b>Holland Landing,</b>	<b>" 25, "</b>

#### DISSEMINATIONS.

I have also the pleasure to inform you that Morpeth Lodge, No. 111, Ridgewood, has been reconstituted, after being dormant for several years, and I trust will again carry on its work with renewed vigor.

#### WARRANTS OF AFFILIATION.

I have great gratification in being able to state that two of the Lodges in Ontario heretofore working under the

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Grand Lodge of England, and one under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, have surrendered their warrants and affiliated with this Grand Lodge, viz.: Dalhousie Lodge, No. 835, E. R., Ottawa; St. John's Lodge, No. 796, E. R., Carleton Place; and St. John's Lodge, No. 209, I. R., London.

I feel confident that the Grand Lodge will accord a hearty and fraternal welcome to the representatives of these Lodges at this Communication, in order to signify its most unqualified approval of their action.

I trust that the union of these Lodges with this Grand Lodge will be mutually beneficial, and that under their new allegiance they may enjoy even a greater degree of prosperity than they have hitherto done.

PUBLIC CEREMONIES.

During my term of office, the foundation stones of seven public buildings were laid with masonic ceremonies, viz.:

At Shannonville, for a Masonic Hall, in August, by R. W. Bro. E. C. Flint, D. D. G. M. of the Prince Edward District.

At Picton, for an Union School House and Masonic Hall, also in August, by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, P. G. S. W.

At Windsor, for a Public Hall, on 15th October, by R. W. Bro. John Tracy, D. D. G. M. St. Clair District.

At Washago, for an Episcopal Church, on the 24th May, by R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, D. D. G. M. Toronto District.

At Toronto, for a Union Railway Station, on the 13th June, by myself, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers and a large number of Lodges and brethren.

At Sandwich, for an Episcopal Church, on the 24th June, by M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Wilson, P. G. M.

And at Napanee, for a Methodist Episcopal Church, by R. W. Bro. Thomas White, junr., D. G. M. on the 5th July.

**DEDICATION OF NEW HALLS AND INSTALLATION  
OF OFFICERS.**

On the 9th October, 1871, I had the pleasure of dedicating the new Masonic Hall at the city of London, a capacious and beautiful room prepared for the accommodation of the city Lodges; on which occasion I was favored with the assistance of R. W., Bro. G. Billington, D. D. G. M. London District; R. W. Bro. Allan McLean, G. S. W.; R. W. Bros. Moffat and Westlake; the Rev. Bro. Innis, of St. Paul's Cathedral, as Grand Chaplain, and a large and delighted assembly of brethren.

After completing the ceremony of dedication, and offering a few remarks pertinent to the occasion, a sumptuous repast was discussed at the Tecumseh Hotel, during which a subscription was taken up to aid the Chicago sufferers, and handsomely responded to.

During the same month, I visited Galt and Guelph Lodges and installed their officers, in which interesting ceremonies I was ably assisted by R. W. Bros. T. B. Harris, Otto Klotz, and Charles Hendry.

In November, I constituted Clifton Lodge and installed its officers, ably assisted by R. W. Bro. R. M. Willson.

On the 25th January, 1872, I constituted St. George Lodge, St. George, and installed its officers, ably assisted by R. W. Bros. Klotz and Curtis, and a very large gathering of brethren from surrounding Lodges. The banquet which followed was quite a recherche affair, and the sentiments expressed in response to the several toasts were of a highly instructive character. In this connection, I take pleasure in alluding to the great pains and talent displayed by the W. M., Bro. Kitchen, in conducting the affairs of the Lodge over which he so ably presides. Were all our young Lodges managed with the same zeal and ability, it would greatly redound to the honor of the craft.

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TORONTO last February, I had the pleasure of visiting Ionic Lodge, where I met a large number of brethren, and noticed that the excellent work performed in that Lodge was in close conformity with our ritual.

In the same month, I received a friendly invitation to dedicate publicly the new Lodge-room of the brethren of Norfolk Lodge, at Simcoe; but being unfortunately unable to respond to the same, I requested our esteemed brother, the M. W. P. G. M., Wm. M. Wilson, to officiate in my place, which I am happy to say he cheerfully did with his accustomed ability.

**ILLNESS OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.**

I need scarcely recall to your minds the unfeigned grief with which the people of Canada, in common with those of the empire at large, heard of the dangerous illness of the Prince of Wales in December last, and the anxious solicitude which pervaded all classes until a favorable turning point in the disease had been reached. Happily it pleased the Most High to avert the calamity which threatened to befall the nation; and when the electric cord vibrated the joyous intelligence that danger was no longer apprehended, a sense of relief thrilled every breast, and a general outpouring of thanksgiving was offered up throughout the length and breadth of the Empire. While on every hand expressions of condolence and sympathy were tendered to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, I felt it was incumbent upon the masonic body in Canada not to be behindhand in exhibiting its warm and loyal sympathy towards our beloved Sovereign in the hour of her affliction; and accordingly, finding that it would be too long to wait for the assembling of the Grand Lodge for the expression of that sympathy—a sympathy the more intense from the fraternal relations subsisting between His Royal Highness and our time-honored institution,—I authorized the preparation of the following address, which was beautifully engrossed by Mr. Wm. Bruce, of Hamilton, and forwarded through His Excellency the Governor-General to Her Majesty.

## TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Most GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.—The brethren of the honorable fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada, through its Grand and Executive Officers, *ad interim*, desire to be permitted to approach Your Most Gracious Majesty with a renewed expression of their attachment to peace, law and order, and of their unceasing devotion to Your Majesty's royal person and family.

They humbly trust that Your Majesty will graciously suffer them to unite in giving expression to the great sympathy with Your Majesty's sufferings during the protracted illness of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and of their profound and heartfelt congratulations that it has pleased the Great Jehovah, in the distribution of His manifold, and boundless mercies, to avert the dangers which threatened for a season the life of him who is dear to all Your Majesty's faithful and devoted subjects, and to restore him to his family with renewed health and vigor.

They earnestly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will long bless Your Majesty with health and strength to rule over the lives and fortunes of the people of your vast empire.

Signed on behalf of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada,

JAMES SEYMOUR, G. M.

THOS. WHITE, Jr., D. G. M.

THOS. B. HARRIS, G. S.

Though this action of mine, in addressing Her Majesty in your behalf, was an assumed function, I have full confidence that every member of this Grand Lodge will heartily endorse every sentiment expressed therein.

## THE QUEBEC DIFFICULTY.

In this matter, the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge last year has been faithfully acted upon; but I have to regret that the efforts made by our brethren to bring about a favorable solution of existing difficulties have so far proved unsuccessful. I had hoped that your Deputy Grand Master, who had taken special charge of this subject, would have been present to afford the fullest explanations regarding the overtures made to solve this difficulty, but am sorry to hear that urgent business prevents him from so doing. I have therefore to refer you to the protocols (for which see end of

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address), copies of which have already been furnished to every Lodge, and which fully set forth the overtures made and the abrupt and unsatisfactory termination of the negotiations, and leave the matter in your hands for any further action which may be deemed advisable.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In the course of the year, I have had the pleasure of appointing three brethren of eminence as representatives of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Bodies named below, viz:

R. W. Bro. W. H. Tuller, for the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

R. W. Bro. W. M. Washburne, for the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

M. W. Bro. Harvey L. Hazolrigg, P. G. M., for the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

These several brethren, holding positions of eminence and distinction in their respective Grand Lodges, I have no doubt will ably represent the interests of this Grand Lodge now confided to them.

OBITUARY.

Among those whose demise we are called upon to deplore, I may mention the revered name of M. W. Bro. Wm. Combyn Stephens, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of England near this Grand Lodge—an earnest and enthusiastic craftsman, and one whose extensive knowledge of masonic lore made him esteemed and respected wherever he was known. We lament his loss as that of one who was a firm and steadfast friend to this Grand Lodge from its formation, and whose masonic attainments and many social virtues will cause his decease to be deeply regretted and his memory to be faithfully preserved among the Masons in this jurisdiction. His death occurred in England in December last.

We have also to lament the loss of R. W. Bro. Silas B. Fairbanks, Past Grand Registrar, who died at Oshawa in September. He was held in high estimation among the

brethren in this section, as an earnest and careful worker, and a lover of the fraternity wheresoever dispersed.

### MANITOBA.

You will be gratified to learn that the Lodges planted in this new Province of our Dominion, under warrants issued by this Grand Lodge, are working harmoniously, and vieing with each other as to which shall best exemplify the time-honored principles of our Order. Under the genial and experienced guidance of R. W. Bro. J. V. Noel, whose nomination as D. D. G. M. for that Provincial District I had much satisfaction in confirming, the brethren and Lodges are in cordial amity; and no case of grievance has occurred, or difficulty arisen, that has not been promptly adjudicated upon to the mutual approval of all concerned. With such a spirit actuating these brethren, we cannot doubt that Manitoba will become, in time, a field where the principles of Masonry will be cultivated for their worth, and where, their worth becoming known, to be a Mason in connection with this Grand Lodge will be esteemed one of the highest privileges a true craftsman can enjoy.

### CHICAGO FIRE.

Immediately after the report reached us of the awful calamity which befell the city of Chicago in October last, whereby the greater portion of that prosperous city was reduced to ashes by that most devouring element—fire, I received a telegram from our worthy D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Thomas White, urging me to sanction the issuing of an order on our Grand Treasurer, to pay out of the Grand Lodge funds the sum of \$2,000 for the immediate relief of our suffering Chicago brethren. I at once telegraphed to the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to draw upon our Grand Treasurer for that amount in gold. He did so accordingly; and his acknowledgment of the same, of which the following is a copy, plainly shows the high appreciation held by them of our assistance in the hour of their affliction.

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MASONIC TEMPLE, CHICAGO,

October 14th, 1871.

Most Worshipful G. M., JAMES SETMOUR,

St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

Most WORSHIPFUL AND DEAR BROTHER: Your telegram of date 13th inst. warms the great masonic heart, evidencing as it does the genuine sympathy of our venerated and noble Order. To meet the wants of the hour, and provide for permanent relief to the sufferers by our late conflagration, by virtue of my office I have appointed and constituted a "Masonic Board of Relief," of which Bro. Wiley M. Egan is the Treasurer. In accordance with your telegram, I draw on brother Henry Groff, Grand Treasurer, Simcoe, Canada, for two thousand dollars in gold, in favor of Wiley M. Egan, Treasurer.

May God bless you and yours, and enable us to repay by lasting gratitude, if not in kind and coin, your generous bounty.

I have the honor to be,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

D. C. CREGIER,  
Grand Master of Masons of Illinois.

This grant was made, as you are aware, without your consent; but it being such an urgent case of emergency---one in which every country and nation sympathized,---I felt justified in giving my consent. My action, as well as that of the President of the B. of G. P., was unanimously approved by that Board at its semi-annual meeting, and I have every confidence that you will now confirm the same. In addition, I am happy to inform you that the great liberality exhibited by the various Grand Lodges and private Lodges, in at once coming to the rescue of our afflicted brethren of Chicago, has brought such a large amount of funds to their coffers, that they inform the fraternity that not only no further funds are required to supply all reasonable claims of the brethren who have thus suffered by that calamity, but that the Board of Relief has a surplus on hand for which there is no immediate want.

#### TESTIMONIAL.

I am sure, brethren, that you will agree with me, that we are greatly indebted to our esteemed M. W. Bro. Stevenson,

for the able and zealous manner in which, for a period of three years, he presided as Grand Master over our deliberations, and for the numerous and incalculable services he has rendered to the Craft; and that I only need to mention the propriety of showing a tangible appreciation of the many arduous labors which he has been required to perform on our behalf.

#### BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The numerous and highly important duties which devolve upon the Board of General Purposes, make it imperative that the most experienced and talented brethren be from time to time selected to perform the functions of that Board. This fact being undoubtedly admitted by every member of this Grand Lodge, I feel confident that you will agree with me that no brother ought to be disqualified from being elected or appointed a member of that Board, by reason of his holding or not holding any particular office in a Lodge. But since our present constitution requires that not more than one-half of such appointed or elected members are to be Past Masters at the time of such appointment or election, it follows that either the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master are restricted in their selection, and not permitted to choose those whom they respectively consider the most competent for that office. I would therefore recommend Grand Lodges to amend that disqualifying clause, which in fact has for many years been honored rather more in the breach than in the observance of the same. At the same time I would recommend that all Past Grand Masters be admitted as honorary members of the Board, thereby enabling the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master to elect or appoint from time to time, for the actual working of the Board, such other brethren as they respectively consider best qualified for the same, without the fear of violating the rules of courtesy towards any Past Grand Master, whose great experience is always invaluable to the Board; especially by counsel and advice, in the discharge of its functions. With these ideas in view, I hope

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them, were we to expect them to take constant part in all the hard work of that Board.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP.

The resolution passed at last Grand Lodge, declaring that no brother can be an ordinary member of more than one Lodge within the same city, town or village, has been generally acted upon during the past year; though there are a few exceptions, where brethren questioning the constitutionality of that resolution in the form and manner of its passing, have not complied, and still continue their dual membership. I would therefore recommend to Grand Lodge, if it be the desire to abolish dual membership, to enact an additional regulation, whereby all doubts on that subject will be removed.

CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The flourishing state of our noble institution is a gratifying fact to all of us, not only in regard to its finances, but in respect to the increase in the number of Lodges under our jurisdiction, and more especially in the increase of good material, and the progress of the moral influence which the tenets of our Order have exercised and continue to exercise upon the fraternity; all of which will be more particularly illustrated by the reports of the D. D. G. Masters, whose great zeal for the welfare of the craft has in no small degree contributed to achieve that great object.

Nevertheless, brethren, let us in our prosperity not get remiss in our duties. Let us continue to be careful and guard well the portals of our Order against unfit material, ever bearing in mind that it is an easier matter to make a person a Mason, than, after being made, to get rid of a member who has proved himself a disposer to his Lodge, and to the craft in general.

Brother, in conclusion let me, while soliciting you upon the prosperity that has marked the session of this Grand Lodge in the past, earnestly entreat you never to forget the

mission that Masonry has in view, nor the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, that should ever characterize us in our intercourse one with another. Meeting as we do at this time in Annual Communication, it is fitting that opportunity should be taken to improve that meeting with wholesome admonition upon our duty, not only to the craft, but to the world at large. May the Most High prosper our united endeavors so to shape our course, that amongst ourselves we may exemplify the tenets of our Order, and amongst the outside world we may pursue a course of rectitude and integrity that will show to those who know not what Masonry is, that at least we are living exemplars of the moral, and that we fear God, honor the Queen, and conform to the relations of good neighbors and citizens. May this be the result of our deliberations at the present time; and to the G. A. O. T. U. will we ascribe the credit and blessing.

## JAMES SEYMOUR,

St. Catharines, July 7th, 1872.

Grand Master.

## [PROTOCOLS, MASONIC CONFERENCE.]

MONTREAL, 2nd September, 1872.

A meeting of joint committees,—one named by the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the other by a meeting of representatives of Lodges of the Province of Quebec, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada,—for the purpose of a conference, with a view to restoration of harmony in the fraternity within the Province of Quebec, was held this evening at the Masonic Hall, Place D'Armes.

## Present:

REPRESENTING G. L. CANADA.	REPRESENTING G. L. QUEBEC.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson.	R. W. Bro. Rev. C. P. Reid.
" " " Thomas White, Jr.	" " " Mission.
" " " Rev. H. Montgomery.	" " " Edgar.
" " " M. Guinan.	" " " Isaacson.
" " " Jack Eakin.	" " " H. J. Frazer.
" " " John Turner.	" " " M. E. McLean.
" " " John Taylor.	" " " Tait.

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On motion of R. W. Bro. C. P. Reid, seconded by R. W. Bro. Miller, M.W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson was unanimously selected to act as Chairman.

On motion of R. W. Bro. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. Montgomery, R. W. Bro. Isaacson was requested to act as Secretary.

The blessing of the G. A. O. T. U. was invoked on the deliberations of the meeting by R. W. Bro. C. P. Reid.

M. W. Bro. Stevenson then briefly stated the object of the meeting. He read the resolution passed in the Grand Lodge of Canada, under authority of which a meeting of representatives of Lodges in this Province working under that jurisdiction had been held; and he also read the resolutions passed at that meeting, appointing the committee now present, with the exception of V.W. Bro. Racicot, who was unfortunately prevented by business from attending. He trusted that this conference would result in the restoration of peace and harmony to the craft in this jurisdiction.

After a short pause, no member of the conference rising to make any observation, M. W. Bro. Stevenson stated that a committee of which he was a member, learning that the general meeting could not be held until the evening, had met in the afternoon, and had prepared certain resolutions which they considered might form the basis of an union. He would therefore, in order to facilitate matters, submit the following:

"1. That all acts done by the Grand Lodge of Canada and that of Quebec respectively, within the Province of Quebec, and all the acts done by the several Lodges hailing from those bodies respectively, so far as the same are legal under the constitutions of the respective Grand Lodges, be declared to be legal and binding."

"2. That all the Lodges within the Province of Quebec, whether hailing from the Grand Lodge of Canada or from that of Quebec, be registered on the register of the Grand Lodge of Quebec according to seniority, such seniority being determined by the date of the original warrant, the Lodge being held to be the continuation of all warrants to whom it was originally granted, whether at this time in possession of such warrant or not."

"3. That all jurisdiction rank acquired either in the Grand Lodge of Canada or in that of Quebec, be transferred to any subordinate Lodge in this Province."

"4. That the Grand Lodge of Canada be styled the United Grand Lodge of America, and that the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada be discontinued."

"5. That the name of the Grand Lodge of Quebec be discontinued, and that the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada be retained in which the jurisdiction rank of the former Grand Lodge of Quebec is to be continued."

After a short discussion, the following resolution was adopted, suggesting the adoption of the above resolutions:

"That the above resolutions be referred to a Committee to draft the resolutions when they will be submitted to the Conference."

from the Grand Lodge of Canada retired. After a short time they were invited to return, when R. W. Bro. Isaacs submitted the following:

"1st. That the first resolution submitted should be expunged, and the following substituted, viz:

"That all acts done by the Grand Lodge of Canada within the Province of Quebec, and all acts done by the several Lodges hailing from that Grand Lodge, so far as they do not conflict with the acts of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and are not antagonistic to the rights of Lodges and individual masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, shall be declared legal and binding masonic acts.

"That all acts of the Grand Lodge of Quebec within this Province, and all acts done by her several Lodges, shall be declared illegal and binding.

"2nd. That all the words, in the second resolution submitted, after the words 'according to seniority,' shall be struck out, and the following inserted in their place: 'such seniority to be determined by the Grand Lodge of Quebec.'

"3rd. That the whole of this resolution, as it stands, being agreed to, shall remain.

"4th. That the fourth and fifth propositions, being objected to, in toto, shall be struck out."

R. W. Bro. White enquired what acts would be considered as antagonistic by the terms of the first resolution. It was replied that acts of suspension would be, and the issuing of duplicate warrants would also come under this head.

R. W. Bro. White said that so far as suspensions were concerned, they were to be removed in the event of agreement; but as to duplicate Lodges, it might facilitate matters to state at the outset that, as representing the Grand Lodge of Canada, they could consent to nothing which would imperil the existence of any Lodge now working under that Grand Lodge.

A long conversation ensued, embracing all matters in dispute, between the parties, but with no apparent prospect of any satisfactory settlement; and the Committee again separated, with the object of devising some plan which would meet the mutual objections. On reassembling, R. W. Bro. White said that the difficulty about suspensions could be met by expunging them in terms in the first resolution; and that, in the place of duplicate Lodges in the matter of rechartering, seemed to be the chief difficulty. He thought it could be met by striking out the word "warrant" near the end of the second resolution originally, and substituting the following: "But in case of duplicate Lodges, question of principle be submitted to a committee of all the Lodges, and provisionally of those representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Quebec?" In answer, which encl. 17,

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And as to the two last resolutions, while they thought they ought to be conceded, in the interests of perfect harmony and peace, they would not be pressed.

R. W. Bro. Edgar submitted the following, as having been agreed to by the committee from the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

"1st. That the committee representing the Lodges in this Province holding warrants and working under and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Canada, express their willingness to join the Grand Lodge of Quebec as it at present exists, upon the following terms and conditions:

"2nd. That the committee representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec agree to recommend to their Grand Lodge that their Lodge be accepted as they stand at present, all question as to the name of Lodge, priority of number, holding the warrant of such Lodges as have duplicate warrants by both Grand Lodges, be left entirely to a committee to be named, two by — and two by —, this committee to choose an arbitrator, and their decision on all questions to be final.

"3rd. All questions of priority of the other Lodges to be settled by the same committee."

The wording of this resolution was strongly objected to. But as the two resolutions approached each other pretty nearly, it was, after some debate, agreed to appoint a sub-committee to draft resolutions which might meet the views of both parties as expressed during the conference, and adjourn until the following morning.

The following committee was chosen for this purpose: M. W. Bro. Stevenson, R. W. Bro. Isaacson, Edgar, White, Gutman, and V. W. Bro. Tait.

And the Conference adjourned at half-past one o'clock, a. m.

MONTREAL, 22nd September, 1872.

The sub-committee met this morning in the Masonic Hall room, Place D'Armes, and R. W. Bro. White submitted the following draft resolutions:

"Resolved.—That this committee, composed equally of representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada and of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, only authorized by the respective Grand Lodges to act in their names during the meeting of the Conference, which is to be held in the Province of Quebec, and during the time of the Conference, shall have the power to settle all questions of priority and jurisdiction between the Lodges of the Province of Quebec, and to report to the Conference the results of their investigations.

"Resolved.—That nothing done by the Grand Lodge of Canada against the

incident to the formation of the said Grand Lodge, be declared to be legal masonic acts.

"2. That all Lodges within the Province of Quebec, whether working under the Grand Lodge of Canada or under the Grand Lodge of Quebec, be renumbered on the register of the Grand Lodge of Quebec according to seniority; and that, with a view to determining the question of seniority, the duty of such renumbering be submitted to a committee, to be composed of three brethren to be named by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and three brethren to be named by the committee representing the Grand Lodge of Canada, who shall have full power to take evidence with a view to arriving at a just conclusion, and who may, if they so desire, select some brother as umpire in case of any serious difference of opinion; the report of such committee to be final.

"3. That all masonic rank acquired either in the Grand Lodge of Canada or in the Grand Lodge of Quebec, or in any Lodge working under those Grand Lodges respectively, be maintained and continued.

"4. And the committee representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec hereby agree to submit the above terms for the acceptance of their Grand Lodge; and the committee representing the Grand Lodge of Canada hereby agree to recommend the above terms to the representatives of Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Quebec, at a meeting to be held by such representatives, and to which the committee are required by the terms of their appointment to report, and to urge that they be accepted; and that thereupon the said Lodges unite with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and request the Grand Lodge of Canada, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of said Grand Lodge, to give up and cede all the territory which it has occupied since 1855 in that part of Canada constituting the Province of Quebec, make all just and proper financial settlements, remove all suspensions, and do all such acts as may be necessary to a full and complete recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

R. W. Bro. Isaacson submitted the following draft resolutions for adoption:

"Whereas, unhappily, differences and disputes have arisen and are now existing in Masonry in the Province of Quebec, between the Grand Lodge of Quebec A. F. and A. M. and her subordinates, on the one part, and the several Lodges in the Province still holding under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada of the other part;

"And whereas, with the view to terminate said forever and said differences, and to restore harmony throughout the west of the said Province, the said Lodges, to wit, the said body of subordinates and the Williams of Montreal, and also with the other body of Lodges, to wit, the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the subordinates of the same, do hereby concur to submit the above terms to the consideration of the said Lodges, and to determine whether or no they will accept them, and if the said Lodges had originally been a separate organization,

committing to name an arbitrator; and the decision of said committee  
and empire so to be final."

The representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada objected to these resolutions, because under them the committee would have power to consider the question of the existence of duplicate or other Lodges established since October, 1889, by the Grand Lodge of Canada. On the other hand, R. W. Bro. Isaacson explained that there was no such intention, and that the resolutions did not give any such power to the proposed committee. R. W. Bro. White suggested that this should be clearly stated in the resolutions; but as R. W. Bro. Isaacson declined to alter them, it was agreed to submit both drafts to the general committee.

Montreal, 22nd September, 1898.

The joint committee assembled at place of former meeting this day,  
at eleven o'clock, a. m.

Present: M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, R. W. Bros. White, Isaacson, Turner, Reid, Gutman, Milton, Montgomery, Edgar, Epstein, and V. W. Bro. Tait.

The draft resolutions, as above, were submitted by R. W. Brod. Lawrence and White respectively. After a long discussion, the committee reported, and on remeeting the following was submitted and unanimously agreed to:

"Whereas, unfeeling, differences and disputes have arisen and now existing in Masonry in the Province of Quebec, between the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M., and her subordinate lodges, and the Grand Lodge in the mid-Province still existing, where the

the Grand Lodge of Canada hereby agree to recommend the above terms to the representatives of the Lodges, at a meeting to be held by such representatives for that purpose."

**The Conference then adjourned.**

A. A. STEVENSON,

**JOHN H. ISAACSON,**

Chairman,

Secretary.

**The draft of resolutions, as agreed to by the joint committee appointed for the purpose of endeavoring to agree upon terms for a settlement of the difficulties in the Province of Quebec, having been submitted to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, the same were rejected by that Body, which passed the following in their stead :**

"Moved by R. W. Bro. Meigh, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. G. Clarke, Whereas the Grand Lodge of Quebec has been for the last two years the supreme masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec, and has been recognised as such by twenty-three Sovereign Masonic Bodies; And whereas the Grand Lodge of Canada, in violation of the well-established principles of Grand Lodge supremacy, has persistently and repeatedly invaded, and continues to invade, the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; therefore be it

"Resolved.—That this Grand Lodge reassume her supremacy as sovereign masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec.

"That all acts of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the formation of Lodges and the issuing of duplicate warrants, in this Province since October 20th, 1869, were and are hereby declared to be irregular, and an infringement of the rights of this Grand Lodge.

"That the Grand Secretary be instructed to invite all Lodges that were in existence prior to October 20th, 1869, in our territory to affiliate with the Grand Lodge, with the same rights and privileges as if they, the said Lodges, had assisted in the formation of this Grand Lodge.

"That the Grand Master be authorised to proclaim, at any time before the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, as he may deem best to him, non-acknowledgment with any Lodge or pretended Lodge in this jurisdiction that persistently refuses to recognise the supremacy of this Grand Lodge.

"That to all Lodges irregularly formed since October 20th, 1869, this Grand Lodge is disposed to extend all the clemency that is consistent with the maintenance of the integrity of this Grand Lodge and the constitution of the Order, even to the issuing of new warrants, and healing of work already done, provided always, that the rights of Lodges already recognised by this Grand Lodge be not in any way infringed.

"That the Grand Master be authorised to order the formation to be commenced, at such time as may seem expedient to him, of three Grand Lodges, one in each of the three provinces, with this Grand Lodge as the central body, and that the same be called the Grand Lodge of Canada, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

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the Province of Quebec, and vindicating the sovereignty of Grand Lodge in their respective territories."

R. W. Bro. White, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, upon informally learning the action taken by the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, issued the following circular:

"OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, MONTREAL, NOVEMBER 4, 1872.  
[Circular.]  
Montreal, 4th October, 1872.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"I send you herewith protocols of Conference between the committee appointed at a meeting of the representatives of loyal Lodges in this Province, and a committee appointed by the Grand Master of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"You will see from them that the committees arrived at a basis of union, by which the difficulty now prevailing in the craft in the Province might be removed, and mutual peace and harmony restored.

"I regret to say that notwithstanding the extreme liberality of the concessions made by the committee of the Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec has, as I am informed— for I have not yet been favored with any official communication on the subject, refused to accept the resolutions submitted to them by their own committee; but have instead passed resolutions insulting to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and so humiliating in their terms towards the loyal Lodges in this Province, as to make their acceptance impossible, except at the sacrifice of all self-respect, of not being able to afford them out of sufficient

"I have, therefore, to request that you will cause your Lodge to be represented at a meeting to be held in this city on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Place D'Armes, at ten o'clock, A.M., for the purpose of taking such action as may be deemed necessary to meet this emergency on the part of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. Past Masters and Wardens will be eligible to be present, and no other members of the Lodge so desirous it may be, & provided they in the absence of any of those mentioned, bring along the number of 100.

"I have named ten o'clock in the morning, as the hour for the meeting, in the hope that those who have work to do in the forenoon, may return by the noon train, and I am anxious to have the meeting adjourned at noon, so that they will be however free to go about the country to lunch during the day.

"Hoping to see a full representation of the loyal Lodges at this meeting, and that each will be pleased to afford (with) all the information and documents in their power, to assist in settling this difficulty.

"Yours faithfully and sincerely, R. W. Bro. White,  
Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Montreal, 4th October, 1872.

The following resolutions were, after due consideration, unanimously adopted:

Moved by M. W. Bro. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Erskine.

"Whereas, the representatives of the Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, met at Quebec, under the authority of a resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of the said Grand Lodge, did on the 13th day of September ult., appoint a committee or committee to be named by Lodges working under other jurisdictions, with a view to the establishment of masonic union and harmony within this Province;

"And whereas, by the report of the said committee, it appears that a conference was held on the 21st and 22nd days of September, between it and a committee appointed by the Grand Master of the ancient Grand Lodge of Quebec; at which conference certain resolutions were agreed upon as a basis of union, such resolutions being as follows:—

"And whereas it appears that notwithstanding the extraordinary concession made by the committee representing the Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Canada on their behalf, no concession more extensive than should, in the interests of ultimate peace and harmony, have been demanded, the so-called Grand Lodge of Canada, at a meeting held on the 22nd September, declined to accept the resolution of the joint committee, but passed a vote in their own favor.

...and so it arrived.—1. That in the opinion of this meeting of representatives of English working under the Grand Lodge of Canada, the "charter" placed by the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, is invalid to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and could not be accepted as a basis of union except by the sacrifice of all self-government, the right of the individual lodges to elect their own officers, and the right of the lodges to determine their own internal discipline.

10. The following is a list of the names of the lodges in the Province which  
are in good standing. The names of the lodges which have been  
disbanded or suspended are also given. — See page 10.

TO THE END OF THE DAY

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The Grand Master of Masons has proposed to his constituents to consider the formation of a new Grand Lodge, whose jurisdiction will embrace all the lodges in the Province of Ontario, and all those situated with the boundaries of this jurisdiction, with a view to the restoration of masonic harmony in this jurisdiction.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and

*Motion*.—That the address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The following reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters were read, viz.:

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

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

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER.—In conformity with the requirements of the constitution, I have the honor to submit my report as D. D. G. M. of St. Clair District for the year 1871-72.

At the present time there are eighteen Lodges working in the St. Clair District and for the most part practising the ritual authorized by Grand Lodge.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District with the exception of two or three, and I trust, and from observation of those visited, I may have reason to assure the Master of M. M. that our ritual is considerably better before us than when there was no committee to consider the Grand Lodge.

During the past year I have made several lectures of Instruction, one at Port Huron on the 1<sup>st</sup> and two other days of the month of June at the same place.

Both Lodges were well attended, and I have every reason to believe will be productive of good; and I would here remark, the best attendance was from those Lodges which are in the best working condition; and that in every case in which I visited a Lodge, I have found the best informed most anxious and most grateful for advice, explanation or correction given.

I have granted two dispensations to wear regalia in public during the past year; one to Havelock Lodge, No. 238, on their annual festival on St. John the Baptist day, when the brethren attended divine service; and one to Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, to attend divine service on the occasion of opening the Episcopal church at Petrolia, on which occasion the Lord Bishop of Huron officiated, and afterwards expressed to me the great pleasure he felt at seeing the masonic fraternity thus publicly recognize the opening of a place for divine worship.

During the past year I have dedicated and installed the W. M. and officers of Washington Lodge, No. 269; installed the W. M. and officers of Burns Lodge, No. 153, Petrolia Lodge, No. 194; and invested the officers of Havelock Lodge, No. 238.

The M. W. Grand Master has been pleased to issue dispensations for holding three Lodges, as follows: Forest Lodge, of the village of Forest; Pantheon Lodge, of Chatham; and Kent Lodge, of the village of Bleasheim. Thus M. W. the Grand Master has also granted permission for brethren at Brigetown to hold a Lodge under the old charter of the Morpeth Lodge, for some time in abeyance. From the ability of the several Masters of these Lodges, I have no hesitation in recommending that warrants be issued in due course.

On the 20th of November I had the honor of laying the foundation stone of the Central School at Woodstock, Ontario. It was the pleasure of the Right Honorable Sir John A. Gibson and the brethren of Grand Lodge to witness the

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the ceremony, the Board of Trustees of the common schools of the town of Windsor were pleased to present me with a very handsome silver trowel, with suitable inscription.

But two deaths have been reported to me,—that of Bro. H. Stevenson, of Forest, and Bro. John Hutton, of Windsor; both of whom were consigned to their resting place with masonic ceremonies.

"The brethren of Great Western Lodge, during the past year, sustained a heavy loss by fire, their elegant Lodge room and furniture having been totally destroyed. They have, I am happy to state, lost no time in erecting a new one. I cannot speak too highly of the efficiency and energy of this Lodge.

I desire to express my warmest thanks to the brethren of St. Clair District, for the general courteous and fraternal manner in which I have been received during my official visits, and heartily trust my successor may be equally fortunate.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

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D.D.G.M. St. Clair District.

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the G. M. and the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. and A. M.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN.—I have the honor to report that Masonry is in the most satisfactory condition in the London District. All the Lodges are working in harmony, and all are exceedingly progressive.

We have granted two dispensations to enable the brethren to hold meetings in the city of London, and we have

of the District, and reflected credit upon those attending and  
all our beloved Order.

I regret to say that, from a press of public engagements,  
I have not been able to visit many of the Lodges in this  
large District. It gives me much pleasure, however, to  
report that after careful enquiry there are no grievances  
unsettled,—that peace, order and harmony are spread  
amongst the craft in this District.

The whole of which is most respectfully submitted.

GEORGE BILLINGTON,  
D. D. G. M. London District.

### WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN.—I have much pleasure in reporting, for the information of Grand Lodge, that in Wilson District, Masonry—our beloved Order—never was more prosperous; quality, not quantity of members, seems to be, I am happy to say, the guiding rule laid down and carried out by each Lodge. As an evidence of this, no masonic complaints have been received during the past year.

A dispensation was issued for a new Lodge at Inverness, called "Oak Branch," which is very ably and zealously presided over by W. Bro. R. Stark, the W. M. Oxford Lodge, Woodstock. Good work is being done in this Lodge, and I hope a warrant will be granted.

In March last I had the pleasure of assisting M. W. Bro. Wilson in dedicating the new and magnificient room built for Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe, after which the visitors were hospitably entertained at the Norfolk House. W. Bro. A. H. Denby, the efficient Warden of Masonic Affairs, and several brethren were kindly invited to the ceremony, and the meeting was opened with a short address by the W. M. of the Lodge.

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Immediately after the great fire in Chicago, I issued an appeal to the various Lodges in the District on behalf of our suffering brethren in that place, to which I am happy to say, a generous response was given; and I am directed by M. W. Bro. Oregier, Grand Master of Illinois and Chairman of the Masonic Board of Relief, to thank the various Lodges for their liberal and timely donation.

During the recent destructive fire in Ingersoll, King Hiram Lodge, No. 51, and St. John's Lodge, No. 68, lost all their furniture, jewels and regalia; the warrants, however, were saved. A new room is being built for their use, and having plenty of funds in hand, they will in a short time be again in full working order.

Several deaths have been reported to me during the past year, all of whom were interred with masonic ceremonies.

Illness for the past three months has, I regret to say, prevented me from fulfilling my promise to visit several Lodges. Man proposes, but the Great Architect disposes; and under the circumstances, I hope my brethren will extend to me the mantle of masonic charity.

I have to express my thanks to the various Lodges and brethren in the District, for the kind and fraternal manner in which they have at all times received me; and in conclusion, have to request them to elect a successor, as I cannot accept a renomination.

Respectfully submitted.

Ingersoll, May 25, 1872.

P. J. BROWN,  
D. D. G. M.

### HURON DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Bro. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.  
I beg to submit my report of the proceedings and condition  
of Masonry in the Huron District.

I will say that the work and business done

**Huns Distrct.**—Statement of Work and Business from Jano 24th, 1871, to June 24th, 1872

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In the several Lodges in the District, from June 24th, 1871, to June 24th, 1872, Objection has been taken by several brethren in Grand Lodge, to the great length of the reports of the different District Deputy Grand Masters; and I think this the shortest way of showing the position of the different Lodges.

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Two deaths have been reported to me during this year, -  
Bro. George Ross, of Forest Lodge, No. 162, and Bro. James  
Martin, of St. James' Lodge, No. 781. lib all that I can  
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I am sorry to report that I have had to deal with several complaints of a serious nature. In one I have given my decision, which I duly reported to the M. W. the Grand Master; another I have referred to the Board of General Purposes; and still another remains on hand to be dealt with by my successor.

A dispensation has been granted by the M. W. the Grand Master, upon my recommendation, for "Teeswater" Lodge, at Teeswater, Co. of Bruce. W. Bro. H. B. O'Connor, the W. M. of this Lodge, is a P. M. of Maidland Lodge, No. 112, and Saugan Lodge, No. 197, and an excellent master. I recommend that a warrant be granted to this Lodge.

I have just received a petition from New St. John's Lodge, to be held at the village of Ainsleyville. I recommend the granting of a warrant, as I am well acquainted with the brethren who ask it, and with the ability and decidedness of the proposed Master, and in my opinion, it is highly desirable to establish a Masonic Lodge in that place.

Steps are being taken to procure a Lodge at the thriving village of Wingfield, and I understand a dispensation will shortly be applied for.

I have given my consent for the removal of Forest Lodge, No. 162, from Princeton to Forest Hill, where it will be more convenient. The members are numerous and desirous of a new home in noideaxe and ditto the bank

I have on many occasions been entertained by the Grand Lodge with the greatest hospitality, but I do not imagine it would interest Grand Lodge for me to enter into particularities of the different subscriptions, papers, splendid banquets, and the like.

With the exception of the complaints I have mentioned, I do not think Malacca is in a more flourishing and healthy condition in the Herbin District than ever; and I trust that the difficulties which have arisen during the past year will soon be amicably arranged.

# WELLINGTON DISTRICT

I have the honor to submit the following annual report  
for the Wellington District.

<b>Alma</b>	<b>Lodge, No. 72,</b>	<b>Galt.</b>
<b>The Grand River</b>	<b>No. 151,</b>	<b>Berliner</b> and even <b>Ave.</b> " " <b>178</b> <b>Ant.</b>
<b>Speed</b>	<b>" 180</b>	<b>Glendale</b> to 2nd street to <b>St. Albans</b> " <b>190</b> <b>Mt. Forest</b>
<b>Irving</b>	<b>" 200</b>	<b>Eaton</b> M. before the <b>New Dominion</b> " <b>200</b> <b>New Hamburg</b>
<b>Harris</b>	<b>" 216,</b>	<b>Orangeville.</b>
<b>Galt</b>	<b>250;</b>	<b>Waterloo</b> to 2nd street
<b>Georgetown</b>	<b>250;</b>	<b>Quinte</b> gal W to 2nd street
<b>Harrison</b>	<b>" U. D.</b>	<b>Harrisonburg</b> to 2nd street
<b>Wellington</b>	<b>" U. D.</b>	<b>Erin.</b>
<b>New Hope</b>	<b>" U. D.</b>	<b>Hope</b> N. of Galt

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the ~~name~~ of the one I have excepted, I believe it is brought about by the laxness of the officers and men mentioned. I have received assurances that these faults will be remedied in future, when I have no doubt due to their taking a high position in the District, as they have every good material in the taking and doing every thing right.

On learning the destitute position of many Masons and their families in the city of Chicago, after the great fire, I issued a circular to the various Lodges in the District, requesting them to contribute to raising funds for their relief. W. W. DeWitt, F. Mudge having kindly consented to act as Secretary and Treasurer for said fund, I am pleased to say the call met with a hearty response, by which the Secretary was enabled to forward in gold the sum of seven hundred and fifty-four dollars, being the donation of the Masons of Wellington District to their suffering brethren. The receipt of the same was duly acknowledged by the M. W. M. G. M. of Masons for the State of Illinois, DeWitt C. Cregier, Esq., also conveying the warm thanks of the Masonic Board of Relief to the donors.

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Preparation have been granted by the M. W. the Grand Master, upon my recommendation, for the following new Lodges: Harrison Lodge, Harrison, Wellington Lodge, Erin, New Hope Lodge, Hespeler, and a Lodge at Galt, Ontario. The names of the Lodges, and the names of the Charter Members, will be published as soon as they receive their charters, which is expected to be within a few weeks.

I granted two dispensations for celebrating St. John the  
Baptist Day one to KAY BOMMEL the other to JAMES  
HARVEY, who had no dispensation of his own. I also granted  
no dispensation to JOHN DUNN, who had no dispensation  
of his own. I granted another dispensation to JOHN DUNN NO.  
207, GALT, to celebrate St. John the Baptist Day.

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New Hamburg ~~suspect~~ by W. Bro. F. Zingg, John and  
and Brother.  
I am pleased to be able to report all the Lodges in the  
District in a prosperous condition and working harmoniously,  
no complaint of any moment having been brought under my  
notice.

I thank the brethren in the Wellington District for the  
many acts of kindness and courtesy received from them, and  
while resigning the trust placed in my hands a year ago, I  
would suggest to them to select a worthy successor of a brother  
who has more time to devote to the business of the District,  
as I feel that my work, owing to press of private business,  
has been but imperfectly performed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. B. PETTER, ex-T

Grand, July 24, 1873.

M. D. G. M. Wellington District

Chesterfield, Fred., who concurring in my opinion to the  
above the honor of this communication.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada, A.F. & A.M.  
Dear Sirs, I have the honor to present my annual report  
for the year 1873, for the consideration of the  
Grand Lodge, my annual report of the condition of Masonry  
in the Hamilton District, which might be compressed into  
one brief sentence, viz., peace, harmony and strict regularity  
prevaleth within our borders.

But notwithstanding the earnest desire of several members  
of the Lodge, or in my communication to them with  
the leading of District Deputy Grand Master's reports on  
account of their length and lack of interest, I leave the  
District over which I have had the honor to preside of too  
extensive extent to allow it to pass without having special  
mention. Every member of my Lodge, including myself,  
although I must confess to be a total neophyte, may  
have noticed that M. H. S. and W. Jr. became 1873  
members of the Lodge, and that Mr. J. C. Johnson  
and U. D., and all presided over by myself.

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the Lodge, W. edit good and useful W. edit  
the well-being and prosperity of their respective lodges  
but who appear thoroughly to understand the aims  
and requirements of their order. It was at Hamilton, in  
great degree, the harmony and kindly feelings which prevail  
in all the Lodges. **The Standard Lodge** was  
of a different order of life. W. edit  
Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton.

**Strict Observance** " " 27 " "   
**St. John's** " " 40 " "   
**Harmony** " " 57 " "   
**Acacia** " " 61 " "   
**Valley** " " 100 " " Dundas.   
**St. Clair** " " 136 " " Mississauga.   
**Burlington** " " 165 " " Wellington Square.

**Wentworth** " " 166 Stoney Creek.   
**White Oak** " " 198 Oakville.   
**Credit** " " 219 Georgetown. I.L.M.   
All of which, with one exception, I have visited personally,  
and sincerely bear testimony to the highly satisfactory  
impressions which all their affairs are considered to be,  
the almost complete uniformity of the work.

The Lodge which I had not the pleasure of visiting, which  
to my regret, more especially as I was prevented from doing so by  
fear of failing into associations with the **Standard Lodge**, was the  
visit of Dr. Scott, the Master, who seems to be and is  
constantly progressing in every way, and thus far probably  
more than the local and gallant scenes on the Island.  
The Standard Lodge, however, is the most prominent, and  
deserves his particular notice.

to recommend Bro. Wm. Power being the W. M. elect. At present there are fourteen members; and if it shall please Grand Lodge to grant a charter from what I know of the enthusiasm of the W. M. elect and the other petitioners, as well as being to some extent acquainted with the materials in that "new quarry," I venture to predict that it will never be a discredit to the M. W. honored brother whose name it bears.

Although I find the black ball has been used sparingly in nearly all the Lodges, thereby showing that care and caution are observed still, there have been no less than one hundred and five (105) initiations during the year, making the total number of Masons in good standing belonging to Lodges in the District, seven hundred and ninety-six (796).

On the occasion of one of my official visits, I took the opportunity of investing our deservedly popular T. W. Bro. J. J. Mason as Assistant Grand Secretary, the M. W. Grand Master having been pleased to appoint him to that office.

I also attended in my official capacity at the Burton Lodge on St. John's Day (June), and admitted by two of their Past Masters and the Worshipful Masters of several Pointe-Lodges in the District, installed and invested their officers for the current year.

I presented a dispensation to the Lodge in the village of Hamlin to accept their services on the 26th December. At the time of presentation, however, we delivered to them, according to the custom (Rev. George C. Bullock's method), which was followed with pleasure by all, a sum of money by a large number of the brethren. At the conclusion, a collection was taken up on behalf of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge.

Amidst all the success attending the labours of the District and the many calls for aid and assistance, it has been impossible for me to report that the funds of the District have been increased, although the amount of the contributions received from the various Lodges for the past year has been

Such young and old comrades, whom we have lost by drowning or by bad or good fortune, with whom we say without whistling, "Well, we have to recruit the lot, or twelve of our brethren" within the year, when he has summoned us to that Grand Lodge and Great Tribunal which no longer seem escape, and as a tribute to their memory, I have herein recorded their names:

**Bro. Joseph Birney, Bro. J. Conway Brown, and Bro. William Davidson, of Barton Lodge, No. 6, the first of whom was initiated there in February, 1861.**

**Bro. James Ed. Andrew and Bro. George Wurthmeyer,  
of St. John's Lodge, No. 40**

Bro. Arthur Tuckridge and Bro. James Blount, of Acacia Lodge, No. 61; Bro. D. Parmenter of Yellow Lodge, No. 102; W. Bro. J. H. Miller, of the Lodge of the Royal Arch Masons, and W. Bro. W. H. McElroy, of the Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

**W. Bro. Jno. J. Bradley, P. M. of Wentworth Lodge, No. 102,  
of the delegation to Valley Lodge, and Bro.  
100, and  
W. Bro. Solomon Page and Bro. Robert Givens, 26th  
Lodge, No. 109, who did the best.**

Although desirous to express the same respects & sympathy  
in all cases, there are two in the above which I might  
especially mention, and I might say in passing, that they  
will be fully discussed at the next Annual Convention  
which will be held in Boston, Mass., in October.  
The first is the case of the Rev. Dr. Wm. C. Burroughs,  
President of the New England Theological Seminary, and  
Baptist General Superintendent of New England, who, with  
W. B. Hinsdale, D. T. Winslow, C. C. Chapman, and  
M. A. Thompson, of the Boston Unitarian Church, his  
brothers were members, to attend the former in his ecclesiastical  
capacity. I deemed it my solemn duty to communicate  
with the Rev. Mr. Burroughs, and to assure him

genuinely without a masonic washing by his ill-ignorant son, at the dying time of life, leaving behind a very distressed widow & mother, of whom I have been given the upmost care, the maintenance and support. Both of these funerals were largely attended by the members of the city Lodges.

There have been during the year two stranger brethren buried with masonic ceremonies; one, Bro. W. H. D. Rogers, of Ionia Lodge, Michigan, whose remains were accompanied from Ionia by four members of his Lodge, W. Bro. J. H. Dunne, Bros. R. H. Bedford, J. L. Hudson and W. Campbell, and taken to the residence of Alderman Kelly in the city of Hamilton, father-in-law of the deceased. The brethren of the city Lodges attended the funeral, the Barton Lodge taking charge of the obsequies, and the service conducted by V. W. Bro. Brierley.

The other case was that of a brother named Thomas McDonnell, of Philipstown Lodge, New York, who came amongst us to visit his relatives, and three days after his arrival had departed to that "undiscovered country". One of the brethren of Valley Lodge, Dundas, who was intimately acquainted with deceased, called upon me & informed me that it had been a special request of the departed brother to be buried with masonic ceremonies. I acceded to the request and called a meeting of the fraternity, when the body of our stranger brother was committed to the silent earth.

At the close of my speech I said I had nothing further to add, but if any brother would take this opportunity to speak on the subject of the District Sub-chapter, I would be pleased and gratified; consequently all present would speak in turn, and among them Mr. Bro. Brierley, who had just returned from a visit accompanying his wife to England, and addressed his present brethren of friendliest greeting.

And now, in conclusion, I would desire to express my thanks to all the brethren for their kind attention to my address, and particularly to those who have written to me, expressing their interest in the cause of Masonic Friends.

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and trust you may experience such treatment as will induce  
you to recover again in as short a time as possible.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HAMILTON, 1st July, 1872.

E. MITCHELL,  
D. D. G. M. Hamilton District.

### NIAGARA DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free  
and Accepted Masons of Canada.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN.—In presenting the  
following report on the condition of Masonry in the Niagara  
District, I have much pleasure in being able to state that  
great unanimity and harmony have prevailed in the District  
during the year, only one case of complaint having been  
brought under my notice; but this, I regret to say, was of  
such a nature, that the Lodge of which the offending brother  
was a member, after having heard the evidence, decided on  
suspending him, with which decision I fully concurred.

I have granted during the year two dispensations to  
appear in masonic clothing; one to Clifton Lodge, No. 254,  
to attend a picnic at Niagara on 31st August last, on which  
occasion the Ladies of Clifton presented the Lodge with a  
handsome Bible; the other to Mountain Lodge, No. 251, at  
a convocation held in the village of Thessold on 7th De-  
cember (St. John the Evangelist's day), when the worthy  
Worshipful Master, V. W. Bro. John Dale was presented by  
the brethren of that Lodge with an address, accompanied  
with a handsome silver tea service, as a token of their  
appreciation of his valuable services rendered the Lodge  
during the time that he has presided over its affairs.

In November last I attended and assisted the Most Wor-  
shipful the Grand Master in dedicating and constituting  
Clifton Lodge, No. 254, and in giving the charge. I also  
inaugurated the village of Maplewood and Mountain Lodge on

27th December last; and Niagara Lodge, No. 2, on the 24th ultimo, the officers of the latter wearing for the first time their gold jewels and clothing authorized at last regular Communication of Grand Lodge.

In November last I received an application from a number of brethren to establish a new Lodge in the village of Jarvis, Ont., but declined under then existing circumstances to recommend the granting of a dispensation. I also received an application from the brethren of Port Dalhousie to establish a Lodge in that village, to be called "Seymour" Lodge. The Most Worshipful Grand Master having been pleased to grant a dispensation, in May last I attended and opened the Lodge, and I trust that Grand Lodge will see fit to confirm the dispensation by warrant.

I regret that ill health and professional duties have prevented me accomplishing my wish and intention to visit all the Lodges in the District. In February last I held a general Lodge of Instruction, which was honored by the presence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Harris, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. I. P. Williams, P. D. D. G. M., and several other distinguished brethren, and attended by a large number of the brethren of the District; and I have reason to believe that profit and satisfaction was the result, as many of the brethren have since expressed a strong desire for similar meetings, annually.

I present herewith a particular statement of work done in  
the several Lodges of the District for the year ending June,  
1872. I shall be glad to call in question any  
item or mode of entry into the account which may be mentioned.  
**All of which is respectfully submitted.**

Winnipeg, Ont. 1st July 1903

B.B.C.M. 1990

Hanover, Oct. 1st July, 1812.

*To*  
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*Magistrate*  
*Burke*, *from* *24th June, 1871, to* *24th June, 1872.*

## TORONTO DISTRICT.

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

I have great pleasure in submitting my report for the third year during which I have presided over the Toronto District, especially as I am able to inform you that the same prosperity which in former years attended the craft has been continued throughout the year just ended; and that the distinguishing characteristics of Freemasonry abound among the brethren of our Lodges:

The M.W. the Grand Master has been pleased to grant dispensations, upon my recommendation, to three more Lodges in this District during the past year, viz: "Patterson" Lodge, at Concord; "Northern Light" Lodge, at Stayner, and "Thorne" Lodge, at Holland Landing. All of these Lodges are in the hands of expert and zealous craftsmen, and without doubt their affairs will be conducted with discretion and ability. There has not been time to hold a meeting under the dispensation issued for Thorne Lodge; but I have no hesitation in recommending that a warrant be issued for that as well as for the other two Lodges, which have been conducted under dispensations for some months past.

An application for a Lodge at Alliston, now called the "Seymour" Lodge, has just been received by me; and as I have full confidence in the petitioners and the ability of the officers nominated, I think that a warrant in the first instance may with propriety be issued.

During the three years I have presided over this District, there have been eleven Lodges established therein, and one Lodge which had been dormant for many years has been revived. The number of Lodges has therefore in the above period been increased from twenty-three to thirty-four, whilst the active membership has in the like period increased from 1,050 to nearly 1,300. No stronger evidence could be

adduced of the interest taken in the cause of Masonry in this section of our jurisdiction.

The two Lodges in this District for which warrants were granted at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, viz., "Ashlar" Lodge at Yorkville, and "Caledonian" Lodge at Angus, have been duly constituted and consecrated, and I am glad to report that they have been well conducted.

I have during the year granted six dispensations for festivals and public processions on proper occasions. I have visited the Lodges whenever required, and through the kindness of brethren in various parts of the District, I have learned that the officers are, generally speaking, efficient and zealous, and that proper care is used in the selection of material introduced into the Lodges.

In December last I consented to the removal of York Lodge, No. 156, from Eglinton to Davisville, about half a mile south of the former place.

Whilst the conflagration which laid waste the prosperous city of Chicago was still raging, the fraternity of the city of Toronto, with characteristic liberality, hastened to the relief of their brethren in distress with the substantial contribution of \$700, which was remitted during the second day of that great fire, and which was handsomely and gratefully acknowledged by the recipients.

On the 7th and 8th of February last, I held a Lodge of Instruction in the Masonic Hall at Toronto, which was attended by over 220 brethren, including representatives from nearly every Lodge in the District. And as the Board of General Purposes met in Toronto at the same time, a large attendance of Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers during the sittings gave importance and interest to the proceedings. Without going into minute detail, I may note that the following, with other subjects, were discussed:  
1. The propriety of continuing our annual communication with the Grand Lodge of the Province of Ontario.

of the first, second and third degrees. 4. Lectures on the tracing board. 5. The ceremony of installation of a W. M., etc., etc.

The M. W. the G. M., the R. W. the Dep. G. M., and the R. W. the Grand Secretary, took part in the proceedings, and addressed the brethren present on the importance of the work before them.

On the 24th of May last, at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, I officiated for him on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of a new church, to be called "St. Paul's" Church, to be erected at Washago by the members of the United Church of England and Ireland. The proceedings therest were commenced in order, conducted in peace, and closed in harmony.

On the 13th of June last, the foundation stone of the new "Union Station" to be erected at Toronto, was laid by the M. W. the Grand Master, in the presence of a large concourse of the brethren and others interested in the proceedings assembled, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, which proved unfavorable. The brethren rejoiced to see their Grand Master restored to health sufficiently to enable him to conduct the ceremonies of the day.

In the name of the brethren of the Toronto District, I would express their fervent prayer that the G. A. O. T. U. may be graciously pleased to spare him in the enjoyment of health and happiness for many years, to see the completion of the stately and superb edifice about to be erected upon the foundation stone so "truly laid" by him, and its adaptation to the purposes for which it has been designed.

In resigning the gavel, which has been for three successive years entrusted to my keeping by the brethren of the District, I cannot restrain from conveying to them my grateful acknowledgments of the uniform kindness which they have throughout my term of office extended towards me, and the fraternal consideration with which they have

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received my suggestions, followed my directions, and deferred to my wishes. I shall ever be mindful of this, and I shall look back with feelings of the greatest pride and pleasure to the harmonious intercourse which I have so freely and so fully enjoyed.

May peace, love, and harmony ever prevail within our borders.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. KERR,

D. D. G. M. Toronto District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

In accordance with constitutional usage, I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in the Ontario District; and in so doing, I am glad to be able to state that the craft is both healthy and prosperous, and the work generally conducted in accordance with the ritual of Grand Lodge.

It has afforded me much pleasure, after having examined each of the Masters nominated, to be able to recommend dispensations to three new Lodges in this District during my year of office, viz.: to "Brougham Union," at the village of Brougham, under the able Mastership of W. Bro. John P. Campbell; to "Cedar" Lodge, at the village of Oshawa, under an experienced P. M., W. Bro. James P. Smith; also to "Verulam" Lodge, at the village of Bobcaygeon, presided over by Bro. Colonel John Kennedy, whose zeal and indefatigability in the interest of the Lodge,—evinced by his travelling from Peterboro', a distance of some twenty miles, to attend all its meetings,—have been rewarded by seeing the membership increased from eleven in March last, when the Lodge was opened, to between thirty and forty good men and true at present. I would recommend that warrants

of constitution be granted to each of the above-named Lodges.

During the months of January and February last, I held a Lodge of Instruction of a week's duration in Port Hope, invitations to which, by circular, were sent to every Lodge in the District. These meetings were specially well attended by the members of both Lodges in the town; and their good results were manifested by the proficiency of many of the brethren in the work at the time of their discontinuance.

On the 13th, 14th and 15th of February, I also held a general Lodge of Instruction at Peterboro', which, however, was not so well attended as I could have desired; but the absence of brethren may, in some measure, be attributable to the stormy weather prevailing at the time. On this occasion I received valuable assistance from R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, Past D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Dr. Kincoid, Past D. D. G. M.; and W. Bro. Ormond,—to whom my warmest thanks are due, and are herewith tendered.

A further Lodge of Instruction was held by me at Coborne, on the 20th and 21st ultimo, at the request of the Lodges in the eastern section of the District, and which, I have reason to hope, resulted in benefit to the brethren who attended it.

I must here return my hearty thanks to W. Bro. J. B. Trayes, W. M. of Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope, for the kind and able assistance he rendered me at all the above Lodges of Instruction.

I regret that I have been unable to visit as many of the Lodges in the District as I could have wished. This is owing to their large number, viz., 23 at present, and the great area of country over which they are spread—nearly by fifty miles. My experience leads me to the conclusion that the cause of Masonry in the District would be materially benefitted, and uniformity of work better secured, if the District were divided.

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During the year I have granted four dispensations, viz.: to Mount Zion Lodge to wear regalia on the occasion of the dedication of a new Hall; to Durham Lodge, Newcastle, to appear in regalia at a festival; to Zerudatha Lodge, Uxbridge, for a like purpose; and to St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, to wear regalia at a picnic to Rice Lake on the Festival of St. John the Baptist.

Upon surrendering now the honor conferred upon me at last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, I would congratulate the District on the peace and harmony which have prevailed throughout, and also return my thanks to the officers and brethren of the Lodges for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended me while in the discharge of the duties appertaining to my office.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. WRIGHT,  
Port Hope, July 8th, 1872.

D. G. M. ONTARIO DISTRICT.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

In accordance with the requirements of the constitution, I beg to submit the following brief report of my proceedings in the District of Prince Edward, over which I have had the honor to preside, in respect of visiting all the Lodges within the same.

I regret that on account of unavoidable illness or about five months, I have not been able to carry out fully my intentions of visiting all the Lodges in my District, being thus prevented from performing the duties required of me. You will be overlooked by the Grand Lodge; also by the District Lodge in my District which I have neglected the pleasure of visiting.

From visiting a number of the Lodges, and from information received from brethren of the different bodies, I can

safely say that the Lodges throughout the District, with one or two exceptions, are in a healthy and prosperous condition, and all appear to be actuated by that feeling of who best can work and who best agree.

There have been only two or three cases of complaint brought to my notice, all of which have been happily adjusted; but I regret to say, that information being received by me of some illegal proceedings of Frank Lodge, No. 127, Frankford, and after a due investigation, I felt it my duty to suspend said Lodge for three months, or at the pleasure of the Grand Master. The reason for so doing was fully set forth in a report, and sent to the Grand Master. The Lodge has again resumed work in their new hall, and are, I believe, working in peace and harmony together.

By a request of the Worshipful Master and brethren of Quinte Lodge, No. 241, Shannonville, I had the honor of receiving a dispensation from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to lay the Corner Stone of the new Masonic Hall in that place, on the 15th of August last, on which occasion I was assisted by R. M. Bro. L. H. Henderson, Bro. Thos. Kelso, and the Worshipful Master and brethren of Quinte Lodge, as well as the Moira, Belleville, and Madoc Lodges. The proceedings were conducted in accordance with the ancient usages of the Order.

On request of each of the following Lodges, I granted dispensations for the brethren to appear in regalia at masonic celebrations on the festival of St. John the Evangelist, viz.: the Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville; Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee; Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 113, Bath; Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington.

I received two applications for the formation of two new Lodges, one at Roslin, to be called the "Mystic" Lodge, the other at Napanee, to be called the "Mount Sinai" Lodge; and on my recommendation, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was pleased to grant dispensations for the same, and for which I would recommend that warrants be granted.

The following are the deaths which have been reported to me: W. Bro. Monroe H. Howe, Past Master of Frankford Lodge, Frankford; he was buried with masonic honors on the 21st of November last. Bro. James Green, of Moira Lodge, Belleville, was buried with masonic honors on the 5th of April last. Bro. Robert Francis, of Trent Lodge, Trenton, was buried with masonic honors on the 24th December last. W. Bro. John Dench, Past Master of Trent Lodge, Trenton, was buried with masonic honors on the 31st of December last. Also Bro. Dr. Geo. Dickenson, of Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa, who was buried with masonic honors on the 5th of September last, in Belleville.

In conclusion, I beg leave to thank the brethren of those Lodges I have visited for the courtesy and kindness shown to me during my visit.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

E. G. FLINT,

D. D. G. M. Prince Edward District.

Since writing the above report, I have granted two dispensations: one to the Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee, to appear in masonic clothing on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the new Methodist Church in that place, on the 5th of July; the other to Tweed Lodge, No. 229, Tweed, on the occasion of celebrating the festival of St. John the Baptist, by marching in procession and afterwards to dine together clothed as Masons, on the 24th of June.

E. G. F.

#### ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I have the honor to submit my report on the state of Freemasonry in the St. Lawrence District for the past year.

and have much pleasure in saying that with one exception, prosperity, peace and harmony prevail in all the Lodges on

I regret to say that the troubles which have existed for some time back in Escott's Lodge, No. 142, still remain unsettled. All the papers connected with this unfortunate affair are in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and it is therefore unnecessary for me to enter further upon the subject at present.

My first official visit, after being installed as D. D. G. M., was to Minden Lodge, to install the W. M. and other officers, they having just received their warrant from Grand Lodge.

On December 27th I installed the W. M. and other officers of St. John's, No. 3, and Catarqui, No. 92; the former at high twelve, and the latter at 7 o'clock, p. m. According to time-honored custom, both Lodges dined in the evening; St. John's at Bro. Swales' British American Hotel, and Catarqui at the Anglo-American.

On February 12th I granted permission to the members of St. John's, Catarqui and Minden Lodges, to appear in regalia at a concert and ball in the City Hall, Kingston, which was numerously attended by the brethren and their friends.

On the 15th Feb., accompanied by W. W. Bro. Wilkinson, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. Oldrieve, P. M. Catarqui Lodge, and other brethren from Kingston, I visited McCay Lodge, at Escott, for the purpose of dedicating their new Lodge-room, and installing the W. M. and other officers. After the ceremony, the brethren entertained us very hospitably in the new Township Hall, where a large number of the craft and their families honored us with their presence.

Next day I visited Leeds Lodge, No. 201, and dedicated a new and very handsome Lodge-room, and installed the W. M. and other officers. I was kindly received by

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compline by M. W. P. J. G. M. Simpson passed Rev. W. D. Body Wilkinson, P. D. D. G. M. After the ceremony we were cordially invited to an sumptuous banquet which had been prepared in honor of our visit. A large number of the craft, with their wives and daughters, honored us with their presence. At the banquet, an adjournment was made to the Lodge room, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

I am happy to mention that the ladies of Gananoque take a lively interest in the cause of Masonry, they having presented the brethren of Leeds Lodge with a handsome melodeon, the music from which added very much to the solemnity of the ceremony of the dedication and installation.

I also visited Albion Lodge, No. 109, Marrowmith, accompanied by a large number of the brethren from Kingston, for the purpose of dedicating their new room. Our party was cordially received and hospitably entertained by W. Bro. Dupuis and the brethren of Albion Lodge, equal in number and of larger size than those of our own.

On June 24th I visited Minden Lodge, and installed the W. M. and other officers into their respective chairs at noon. After the installation the members of the Lodge, with a large number of guests, made an excursion on board the Steamer "Rochester" to Clayton, where we were met and welcomed by a number of our American brethren. After spending an hour or two very pleasantly, we made our way to our kind friends and reached Kingston about 8 o'clock in the evening.

In conclusion I would take this opportunity of returning my most sincere thanks to the brethren who elected me to the high and honorable office which now hold, and to the W. M. and brethren of various Lodges, which I had the honor to visit, for the kind, courteous and fraternal reception which I received at their hands, and for the prompt and satisfactory replies I received from Masters of Lodges on all occasions when I called upon them. I have also to acknowledge with my acknowledgments the favor of the Master of the

the like & the promptness with which the Grand Secretary attended to my communications and enquiries during my term of office, and to whom I am under many obligations, for his services. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Kingston, 20th June, 1872. JOHN KER,

D. D. G. M. Ottawa District.

I have the honor, in accordance with constitution requirements, to submit my report with regard to the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District.

The Ottawa District now contains 22 Lodges, four having been added during the year, - two by affiliation, and two by dispensation. The two affiliating Lodges are St. John's No. 524, and Dalhousie, No. 571, formerly on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England. The two Lodges under dispensation are "Chaudiere," at Ottawa, and "Pontiac," at Oneill. I have officially visited 18 out of the 22 Lodges, and am enabled to report that they are in a satisfactory condition, the work being conducted as closely to the established ritual of Grand Lodge, as can be expected from the limited opportunity that the Masters and Wardens have of becoming acquainted with the same. Nothing short of the appointment of Grand Lecturers will ever secure that

great degree of uniformity of work.

With regard to the Lodges under dispensation, I have the honor to recommend that charters be granted them, the W. M.'s having proved themselves competent to carry on the work.

The possession by any number of the two Lodges formerly holding down the Grand Lodge of England, is a source of great satisfaction to the brethren in the District, and I rec-

sure must be so to the Grand Lodge. The kindliest relations have ever existed between these Lodges and our own in the past, and we welcome them to our Grand Lodge in the most cordial manner.

I regret to have to call the attention of Grand Lodge to the proceedings of St. John's Lodge, No. 159, Grand Registry of Ireland. This Lodge has for years past acted in a most irregular manner; and though the fact has been presented to the parent Grand Lodge in the strongest terms, and redress sought, yet none has been granted. In fact, no acknowledgment has been made of the receipt of our complaint; but on the contrary, the erring Lodge has been allowed to pursue its course, and has even obtained the sanction of their Grand Lodge to their removal to the town of L'Orignal, and that since the receipt of our complaint. I sincerely trust that Grand Lodge will take such action as will ameliorate the state of affairs now existing, as the well-being of the Lodges at Plantagenet and Hawkesbury depend upon some remedy being applied.

During the past year, a number of the Lodges have found it necessary to obtain larger and better Lodge accommodation, especially those in Ottawa, Perth and Pembroke. The Lodge-room in the former place will be when completely fitted up, second to none; while in the latter place, we see the love entertained for our institution by the brethren finds forcible expression by their subscribing from their private funds over \$1,000 to properly furnish their new Lodge-room, which will be a credit to them and the craft when completed. In many other instances, the prosperity of the Lodges is evidenced by their making their Lodges more suitable.

Few deaths have been reported to me during the year. The only ones are Bro. Gorley and Gordon, of the Branch Lodge, No. 25; Bro. Badépeiben and Abbott, of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148; Bro. Leno, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 60; and Bro. Gallup, of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, of whom Bro. Gorley, Skowring and Gallup were interested with Masonic ceremonies.

assisted by a number of well-skilled brethren, I held a Lodge of Instruction at Almonte, in April, last, which was well attended, and from which, I am happy to state, the best results flowed. A large number attended, and the greatest interest was manifested, the work in the three degrees being exemplified. The brethren at Almonte made the most satisfactory arrangements for the accommodation of the brethren, and entertained them in excellent style. Indifferent health prevented me holding more meetings for instruction; but being now, by the blessing of the G. A. O. T. U., restored to health, I purpose continuing them.

To the brethren of the Lodges I have visited I desire to return my thanks for their kind hospitalities, and to the brethren of the District in general for the kindness and courtesy which they have always accorded me, and the readiness with which they have acted upon the advice and suggestions that I may have had occasion to offer.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD C. BARBER.

#### MONTREAL DISTRICT.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN.—In compliance with the requirements of the constitution, I beg to submit my annual report. In doing so, I am happy to state that the seven Lodges in the Montreal District, now holding warrants from this Grand Lodge are working harmoniously and well; and I have everywhere found the sentiment of loyalty to this Grand Lodge as deeply (or, if possible, more deeply) rooted as ever in the breast of every Mason in my jurisdiction.

My first official act was the constituting of the Lodge of "Union of Secret Observance" (to which a Warrant was granted at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge),

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and installing its officers, on the 18th September last, in which ceremony I was most ably assisted by M. W. Bro. Stevenson.

Some time during the summer, (I don't now remember the date), I granted a dispensation for the brethren to appear in regalia at a lecture delivered by Bro. the Rev. E. M. Myers.

On St. John's day, Dec. 27th, 1871, I installed the W. M.'s and officers of seven Lodges, among them the W. M.'s of Zetland, and Union of Strict Observance Lodges, who were promoted from the floor of the Lodge, and installed by dispensation from M. W. Bro. Seymour. On the same day, I granted dispensations to the members of St. George's Lodge and to Mount Royal Lodge, to appear in regalia, the former at a dinner and the latter at a ball.

In saying that I have very frequently visited every Lodge in my District, I lay claim to no merit, as they are all situated in the city of Montreal; and I am happy to state that it was upon very rare occasions indeed that I was called upon to interfere with the working of the Lodges.

During the months of April and May, I held a District Lodge of Instruction on every Wednesday evening, which, though not so well attended as I could have wished, was still (I am led to believe) conducive to great good.

The best proof which I can adduce of the peace, love and harmony which prevails among the brethren in the Montreal District, is the fact that with the exception of the opening of a Lodge without the presence of the warrant, I have had no case of masonic complaint laid before me.

It affords me great pleasure gratefully to acknowledge the uniform kindness and courtesy I have at all times received from my brethren of Montreal.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

JOHN URQUHART, Jun'r.  
Montreal, July 1st, 1872. D. D. G. M. Montreal District

**BEDFORD DISTRICT.**

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada.

It will be a source of gratification to all good Masons, to know that in the District of Bedford, where so many influences have been constantly at work to weaken the allegiance which the brethren there bear to this Grand Lodge, *all* the Lodges in that District which were represented here one year ago are with us still, and are mostly in a flourishing condition, both as regards numerical increase and constitutional vigor.

The increase in numbers of several Lodges has been especially great during the past year, and the character of Masonry in that vicinity has certainly not suffered by the acquisition of many new members, calculated to adorn and ennable any society with which they may become connected.

I visited nearly all the Lodges in the District, and installed most of the officers; and while I heartily rejoice at the harmony and good will which exists everywhere, I avail myself of this opportunity of acknowledging the uniform courteous and friendly manner in which I was received and treated as the humble representative of this Grand Lodge.

The new Lodge at West Shefford, established by special dispensation, is in a flourishing condition, under the able and careful guidance of W. Bro. G. H. Allen, P. M. of Shefford Lodge, No. 53.

I regret to be obliged to report the secession of a few of the members of Dorchester Lodge, No. 4; but notwithstanding this schism, Dorchester Lodge continues full of life and vigor, as she well may under the able and painstaking care of her worthy Master, and the large number of intelligent and influential brethren who stand faithfully by him and this Grand Lodge.

It gives me great pleasure to record the fact that no charge has been preferred against any brother, and but one

against any Lodge in my District. My attention was called by the Grand Secretary to a rumour of certain irregularities in Prevost Lodge, No. 1; but a thorough investigation of the matter convinced me that the allegations were incorrect, and I reported accordingly.

Before concluding, I feel it my duty to refer to the sorrow and disappointment experienced by the brethren in Bedford District, at the refusal of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec to accept the basis of union aimed at by the joint committee appointed to adjust and forever settle the unhappy differences existing between Masons in that Province. Anxious to do everything in their power to remove the scandal, heal the wound inflicted on the masonic body, and, if possible, assuage the pain, they yielded up in the interest of peace everything save their own existence; but when it became generally known that a union could only be effected by blotting out of existence some of our most respectable Lodges, and declaring many of our most exemplary brethren clandestine, the loyal brethren there, as elsewhere throughout the Province of Quebec, re-affirmed their loyalty to this Grand Body, and are unanimously determined to pay no allegiance to any other.

It is my melancholy duty to record the death of our much-lamented W. Bro. J. B. Lay, P. M. of Sherrard Lodge, for many years an exemplary Mason, a pillar of wisdom, and an esteemed member of society. After a lingering illness, which he bore with true masonic fortitude, he died at Waterloo during the past month, and was interred with masonic ceremonies, M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson acting as Chaplain.

I have the honor to subscribe myself,  
Your obedient servant,

JNO. ERSKINE, M. D. -

Dr. D. G. M. D. -  
Born in 1811. Educated at Aldershot. Studied Medicine at  
the Royal College of Surgeons, and received his M. B. and M. Ch. in 1835. Practiced in Liverpool, and then removed to

before now, to form a Lodge, and I am doing my best to do so, but I have not yet succeeded.

## PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN.—I have the honor to report that Masonry is progressing favorably in this Province, and with few exceptions, that unanimity prevails.

Shortly after my arrival here, I was recommended by the two existing Lodges to fill the high office of D. D. G. M., which recommendation the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to accept. On the 27th December last, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 240, which Lodge, I am happy to say, is increasing in numbers, and working according to the approved ritual.

I could not, for various reasons, install the officers of Lisgar Lodge, No. 244, but deputed W. Bro. Geraghty, W.M. of Minden Lodge, to perform that ceremony, which he did with the assistance of other Past Masters.

With regard to Assiniboine Lodge, No. 251, after some trouble I at last got a letter from W. Bro. Charles Curtis, a copy of which I give.

"PORTAGE LAFLAINE, May 27th, 1771.

"BROTHER NOEL,

"I am sorry to say that I have not a very encouraging report to give. The Lodge has had only one Regular Communication since the receipt of the dispensation; this R. M. was held on 5th December, 1871. Our difficulty is that we have only a sufficient number of members to form the Lodge, and almost invariably some one or more are unable to attend at the date of the R. M., either owing to absence from the place or other causes.

"No dues have been transmitted to Grand Lodge; the officers have not been installed. What course to pursue under the present circumstances of the Lodge, I am unable to determine. If I could see you and talk the matter over, it would be most satisfactory; but I am as fixed in opinion that I cannot leave home.

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I have no fault to find with any of the brethren; their absence has always been unavoidable. Please write and inform me what is likely to be done with us.

"Fraternally yours,

"JOHN V. NOEL, Esq., D. D. G. M.,  
"Winnipeg.

(Signed,) "CHAS. CURTIS,  
"W. Master,

I have not answered this letter, preferring to leave it to Grand Lodge to deal with the matter. After talking the circumstances over with some of the leading Masons of that part of the Province, I would recommend that time be given, if not contrary to masonic law; for I think, from the influx of settlers, that in due time that Lodge will be in good working order.

As to the International Lodge, No. 252, I have the authority of the W. Master elect, Frederic J. Bradley, for saying that there is not the least hope of that Lodge ever being organized, and he wishes to return the charter. From my knowledge of North Pembina and its inhabitants, I quite agree with him, and do recommend the surrender of the charter.

I granted dispensations to Prince Rupert's Lodge and to Lisgar Lodge, the former to appear in regalia at a ball given by them on 27th of last December, and the latter to attend a picnic on 24th inst., St. John the Baptist's day.

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

All which is respectfully submitted.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 20th, 1872.

JOHN V. NOEL,  
D. D. G. M. Province of Manitoba.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clement, and

Carried—That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters just past, be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

R.W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, on behalf of the President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted and read the following

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes has the honor to report, for the information of Grand Lodge, that its annual meeting was held in the city of Toronto, on the 8th day of February last. The books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, together with the accounts, statements and vouchers, for the financial year ending 31st December, 1871, were submitted and carefully examined; and the Board has pleasure in stating that they were found to be in every respect correct. The following is a statement of the finances of Grand Lodge at that date.

The receipts for the past year amount to \$10,344.64, derived from the following sources:

Certificates.....	\$2,684.96
Dues .....	4,747.12
Fees .....	1,802.50
Dispensations .....	524.00
Warrants.....	240.00
Constitutions .....	390.85
Proceedings .....	8.16
	\$10,344.64

The Grand Treasurer's statement shows the following amounts at the credit of Grand Lodge:

General Fund.....	\$26,034.96
Asylum Fund.....	5,660.21
Benevolence Fund, Investment Acct.....	11,484.18
" " current .....	1,306.14

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Which are invested, viz:

Dominion Stock, bearing 6 per cent.....	\$28,800 00
" " " 5 " " .....	10,000 00
Middlesex Debentures, 6 " " .....	1,600 00
Bank of Toronto, bal. on 1st July, 1871 .....	736 31
" " interest on Dominion Stock accrued.....	144 00
Bank of Commerce, balance .....	3,175 25
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	844,455 56

The expenditure amounted to the sum of \$9,892.16, the details of which have already been furnished to Lodges, in the published annual statement. It is proper, however, to say, that of this sum no less than \$5,479.89 was for transfers to Benevolent Fund, including the \$2,000 voted for relief of Chicago sufferers; so that the ordinary expenses, of salaries, printing, certificates, expenses of Board, etc., amounted to \$4,412.79.

ACCOUNTS PAID.

The Board has ordered the payment of the following accounts:

Lawson, McCulloch & Co., printing and stationery.....	\$489 70
On which payment has been made, 20th June, amount	
T. & R. White, printing.....	20 00
Bunting Gillies & Co., stationery .....	22 15
W. Bruce, engraving warrants .....	6 18
W. F. McKinny, engraving, etc.....	6 25
Henry Groff, postage, etc.....	3 20
Grand Secretary, expenses attending Ann. Communication .....	29 70
Salary Assistant G. Sec's office.....	268 00
Grand Sec'y, sundry expenses attending G. M.....	7 00
President of Board, to defray balance due from the expenses of Board in July last	16 80
General expenses, Balance due for	
John Clark & Co., printing certificates.....	51 00
John Clark & Co., printing certificates.....	145 00
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W. C. Hill to zoanogy library.....	61 72
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## BENEVOLENCE.

The Board has had under consideration the several applications for relief, and after due consideration, made the following appropriations, to be paid from the Fund of Benevolence at the disposal of the Board, viz.:

Applicant.	Sum Allowed.	Payable Through.
1. Mrs. W.....	\$20	R. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe.
2. Mrs. McF.....	20	W. M. Lodge No. 26.
3. Mrs. W.....	40	" " 114.
4. Mrs. B.....	20	R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller.
5. Mrs. C.....	20	" " A. B. Petrie.
6. Mrs. H.....	40	" " Allan McLean.
7. Bro. T.....	20	" " Dr. Kincaid.
8. Mrs. J.....	45	M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson.
9. Mrs. McD.....	30	" " "
10. Bro. C.....	20	R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown.
11. Bro. M.....	20	W. M. Lodge No. 43.
12. Bro. L.....	40	" " 205.
13. Bro. C.....	20	R. W. Bro. J. Parry.
14. Mrs. B.....	20	" " P. J. Brown.
15. Mrs. T.....	20	W. M. Lodge No. 42.
16. Mrs. G.....	20	" " 42.
17. Bro. F.....	30	" " 119.
18. Bro. T.....	20	" " 192.
19. Bro. B.....	20	W. Bro. F. J. Menet.
20. Bro. M.....	20	" " "
21. Mrs. D.....	20	R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens.
22. Bro. B.....	20	" " "
23. Mrs. G.....	20	V. W. Bro. J. Bain.
24. Bro. R.....	25	R. W. Bro. R. M. Willson.
25. Mrs. P.....	30	" " D. Spry.
26. Mrs. H.....	20	" " "
27. Mrs. K.....	25	W. M. Lodge No. 8.
28. Mrs. C.....	30	" " 110.
29. Bro. S.....	25	M. W. Bro. Stevenson.
30. Mrs. S.....	20	" " Bernard.
31. Toronto Board of Relief.....	150	R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr.
32. Montreal "	100	" " J. Urquhart, Jr.
33. Hamilton "	100	" " Edward Mitchell.
34. Kingston "	75	" " John Morris.
35. Galt "	75	" " E. W. Morrison.
36. Mt. L.....	30	" " Thomas Williams, Jr.
37. Bro. G.....	20	" " J. M. Morris.
38. Bro. McC.....	50	Funeral expenses of Bro. W.

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GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board has taken action upon the following cases of grievances and appeal:

In the case of Bro. I. Saywright—standing over from the last meeting of the Board, in consequence of the evidence being insufficient,—as no evidence has been presented at this meeting, the Board requests the D. D. G. M. of St. Clair District to see what evidence can be produced; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify the parties that unless evidence is produced on the first day of the meeting of the Board in July next, the Board will recommend to Grand Lodge that Brother Saywright be restored to full masonic standing; and in the meantime, the suspension is removed.

R. W. Bro. J. R. Franck, having been summoned to show cause why he should not be expelled, and not having appeared, the Board recommends that unless he shows cause on the first day of the meeting of the Board in July, he be expelled from the craft; notice to be sent to him, and he summoned.

As to the communication of Bro. Wm. Lynn Smart, respecting the installation of Bro. H. W. Davies as W. M. of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, the Board considers that Bro. Davies had served the office of Warden for one year, and consequently was entitled to be installed as W. M. of that Lodge.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

A letter having been received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of France, relative to the vote of \$250 by Grand Lodge towards the relief of the sufferers by the late Franco-Prussian war, the President of the Board was instructed to transmit to the Grand Orient the sum of \$250. The receipt of the money has been acknowledged in a letter addressed to the Grand Secretary.

## ASSISTANCE IN GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The question of assistance in the office of Grand Secretary was brought under the notice of your Board, and the sum allowed for this purpose was increased from \$500 to \$650.

The terrible calamity which befel the city of Chicago last year, and the universal sympathy which that calamity elicited throughout the civilized world, will be in the lively recollection of Grand Lodge. The M. W. the Grand Master, conceiving the case to be one in which the benevolence of Grand Lodge might and ought to be exercised, suggested to the President of the Board that the sum of two thousand dollars should be granted for the relief of the sufferings of Masons and their families; the suggestion was concurred in, and the money transmitted. The Board cordially approved of the proceeding, and sanction the grant. At the same time, they express the opinion that it ought not to be drawn into a general precedent. The circumstances were so exceptional in their character—the calamity was such a sudden and terrible one—that every heart was stirred with sympathy towards the sufferers; and the Board with confidence submits their action in this matter to the approval of Grand Lodge.

## INVESTMENT OF GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

In accordance with the request of Grand Lodge, the sum of \$10,000 has been invested in Dominion Stock, bearing five per cent. interest.

## RE-PRINTING THE PROCEEDINGS.

The question of re-printing the proceedings of Grand Lodge from the commencement, has engaged the attention of the Board. Tenders have been asked for, on carefully prepared specifications, and have been received. Circulars have been issued to Lodges, asking what number of, if any

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copies would be required; and such returns have been received, as will enable the Board to make a formal recommendation to Grand Lodge on the subject at its present Communication.

The whole respectfully and fraternally submitted.

THOS. WHITE, JUN'R,

President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe, and

~~Resolved~~.—That the annual report of the Board be received.

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson submitted the following semi-annual report on

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report, as follows:

That they have carefully examined the books of the Grand Secretary, and find them to be correct in every particular.

The amounts received by him for the half year ending 30th June, 1872, being for

Certificates.....	\$1,523 00
Dues.....	2,591 72
Fees.....	387 50
Dispensations.....	371 00
Warrants.....	80 00
Constitutions.....	320 89
Proceedings.....	0 26
Total.....	\$5,824 39

The Grand Treasurer's statement is as follows:

<b>ASSETS.</b>		
Dominion Stock, at 6 per cent., \$28,800		
"        at 5 per cent., 10,000	38,800	00
County of Middlesex Debentures.....	1,600	00
Cash in Bank of Commerce.....	6,206	25
Cash in Bank of Toronto on 31st Dec., 1871.....	\$880	31
Interest on Dominion Stock, due and deposited.....	\$144.00	1,024 31
		<b>\$47,630 56</b>

Representing the following balances at credit of the various accounts in the books of the Grand Lodge:

General Fund.....	\$28,261	70
Asylum Fund.....	5,824	31
Benevolent Fund, invested acc. \$11,434.15		
10 per cent. on receipts in 1871, 1,034.66	12,468	81
Benevolent Fund, current account.....	1,085	74
		<b>47,630 56</b>

The Committee recommend payment of the following accounts:

Lawson, McCulloch & Co., printing.....	\$240	66
William Bruce, address to Queen.....	36	01
Buntin, Gillies & Co., stationery.....	14	00
Grand Secretary, expenses attending Grand Lodge and Board meetings.....	33	45
Assistance in Grand Secretary's office.....	250	00
Grand Sec'y, bal. incidental expenses.....	16	12
Copp, Clark & Co., printing and parchment	75	75
Chairman Foreign Correspondence, services preparing report.....	50	00
Grand Master, incidental expenses.....	50	00
J. J. Mason, subscription for Craftsman....	3	00
		<b>777 98</b>

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The Board recommends that \$5,000 of the cash in Bank of Commerce be invested in a permanent stock.

The Board is of opinion that it is unnecessary to audit the accounts in full at the semi-annual meetings of the Board. All that is required is for the Grand Secretary to show the amount of money received and paid over to the Treasurer, showing his receipts for the same, as all accounts, books and vouchers for the whole year have to be examined and audited at the annual meeting, which is the end of our fiscal year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALLAN MCLEAN,  
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell; and

Resolved.—That the semi-annual report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received.

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson submitted the following report from the Masonic Asylum Trust:

REPORT.

The Masonic Asylum Trust have to report that the amount in the Bank of Toronto on deposit is now \$1,058.66 having been increased last year by the sum of \$322.35 being for interest on Dominion stock and deposits, the former at 6 and the latter at 4 per cent, as shown by the following statement:

Dr.	
Balance last annual report.	\$5,886.31
Interest, Dominion Stock.	258.00
" Deposits.	84.35
Total.	\$6,130.66

<b>CR.</b>	
By Dominion Stock (amount \$4,386.00).....	\$4,386.00
Balance in Bank.....	1,058.66
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5,858.66</b>

The Trust regret that so little progress has been made in furtherance of the desirable object for which the fund has been created, but from information recently laid before the Trust, it is expected that a feasible proposal will be submitted to the Grand Lodge at its next session, which will merit its approval, and secure the cordial co-operation of the brethren.

KIVAS TULLY,  
Chairman.  
JAMES BAIN,  
A. DE GRASSI.

Toronto, July 8th, 1872.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, and

**Resolved**.—That the report of the Asylum Trust be received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson submitted the following report on the

#### CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The Board has considered the reports of the D. D. G. M.'s of the St. Clair, London, Wilson, Huron, Wellington, Hamilton, Niagara, Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward, St. Lawrence, Ottawa, Montreal and Bedford Districts, also the report on the Manitoba District.

These reports show a general healthy and prosperous condition of the Craft throughout the whole country, a large increase in both lodges and members, and at the same time an increased desire to look carefully to the quality rather than the quantity of material used in the building.

The D. D. G. M.'s continue to show great industry in visiting and instructing the Lodges in their respective

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Districts, and D. G. Lodges of instruction show a marked increase, having been during the year held in six districts, and in some of them two or three have been held in different localities. The marked improvement from holding these Lodges, and from the more frequent visits of the D. D. G. M.'s, is spoken of by all, and in only one report is the necessity of a Grand Lecturer suggested. The Board is of opinion that the mode of instruction adopted by these districts would be highly beneficial to all.

In most of the districts there were not many complaints, and with a few exceptions, they were easily disposed of.

A number of dispensations were granted by the D. D. G. M.'s of the respective districts to hold festivals, which are reported to have been conducted with peace, harmony and good will, but in four districts the D. D. G. M.'s have granted dispensations to hold balls. The authority to grant such dispensations has been frequently declared to rest in the M. W. the G. M. alone.

Several Lodge rooms were destroyed by fire during the last year, but in every case the brethren zealously and heartily went to work to build. Many Lodges are also reported as procuring more suitable accommodation, and the members of one Lodge in Pembroke have subscribed over \$1,000 to refurnish and adorn their Lodge room.

Amongst the pleasing incidents that have occurred during the year it should be specially mentioned that in the Wilson and Wellington Districts, and also in the city of Toronto, subscriptions were made by the Lodges for the sufferers by the Chicago fire, for which the brethren were warmly thanked by the M. W. the G. M. of Illinois, the Chairman of the Masonic Board of Relief in Chicago.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY MACPHERSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. John Wright, and

**Resolved**,—That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from the superintendent of the Mechanic's Institute, informing Grand Lodge that the reading room and library of the Institute were open for the use of the members of Grand Lodge during the Annual Communication.

It was moved by W. Bro. R. Stark, seconded by V. W. Bro. J. B. Holden, and

**Resolved**,—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the President and Directors for their courtesy and kind offer, which would be doubtless freely acted upon by the members.

A letter was read from W. Bro. the Rev. E. M. Myers, presenting to Grand Lodge, for distribution amongst the Representatives present, three hundred (300) copies of a Lecture on the Origin and History of Freemasonry, delivered by him at a meeting of the fraternity held in Montreal.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Chumcey Bennett, seconded by R. W. Bro. David McLellan, and

**Resolved**,—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be hereby tendered to W. Bro. the Rev. E. M. Myers for the same.

V. W. Bro. James Bain gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that the village of Yorkville, in the township of York, in the Toronto District, be masonically included in the jurisdiction of the city of Toronto.

The Grand Secretary, on behalf of the editor (R. W. Bro. T. S. Parvin), presented to Grand Lodge a bound copy of the *Evergreen* for the years 1868, 1869 and 1870 complete, for the use of the library of Grand Lodge.

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It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. McLellan, seconded by W. Bro. R. Stark, and

Resolved.—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the editor of the *Evergreen* for his valuable presentation, and that the same be placed in the library of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary presented, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, a neatly bound copy of a reprint of its proceedings from the year 1788 to 1857.

It was moved by W. Bro. Wm. Forbes, seconded by V. W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, and

Resolved.—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and that the volume be placed in the Library of Grand Lodge.

The following notices of motion were given for the holding the next Annual Communication, viz:

R. W. Bro. A. G. Macdonell, Toronto.

" " " Geo. Billington, London.

V. W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, Montreal.

" " W. H. Ballard, Chatham.

" " S. E. Mitchell, Pembroke.

" " H. M. Wilson, Brantford.

" " Wm. Forbes, Grimsby.

In accordance with motion at the last Annual Communication,

It was moved by W. Bro. R. Neocall, seconded by W. Bro. S. E. Mitchell.

That all business in private lodges in connection with this Grand Lodge be conducted in the Third Degree.

After some discussion the M. W. Grand Master ruled that this resolution was not in order, inasmuch as the notice did not state that it was an amendment to the Constitution.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi, and

**Resolved**,—That Clause 1, "of Board of General Purposes," in the Book of Constitution be amended by inserting the words "Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Canada," after the words "the Board shall consist of the Grand Master."

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 7.30 P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 8 o'clock, P. M.

M. W. Bro. M. A. Stevenson, P. G. M., as Grand Master,

### On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report on

### WARRANTS.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report that they have examined the books, papers, &c., of the following Lodges under dispensation, viz:

Oak Branch,

Forest,

Chandiere,

Patterson,

Northern Light,

Seymour,

Inverkip, Out.

Forest,

Ottawa,

Concord,

Blayney,

Ancaster,

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Verulam, Brougham Union, Cedar, Kent, Teeswater, Mystic, Mount Sinai, Bobcaygeon, Ont. Brougham, and "ds" or Oshawa, Blenheim, Teeswater, Ronin, Napaneo,

The Board have also had before it applications from the following:

Eureka, St. John's, Belleville, Ont. & the Ainsleyville " Alliston, "

Applying for Warrants, they not having had dispensations.

They have examined into the merit of the several applications, and recommend that warrants be granted by the Grand Lodge to all the lodges before named.

H. MACPHERSON,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, and carried, 012.62. That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson submitted and read the report of the Board on reprinting the proceedings.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Allen McLean, and seconded by R. W. Bro. H. P. Stephens, 012.62. That the report of the Board on reprinting the proceedings be received and adopted.

In amendment, it was moved by W. Bro. N. Gordon Bigelow, seconded by W. Bro. J. McElroy, and

**Resolved**,—That the report be not now adopted, but be referred back to the Board of General Purposes, with instructions to insert four hundred copies (400) as the number of copies to be ordered, before printing the proceedings, of which number the Grand Lodge to subscribe for and take one hundred (100) copies.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the amendment, it was declared in the affirmative.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr submitted the following report of the Board of General Purposes on

#### GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to submit the following report of Grievances and Appeals:

1. The Board having considered the evidence submitted in the case of Bro. Anthony Skelding, of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44—and in that of Bro. Thomas Taylor, of Insgar Lodge, No. 244—do recommend that both of the said brethren be expelled from the craft for grossly unmasonic conduct.

2. The appeal of Bro. Henderson, of Prince Edward's Lodge, No. 240, having been considered, the Board is of the opinion that a motion to recommend a new Lodge is in order at a regular meeting of the nearest Lodge, and may be entertained without any previous notice at any previous meeting of such Lodge; and that therefore the appeal must be sustained.

3. The appeal of Bro. Myers, and that of Bro. Carman, both of Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, against their suspension by that Lodge, with the evidence offered concerning the same, having received consideration, the Board beg leave to report that whilst Bro. Myers and Bro. Carman were both guilty of most unbecoming conduct during the time the Lodge was in session, it is the opinion of the Board that such conduct did not under the circumstances merit

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suspension; and it is therefore recommended that both appeals be allowed, and that the suspension of Bro. Myers and Bro. German be removed.

The Board regrets the evidence in this case discloses an unhappy state of affairs in this Lodge, and urges that in future more consideration should be shown by the brethren of the Lodge for the views and feelings of each other; and that the W. Master do enforce greater regularity and order in the conduct of the affairs of the Lodge.

4. The complaint of Bro. Sedgwick and twenty other members of Tudor Lodge, No. 141, against the action of the W. M. and Secretary of that Lodge, with reference to their conduct on the application of Craig Lodge for permission to initiate Mr. Davis, who resided within the jurisdiction of the former Lodge, having been considered, the Board is of the opinion that inasmuch as no Lodge can, since the amendment of the constitution at the last regular Communication of Grand Lodge, give any effectual consent to the initiation in another Lodge of a candidate resident beyond the jurisdiction of such Lodge, neither can the W. M. nor the Secretary give any such consent; and that the Secretary of a Lodge should not presume to write in the name of a Lodge, or affix the seal of the Lodge to any such letter, without the sanction of the members of the Lodge first obtained at a meeting; and that the Secretary of a Lodge should read in open Lodge all communications addressed to him upon masonic business connected with his Lodge.

5. In the appeal of Bro. Saywright against the action of Bothwell Lodge, No. 179, which suspended him for non-payment of dues, the Board have learned that the matter has been adjusted, and that Bro. Saywright is to be restored to full masonic privileges. It is therefore unnecessary for any further action to be taken in the matter.

6. The complaint of V. W. Bro. Theo. Rawlings against W. Bro. Malloch is the non-payment of money on a business transaction between the parties, and therefore is a charge of such a nature that it cannot be entertained.

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7. R. W. Bro. Franck having applied for further time to answer the summons for his expulsion from the craft, and having pleaded not guilty to the charge upon which he has been suspended, it is recommended that the time for answering the charge be extended until the annual meeting of the Board.

H. MACPHERSON,

Chairman Jr. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, seconded by

R. W. Bro. G. Billington, and

Resolved.—That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received.

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson submitted the following special report on

GRAND SECRETARY'S SALARY.

The Board of General Purposes having taken into consideration the long and valuable services rendered the Craft and Grand Lodge by R. W. Bro. Harry Grand Secretary, and in view of the great increase in the expense of living, and the greatly increased labors and responsibilities appertaining to his office, recommends that his salary be increased to the sum of sixteen hundred dollars per annum.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY MACPHERSON,

C. B. G. P.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. James Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, and

Resolved.—That the special report of the Board on Grand Secretary's salary be received and adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master entered Grand Lodge and was received with the customary honors.

The Grand Secretary read letters of apology from R. W. Bro. T. White, Jan., Deputy Grand Master.

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regretting that business matters of great importance necessitated his immediate return to Montreal; also from R. W. Bro. the Rev. C. Forest, Grand Chaplain, and V. W. Bro. E. Racine, Grand Senior Deacon, who were unavoidably prevented from attending this Annual Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered his address to the brethren assembled, and which will be found printed in its usual place in the proceedings. (See page 89.)

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson submitted the amended report of the Board of General Purposes on  
REPRINTING THE PROCEEDINGS.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report that in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary advertised for tenders for printing 1,000 copies of proceedings of Grand Lodge since its formation.

In answer to the advertisement nine (9) tenders were received, all of which were carefully examined, and that of Messrs. Lawson, McCulloch & Co. was found to be the lowest.

The Board begs to recommend that should 400 copies be ordered the tender of Messrs. Lawson, McCulloch & Co. be accepted, and that the proceedings be furnished to subscribers at a cost of not more than \$1.25 per volume, and that Grand Lodge subscribe for one hundred copies of said four hundred.

H. MACPHERSON,

Hamilton, 10th July, 1872.

Chairman B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, and

Resolved That the report of the Board on reprinting proceedings be accepted as received.

R. W. Otto Klots gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) of the General Fund be transferred to the Benevolent Fund, the same being required to meet the applications for assistance at this Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi, seconded by R. W. Bro. John V. Noel, and

**Resolved**,—That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to nominate a Committee for the purpose of drafting a respectful and fraternal congratulatory address to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, on his recovery from his recent severe attack of sickness.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following as said Committee: M. W. Bros. W. M. Wilson, A. A. Stevenson and W. B. Simpson, and R. W. Bros. Rev. V. Clementi, J. K. Kerr and J. V. Noel.

The Representatives from the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa; St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Carleton Place (formerly under England), and the St. John's Lodge, No. 209a (formerly under Ireland), being present in Grand Lodge, for the first time since affiliating, were presented by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson to the M. W. Grand Master, who, in the name of Grand Lodge extended to them a courteous and cordial welcome and received them with grand honors.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet on to-morrow at 10 o'clock **A. M.** **THURSDAY, 11th July, 1872.**

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 11 o'clock **A. M.**

**PRESENT.**

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M., as Grand Master,  
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

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R. W. Bro. A. De Grassi gave notice that he will move that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at Clifton.

W. Bro. Robert Stark gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move that the regulation in appendix to the constitution beginning: "In all cases and under all circumstances the Lodge must be opened in the first degree, and in this degree all ordinary business of the Lodge to be transacted," be amended by omitting the words: "In this degree all the ordinary business of the Lodge is to be transacted," in that place, and inserting thereafter: "The Lodge is then opened in the third degree."

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. De Grassi, and

*RESOLVED*.—That the annual report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted.

For annual report of the Board see page 94.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John Erskine, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe, and

*RESOLVED*.—That the semi-annual report of the Board on and its finance be adopted.

For semi-annual report of Board see page 99.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, and

*RESOLVED*.—That the report of the Board on reprinting the proceedings as amended be adopted.

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson submitted the following report of the Board on the address of the M. W. Grand Master:

ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

In reviewing the very able address of the M. W. the G. M. the Board would unite with him in the expression of

the hope that the legislation of Grand Lodge during its present session may be productive of the greatest good to the craft in this jurisdiction.

The Board also concurs that the formation of twenty-one new lodges affords gratifying evidence of our continued prosperity, and are further gratified to learn that those new Lodges are composed of able and zealous Masons.

They also received with unmixed gratification the announcement of the affiliation of Dalhousie and St. John's Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and of St. John's Lodge under the registry of Ireland, and that the Board concurs in the desire expressed by the M. W. the G. M. that under their new allegiance they may enjoy increased prosperity.

The number of public Masonic ceremonies that have taken place during the year give further evidence of the advance of the craft and the esteem of the general public.

The exceedingly appropriate and well-timed address of the M. W. the G. M. to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the happy recovery of His Royal Highness from his late dangerous illness, meets with the heartfelt approbation of this Grand Lodge.

The Board cordially sympathizes with the regrets expressed by the M. W. the G. M. at the failure of the attempts at a settlement of the Quebec difficulty, and are pained to find that the liberal concessions made by this Grand Lodge have been rejected by our dissenting brethren in Quebec.

The Board bears with unfeigned sorrow of the demise of the distinguished brethren referred to in the address of the M. W. the G. M., and suggest the propriety of a special resolution of regret with respect to the death of M. W. Bro. Stephens, and would recommend that memorial pages be inserted in the next annual report of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

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The Board rejoices to hear of the continued prosperity of the new Lodges in the new Province of Manitoba.

In the opinion of the Board the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to the Grand Master for his prompt action in sending relief to the distressed brethren of the city of Chicago, thus exemplifying the virtues of Masonic charity in a practical way, which cannot fail to be duly appreciated.

The Board cordially concurs in the recommendation of the M. W. the G. M. with respect to the M. W. P. G. M. Stevenson, and hopes that Grand Lodge will take the earliest opportunity of carrying out the recommendation contained in the address, and would suggest the propriety of the G. M. appointing a Committee for that purpose.

As there are two notices of motion respecting dual membership the Board trusts that the opinion of Grand Lodge will be obtained on this point during the session.

The Board fully concurs in the remarks of the G. M. that Lodges should guard well their portals.

The Board cannot close this report without expressing their great gratification at the improved health of the M. W. the G. M. from a recent severe illness, and although the G. M. does not appear to have fully recovered, yet it hopes and trusts that the G. A. O. T. U. will be pleased speedily to restore our esteemed G. M. to his wonted health and strength.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. MACPHERSON,

Chairman R. M. G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and

Resolved.—That the report of the Board on the address of the Grand Master be received and adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, and

Resolved.—That the report of the Board on grievances and appeals be adopted.

For report on grievances and appeals see page 108.

In accordance with notice given:

It was moved by V. W. Bro. James Bain, seconded by R. W. Bro. David McLellan, and

**RESOLVED**,—That the village of Yorkville, in the township of York, be masonically included in the jurisdiction of the city of Toronto.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. S. Martin,

That a new clause, to be numbered nine (9), be added to the Book of Constitution, under the head of "Members and their duty," as follows:

"No brother shall be an ordinary member of more than one Lodge in the same district." *Lost.*

In amendment:

It was moved by W. Bro. J. Cascaden, seconded by W. Bro. D. G. Ruthven,

That dual membership be prohibited in cities, towns and villages in which there is concurrent jurisdiction. *Lost.*

In amendment to the amendment:

It was moved by W. Bro. N. Gordon Bigelow, seconded by V. W. Bro. J. Gibson,

That the word "hereafter" be inserted after the word "prohibited" in the amendment. *Lost.*

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the amendment to the amendment, as also on the amendment, and finally on the original resolution, it was declared in the negative.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

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**RESOLVED.**—That the resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, declaring that "no brother can be an ordinary member of more than one Lodge in the same city, town or village" be rescinded: (See page 666, p. p., 1871.)

W. Bro. P. Geraghty gives notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move that the expenses incurred by the District Deputy Grand Masters in visiting the different Lodges in their Districts be defrayed by Grand Lodge, and that such alterations in the constitution, as may be necessary to effect that end, may be made.

Notice of motion for the next Annual Communication:

That the Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge, be placed under the jurisdiction of the Toronto District.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and

**RESOLVED.**—That the official announcement of the death of our distinguished and Most Worshipful Brother William C. Stephens, P.G.M., has been received with profound regret by this Grand Lodge. The valuable services rendered by Bro. Stephens at and after the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and his many amiable qualities, having endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

The Grand Lodge takes the earliest opportunity to place on record the high sense it entertains of the important services conferred upon the craft by the late lamented Bro. Stephens, and to express the deep and heartfelt sympathy which its members feel, in common with the bereaved family of our deceased brother, in their great and severe affliction.

That to further mark the sorrow of this Grand Lodge at the great loss it has sustained, it be an instruction to the R. W. the Grand Secretary to prepare a memorial page, in which to record the name, rank, age, &c., of the lamented deceased; and likewise that the officers of this Grand Lodge wear mourning for the space of thirty days during which time the jewels and furniture are also to be draped in mourning.

R. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell, gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he would intro-

duced a motion to divide the District of Ontario as follows : The counties of Ontario and Victoria, and the west riding of the county of Durham to form the Ontario District ; the counties of Northumberland, Peterborough, and the East Riding of the county of Durham to form the East Ontario District.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 3.30 o'clock, P. M.

**PRESENT.**

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M., as Grand Master,

On the Throne.

**Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.**

The Grand Secretary read a letter from John I. Mackenzie, Esq., Vice-President, presenting to the Grand Lodge, for the use of its members during the session, a free book of messages of the Dominion Telegraph Company, which can be used and the messages to be sent gratis to all points where the Company has offices.

In accordance with notice given :

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. E. Brooke, and unanimously

Resolved, That the sum of \$2,000 of the General Fund of Grand Lodge be transferred to the Benevolent Fund.

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, on behalf of the Board, submitted the following supplementary report on

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WARRANTS.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report that it has had under consideration applications from the following Lodges applying for warrants, viz.:

Parthenon,  
Wellington,  
Olive Branch,  
Pontiac,  
Harriston,  
Seymour,  
New Hope,  
Thorne,  
Lorne,

Chatham, Ont.  
Erin, " "  
West Shefford, Que.  
Onslow, " "  
Harriston, Ont.  
Port Dalhousie, "  
Hespeler, "  
Holland Landing, "  
Glencoe, "

And beg to recommend that Warrants be granted as prayed for.

Your Board has also had before it petitions for Warrants from the following, viz.:

Ancient Landmark,  
Morrisburgh,  
L'Original,

Winnipeg, Manitoba.  
Morrisburg, Ontario.  
L'Original, "

And regret that it cannot recommend Grand Lodge to grant Warrants as desired.

Your Board would also respectfully suggest that for the future all Lodges desiring Warrants do forward their minute book, etc., to the Grand Secretary at least one week before the meeting of Grand Lodge so that sufficient time may be afforded for their proper examination.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. MACPHERSON,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, and

Resolved, — That the supplementary report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, on behalf of the Board, submitted the following report on

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AMERICAN

BENEVOLENCE.

The Board had under consideration several applications for assistance, and, after due consideration, made the following appropriations, to be paid from the fund of Benevolence at the disposal of the Board, viz:

No.	Applicant.	Through whom Payable.	Amount.
1	Toronto Board of Relief.	D.D.G.M. Toronto Dist.	\$150
2	Montreal	" " Montreal	150
3	Hamilton	" " Hamilton	100
4	Ottawa	" " Ottawa	75
5	Kingston	" " St. Lawrence	100
6	London	" " London	75
7	Lodges at Winnipeg, M...R. W. Bro. J. V. Neel	50	
8	Widow D.....	E. Mitchell	20
9	" W.....	" "	20
10	" C.....	" "	20
11	" G. S.....	" "	20
12	" Q.....	" "	25
13	Bro. J. D.....	I. F. Toms	50
14	Clinton Lodge, No. 84, for two widows and families	W. M. Clinton Lodge, No. 84.....	50
15	Widow J.....	M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson	75
16	B.....	R. W. Bro. W. H. Wellers	20
17	" W. H.....	M. W. Sharon L., No. 97	30
18	" R. J.....	Grand Secretary	100
19	C. O. and C. O. widow, Bro. V. W. Bro. J. Bain	20	
20	Bro. W. B.....	W. M. Sussex L., No. 5	20
21	Stirling Lodge, No. 69, for a widow	Stirling L., No. 69	20
22	Widow F. K. by Great Western Lodge, No. 47	Great Western L., No. 47	50
23	Widow G. B.....	Plattville L., No. 178	20
24	" P. G.....	Lebanon L., No. 137	40
25	Bro. O. I.....	N. Dom'n L., No. 205	40
27	" N. O. C.....	Belleville L., No. 123	25
28	Widow R. G.....	J. B. Hall L., No. 145	50
29	Bro. J. T.....	Corinthian L., No. 101	25

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No.	Applicant	Through whom Payable.	Amount.
39	Bro. J. C.	W. M. Amity Lodge, No. 32...	\$20
31	Mrs. H.	R. W. Bro. A. McLean.....	65
32	Bro. G.	W. M. Union Lodge, No. 9....	20
33	Mrs. J.	R. W. Bro. Isaac F. Tomé.....	50
34	Mrs. L.	W. M. Durham Lodge, No. 66	25
35	Mrs. J.	" " "	25
36	Bro. M.	R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown.....	25
37	Mrs. A.	" " "	25
38	Mrs. F.	" " "	25
39	Bro. T.	W. M. Brant Lodge, No. 45.....	50
40	Mrs. G.	True Briton's, No. 14.....	40
41	Mrs. M.	Madawaska L'ge, No. 196	40
42	Mrs. W.	R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson	20
43	Mrs. M.	W.M. St. Francis Lodge, No. 24	40
44	Mrs. G.	" " "	25
45	Mrs. S.	" " "	25
46	Mrs. W.	W.M. Composite Lodge, No. 30	30
47	Mrs. G.	" " "	20
48	Mrs. C.	" " "	20
49	Mrs. D.	R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens.....	20
50	Mrs. O.	" " "	20
51	Bro. B.	W. M. W. J. Menot.....	40
52	Bro. B.	" " "	20
53	Bro. M.	" " "	20
54	Mrs. P.	R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry.....	20
55	Mrs. H.	" " "	30
56	Mrs. H.	R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown.....	25
57	Mrs. W.	W. M. Hope Lodge, No. 114	40
58	Mrs. C.	Speed Lodge, No. 180	20
59	Orphans of the late Bro. S.	" " "	25
60	Bro. M.	St. Thomas' Lodge, No. 44	50
61	Bro. K.	" " "	25
62	Mrs. W.	" " "	25
63	Bro. S.	Beaver Lodge, No. 83...	30
64	Bro. O.	R. W. Bro. Allan McLean.....	30
65	Bro. C.	J. B. Blackell, Q.R.	25
66	Mrs. S.	W. M. Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 29	30

No.	Applicant.	Through whom payable.	Amount.
67	Mrs. T.....	W.M. Niagara Lodge, No. 2..	\$25
68	Bro. C.....	" Niagara Lodge, No. 2.	50
69	Bro. C.....	" United Lodge, No. 29..	40
70	Bro. M.....	" " "	40
71	Mrs. O.....	R.W.Bro. J.K. Kerr, D.D.G.M.	50
72	Mrs. S.....	" H. D. Pickell,.....	20
73	Bro. C.....	" " "	20
74	Mrs. G.....	" " "	30
75	Mrs. C.....	M. W. Bro. A. Bernard.....	25
76	Mrs. S.....	" " "	25
77	St. John's L., No. 82.	W.M. St. John's Lodge, No. 82	75
78	Mrs. A.....	" Wilson Lodge, No. 113	30
79	Mrs. L.....	" Amity Lodge, No. 32....	20
80	Mrs. McD.....	M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson...	50
81	Mrs. K.....	W. M. True Briton's L., No. 14	30
82	Miss P.....	M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson...	25
83	Bro. F.....	W. M. Maple Leaf L., No. 119	25
84	Mrs. T.....	R. W. Bro. F. Westlake.....	25
85	Mrs. G.....	" " "	25
86	Mrs. McL.....	" " "	25
87	Mrs. C.....	" " "	25
88	Bro. M.....	W.M. St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94	30
89	Bro. G.....	W.M. Albion Lodge, No. 80..	50
90	Orphans of the late		
91	Bro. T.....	" " "	25
91	Mrs. B.....	" " "	25
92	Mrs. J.....	Union Lodge, No. 9...	20
93	Bro. W.....	Union Lodge, No. 118.	30
94	Mrs. C.....	Central Lodge, No. 110.	25
95	Miss S.....	Prince of Wales, No. 146	50
96	Mrs. H.....	Norfolk Lodge, No. 10..	25
97	Mrs. McD.....	St. John Lodge, No. 209	30
98	Bro. G.....	R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr.....	30
	Total.....		\$3,575

The Board finds that from want of sufficient information regarding the nature of the claims for assistance, and a ready reference to previous grants, great inconvenience is

experienced in arriving at an intelligent decision on behalf of the numerous claimants for benevolence, several of whom are merely named, without any information regarding their circumstances, their relation to the craft, the aid given them by private lodges or otherwise, and even in some instances the names are given so vaguely, such as Bro. Smith, Bro. Wilson, or Bro. Hill, without any further information—that it is next to impossible to know who the party is that aid is solicited for.

The Board therefore recommends to Grand Lodge to order the compilation of an *Analytical Index* of all parties who have heretofore received aid from this Grand Lodge, and who hereafter may receive such aid; in which index be contained brief notes of each applicant's circumstances; his, her or their relation to the craft; whether brethren, widows, or orphans; the assistance given by private Lodges; the amount from time to time granted for relief by this Grand Lodge; and such other information as may be instrumental to enable the committee on Benevolence to arrive at an intelligent decision on behalf of the applicants, so that the fund of benevolence may be judiciously applied, and the committee be guarded against an unfair or improper appropriation, which, though unconsciously made, will or at least may nevertheless occur under the present system. And also that a circular be prepared for each Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, setting forth the several subjects upon which information is essential before any applicant for relief can reasonably expect compliance with such application.

Respectfully submitted.

II. MACPHERSON,  
Chairman B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and

*Motioned*.—That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephene, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report on

## CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

The Board has learned with much pleasure that the Lodges working under English and Scottish Warrants in our Sister Province of British Columbia, have united in forming themselves into an independent Grand Lodge for that Province, and they recommend that Grand Lodge do forthwith extend to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia a cordial and fraternal recognition.

With reference to the circular received from the Grand Lodge of Utah, which appears to have been formed by only three Subordinate Lodges, the Board recommends that in the absence of information as to the circumstances attending its erection into an independent Grand Lodge, and as to whether these Lodges compose the whole or a majority of the Lodges in that Territory, Grand Lodge for the present defer taking any action in the matter.

The Board after having carefully considered the application of St. Thomas' Lodge No. 44, and the facts adduced by the W. M. in reference thereto, recommend that the suspension of brother M. P. Whipple a former member of that Lodge be removed and he be restored to good standing.

With regard to the complaint preferred by Hawkesbury Lodge No. 210, against St. John's Lodge No. 159, I. R. and the correspondence and other documents submitted in connection therewith, the Board, in view of the fact that the M. W. Grand Master has communicated with the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on the subject deem it inadvisable to take further action in the matter until a reply to that communication has been received.

The Board regrets to learn from the circular issued by the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey, that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has instituted a Lodge within the jurisdiction of the former without its consent or concurrence.

The Board is of opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge

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of Hamburg is an illegal and unmasonic intrusion into and upon the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and they feel assured that this Grand Lodge will unite with other Grand Lodges in any proper measures for the purposes of resisting such invasion and preventing any such action in the future.

With reference to the circular received from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, the Board deem it unnecessary to refer the resolution adopted by that Grand Lodge in the matter of the Quebec difficulty any further than to express their regret that they should in common with some other Grand Lodges, have taken such action on what the Board cannot but regard as insufficient and imperfect information.

While concurring with that Grand Lodge in the opinion that the establishment by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and the Grand Orient of France, of subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of other independent Grand Lodges is both illegal and unmasonic, and should be resisted by all proper means, the Board cannot but protest most earnestly against the assumption that there is any "American" as distinguished from "Masonic" doctrine, which can be at all binding on this or any other independent Grand Lodge and the attempt on the part of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana to coerce foreign Grand Lodges into a recognition of such "American doctrines" under the threat of an interruption of friendly relations and a breaking up of Masonic intercourse with such foreign Grand Lodges is in the opinion of this Board a most unwarranted interference with the action of independent Grand Lodges, and one which they feel assured will be disapproved of even by their sister Grand Lodges in the United States.

The Board is of opinion with reference to certain questions submitted regarding honorary members that the election of a Brother as an honorary member, expressed at the time of election to be "with full privileges of ordinary members," confers all the rights and privileges of ordinary membership,

including the right of voting, and that an honorary member so elected is not required to pay dues if afterwards elected to office.

All which is respectfully submitted,

H. MACPHERSON,  
Chairman B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, seconded by R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke, and

**Resolved**,—That the report of the Board on Constitution and Regulations be received.

The W. M. Grand Master was pleased to appoint R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, W. Bro. J. G. A. Le Blanc and W. Bro. Wm. Kollmyer, to be Scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers and for members of the Board of General Purposes.

The ballots having been circulated, the election of officers was proceeded with, and the following named brethren were declared duly elected, viz:

M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Wilson, Simcoe, Grand Master.  
R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., Montreal, re-elected Deputy Grand Master.  
V. " " James Bain, Toronto, Grand Senior Warden.  
" " Horace Merrill, Ottawa, Grand Junior Warden.

During the time occupied by the Scrutineers in counting the ballots other business of Grand Lodge was taken up.

#### THE QUEBEC DIFFICULTY.

W. Bro. Rev. E. M. Myers introduced and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell,

That the present existing differences regarding Masonic jurisdiction in this Province are highly detrimental to the interests of the craft, and unbecoming a body professing its

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principles, and an institution second in importance to none in the world. That a continuance of these differences must ultimately become very injurious and discreditable to the reputation of the order, and that it is the bounden duty of every true and sincere Mason to exert all the influence in his power to induce a pacific solution and adjustment of them. That to this end a Committee be appointed from this Grand Lodge, to consist of M. W. Past Masters Bros. Wilson and Simpson and R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jun'r., D. G. M., to confer with a similar committee from the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and that the committee so formed shall select an umpire, and the said committee be invested with full powers and are hereby authorized to settle and adjust, as may seem to them best for the interest of the craft, all differences and matters of dispute which now unhappily exist; and it is the earnest prayer of this Grand Lodge that the G. A. O. T. U. may instil into the said committee wisdom and forbearance in the discharge of its sacred and important duty, and that its efforts may be crowned with success.

After a short discussion, R. W. Bro. Bickell withdrew his [name] as seconder of the resolution, when it was seconded by W. Bro. Norris, of Tilsonburg. One or two brethren subsequently addressed the Grand Lodge, and then W. Bro. the Rev. E. M. Myers withdrew his name as the mover, followed by W. Bro. Norris, as seconder of the resolution, and the discussion ended.

In accordance with notice given the following places were put in nomination for the holding of the next Annual Communication, viz.:

By R. W. Bro. A. G. Macdonell, the city of Toronto. *Lost.*  
By " " " Geo. Billington, " " London. *Lost.*  
By V. " " Chuncey Bennett, " " Montreal.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken severally for the places put in nomination, it was found that the

city of Montreal had secured a large majority of votes, and was declared to be the place for holding the next Annual Communication.

R. W. Bro. John Urquhart, Jun'r., gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he will move that the Annual Communications of Grand Lodge be held alternately in the cities of Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he will move that article 1 of Deputy Grand Master, Book of Constitution, which requires that the Deputy Grand Master shall not be elected from that portion of the Province in which the Grand Master resides, be amended by striking out the following words: "and in order that both sections of the Province may enjoy a proper representation he shall not be elected from that portion of the Province in which the Grand Master resides."

R. W. Bro. Isaac F. Toms gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he will move that the county of Perth be taken from the Huron District and added to the Wellington District, or that a new Masonic District be formed out of the Huron District, as the same, from its great extent, involves more duties than a D. D. G. M. can properly attend to.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell, seconded by R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke, and unanimously

*Resolved*,—That the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered, through the Vice-President, to the Dominion Telegraph Company, for their liberality in placing the use of their line, free of charge, to the members of Grand Lodge during the present session.

W. Bro. John Cascaden gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move to amend the Constitution so that dual membership be

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prohibited in villages, towns and cities in which there is concurrent jurisdiction.

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

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 8.30 o'clock,  
P. M.

## **EXCERPT**

**M. W. Bro. James Seymour, Grand Master**

## On the Throne.

## **Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.**

The election of Grand Odileon was preceded with, and the following brethren were declared duly elected:

W. Bro. Rev. E. Lounsbury, London,  
R. " " Henry Goss, Simcoe, re-elected Grand Chaplain.  
V. " " Chauncy Bennett, Port Hope, " Treasurer.  
R. " " Thos. B. Harris, Hamilton, re-elected " Registrar,  
By an open vote of Grand Lodge, " Secretary.  
Bro. Robt. Colquhoun, Montreal,

This following Brethren were nominated by the Representatives of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Districts and approved by the M. W. Grand Master, viz.:

R	"	W.	Dr. James Gowens, Garrison, Francis Westlake, London, H. McK. Wilson, Bradford, Inst. R. Hennings, St. Mary's, T. M. Anderson, Ayr, E. Mitchell, Hamilton, Robert Kemp, Newmarket, Peter J. L. Wood, Chillingwood, J. H. Sawyer, Park Street, Islington F. Richardson, Marano.	B.	Chapin, London, Wilson Harrow B. W. Wellington Hamilton Wigan Trotter Gainsborough Prince Edward	D.	Detroit, " " " " " "
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R.	"						
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V. W. Bro. James Reynolds, Prescott,	St. Lawrence District.
R. " " E. C. Barber, Ottawa,	Ottawa "
V. " " Wm. McKenzie, Montreal,	Montreal "
" " Geo. H. Allen, Bedford,	Bedford "
R. " " Jno. V. Noel,	Province of Manitoba.

V. W. Bro. Charles Sharpe gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move that clause 1 in the Book of Constitution, "of District Deputy Grand Masters," be amended by adding the following words thereto: "But no brother can be elected a District Deputy Grand Master while holding the office of Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge. Nor can a brother be elected to the office of Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge while holding the office of District Deputy Grand Master."

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the report of the Board on Constitution and Regulations. (See pages 124, 125).

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, and

Resolved.—That the report of the Board on Constitution and Regulations be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Kletz, seconded by V. W. Bro. James Bain, and

Resolved.—That an Analytical Index of all parties who have received aid from the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge be prepared by the Grand Secretary for the use of the Board of General Purposes, in conformity with the recommendation of the Board in their report on Benevolence.

R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was, on the motion of R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell, received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of Grand Lodge:

## Foreign Correspondence.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

For the fourth time it is our privilege to present to you our report on Foreign Correspondence.

We have Received from the Grand Secretary the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Lodges, hereinafter named, for the years respectively attached to each.

1 Alabama.....	1871	18 Maine.....	1872
2 Arkansas.....	"	19 Nebraska.....	1871
3 British Columbia.....	"	20 Nevada.....	"
4 California.....	"	21 New Brunswick.....	"
5 Colorado.....	"	22 New Jersey.....	1872
6 District of Columbia.....	"	23 North Carolina.....	1871
7 Delaware.....	"	24 Nova Scotia.....	"
8 Florida.....	1872	25 Pennsylvania.....	"
9 Georgia.....	1871	26 Rhode Island.....	"
10 Idaho.....	"	27 Tennessee.....	"
11 Illinois.....	"	28 Texas.....	"
12 Kansas.....	"	29 Utah.....	1872
13 Louisiana.....	1872	30 Virginia.....	1871
14 Maryland.....	1871	31 Vermont.....	"
15 Michigan.....	1872	32 Washington Territory.....	"
16 Mississippi.....	"	33 Wisconsin.....	"
17 Missouri.....	1871		

The following Grand Lodges we have not heard from: Connecticut, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Montana, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, South Carolina and West Virginia.

We see these, or most of them, less or more noticed in some of the volumes received, but we do not think we have any right to take information at second hand, and if they fail to send us their proceedings they have no right to complain of our silence in regard to them.

We have heard nothing from Connecticut, Kentucky and New York since 1850, nor from West Virginia since 1869. How long Grand Lodge should persist in sending unanswered letters is for her to judge, not for us. From British Columbia we have the proceedings of a Convention to form a Grand Lodge, and of the first Grand Communication held in the city of Victoria on the 26th and 27th of December last. There were five Lodges under Grand Lodge of England and four under Grand Lodge of Scotland, who have (with the exception of one of the English Lodges) cordially united to form the Grand Lodge, and which was heartily co-operated in by the Provincial and District Deputy Grand Masters. We have also the proceedings of the formation of a Grand Lodge of Utah, held at Salt Lake City on 16th January last, and four following days.

These two new Grand Lodges have been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Maine, the only Grand Lodge whose proceedings are in our hands, to whom a claim appears to have been made.

With these preliminary remarks, we proceed to lay our work before you, commencing with

#### ALABAMA.

The fifty-first Annual Communication commenced at the city of Montgomery, Decr. 4, 1871. Session four days. R.W. Bro. Joseph H. Johnson, D. G. M., presiding, and R.W. Bro. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary. Present 9. Grand officers, P. G. officers, and representatives from 218 Lodges.

We extract the following from the Grand Master's address:

"Assembled again, in the providence of God, in Grand Annual Communication, we cast our eyes toward the East but to find the light extinguished, and the seat of our Grand Master occupied by another. Summoned by an inscrutable decree of the GREAT I AM, he obeyed, and we are left in darkness.

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"How we shall miss his commanding presence, his words of wisdom, his skilful guiding hand in our deliberations!"

"Eulogy would be out of place here, where he was so well known and so much beloved. That we loved him, and delighted to honor him, we have manifested in the strongest manner possible for us to do."

"Grand Master William P. Chilton was first elected to preside over this body in 1869, was re-elected in 1870, and died on the 20th day of January, 1871."

Twelve dispensations had been issued for new lodges, to all of whom charters were granted. Several other dispensations had been issued for other purposes.

The G. M. had visited some of the subordinate Lodges and attended to several other matters of a local character. He says:

"In answer to two questions preponed to me as the Grand Master of Alabama by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, to wit:

1st. "After a candidate has been duly elected to receive the degrees, can he be stopped by the objection of a member of the Lodge, made either in open Lodge or privately, to the Worshipful Master no reason being given by the objecting member?" I replied, No.

2d. "Has a subordinate Lodge the right to prefer charges and try a member who is also a member of the Grand Lodge, or has the Grand Lodge exclusive original jurisdiction?" I replied that, in Alabama, a subordinate Lodge has the right to try any member except its Master, and quoted Sec. 25, Art. VI. of the constitution of the Grand Lodge."

In the second of these of course the G. M. could not help himself if the constitution has it so, but we do not see how a Lodge could manage to try the G. M., neither do we think it would be proper, since they cannot try their own masters.

A synopsis of decisions is given—synopsis in all. Such of them as are not in accordance with the almost

universal rules, seem to be in accordance with their own constitution.

On the subject of dimits the G. M. says:

"Of course there is no masonic duty more implicitly laid down in the Ancient Constitutions, than that which requires every Mason to be a member of some Lodge; but I cannot deny to any man the right of withdrawing, whenever he pleases, from a voluntary association. The laws of the land would not sustain the masonic authorities in the enforcement of such a regulation, and our own self-respect, if there were no other motive, should prevent us from attempting it."

"Freemasonry is, in all respects, a voluntary association, and as no one is expected or permitted to enter its folds unless it be 'of his own free will and accord,' so no one should continue in it except by the exercise of the same voluntary disposition."

"There is no law in the Ancient Constitutions, or in the old Regulations, which forbids the granting of dimits to individual Masons, yet the whole spirit of the institution is against such a system. The holding of membership in a Lodge is an absolute duty, but one which cannot be enforced. If a Mason violates it all that can be done is to visit him with the penalties which fall upon the unaffiliated Mason. I quote from Mackey's Jurisprudence."

He says in conclusion:

"The correspondence of the office has not been very heavy, though a great many questions have been asked that might have found a ready and concise answer in the code. So far as I am able to judge, the order is in a flourishing condition in Alabama, and is a great power in the hands of good men and true, and used by them in doing much good."

I feel under lasting obligation to my brethren, the Past Grand Masters of the jurisdiction, and my brother, the R.W. Grand Secretary, for their courteous and brotherly regard shown to me on all occasions.

In conclusion, I invoke the blessing of God upon the Grand Lodge and the fraternity everywhere throughout the world."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. R. F. Knott; extends to 96 pages (small type), and would make

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double that number in ours), and takes in forty-four Grand Lodges. The review is methodically arranged, and contains much that is valuable. Large extracts are made on subjects that are in accordance with his own opinion, but when otherwise, they meet with little attention. Now we concede to every brother the right of forming his opinion and holding to it, so long as he does it conscientiously, but if it be true that one, if not the primary, object of these reviews is to give the brethren of our respective jurisdictions a synopsis of the sayings and doings of other jurisdictions. Concealing the opinions of other bodies on important subjects is taking an undue advantage of our position! We do not make this remark with regard to our own Grand Lodge merely, although Canada for 1870 is on the roll; and is disposed of in one short sentence: that "W. Grand Master Stevenson's address is brief and devoted strictly to a statement of official acts and business, chiefly of local interest." He gives prominence to our remarks on the subject of dimitis in our notice of Alabama for 1869. "We thank you, brother, and feel happy that you agreed with us; but, should you ever quote from us again, be more careful! Our name is "Edward," not "Edmond"; we said "it compels a man to continue a member of a society of which he conscientiously disapproves," you have said "of which he consequently disapproves!"

Total receipts, including balance of \$1,201.77 from last year, \$7,299.27; Disbursements, \$6,062.32; Balance on hand, \$1,236.95; Lodges, 384; Members reported at Grand Communication, 10,772.

M. W. Bro. Joseph H. Johnson elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Daniel Gayre, re-elected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS. \* \* \*

The thirty-third Annual Communication, held at Little Rock, Nov. 6th, 1871, and three following days. M. W. Bro. Samuel D. Williams, G. M., and R. W. Bro. L. E. Morris, Grand Secretary. 129 Lodges represented.

The first seven pages of Grand Master's address is a sound lecture on Ethics, strongly contrasting what Masons ought to be with what they sometimes are. He says: "The moral stamina of a Lodge of Masons is the aggregate of the morality of its members; and I can generally judge accurately of the moral sense of a Lodge by the character of its officers. If they are immoral men, you may generally conclude with reasonable certainty that either moral men in that Lodge are few, or they are drones who never attend Lodge meetings." Then follows eleven pages containing his acts and decisions during the year, but chiefly interesting to his own jurisdiction. Dispensations had been granted for 18 new Lodges. He refers feelingly to the death of R. W. Bro. Hamilton Reynolds, P. S. G. W., who died in August last. He gives a flattering account of St. John's College, and anticipates the endowment of it in a few years, so that the sons of every Mason in the State can be educated free of charge. The D/D. G. Masters report favorably in most cases, but there are some lamentable exceptions. In one Lodge politics have got in, and run so high that some of the best men in the county have been excluded, the Republican party keeping out the protege of the Democrats, and vice versa. From this long address (about 30 pages) we quote a few sentences from its conclusion: "I will conclude by urging upon you the propriety of avoiding, as far as practicable, too much legislation. This is an age of over-much legislation everywhere, and we often try to remedy, by edicts and regulations which are little read and understood, evils which are easier cured by adhering to old landmarks, and understanding and better obeying the dictates we have. \* \* At the close of this Communication we part to go as we came. Let life with us be long or short, it is certain we shall never all meet again this side of eternity. \* \* And if we possess the happy consciousness of a well-spent life, of being actuated by true and noble impulses, and of doing all the good and as little evil as possible, it matters not to us whether our span be long or short."

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The Grand Lodge was (at the City Hall, at the installation of officers) treated to an address by the Grand Orator, Bro. O. C. Gray, we would gladly copy it in extenso, but must content ourselves with one or two extracts as a specimen: "Masonry, to which we give the interests and energies of this occasion, is like 'Old Uncle Ned,' quite an ancient, and for aught we know, like him also, an African institution; but so are many other founts of civilization and learning, and those laugh ignorantly who liken our claims to antiquity to those of the youngster who declared he was present at the flood and waded through. We may claim many things for Masonry; but we reach too far when we claim for it the sanctity and saving power of religion. Masonry is not, never was, and never can be religion. It, however, may be granted the most excellent dignity of being the coadjutor, nay more, the very handmaiden of religion. But Masonry is not religion! its meaner birth-place was the brain of an Israelitish king, and all its aims, and labors, and successes, are confined to *earth*; while religion, taught us at our mother's knee, sprung from the brain of the eternal God. Masonry is alone for time, while religion is for eternity. All that we need or would dare to claim for Masonry (in addition to the arts and sciences it teaches), is that it is designed to smooth the rugged pathway of life; to make our journeyings easier; to teach morality and rectitude; to inculcate virtue, and to enjoin the integrity of committed trusts. But Masonry teaches more! It teaches that there is for every good man a working earnest life, a grave with its darkened solitude, a resurrection from the dead and a ceaseless eternity beyond. It teaches the struggling millions of earth that they have immortal souls; but never ventures to map out the method of their salvation. Masonry may timidly point the weary sojourner to the city of the Great King, but can never furnish the password by which the mystic veils are parted, and an entrance gained to the Holy of Holies. But while we may not and should not claim that our noble institution is religion, yet we may proudly and justly claim that it does

lead our feet nearer the 'narrow path,' where we may the more easily be clothed upon by the 'robe of righteousness,' and claiming this, let us claim no more! We know only too well, there are dangers threatening us, but these dangers are to be looked for among ourselves. Let us look there for the ~~causes~~, and a very limited and superficial search will discover that many amongst us, although flauntingly displaying our jewels and regalia, still are no more rooted and grounded in the true principles of Masonry than is the mess into the face of the rocky cliff. And these are called Masons, who never have felt, and though they may live a thousand years, never will or can feel, one single throb of generosity and genuine benevolence. What do they care about the glory of the Order, or rejoice at the blessings it has brought to mankind! If one tells them of the magnificence of the first and of all temples, the holiness of the 'ark,' the glory of gems and gold, the fragrance of incense and costly woods, the blue and the purple and the scarlet, they will feel no more interest in the truths unfolded than they do in the return of the wandering Pleiad. They are both blind and dumb, and in truth they are without either of the five senses, whether considered mentally, physically or morally; and yet they are Masons, and we as Masons are held justly responsible for their meanness, their cursing and swearing, their foul language and contemptible drunkenness, their miserly, scrimped and dwarfed souls, their evil speaking and slanders, their deceitfulness and dishonesty, and the other principles that would disgrace a wild Comanche, much less a civilized white man; and withal a Mason! What lone hold responsible for all this? Yes, and we ought to be held responsible; and why? Because we admit those amongst us, and bid them practice charity, who are notoriously misers in providing for their families, and in all their dealing with men; we admit the morose and quarrelsome, and aspect of them good will and fraternity; we let in malicious discontents and boast of our added strength; we reach out our hands to those whom we know to be grinding the faces of the poor without money; and ask them to admit that these persons are

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whom they tyranize are in the 'lodge room' their superiors; we open our doors to deceitfulness and dishonesty, and trust the operation will change them to the beautiful forms of sincerity and integrity. My brethren, we alone are responsible for the faults of our institution, and for their existence we alone should be censured. We should be censured for permitting our boundaries to be broader, till the distance hides the limp and imperfect knock with which a neophyte approaches the gates of our temple."

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. B. S. Johnson. Thirty-eight Grand Lodges are reviewed, Canada for 1870 included. He finds fault with us for laying at his predecessor, Bro. O. C. Gray, for his remarks on Canada's report for 1869, and says: "We do not offer ourselves as apologists for Bro. Gray, either in his private capacity or as past chairman of committee on F. C., nor do we know what basis there was for Bro. Gray's criticism, that the matters introduced were frivolous; but we must be permitted to say that this thing of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries and committees on foreign correspondence loading and cumbering their addresses and reports with every little thing that happens during the sitting of the Grand Lodge, or during the current year, is—to draw it very mildly—a nuisance." Now we quite agree with our brother on the above (and what he further says on the subject) as a general principle; but we may say that Grand Master Wilson's remarks were only expressing the sentiments of the whole craft in the jurisdiction, and earnestly do we hope that our G. M. may never have such *frivolous things* to bring before Grand Lodge again as the shooting of the Duke of Edinburgh and the murder of D'Arcy McGee. The review is well written, and the selections tastefully and judiciously made, and extends to 96 pages.

Notes, \$6,618.30; disbursements, \$3,065.82; given St. John's College, \$5,442.32. Chartered Lodges, 352; Lodges Under Instruction, 100; members, 8,931. The ballot will be open at 8 P.M.  
Messrs. Samuel W. Williams, G. M., and R. W. Bro.  
L. E. Barber, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

We have before us a neat pamphlet of about 100 pages, containing proceedings of a convention to organize a Grand Lodge, and the first Grand Communication held on the 26th and 27th December, 1871, with an appendix containing the Constitution, General Regulations, and list of Lodges holding of said Grand Lodge. It appears that the Convention was held under the auspices of R. W. Bro. J. W. Powell, Provincial G. M. for Scotland, and R. W. Bro. Robert Burnaby, D. G. M. for England, that there were in the Province nine Lodges—four holding of Scotland and five of England, and that eight of said Lodges (one under England declining as yet to come in) unanimously, agreed to form an Independent Grand Lodge, and proceeded by regular steps to constitute said Lodge. On motion of R. W. Bro. Burnaby, seconded by R. W. Bro. Dr. Powell, the Constitution of Grand Lodge of England was adopted for the present in as far as applicable to existing circumstances, excepting that the following officers shall be elected by Grand Lodge, viz: G. M., D.G.M., G. Wardens, G. Chaplains, G. Treasurer, and G. Tyler, the remaining officers to be appointed by G. M. A motion to elect G. Secretary was lost; Prov. G. M. J. W. Powell was elected M. W. G. M., and D. G. M. Bro. R. Burnaby was constituted a permanent member of Grand Lodge, with the title, rank and dignity of a P. G. M. At the Grand Communication, the G. officers elected and appointed were installed by P. G. M. Burnaby with the usual solemnities, the whole proceedings, both of the Convention and Grand Communication, were conducted most harmoniously, and all misunderstandings or unfraternal feelings that may have heretofore existed in the Province have been completely healed by the wise counsel and cordial co-operation of the Provincial and District G. M.'s, both of whom delivered suitable addresses at the Annual Communication. Under the caption of "The Ritual," the G. M., in his address, says: "This is one of the most significant questions with which we shall have to deal, and demands the most temperate

"and careful consideration. The adoption of uniformity in  
"Ritual all will concede to be most desirable, especially in  
"view of the erection of new Lodges in the Jurisdiction.  
"On the other hand, all must recollect that our G. L. is  
"formed by the union of the English and Scottish crafts in  
"the Province, each of whom are wedded and partial to  
"their own particular work. Hence, under any and all  
"circumstances, Lodges taking part in the formation of this  
"G. L. should have full permission to continue the work  
"they now practice, so long as they desire so to do. But  
"I would even go further, and for the present at least, pay  
"another tribute to the moderation and desire for harmony,  
"which have characterized our proceedings, and allow any  
"Lodge which hereafter may be formed, to choose and adopt  
"either Ritual at present practiced in the Province."

Eight Lodges, members 295, suspended for unmasonic conduct, 1; Expelled, 3; Reinstated, 1.

M. W. Bro. Israel Wood Powell elected G. M., and V. W.  
Bro. H. F. Heisterman, appointed Grand Secretary.

#### CALIFORNIA.

The twenty-second Annual Communication was held Oct. 10th, 1871, and four following days. Nineteen Grand officers, nine P. G. officers, representatives from 173 chartered Lodges, 10 U. D., and a large number of Past Masters entitled to seats in Grand Lodge; M. W. Bro. Leonidas E. Prat, G. M., and R. W. Bro. A. G. Abell, G. S.

The Grand Master's address is so replete with what is good and honest and true, and plants so many beacon lights on the rocks and sands where thousands of our brethren make shipwreck of faith and a good conscience, that we fear to begin extracts lest we should far exceed our limits before we reach a close. In his introduction he refers to the vicissitudes of fortune as often visited upon the elements of human life; waters against them, but always

repining at apparent hardships, but rather enjoys thankfulness, that fortune has not been still less kind; that he does not propose to mock the intelligence of his audience, nor his own sense of truth and propriety by the assertion of abundant harvests and ample rewards for honest industry. "What causes other than natural ones; what mistaken notions of statesmanship and political economy; what false theories of government, of commercial intercourse, of taxation, of private right and public policy have contributed to bring upon our noble State, so boundless in resources, and so blessed with all the elements of material greatness, this general paralysis under which we are to-day staggering, are questions fit only to be considered in another forum." I do not wish to enter upon a discussion which, however rationally conducted, might seem to partake of a political and partisan character, with which Masonry could have no possible part or lot, but with those other questions so interwoven with these; with the corrupt and evil influences and motives which have induced these mistaken theories of government, of public policy and political economy. Masonry has everything to do; and I do not propose to be frightened from a calm and dispassionate criticism of public affairs nor from pointing out to you the public duties of Masons in a period of general moral infection, by the mistaken cry that I should thereby encroach upon the arena of politics. Masonry owes an allegiance to the state, to its government and to society at large, and masons have public as well as private duties to perform. A moral leprosy seems to steal periodically upon nations and communities. There are seasons when the whole social fabric and body politic are eaten and gangrened with corruption—when high official position is prostituted with open and shameless effrontery—when licentiousness unblushing walks the high ways unrebuted at noon tide—when honesty in public and private life ceases to be regarded as a virtue, and betrayal of trust become so common that man no longer gives much a passing consideration but regard them rather as common and legitimate events of the day, public servants

are bought and sold and the betrayed cease to cry out against it. Miserable theories of free love and domestic infidelity are openly practiced and the actors in the wretched drama are welcomed and courted with all the blandishments of the best society. Public revenues are misappropriated by the custodians thereof, and the courts of the land refuse to punish the criminals, the worst of vices are fostered and encouraged by those who should be the zealous guardians of public morals, and examples destructive of all correct principles are furnished by those whose social and official position give them a fearful influence for evil. Gambling has been galvanized into respectability by official patronage and we have witnessed the distressing spectacle of the State herself inviting her own citizens to perdition by casting around that worst; because most insinuating of vices the glamour of legislative and judicial protection; through all your borders the evil contagion of that one pernicious example has swept like a devouring flame, until lotteries, raffles and the whole shameless brood of chance entertainments have stifled the moral sentiments of the people and stimulates that restless feverish passion for sudden wealth, which is the destroyer of all patient application and solid prosperity. To what depth society has descended--how far gambling has been made respectable by this public endorsement and the tolerances of communities, Masons will readily comprehend when they are informed that a masonic Lodge recently has asked the advice of the G. M. as to the propriety of discharging its liabilities through the medium of a gift concert. I need not repeat to you the answer made to this application, for the spirit of masonry would permit but one, but the mere fact that advice on such a subject should have been sought from such a source is painfully suggestive of moral and social depression.

Freemasonry has a public mission to perform. Never has there been presented so grand an opportunity for the display of your power, and never before such an exercise of that power has been more needed than at present. You should be the & conservative, & you will

as well as private morals—of political integrity as well as personal fidelity. Let every mason be mindful of his individual responsibilities and true to the divine teachings of the ancient Craft, wage eternal war on vice and wrong whenever found and in whatever guise they present themselves; scattered far and wide every denizen of the State is within the personal influence of some one of you; let that influence be ever wielded for the right, and by this unity of purpose and of action you will present a nucleus around which the moral power of communities may be gathered and consolidated to arrest the epidemic which threatens to overwhelm and destroy us.

With the newfangled dogmas of loose morality, masonry must have no intercourse or sympathy, but in the midst of these growing evils—this threatening triumph of vice and immorality—it should stand like the beacon light on some tall cliff or jutting headland unshaken and unscathed in the midst of—yet above and beyond—the war of elements—whose golden sheen shall catch the first glance of the imperiled wanderer, to light him in peace and safety home. But the lessons of morality must be taught, and this influence of society must be wielded if at all, by your example rather than by your precepts, by acts, not words—deeds, not promises to do; you must yourselves obey the moral law in every particular, and be scrupulously observant of all your obligations.

The masonic relation does not require or permit you to shield a brother in the practice of any vice or wrong and the temples where justice is proclaimed as a cardinal virtue must never be converted into asylums for criminals."

Then follows a long list of cases in which the G. M. had firmly upheld the foregoing principles, and he believes they have had beneficial effect. He insists on Grand Lodge settling definitely the matter he had submitted last year which he carried over, he says: "At your last Communication I presented somewhat in detail the Status and pretensions of the Grand

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Lodge of Quebec, I reached the conclusion that it was a case of rebellion, simple and unqualified, and declared myself decidedly against recognition.

My views upon the merits of the controversy have not changed in any particular. Since then, however, a large proportion of our sister Grand Lodges which have acted upon the matter at all, have recognized that body, and others have simply taken further time to consider the matter, the current seems to have set rather strongly in favor of recognition, and there is now little doubt the most of the Grand Lodges on the continent will soon be in fraternal intercourse with the new Grand Lodge, how far our own action ought now to be influenced by these facts you can judge as well as I. On the one hand I still cry out in all earnestness against any sympathy with, or encouragement of what seems to me simple insubordination, nor should we approve a wrong, if wrong it be, simply because other Grand Lodges have set us the bad example. On the other hand, for us alone to place all masons who now hold allegiance to that body under the ban of non-intercourse would perhaps seem captious and impracticable, whilst it might unpleasantly complicate our masonic relations elsewhere. I can only commend the matter to your careful scrutiny and consideration, urging you however, to postpone the subject no longer, but do something at once and unmistakeable."

Nine dispensations were granted for new Lodges, and 11 for various purposes, several applications for dispensations to appear in clothing on July 4th were refused, affiliation fees were abolished. Five thousand dollars in coin was voted from the reserve fund in aid of the sufferers from the Chicago fire, and forthwith sent to the G. M. of Illinois, also, a subscription box was placed upon the altar and \$1,000.00 collected—likewise forwarded.

From the Committee on jurisprudence Bro. W. C. Belcher presented a majority report on the Quebec case concluding against recognition. A minority report was presented by Bro. Charles Marsh recommending recognition.

"Bro. Isaac S. Titus moved that the report of the minority of the committee be adopted, which motion did

not prevail; after considerable discussion, on motion of Bro. W. H. Hill it was ordered that the further consideration of the two reports and of all matters relating to the Grand Lodge of Quebec be postponed until the next Annual Communication."

The two reports are too long for us to give in extenso, suffice it to say that the majority report is a condensed statement of the real facts of the case given last year by California, Minnesota, Missouri, New Brunswick and Virginia, with which our readers are already conversant.

The minority report has a new feature in it; they say:

"It (Quebec) is a Grand Lodge *de facto*. Whether it is a Grand Lodge *de jure* is a question which, if we should attempt to decide, would accomplish no result."

But the minority makes an attempt to show it a Grand Lodge *de jure* founding on the *Maine doctrine* and the expressed opinions of those who have shrouded their judgment under the skirts of Bro. Drummond's coat, and read the case "through his spectacles." We are inclined to believe that some of them are beginning to think they were deceived, at least we have heard of one who says, "had it not been for Bro. Drummond," she "(Quebec) would have yet been out in the cold."

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. W. H. Hill and falls nothing behind its predecessors, but shows him a "workman that need not be ashamed," his report covers 100 pages and comprehends a review of 43 Grand Lodges, several of them for two years, Canada for 1870 receives considerable notice as well as a special emergent communication held on Dec. 1st, 1869, and also the proceedings of the Annual Communication of 1871. in as far as the same had reached him, he refers to our remarks on the decision of his Grand Lodge in 1869 as to non-intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, which remarks he quotes, and then asks "how we could proscribe Lodges and yet exonerate all the brethren;" as we will have to refer to the subject in

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answer to Louisiana we do not intend to refer to the matter here at any length, farther than to say that there are many ways in which the Lodges are proscribed without affecting the brethren as individuals, we think the instance in the paragraph referred to is one to the point, but to mention one or two more. The Lodge is proscribed from all political discussions, but individual members may spout politics as loud and as long as they please, the Lodge is also proscribed from going to church or market, a wedding or a funeral or anywhere else without a special dispensation, which may be granted or withheld as the G. M. chooses, while the brethren may go to all or any of these things or places as taste and inclination may dictate.

An oration was delivered by the Grand Orator W. Bro. John M. Browne, much of which we should like to transcribe but our limits will not allow us.

The masonic board of relief of the city of San Francisco report assets for the year from all sources including a balance of \$597,85 from last year, \$8,049,87. Expended for 138 cases of relief \$7,714,83, balance in treasury \$335,04.

The financial report of G. L. shows balance in treasury last year, including both general and representative funds \$5,911.12. Received for both funds for the year \$19,503.25. Total \$25,414.37. Disbursements \$13,011.55. Balance in Treasury \$6,402.82.

STATISTICS.—Lodges 181; U. D. 8; Initiated, 760; Passed, 759; Raised, 758; M. Masons, 9,909.

M. W. Bro. Leonidas E. Pratt, G. M., and R. W. Bro. Alex. Gurdon Abell, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

COLORADO.

The eleventh Annual Communication commenced at Denver, 26th September, 1871. M. W. Bro. Henry M. Teller, G. M., and R. W. Bro. B. O. Paxmeyer, G. S., and other Grand officers and representatives from all the subordinate Lodges except one.

The G. M.'s address is short and refers to local matters; he gives a brief history of the Grand Lodge from its organization to the present time, their Lodges have increased from 3 to 15, besides two dispensations issued, and their members have increased from 62 to 993. He remarks that they have not increased the number of their Lodges so rapidly as some jurisdictions have, and that their membership appears small compared with some sister Grand Lodges. He says:

"I think we may give thanks that so much prosperity has attended us; so much harmony and brotherly love existed among us; so few have failed to do their part in the work in which we are engaged and that we have in the main selected suitable material for our Masonic building."

I have at all times felt the importance of commencing right in a new jurisdiction like ours; the necessity of strict Masonic discipline among the members; and I have realized that the first ten years of our existence as a Grand Lodge, would in a great measure, determine the character of this Grand Body in the future."

"I have found it often better to reprove than to praise, and I have with some of the Brethren, obtained a character for fault finding and reproof, with being too conservative; with going too slow; as not being anxious enough to multiply Lodges in the jurisdiction; as lacking in sympathy with the Brethren in the sparsely settled districts; as not willing to give the facilities for Lodge gatherings near their homes. I have endeavoured while serving you as Grand Master, to discourage the formation of weak Lodges."

He says he is happy to report that the fraternity is in a prosperous condition, that there has been no discord that he has heard of, that the Lodges financially are doing well, and that he believes as great uniformity of work exists among the various Lodges, as they have any reason to expect.

No report on correspondence.

A fund of \$541.50 towards establishing a Library to be kept at interest until Grand Lodge is permanently located.

There is a balance in Treasurers hands of \$200.00 besides the Library fund.

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Fifteen Chartered Lodges and two U. D. and 992 members.

M. W. Bro. Henry M. Toller, G. M., and R. W. Bro.  
Edward C. Parmelee, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We have in the volume before us the synopsis of a great number of Communications which we shall endeavor briefly to notice *seriatim*, and first: Stated Communication Jan. 11th, 1871. A Committee previously appointed to report on the propriety of Grand Lodge adopting Bro. Mackay's Manual, reported unfavorably.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following resolution which was adopted.

"Resolved. That when a Brother has been elected to receive the Fellow Craft's or Master Mason's degrees in a Lodge, and an objection is entered to his receiving it by a member of the Lodge in good standing, the degree shall not be conferred upon the Brother so long as the objection shall remain; but should the Brother who made the objection cease to be a member of the Lodge from any cause, the objection shall fall and the Brother be entitled to have the degree conferred upon him, unless the objection shall be renewed by a member in good standing in the Lodge."

A most unjust and superlatively iniquitous law, we think, to demand from one's neighbor in Masonry a new obituary Special Communication, March 8th, 1871, for the purpose, First, of receiving a portrait of the late Bro. B. B. French, presented to Grand Lodge by an amateur artist, Bro. Max Wayl,--speeches were delivered praising the artist and justly eulogising on the worth and merits of the departed Brother. Second. Arranging for extending to Right Hon. Earl De Gray and Ripon, (now Marquis of Ripon) G. M. of England a cordial and fraternal masonic welcome, and farther it was

"Resolved. That the Masonic choir is hereby fraternally requested to make arrangements for giving, at such times as may suit their convenience, a concert in the large hall of the Temple for the benefit of the Grand Lodge."

"Resolved, That the Masters of the subordinate Lodges are hereby requested to take such measures in their several Lodges as they may deem best adapted to make such concert as successful and remunerative as possible."

We wonder if this is any thing of the kind which G. M. Pratt of California, and G. M. Bouck of Wisconsin come down upon so strongly? whether it was right or wrong, we are informed in a subsequent part of the book that it was not accompanied by any tangible blessing.

Special Communication, April 10th 1871. Earl de Gray and Ripon had accepted the invitation, and now had arrived.

"The ne'er to be forgotten day,  
See far they stammered up the brae,  
They dinn'r'd wi' a Lord,  
An' wi' a Lord, stan' out my shin—  
A Lord, a Peer, an Earl's son,  
Up higher yet my bonnet?"

All the Grand Masters in the United States had been invited, several attended in person and others by proxy and some who could not attend sent letters of apology.

The noble guest was introduced in due form, and the brethren formed into procession, and descended to the banquet hall. The hall was beautifully decorated. At the east end was the chair of the Grand Master, and suspended over it, the great banner of the Grand Lodge. On either side were draped in fraternal union the national banners of England and the United States. In the panel on the right of the Grand Master was suspended a fine half-size portrait of the Queen of England, and on the left a full-length portrait of George Washington. On the side walls were suspended and intertwined the national colors of the two countries, while at the western end of the room was hung a fine portrait of the late distinguished Past Grand Master B. B. French, and across the western end of the hall was festooned the national standard. After the cloth was removed, the Grand Master caused the hall to be purged of all except Master Masons, after which a Table Lodge was opened in due form, and the glasses were charged for the regular toasts.

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"The night gae on wi' sangs and clatter."

And M. W. Bro. Stansbury having announced that the regular toasts of the evening were disposed of and that they were ready for any sentiment any brother present might deem proper to propose—Earl De Gray rose and in a short speech full of brotherly love and kindness proposed the health of G. M. Stansbury, amid loud and continued applause, to which G. M. Stansbury made a suitable reply.

In due course the following resolution was received from the Grand Lodge of England:

"Resolved. That the Grand Lodge of England, having heard from the M. W. Grand Master, a very gratifying account of the cordial and fraternal welcome given to him by the Freemasons of the United States of America, seizes the earliest opportunity of tendering its most sincere and heartfelt thanks to the GRAND LODGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, and to the other Grand Lodges and Brethren of the United States, for their very hearty and enthusiastic reception of the EARL DE GREY AND RIPON, Most Worshipful Grand Master, as representing the Grand Lodge and Freemasons of England."

"DE GREY AND RIPON, G. M."

"JOHN HERVEY, G. S."

[L. S.]

Semi-Annual Communication, 10th May, 1871. A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to P. G. M. Donaldson, and other business of a local character transacted.

Annual Communication, Nov. 8th, 1871. The G. M. in his address mentions that visitations had been made and addresses given to some eighteen Lodges; referring to the appalling calamity of the Chicago fire he had on receipt of the news called a mass meeting of the brethren and that \$2,868.40 had been conveyed by a special committee to the G. M. of Illinois for the benefit of the suffering brethren, that a further sum had been collected which was expected to be enhanced by the proceeds of a concert by the masonic choir.

He says "not a single case of masonic discipline has been

brought to my attention during the year, nor has there been a single masonic trial." He had granted but few dispensations and few important questions of masonic law and usage had been submitted to him.

Installation Communication Dec. 27th, 1871. P. G. M. Donaldson installed M. W. Bro. C. F. Stansbury G. M., who delivered an inaugural address and afterwards installed the other officers. R. W. Bro. N. D. Larner, retiring G. Secy., was presented with a beautiful cane as a token of the esteem in which he is held by his brethren, the presentation was made by Bro. A. G. Mackay, P. G. Secretary of South Carolina.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. W. R. Singleton, he reviews 41 American Grand Lodges and nine Foreign, Canada for 1871 included. He quotes largely from G. M. Stevenson's address, and fraternally notices our review. He regrets having received the proceedings so late, as there are very many excellent things he would like to extract.

The report is exhaustive extending to 148 pages, is well written and replete with much that is valuable and interesting.

Stated Communication, Jan. 10th, 1872. Business related to local matters.

There is annexed to the volume a statistical table of Grand Lodges in America and the British Provinces compiled by Bro. Singleton from the proceedings of 1870 and '71.

STATISTICS.—Lodges 19, Master Masons per last return, 2,707.

M. W. Bro. C. F. Stansbury, re-elected G. M.  
R. W. Bro. C. W. Hancock, elected Grand Secretary.

**DELAWARE.**

The sixty-fifth Annual Communication commenced at the city of Wilmington, June 27, 1871, M. W. Bro. J. C. McCloskey, G. M., and R. W. Bro. J. T. Allmond, G. Secy.

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whole of the Lodges (20) represented. Grand Master opens his address with the usual congratulations, and says:

"From all quarters of our vast country, the tidings comes to our ears that the craft is prospering abundantly, that foolish prejudices are giving way, and that an enlightened public opinion has already recognized the institution of masonry as a synonym of that love so beautifully personified and set forth in the XIII chapter of the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, and so faithfully exemplified in the life and conduct of all good masons. So mote it be."

He then proceeds with a minute detail of his official acts, which are all of a local character; he does not appear to have given any decisions. Several special communications had been held during the year—installing officers, constituting a Lodge, revising their Constitution and the like. On one of these occasions, when the Grand Secretary had read the Constitution and General Laws and Regulations as submitted by a committee, Grand Lodge was declared to "be at ease," where that is we cannot tell; but they came back again, for the narrative tells us what they did "upon reassembling."

The most important of the special communications was, one on April 20th, 1871, laying the corner stone of a new Masonic Hall in Wilmington, which the (Grand Master tells us) when completed, will be one of the chief ornaments of the city. The ceremonial in full, and an excellent oration delivered by the Grand Master are given in the minutes of the meeting; and in the appendix we have a full account of the banquet that followed, given by a few individual members to the Grand Lodge, and in honor of the distinguished guests, at which the participants seem to have had a happy and jovial time.

The account of the proceedings closes as follows:

"National and patriotic songs intervened, and shortly after old father Time had sounded twelve bala, the name of Field Lance, by Gen. Ballou, with full chorus accompanied, closed the entertainment, and the Grand Lodge of Delaware, the invited guests included, dispersed to their

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respective homes, to toss about in bed and painfully meditate upon the folly of an excessive indulgence in lobster salad, terrapin, ice-cream, &c., &c., until daybreak." A committee was appointed to make the necessary preparations for the consecration and dedication of the Hall, which is expected to be completed early this year.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. J. W. Budd, he acknowledges receipt of proceedings of 26 Grand Lodges, Canada for 1870 included. Bro. Budd surely may claim the approbation of the advocates of short reports, for he has compressed into three pages the ten or twelve thousand pages furnished to him. He takes a cursory glance at "things in general," and notices the remarks of a few reviewers except the proceedings of his own Grand Lodge. Amongst his "generalities" we find the following: "We find that Masonic Temples are on every hand being erected and dedicated, and this fact brings us the assurance that 'the craft are at labor.' Perhaps it does, but if he would take time to read more carefully, the fact would (in some cases) bring to him the assurance that the craft would have been better to have been at "rest." In our review of 1870, we said *inter alia*. "The financial matters of the Grand Lodge seem complicated, we do not profess to understand them, and we let them alone," for which conclusion Bro. Budd returns thanks.

The Grand Secretary reports that the finances of the Lodge are in a more healthy state than they have been for years. Twenty Lodges, 1,028 Master Masons, M. W. Bro. Rev. J. C. McCabe, D. D., Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. P. Allmond, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

FLORIDA.

The Annual Communication assembled at Jacksonville Feb<sup>r</sup>uary, 1872—session three days. M. W. Bro. George D. Moore, G. M., and R. W. Bro. DeWitt C. Dawkins, G. S.

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Thirty-three Lodges represented. We extract the following from Grand Master's address:

"Masonry is not a mere theory of morals made attractive by its symbolic lessons: its end is not to enable the initiated to understand a few fraternal greetings and to impart to the neophyte the traditional teachings of our ritual; these are but as the letters of the alphabet compared to the accumulated treasures of a nation's literature, and when we have become acquainted with them, we have but grasped our working tools, and made ready to enter upon our new field of labor, a field that will yield a liberal harvest to the industrious workman. We work under the sacred teachings of the Great Architect of the Universe. Truth is engraved upon our signet, and brotherly love and charity are our chief characteristics. We are patrons of the liberal arts and sciences, and in all ages our brethren have been foremost in promoting plans for the moral and intellectual elevation of our race."

The G. M. had visited personally a great number of their Lodges, the result of which was gratifying to himself, and pleasing as well as profitable to such Lodges. Four dispensations had been granted for new Lodges, and a number of dispensations for other matters. A great many things had been done during the year, but chiefly of local interest. The G. M. had given several decisions on masonic law. The almost tiresome subject of physical disqualification receives due attention; the G. M. holds firm to the landmark. He says, "It is a safe rule in these days, although I greatly doubt the antiquity of it, that a candidate should be able to read and write." They seem to have abandoned a former idea of establishing Masonic schools, and recommend the more wise plan of particular Lodges supporting the schools in their respective vicinities. There had been no deaths among the members of Grand Lodge, but a considerable number of members had died in some localities where yellow fever had crept in.

The G. M. had seen no reason to alter his opinion expressed two years ago on the Quebec case. Several amendments were made to the Constitution, and affiliation fees were abolished.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. D. C. Dawkins; forty-three Grand Lodges are reviewed, eight of these for two years, Canada is among the latter for 1870 and '71, and in both receives fraternal notice. We remarked last year that his report was in "a novel style," he says it is the old style, and older than what we called the "old system," but that at the request of the "majority heard from" he falls back into the line of "fashionable procession," and we think it is a decided improvement. But, dear Brother, why "knuckle" us so for finding fault with the style of your report? We are in the majority, who, you say, induced you to come into "fashionable procession," would it not have been as well to have kept so much of the old system and gathered the "majority" into a group, and distributed your blows *pari passu*? but never mind, there are no broken heads, nor broken windows either, and your report is vastly improved.

We acknowledge that you and your Grand Lodge have done the "right thing" in the Quebec case, and we shall briefly explain why we did not notice your doings in our reports. In 1870 we studiously avoided remarks on the case, our own private opinion being, that if Quebec would ask in a fraternal spirit to retire, her request would forthwith be granted, and we had that faith in the good sense of the Quebec brethren that a step so trifling would not be wanting on their part to maintain concord and harmony; and quietly between ourselves—we are of the same opinion still if outsiders had minded only their own business. In 1871 we saw that the case had come to "the tug of war" and that we were forced to take the field, and the reason of your "big gun" not being in the Artillery was, that the ranks were filled—or, setting aside the metaphor that part of our report was closed before your proceedings arrived. Now having thus frankly explained, suffer one word of counsel, do not run away with the idea that your labors in this matter are all for Canada. Canada is laboring for you and even for those who oppose her, as much as for herself, we love all the brethren, however Clementz, and been invincible to the malignant efforts of

outside foes, keep your "shoulder to the wheel then," so that when the crash comes—although we may suffer amongst the ruins, we will have the satisfaction of having done what we could to prevent it.

We cannot agree with our brother either in the excommunication of profane, or the admission of hearsay evidence in Masonic trials. Masons must obey the law of the land, and to deal with an offending brother in opposition to that law we humbly think would be a violation of it, and one that might bring the Lodge to some trouble—  
we do not see that the case of Jonathan and David is applicable, theirs was only a connivance to cheat the King. We do not relish his implied approval of a Supreme Grand Lodge.

We agree with our brother however in most of his views, and approve of the poignant style in which he expresses them, but we would advise him not to fret himself overmuch about the thick heads that would not take in his digest of 1870, we know it is provoking for our brother who doubtless had spent many of "the wee short hours ayont the twa" to prepare it, and find that people will not attend to it. Yet it is the way of the cold world. But we must quit. Good bye, Brother, may the best blessings brought forth by the sun, the moon and the stars ever rest upon, and abide with you. One word more—we see you find fault with Indians in her spelling of an unpronounceable name. Observe that you spell the name of our G. M. with a "ph" in the middle instead of a v. Mind "glass houses."

**Statistics.—Lodges 63; members not summed up.**

**Grand Master and Grand Secretary, both re-elected.**

**GEORGIA.**

The Annual Communication commenced in the city of Macon Oct 31st, 1872. M. W. Bro. Samuel Lawrence, G. M., and Bro. W. F. J. Jackson, Mastermason, G. S. The Lodge's representatives

The G. M. opens his address by ascriptions of praise to the G. A. O. T. U. for the many mercies bestowed during last year, he says, "however others may consider the duty of rendering this homage to the High and Holy one, whose habitation is in the Heaven of Heavens, but whose presence is every where, even now in our midst, we masons cannot neglect or ignore it," he renders an account of his official acts and their name is legion, amongst other things he attended the banquet given at Washington to the Grand Master of England, and had also attended the convention of reporters on Foreign Correspondence at Baltimore; out of many questions on jurisprudence he submits only a few that be deemed of sufficient importance to report. We find that several jurisdictions hold that a G. L. officer cannot be an officer say W. M. of a subordinate Lodge, a view we could never see the force of, or a reason for, G. M. says "the XVII General Regulation applies only for the time being to the communication of the Grand Lodge while in session, and does not forbid the Grand officers there inenumerated from serving as officers in a subordinate Lodge in vacation. It is to be construed as simply affirmative of that provision of our constitution that no brother shall represent more than one Lodge at the same time—that is—act in two representative characters at and during the communication of Grand Lodge. If a Grand officer he must act only as such, but so soon as the communication is closed, he returns to his station in his subordinate Lodge whatever that may be."

He shows that all the old regulations on this subject previous to the constituting of Grand Lodges as they now are, must have had reference only to the General Annual Assemblies of Masons, and farther shows that soon after the adoption of the present Grand Lodge system and previous to 1756, misunderstandings on this point had crept in, and in the new regulations adopted previous to the date mentioned we find it thus explained. "Old Grand officers and Masters of these officers of particular Lodges, but not

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"not deprived of their privilege in the Grand Lodge, to sit  
"and vote there as old Grand officers; only he deputes a past  
"officer of his particular Lodge to act *pro tem.* as the officer  
"of that Lodge at the Grand Lodge."

On the trial of Officers we quote the following.—"None  
"but a present or acting Master has the right to claim a  
"jury of Past Masters on a charge touching moral character  
"or standing, and this is only allowed in consideration of the  
"probability, that where such a dignitary falls so far below  
"the duties and requirements of his position as to justify of  
"call for charges against him, there may be too much  
"prejudice existing in his Lodge to ensure him a fair trial;  
"a Grand Master himself on general principles, is subject to  
"trial and discipline in the Lodge of which he is a member  
"for gross, immoral or unmasonic conduct, otherwise when the  
"charge involves Official misconduct, then he can only be  
"tried by his Peers in Grand Lodge. But on the broad  
"platform and basis of moral consideration, and of the high  
"dignity of his office, he can only be tried before his Grand  
"Lodge."

The G. M. recommends advancing the salary of Grand  
Secretary, but we do not observe that any action was taken  
on it, beyond allowing him \$200.00 for his report on Foreign  
Correspondence.

The Building Committee report that the new Masonic Hall  
at Macon will cost \$48,500.00, besides \$11,500.00 paid for  
the lot—in all \$60,000.00.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. J.  
Bennett Blackshear (111 pp.) 44 Grand Lodges are reviewed,  
besides Prussia, Chili and Mexico. Canada for 1870 received  
fraternal notice. In Bro. Blackshear's report of 1869, when  
discussions on *Metus* was the fashion of the day, he asked  
there any greater bar to the initiation of one who had  
ankylosis of one of the phalangeal articulations of the ring  
finger than one who is in the last stage of consumption, to  
which we replied, No. We think the bar is about equal in

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both \* \* \* as to F. and A. Masons ankylosis of any of the phalangeal articulations of the *Recti manus* would render his admission impossible, just let Bro. Blackshear, soub his thumb to a splint and try, he says "all right here's the "thumb of my hand next my heart, apply the splint your self—and if we do not succeed in working your way into "any regular masonic Lodge on this continent then we give "it up." *to laiton gaidonc orans i; no etat de san i; lo ym;*  
*odd to noitropisno ai homia quo si id bar unibita o;*  
*Dear Brother you are "off the track," the subject in hand*  
*was initiation, the instrument the *recti manus* believing as we*  
*do that your heart is in the *right place* we frankly acknowledge*  
*that over here we know nothing about *left hand masonry*, take*  
*any kind of ashlers into the building you please, cork feet,*  
*glass eyes, artificial teeth, stucco noses, gouty knees, stiff*  
*elbows and ankylosed articulations, provided you keep them*  
*within the sound of your own gavel; we hold to the*  
*landmarks "sound of mind and members, freeborn and of*  
*good report."*

The Secretary reports that he has sent three copies of Grand Lodge proceedings, we assure our worthy brother that only one copy has reached us, and our Grand Secretary informs us that even that one copy came directed to Bro. Burkett and accidentally found its way into his (Grand Secretary's) box. Perhaps it was intended for the colored Masons of this city, which to us would be no more wonderful than the recognition of Quebec, or what is equally probable; intended as a slight on us for having declined to recognize that unwarranted account made upon us by his Grand Lodge.

It is evident that Bro. Blackshear had our proceedings on hand, and if he had taken the trouble to look, he could have seen that our Grand Secretary is Thos. B. Harris.

Treasurer's Assets from all sources \$17,824.85. Disbursements \$16,593.27. Balance on hand \$1,231.58.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Lawrence, Grand Master, and Bro. W. Bro. J. Emmett Blackshear, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

ben related the oral noise in BRAVO, and deliver no emolument  
The fourth Annual Communication commenced at Silver  
City, on Oct. 2nd, 1871, and was in session five days.  
to Mr. W. B. Samuel B. Cawley, Grand Master, and Rev.  
McCarten, appointed Grand Secretary pro tem. There were  
Eight Lodges (all on the roll) were represented.  
The Grand Master opens his address with a warm  
and cordial welcome. He is highly pleased with their social  
condition, and is felicitous on the condition of Masonry both  
at home and abroad. He recommends the abandonment of  
an Orphans' Fund established two years ago, believing that  
it is more than they can accomplish. He brings up the  
Quebec question, which he proposes to lay before Grand  
Lodge at some length. He does go to some length, but the  
question on its merits is untouched. We do not find that  
the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec had written him  
address for him that they could have so mystified it, but Grand  
Lodge was recognized. In his concluding remarks he  
strikes hard and justly on slander and intersperses, and on  
profanity we quote his own words: "Profanity is more an  
indecency than a vice; more a mark of bad breeding than  
of depravity. The idle use of sacred names does not add  
force to speech, nor emphasis to expression." We quite  
agree with the Grand Master that profanity is indecent and  
a mark of bad breeding, but that these are its paramount  
evils rather than being a "vice" and a "mark of depravity."  
is something we have never heard of in or from a Masonic  
Lodge/believe. The profane swears, while he insults his  
fellow-men by his filthy talking, and thereby displays his  
bad breeding, does what is ten thousand times worse, he  
"sets his mouth against the heavens," insults the throne of  
the Eternal; blasphemous the thrice holy name of Him "in  
whom he lives, moves and has his being," and sets open  
defiance to Him, whose name above is Jehovah, "that incom-  
prehensible name that Masons of old times were not per-  
mitted to utter. No further renounces the now that

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conditions on which he got admission into our order, and examples on the very first charge ever laid upon him, viz., "Trust in God," and "never to mention His name but with that reverential awe due from a creature to his creator." This young sister is not progressing, and we fear she never will until she takes the belief of a God in its true meaning as her practical basis. We have no pleasure in referring to the faults of our erring brethren, but as in some measure connected with what we have already said, we copy the closing paragraph of the report of the Committee on Grievances: "to nothing else do we attribute at this juncture so imminent a danger to our order as to the prevailing indifference among the good and true of our order, but among the business men and families in our several communities and it is time now to put a stop to these flagrant outrages against our beloved order. Our Lodges must be purified, and if members will not from a love of the fraternity—be good and true—the subordinates must act promptly and enforce our laws, and if kind words and brotherly affection will not cure the evils existing, then my suggestion is to expel all unworthy by expulsion."

No report on correspondence.

Treasurer's reports assets \$971.85; Disbursements, \$409.

Only on hand, general fund, \$158.15; Widows' and orphans'

fund, \$604.70.

Lodges eight; same as last year. Members, 283, 118 less than last year.

M. W. Bro. J. W. Brown, Grand Master; and D. W. Beck

L. E. Carter, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of

Illinois was held in the City of Chicago, Oct. 3rd, 1873.

Session three days.

M. W. Bro. DeWitt C. Cregier, Grand Master; R. W. Bro.

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On the 21st of May, Grand Secretary, and 14 other Grand officers, 81 D. D.s, G. M.s, 14 permanent members, & representatives from other Grand Lodges, and 340 Lodges compensated.

The Grand Master in his address after the usual greeting says:

"From every portion of our vast jurisdiction come the good tidings of unity, harmony and prosperity. For these and other blessings which have been vouchsafed to us as citizens and as Masons, let us unite in grateful thanksgiving to Almighty God."

He then notices feelingly the following deaths since last Annual Communication. R. W. Alonso Ransom, a P. D. B. G. M., of the jurisdiction; W. Bro. the Honorable Sherman Tyndale, late Secretary of State for Illinois, recently assassinated at the mid-night hour on 26th April last; Bro. John Mellon a past-march of 35 years, more than fifty of which he had been an active Freemason; and M. W. Bro. G. C. M. Hillyer at the time of his death representative of Grand Lodge of Illinois, near Grand Lodge of Mississippi, to all of whom memorial pages are devoted in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The jurisdiction is divided into 30 districts, with a D. D. G. M. to each, and one for Lodges working in the German language, from these officials interesting reports are given and show a gratifying condition of peace and prosperity throughout the jurisdiction. Twenty one Lodges to whom charters were granted at last communication had been constituted, and in addition to six Lodges U. D. continued last year, dispensations had been granted to 20 more. Under the heading of "Dispensations to confer degrees," he says:

"During the year I have had frequent applications for authority to confer applicants in this time their several degrees. so I have granted but three dispensations for this purpose, they were issued amid the months of June, July,

Immediately after the last session of the Grand Lodge, he says these, although issued to Worthy Lodges in behalf of worthy men, I would gladly recall, were it possible. Not that I question the right of the Grand Master to set aside the forms of law in cases of this kind, but because I regard it as equivalent to "making Masons at sight," and I believe no man should be allowed to join the fraternity without ample time being allowed to scrutinize his character by those with whom he is to be associated. A petition for this purpose generally sets forth very fully the great advantage and accommodation that would accrue to the candidate by such proceedings, but seldom or never does it show that Masonry or the Lodge would be benefited by them."

"When one of the principal laws of Masonry is to be abrogated, it should be for the benefit of Masons, and not for profanes who have no rights whatever upon the fraternity; when a man is duly initiated he becomes a Mason, a brother, and as such is entitled to consideration. It frequently happens that such an one desires to advance without regard to time; and although I have felt it my duty in some cases to refuse even these, yet when good reasons have been shown, I have granted dispensations to confer the second and third degrees in twenty lodges, which are named."

"I have also issued dispensations for holding special elections, and authorizing the installation of brethren who had not served as Wardens, and for other purposes, in 23 Lodges named."

The above quotation tempts us to ask: Whence comes this extraordinary power of dispensing with a fixed law to be vested in the Grand Master? A question to which we have never met with a satisfactory answer. We do not mean permissions for processions, laying corner stones, &c., these are emergencies that cannot well be otherwise provided for, but when we have a constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations, confirmed and sealed by Grand Lodge, with a declaration that none of them can be rescinded or altered except by Grand Lodge, under certain rules and by certain majorities, we think the Grand Master, being at the head of the Executive, should of all men be bound to遵照 these laws unimpeded; but instead thereof he is allowed over them as his fancy directs. We are told therefore

Master had such powers long ago, that by usage they have become inherent—have become a landmark, &c. We think the "long ago" was when the craft had no law to guide them other than the Master's order. If this is so, and if it would be a breach of a landmark to deprive the Master of these powers, our present Grand Lodge system is also a breach of a landmark. Why hold on to a landmark that is inapplicable to our present state of existence, or if we must, why the three of legislating at all? Even if the plan of inherent right were correct as to the Grand Master, when or how did the right become communicable to his deputies? Grand Master Brown, of Kansas, says: "The Grand Master may have the power and authority under our regulations and usages to grant special dispensations to set aside a positive law. I am clearly of the opinion that the exercise of such power and authority would be fraught with many evil consequences." Indeed Grand Master Cregier, although he does not question the Grand Master's right to set aside the forms of law, would gladly have recalled some of his dispensations if possible, because he thinks it equivalent to making "Masons at sight." We think so too, and equivalent to setting all laws at defiance. We are happy to find that the right of "making Masons at sight" (although perhaps as much a landmark as the other) is about to be consigned to its last resting place, and we hope the other will follow in due course. In the meantime we do not know if the "Almighty Dollar" has anything to do with it, but we find the total amount received for dispensations to confer degrees (out of time) \$252.00. On the subject of discipline we quote the following from the Grand Master's address, which we think well deserving of notice:

"In some instances I have attended in person, and by correspondence have given such instruction and advice as seemed proper to correct errors and secure harmony. In others the matter has been referred to the District Deputy whose prompt and efficient service has with few exceptions secured harmony before appeal to you, the Supreme Council, the official services of a Deputy should pay the reasonable

expenses attending the visit of such an officer. It may not be amiss here to say that brethren should not carry into the Lodge every imaginary wrong, or matter of a trivial character, which affect them only individually. Our disciplinary code is not intended to gravely a spirit of private spite or revenge, but, on the contrary, it is intended to protect and preserve the good name of Masonry. Unless this be the object to be accomplished, then it were far better, as a rule, that brethren should sacrifice their personal feelings and thereby avoid trouble to themselves, their Lodge, and frequently the reputation of the fraternity in their midst."

"Where difficulties have occurred between Lodges or individual brethren and their conduct has been subjected to the ordeal of an official investigation and the matter settled to the satisfaction of all concerned, I deem it unnecessary to occupy your time in giving details, besides in such cases it can serve no good purpose to parade the names and faults of either to the gaze of the masonic world."

Thirty-three decisions are given, but none of them seem to have anything peculiar in them, and are in accordance with the by-laws of Grand Lodge. Eight halls were dedicated and five corner stones laid.

A clergyman claimed to be exempted from payment of dues on the ground that by usage and practice in law clergymen are exempted. The Committee on Jurisprudence could not see it. The following case was also argued by said committee. The Rev. A. B. died at Normal Oct. 2nd, 1870. He had been dropped from the roll of members by Lodge, No. 87, for non-payment of dues. C. D., of Lodge No. 312, assumed the funeral expenses, amounting to \$50.00. On applying to Lodge, No. 87, for repayment she paid one-third, but refused to pay more. C. D. applies to Grand Lodge to compel Lodge, No. 87, to pay the balance. Committee find that "in the absence of any definite law upon the subject, your committee are of the opinion that no brother or lodge can bind any other brother or lodge for the payment of any funeral expenses or other expenses unless by express agreement. We further advise you to consult your lawyer before proceeding with your suit."

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repayments as a right." In this case the deceased was a non-affiliated Mason, and one Lodge had as much right to bury him as another, but affiliated or not no man has a right to spend another man's money without his consent. No law could have compelled Lodge No. 87, to pay a dollar, excepting the law of benevolence, and we think they gave ample evidence that they were not void of that.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Joseph Hopping (88 P.P.). A number of Grand Lodges—all that has come to hand—are exhaustively and interestingly reviewed. Annual Communication of Canada for 1870, and three special emergent Communications previous thereto receive a full and material notice. He says, "Timon M. not included in one report of 1870, which is quite true for the simple reason that their proceedings did not reach us in time, but he will know before now that in our last year's report we reviewed 1869 and 1870."

There are many things in the report which we would like to quote, but we must forbear.

Treasurer's account balance on hand last year, \$6,471.65 Received this year, \$27,195.35, equal to \$33,667.00 Disbursements, \$27,291.51. On hand, \$6,275.79.

Lodges, 682; Initiated, 3,170; Passed, 2,996; Raised, 2,085 Total members, 59,503. "Total members" is a misnomer. It includes all who have ever been members of the Order—whether living or dead, and so on. M. W. Bro. DeWitt C. Crozier, G. M., and R. W. Bro. Ordin S. Miller, Grand Secretary, both re-selected.

KANSAS.  
The sixteenth Annual Communication commenced in the city of Topeka, Oct. 18th, 1871. In session two days. M. W. Bro. John H. Brown, G. M., and R. W. Bro. H. T. Onderdonk, Grand Secretary.

Sixty-eight Lodges represented, we have here a reasonably good volume of 282 pages on fine tinted paper in a plain cover, and bound in cloth.

The Grand Master in his address after the usual fraternal salutations says: "But behold one hour now of bonhomie there is and goes on to be time and room for

"The year just closed has been one of marked prosperity in this our young State. Population has poured in on every side, and, though vastly greater than at our last assembling, our products are amply sufficient to meet every want judiciously used, and leave a surplus to supply the pressing needs of the older States. The laws have been enforced without resort to military coercion; a higher regard for human life, a loftier moral tone, and a profounder love of humanity, may be noticed on every side. Our star rises higher and higher as the months come and go. Be it ours to watch its upward course, and with it rise or with it fall. But still we shall not, if our faith be well founded, if we wisely avail ourselves of the light and forces at our command. No untoward sign blots our sky; but everywhere tokens of happiness bid us anticipate the contingencies of the future, and provide for its wants."

Dispensations had been granted for 19 new Lodges.

Under the head of Discipline he says:

"It is safe to affirm that nine-tenths of all the troubles which afflict our Lodges are the immediate result of personal misunderstanding during warm discussion. Let our friends remember that caution in all cases, especially in warm debate, is indispensable, and these sources of discord will cease to exist."

"There is another, and very mischievous element finding its way among the Craft—that of politics. None other is so fraught with evil, and it is not to be gainsay'd that where tolerated there is nothing but confusion. If prosperity be desired, if peace be expected, let this element be left outside the Lodge room and fostered only around the "stump" and at the polls."

"He introduces sound moral lessons on masonic ethics, obedience to law, and the duties of Masters. In closing his remarks on the latter, he admonishes thus:

"Let me entreat my brethren everywhere to look well to the Past—let no unworthy person occupy that place; let no polluted feet desecrate the path that leads thither. Men never suffer any but the "upright before God and man" to

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minister at our altars, or preside at our meetings. The first condition of peace is that the elements of peace shall be at hand. The primary condition of harmony is that all elements of discord shall be rejected, and every disturbing force cast out. If we shall be so fortunate in times of need as to recall these truths, and by them be guided, there will not be wanting concord, unity, progress and brotherly love. Growth will be inevitable and in the right direction. Peace will prevail, and the victories of peace multiply; and charity will not only hide a multitude of sins, but prevent the recurrence of multitudes more."

With feeling and appropriate remarks he notices the fraternal dead, particularly R. W. Bro. Beverly Beck who was Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge during the year of its organization, R. W. Bro. Charles Mundee who had been Grand Secretary for four consecutive years, and Bro. John L. Thomson who had been a faithful attendant at the annual gatherings of Grand Lodge, and who had been accidentally killed by a railway train.

From 13 decisions given, we quote the following:

"A certificate or dipit from a military Lodge as to good standing, etc., is not admissible in this Grand jurisdiction. The applicant should first be formally healed before he can be admitted into the Lodge as a visitor.

"I am of the opinion a Lodge has the right to extend the honors of a masonic burial to a deceased brother known to the Lodge to be in good standing, though not affiliated at the time of his death with any Lodge. There is difference of opinion on this question. Humanity requires if there be room for doubt that we take such a course, that our error, if we err, be in the right direction.

"No brother has the right to demand the reconsideration of a ballot. This prerogative alone belongs to the W.M. It is getting to be quite a practice in Lodges in these latter days for some brother, when a friend is blackballed, to claim he cast the negative vote, and demand a reconsideration of the ballot, in hopes the real brother might change his mind. Such proceedings are irregular and out of order.

"The Grand Master may have the power and authority under our regulations and usages to grant special dispensations to set aside a positive law. I am clearly of the opinion

that the exercise of such power and authority would be fraught with many evil consequences." It seems to notice the fact it is thought to be liable to corruption and abuse.

One decision was that the ballot must be cast for each degree which was altered by the committee on jurisprudence.

"Resolved, That when a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry has applied for, and been elected to receive, the degrees, in a subordinate Lodge, it shall not be necessary to spread the ballot in order to the advancement of the candidate to the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason, unless some member of the Lodge shall demand it."

Although this may look like a step in the right direction, it is in reality the Grand Masters decision in different language. If a Bro. is desirous to keep back the applicant, the demanding of a ballot is easily managed. We hold that all Bro. A. is a brother Mason, that he entered and was received with the express intention of becoming a master as soon as he acquired sufficient knowledge of his business; therefore he gives satisfactory evidence of his proficiency, he has an unquestionable right to be advanced unless for cause shown and with the privilege of answering—that he should be kept back by the caprice or malignity of a secret enemy is—in so far as we can see—tantamount to expelling a brother M. M. by ballot without charge, trial, or hearing, a course which no Lodge or any other body sacred or civil has even tolerated, if we except perhaps the Spanish Inquisition.

The report on Foreign Correspondence (84 pp.) by E. T. Carr, 43 Grand Lodges are reviewed, Canada for 1879 is noticed briefly but fraternally. The report is brief with a few exceptions, and with very few comments, there is one however that we feel called upon to notice under Missouri, viz: "A Brother who has not been elected and installed Warden of a Chartered Lodge is ineligible to the office of Master of a Lodge, although he may have acted as Worshipful Master of a Lodge U. D."

One reason for our referring to this case is because of its

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which got into our report of last year, page 182, under "Missouri," bbd. under the above decision, we were of course "agreed" but to our mortification we discovered before too late to correct, that it was printed "we cannot agree" we certainly do agree and that zealously; Bro. Carr gets on his high horse too soon, he bursts out of his quiet sanctum as in a paroxysm of hysteria, and exclaims "what hair splitting, if competent to take charge of a new Lodge, nurse it in its infancy, and succeed in its maturity so far as to be able to stand the test of the Grand Lodge, when a charter is asked for, why should he not be eligible?" Now the way we read the decision is, Missouri admits it to be the law, in accordance with the ancient charges, we hold it in this jurisdiction as the law, all the jurisdictions we are acquainted with hold it, Bro. Carr acknowledges that Kansas holds it, viz: "That a brother must be elected and installed a Warden before he is eligible to the office of Master. The Grand Master of Missouri says—"admitting this to be the law, the fact of a brother having acted as Master in a Lodge U. D. does not affect the law, but he too must serve as a Warden before he is eligible for the office of Master in a chartered Lodge."

The doctrine laid down in the decision as we understand it is,—that the masonic status of a brother is not permanently affected by anything that he does under a dispensation from the Grand Master, for instance he may be appointed by the Grand Master under a dispensation to lay a corner stone, while executing that work he is a D. G. M. but when that work is done he falls back in *status quo*, not a P. D. G. M. in the case of a new Lodge it is quite possible that there may not be a Warden amongst the applicants, but Bro. Carr seems to overlook the fact that the new Lodge will not be constituted until the Grand Master is satisfied that the Master selected is capable of doing the work, the W. M. of a chartered Lodge is subject to no such scrutiny, hence the necessity of serving as a Warden, that the brethren may have an opportunity of observing his conduct, qualifications and capa-

ment, but while we mention this in passing, we think the decision referred to strictly applies to a Lodge U. D. to whom a charter has been refused, and when the members return to their old Lodge again; of course when a charter is granted and a brother serves his term as Master under that charter he becomes permanently a Past Master.

We find under New Jersey that Bro. Carr on the subject of Black-balling by proxy says, "that if a brother told him that he (the brother) had good reasons for objecting to a certain candidate, but could not attend the meeting, he affirms that he would certainly cast his black ball and denies that it is voting by proxy," we cannot see what else it is, so long as the brother's reasons have not been told him, and so long as he knows nothing against the candidate from his own knowledge, the brother's objections if he knew them might have no weight with him at all.

**Finances.**—Assets, including balance from last year \$3,087.72. Disbursements \$2,036.55. Balance on hand \$1,051.17. Total value of Lodge Fund as reported, \$45,960.00.

Number of Lodges on roll 104; Extinct 5; Members returned 2,425.

W. M. Bro. John M. Price, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John H. Brown, elected Grand Secretary.

**LOUISIANA.**  
The sixtieth Annual Communication commenced in the city of New Orleans, on 12th February, 1872. Session five days.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Manning Todd, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary.

Eighty-two Chartered Lodges represented and two U. D. The Grand Master in his address alludes to the solemn subject of the inroads made by the "Grim King," since last Annual Communication, and mentions seven P. M.'s and two W. M.'s in their own jurisdiction, and also Bro. James M.

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Hillyer, D. G. M., Mississippi; and M. W. Bro. J. H. Anderson, Grand Master, Texas. The jurisdiction is divided into eighteen districts. Some of the D. G. M.'s had made no returns, but from those who have we learn that amongst the various Lodges there is the mixture of good and evil, and sunshine and shade incident to all human institutions. Four dispensations for new lodges had been granted and one refused on good grounds. Amongst the permissions (and we think permission a word preferable to dispensation) given for sundry purposes we find one to a certain Lodge to "hold a ball for the benefit of its Tomb Fund," which presents to us rather a curious association of ideas.

From Grand Master's decisions, which this year have

been few, we select the following: "In answer (who are the brothers whose trial for offences exclusively belong to Grand Lodge?) I decided that any officer of the Grand Lodge and any W. M. of a constituent Lodge, would have a right to demand a trial before the Grand Lodge, if under charges committed while holding such office, and also Wardens of Lodges, if for acts in connexion with their office as Warden."

Amongst the multitudinous topics referred to by the Grand Master in his address we find few that are interesting to any out of his own jurisdiction, excepting on the subject of Grand Lodge sovereignty, and in this we think the Masonic world in general and Canada in particular are deeply interested. After introducing the old subject of the Grand Orient of France, and a thrust at Alabama for having so long delayed her declaration of non-intercourse. He says:

"To insure amicable fraternal relations with our brethren abroad, it will be necessary that the Masons of this country make common cause and demand that not only shall there be no interference with the recognized jurisdiction of American Grand Lodges, but that such attempted interference must be disclaimed and pronounced unlawful by all Grand Bodies with whom we hold intercourse." New York 5182

... We start the day is not far distant when Louisiana will offer the fruits of her own bad example in at least one case of that kind, and she will do well to remember that must be a word, not "muchly" liked on the American continent. If she claims sovereignty in Louisiana, other Grand Lodges claim sovereignty in their jurisdictions as well. A fraternal enquiry rather than a command has a chance of receiving bidental consideration, each sovereign body, however, reserving to itself the right of determining what it shall do. Provincial masonic, or with whom it shall cease to hold a fraternal intercourse. Sovereign independence would be a poor thing indeed, if Louisiana or any other Grand Lodge had the right of telling us what we must do. But Grand Master Todd farther says:

"I regret to state that the Grand Lodge of Canada has not yet decided whether she is for or against this Grand Lodge in its quarrel with the Grand Orient of France, although the new Grand Lodge of Quebec has come out boldly and decidedly in our favor, and declared non-intercourse with that offending body."

This, we humbly think, may be called "pretty cool." The Grand Lodge of Canada has held, now holds, and ever will hold, the principles of Grand Lodge sovereignty and non-interference with recognized jurisdiction, and is ready to defend these principles to the death, for, and in favor of all who have lent her a helping hand in her Hour of need. But for Louisiana, after warring against us and against those very principles for a period of two long years, and having "capped the climax" by taking into her bosom the "offending body" and then asking our assistance to drive the invaders from her territory, is a very fine specimen of modest assurance. The coming "out boldly" of the (would-be) Grand Lodge of Quebec is a poor boast, being only a piece of mere policy to curry favor, making a pretended sacrifice of something she does not possess for the grand Orient of France never recognized or had any intercourse with her, and in her present position we are pretty sure never will.

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On the fourth day of the session the cornerstone of the new Masonic temple was laid, in accordance with the rules of the craft.

A long address was delivered by the Revd W. V. Taylor, and a short one by the M. W. G. M., both bearing ~~on~~ and appropriate to the occasion on hand.

Amongst the proceedings we find one Lodge—Receipt Relief Lodge, No. 1—which meets on the first Sunday of every month, and on Sunday, Dec. 31, 1871, met and elected and installed her officers. All the anti-Sabbatarians who have yet taken the field have not been able, nor ever will be able, to expunge the fourth commandment from the Decalogue, and Masons are bound to keep the moral law. How Grand Lodge can sanction the systematic violation of any one commandment we cannot tell; it is a part of Masonry we have not learned. It has no claim to antiquity, and we hope its introduction will not be looked upon by the Masonic world as an improvement to our institutions. Amongst the regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1721, the officers were to be installed on St. John's Day, unless it fell on Sunday.

The Grand Master insists on a decision on the Quebec case, which has been pending for two years, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. It was accordingly referred to the committee bearing that name, but who are evidently a committee of ~~legislators~~ ~~principia materia~~. The majority of the recognitions have voted on Bro. Drummond's recommendation alone; others, without the view of coercing Canada into recognition, and ~~independ~~ (Nova Scotia) for fear of her own position being affected. But this Committee take another course, and recommend no recognition on what they think should be Masonic law. This case on its merits it appears had previously been decided in some way, or by some authority, whence we have ~~no~~ ~~any~~ information, and is not taken up by this Committee. They may ~~not~~ ~~have~~ ~~had~~ ~~any~~ ~~good~~ ~~done~~ ~~done~~ ~~done~~

"The facts in this case *pro* and *con* have been fully laid before Grand Lodge in previous reports, and the question now is one of principle. The principle laid down (where?) is that the Masons of every political State or nation, having a legislature or government of its own, are entitled to have its own Grand Lodge. To illustrate we mean by political States or divisions, such as the States and organized Territories of the United States; Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in Canada; Ireland, Scotland and England in Great Britain; the various Duchies of Germany, but not the various arrondissements or departments of France, etc., because in these there is no separate legislation or government of women."

We wonder where they got the false information that either Scotland or Ireland had a "legislature or government of its own." They go on to say:

"Conforming to the laws of the country in which we reside, we should make the extent of our Grand Lodge organization conform to the political divisions and changes which may from time to time be made. \* \* Every Mason, whenever a change or division occurs in the political boundaries of States or nations, should take immediately the necessary steps to make the corresponding change in their own Grand Lodge organizations."

Until we saw the above, we would scarcely have believed that so much nonsense could have been expressed in so little space. Once on a time there were in England two Grand Lodges, and no outside interference of any kind caused their Union or hindered them from keeping separate, but the action of their own free sovereign will. First Scotland and then Ireland joined with England to form the one United Kingdom, but the Grand Lodges remain intact. In the above short sentence these precedents are thrown out of sight, jurisdictional rights are tied to the apron strings of the State, and Grand Lodge sovereignty treated as a thing having no existence. By the above ruling Nova Scotia and New Brunswick should throw their Grand Lodge paraphernalia into the "Gulf of Salford" and take domestic steps to join themselves to England. Some such theory seems to have scared Nova Scotia before.

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as we have already hinted. The claim of Quebec is completely shut out, because their has been no change of "political boundaries or of nationality." But even if there had been any change, and if Canada had given Quebec a 'ticket of leave' should the State ever take it in its head to return to the "old way," she (Quebec) would be obliged to lay aside her "beautiful garments" and come back to her old position. We almost regret occupying so much of our time and space with such absurdities, but it is a specimen of the Quebec sympathizers, and we may say, without going far astray, with some exceptions we have mentioned, *ab uno discit omnes.*

We have a five hundred dollar report on Foreign Correspondence from Bro. James Bruce Scot. The report is full, elaborate and exhaustive, as usual, at the same time it is nothing beyond what we have a right to expect for the price. When we consider that some do the work for twenty-five dollars—and we fear that some do it as Paddy ran a mile through mud and mire in the bottomless Sedan chair, merely for the honor of the thing, it would be too bad to expect from them a report anything equal to Bro. Scot's. The report covers 171 pages, small type. Forty Grand Lodges are reviewed, and several foreign Grand bodies noticed at length. Canada for 1871 receives a due share of attention. In reference to the ground we took in 1870 regarding edicts of non-intercourse, viz., that although binding on lodges (or on our intercourse with lodges) it could not effect or proscribe the obligations, we owe to one another as individual Masons, Bro. Scot last year said that the edict extended to subordinate Lodges and their members, and that it was immaterial whether the words "and Masons" were or were not included in the resolution. We replied, maintaining our position, and in answer to that reply Bro. Scot now says (all that we ever asked him to say, because we hold the edict does and should prevent us from having intercourse with an interdicted Lodge or receiving them into our Lodges):

"We fully agree with our brother that it is 'beyond the power' of a Grand Lodge to enjoin upon any individual Mason 'a breach of the moral law, or the violation of a covenant made between him and his God.' But an edict of Masonic non-intercourse does neither. It simply suspends, for the time being, 'Masonic communication,' and does not interfere with the business and social relations of the two parties, or prevent the full exercise of that charity which our institution teaches us to practice toward our fellow-creatures. For this reason, we do not see that 'the simple story of the good Samaritan' has any more relevancy to the question at issue, than it has to the demonstration of a problem in Euclid. But as we are again referred to it, and as actions speak louder than words, we cite one instance to show that the lesson it teaches is not forgotten while the edict is obeyed. During the Franco-Prussian war, over sixty thousand dollars were raised in New Orleans to alleviate the distress existing in the French capital, and *means were found to forward the money.* To this fund the Masons of Louisiana contributed as liberally as any other class of their fellow-citizens—but owing to the edict of the Grand Lodge they subscribed as citizens and not as Masons. San Francisco contributed even more than New Orleans, and in New York and other cities of the Union, large amounts were raised for the same benevolent purpose, and under similar circumstances. If this can be called 'shutting up the bowels of compassion, tying the hands or tightening the pocket-strings of the good Samaritan,'—so be it."

"We acknowledge that this was not shutting up the bowels of compassion, &c., and we think the "simple story of the good Samaritan" has fully as much to do with it as it has with "the demonstration of a problem in Euclid." Moreover it is about all we contend for—they did not do it as a Lodge or Lodges. To that extent the edict is effectual, but they are Masons and members of their respective Lodges, and *they differ*, and the edict did not or could not hinder them. We are sorry the good Samaritan does not shine so bright in italicizing the words "and means were found, &c.," but let

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that go for what it is worth. Bro. Scot asks an explanation. Why, a declaration of non-intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, by the American Grand Lodges, should arouse our indignation, while a similar declaration against the brethren of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of Canada is regarded with complacency. We explain that our indignation is not aroused in the least by the declaration against the Grand Orient of France. And if there is any indignation in the matter at all, it is because of the fuss made about the jurisdiction of Louisiana by parties who look with complacency on a worse kind of invasion on the jurisdictional right of Grand Lodge of Canada. And also because of the equivocation displayed in attempting to answer the charge of France, aenent "Religion, race and color"—a fee which they ought to have let stick to the wall, and to have held on simply, to their jurisdictional claim. In the quotations from the Board of General Purposes we cannot see any equivocation, or anything bearing on the point at issue. Bro. Scot has a great deal to say on the Quebec question, but as Bro. Drummond has adopted the greater part of his remarks, we shall, to save repetition, briefly notice them under the caption of Maine.

Chartered Lodges, 140 ; U. D. 3 ; Members, 7,577.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

MARYLAND.

Semi-Annual Communication was held on May 8th, 1871.

M. W. Bro. John H. Latrobe, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Jacob H. Medairy, Grand Secretary.

Session two days. Lodges represented 68. A great many special meetings were held during the year. The only business of several of them had reference to financial difficulties got into by the erection of their Temple, to which subject the Grand Master's address at the Semi-Annual Communication is chiefly devoted, we do not wish to follow

our sister through this maze, it would do her no good. Plunging headlong into debt seldom meets with much sympathy; and any good it is calculated to do to others is another warning "not to build a house until we count the cost," we have pleasure in announcing that the difficulties seem to be overcome, in testimony whereof we quote from the closing part of Grand Master's address:

"I have thought that the best return I could make for the honor you have conferred upon me, would be to state to you your condition, in plain unvarnished terms; to explain to you what has been done in the way of extricating the Grand Lodge, from a dilemma as unfortunate as it was undignified, and to defer congratulations and disquisitions until the Grand Lodge—out of danger because it will be out of debt—can once more have no other thought than how best to illustrate its own most admirable antecedents in the practice of a charity as liberal as it is universal."

That this time will come he repeats that he doubts not. To hasten its arrival will be the duty henceforward of every Mason who regards the untarnished insignia of the order as "more ancient than the Golded Fleece, more honorable than the Star and Garter."

The Annual Communication was held Nov. 20th, 1871.

The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master being both absent R. W. Bro. L. A. C. Gerry, Senior Grand Warden, took the chair. Session three days. 72 Lodges represented.

The address from the Grand Master recapitulates the steps taken to meet financial difficulties, and states that none of the calculations on which these steps were predicated had fallen short. He notices the great masonic events of last half year, viz: the presence in Baltimore of the Grand Encampment of K. T. and Grand R. A. C. of the United States, to both of which Grand Lodge had granted the use of their Temple—Grand Master says "It would be an omission not to state here that there probably never was an assemblage of strangers in Baltimore whose

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appearance was more imposing and whose bearing and conduct were more worthy of admiration."

But how true that "in the midst of life we are in death," for we find the Grand Master has to add that "the only untoward event connected with the great gathering was the death of one of the delegates Bro. Wm. M. Taylor a P. G. M. of Texas,—according to his request he was interred with masonic honors."

Following the death of the P. G. M. of Texas came the decease of their own P. G. M. Bro. John Coates, who was interred with masonic ceremonies by Grand Lodge, and the Lodge room draped in mourning thirty days.

Grand Lodge had in May last laid the corner stone of the State Institution for the Deaf and Dumb of Maryland.

Three dispensations had been granted for new Lodges.

The following remarks of Grand Master anent dispensations, although long for our report intended to be brief—we cannot forbear copying, believing them highly deserving of general attention. In the address the Grand Master is in "the third person" we hope we shall not be charged with a wrong if we put him in "the first person." He says:

"In regard to dispensations generally I have been obliged to decline granting them in many of the cases in which I have been applied to, and the present occasion is perhaps as fit as any other for me to say that I regard my power to dispense with the rules that experience has established for the government of the order to be so great that it should be exercised only after the most careful consideration. For instance it would have to be an extreme case indeed that would induce me to authorize more than one of the three degrees to be conferred at the same meeting of a Lodge, or without a previous examination and a satisfactory report of the proficiency of the candidate in the previous degree, nor would I willingly dispense with the residence required before a candidate could receive the first degree. In a word I would make admission into the order difficult rather than otherwise. It must not be regarded as a matter of course that an applicant for the privileges of the order need only supply in

order to become a mason. These should be regarded as a reward to the upright and true in all walks of life, I would were it possible have the outer world look upon the fact that a man was a Mason, as equivalent to an unquestionable certificate that he was a good citizen, punctual in all his dealings, moral in his conduct, and entitled to the esteem of all good men. I would urge upon the subordinate Lodges to be strict, very strict in their examinations into all the circumstances affecting the admission of candidates, not to be tempted by a desire for 'work' or by the wants of the Treasury. And I would especially urge upon them to require all reports upon the qualifications of candidates to be in writing and signed at least by a majority of the members of the committee; the reports to be carefully preserved on file among the archives of the Lodge, so that in the event of the party proving afterwards unworthy, it may be seen on whose report and responsibility he was admitted into the order."

The sum of \$3,456.62 had been raised for the sufferers by the fires in Chicago, Wisconsin and Michigan.

**Lodges, 85; Master Masons, 5,835.**  
The report on Correspondence (by Bro. John S. Tyson,) has reference exclusively to foreign Grand Bodies to which we may refer at the end, if our report does not exceed our limits.

M. W. Bro. J. H. B. Latrobe, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Jacob H. Medairy, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

#### MICHIGAN.

The Annual Communication convened at Detroit, Jan. 8th, 1872. M. W. Bro. John W. Champlin, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary.

In session four days. Lodges represented, 294.

The Grand Master's address, extending to twenty-two pages, contains much that is valuable, and is methodically arranged. In his preamble he invokes the favor, and claims

the protection of the "Most High" and lectures his audience on fraternity, which he declares to be the "life-giving spirit of Free Masonry," and assures them that "nominal strength is not Masonic strength; that Masonic strength does not consist in numbers, but in unanimity, and that if Masonry is a *fraternity* it will defy the persecutions of the world, and, amid the mutations of time, stand firm as the everlasting hills." The sublime thoughts expressed in this preface prepare him for announcing, with appropriate feelings, the demise of M. W. Bro. William M. Fenton and R. W. Bro. Carlos G. Curtis, J. G. W. of Grand Lodge. And with the same spirit he comes down to the dreadful catastrophe of the Chicago fire, as well as the devastation in his own district by the "devouring element." Our readers have all heard so much of those appalling events that we need say nothing about them farther than that the Grand Master's remarks are full of true Masonic sympathy, and the great losses which he deplores are in a great measure counterbalanced when he refers to the ready, spontaneous and universal sympathy of all sects, all creeds, no sects and no creeds, all joining in coming forward to succor and help the distressed. He then narrates with gratitude the various sources from which relief had flowed.

Grand Lodge is then informed that the fifteen Lodges, to whom they granted charters last year had been constituted, four halls had been dedicated, and the corner stone of a M. E. Church at Northport had been laid.

We are somewhat tickled with one incident recorded. It appears that the city of Detroit built a new city hall, the corner stone of which was laid by Grand Lodge in 1868, and of which we of course heard long ago. It further appears that Grand Lodge has a Grand Architect and that this favored brother happened to be the Architect of the said city hall, in virtue whereof Grand Lodge came into possession of said hall, and on 4th of July there was a grand Masonic display, crowned by a magnificent banquet.

to Grand Lodge by the citizens, on delivering of the hall by Grand Lodge to the city authorities. We take it for granted that the delivery was *symbolical*, and we are sorry they have not given us the form, or told us what symbols were used, because we might get a Grand Architect; he might get a job, and we might thereby come into possession of a valuable piece of property, and if we gained nothing else by it we might have a "gala day" at the execution of our quit claim deed, the consideration a grand banquet.

Seven dispensations for new Lodges had been granted, and three for conferring degrees. Nine decisions are reported. The first regards physical qualifications, and the following mains disqualification, viz.: A man blind on one eye, the other being good; a man who has lost three fingers and part of the fourth of his right hand; a man who has a knee joint which is only partially moveable, and who is not able to form a right angle therewith. One who has a stiff left knee, and a man whose left arm is stiff at the elbow.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary, who is chairman of the Board, but not ex-officio as formerly. He reviews "the usual interchange of copies of Grand Lodge proceedings, as far as they have been received from Grand Lodges in correspondence with them." The report is comprised in 87 pages, and is consequently short as regards each Grand body. Canada for 1871 has a space allotted to her in proportion to others. We are sorry we overlooked the summing up of tables last year; we must look sharper next.

Balance in Treasurer's hand, \$10,937.07; Chartered Lodges, 306; one U. D.; Members, 33,996.

M. W. Bro. Henry Chamberlain, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James Fenton, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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MISSISSIPPI.

The fifty-fourth Annual Communication commenced in the city of Holly Springs, Jan. 22nd, 1872. M. W. Bro. George R. Fearn, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary.

Session three days. Lodges represented, 213.

The Grand Master commences his address with the usual sentiments of condolence on the pleasure of meeting again at their sacred altars. And wisely adds:

"But while we indulge in this delightful interchange of Masonic thought and friendship around our common altar, let us not forget those of our "Mystic Circle" who have heretofore for so many years labored with us, so zealously and so effectively, but who will no more be seen among us forever."

He refers to Bro. Giles M. Hillyer, P. G. M., and Bro. Geo. H. Gray, Semr., Grand Treasurer, paying to the memory of each a warm and respectful tribute of praise. In reference to P. G. M. Hillyer, he says:

"While we mourn our sad bereavement, may we not forget the impressive lessons which death continually teaches us; may we rather ever remember the beautiful words uttered by Bro. Hillyer, but one short year ago. 'My brethren, the duty we owe the dead is performed. It remains that we who are alive should so live, and by our actions attend the coming of the Day of Reckoning, that we neither be surprised, nor leave our duties imperfect, nor our sins uncancelled, nor our persons unreconciled, nor our God unpersuaded; but when our bodies in their turn descend to their graves, our souls may ascend to the regions of celestial light whersin is the Holy House of the Heavenly Judge of the Lord.'

Speaking of the prosperity of our Order, he says:

"An examination of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodge reveals the fact that the grand preachers of our common distinction have met with success. They have exerted a powerful influence for good, not only among the people in its own circle, but upon society at large; that, governed by

principles generally acknowledged and respected, Free-masonry is, by its silent teachings, doing no little towards elevating and ennobling our race."

In reference to the Quebec question, he says:

"The unhappy differences existing a year ago between the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec still remain. While some of the Grand Lodges on this continent uphold the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of Canada the large majority of them have recognized that of Quebec; and the indications are such as to induce the hope, that the day is not far distant when the vexed question now dividing them will be happily settled, and concord and harmony will reign universal among the Grand Jurisdictions of the New World."

And we may as well here as elsewhere introduce the report of the Committee to whom this part of Grand Master's address was referred:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. W. Grand Master in reference to the differences between the M. W. Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, beg leave to report:

"That these Grand Lodges are sovereign and independent, and there is no arbiter to whom they may appeal. Advice from others might be officious. Your committees are satisfied that longer contention is not desired by either, and that these eminent and distinguished bodies, in a spirit of mutual concession and enlarged charity, will soon attain a settlement of all their difficulties, satisfactory to themselves and gratifying to all Masons of every clime."

The Grand Master gives a lengthened detail of his official acts, which are only of local interest; a number of decisions are also given in accordance with their own constitutions and by-laws. Sixteen Lodges, to whom Charters were granted last year had been constituted. Nine dispensations had been granted for new Lodges.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. A. H. Berkeley. Forty American Grand Lodges and seven Foreign are reviewed, and amongst the latter Canada for 1870 is

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fraternally noticed. The work is a careful and well-arranged digest of proceedings (without comment) of the grand bodies reviewed.

The financial affairs are somewhat embarrassed, but we trust they will soon get extricated. The Finance committee recommend that delegates donate one-fourth of their mileage taking 15 cents instead of 20; that Grand Lodge fees for conferring degrees be raised from one to two dollars; and that the fee for membership be raised from 75 cents to one dollar.

The receipts for the year from all sources are \$12,365, which looks a large sum, but when \$7,401 are taken off to pay delegates and other necessary expenses, there is but a small balance left to cancel old debts.

There are 300 Lodges, including nine U. D. Total affiliated Master Masons, 11,488.

M. W. Bro. W. H. Hardy, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. L. Power, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The fifty-first Annual Communication commenced at St. Louis, Oct. 10th, 1871. In session four days. M. W. Bro. Thomas Ellwood Garrett, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Geo. Frank Gonley, Grand Secretary. 206 Lodges represented.

The introductory part of Grand Master's address is full of kind and devotional feeling, setting forth Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, and adding:

"All are not here who met in annual communication with us one year ago. I recall especially those brothers who were honored by the Grand Lodge of New York, and who were invited to us from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, in the same field my brother, the Rev. Dr. C. C. H. Smith, was invited to speak, and who were not among us to-day, and yet his is of us still with us,

his history and his memory, which we cherish. No eulogy of him is required from me: it is already written in the records of the Lodge.

After a due eulogium to the departed brother, he says:

"We are making too many Masons, and are making them too fast. I would not exclude any good man from the order; but it is better even to risk doing this sometimes than admit those who can never be either useful or ornamental, and may bring disgrace upon the craft. We have three symbolical supports—Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. The material we use to perpetuate our institution should conform to at least one of these standards, and, if possible, be susceptible of such Masonic culture as will combine the three."

"Masons are too much in the habit of recommending their friends simply because they are their friends, or perhaps only casual acquaintances, and bear the reputation of 'good fellows.' They do not ask themselves, 'Will they make good Masons?' They do not reflect that their acquaintance would not warrant them in inviting these 'good fellows' into their family circle as visitors, and yet they hesitatingly recommend them to become members of their Masonic family. They commit a wrong, not intentionally, but from want of thought. We all may be more or less subject to such reproach, and all will do well to ponder over this abuse, which can be so easily corrected."

Is. "We get the 'good fellows' into the order, and what is our result? What good do they do us, or we them? What becomes of them? Perhaps we never see them again; they did not find the gaw-gaw they were looking for, and at once abandon the Lodge for more congenial associations. Perhaps, resolved to find a plaything, they make one of our solemn mysteries; or worse, use them for scoundrel and unmanly purposes, thus bringing scandal on the order; then we have to get the 'good fellows' out. That makes trouble in the family and no good whatever has been accomplished. We have sown the seed on barren ground, lost both it and the labor, and have also sullied some in the opinion of the world. Let us acknowledge the truth, and face it! Freemasonry is becoming too popular, and this very popularity is a foe to its stability. To be sure, universalurgency of labor is granted not, but controlled by legitimate bounds. It is threatened with many very large amounts of money, but the attractions are such that our

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doors are besieged with the popular impulse to become Masons—not Master Masons only, for many of these outside admirers have already fixed their eyes, as they suppose, on a point far above the basement story. They merely want to pass through and go up stairs and climb higher, and there is a steep slope to climb down but there is no room for them to do so.

"Should our plain and orderly apartments of the Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry be used simply to minister to such aspirations as these? And yet such aspirants do get in, and pass through and climb. The worst of it is, they get through with very little knowledge of what they have seen and heard, so little indeed that they could not prove their claims as Masons away from home, and are seldom seen in the Blue Lodge again. There is, however, one grain of comfort in connection with their thorough ignorance of Masonry, they could never divulge its secrets if they tried."

Forty-two decisions are reported in copy which would take over 30 pages of type, which we cannot afford; neither is it necessary, because there is nothing particularly foreign in the questions propounded, nor anything uncommon in the conclusions arrived at; but they are interesting inasmuch as they are argumentative, and contain the good and bad which at different times have been adduced in favor of and against them.

Dispensations had been granted for 30 new Lodges while, together with 11 dispensations renewed and 10 granted by Grand Lodge at least Communication made in all work. A large amount of business is reported in laying of corner stones, dispensations for plumb and other things of a purely local character. Reports have been received from 39 D. S. G. M.'s wherein evidence that the order all over the jurisdiction is employing a good degree of prosperity.

One thousand dollars from Grand Lodge funds were sent with directions to the suffering lodges, and arrangements made for collecting further sum from the other lodges.

The report on Correspondence is as follows: W. P. no notice was given to the lodges.

Gouley. (104 pp. small type). Forty-three American and Canadian Grand Lodges, and 16 European Grand Bodies are reviewed in Bro. Gouley's own style; full of extracts that are important, and abounding in criticisms and practical jurisprudence. Canada and Quebec are taken together, and Grand Lodge sovereignty upheld to the last. He says the Grand Lodge of Missouri has laid down for her own guidance the following law:

"Where a Grand Lodge is once established, and its jurisdictional limits once confirmed over the territory assigned it, it cannot be curtailed by any civil power, nor can its supremacy be infringed upon by other Grand Lodges, and its territory and power can only be altered by its own action in Grand Lodge assembled."

"On this law we propose to defend the Grand Lodge of Canada against the usurpation of the schismatics of Quebec for all time to come, until the Grand Lodge of Canada shall in regular form, disown that territory and grant it to the now so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec."

"The argument that a large number of States have recognised Quebec does not weigh one feather with your committee; it amounts to just nothing. If the whole world recognises an error, we will not endorse it on that account. We were once called upon to endorse a petition because the leading men of the country had done so; we refused because we knew the party was not worthy; we were condemned by his friends, and we replied: 'We would not induce him if the whole city of St. Louis did,' and the same fellow, is now trying to stir up trouble in the Penitentiary, and his enemies have paid thousands of dollars for their sympathy! We do not propose to recommend to the Grand Lodge of Missouri a recognition of Quebec from either sympathy or because others have endorsed her; we intend to stand upon solid principles, and are prepared to furnish the Grand Lodge any and all documents as evidence to show and prove that of all the gigantic violations of Grand Lodge sovereignty and the trampling down of all Grand Lodge charters, constitutions and international rights, this usurpation of Quebec is the most flagrant of any that has occurred in any age."

"Our new proposed form of Grand Lodge sovereignty, on which the perpetuity of Freemasonry depends (especially

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in this age of agrarianism) we bend sadly over the annihilated Grand Jurisdiction of Canada.

"A year or so ago she stood in the beautiful garments of calm, just and perfect equality with all her sisters. She was perfect in her form, and robust in the habitments of peace and prosperity. Afterward came the despoiler, and attempted to ravish her of the bright jewel of sovereignty; started, and with fear, she issued her appeal under seal to all those who had extended her their smiles of recognition in years gone by, and certified her protest against the wrongs attempted. But, alas! instead of aid from those on whom she had a Masonic right to rely, she received blow after blow, added to the insults of her own children.

"She cried aloud that it was not for herself she appealed, but for the virtue of all her sisters, their sovereignty and their honor represented in her own outraged person. Missouri was the first to spring to her side, comfort and help her, and plead with others. She stands there to-day, and now in the name of our Grand Lodge that has withstood the storms of over half a century, and against whose, not one single act of public wrong against the fraternity can be charged, we yet appeal for the sovereignty of Grand Lodge jurisdiction in the case of Canada.

"We appeal to every Grand Lodge of the world to stop for a moment; pause and reflect. There is an issue in all this that subjects Grand Lodges to the will of politics, legislatures and the mob. Are you willing to accept it? You answer 'No'—but you have done it. Are you willing to acknowledge a wrong and Masonically make it right? We await your reply."

If a mound page is set apart sacred to the memory of Grand Lodge sovereignty, murdered by the rebellious Masons of the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, Oct. 20th, 1869.

We may state that Bro. Gouley's report contains the most full and impartial view of this case that we have yet seen in print. The arguments on both sides are fully and impartially given, and with this remark we close our review.

In the appendix to this volume we have the documents of the "Reporter's Convention" at Baltimore, Aug. 1st, 1873.

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192. GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The Reporters on Foreign Correspondence from Thirty-one jurisdictions were present. Canada was represented by two reporters, Harvey Y. Orllis, and Henry Robertson. Collyer, Wood, and Drummond, of Maine, were appointed Chairmen and Bro. Corson, New Jersey, Secretary. The whole proceedings put together make a great budget of 150 pages. The conclusion of the whole matter was that Bro. Orllis was appointed Post Inspector of the Masonic craft. Bro. Robertson also made a short report on correspondence, "will the masonic lodges handle it, and not to the Grand Lodge, so we must have it, and return to Grand Lodge to close our business." And of business we find balance in the sum of \$88,26.

**STATUTES.**—Lodges working under charter 408, Member of the Grand Lodge of Canada, will be entitled to the same rights as the Grand Lodge of Canada. We are told in a paper that for the first time since the organization of Grand Lodge, 1821, all the officers were re-elected.

The Annual Communication commenced in Portland on May 7th, 1872, Session three days, 159 Lodges (all on the roll) represented, Bro. Wm. Bro. John H. Lynde, Grand Master, and Bro. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

From Grand Master's address we quote the following: "We have a wholesome Regulations to promote the interests of their craft throughout the jurisdiction, and the fact that our action cannot fail to impress our brethren in other localities should solemnly impress us with the importance of this convention. We would hope that the result of our meeting would be, that we would do all we

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could; for we are taught to do good unto all men, making especially to the household of the faithful. Confined to narrow national or sectional limits, we are members of one universal brotherhood, and all our actions should be such as will not only be beneficial to ourselves, but to every other member of this great Masonic family. \* \* \* Since our last assemblage the grim angel of Death has placed his icy fingers upon two of our beloved number: Grand Master Abner B. Thompson, full of years and honor; the other, R. W. Bro. Edward E. Wiggin, in the very flush of manhood, when to human eyes a brilliant career of usefulness had just opened to him."

Eight dispensations had been granted for new Lodges. Seven for electing officers, and one for conferring degrees in less time than four weeks. Six new Masonic Halls had been dedicated, and one corner stone laid. A circular from Grand Lodge of Louisiana received on the "must-do doctine" laid down by Grand Master Todd at last Annual Communication, and which we have noticed in our remarks on that Grand Lodge. We find in the proceedings that said circular was "laid on the shelf" until next Annual Communication.

The new Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah were recognized.

On the afternoon of the second day of the session, the three degrees were conferred on three veritable candidates. The D. D. G. M.'s of the 19 districts gave reports, which as a whole are gratifying. That there should be no exception in a jurisdiction so large is more than we have any right to expect.

Funds on hand available for charity, \$1,383.70. Balance in hands of Treasurer, \$188.07. Lodges chartered, 108. U. D. M. Members, 16,252.

Brother David Gandy elected Grand Master and Brother George Henry, selected Grand Steward until an availed of.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Drummond as usual, and extends to 120 pp., small type. Forty-five Grand Lodges are reviewed, some of them for two years. He says in his preamble that the report is longer than ever before, for two reasons; One of which is the space given to the Quebec question, as our report of 1870 was the first extended discussion of that question published. It was naturally the text-book for others, especially those holding the opposite doctrine. We deemed it our duty to vindicate," &c.

This short extract will tell that Canada is included. He briefly runs over Grand Master Stevenson's remarks, and says:

"He enumerated five methods as a remedy for the 'undesirable state of things,' but does not include the very simple one of recognizing the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

No; Grand Master Stevenson has more patriotism than to do any such thing. We are much obliged to our warm-hearted brother for his kind wishes as to our own health and are happy to assure him we are well, and were quite free of the affliction he speaks of when we wrote last year. As regards our opinion about objecting to a visitor, he says:

"Well, as long as what either of us thinks about it does not change the law, it is of little consequence."

We do not know what law he means. One of our thoughts is that if a member cherish in his heart so much secret malignity towards a brother that his entry to the Lodge would unseat him, he, the malignant brother, has no right to be there. "If thou bringest thy gift to the altar and there rememberest," etc., etc.

He backs out of his position on the subject of non-intercourse, and twists it around to clandestine Masons. We never did, and hope never shall, urge a word in favor of Masonic intercourse with clandestine Lodges or Masons. We believe an intimation of such intercourse by a Grand

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Lodge would be an act of supererogation, but if Bro. Drummond means that an edict of non-intercourse by a Grand Lodge against any other Grand Lodge does in and of itself make such other Grand Lodge clandestine, we not only deny it, but say that no man in his senses would assert it.

On the remark of Grand Master Lynde last year to the effect that if the Grand Lodge of Canada persists in maintaining her ground in Quebec, there cannot be a doubt etc., Bro. Drummond says we construed this into a threat. It is true we did, and if *bile* was the cause of our doing so, Bro. Welford, Virginia, and Bro. Dawkins, Florida, as well as several other eminent brethren with whom we have come in contact, have all been bilious too, and the would-be-Grand Master of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec worse than any of us. Taking up Grand Master Lynde's key, he (Grand Master of Quebec) says:

"The principal officers of some of the most influential Grand Lodges which have recognized the Grand Lodge of Quebec, have been seriously considering whether the Grand Lodge of Canada was longer entitled to fraternal recognition and support."

And more than this he says he has used his best endeavors "to have any such action aenent the Grand Lodge of Canada deferred a little longer at least." Perhaps we are entitled to take Bro. Drummond's recantation for Grand Master Lynde, and suppose that Bro. Graham has been raving.

Bro. Drummond says we "still insist that a regular body recognizing a clandestine body heals the latter rather than pollutes the former," yes brother, *much rather, very much rather*, and hold our former averments as repeated *brevitatis error*.

We are sorry our quotation from Nevada last year should have thrown our brother off his exhibition, we did not say who put the titles there, but took the paragraph as it was, which reads thus:

"Since the above was written an advance copy of the able and learned report to the Grand Lodge of Maine of Mr. H. and M. W. Bro. J. H. Drummond, P. G. M. and chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence has been received, etc."

In order to shorten our report as much as possible we abridged it thus:

"An advance copy of the report of Bro. Drummond of Maine is on hand, and in order to give it weight we suppose, the author is introduced with so many names and titles that we can only afford space to give the initials." If Bro. Drummond supposes that we meant any personal disrespect for him, he is quite mistaken; on the contrary we considered that whoever put the titles there, was fooling him.

If he had been a new luminary it might have been justifiable, but to introduce Bro. Drummond to the masonic world with such a "flourish of trumpets" we considered an absurdity. "We are sorry for our mistake in saying "some of the titles, etc.," instead of one, we had perhaps forgotten our nursery numeration table at the time "one is none, two are some, etc.," but as our brother has kindly recommended us to the sympathy of the Craft for the mistake, we hope it will be accorded.

In the attempt to establish the Grand Lodge of Quebec the plea set up for her was that she was a sovereign independent State or Province, like the States of America. This was the alpha and omega of the Quebec pamphlet. Gambled quotations from the imperial act of confederation were profusely made in support of the doctrine, and the plea defended by Bro. J. H. Drummond in what he admits to be the first extended discussion of the question published.

We quoted from the address of Grand Master Gardiner at the (then) last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts showing what the "American No. 1" of Grand Lodge jurisdiction is, and we have shown that in accordance with that doctrine, Quebec has not the right of a claim.

Bro. Drummond tries to bridge over the difficulty by referring to the American Constitution, which he assumes we have never read. That the States are *not absolutely independent*, and that every case in which the doctrine has been applied has been one of *qualified independence* in which the State was subject to a superior law. But this is not so; the masonic organization dates farther back than the constitution; Grand Master Gardner tells us in the passages we quoted that when the "doctrine" was fixed, "the idea of a permanent Union of the States had hardly been broached," that the States were independent of each other.

"Isolated from all the world, they each stood forth free independent sovereign States," and whence the superior law? Merely the sovereign States vesting and concentrating in congress certain powers of administering that sovereignty for the mutual benefit of all, but which did not, nor could not affect the masonic organization—as such—in any manner of way; and as bearing on this, we would again quote from Grand Master Pratt's address of last year as follows:

"It (the Quebec Parliament) exercises such powers only as are delegated to it by the sovereign, instead of as is the case in our State Government, exercising all the powers of sovereignty, except such as it has delegated to another. In contrasting the sovereignty of the States with the powers delegated to Quebec, we were forced to the conclusion that Great Britain with all her territories is only one sovereign independent State. Bro. Drummond, says—what he dare not deny—that we are right, and that the argument would have force if Quebec was a new case, but that it was otherwise settled before the Grand Lodge of Quebec was dreamt of, and the GRAND LODGE OF CANADA GAVE THE OCCASION FOR thus settling it, hence we see the sandy foundation of sovereign independence has blidden away, the superstructure raised thereon vanished in air, the West Virginian ever again yell silenced, and Bro. Drummond's string of alleged proofs all insipidistic and as the whole now rests on the decision of the Grand Lodge of Canada, we have to leave it to them to decide this question, and if it went

history of any country, grievances to which (nor to any other grievance) Quebec has never dared to lay claim, but let all these be laid aside, excepting as a caution to those who *trust* us with rebellion in 1855."

Bro. Drummond, gives the following quotation from the committee of Massachusetts in 1867:

"The precedent (formation of Grand Lodge of Canada) was thus established by these mother Grand Lodges, treating these organized colonies of the empire as being so far independent States as to justify the existence of a local Grand Lodge, when formed under due and lawful authority. Your committee are not opposed to these precedents which establish the various colonial provinces of Great Britain, as so far nationalities as to be entitled in due time to separate Grand Lodges."

If Bro. Drummond thinks there is any warrant here for the course pursued by Quebec, we think it is exactly the other way. What the quotation plainly says is, that the precedent of the Grand Lodge of Canada was established by the mother Grand Lodges, (England and Scotland,) treating these organized colonies of the Empire so far independent States, as to justify the existence of a Grand Lodge when formed under due and lawful authority, that is, with consent of the mother Grand Lodge, and the mother Grand Lodges having so settled it in the case of Canada, we, the committee, have no objections to recognize it, although these colonies are not sovereign independent States. Such was the "deliverance" of the committee on the part of Grand Masters address, that referred to the claim of Nova Scotia, which Massachusetts refused to recognize, because England and Scotland had not, and because the Lodges in the province were not unanimous. In the next year's address of Grand Master, he says:

"I am not aware that any change has taken place in the condition of the so-called Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to whom the Grand Lodge comprising it now belongs, has taken any action on the subject than to deprive the same of its claim to the privileges of Masonry."

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And in the same address, the Grand Master, after noticing that measures had been taken in New Brunswick to form a Grand Lodge, says:

"Negotiations having that end in view are now pending before the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. This I regard as a step in the right direction, both legitimate and lawful, and I cannot doubt that the wishes of the petitioners will be favorably entertained by the parent Bodies."

Such is the doctrine of Massachusetts, and what Bro. D. sees in it to suit his Quebec views is a puzzler to us. It may do very well to garble a few words out of a sentence, as he has done in the extract from the committee, and as he does in the following. At page 560 in his report, he gives a synopsis of the condition of the Grand Lodges as regards Quebec, and says, "Massachusetts has decided that the Lodges in Quebec had the right to form a Grand Lodge," but like an "artful dodger," forgets to add "WITH CONSENT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA." He wants us to believe that the reason of not recognizing Quebec by Massachusetts is because they are not certain that a majority of the Lodges in the Province had concurred in the action. Even if that were correct, it shows that they do not consider Quebec independent enough for acting on the "American doctrine" of three Lodges forming a Grand Lodge; but it would be more like the truth to say, "because they are certain that the Lodges in the Province are not unanimous." Mass. obviates holds that unanimity is necessary, which we think is a correct view, because when no change of sovereignty or political allegiance has taken place, as always does take place in forming new States and organized territories in the United States. It is most unreasonable and unjust to compel a Lodge to change her masonic allegiance, and hence the formation of a Grand Lodge without the consent of the Mother Lodge would have another "sting in its tail," that of practically over-ruling the free will of the brethren, an act which we think true masonry does not recognize, and in regarding the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada will world further notice that "if the date of 10th January (1869)

the two Provinces—Canada East and Canada West—that their geographical limits and political boundaries are distinctly marked; their laws, courts, schools, customs, municipal affairs and internal governments as distinct and separate, all as they ever were or are at the present day. The Masons of these two distinct and separate Provinces, covenanted, contracted and agreed together to form the Grand Lodge of Canada, and did form it, and, as Bro. Drummond says (correctly this time we think), it was expressly stipulated between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Canada, that Nova Scotia and New Brunswick should not come into the union with the other two Provinces. We would ask every brother who is unprejudiced and under the guidance of truth and soberness to tell us, how, why, or from whence the right or the power of any one of the contracting parties to *real*, without the consent of the other? No change has taken place of geographical limits or political boundaries—no new territory created—no change of sovereignty—no change of allegiance and no change of government, only that the state has been pleased to make a slight alteration in the mode of administering it; and which it may alter any day when it thinks proper. Surely masonic covenants and contracts are as binding as those of other people. One American Grand Master when speaking on the same subject last year remarked—in substance—that the attempt of certain states to withdraw from the Union, without the consent of the others, had *delegated the Country in Blood*. Bro. Drummond “remarks in passing” (setting a warning to look, we suppose, after the plea of sovereign independence) “that some two-thirds of the articles enumerated by me [in which the Parliament of Canada has exclusive jurisdiction] are in the United States, within the exclusive jurisdiction of Congress,” perhaps it may be so, we never were at the trouble to count, because it has nothing to do with the ~~one~~—these matters were given to Congress by the Government of the States; Quebec never had them to give—and what about the remaining third brother? We are told the Bishop

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have forgotten to notice or allude to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, "thus admitting the inability to break their force." We make no such admission; If Bro. D. means their recognition by Canada, the fact is that we see no force in them to break. These Colonies had at least—some of the grievances we had in 1855, Bro. D. knows that by our agreement with the Grand Lodge of England, they were precluded from joining with us and we cannot imagine any good grounds that Grand Lodge of Canada could have urged to refuse them recognition and far less can we see how their creation should dissolve the union between the brethren of Quebec and Ontario, or affect the Grand Lodge of Canada in any manner of way. There is one thing that we contend and firmly hold with regard to said two Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and that is, that if they had joined covenanted, contracted and agreed with the other two provinces to form the Grand Lodge of Canada, nothing whatever has transpired that would warrant or authorize any one of said Provinces to break up without the consent of the others. If this is correct, it surely settles the pretensions of Quebec. Bro. D. ~~says~~ <sup>has</sup> we have called attention to a mistake he made in saying that our East was located in Ontario, and that he (Bro. D.) "was determined to stick to it." We assure him that neither "he" nor ~~anybody~~ made us say so, but the simple fact, that in laying down the plan adopted on the division of territory he said, "the old Lodge retains the division in which her East is located," and this in conjunction with a former statement that our East was located in Ontario, led us to infer that he meant what he now plainly says, that we should be limited to Ontario, we said last year, what ~~we~~ now repeat that Georgia and Indiana had been led to the same mistake by somebody, and Bro. Drummond ~~comes~~ <sup>comes</sup> up with ~~the~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~no~~ <sup>no</sup> ~~recognition~~ <sup>recognition</sup> to alibi and ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> claimable. Bro. Drummond tells us that nearly all the ~~States~~ <sup>States</sup> of America recognized Canada before England did, that we did not and Mr. Welford has told us on the contrary ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> and ~~our~~ <sup>our</sup> ~~assertion~~, ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~West~~ <sup>West</sup> Virginia ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> have

done it until the "crack o' doom" of England had set

"Much has been said, and is still tried to be made of conversation relative to the position of Grand Lodge at—or about the time of confederation, but which all goes for nothing, we have no one member in this jurisdiction who carries Grand Lodge in "the crown of his hat," and besides as we said to Nova Scotia last year—no member ever meant or contemplated that Quebec was to retire under the standard of rebellion. We quote the following from Bro. Drummond's remarks on civil law, "he (Bro. Mitchell) says that whether the doctrine, that the masonic law is affected by the civil law grew in Quebec or in Portland he cannot tell nor is it of much importance, it is new. If a doctrine nearly a hundred years old can be called new, this can. It did not originate in Quebec, but it may have grown in Portland in 1776 along with those doctrines in relation to civil laws that were then as repugnant to Bro. Mitchell's forefathers, as these masonic doctrines are to him now." We sincerely pity our brother that he should so far forget himself as to introduce politics on a masonic platform. Whatever his or our forefathers thought of the transactions of 1776, is a matter with which the present generation has nothing to do." All the rancours and animosities which we may naturally suppose to have existed at the time are happily forgotten politically by the two great nations interested and buried in the graves of our forefathers, who acted them, and we think it is a little of the line to seek to take them up in a masonic discussion. We have in the above paper seen an Address claim to, at least, a share in the authorship of the Quebec pamphlet, and also an intimation that it was made subservient to the civil law by the American revolution, a result which we think few will be inclined to believe. But apart from all this, Bro. Drummond's narrow disquisition (*alias* puddle of inconsistencies) on the "co-operation of masonic and civil law," has no practical value. We have heard of no law in the United States that would prevent all the Grand Lodges of the Union, from holding a conformity of doctrine, discipline, precept and practice.

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where discrepancies exist we believe they emanate from the free sovereign will of the Grand Lodges themselves, and not from any outside interference; and we deny the existence of any law, civil, moral or masonic, that compels, enjoins or requires the Grand Lodge of Canada to change her name or relinquish her territory simply because the State has changed the names of two Canadian Provinces. There might be a possibility perhaps of two sovereign independent States enacting antagonistic laws, but there is no such possibility in Ontario and Quebec. We may tell Bro. Drummond and his Quebec protege for the 119th time, that there has been no change of sovereignty, and consequently there can be no antagonism in the laws affecting the rights and liberties of the subject.

We referred last year to the case of West Virginia, and said "Quebec will follow her example remains to be seen." Bro. Drummond says:

We venture to suggest that she may do so when Canada follows the example of Virginia. Quebec has thus far followed strictly the example of West Virginia, but Canada, unlike Virginia, has not her West Virginia asserted and maintained her position till Virginia determined to recognize her, when she was satisfied a majority of the Lodges in West Virginia were in allegiance to the new Grand Lodge, and when their arrears of dues should be paid, suppose Canada had adopted the same course as Virginia did, instead of resorting to the sword. Suppose that instead of complicating affairs by creating duplicate Lodges in violation of every principle of masonic law, she had opened the door to Bro. M. you can scarcely expose one to the same with the olive branch in one hand and the trowel in the other, while you are at the same time attacking with all your vigor with the sword in the hand and the dagger in the bosom, and in the other the dagger in the hand and the sword in the bosom. You know well—control resides with the Grand Lodge.

There is one point for the above, that Bro. Drummond

may keep himself easy about; when Canada admits that the creation of the duplicate Lodges was a violation of every or any principle of masonic law, it will be some day when the sun rises in the West, Bro. Drummond can therefore keep on the lookout, because both events will happen about the same time. He forgets that we have not ceded this territory as yet: and it is a very unreasonable thing to expect that we are tacitly to acknowledge the claim of a disturber as just and right.

As to babbling about swords, and daggers and such dooms on the side of Canada, the allegations are so utterly false that they are unworthy of notice, the proceedings of both parties are before the masonic world who can judge how far these charges are true.

We have in plain print from Quebec herself that she armed her Temple with the "sword in one hand and the trowel in the other" conscious that she was working under the standard of rebellion, and verifying the saying that "conscience makes cowards of us all," for Canada never gave her any occasion to unsheathe the sword.

In West Virginia had some reasonable pretext by American insurrection, in as much as a new territory had been created, but still that she took the initiative in seeking reconciliation at the proper source, and ratified the acts of her committee in their movements, even although all the English in the new territory inclined to hold of the old mother were led astray, and although twelve Lodges held of Virginia at the moment only, yet universal concord and harmony prevailed—  
 The ~~same~~—Canada sought after Quebec with an olive branch, and was treated with scorn, and the protestant Reformation (Quebec's) committee treated with contempt. It is told that Rep. Drummond addressed the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and were not told what he said; but reading the above paragraph and considering that he was chief superintendent of the Quebec forces—we need not say that his speech was not well received.

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We find in Bro. Drummond's remarks under Quebec the most unwarrantable attack on Grand Master Stevenson, and a gross insult to the Grand Lodge of Canada, in reference to the duplicate Lodges, he says:

"It is alleged and we are satisfied that in many cases the allegation is true, that the Grand Master of Canada made efforts to induce members of Lodges which had given in their adherence to Quebec to apply for a duplicate charter with the same name and number of the old Lodge, and in such cases he granted a dispensation which was followed by the issue of a duplicate Warrant from Grand Lodge etc."

We contend that Grand Lodge of Canada is the sole judge in the granting of Charters or Duplicates in her own jurisdiction independent of Bro. Drummond or any one else. As to the allegations against Grand Master Stevenson, we fear that all that Bro. Drummond has sought to satisfy him that "in many cases" the allegation is true, has been the hearsay of some Quebec gossip. If the zeal of our Brother on the side of Quebec had not "eaten him up," and if he had the least inclination to search after truth, he could, perhaps have learned that a few renegade brethren robbed the Lodge of their charter, and so long as a constitutional number were willing to retain it, neither Grand Master Stevenson nor Grand Lodge could refuse a duplicate of the same name and number, unless they were to sacrifice every principle of honor.

As a proof of what outsiders think of the case, we extract the following from Bro. Dawkins of Florida in reference to resolutions of Grand Lodge of Canada last year. He says:

"Proposals for adjustment which seem to us to be more than ~~just~~ have been tendered on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada and refused by the Quebec organization, and the fact that a majority of the Grand Lodges of the United States have recognized Quebec has evidently inclined them to do so much the less defiant position against the Grand Lodge of

Quebec. We believe in the right of foreign organizations to be something more than ~~just~~ and ~~right~~ in their demands.

Drummond's fulminating paragraph above copied, we extract the following from Grand Master Lynde's address:

"The Session (Quebec) was one of peculiar interest on account of the unfortunate relation wih the Grand Lodge in the neighbouring Province of Ontario, and I take pleasure in informing you that the Grand Lodge of Quebec treated the exciting question in an exceedingly prudent and temperate manner. Considering all the aggravating circumstances, our Quebec brethren displayed a most conciliatory and fraternal spirit, and deserve the thanks of American Masons for their forbearance."

The italicising in the above is ours, Grand Master Lynde has forgotten that we are not yet shut in to the neighbouring Province of Ontario, perhaps his memory will be resuscitated if he should hear that our next Annual Communication will be held in the City of Montreal.

The aggravating circumstances, he may have picked up from Bro. Drummond's address. Where he saw the "conciliatory and fraternal spirit displayed," he knows best himself. What steps were taken to "deserve the thanks of American Masons," our American brethren will have to find out for themselves from the proceedings before them, as the Grand Master has not told us, and another thing he has not told us which we much regret—namely—what Quebec could do if she withheld, what he calls her "forbearance."

The resolution of Grand Lodge of Canada, we need not copy, as it is in the proceedings of last year at page 900—which we think is all that could be expected of Canada. In virtue of this resolution, the loyal lodges in Quebec and the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, each appointed a Committee to form a basis of union. The Committee met and acted harmoniously, various proposals no doubt were made—as is the case in all such meetings, but finally the Committee of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec prepared a protocol including all they asked or wanted, and the Canadian Committee agreed to every iota demanded, each Committee binding itself to recommend to their respective Grand Lodges

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the adoption of the protocol as so settled upon; and more than this, we are advised that Grand Master Graham was cognizant of all the transactions of said Committee, he received the final protocol and as he was bound by the Constitution, handed it over to the Board of General Purposes to be (through them) brought before Grand Lodge.

It is true that "words are but wind," but from the language of Bro. Graham we are led to believe that he was also satisfied, but oh! poor Quebec dupes; the "Commander-in-chief had not been consulted. We do not know whether Bro. Drummond did not want this protocol brought before Grand Lodge or otherwise, but he tells us himself that the (precipitous?) Board of General Purposes had resolved to put the protocol before Grand Lodge BEFORE HE ARRIVED IN MONTREAL. The Protocol apart from technical phraseology, reads thus:

"Whereas unhappily differences and disputes have arisen and are now existing in Masonry between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the several Lodges in the Province still holding under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge of Canada,

"And whereas with a view to terminate and forever end said differences and to restore peace and harmony throughout the Craft in the said Province, the Lodges holding of Grand Lodge of Canada are willing to amalgamate and join with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec is willing to accept said Lodges into their organization the same as if they—the said Lodges—had originally taken part in said organization.

"And it is agreed by both parties that all questions, viz., names of Lodges, distribution of property in the case of duplicate Lodges, and priority of numbers in the case of all Lodges shall be left entirely to a Committee of six, three to be named by each party, with power to said Committee to appoint an arbitrator and the decision of said Committee and umpire to be final.

"And the Committee representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec agree to submit the above terms for the acceptance of the Grand Lodge; and the Committee representing the Grand Lodge of Canada, the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada hereby agrees to recommend the above terms.

This is due time came before Grand Lodge, how Bro. Drummond employed his time from his arrival in Montreal, to the bringing in of the protocol, we have no information, but the protocol of their own Committee was met with an amendment not with a sword and a dagger only, but with a shower of "pitchforks and marlin spikes downwards" on Grand Lodge of Canada; we give the substance of this amendment in brief:

"Whereas the Grand Lodge of Quebec has been for the last two years the supreme masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec, and has been recognized as such by 23 sovereign masonic bodies, and that Canada has invaded her territories etc., therefore be it

"Resolved,—1. That this Grand Lodge reassert her authority over the Province of Quebec.

"2. That no communication will be held with Grand Lodge of Canada until she withdraws from the jurisdiction and recognizes the supremacy of Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"3. That all acts of Canada in formation of Lodges in Quebec since 20th Oct., 1869, are illegal and the Lodges formed clandestine.

"4. That all the Lodges holding of Grand Lodge of Canada in existence prior to 20th Oct. 1869, be invited to affiliate with Quebec.

"5. That Grand Master shall issue a proclamation of suspension of all Lodges in the Province who shall refuse to recognize the supremacy of Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"6. That this Grand Lodge will receive, and issue new warrants to the duplicate Lodges, provided the rights of Lodges already recognized be not infringed upon.

"7. That the foregoing be communicated to the Grand bodies in fraternal communication with this Grand Lodge requesting them (amongst other things) to suspend communication with Grand Lodge of Canada until she withdraws from the jurisdiction."

This is Grand Master Lynde's conciliatory and fraternal right and Bro. Drummond's Olive Branch. But this amendment has been got up unadvisedly. The clause which we have numbered 2, puts a dead lock on all further negotiations, by shutting out all intercourse with Canada.

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Three declares the duplicate Lodges clandestine, but notwithstanding that No. 8 says they will take them in.

"This," according to Bro. Drummond's doctrine, even if Quebec were immaculate—would make her clandestine also.

The 5th is requesting "a little too much," and assuming a policy not warranted by her feeble existence, viz., to

That the 23 Grand Lodges who have recognized her, have close intercourse with Canada. Seeing all this we do not wonder that some "visiting brother" (name not given) could sit no longer, but started to his feet and requested leave to address the meeting which was granted, the result of which was that time was given to remodel the amendment, not to render it less vituperous or more conciliatory towards Canada, but to make it less inconsistent, and a little within bounds as far as Quebec was concerned.

This vicious document, so tinkered we are given to understand, was supported by 47 yeas, against 4 nays.

Bro. Drummond has quoted and adopted the views of Bro. Scott, Louisiana, and as the result of the failure of the peace negotiations arrives at the following conclusions:

1. The Grand Lodge of Ontario never exercised supreme and exclusive jurisdiction over the Province of Quebec.
2. The Grand Lodge of Quebec was regularly formed.

We think we can show as much sophistry in the above as in some others of Bro. Drummond's conclusions. We find the following from his pen, under Florida, which we think fully meets both the above assertions:

"The Grand Lodge of Canada was recognized at the time the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, etc., were organized, but the Canadian Lodge did not receive the same recognition until 1813, when the Grand Lodge of Canada was organized, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec did not receive the same recognition until 1821, when the Grand Lodge of Quebec was organized."

Now the first part of the above may do to send down south to Florida, but it will not tell in this latitude. It is a fact, and a fact that we think Bro. Drummond knows too, that at and previous to 1855 there was no such thing in these Provinces as concurrent jurisdiction. It is not probable that American Grand Lodges would have rashly planted Lodges in British territory, and still less probable that British subjects, already members of British Lodges, would ask them, but there is no Masonic law that could have hindered Maine, or any other American Grand Lodge from planting Lodges there. The Provinces were at that time what is called, by the American rule at least, unoccupied territory, although we think common territory would be nearer the mark. After the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, some of the old Lodges were permitted to remain intact, and that perhaps might be called concurrent jurisdiction, but it was a concurrence that vested the absolute sovereignty in Canada. The consent was of her own free sovereign will, with a condition that the mother Grand Lodges should plant no more Lodges in the territory.

We do not see the use of so much bombast about absolute sovereignty over a certain Jurisdiction; it being a doctrine which all admit, and it is idle talk to lecture Canada about it, considering that it is the beginning and the end and the middle of the very principle for which she is contending. When concurrence is given to certain Lodges to work under their old charters by the free sovereign will of the Grantor, her absolute sovereignty is not interrupted, and we hold that when such is the case outsiders have no more right to interfere with it, than an outsider has to interfere with our private family arrangements. It is nothing less than farcical for Bro. Drummond to have recognized Canada for 10 years as having Sovereign Jurisdiction in these territories and now turn round and say that she never had it. we think it is a gross sacrifice of principle, for the paltry reward of getting command of a hired army, to submit to such a grant to the old Lodges concurrent Jurisdiction if you please,

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keeping in view—as we have stated that the sovereignty was vested in Canada. Bro. Drummond says in the passage we have already quoted "that under these circumstances the principle is the same as if one Grand Lodge was exercising absolute Jurisdiction there." Whence then comes it to pass that "Quebec is a regularly formed Grand Lodge" while boldly attempting to usurp this "exclusive Jurisdiction."

After the conclusion to which we have referred, Bro. Drummond rants away about reconsidering the "Stevenson resolution" accepting the olive branch of peace, and so on, to all of which we shall reply in a short sentence.

We solemnly, honestly and conscientiously hold that the course pursued by the Quebec brethren is one of unqualified Rebellion and Revolution without one complaint of oppression, a Breach of Covenant, and a prostitution of solemn vows and engagements. If Bro. Drummond or Bro. Scott, or Grand Master Lynde, or any other Brother or Grand Master or Grand Lodge, suppose that they can coerce us to call black white, evil good, or wrong right, he or they will find himself or themselves very far mistaken.

The Grand Lodge of Canada made the fraternal advance, never asked one word of contrition, or one expression of humiliation, but agreed to the Protocol which her own (Quebec's) committee prepared, and became bound to recommend to the acceptance of their Grand Lodge, we can see nothing more that Canada can do, and if the masonic harmony which has so long prevailed on the American Continent is destroyed for ever, the blame lies at Quebec's door, not at our own.

It is painful to us to so express ourselves, and next to unbearable to give up all hope of the restoration of brother-love, peace and harmony, and are therefore willing to catch at any glimmering of hope that may appear in the horizon. We believe there are many eminent—although misguided—brethren connected with the Quebec organization (and "with all their faults we love them still") in evidence

whereof, we see that when the uncalled for, and obsequious resolution against the Grand Orient of France was brought in, there was "a long discussion," less than half the votes present were cast, and in that "less than half" there was a minority of seven, and on the "thunder and lightning" vote, against Canada, only half the votes were cast, and in that there was a minority of four, small as these minorities are, they may be a nucleus, around which, the neutrals may rally, and by taking the management of their affairs into their own hands, by telling outside intruders to mind their own business, and by preventing visiting brethren from "starting to their feet" and interrupting their proceedings (a course which none but impudent visitors would dare to pursue)—there is a hope that at some future day, those misguided brethren may deeply regret that they refused the peace offered to them at so cheap a rate, may return from the error of their way, and seek the restoration of true peace and harmony from the legitimate source where alone it can be found. So mote it be.

## NEBRASKA.

The fourteenth Annual Communication commenced at the city of Lincoln, June 21st, 1871. Session three days. M. W. Bro. Harvey P. Deuel, G. M., and R. W. Bro. Robert W. Furnas, G. Sec'y. Thirty Lodges represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports the subordinate Lodges in a prosperous condition, and our institution flourishing. He had granted dispensations for four new Lodges, and refused two which had been made too late, as the time of probation before meeting of Grand Lodge would have been too short. He had received a number of applications to confer degrees in "short time." He holds the opinion that "there is no such thing as absolute necessity for such a course, yet in the face of that opinion he had "reluctantly" granted some—one of the dispensations for new Lodges was revoked. The seven Lodges to whom charters were granted last year had been constituted,

number of decisions had been given, but we do not find any that requires special notice. One article of the constitution was amended so as to read "During the recess of the Grand Lodge the Most Worshipful Grand Master alone shall have power to grant dispensations for new Lodges, and under his private seal" we do not know what restrictions he was under before.

Bro. Furnas reports from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence that they had received, had in review, and would have ready for publication, with printed proceedings of Grand Lodge, the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges, besides a number of Grand Consistories, Grand Commanderies, and Grand Councils, and the Secretary says in a note that these are published in a separate volume. We are sorry to say that we have not got it. We see a question submitted to the committee on jurisprudence, the answer to which we think somewhat out of the way, viz:

"A brother is expelled by a subordinate Lodge for unmasonic conduct, he appeals to the Grand Lodge, the action of the subordinate Lodge is reversed; what course is necessary to enable the brother to affiliate?" The committee answer it is necessary for the brother to obtain a dimiss from the Grand Secretary. Our answer would be that the brother had not lost his affiliation, that is, if he was affiliated when charges were made. If a subordinate Lodge expel a brother on grounds that the Grand Lodge on appeal find untenable, and find the action of the subordinate Lodge null and void, (which we think is the definition of "reversing a sentence") we hold that the brother is just where he was before suit was instituted. If this is not law, we should like to know what use there is in appeals. Grand Lodge accepted an invitation from the inspectors of the Penitentiary to visit that Institution. The Treasurer of the Orphans School Fund reports the funds to be \$3,921.23. One member from each Lodge is appointed a committee on Orphan's Fund, and we see by a resolution, "That the trustees of the Orphan's Educational Fund receive no compensation for

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their services, the sum of one dollar each per annum." We trust that when they draw their salary they will donate it to the fund.

**Thirty-two Chartered Lodges, and 3 Under Dispensation.**

**Master Masons reported 1879.**

Amounts received for Grand Lodge dues during the year \$1,650.58. For Orphan's Fund \$615.54.

M. W. Bro. William E. Hill, elected Grand Master, and

R. W. Bro. Robert W. Furnas, re-elected Grand Secretary.

**NEVADA.**

The seventh Annual Communication commenced in the city of Virginia, Sept. 19th, 1871. Session four days.

M. W. Bro. George Robinson, Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. William A. M. VanBokkelen, Grand Secretary. Thirteen

Lodges represented.

The Grand Master in his address, after the usual congratulations, goes into a detail of his official acts, first noticing in appropriate terms one who had gone down to "Death's dark domain," namely, P. M. Frank H. Kennedy, but says that with this exception "all has been well with the members of this Grand Body and with all its surroundings." He mentions many things that are of vital importance to all on the leading subjects of the day, the initiation of maims, the careless admission of profane, intemperance, profanity, gambling, slander, and trading on Masonry; all of which subjects he with true Masonic spirit, censures and condemns. Only one dispensation for a new Lodge had been granted, and only one special dispensation for installation of officers at a time, different to that set forth in the constitution. Amongst the questions on Masonic law which had been submitted to him was one:

"Can a Mason who has committed suicide be buried with Masonic ceremonies?"

To which he answers:

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If the Lodge of which he was a member, or within whose jurisdiction he resided, were satisfied that the brother was not in the full possession of all his faculties, or in other words was insane at the time of taking his own life, yes; but were it apparent, on the contrary, that he was at the time of sound mind, no. The question is of considerable importance, and is, I think, now for the first time called to notice within this jurisdiction. Although it has been a subject of considerable controversy elsewhere, my response to the query was desired in answer to a telegram, and the time was insufficient for that full consideration which its importance would seem to require. I think, however, that such cases can with propriety be left to the discretion of the Lodge. If the suicide be the result of insanity, I fail to see the impropriety of burying the brother with Masonic honors. If the insanity be the result of licentious or vicious habits my opinion notwithstanding is that if the Lodge having jurisdiction over him shall have allowed him to go on in violation of the laws of God and the teaching of Masonry, until such a result succeeds, without admonishing him of his faults, or endeavoring to bring him back to the paths of rectitude, or (in case of failure to work the desired reformation), enforcing the discipline which our regulations require, the brother is entitled to masonic burial at the hands of the Lodge, though his life may have been taken by his own act."

A committee which had been appointed on "ancient landmarks" (and we do not know that there are modern ones) brought in a majority and minority report, the former by Bro. Robert H. Taylor, who increases the number to 51, the other by Bro. Wm. H. M. VanBekkelen, who contends for only 33—what we have generally recognized here are those by Bro. A. G. Macke and are only 25—both reports bear marks of deep research and contain much that is valuable, but beyond this we need say nothing about them, unless we could copy the whole, and that—with various remarks that might be offered, would be more appropriately made a pamphlet by itself, rather than a part of a review.

The two reports were laid over to next Communication.  
The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Taylor, already named (88 pp., fine type) reviewing the proceedings

of 88 Grand Lodges. Canada for 1870 is fraternally noticed, and the remarks on our report are approvingly referred to. The Report is exhaustive and contains many things that we should like to extract, but we cannot.

**STATISTICS.**—Lodges 14, U. D. 1, Initiated 78, Passed 71, Raised 64, Master Masons, 1,028.

M. W. Bro. George Robinson, unanimously re-elected Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. John C. Currie, elected Grand Secretary.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

The fourth Annual Communication commenced in the city of St. John, September 27th, 1871. Session 2 days. M. W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary. Lodges represented, 16.

The Grand Master commenced his address thus:—

"It will be a matter of sincere pleasure and congratulation to you to learn officially, as you have no doubt perceived personally, that the Masonic Year in the history of our jurisdiction now drawing to a close, has been marked by many evidences of progress and prosperity."

"Claiming an origin immemorial, and cemented by principles which should be everywhere acknowledged and respected, Masons discover in the general success of their ancient craft a cause for delight, equalled only by their intense satisfaction upon the advancement of their immediate jurisdiction. Opposed by unreasoning prejudices, traduced by the ignorant and profane, sought after for betrayal by the vicious and mercenary, 'Freemasonry, notwithstanding, still survives,' and the world, so unready to declare it, is clearly the better for it that our institution rises superior to all calumnies and bigoted opposition."

Protracted illness had prevented him from making many official visits—he had met the Lodges of St. John and installed their Masters, but on this subject he says:—

"I may remark at this point, however, that I do not at all admire the plan of summoning the lodges of the city for high twelve on St. John's day for installation purposes. I approve of the proper celebration of the festival. If there

was but one lodge in the city, then the day and hour are most suitable for such a service; but it is manifestly impossible to conduct the installation of the officers of seven lodges consecutively, with comfort to the brethren, or with that interest and "decency and order," which should mark all our ceremonies. I think this matter well worth the consideration of Grand Lodge, and of the subordinate lodges immediately interested; and, indeed, if the installing ceremonies were set down for the regular monthly meeting of the respective lodges, I can readily fancy with what pleasure any Grand Master would officially visit each lodge; and what a series of effective and harmonious fraternal meetings the Craft in the city would thus be enabled to enjoy."

He comes down with just indignation on the undue publicity of Masonic proceedings, not only in the daily papers, but in magazines professing to be devoted to the interest and care of the Craft and concludes his remarks on the subject thus:

"It will be a happy hour for Freemasonry when there is less publicity—indeed, no publicity at all—given to these matters: when they unfortunately arise, and when newspapers and periodicals are only recognized as channels for that pure Masonic literature which may be perused with profit, and preserved without pain, to the Craft."

The demise of R. W. Bro. James Robertson P. S. G. W., V. W. Bro. the Rev. William Donald, D.D. Grand Chaplain, and W. Bro. John Boyer, F. G. Tyler, are feelingly noticed and a eulogy bestowed on, and a memorial page devoted to each.

We have annexed to the proceedings the minutes of a special communication held at Carleton, September 28th, 1849, for the purpose of dedicating a Masonic Hall there, the ceremony is given in detail.

There is no report on correspondence. Lodges 36. Members, 1,751.

M. W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. Wm. F. Denting, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

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one most dear established in NEW JERSEY, of which one and a half  
of the members of the Grand Lodge were present.

The Annual Communication was held in the city of  
**Trenton** on the 17th and 18th of January, 1819. M. W. Bro.  
**William E. Pine**, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. **Joseph H. Hough**, Grand Secretary, 118 Chartered Lodges repre-  
sented, and three U. D. The Grand Master, after the usual  
greetings, says:

"We have brought to the altar our offering of thanks-  
giving and praise invoked the blessing of the Most High  
upon our deliberations, and may we enter upon our duties  
under the sunlight of His love. Our annual greetings are  
seldom an unmixed joy. Each succeeding year the 'veil of  
eternity falls around us,' and we are now called upon to add  
to the list of our fraternal dead the names of M. W. Bro.  
**Joseph Warren Scott** and W. Bro. **John Helm**."

After giving the history of those two veterans and  
eulogizing on their Masonic worth and merits, he gives a  
detail of his official acts, he had granted five dispensations  
to confer degrees in less than the regular time, and in one  
case to pass and raise at the same communication. Seven  
dispensations had been granted for new Lodges and two  
refused. He had laid the corner stone of a new hall in the  
city of New Brunswick, and dedicated three Lodge rooms.  
A large portion of the address is devoted to an invasion of  
their territory by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, having  
granted a charter to certain parties within their jurisdiction.  
We deeply sympathize with our sister of New Jersey, and  
would earnestly recommend to Grand Lodge to render  
what assistance she can, to protect and defend the territory  
of a sister who has befriended us from the attacks of our  
enemies in our "hour of need," and that if the remonstrances  
already made are not effectual, our Grand Lodge will go  
shoulder to shoulder with her in driving the invader from  
her shores. Amongst the many decisions given by the  
Grand Master, he submits the following:

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the consent of more than one Lodge to receive and act upon the petition of a candidate residing therein.

"2. A Lodge has the right to return the petition fee of a candidate, after election, before a degree is conferred if by vote they so determine, and such candidate may present his petition to any Lodge in whose jurisdiction he may reside, and such Lodge can act upon the petition without the consent of the first named Lodge, all claims between it and the candidate being dissolved.

"3. It is unlawful for a Lodge to suspend a member for non-payment of dues at any special meeting.

"4. A non-affiliated Mason in good standing may petition to any Lodge in New Jersey for affiliation without the consent of a particular Lodge in whose jurisdiction he may reside.

"5. The evidence of an expelled Mason cannot be received in a masonic trial, neither can he act as counsel in such trial.

"6. The Grand Master cannot by dispensation authorize a particular Lodge to use the materials belonging to another Lodge.

"7. No member of a Lodge can legally demand of a Bro. his reasons for voting against a candidate for initiation or membership, and no attempt should be made to discover the brother who shall have cast a negative ballot.

"8. The ballot should be strictly secret; a brother violates the secrecy of the ballot by stating how he voted, and should not be permitted to give his reasons for so doing.

"9. Upon the rejection of a candidate the W. M. should permit no discussion.

"10. If a candidate is proposed and rejected, and subsequently becomes a resident of another jurisdiction, the Lodge wherein he was rejected does not lose jurisdiction on him, such Lodge would be authorized to receive and act upon his petition although a non-resident, which could not be acted upon by any other Lodge without consent of the Lodge wherein he was rejected.

"11. A candidate rejected in a Lodge in this jurisdiction, and subsequently made a Mason in another jurisdiction,

without the consent of the Lodge wherein rejected, is illegally made.

"12. Subordinate Lodges have exclusive control over the material residing within their particular jurisdictions, and have the right to grant permission to act upon petitions of candidates residing therein.

"13. No officer of a Lodge can resign or dimiss during the term for which he was installed.

"14. When a brother, who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, tenders to the Secretary the amount of his indebtedness, the money should be received, and receipt given for the same. It would not be proper for the W. M. to order the money to be returned in case the Lodge refused to reinstate the brother.

"15. A subordinate Lodge has the right to prefer charges, and try a member who is also a member of the Grand Lodge.

The committee on jurisprudence does not sustain all the above. On the 2d, held that "a petition may be withdrawn with the unanimous consent of the Lodge before the investigating committee has reported, but not afterwards." On the 5th, they agree that an expelled Mason should not act as counsel in a trial, but held that his evidence should be taken the same as that of a profane. On the 13th, they are of the opinion that the restriction is confined to the elective officers. On the 15th, they say:

"The mere fact that a member of a subordinate Lodge is a member of the Grand Lodge does not in itself protect him from trial and discipline of the particular Lodge, but there are numerous exceptions to this general rule. A Lodge cannot try its Master or Wardens during their term of office after the expiration of their term, they may be tried for any offence other than official misconduct. For the latter, they are amenable only to the Grand Lodge."

\$2000.00 had been forwarded to the Grand Master of Illinois for the Chicago sufferers, and \$120.00 for the same purpose in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

A communication from the Grand Orient of Brazil.

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requesting recognition was laid over until next Annual Communication.

The reports of the D. G. M. and Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, are gratifying as to the general state of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Joseph H. Hough, it is exhaustive (116 pp.) and well written. Canada for 1870 receives a due share of fraternal notice.

In Finances, there is on hand after settling all demands, and appropriating \$400 to Grand Secretary to meet current expenses, a balance of \$2,795.76.

Lodges 181, Members 9,907.

M. W. Bro. William E. Pine, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. T.

Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The eighty-fifth Annual Communication commenced in the city of Raleigh, December 4th, 1871. Session 5 days.

M. W. Bro. Charles C. Clark, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary. Lodges represented,

151. The Grand Master says:

"In assuming the duties and responsibilities of the exalted station to which your kindness and partiality had called me, I trust that I somewhat appreciated the truth, that the institution of Masonry was not designed solely to heighten the pleasures of social intercourse, or to connect men together, by indissoluble ties, which would render them, in certain selfish senses, stronger and more independent within themselves; but that far above, and beyond these lesser things, the true mission of Masonry was to elevate the thoughts, to cultivate the heart, to enoble the character, to beautify and adorn human nature to the fullest extent of human capability—and, thus, by interweaving, and harmoniously blending her own moral teachings, with the holy principles, which God has established, for the government of His intelligent creatures, to lead her votaries to pay that national homage to the Deity, which it once constitutes their duty and their happiness."

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"These other circumstances considerate of the following propositions which we believe are universally decided and correct, viz.—

"1st. That public drunkenness and disorder are among the highest Masonic crimes."

"2nd. That Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, are bound to communicate the names of their members to the Grand Lodge every year (as in the old Constitution) and to the Provincial Grand Lodge every year (as in the new Constitution)."

*After some remarks on these propositions, he said—*

"From information which I have obtained, by direct communication with the Brethren in the various Lodges, it appears to you, that within the jurisdiction of this Province, there is no remissness in my inquiries about the conduct of the Brethren, according to habitual profligacy, and drunkenness, and especially upon the excessive use of intoxicating drinks. There is no such thing as a secret society in this Province, or in any other part of the United States, or in Canada, or in Nova Scotia. We may, therefore, fairly conclude, that there are not more than one thousand Masons in the Province daily, and that there are not less than five hundred, or even one thousand, who are guilty of drunkenness, and who are subject to a social bias upon their conduct."

"With respect to the punishment of drunkards, it is to be observed, that the law of the Province does not provide for the punishment of Masonic death, and that the law of the Province does not provide for the punishment of Masonic life."

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is not known. The list includes  
the names of all lodges which  
have been chartered by the Grand Lodge  
and which are in good standing.  
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**GRAND Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.**

LAWRENCEVILLE.

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with pleasure that we learn from the afternoon proceedings of the second day of session that the operation had been successful; that he was returning home, and that a committee was appointed to make arrangements for a suitable reception and prepare an address of welcome. The D.G.M. goes on to notice that the subordinate Lodges are in a prosperous and harmonious condition. That six charters and dispensations for two new Lodges had been granted, and steps taken to form a Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. George T. Smith (44 pp.), Thirty-two Grand Lodges (Canada for 1870 included) receive notice as full as the limits would permit, and in a fraternal spirit.

Balance in Treasury, \$1,681.17. Chartered Lodges, 65; including six added last year. Master Masons, 2,266.

JOH M.W. Bro. the Hon. Alex. Keith, Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. Benjamin Curren, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Annual Communication was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th 1871. M. W. Bro. Robert A. Lamberton, Grand Master, and B. W. Bro. John Thomson, Grand Secretary.

This Grand Lodge holds quarterly Communications, three in addition to reported, and a Special Communication, October 22d, 1871, on account of the Chicago fire, but for the sake of convenience shall group the proceedings under one heading.

On the announcement of the death of P. G. M. William Burger, suitable resolutions were passed and Grand Lodge adjourned in mourning.

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The address of the Grand Master refers chiefly to local affairs, he says:

"It gives me pleasure to inform you that the subordinate Lodges throughout the jurisdiction, have with rare exceptions enjoyed a year of quiet prosperity. They have added largely to their membership, gathering into our fold many who are Freemasons not in name only, who will increase our strength and add to our power to do good. Although there have been a few Lodges which seem rather to have taken pride in multiplying members than in *making Masons*, yet the rule has been, that greater care has been exercised, a more zealous regard shown for full masonic qualifications, and more proficiency required before advancement."

During the year he had granted 6 dispensations to pass and raise, 11 to raise, and 619 to pass the chair, and these yielded to Grand Lodge a revenue of \$6,420.00. (*prodigious!*)

The report on Foreign Correspondence (124 pp.) is presented by Bro. Robert F. Fisher, chairman. 44 Grand Lodges are reviewed, including England. Canada for 1870 is fully and fraternally noticed.

There is one peculiarity in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, they do not give either the names of delinquents nor the Lodge to which they belong, which we feel inclined to consider an improvement, we do not think it consistent with masonic charity to blazon abroad the backslidings of the brethren with full names and designations.

The Almoners of the Charity Fund report the distribution of \$2,165.00 to 190 applicants, and the Stewards of the "Stephen Gerard" Fund had given \$2,950.00 to 129 destitute brethren.

Chartered Lodges 328, U. D. 5; Membership about 35,128.

M. W. Bro. Samuel O. Perkins was re-elected Grand Master, and delivered an appropriate inaugural address.

R. W. Bro. John Thomson, re-elected Grand Secretary.

... of which state naturally turned out to be Rhode Island.

A Communication was held in Providence on 24th June, 1870, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a monument to be erected by the State to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of Rhode Island who fell in the late war. There was a great turn-out. The ceremony is given in full, as well as the form of procession, and taking it all and all we think it has been the most magnificent affair of the kind we have ever had the pleasure of reading about. A eulogy on Masonry was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, and an oration by the Grand Orator.

Semi-annual Communication held at same place, on Nov. 1st, 1870. Business local and routine.

Annual Communication, May 15th, 1871. Twenty-five Lodges were represented. M. W. Bro. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Chas. D. Greene, Grand Sec'y.

The Grand Master in his address recounts his official acts and offers some appropriate suggestions.

The "Angel of Death" had smitten six members of Grand Lodges, four of whom had lived beyond the allotted span of threescore years and ten, and like shocks of corn were ripe for the harvest. It appears Grand Lodge has no fixed minimum price of admission, the evil of which want shows itself. The Grand Master says one Lodge in Providence charges only half the price of the other three in the same place, consequently the "cheap shop" had during the year 53 candidates, the other three 44 amongst them. Grand Master thinks the cheap Lodge is pursuing a mistaken policy.

At a previous Communication it had been ordered that the work and lectures of the three degrees should be engraved in a Book for preservation in the Grand Secretary's office. This had never been done, but the following resolution leads us to believe that the scheme has not been abandoned.

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"Resolved, that two brethren be appointed as custodians of the work, who shall proceed at once to prepare, and present to the Grand Lodge the work and lectures of the three degrees."

Grand Master refers to a curious incident in connection with the laying of the corner stone on the 24th of June, his remarks are too long to copy, but the incident in substance was—that apparently the contractor for the building had not been duly consulted about Grand Lodge interference, or perhaps thought he could fix a corner as well as Grand Master Doyle, left the stone in the quarry. On the day previous to the great day of exhibition the "want" was discovered, and Grand Lodge not to be disappointed proposed to lay the corner "symbolically" with a small stone. This set "the world in a roar o' laughing at them," and during the night between the 23rd and 24th June, by some mysterious process, the stone of nearly Ten Tons from a quarry 40 miles distant was upon the ground, but how the stone came there, or by whom brought has not yet been revealed.

We well remember the time when, without hesitation, the fault would have been ascribed to the gentleman to whom Burns addresses the following stanza:

"When Masons mystic word and grip,  
In storms and tempests raise thee up,  
Some cock or cat thy rage must stop; or strange to tell,  
Thy youngest brother winds up all thoughts to Hell."

But we would not be surprised if the anti-masonic crusaders of the present day should question the estimated weight of the stone, or the distance from the quarry—or perhaps insinuate that the contractor had concealed it somewhere in the vicinity of the building.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Logons 25, Members 3,389.

M. W. Bro. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand Master, and R. W.  
Bro. Charles D. Greene, Grand Secretary, both deceased.

**TENNESSEE.**  
The fifty-eighth Annual Communication commenced in the city of Nashville, Nov. 18th, 1871. In session 8 days. M. W. Bro. John C. Brown, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary.

Chartered Lodges represented, 231; U. D., 14.

The Grand Master reports the craft to be prosperous and happy. He says:

"The Masonic fathers of Tennessee have nearly all of them passed away. Since our last Annual Communication Bro. Robert M. Boyers, the last survivor of the founders of this Grand Lodge has been summoned by the Grand Architect to rest from his labors, after a probation of more than fourscore years."

Seven dispensations granted for new Lodges, and two more referred to Grand Lodge, invoking favorable action. All the matters referred to in the address are of a local character, and so also are the whole proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The report on Foreign Correspondence (83 pp.) is by Bro. George S. Blackie, M. D., Assistant Secretary, Chairman. All the Grand Lodges of America (45) are reviewed, as well as a great number foreign to the United States. Some with plain English and some with jaw-breaking names. Canada for 1870 amongst the foreigners. Bro. Blackie says he "cannot find it truthful to put us in the list of United States Grand Lodges." The report is an excellent one, and quite exhaustive—indeed, we are inclined to think too exhaustive—he brings to his aid newspapers, magazines and periodicals. We do not make this remark with regard to Canada or any other place in particular, but because we hold that reviewers have no right whatever to recognize anything that does not come into their hands under the seal of a Grand Lodge. We shall give our reasons in support of this doctrine whenever we meet with anyone denying it.

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The Memphis Board of Relief reports having disbursed \$1,286.03 in charities.

Grand Treasurer reports assets, including \$1,180.89 on hand last year, \$19,872.80. Disbursements, \$10,255.25.

Chartered Lodges, 342; U. D. 11. Members, 19,401.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Danaway, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Frizzell, re-elected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The thirty-fifth Annual Communication commenced at Houston, 12th June, 1871. Session 5 days.

M. W. Bro. Clinton W. Winkler, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. George H. Bringhurst, Grand Secretary. 142 Lodges represented.

Grand Master in his address gives a synopsis of his official acts which show that he is no idler. 13 Lodges to whom Charters were granted last year had been constituted and officers installed. Two Charters had been arrested, and others restored. The address is chiefly taken up with the reports of D. D. G. M.'s, 29 had reported and 6 had not. We give the general tenor of these reports in Grand Master's own words thus:

"By reference to the reports of these officers it will be found that they have been vigilant and active in the discharge of their duties; that most of the Lodges have been visited by them and that in the main, Masonry throughout our wide spread jurisdiction is in a healthy and prosperous condition, and that where this is not the case these official brethren have pointed out the errors and evils existing."

A great many questions had been submitted to him, and he says if the applicants would spend the time in the study of the laws and they do in writing letters it would save the Grand Master much trouble.

The Committee on grievances said that there was no system

between to have wrought their way through as well as could be expected:

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Robert M. Elgin. It seems carefully prepared and is in a fraternal tone, extends to 73 pp. and reviews the proceedings of 42 Grand Lodges. Canada for 1870 is fraternally noticed, he goes at length into the Quebec "embroglio," and makes some shrewd remarks; but as they are now two years old, it would be of little importance to copy them.

Lodges 284, Members 12,771.

M. W. Bro. Thos. J. H. Anderson, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Bringhurst, re-elected Grand Secretary.

We have learned elsewhere as well as on the cover of the volume before us, that Most Worshipful Bro. T. H. Anderson died Aug. 29th, 1871, the duties will now fall on the D. G. M. We extend our fraternal sympathy to our sister in her bereavement.

There has been need had they ten brethren now present but better need had we.

There has been laid before us a neat little pamphlet containing proceedings of a masonic convention of three Lodges held at Salt Lake City, January 16th, 1872, and four following days, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. for this territory of Utah.

The various steps of organization appear to have been in due form. We gather from an oration delivered by Bro. R. H. Robertson who had been appointed Grand Lecturer, that the three Lodges held respectively of Montana, Kansas, and Colorado, he says also

The circumstances which surrounded our early history were complicated and peculiar, queer and unusual. We grappled with them as best we could. The few brothers that rallied about our altar were faithful to their trust, to their trust and stood to the ancient landmarks with unswerving fidelity. They were indeed

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'innerdoor,' and the magic power of the mystic brotherhood increased in this polygamic community, while none who held his country's authority in defiance, or trod its laws beneath his feet, entered the portals of our Lodges."

A copy of Constitution By-Laws, etc., etc., are appended.

Bro. O. F. Strickland was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Joseph Nounnan, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The Annual Communication commenced in the city of Richmond, 11th December, A. D. 1871. Session three days. M. W. Bro. Thomas F. Owens, Grand Master and R. W. Bro. John Dove, Grand Secretary. 127 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief and chiefly refers to matters of a local kind; he had granted 9 dispensations for new Lodges, had officiated at the laying of a lot of corner stones, and reports some 10 decisions which require no particular notice.

The Committee on the Masonic Temple Association report that the capital stock now represents \$53,925.00, and when \$100,000 more is obtained they would be prepared to lay the cornerstone. We find nothing in the proceedings interesting to any out of the jurisdiction.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. H. R. Wellford Jr. (110 pp.) 44 Grand Lodges are reviewed, some of them for two years. Canada for 1871 comes in for a large share of notice, especially as regards the Quebec "embroglio." About 25 pages of the report are devoted to Bro. Drummond of Maine, chiefly on this subject, although some remarks are made on our report of last year on said "embroglio" we let him have. There is one particular in Bro. Wellford's review that we feel called upon to notice, apart from the "embroglio" he refers to the total breakdown of the anti-slavery cause in the South, and we think the statement in his statement with this. Dr. Campbell, author of "The Slave in the South,"

masonic law, and if his be the accepted idea in Canada, we cannot wonder at the departure of the Quebec brethren from the teachings of the landmarks. If our Grand Lodge cannot teach us who are, and who are not to be regarded as clandestine Masons, we can see little difficulty in questioning her authority in other matters."

He then quotes our former paragraph to Bro. Drummond with Bro. Drummond's answer, thus:

"That the ban of non-intercourse can only extend to Lodges as such, and cannot dissolve the individual bond between brother and brother. Bro. Drummond says if he belonged to almost any jurisdiction and should hold intercourse with persons declared by such Grand Lodge to be clandestine Masons, he would soon find himself to be without the pale of the fraternity."

We believe that in 1870 in our remarks under California, we were the first that ever mooted this subject and we would therefore invite all "into whose hands these presents shall come" to take the subject to their serious consideration.

Bro. Wellford has said "if our Grand Lodge cannot teach us who are and who are not to be recognized as clandestine Masons, we can see little difficulty in questioning her authority in other matters."

Now we would not wish to be understood as saying any thing derogatory to Grand Lodge or as advocating interordination in any manner of way, but we may frankly say that we have exactly the same opinion of the powers of Grand Lodge as we have of the sovereignty of the American States and Congress—namely—that she has no power whatever beyond what is delegated to her by her constituent Lodges, and—in as far as we are aware—the brethren of said Lodges have never yet delegated to her the keeping of their constitutions. And we also hold that independent of Grand Lodge—~~any~~ <sup>such</sup> interference we are—such for himself—bound themselves to find out for ourselves who are, and who are not clandestine Masons, and if we hold intercourse or relate themselves as clandestine knowingly or without due care we do not bring our conduct with human and all divine

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But as to Grand Lodge telling us who are clandestine, let us take an instance: Suppose the Grand Lodge of New York with her hundreds of Lodges and tens of thousands of Masons, should do something for which Grand Lodge of Canada should take it in her head to issue an edict of non-intercourse with her, would that edict render the regularly constituted Grand Lodge of New York with all her subordinates and thousands of members clandestine? we know not. If it does, then all Masons around the globe are solemnly bound to have nothing to do with her.

Farther, the principal ban of non-intercourse that we have noticed of late has been against the Grand Orient of France, and in as far as we have seen, not one of these Edicts have declared the Grand Orient clandestine, but the very contrary, the edict only to have effect "until such time as she rescind her action in regard to Louisiana."

The idea of Clandestine originated in Bro. Drummond's brain and Bro. Wellford has caught the infection.

Again, Bro. Wellford says—"If ours be the accepted idea in Canada we cannot wonder at the departure of the Quebec brethren from the teachings of the landmarks."

We would respectfully remind our brother that a ~~faint~~ and a ~~smile~~ are poor substitutes for an argument. The recognition of clandestine Masons would be a breach of a landmark, and the system of one regular body declaring non-intercourse with another regular body has nothing to do with landmarks, it is introduced into our present Grand Lodge system as an expediency rather than as a law.

Take another instance: Our worthy friend, Bro. Gonley, threatens an edict against our grandmother of Scotland unless she will agree *not to make Masons of Missourians when they go over there*. Now our grandma' has the sovereign independent right of doing in this as she thinks fit, and if she agrees to the Missouri proposal she will not do an infringement to any landmark, nor from any fear of Missouri endeavoring

her clandestine, but merely out of courtesy and for the sake of fraternal and social relationship.

If we are right then that the edict of a Grand Lodge cannot of itself make another Grand Lodge clandestine, what is, or should be the effect of such an Edict on Masons individually? We believe that such an edict should prevent us from going to the Lodges of the party interdicted or allowing them to come to ours, or to any procession or masonic demonstration, and here we think it ends.

And to make the matter as short as possible, we say to Bro. Welford and every brother else, that if an edict of Grand Lodge or any other Lodge can prohibit us from the exercise, or exonerate us in the breach of any duty we owe to our God or our neighbour. Bro. Welford may call it "strange ignorance of masonic law" as long as he chooses, but it is not masonry as we have learned it, nor as we ever intend to recognize it, and we may repeat our reply to Bro. Drummond last year, viz: "If we cannot get into a Lodge without trampling under foot the moral law and the gospel law too, we would much prefer staying out."

**STATISTICS.**—Number of Lodges making returns 187; number failing to make returns 14; number suspended 5; number extinct 5; number of new Lodges Chartered 6; number under jurisdiction of Grand Lodge of West Virginia 12; number that have returned their Charter 1.

M. W. Bro. Robert E. Withers, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Dove, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### VERMONT.

The Annual Communication was held in the city of Burlington, 14th and 15th June, 1871. M. W. Bro. George M. Hall, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, Grand Secretary. Lodges represented, 88.

From Grand Master's address we quote the following:

"I regret, my brethren, that the truth requires me to disclaim those who to fastidious minds appear profane."

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announce that persistent efforts are yet being made in some parts of our land, by certain restless spirits, to bring the institution of Freemasonry into disrepute, by arraying it as hostile to the spirit of Christianity, and as opposed to the progress of republican institutions. They boldly affirm, that it is at war with the religion of Christ, that its votaries are, at best, but infidels, or the disciples of nature, and that we are in league with, it may be, 'the prince and power of the air,' to overthrow all law and order, both in the Church and State, and are seeking to establish upon their ruins a system of anarchy and confusion; that our teachings, if rightly understood, tend only to the debasement of all principle in the minds of our novitiates, and to usurp in its place, as its leading spirit of action, gross licentiousness in religion, law and liberty; that with us patriotism, one of the noblest principles of the human soul, is but a sentiment that may be contracted or dispelled at pleasure, governed only by accidental circumstances; that the principle of universal brotherhood of man, sought to be established by us, tends only to weaken that noble love of country upon which the sentiment of patriotism is based."

"They tell us, forsooth, that there is, in all our symbols, an esoteric meaning that but few, even of our initiates, ever come to understand; that this acme of knowledge is reserved for the chosen few who control our destinies, and in fact make the laws for us, and that ere long the foundations of Church and State will topple, and ultimately fall, under the silent though powerful influence of Freemasonry."

"My brethren, can these things be so? Can it be true, that we have all been deceived in these long years of success and prosperity? Is it true, that in this regard, the 'children of this world are indeed wiser than the children of light?' Are we all dupes, and they only wise?"

"Nay, my brethren, I have not so learned the truth. To my mind the esoteric teachings of our order are only such as teach us how we can best contend against the demon of ignorance and superstition, and to recognise in man the true image of his Maker, and thus instruct him how best to honor and respect his fellow-man."

"But I do not stand here to-day as a defender of those principles upon which our institution is founded; they indeed need not the feeble defence that I might afford them; and as for the soul and life of the country, which are involved in the cause advanced by all, whether we be in reason or profane."

"But the true philosopher and generous man, recognizing in our institution one of the designs of Providence for the advancement of the human race, extends to it an elevated rank, second to none but religion; in fact, regarding it rather as the handmaid of that religion whose teachings are to love God with all the heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. That we worship the same God who has taught us that the brightest jewel in the crown of his faithful worshippers is *charity*, immortal charity which extends beyond the grave, through the boundless realms of eternity."

He submits a brief abstract of his official duties, he has granted two dispensations for new Lodges, and brings other two applications to be laid before Grand Lodge. Commissions had been issued in three instances to competent brethren to consecrate and dedicate Masonic Halls.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Henry Clark and extends to 55 pp. small type. 38 are devoted to the Quebec case, 3 to New York and the remaining 14 distributed among 27 other Grand Lodges, Canada not included.

In the large space devoted to the Quebec question Bro. Clark professes to have given all the *pros* and *cons*—we do not believe much in professions unless they are carried into practice, we think Bro. Clark should have included Grand Master Pratt's declaration of "unqualified rebellion," and Grand Master Peter's sound reasoning on the question in hand.

#### Lodges 95, Members 8,099.

M. W. Bro. Park Davis, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The fourteenth Annual Communication commenced in the city of Olympia, 21st Sept. 1871. In session 3 days.

M. W. Bro. John T. Jordan, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary. 11 Lodges represented.

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The Grand Master in his address says:

"While many of our sister Grand Lodges have been called upon to record the death of many illustrious brethren within their jurisdictions, our ranks have remained unbroken, and we should return thanks to the Supreme Architect for many blessings and comforts we enjoy."

He then recurs to his official acts for the year, he had granted 2 dispensations for new Lodges, and one to bury a non-affiliated Mason with masonic ceremonies the brother having desired to be buried by the fraternity, and also one to confer the third degree in a case of urgent emergency. Few decisions are reported. He says :

"It has been the custom among the Lodges in this jurisdiction for Committees upon the petition of candidates to report either favorably or unfavorably, and that is all the information they give the Lodge concerning the qualification of candidates. I would advise that this Grand Lodge adopt some form of report to govern subordinate Lodges in such cases so that they may report facts as they find them, then the members of Lodges can vote understandingly, and be judges of the material that is brought up for the building of the temple."

This is a step in the right direction and is the very thing we urged last year, and which we find is approved of by Louisiana and others, and we hope the time is not far distant when it will be universally adopted—when Committees will report facts as they find them, and show that they have been at some pains to find them, and when Lodges shall be guided not so much by absence of evil in the candidate as by positive good, when the Committee can report that the candidate has not only "ceased to do evil" but "learned to do well," when this comes round we will be free from much that is unpleasant in suspension, expulsion, etc.,—which brings disgrace on our order, and could in a great measure be prevented by guarding our portals, and we believe that nothing is more detrimental to our proper guarding of the order than the system in general use of receiving the reports of investigating committees.

The Grand Master is happy to state—and we are equally happy to report—that their controversy with Oregon has been finally settled and that the most friendly and fraternal feelings now exist between the two Grand Bodies. If there be one thing more than another that yields pleasure to a reviewer, it is to report that union has taken the place of discord, and brotherly love the place of strife.

Founded on a long and sound argument by the Committee on jurisprudence, the iniquitous edict has been expunged from their rules of requiring separate ballots for each of the degrees.

A question seems to have arisen as to the right of Past Masters to vote in Grand Lodge. We confess we have not given due attention so as to warrant us to express an opinion whether Past Masters should or should not be members of Grand Lodge, but it is obvious to all, that a Lodge of thirty years standing, having Past Masters by the dozen, possess a preponderance over Lodges of *yesterday* altogether inconsistent with the idea that all Lodges are equally represented on the floor of Grand Lodge. We shall in the meantime keep our considerations in *retentis*, and hope we shall hear some of "the great guns" on the subject.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Thomas M. Reed, (82 pp.) 42 American and 5 Foreign Grand Lodges are reviewed. Canada receives full and fraternal notice as regards Annual Communication of 1870 and the previous emergent communication. We fully coincide with Bro. Reed's views of the Quebec case.

We raised some questions as to why there was no report on Foreign Correspondence last year, his reasons then given were, that no Committee had been appointed and that Grand Lodge was not "unfortunate in the omission," he now acknowledges that the omission was to save expense, and to help Grand Lodge out of debt, this we think all right, but the plain unsophisticated fact might have been told last year as well as now, instead of going "about the bush," for an excuse.

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On the Missouri decision. That a brother who has not been elected and installed a Warden of a chartered Lodge is ineligible to the office of Master of a Lodge although he may have acted as Worshipful Master of a Lodge U. D. Bro. Reed seems to have overlooked the true intent of this decision and we would refer him to our remarks under Kansas on the same subject. Leaving the point at issue, he comes down on the rule that a brother must be a Warden before he is a Master and concludes that it (the rule) "is more honored in the breach than in the observance." We say not so, even apart from the time hallowed rule, and apart if he chooses from the rule that brethren ought to acquire eminence by degrees, we contend that the brethren at large have a far better chance of acquiring a knowledge of a brother's proficiency by serving a term as Warden, than they can possibly have while he merely sits an inactive spectator in the ranks. And besides this, we think it would be something akin to a vote of censure on the Wardens who have faithfully discharged their duties to hoist a brother into the east over their heads. How would *you* like it Bro. Reed? We would find the solution of many questions by adopting the advice we sometimes see on houses-letting placards, "for particulars enquire within."

M. W. Bro. Granville O. Hatler was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Thos. M. Reed, re-elected Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

The Annual Communication was held at Milwaukee 13th and 14th Jnne, 1871. 147 Lodges represented. M. W. Bro. Gabriel Bouck, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Wm. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master's address is a model for brevity, he says; "Unity, harmony and concord have existed among the Craft in this jurisdiction." He had granted only one dispensation for a new Lodge, had refused several applications from Lodges for permission to have Gift Concerts for the purpose.

of procuring funds to erect a Masonic Hall, these he had "peremptorily refused" because amongst other reasons they were in violation of the "law of the land," we do not know his "other reasons" but we think the last one quite sufficient alone.

In the same category he places what he calls "Masonic Aid Societies" a kind of mutual insurance company. We think every Lodge Grand and Subordinate, has a Masonic Aid Society, and are mutual assurance companies to some extent. The members have to contribute a certain "*per annum*" on the understanding that they will thereby be entitled to *some* benefit, one is struck off if he fails in his annual premium, and if he continue his "premium" to the end of his days—what then? Alas! the essentials of mutual assurance is lost! and it is blazoned to the world that the Lodge voted a small pittance to his widow and orphans under the name of CHARITY, but apart from this, we should like to know why Masons should not have "Aid Societies" if they choose, as well as other men.

The Grand Master finds the E. A. and F. C. bright, the M. M.'s very dull, and recommends the adoption of a regulation by Grand Lodge that the latter be required to pass an examination in open Lodge. The Committee on jurisprudence could not see it.

The Grand Lodge is called to the consideration of economy, and which seems to be opportune in as much as the expenditure for last year was about two thousand dollars in excess of the income.

He complains that reports on Foreign Correspondence "have become tediously voluminous and entail a large annual expenditure to the Grand Lodge," and also insinuates that these reports are not generally read. We hope this omission is confined to his own jurisdiction, we know of some places where the Grand Lodge proceedings are anxiously looked for, for these reports alone.

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over our American brethren to no end, and to no avail.

The report on Foreign Correspondence in the present case is by Bro. Myron Reed (31 pp.). 31 Grand Lodges are on this list, only 17 are reviewed and some remarks added on different topics.

One hundred and eighty Lodges, 9,202 Members.

M. W. Bro. H. L. Palmer, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Wm. T. Palmer, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### CONCLUSION.

Our work, with all its faults and shortcomings, is now before you. Although we have had fewer Grand Lodges under review than on some former occasions, we have still had seven thousand pages, which we have carefully read, and from which we have endeavored to extract such matters as we believe are calculated to do good to the craft in our jurisdiction. The addresses of Grand Masters abound in sound ethical teaching, from many of which we would gladly have quoted more extensively had our limits allowed. Some of them "Beard the Lion" and fearlessly attack the besetting sins of the day. As a rule our noble order is prospering and in health, and although it is true that much sickness exists, it is also true that energetic measures are being taken to "amputate incurable members," and brotherly kindness is being exercised in the reclaiming of hopeful backsliders. The general warning from the East is "Watch your portals," and firmly believe if Lodges would use the powers they possess and the means within their reach in "guarding the inner door," no become a sinecure. Apart from the misgivings, which are only as a "drop in the bucket" to the whole, it is gratifying to find that in general, peace and harmony prevail. "Love to God and good will to men" are prominently held forth, so Grand Lodge of Canada is fraternally noticed, which we have endeavored to acknowledge in the same spirit.

The Grand Master of Louisiana specially charges the Grand Lodge of Canada with not having taken action on

her behalf against the Grand Orient of France. Far from approving of the action of the Grand Orient, we have repelled the charge on the ground that Louisiana has for two years supported the invasion of our territory by the Quebec brethren, and has "capped the climax" by the recognition of that body as a Grand Lodge.

On the other hand, we find that one of our staunch allies, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, is in affliction on account of the Grand Lodge of New Hamburg having chartered a Lodge within her jurisdiction. With our sister of New Jersey we have expressed deep sympathy, anticipating that Grand Lodge would bear us out. We deeply regret to learn that your overtures of kindness to our misguided brethren in Quebec—overtures abounding with love and kindness almost to a fault—have been treated with scorn and contempt, emboldened, we doubt not, by the recognition of so many of the American Grand Lodges. Regardless of recognitions, threats and intimidations, we have endeavored to the best of our ability to maintain your position in support of Grand Lodge sovereignty, jurisdictional rights, the sanctity of vows and the solemnity of covenants. Whatever others may do, let "us and our house" stand to the right. It is a fact that cannot be denied that every city and county in the Dominion has its geographical limits and political boundaries fixed, and has a legislature and government of its own, all as distinct and independent as Quebec, and if Grand Lodge sovereignty and jurisdictional rights are thrown in the shade, and if three regular Lodges exist in any such city or county, they are as justly entitled to form themselves into a Grand Lodge as Quebec, and while this may come, and, should Quebec finally triumph will come; something has already come equally injurious and more derogatory to the honor and dignity of the order. From the Grand Lodge of Maine we learn that Grand Master Lynde had received a letter from the Grand Master of Michigan informing him that "expelled Masons" in Detroit had formed three Lodges in that city under the fascinating names of Faith, Hope and Charity, and were

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pretending to confer the three degrees of Masonry. It is a rather curious coincidence that the first extended discussion of the Quebec question published, and the first intimation of this schism should come from Maine, yet so it is. But we may be asked, What has the Quebec case to do with this? We answer, it has everything to do with it, inasmuch as it has set the example of insubordination. The Detroit brethren being expelled Masons is mere fudge. They would be *ipso facto* expelled Masons by joining any such Lodges, but that they will care nothing about. They know that the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec was organized by suspended Masons. If they have violated their obligations to Grand Lodge of Michigan so have the others to Grand Lodge of Canada, and with all their insubordination and violated vows have been recognized by half the Grand Lodges of America. The next thing we shall probably hear will be that the three Detroit Lodges have organized a Grand Lodge. Other States will doubtless soon follow in the wake, and, by-and-bye, instead of harmony and order, we shall have anarchy and confusion, mock processions, laying corner-stones, dedicating halls, Masonic funerals, and so on. Masonry will be stripped of the honor and dignity that have been her characteristics from time immemorial, and be made a "hissing and bye-word." In fine, Quebec has raised the standard of rebellion, and lighted the torch of revolution. Let her and those who have propped the one and fanned the flame of the other stand to the consequences. But let Canada keep her hands clean and her robes unspotted. Friends may forsake her; envy may traduce her good name, and malice may persecute her; but with the good, the faithful and the true, she will stand out fair as the sun and clear as the moon. Let her, therefore hold fast to her principles, firm as the "everlasting hills," taking and keeping as her motto: *Fiat justicia ruat caelum.*

E. Mitchell

Chairman, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Secretary read the following letter having reference to the formation of a Masonic Lodge at Levuka, Fiji, the further consideration of which was held over till the meeting of the Board of General Purposes in February next:

LEVUKA, FIJI,

March 12, 1872.

*The Grand Secretary of the Independent Grand Lodge of Canada:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I beg to apprise you that a Masonic Lodge has been regularly opened in these Islands under the name of Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, Polynesia, and is held on the second Tuesday of each month at Levuka, and we now seek recognition from the various Grand Lodges throughout the world.

I must inform you that as this Kingdom is not subject to any European jurisdiction or any constituted Masonic power, when we prepared the regular form of application for a warrant to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of England, through the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, we were informed it was not in the power of the Grand Lodge of England, or any other Grand Lodge to grant us a warrant, for the reasons before mentioned. We were therefore justified in the action we have adopted, and by this mail I have forwarded to the Grand Lodge of England copies of the various documents under which we have acted.

I have now to request that you will lay this notice before the M. W. the Grand Master when your Grand Lodge assembles, and I trust we may soon have a favorable reply recognizing us as a properly constituted Lodge.

I remain, dear sir and brother,

Yours fraternally,

H. OLIPHANT PATON,

P. M. and W. M.,

Lodge of F. and A. Masons, Polynesia.

We also obtained the authority of His Majesty, Cakabau L. to hold Masonic meetings in his kingdom.

H. O. P.

The Grand Secretary submitted to Grand Lodge a letter he had received from R. W. Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald, Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, covering the correspondence in the matter of an appeal made by Bro. George Smith against the sentence of suspension pronounced against him by the Dalhousie Lodge of Ottawa, formerly 571 on the registry of the United Grand Lodge of England, and which it was desired should be laid before the Grand Lodge of Canada.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, seconded by W. Bro. H. Merrill, and

Resolved.—That the Correspondence received from the Grand Lodge of England having reference to the suspension of W. Bro. Smith by Dalhousie Lodge be referred to the Board of General Purposes for investigation.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, on behalf of the special committee appointed to draft an Address of congratulation on the restoration to health of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, submitted the following:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: We, the members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled, most respectfully approach your Royal Highness with the assurance of our most profound respect and attachment in regard. We desire to avail ourselves of this our earliest opportunity of giving expression to the high sense we entertain of the signal mercy displayed by the G. A. O. T. U. in the restoration of your Royal Highness to health in answer to the heartfelt prayers of a United Empire. It has been our happy lot to be permitted to welcome your Royal Highness to this most important of Her Majesty's Colonies, we cherish a feeling of attachment to the person of your Royal Highness, in addition to that of respect which we entertain for the heir to the British throne. And we pray earnestly that it may please Almighty God to vouchsafe such a measure of health to your Royal Highness in the future, as may conduce the promotion of the happiness of your Royal Highness and the well-being of the mighty empire over which it may be your proud destiny to reign.

W. M. M. (Signed)

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and unanimously

**Resolved**.—That the report of the special committee on address be received and adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following brethren on the committee to procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Past Grand Master, viz.: M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Junr., and R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr.

The Grand Secretary read a telegram received from R. W. Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of Missouri, and the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada at the Grand Lodge of Missouri, expressing regret that circumstances prevented him from reaching Canada in time to be present at this Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master alluded to the great services R. W. Bro. Gouley had rendered to Masonry by his able defence and support of the principles of Grand Lodge Sovereignty, and upholding the correctness of the position assumed by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Quebec schism.

R. W. Bro. Bro. Otto Klotz gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move that in Section 1 "of the Board of General Purposes" the following words be struck out, viz., "Not more than one-half of such appointed or elected members are to be Past Masters at the time of such appointment or election."

The M. W. Bro. James Seymour proceeded with the installation of the Grand Master elect, M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, who was duly invested, installed and thrice proclaimed the M. W. Grand Master of the

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Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of  
Canada.

The following are the

GRAND OFFICERS.

- M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Wilson, Simcoe, Grand Master.  
R. " " Thomas White, Junr., Montreal, Deputy Grand Master.  
" " James Bain, Toronto, Grand Senior Warden.  
" " Horace Merrill, Ottawa, Grand Junior Warden.  
" " Rev. E. Lounsbury, London, Grand Chaplain.  
" " Henry Groff, Simcoe, Grand Treasurer.  
" " Chauncey Bennett, Port Rowan, Grand Registrar.  
" " Thos. Bird Harris, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.  
" " Robert Colquhoun, Montreal, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

	St. Clair District.
" " " Francia Westlake, London,	London
" " " H. McK. Wilson, Brantford,	Willox
" " " John B. Harding, St. Marys,	Huron
" " " T. M. Anderson, Ayr,	Wellington
" " " E. Mitchell, Hamilton,	Hamilton
" " " B. Kemp, Beamsville,	Niagara
" " " Henry Robertson, Collingwood,	Toronto
" " " J. B. Tryer, Port Hope,	Ontario
" " " F. Richardson, Napanee,	Prince Edward
" " " James Reynolds, Prescott,	St. Lawrence
" " " E. C. Barber, Ottawa,	Ottawa
" " " William McHenrie, Montreal,	Montreal
" " " Geo. H. Allen, Waterloo,	Bedford
" " " Wm. N. Kennedy, Winnipeg,	Province Manitoba

At a subsequent date the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing Masonic year, viz:

V. W. BROOKS, F. Lab, Toronto,	Grand Senior Deacon.
" " " W. B. MARSH, Farn,	Junior " "
" " " J. MICHIE, Port Hope,	Sur. of Works
" " " R. FRED. ANDREW, Ayr,	Dir. of Ordnance.
" " " C. E. MORRIS, Hamilton,	Surveyor.
" " " P. GREGORY, Elgin,	Min. of Government.

## GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

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| W. Bro. Bernard Saunders, Toronto, | Grand Sword Bearer. |
| " " William Niven, Montreal,       | " Organist.         |
| " " Adam Cranston, Galt            | Asst. "             |
| " " E. E. Kitchen, St. George,     | GRAND " Pursuivant. |
| " " A. J. Donly, Simcoe,           |                     |
| " " Thos. Sargent, Toronto,        |                     |
| " " William Braund, Dunnville,     |                     |
| " " E. B. Carpenter, Collingwood,  |                     |
| " " Aaron McMichael, Waterford,    |                     |
| " " Alex. S. Abbott, London,       | Grand Stewards.     |
| " " Alex. Chisholm, Montreal,      |                     |
| " " Wm. Dower, Ainscaster,         |                     |
| " " Wm. R. White, Pembroke,        |                     |
| " " Jas. S. Scard, Woodstock,      |                     |
| " " Wm. H. Archer, Toronto,        |                     |
| " " J. W. Stewart, Port Dover,     |                     |

The Scrutineers of the ballot for members of the Board of General Purposes, reported the following named brethren as having received the highest number of votes, and who were declared duly elected members of the Board for the next ensuing term, viz:

- R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Ionic Lodge, No. 35, Toronto.
- " " " H. Macpherson, St. George's Lodge, No. 29, Owen Sound.
- " " " Daniel Spy, King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Toronto.
- " " " Peter Brown, King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll.
- " " " Otto Klots, Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt.
- " " " Wm. McCabe, Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Ontario.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments as members of the Board for the next ensuing term, viz:

- M. W. Bro. Allen McLean, St. John's Lodge, No. 65, Ingersoll.
- " " " John Urquhart, Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal.
- V. " " James Gibson, Great Western Lodge, No. 45, Windsor.
- " " " J. J. Mason, Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 57, Hamilton.
- R. " " O. D. McDonnell, St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Kingston.
- " " " Gustav Levin, the Builder's Lodge, No. 175, Ottawa.
- " " " L. F. Stephens, Ionic Lodge, No. 35, Toronto.

Motions carried by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, and unanimously

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*Resolved*,—That the members of this Grand Lodge cannot permit M. W. Bro. James Seymour to retire from the position of Grand Master which he has so ably filled during the past year, without an earnest assurance of the great respect entertained for him by every member of Grand Lodge, and the high esteem in which he is held by every Free Mason within this jurisdiction; and they fervently pray that the G. A. O. T. U. will see fit to restore him to such health as to enable him, at no distant day, to afford the Grand Lodge a continuance of the active and zealous interest which has always characterized him in connection with the discharge of the high and responsible offices which that eminent brother has so worthily filled, and that it be an instruction to the Committee appointed to procure a testimonial to M. W. Bro. Stevenson, also to select and present a suitable testimonial to our M. W. Bro. Seymour.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, and

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are tendered to the Board of Scrutineers for the very satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their onerous duties.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, seconded by R. W. Bro. John E. Brown, and

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Grand Trunk, St. Lawrence, and Ontario Central, Western, Buffalo and Lake Huron, Brockville and Ottawa Central, Midland, Wellington, Grey and Bruce, and Galt, and the Canadian Union Forwarding Railroad Company, as likewise the Canadian Steam Navigation Company, and the Ottawa Navigation Company, for having reduced the fares to delegates attending this Annual Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, and

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby cordially tendered to the Committee of the Hamilton City Lodges for the ample and most satisfactory arrangements made for the last Annual Communication.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

*Resolved*,—That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the Com-

mittee on Credentials or Representatives for the antislavery measures in which they have fulfilled the anxious task devolving upon them.

R. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell gave notice that, at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, he will move a resolution to so amend the Constitution that all members of private Lodges suspended for non-payment of dues, or otherwise, shall not be re-admitted to membership until after a fresh proposition and ballot in the same manner as for affiliation.

**The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in ample form at 11.40 o'clock, P. M.**

**ATTEST:**



*[Handwritten signature of R. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell]*

R. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell

Seconded by R. W. Bro. F. J. Brown

Seconded by R. W. Bro. F. J. Brown

GRAND SECRETARY ACCOUNT.

## GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

R. W. BRO. THOMAS B. HARRIS, in account current with Grand Lodge.  
*Moneys Received from the 1st January to the 30th December, 1871.*

NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.
1	Antiquity Lodge, Montreal.	20 50	74	St. James', Maitland.	64 75
2	Provost, Dunham.	40 00	75	St. John's, Toronto.	127 75
3	Niagara, Niagara.	30 50	76	Oxford, Woodstock.	28 25
4	St. John's, Kingston.	112 25	77	Faithful Brethren, Lindsay.	45 50
5	Derchester, St. John's.	38 25	78	King Hiram, Tilsonburg.	23 75
6	Saxsex, Brockville.	37 50	79	Simeon, Bradford.	26 14
7	Barton, Hamilton.	83 50	80	Albion, Newbury.	26 00
8	Union, Grimsby.	55 00	81	St. John's, Mt. Brydges.	12 25
9	Naison, Phillipsburg.	6 00	82	St. John's, Paris.	24 25
10	Union, Napanee.	86 00	83	Beaver, Stratroy.	25 00
11	Merfolk, Simcoe.	61 75	84	Clinton, Clinton.	25 00
12	Moira, Belleville.	84 00	85	Rising Sun, Farmersville.	25 25
13	True Briton's, Perth.	35 50	86	Wilson, Toronto.	146 00
14	St. George's, St. Catharines.	53 50	88	St. George's, Owen Sound.	48 65
15	St. Andrew's, Toronto.	160 75	89	Manito, Collingwood.	103 25
16	St. John's, Cobourg.	62 65	90	Colborne, Colborne.	74 75
17	Prince Edward's, Picton.	31 00	91	Cataragul, Kingston.	118 75
18	St. George's, Montreal.	39 50	92	Northern Light, Kincardine.	29 00
19	St. John's, London.	41 50	93	St. Mark's, Port Stanley.	41 00
20	Zetland, Montreal.	77 75	94	Ridout, Oterville.	19 75
21	King Solomon's, Toronto.	55 00	95	Corinthian, Barrie.	15 50
22	Richmond, Richmond Hill.	40 50	96	Sharon, Sharon.	48 00
23	St. Francis, Smith's Falls.	25 00	97	True Blue, Albion.	13 00
24	Ionia, Toronto.	54 75	98	Tuscan, Newmarket.	55 00
25	Ontario, Fort Hope.	63 24	99	Valley, Dundas.	34 25
26	Strict Observance, Hamilton.	115 75	100	Corinthian, Peterboro.	15 91
27	Mount Zion, Kemptonville.	28 75	101	Maple Leaf, St. Catharines.	100 00
28	United, Brighton.	46 00	102	St. John's, Norwickville.	11 75
29	Composite, Whitby.	94 37	103	St. Mark's, Drummondville.	77 50
30	Jerusalem, Bowmanville.	14 00	104	Burford, Burford.	43 60
31	Amity, Bunnville.	30 00	105	St. Paul's, Lambeth.	44 25
32	Goderich, Goderich.	26 75	106	Albion, Harronwath.	18 25
33	Triadic, Amherstburg.	57 75	107	Central, Prescott.	32 50
34	St. John's, Cayuga.	33 50	108	Maitland, Goderich.	71 00
35	Welland, Fonthill.	42 50	109	Wilson, Waterford.	20 75
36	King Hiram, Ingersoll.	73 25	110	Hope, Port Hope.	23 25
37	Trust, Trenton.	58 75	111	Cassia, Widder.	45 00
38	Mount Zion, Brooklyn.	32 50	112	Union, Llyodtown.	51 00
39	St. John's, Hamilton.	39 25	113	Maple Leaf, Bath.	27 25
40	St. George's, Kingville.	23 50	114	Warren, Fingal.	36 50
41	St. George's, London.	61 50	115	Doris, Bradford.	67 75
42	King Solomon's, Woodstock.	35 25	116	Renfrew, Renfrew.	11 50
43	St. Thomas, St. Thomas.	45 00	117	The Belleville, Belleville.	46 50
44	Brant, Brantford.	56 50	118	Cornwall, Cornwall.	60 45
45	Wellington, Chatham.	48 75	119	Golden Rule, Campbellford.	20 00
46	Great Western, Windsor.	65 50	120	Franck, Frankford.	97 50
47	Madoc, Madoc.	71 00	121	Pembroke, Pembroke.	44 47
48	Consecon, Consecon.	28 50	122	The Rising Sun, Aurora.	20 00
49	Corinthian, Grahamsburg.	31 00	123	St. Lawrence, Southampton.	44 44
50	Shefford, Waterloo.	27 00	124	Lebanon Forest, Franconia.	18 75
51	Vaughan, Maple.	51 75	125	Shawenegan, Three Rivers.	21 15
52	Mirickville, Mirickville.	17 00	126	St. Clair, Milon.	20 50
53	Victoria, Sarnia.	87 50	127	Richardson, Stouffville.	20 00
54	Doris, Ottawa.	68 50	128	Pythagoras, Meaford.	27 00
55	Corinthian, Ottawa.	31 50	129	Lobanor, Onawa.	10 50
56	Acacia, Hamilton.	112 00	130	Malakoff, Aymer.	64 44
57	St. Andrew's, Caledonia.	68 75	131	Tudor, Mitchell.	60 75
58	Kilwinning, London.	53 75	132	Excelsior, Morrisburg.	8 25
59	Retoboans, Toronto.	53 00	133	Friendly Brothers, Iroquois.	87 75
60	Durham, Newcastle.	46 50	134	Tecumseh, Stratford.	12 50
61	St. John's, Ingersoll.	4 00	135	J. B. Hall, Millbrook.	74 25
62	Stirling, Stirling.	47 00	136	Prince of Wales, N. wzburg.	70 00
63	Alma, Galt.	54 00	137	Mississippi, Almonte.	30 00
64	St. James', St. Marys.	64 75			

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NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ Cts.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ Cts.
148	Civil Service, Ottawa	50 50	218	Stevenson, Toronto	60 75
149	Erie, Port Dover	45 00	219	Credit, Georgetown	61 50
150	Hastings, Hastings	15 50	220	Zerodath, Uxbridge	29 50
151	The Grand River, Berlin	24 50	221	Mountail, Thorold	24 10
152	Burns, Wyoming	54 00	222	Marmora, Marmora	5 00
154	Irving, Lucas	35 50	223	Norwood, Norwood	6 20
155	Peterborough, Peterboro	30 50	224	Zurich, Zurich	39 50
156	York, Davistown	6 00	225	Bernard, Listowel	6 50
157	Simpson, Newboro	41 23	226	Mt. Moriah, Montreal	68 00
158	Alexandra, Oil Springs	51 75	227	Sutton, Sutton Flats	19 00
159	Goodwood, Richmond	38 75	228	Prince Arthur, Odeas	21 00
160	Quebec Garrison, Quebec	25 75	229	Ionic, Brantford	18 25
161	Percy, Warkworth	10 25	230	Kerr, Bell Ewart	30 75
162	Forest, Worcester	21 00	231	Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa	30 50
163	Browne, Brigham	14 00	232	Cameron, Wallacetown	30 00
164	Star in the East, Wellington	41 75	233	Doric, Park Hill	23 00
165	Burlington, Wellington Sq.	18 00	234	Beaver, Clarkesburg	16 50
166	Wentworth, Stoney Creek	7 00	235	Aldwirth, Paisley	3 50
167	Merrit, Welland	27 50	236	Manitoba, Bonchhead	7 25
168	Macnab, Port Colborne	38 75	237	Vienna, Vienna	46 00
169	Britannia, Seaforth	20 00	238	Havelock, Watford	21 00
170	Ayr, Ayr	20 25	239	Tweed, Tweed	30 00
171	Victoria, Montreal	34 00	240	Prince Rupert, Winnipeg	25 00
172	Walsingham, Port Rowan	54 69	241	Quinte, Shannondale	29 50
173	Spartans, Sparta	21 25	242	Macy, Recott Front	55 00
174	The Builders, Ottawa	69 00	243	St. George, St. George	65 00
175	Plattsville, Plattsville	24 25	244	Ligar, L. Fort Garry	81 50
176	Bothwell, Bothwell	31 25	245	Tecumseh, Thameaville	41 50
177	Speed, Guelph	116 50	246	U. S. of S. Observance, Montreal	31 00
178	Oriental, Port Burwell	51 25	247	Ashlar, Yorkville	27 50
179	Prince Albert, Prince Albert	80 00	248	Eureka, Pakenham	27 75
180	Old Light, Leeknow	29 00	249	Caledonia, Augs	55 75
181	Emmiskillen, York	26 00	250	Thistle, Embro	32 00
182	Firtagen, Plattsburgh	17 50	251	Minden, Kingston	32 00
183	Royal Canadian, Sweetwater	30 25	252	Oilon, Clifton	32 50
184	Filius Vitae, Adolphustown	19 50	253	Sydenham, Dresden	32 00
185	Belmont, Belmont	58 00	254	Farran's Point, Farran's Pt	32 00
186	Orillia, Orillia	79 00	255	Galt, Galt	32 00
187	Scotland, Scotland	17 25	256	Guelph, Guelph	32 00
188	Petrotia, Petrolia	68 25	257	Springfield, Springfield	32 25
189	The Tuscan, London	32 50	258	Washington, Petrolia	32 00
190	Madawaska, Arnprior	15 75	U. D. Oak Branch	32 00	
191	Sangroon, Walkerton	71 50	1. Harriston	32 00	
192	White Oak, Oakville	50 25	2. Forest	32 00	
193	St. Albans, Mount Forest	83 97	3. Chaudiere	32 00	
194	Leeds, Gananoque	62 50	4. Patterson	32 00	
195	Mount Royal, Montreal	40 50	5. Northern Light	32 00	
196	Irving, Elora	98 75	R. W. Bro. K. J. Kerr	32 00	
197	New Dominion, New Hamb'g	18 25	" " E. C. Barber	1 00	
198	North Gower, North Gower	10 75	" " A. Murray	1 00	
199	Lancaster, Lancaster	41 85	" " C. L. Beard	18 00	
200	Chateaugay, Huntingdon	7 25	" " I. P. Wilson	6 00	
201	Evergreen, Lanark	18 00	" " E. H. Smith	1 00	
202	Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury	46 00	U. D. Pythagoras	2 00	
203	Cross Lake, Knowlton	21 25	Constitutions	20 00	
204	Region, Garden Island	20 50	U. D. Parthenon	1 00	
205	Dominion, Ridgeway	66 00	Seymour	20 00	
206	Lake, Amaliasburg	15 50		30 00	
207	Harris, Orangeville	74 50			
208	Frederick, Fredericksburg	15 00			
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Grand Secretary

No. 64376, ROTING GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

*Balances received by the Grand Secretary, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, from the 30th December to the 1st January, 1871.*

**GRAND TREASURER.**

Deb. 30.—To Cash rec'd from Lodges as per cash book 10,313 94	\$ ch.	Or.
— a u B. W. Birn J. K. Kerr.	5 00	Jns. 12—By Grand Treasurer
— a u E. G. Barber.	1 00	a 16— " "
— a u I. P. Willson.	1 00	a 31— " "
— a u Z. H. Smith.	2 00	a 15— " "
— a u A. Murray.	18 00	a 23— " "
— a u C. L. Beard.	6 00	a 29— " "
— a u Constitutions.	1 00	Apr. 6— " "
— a u	May 3— " "	May 3— " "
— a u	June 9— " "	June 9— " "
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— a u	Aug. 18— " "	Aug. 18— " "
— a u	Sept. 21— " "	Sept. 21— " "
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**RECAPITULATION.**

Act.	For Cash.
1. A. Z. B. W. Birn J. K. Kerr.	\$2,624 00
2. E. G. Barber.	4,747 13
3. I. P. Willson.	1,862 50
4. Z. H. Smith.	524 00



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The Grand Lodge of S. P. and A. M. 32° in account with HENRY GROFF Grand Treasurer

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1871.	1871.	GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Mar. 1— <sup>1871</sup> Submitted to Bank of British Investment Drawing presented by James Scott for 1870 975 39	Jan. 1— <sup>1871</sup> Balance per acct. audited 85,960 60	
— <sup>1871</sup> Drawing presented by James Scott for 1870 975 39	12— <sup>1871</sup> Received from Grand Secretary, by deposit in the Canadian Bank of Commerce,	
10 yrs on account of fees received as Vice-President, 284 30	18— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	850 00
10 yrs on account of fees received as Vice-President, 33 00	18— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	200 00
12 yrs on account of fees received as Vice-President, 2 50	31— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	250 00
Debtors, Cash & Co., for printing certificate 100 00	18— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	250 00
Depositors, etc. 100 00	23— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	250 00
— <sup>1871</sup> Borden, Gillies & Co. for stationery 379 38	30— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	350 00
— <sup>1871</sup> Borden, Gillies & Co. for stationery 19 91	April 6— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	350 00
— <sup>1871</sup> Borden, Gillies & Co. for stationery 44 40	May 3— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	150 00
— <sup>1871</sup> Borden, Gillies & Co. for stationery 100 00	June 10— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	250 00
— <sup>1871</sup> Borden, Gillies & Co. for stationery 231 00	July 17— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	350 00
— <sup>1871</sup> T. & R. White, for printing 40 00	July 24— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	350 00
— <sup>1871</sup> Wm. Bruce, for paper 11 37	July 31— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	300 00
— <sup>1871</sup> The Free Lance Magazine 11 37	Aug. 10— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	1,216 31
— <sup>1871</sup> Dawson, Scott & Co. for pens, 461 70	Aug. 22— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	44 00
— <sup>1871</sup> Expenses at Annual General Conference 19 16	Aug. 28— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	44 00
— <sup>1871</sup> Expenses at Montreal and Ottawa 28 40	Sept. 27— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	44 00
— <sup>1871</sup> W. Brown & Co. for paper 1 00	Dec. 19— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	44 00
— <sup>1871</sup> Larson, McEachern & Co. for printing 269 90	Dec. 30— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	44 00
— <sup>1871</sup> John L. Jackson & Company, for salary 12 00	1872— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	500 00
— <sup>1871</sup> Other expenses 300 00	1872— <sup>1871</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	550 00
— <sup>1871</sup> A. T. Williams, for printing 14 00	Jan. 2— <sup>1872</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	360 82
— <sup>1871</sup> G. W. Moore, for printing 300 00	Jan. 2— <sup>1872</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	354 09
— <sup>1871</sup> L. C. H. for office work 60 00	Jan. 2— <sup>1872</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	363 20
— <sup>1871</sup> J. C. H. for office work 60 00	Jan. 2— <sup>1872</sup> Drawings on account of services on 14,000 00	354 12
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18—	"	President for expenses of the Board—	731	16
32—	"	Secretary for expenses current acc't—	2,500	00
3—	"	Mitchell, his report on Foreign Countries—		
3—	"	Chairman for use of Music Hall—	100	00
3—	"	Chairman for the Free Press, for printing—	75	00

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TREASURER'S STATEMENT

		1872, 1st Accts.	1872, 2d Accts.	1872, 3d Accts.	1872, 4th Accts.	1872, 5th Accts.
19—	" Paid freight for expenses of the Board ..	731 15				
22—	" Paid postage to Remond's carriage agent ..	2,500 00				
Aug.	3—	" Paid Marshall, Mr. report on Foreign Vulg. ....				
Sept.	7—	" Paid messenger for sale of Music Hall ..	100 00			
10—	" Paid Clegg & Co., Mr. for printing Certificates ..	75 00				
16—	" Paid Clegg & Co., for stationery ..	4 30				
21—	" Paid Mr. E. G. Grand, " Grand Tyler ..	6 45				
Sept.	1—	" Paid Mr. G. S. Special Communication ..	231 00			
11—	" Paid Mr. G. S. for bookbinding ..	12 55				
12—	" Paid Mr. G. S. for a silk case ..	10 00				
13—	" Paid Mr. G. S. for expenses to Vermont ..	5 50				
14—	" Paid Mr. G. S. on Regalia ..	38 00				
15—	" Paid Mr. G. S. ....	7 00				
19—	" Paid Mr. G. S. for printing ..	181 75				
Oct.	20—	" Paid Mr. G. S. for quarters salary ..	300 00			
Dec.	20—	" Paid Mr. G. S. for expenses ..	34 00			
Dec.	20—	" Paid Mr. G. S. for carriage of Illinois, for the Chicago J. Longfellow ..	2,000 00	1012 00		
Dec.	20—	" Paid Mr. G. S. for quarters salary ..	300 00	100 00		
1873	Jan. 4—	" Paid Mr. G. S. for carriage of Illinois, for the Chicago J. Longfellow ..	28,094 90	1900 00		
Jan.	4—	Mr. George Troxell & W. W. T. W. C. carried in Account, 4th Jan. 1872.	\$8467 14			
Jan.	4—	By Mr. HENRY GROFF, Clerk TREASURER		\$85,927 14		
Jan.	4—	By Mr. HENRY GROFF, Clerk TREASURER			\$85,004 96	
		HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer.				

PRICE, 40c JUNEMAY 1873 FUND OF BENEFOLIENCE [COUNTER ACCOUNT]

*Dr. The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in account with HENRY GROFF, Grand-Treasurer.*

1871.

To paid the President's orders as follows, viz:

Feb. 7—	100.00	For Paying up interest on Bank Account
March 11—	100.00	Interest on Bank Account
May 14—	100.00	Interest on Bank Account
Oct. 30—	100.00	Interest on Bank Account
Nov. 16—	100.00	Interest on Bank Account
Dec. 1—	100.00	Interest on Bank Account
1871.	100.00	Interest on Bank Account
Jan. 1—	By balance as per acct audited.....	933.69
" 8—" " six months' interest on Dominion Stock .....	720.00	
" 30—" " Interest on Bank Account .....	294.59	
" 4—" " Middlesex Debentures .....	48.00	
" 22—" " Transferred from General Fund .....	2,500.00	
" 6—" " Interest on Dominion Stock .....	720.00	
" 30—" " Bank Account .....	141.86	
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**E. E.** December 30th 1873, of Boston

**HENRY GROFF**, *Grand Treasurer.*  
**ALLAN McLEAN**, *Chairman.*

**ALAN McLEAN, Chairman.**

**REGIMENT OF HUARDIANS LODGES, RENDERED 24th JUNE, 1877.**

SEVENTEENTH ANN. COMMUNICATION, HAMILTON, 5872. 263

RESULTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, RENDERED 24th JUNE, 1871.

On the occasion of

the Festival of St. John the Evangelist : all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	WHEN HELD.	PLACE HELD.	NAME OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	W. CHAPLAIN.
Montreal, Q.	Montreal, Q.	June, Thursday	Montreal, 100,000	Wednesday on or preceding full moon	W. Bro. A. Chisholm	Bro. R. Bowes
Dundas, Q.	Dundas, Q.	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	"	" A. D. Stevens.	" A. B. Terrell
Niagara	Kingston	First Thursday	"	"	" David Thoburn	" Peter Smith
of Antwerp	St. John's, Q.	First Tuesday	"	"	" B. M. Horsey	" G. H. Wilkinson
Dundas	Brockville	Wednesday on or preceding f. m.	"	"	" W. Byder.	" B. G. Jamieson
Kingston	Hamilton	Second Wednesday	"	"	" Alex. Stewart.	" J. F. McNamee
Port Hope	Grimshay	Thursday on or before f. m.	"	"	" G. Stewart.	" D. T. Randall
Waterloo	Philippines	Thursday on or before f. m.	"	"	" William Forbes	" P. E. Lake
Nepean	Nepean	Wednesday on or before f. m.	"	"	" H. Montgomery	" B. S. Abramson
Markham	Simcoes	Wednesday on or before f. m.	"	"	" C. A. Wright.	" Amos A. Merrill
Waterloo	Burlington	Wednesday on or preceding f. m.	"	"	" A. J. Donald.	" M. M. Thompson
Waterloo	Railway, Q.	Wednesday on or before f. m.	"	"	" James Mackie	No returns.
Waterloo	Waterloo	Wednesday on or before f. m.	"	"	" J. F. Kennedy.	" Arch. Campbell
Waterloo	Waterloo	Wednesday on or before f. m.	"	"	" Levi Yale	" S. A. Douglass
Waterloo	Waterloo	Wednesday on or before f. m.	"	"	" John Paterson	" W. C. Williamson
Waterloo	Waterloo	Wednesday on or preceding f. m.	"	"	" R. J. Winch.	" John Butler
Waterloo	Waterloo	Wednesday on or before f. m.	"	"	" David Denoon.	" J. R. Spender
Waterloo	Waterloo	Wednesday on or before f. m.	"	"	" A. G. Nish.	" K. D. McCormick
Waterloo	Waterloo	Wednesday on or before f. m.	"	"	" Robert Wallace	" M. D. Dawson
Waterloo	Waterloo	Wednesday on or before f. m.	"	"	" J. G. A. LeBlanc.	" F. H. Lanier
Waterloo	Waterloo	Wednesday on or preceding f. m.	"	"	" Daniel Spy.	" S. P. Richardson
Toronto	Kingston, Q.	Wednesday on or preceding f. m.	"	"	" Matthew McNair.	" R. E. Law.
Toronto	Montreal	Second Tuesday	Montreal, 100,000	"	" E. B. Read.	" Stewart Moag.
Toronto	Montreal	Second Thursday	"	"	" H. W. Davies.	" T. W. Farrell.
Kingston	Kingston	Second Monday on or before f. m.	"	"	"	"
Richmond	Richmond Hill	Monday on or before f. m.	"	"	"	"
St. Francis	Smithy, Mississauga	Monday on or before f. m.	"	"	"	"
Stone	Toronto	First Tuesday	"	"	"	"

## REGISTRY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.—[CONTINUED.]

No.	Lodge	Where held.	Meeting	W. Master.	Military.
21	Ontario	Port Hope	Third Thursday.....	W Bro. J. B. Treves Bro. E. H. Fogerty.	"
22	Saint Observance	Hamilton	Third Tuesday.....	" J. M. Gibson.	" F. R. Despard.
23	Mount Zion	Kemptville	Wednesday preceding f. m.....	" G. A. Leslie.	" W. R. Anderson.
24	United	Bethelton	Thursday on or before f. m.....	" Ira B. Thayer.	" W. A. Mayhew.
25	Composite	Whitby	First Thursday.....	" John Stanton.	" Thomas Huston
26	Jerusalem	Bromontville	Wednesday on or before f. m.....	" John Milne.	" S. Burden.
27	Edmung	Dundasville	Wednesday on or after f. m.....	" C. E. S. Black.	" Charles Oldfield
28	Goderich	Goderich	First Wednesday.....	" Joseph Beck.	" Wm. Dickson.
29	Talistic	Anahimburg	Tuesday before f. m.....	" C. W. Thomas.	" M. J. Salmoni.
30	St. John's	Cayuga	Thursday on or after f. m.....	" John Hothell.	" J. D. Baumwert
31	Welland	Fonthill	Thursday on or before f. m.....	" W. Anderson.	" C. B. Crow.
32	King Huron	Ingersoll	Tuesday on or before f. m.....	" Chas. H. Sarley.	" C. H. Shawson.
33	Trent	Trenton	Tuesday before f. m.....	" W. J. Barker.	" James Young.
34	Mount Zion	Brooklin	Tuesday on or preceding f. m.....	" J. P. Campbell.	" S. R. Wickest.
35	St. John's	Hamilton	Third Thursday.....	" Charles R. Smith	" A. Rutherford.
41	St. George's	Kingville	Thursday on or before f. m.....	" E. Allworth.	" Lewis Malott.
42	St. George's	London	First Wednesday.....	" J. A. Balkwell.	" Maurice Frank.
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	Thursday on or before f. m.....	" James B. Scott.	" B. McWhinnie.
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	First Thursday.....	" John Midgley.	" S. F. Chadwick.
45	Union	Brantford	Tuesday on or before f. m.....	" H. McK. Wilson	" S. W. McMichael
46	Wellington	Chatham	Second Monday.....	" J. H. Luscombe.	" N. J. Bogart.
47	Great Western	Windsor	Thursday on or before f. m.....	" James Gibson.	" S. B. McCullien.
48	Medoc	Madoc	Tuesday on or before f. m.....	" J. S. Loomis.	" James O'Hara Jr.
49	Hedderon	Quabbin	Third Thursday.....	" No returns.	"
50	Canadian	Concecon	Friday on or before f. m.....	" J. W. G. Young.	" Levi C. Bailey.
51	Canadian	Glenhopeville	Sunday on or before f. m.....	" Joseph Figg.	" John Lamb.
52	Barlowe	Carleton Place	First Tuesday.....	" J. J. Redford.	" C. S. Scott.
Waterloo	Maple	First Monday.....	"	" Carlos Skinner.	" O. W. Ellis.
Minervino	Minervino	Monday on or before f. m.....	"	" Jesus Martin.	" Arthur Cook.
Seneca	Seneca	Wednesday on or before f. m.....	"	" A. M. Wright.	" W. Wickwire.
Bishbrook	Bishbrook	Monday after f. m.....	"	" James Geeson.	" Charles Wilson.
Otawa	Otawa	Wednesday on or before f. m.....	"	" John Simpson.	" J. J. D.

John Lamb... " Joseph Figge... " John Lamb...  
" J. J. Bedford... " C. S. Scott.

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Waterloo...	First Monday.....
Maple...	Tuesday on or before full moon.....
Minchin Hill...	Wednesday after full moon.....
Sheridan...	Thursday on or before full moon.....
Birdbrook...	Friday after full moon.....
Ottawa...	Saturday after full moon.....
Uxbridge...	Third Wednesday.....
Le Collie...	Second Thursday.....
Hamilton...	Fourth Friday.....
Caledonia...	Wednesday on or before full moon.....
Carleton Place...	Wednesday on or before full moon.....
London...	Third Thursday on or before full moon.....
Toronto...	First Thursday.....
Newcastle...	Tuesday on or before full moon.....
Ridgeway...	First Thursday.....
Ingersoll...	Thursday on or before full moon.....
Stirling...	Thursday after full moon.....
Shawbrake...	Second Tuesday.....
Galt...	Thursday on or before full moon.....
St. Mary...	Monday.....
Markland...	Monday nearest full moon.....
Toronto...	First Monday.....
Woodstock...	Second Wednesday.....
Lindsay...	First Thursday.....
Tilsonburg...	Wednesday on or before full moon.....
Bradford...	Thursday after full moon.....
Newbury...	First Tuesday.....
Mt. Brydges...	Tuesday on or before full moon.....
Paris...	Tuesday on or before full moon.....
Stratford...	Friday on or after full moon.....
Clinton...	Friday on or after full moon.....
Farmerville...	Thursday nearest full moon.....
Orillia...	" O. W. Ellis...
Brudenell...	" Jessie Martin...
Arthur...	" A. M. Wright...
Wickwire...	" James Gowans...
Cullinan...	" John Simpson...
Charles Wilson...	" E. Kievers...
John Brown...	" George Logan...
John...	" No returns.
Hugh Murray...	" Hugh Murray...
James Old...	" James Old...
B.L.Nelles...	" B.L.Nelles...
Irwin Stuart...	" H. A. Baxter...
T. F. McMullen...	" N. G. Bigelow...
J. M. Davida...	" R.T. Wilkinson...
E. Simm...	" No returns.
W.J.Crankshaw...	" E. Lounsherry...
John McArton...	" G.E. bull...
No returns.	" R. Finch...
W. S. Burnet...	" J. C. Donaldson...
H. F. Sharp...	" W. E. Tyler...
G. E. Longley...	" David Maxwell...
D. Saunders...	" Edward Tyner...
Robert Stark...	" C.L. Beard...
A. Hudspeth...	" Thos. Beall...
L.C. Sinclair...	" G. Vannorman...
W.H. Walkem...	" J.G. Graham...
W.D. Hammond...	" Joseph Mills...
G. Billington...	" E. Handy...
W.S. Martin...	" Wm. Miller...
J.C. Small...	" Charles Grist...
D.McG. Malloch...	" R.A. Barton...
J.B. Saunders...	" J.H. Blackburn...

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NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
86	Wilson.	Toronto	Third Thursday.....	W. Bro. W. H. Archer	Bro. B. T. K. Coady.
87	Markham Union.	Owen Sound	Friday on or before full moon.....	" M. Macmillan.	" J. C. Munns.
88	St. George's.	Collingwood	Wednesday on or before full moon.	" Allen Cameron.	" W. J. Graham.
90	Manito.	Colbornes.	Wednesday on or after full moon.	" John Nettleton.	" C. E. Stephens.
91	Corboine.	Kingston.	Friday on or before full moon.	" R. E. Bywater.	" George Keys.
92	Catarquini.	Kincardine.	Second Wednesday.....	" A. McMillan.	" John K. Oliver.
93	Northern Light.	Port Stanley.	Thursday on or after full moon.....	" T. C. Rookridge.	" James Le Gear.
94	*St. Marks.	Otterville.	Second Tuesday.....	" W. B. Burgess.	" R. R. Golding.
95	Bidout.	Barrie.	Thursday on or before full moon.	" G. Goodwin.	" M. Durkee.
96	*Corinthians.	Sharon.	Thursday on or before full moon.	" Robert King.	" T. E. Rawson.
97	Sharon.	Alton.	Tuesday on or before full moon.....	" J. Kavanaugh.	" A. H. Willson.
98	True Blue.	Newmarket.	Friday on or before full moon.....	" John Gilmour.	" John Hickman.
99	Tucan.	Dundas.	Wednesday on or before full moon.	" Alex. Williams.	" W. H. Bowden.
100	Valley.	Peterboro.	Friday on or before full moon.	" A. H. Walker.	" J. S. Baillie.
101	*Corinthian.	St. Catharines.	Wednesday after full moon.	" J. F. Dennistoun.	" F. W. Hall.
102	Maple Leaf.	Norwichville.	Thursday on or before full moon.	" Peter McCarthy.	" J. E. Beeton.
104	St. John's.	Dundasville.	Wednesday after full moon.	" James Haken.	" A. T. Tiday.
105	St. Mark's.	Burford.	Wednesday on or before full moon.	" James McGarry.	" T. W. Woodruff.
106	Burford.	Lambeth.	Wednesday on or before full moon.	" W. G. Nellis.	" John Findlay.
107	St. Paul's.	Deerfield.	Second Wednesday.....	" W. L. Odell.	" W. H. Barnham.
108	Bleuebin.	Harrowamish.	Wednesday on or before full moon.	" C. Beauchet.	" J. Robertson.
109	Alibon.	Precent.	Wednesday on or before full moon.	" N. F. Dupuis.	" James Cooke.
110	*Central.	Ridgeview.	First Tuesday.....	" John Easton.	" J. P. McCathy.
111	Morpeth.	Goodrich.	Second Thursday.....	" 1818.	" John Duck.
112	Maliband.	Second Tuesday.....	" 1819.	" W. R. Squier.	
113	Wilson.	Waterford.	Wednesday on or before full moon.	" 1819.	" J. T. Garow.
114	Hoppe.	Port Hope.	First Thursday.....	" 1819.	" E. E. Chipman.
115				" 1819.	" N. Heckin.
116	Cause.	Widder.	Tuesday on or before full moon.....	" John S. Walker.	" R. S. Merrill.
117	Starlight.	Stanbridge.	Mursday on or before full moon.....	" W. H. Morgan.	" T. P. Kidd.
118	Union.	Schomberg.	Wednesday on or before full moon.....	" No return.	" F. D. Ramsey.
119	Maple Leaf.	Monday.	Monday on or before full moon.	" A. Armstrong.	" J. J. Johnson.
120	Warren.	Flintham.	Monday before full moon.	" John Bent.	" D. J. Johnson.
121	Doris.	Brantford.	Second Tuesday.....	" 1819.	" 1819.
122	Doris.			" 1819.	" 1819.

Waterford..... Wednesday on or before full moon  
Wilson..... ".....  
Hope..... First Thursday.....  
Port Hope..... First Friday.....

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NO.	LONGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
148	*Civil Service.....	Ottawa.....	Second Tuesday.....of every month	Bro. A. J. Cambie Bro. W. N. Goodere.	
149	Erie.....	Port Dover.....	Monday on or before full moon....	" J. W. Stewart, " Bobt. Helyer.	
150	*Hastings.....	Hastings.....	Tuesday on or before full moon....	" David Brownlee " John Sharpe.	
151	The Grand River.....	Berlin.....	Tuesday on or before full moon....	" Wm. Hendrie.	
152	Clerenceville.....	Clarenceville.....	Tuesday on or before full moon....	No returns.	
153	Burns.....	Wyoming.....	Third Thursday.....	" Frank Donald, " J. C. McLachlin.	
154	*Irving.....	Lucan.....	Thursday on or before full moon.....	" W. Quigley, Jr. " James Sutton.	
155	Peterborough.....	Peterborough.....	Thursday on or after full moon.....	" David Wallace, " J. R. Ormond.	
156	*York.....	Davisville et al.....	First Friday.....	" M. E. Snider. " Joseph Jackes.	
157	Simpson.....	Newboro'.....	Friday on or before full moon....	" R. H. Preston, " B. H. Flaggier.	
158	*Alexandria.....	Oil Springs.....	Tuesday on or after full moon....	" J. McCann, " T. V. Lyon.	
159	*Goodwood.....	Richmond.....	Thursday on or after full moon....	" George Hurdley, " Daniel Beauty.	
160	*Quebec Garrison.....	Quebec.....	First Tuesday.....	No returns.	
161	*Parey.....	Warkworth.....	First Monday.....	" G. A. Mallory, " R. P. Hurbut.	
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	Wednesday before full moon....	" Ralph Hodgson, " W. H. Brown.	
163	Browne.....	Brigham.....	Friday on or before full moon....	" A. A. Blackwood, " James Burnett.	
164	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	Tuesday on or before full moon....	" S. W. Flaggier, " Nath. Gordon.	
165	Burlington.....	Wellington Sq.....	Wednesday on or before full moon....	" William Kerns, " Bobt. Halson.	
166	Wainwright.....	Stoney Creek.....	Monday on or before full moon....	" S. Williams, " No returns.	
167	Royal Albert.....	Montreal.....	First Wednesday....	" Charles H. Fair, " James Bridges.	
168	Merritt.....	Welland.....	Monday on or before full moon....	" J. B. Neff, " J. R. Haun.	
169	Macnah.....	Port Colborne.....	Tuesday on or before full moon....	" W. Ballantyne, " Andrew Hall.	
170	Britannia.....	Seaford.....	Monday on or after full moon....	" J. Edcombe, " J. E. Decay.	
171	Prince of Wales.....	Ions.....	Friday on or before full moon....	" T. M. Anderson, " Joe M. Riley.	
172	A.Y.T.....	Ayr.....	Monday on or before full moon....	" W. Nivin, " W. Ferguson.	
173	Victoria.....	Montreal, Q.....	First Monday.....	" John Hudson, " W. Ross.	
174	Walingham.....	Port Rowan.....	First Thursday.....		
175	*St. John's.....	Mansenville.....	Wednesday before full moon....	" S. J. Blanchard, " F. A. Manson.	
176	Spartan.....	Sparta.....	Monday on or before full moon....	" W. D. Oil, " Gustav Lewin.	
177	The Bulldog.....	Ottawa.....	Second Friday.....	" W. D. Oil, " Gustav Lewin.	
178	Platterville.....	Platterville.....	Friday on or before full moon....	" W. D. Oil, " W. J. Boucher.	
179	Bobwell.....	Bobwell.....	First Saturday on or before full moon....	" W. D. Oil, " W. J. Boucher.	
180	Spaced.....	Spaced.....	First Sunday on or before full moon....	" W. D. Oil, " W. J. Boucher.	
181	Oriental.....	Oriental.....	First Monday on or before full moon....	" W. D. Oil, " W. J. Boucher.	

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175	*St. John's.		
176	Spartan	Mansonville. Wednesday before full moon.....	" S. J. Blanchard.....
177	The Builders	Monday on or before full moon.....	" G. E. Manson.....
178	*Platerville	Second Friday.....	" W. D. Gill.....
179	*Brockwell	Friday on or before full moon.....	" F. A. Henderson.....
180	*Speed	Wednesday on or before full moon.....	" Gustav Levin.....
181	Orient	Wednesday on or before full moon.....	" George Risk.....
182	*Tuscar	First Tuesday.....	" R. J. Bourchier.....
183	Prince Albert	Port Burwell. Tuesday on or before full moon.....	" Thomas Boon.....
184	*Old Light	Levis. First Thursday.....	" H. F. Smith.....
185	*Enniskillen	Prince Albert. Friday on or before full moon.....	" B. Petrie.....
186	*Plantagenet	Lucknow. Friday on or before full moon.....	" Philip Bish.....
187	*Royal Canadian	York. Thursday on or before full moon.....	" George W. Hare.....
188	*Ascot	Plantagenet. Monday on or before full moon.....	" H. L. Harden.....
189	*Filius	Sweetatabung. Second Friday.....	" John S. Tenant.....
190	Bemont	Leamoxville. Monday on or before full moon.....	" R. L. Hunter.....
191	*Ashlar	Adolphuston. Wednesday on or before full moon.....	" T. J. Smedley.....
192	Orilia	Belmont. Friday on or before full moon.....	" William Clark.....
193	Scotland	Quaticoock. Friday on or before full moon.....	" C. E. Johnson.....
194	*Petrolia	Orilia. First Wednesday.....	" L. L. Brown.....
195	The Tuscan	Scooldand. Friday on or before full moon.....	" No returns.
196	*Madawaska	Petrolia. Monday on or before full moon.....	" E. H. Smith.....
197	*Saugeen	London. Second Wednesday.....	" G. P. Sils.....
198	*White Oak	London. First Friday.....	" W. H. Odell.....
199	*Freightshburg	Ampior. Thursday on or before full moon.....	" No returns.
200	St. Albans	W. Werton. Second Tuesday.....	" T. S. Atkinson.....
201	*Seeds	Oakville. Tuesday on or before full moon.....	" Julius Humme.....
202	*Mount Royal	Freightshburg. Monday on or before full moon.....	" W. A. McLim.....
203	Irvine	Mount Forest. Friday on or before full moon.....	" H. F. Teeter.....
204	*Dorio	Gananoque. Thursday on or before full moon.....	" John Sinclair.....
205	New Dominion	Montreal. Second Tuesday.....	" G. B. Birrell.....
206	*North Gower	Eloa. Friday before full moon.....	" W. G. Fraser.....
		Danville. Wednesday on or before full moon.....	" Donald Currie.....
		New Hamling. Monday on or after full moon.....	" A. Garricoh.....
		North Gower. First Monday.....	" Joseph Craig.....
			" Neil J. McIntyre.....
			" No returns.
			" Thos. Swan.....
			" John Hodgson.....
			" W. B. Carroll.....
			" P. McDaniel.....
			" W. F. Savage.....
			" J. Gordon.....
			" John Moran.....
			" Thomas Conoley.....
			" Otto Preissrich.....
			" James Linday.....

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NO.	NAME	WHERE HELD	TIME OF MEETING	W. MASTER
203	Lodge 1947	Durham	Second Tuesday on or before full moon, or every month, excepting the 15th day of the month.	W. Br. J. W. McEdward Bro. Alex. Falkner.
207	Lancaster	Lancaster	Second Wednesday.....	W. Br. J. W. McEdward Bro. Alex. Falkner.
208	Chesterbury	Huntington	Second Tuesday.....	No returns.
209	Evergreen	Hanark	First Tuesday.....	" Bobt. Pollock.
210	St. John's	London	Third Thursday.....	" F. W. Dinwoodie.
211	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	First Wednesday.....	" John Shapland.
212	Bruno Lake	Knowlton	First Wednesday.....	" J. R. Leggett.
213	Elyrian	Garden Island	First Monday.....	" A. E. Kimball.
213	Dominion	Ridgeway	Wednesday on or before full moon	" A. E. Kimball.
214	Craig	Ailsa Craig	Monday on or after full moon.....	" A. Blaloe.
215	Lake	Ancillaburgh	Monday on or after full moon.....	" James E. Morin.
216	Harris	Orangeville	Tuesday on or before full moon.....	" Wm. Matheson.
217	Frederick	Delhi	Monday on or before full moon.....	" N. A. Paterson.
218	Stephenson	Toronto	Second Monday.....	" W. K. Atkinson.
219	Credit	Georgetown	Friday on or before full moon.....	" W. A. Benson.
220	Wendatoba	Uxbridge	Monday on or before full moon.....	" D. McKinnon.
221	Soultana	Thorold	Wednesday on or before full moon.....	" Jacob Sovereen.
222	Macmores	Marmora	Tuesday before full moon .....	" George Fish.
223	Nowood	Norwood	Monday on or before full moon .....	" John G. Hurley.
224	Zurich	Zurich	Monday on or before full moon .....	" J. J. Summerville.
225	Bersaud	Listowel	Friday on or before full moon .....	" Wm. T. Fish.
226	Mount Moriah	Montreal	Wednesday on or before full moon .....	" D. G. Bowen.
227	Suff. an	Sutton	First Friday.....	" W.H. Stephens.
228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	Thursday before full moon.....	" Wm. Ward.
229	Ionia	Brampton	Monday after full moon.....	" Joseph Zinkas.
230	Leg. of Fidelity	Belle Ewart	Wednesday on or before full moon.....	" Alfred Ward.
231	Cambridge	Ottawa	Tuesday on or before full moon.....	" Charles Thorpe.
232		Wallacetown	Second Wednesday.....	" B. A. Booth.
233	Doric	Park Hill	Tuesday on or before full moon .....	" G. Green.
234	Beaver	Clarkenburg	Tuesday on or before full moon .....	" J. M. Reid.
235	Aldworth	Paisley	Tuesday on or before full moon .....	" William Caw.
236	Manitoba	Boardhead	Tuesday on or after full moon .....	" Alex. Mitchell.
237	Victoria	Odessa	Friday, on or before full moon .....	" Joseph Borke.
238	Wavelock	Wavelock	Wednesday .....	" G. W. McEachern.

233 " Doric ..... Park Hill ..... " W.C.Patterson.  
 234 " Beaver ..... Clarkenburg ..... " J.N. Reid.  
 235 " Aldworth ..... Paisley ..... " G.N.Brougher.  
 236 " Manitoba ..... Boardhead ..... " Alex. Mitchell.  
 237 " Victoria ..... Odessa ..... " Joseph Borke.  
 238 " Wavelock ..... Wavelock ..... " G.W. McEachern.

239 " Wallaceburg ..... Wallaceburg ..... " J. F. Smith.  
 240 " Galt ..... Galt ..... " Henry Michaels.  
 241 " Galt ..... Galt ..... " D.G. Ruthven.

242 " Galt ..... Galt ..... " John Ruthven.

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233	"Doric.	Park Hill....	Tuesday on or before full moon...	" J. N. Reid.
234	"Beaver.	Clarsburg....	Tuesday on or before full moon...	" W.G. Patterson.
235	"Aldworth.	Paisley....	Friday on or before full moon....	" William Caw.
236	"Manikos.	Bondhead....	Tuesday on or after full moon....	" S. N. Boughner.
237	"Vienna.	Vienna....	Tuesday on or before full moon....	" Joseph Borke.
238	"Favelock.	Watford....	Friday, on or before full moon....	" Alex. Mitchell.
239	"Tweed.	Tweed....	Tuesday on or after full moon....	" G. W. Malloch.
240	"Prince Rupert's.	Winnipeg....	Tuesday on or before full moon....	" E. T. Black.
241	"Quinte.	Third Tuesday....	Friday on or before full moon....	" James St. Clair.
242	"McCoy.	Sauanonyville....	Third Tuesday after full moon....	" Ira Doane.
243	"St. George.	Escort Point....	Monday, on or before full moon....	" Henry Roebuck.
244	"Lingar.	St. George....	Monday, on or before full moon....	" J.F. Wright.
245	"Tequensieh.	L. Fort Gary....	Thursday, on or before full moon....	" D. J. Campbell.
246	"U. of B.	Thamesville....	First Monday....	" Charles R. Flint.
247	"Observance.	Montreal....	Second Tuesday....	" William Way.
248	"Ashiar.	Montreal....	Third Monday....	" R. A. Holland.
249	"Eureka.	Yorkville....	Fourth Tuesday....	" W. S. Hyatt.
250	"Caledonian.	Pakenham....	Wednesday on or before full moon....	" R. A. Fullerton.
251	"Castile.	Angus....	Wednesday on or after full moon....	" S. S. Lazier.
252	"The International.	Embro....	Thursday on or after full moon....	" Beulah Fields.
253	"Mindon.	N. Pembina....	Second Tuesday....	" N. H. Fields.
254	"Clifton.	Kingston....	Second Tuesday....	" E. E. Kitchen.
255	"Sydenham.	Clifton....	First Monday....	" George Black.
256	"Farren's Point.	Dresden....	Thursday on or before full moon....	" Richard Hunter.
257	"Galt.	Farren's Point....	Wednesday on or after full moon....	" J. F. Wilson.
258	"Guelph.	Galt....	First Wednesday....	" John Bond.
259	"Springfield.	Guelph....	Thursday on or before full moon....	" T. F. Blackwood.
260	"Washington.	Springfield....	Third Wednesday....	" J. C. Roblin.
261	"Oak Branch.	Petrolia....	Monday on before full moon....	" H. Drummond.
262	"Harriston.	Inniskirk....	First Tuesday....	" J. McKimie.
263	"Forest.	Harriston....	Thursday on or before full moon....	" Henry Adams.
264	"Chandler.	Forest....	Monday on or before full moon....	" F. T. Bradley.
265	"Pattenca.	Olawa....	First Monday....	" James Greenfield.
		Coocoo....	Thursday on or before full moon....	" Samuel Smith.
				" Henry Preston.
				" T. G. Macnabb.
				" A. H. Hughes.
				" G. T. Gorrell.
				" James M. Hood.
				" Edmund Harvey.
				" U. T. Bardick.
				" J. B. Lucas.
				" Danist Trotter.
				" W.H. McGarvey.
				" Robert Stark.
				" Samuel Cavan.
				" A. S. Allen.
				" Thos. S. Shortt.
				" H. J. Nash.
				" H. R. Merrill.

## RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.—[CONTINUED.]

NAME.	WHITE HEAD.	RIGHT OR LEFT.	RIGHT OR LEFT.	W. MASTER.	W. SECRETARY.
Northern Light, ...	Stayner, ...	Tuesday before full moon.....	of every month.....	W. Br. A. Moberly,	Bro. W. N. Wilson.
North Western, ...	Chatham, ...	First Wednesday.....	"	" A. D. Bogart,	" Chas. Dunlop.
Orion, ...	Brockville, ...	First Monday.....	"	" John Kennedy,	"
Pontiac, ...	Brockville, ...	Wednesday after full moon.....	"	" J. P. Campbell,	"
Pontiac Union, ...	Brougham, ...	Fourth Tuesday.....	"	" J. P. Smith,	" C. W. Smith.
Corus, ...	Oshawa, ...	Wednesday on or before full moon.....	"	" D. Kirkwood,	" R. D. Boomer.
Wallington, ...	Erin, ...	Wednesday on or before full moon.....	"	" William Dewar	" H. Richardson.
Seymour, ...	Ancester, ...	Wednesday on or before full moon.....	"	" G. H. Allen	"
Olivia Branch, ...	W. Sherriff, Q.	First Wednesday.....	"	" W. Cartwrights,	" John A. Ash.
Hearst, ...	Blenheim, ...	Third Monday.....	"	" Arthur Lyon,	" A. S. Campbell.
Pontiac, ...	Onalow, Q.,	Second Tuesday.....	"	" H. B. O'Connor,	" S. Waldo.
Tesswater, ...	Teeswater, ...	Friday on or before full moon.....	"	" Roib. Patterson,	" John Lawrie.
Seymour, ...	Pt. Dalhousie, ...	Wednesday, on or before full moon.....	"	" E. E. Frailey,	" P. G. Duncan.
Mystic, ...	Roslin, ...	Thursday before full moon.....	"	" Isaac Henderson,	" Chas. J. Ellis.
New Hope, ...	Hespeler, ...	Wednesday on or before full moon.....	"	" F. Richardson,	" J. T. Ferguson.
Mount Sinai, ...	Napanee, ...	First Thursday.....	"	" A. Williams,	"
Thurso, ...	Holland Ldg.,	First Tuesday.....	"	" Wm. Hayden,	" W. G. Lamley.
Lorne, ...	Glencoe, ...	First Thursday.....	"	" L. H. Henderson,	"
Eureka, ...	Bolleville, ...	Wednesday after full moon.....	"	" W. J. R. Holmes,	"
St. John's, ...	Ainserville, ...	Tuesday on or before full moon.....	"	" Thos. Sargent,	"
Baron Stew, ...	Alliston, ...	Wednesday before full moon .....	"	" J. E. Twyman,	"
Wingfield, ...	Wingham, ...	Tuesday on or before full moon .....	"	" J. Clarke, M. D.	"
Shanish, ...	P. Arth's Ldg.,	Wednesday .....	"	" Jas. Henderson,	"
Ancient Landmark, ...	Winnipeg, ...	Second Monday.....	"	" John D. McLeay,	"
Dorothy, ...	Lobo, ...	Second Thursday.....	"	"	"

1. Return of Subordinate Lodges, No. 107, 1878.  
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G. V.  
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SUSPENSIONS.—Umnasonic Conduit.

- No. 23. *Richmond Lodge, Richmond Hill, Ont.*  
G. A. Derrida.
- No. 29. *United Lodge, Brighton, Ont.*  
L. M. Dulhing.
- No. 116. *Cassia Lodge, Widdr, Ont.*  
H. M. Atkinson.
- No. 125. *Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall, Ont.*  
James C. Brymer.
- No. 127. *French Lodge, Frankford, Ont.*  
E. Maybee.
- No. 179. *Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell, Ont.*  
Joseph Swalwell.
- No. 193. *Scotland Lodge, Scotland, Ont.*  
Gilbert S. Harris.
- No. 202. *Mount Royal Lodge, Montreal, Que.*  
William J. Morris.
- No. 205. *New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburg, Ont.*  
Ludwig Klein.
- No. 261. *Parthenon, Chatham, Ont.*  
E. H. Bury.

SUSPENSIONS.—Non-Payment of Dues.

- No. 2. *Niagara Lodge, Niagara, Ont.*  
A. Cox, A. Putman.
- No. 7. *Union Lodge, Grimsby, Ont.*  
Wm. W. Kitchen.
- No. 11. *Maire Lodge, Bellville, Ont.*  
G. V. N. Relyea, Thos. Evans.
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
W. O'Hara, Jr.
- No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Wainly, Ont.*  
G. Yule, James A. Clarke, James Wallace, J. A. Campbell.
- No. 32. *Amity Lodge, Dunnville, Ont.*  
Wm. Brook, John Burgess, J. Root.
- No. 33. *Gardiner Lodge, Guelph, Ont.*  
Peter Swanson.

## GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

- No. 35. *St. John's Lodge, Cayuga, Ont.* G. W. Hoover, L. Bobitoy.
- No. 41. *St. George's, Kangsville, Ont.* John Thompson, Nelson Rogers.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, Ont.* J. H. Bell, Wm. Buchannan, Jas. Higgins, G. H. Sanborn, E. Windsor, A. F. Ward.
- No. 48. *Madoc Lodge, Madoc, Ont.* Peter Begg.
- No. 53. *Shefford Lodge, Waterloo, Que.* A. Clement, C. M. Jordan, H. Galer, P. E. Galer, Wm. Turner.
- No. 58. *Dorid Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.* J. Ballif, W. Carrier, A. J. Eastman, D. Moore, W. Mosgrove, A. McKenzie, H. A. Palmer.
- No. 66. *Durham Lodge, Newerville, Ont.* A. B. Culver, J. Colter, M. Henry, H. Davis.
- No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt, Ont.* J. R. Scrimiger, T. Stevenson.
- No. 73. *St. James Lodge, St. Marys, Ont.* C. A. Smith, Theo. Frier, A. Leggett, J. Ingersoll.
- No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.* W. Comsan, W. T. Dingle, R. Gilmour, W. Moulds, J. Stephenson, W. H. Taylor.
- No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburg, Ont.* L. McLean, Wm. Huntsman, Robt. A. McKay.
- No. 79. *Simeon Lodge, Bradford, Ont.* Thos. Pascoe, Ed. Marrow, Robt. Burns.
- No. 82. *St. John's Lodge, Paris, Ont.* J. A. Gillespie, J. Broadwell.
- No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.* G. Dougherty, John F. Jeffers, Geo. McKay, F. H. Smith, John Anderson, W. Clark, R. T. Corse, T. B. Deck, Wm. Lane, John Leslie, Jas. Milne, G. G. Howarth, Geo. McPherson, Jas. O'Hara, John Power, W. G. Egblin.
- No. 90. *Mantle Lodge, Collingwood, Ont.* Chas. Jones, H. Hiffin.
- No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne, Ont.* Chas. G. Cameron, H. O. Martin, Joseph Doolittle, J. H. Williamson.
- No. 92. *Cataract Lodge, Kingston, Ont.* Horace Woodward, Ab. Briggs, John Connolly, John M. Glidden, Geo. S. Hobart, Wm. McCadden.
- No. 101. *J.*
- No. 111. *Ja.*
- No. 112. *Jo.*
- No. 113. *Tay.*
- No. 121. *R.*
- No. 122. *Tay.*
- No. 131. *Wm.*
- No. 132. *bell.*
- No. 136. *J. S.*
- No. 137. *Burt.*
- No. 141. *No. 144.*
- No. 144. *No. 145.*
- No. 150. *No. 159.*
- No. 159. *G. M.*
- No. 160. *D. Ba.*
- No. 160. *O. 160.*

SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND ONE COMMUNION, MELVILLE, NOV. 27.

- No. 95. *Idiot Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*  
Am. A. Pinell.
- No. 97. *Sharon Lodge, Sharon, Ont.*  
H. Watson, D. McDougal, John B. Linton, John Kay, D. W.  
Reid, Hiram Noble, Wm. Lilley, Wm. Packer, J. B. Summer-  
felt.
- No. 99. *Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket, Ont.*  
John Rogers, E. Ackenhead, M. O.W. Johnstone, T.  
J. J. Hunter.
- No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines, Ont.*  
Alex. Reid, Wm. Pauling, Jas. A. Nicolson, Wm. Read.
- No. 105. *St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, Ont.*  
Peter Bowen.
- No. 108. *Burford Lodge, Burford, Ont.*  
Wm. Flanagan.
- No. 113. *Blenheim Lodge, Brumdo, Ont.*  
James E. Dockrey, J. W. Brundell, R. S. Mann, L. H. Daniels,  
John M. French, P. M. Snyder, D. McNeill.
- No. 118. *Wilson Lodge, Waterford, Ont.*  
John Shaver.
- No. 121. *Doris Lodge, Brantford, Ont.*  
R. Hinchie, J. W. Rushton, F. Wilbee, B. Heum, J. Syril, Wm.  
Taylor, J. Orr, T. Spence, Wm. Tout, P. Michie.
- No. 131. *St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton, Ont.*  
Wm. Smith, R. A. Drake, D. McG. Lambert, D. R. J. Camp-  
bell, J. McLean, A. G. Belcher, J. E. Campbell, J. C. Byers.
- No. 136. *Richardson Lodge, Stratford, Ont.*  
J. Stevenson, J. Bowman, R. H. Hayles, Wm. Eakin, Wm.  
Burton, A. McMurray, O. J. Brown, Samuel Mighon.
- No. 137. *Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford, Ont.*  
W. H. Taylor.
- No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, Ont.*  
John R. Drake, Wm. Worden.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, Ont.*  
Chas. Zoller, D. R. R. Stewart.
- No. 150. *Hartlage Lodge, Hanmer, Ont.*  
David E. Nelson.
- No. 158. *Alexander's Lodge, Oil Springs, Ont.*  
G. M. Smith, John Kamp, O. N. Brooks, John Cameron,  
D. Brichen, Hugh Currie.
- No. 159. *Caledonia Lodge, Kitchener, Ont.*  
John A. Drynan.

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No. 173.	<i>Victoria Lodge, Montreal, Que.</i> Geo. A. Pearce.	No. 23.
No. 178.	<i>Pleasure Lodge, Rattsville, Ont.</i> John Robinson.	No. 26.
No. 190.	<i>Belmont Lodge, Belmont, Ont.</i> John E. Crouse, Wm. Martin, Mathew Cole.	No. 29.
No. 192.	<i>Grillie Lodge, Grillie, Ont.</i> W. F. Patterson.	No. 39.
No. 197.	<i>Saugeen Lodge, Walkerton, Ont.</i> J. Vergny.	No. 44.
No. 200.	<i>St. Albans Lodge, Mt. Forest, Ont.</i> J. B. Taylor.	No. 45.
No. 202.	<i>Mount Royal Lodge, Montreal, Que.</i> Geo. A. Pearce.	No. 46.
No. 205.	<i>New Dorrites Lodge, New Hamburg, Ont.</i> S. Zurburg.	No. 48.
No. 218.	<i>Stevenson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.</i> John Smart, Ralph Pyatt.	No. 50.
No. 219.	<i>Credit Lodge, Georgetown, Ont.</i> David McTavish, John Moise.	No. 64.
No. 244.	<i>Ligar Lodge, Mapleton, Man.</i> John Fraser, Philip Kennedy.	No. 74.
<b>RESTORATIONS.</b>		
No. 3.	<i>St. John's Lodge, Kingston, Ont.</i> Robert Barry.	No. 80.
No. 7.	<i>Union Lodge, Grimsby, Ont.</i> John Muir.	No. 105.
No. 10.	<i>Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe, Ont.</i> Horatio N. Courtland.	No. 107.
No. 18.	<i>Prince Edward Lodge, Picton, Ont.</i> Wm. Brisbane.	No. 122.
No. 19.	<i>St. George's Lodge, Montreal, Que.</i> Wm. B. Bowie.	No. 127.
No. 20.	<i>St. John's Lodge, London, Ont.</i> M. McNamee.	No. 155.
No. 21.	<i>Sealand Lodge, Montreal, Ont.</i> G. McNamee.	No. 159.

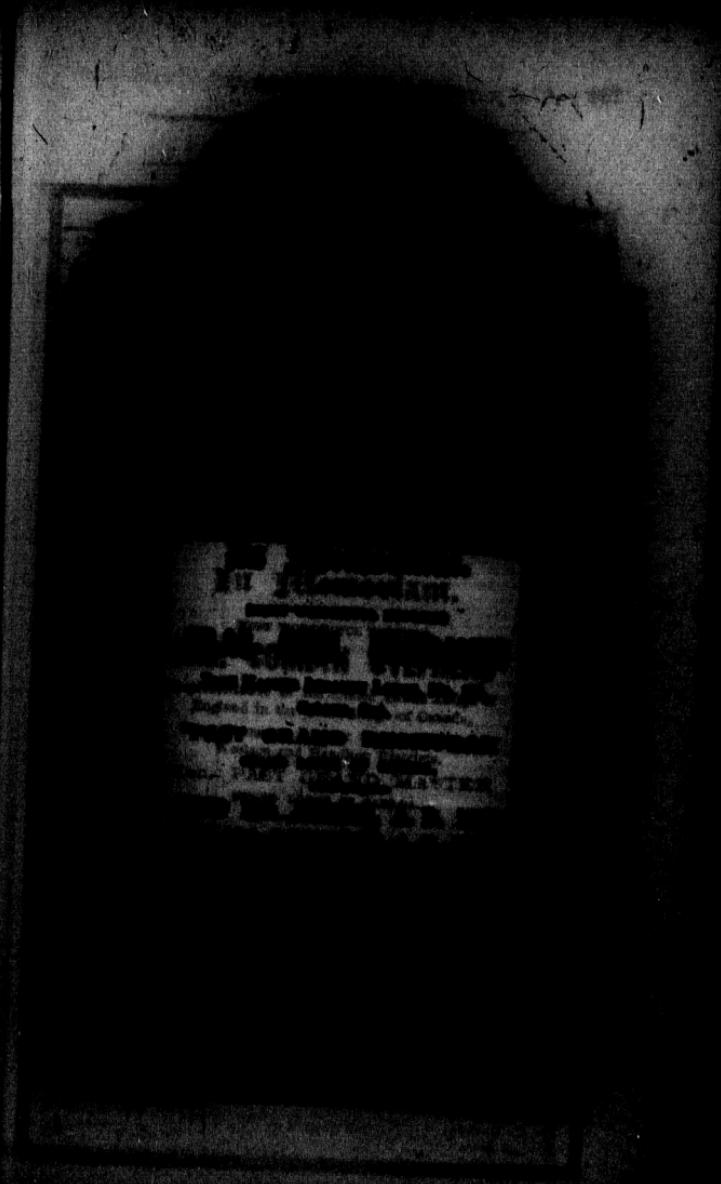
- No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
Frederick M. Chapin, Wm. H. Clarke.
- No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, Ont.*  
J. H. Hawkins, J. Stephens.
- No. 29. *United Lodge, Brighton, Ont.*  
J. F. Bolls.
- No. 39. *Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklin, Ont.*  
Thos. Middaugh, Samuel Woodruff, Charles J. Churchill.
- No. 44. *St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas, Ont.*  
Moses P. Whipple.
- No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford, Ont.*  
Gehazi Carpenter.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, Ont.*  
Elijah Windsor, James Higgins.
- No. 48. *Madoc Lodge, Madoc, Ont.*  
Martin P. Hays.
- No. 50. *Connecon Lodge, Connecon, Ont.*  
Thos. C. Bedle.
- No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London, Ont.*  
Zechariah Hampill.
- No. 74. *St. James Lodge, Mailland, Ont.*  
John Milks, John Sale, S. J. Bellarney.
- No. 80. *Albion Lodge, Newbury, Ont.*  
John R. McRae.
- No. 84. *Clinton Lodge, Clinton, Ont.*  
Arnold R. King.
- No. 105. *St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, Ont.*  
Scarl Radcliffe.
- No. 147. *St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth, Ont.*  
Daniel Young Hoyt.
- No. 122. *Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew, Ont.*  
R. Lyons, Alfred Wheeler.
- No. 127. *Frank Lodge, Frankford, Ont.*  
Geo. S. Graham, Ephraim Maybee.
- No. 155. *Peterborough Lodge, Peterboro', Ont.*  
J. H. Johnston.
- No. 159. *Alexandra Lodge, Osh Spring, Ont.*  
John Ferry.

- No. 159. *Cedwood Lodge, Richmond, Ont.*  
John Holmes.
- No. 164. *Star in the East Lodge, Wellington, Ont.*  
Wm. Hogg.
- No. 174. *Walsham Lodge, Port Rowan, Ont.*  
Thomas Kelly.
- No. 177. *The Builders' Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*  
Ludger Blanchett.
- No. 201. *Leeds Lodge, Gananoque, Ont.*  
J. A. Acton.

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NAMES.	NO.	LODGE.	DATE.
Richard Howard.....	2	Niagara.....	September 15, 1870
David Fraser.....	3	St. John's.....	July 22, 1870
Alex. G. Gow.....	4	St. John's.....	July 7, 1870
Ed. Scott.....	5	Barton.....	January 3, 1870
Williamson, Wm. H. ....	6	Norfolk.....	May 20, 1870
John W. Wright.....	10	Moira.....	June 18, 1870
James C. Brown.....	11	True Briton's.....	December 28, 1870
Wm. Davison.....	12	St. George's.....	January 7, 1871
Wm. B. Colburn.....	13	St. Andrew's.....	May 18, 1871
Wm. D. Laurier.....	14	King Solomon's.....	February 18, 1871
Wm. D. G. Hill.....	15	St. Francis.....	October 18, 1871
George Vale.....	26	Ontario.....	April 1, 1872
William Graham.....	27	Strict Observance.....	November 18, 1872
John W. Abbott.....	28	Mount Zion.....	August 4, 1873
Duncan Miller.....	29	United.....	September 10, 1873
Alex. Murphy.....	30	Composite.....	December 10, 1873
Bolte, Fletcher.....	31	Amity.....	October 10, 1874
Alex. Chaff.....	32	King Hiram.....	July 20, 1874
John Stover, Kelly.....	40	St. John's.....	March 10, 1875
Wm. E. Miller.....	41	St. George's.....	July 21, 1875
John C. Griffith.....	44	St. Thomas.....	May 5, 1876
James A. G. Gowley.....	46	Wellington.....	January 10, 1876
Henry G. Gove.....	47	Great Western.....	July 27, 1876
John G. Gove.....	48	Madoc.....	February 11, 1877
John G. Gove, Jr. ....	50	Cottage.....	April 1, 1877
John G. Gove, Jr. ....	51	Corinth.....	December 10, 1877
John G. Gove, Jr. ....	52	Sheard.....	January 10, 1878
John G. Gove, Jr. ....	53	Doris.....	September 10, 1878
John G. Gove, Jr. ....	54	Cottage.....	June 11, 1879
John G. Gove, Jr. ....	61	Acacia.....	April 1, 1880
John G. Gove, Jr. ....	62	St. Andrew's.....	May 11, 1880
John G. Gove, Jr. ....	64	Kilwinning.....	December 10, 1880
John G. Gove, Jr. ....	65	Rehoboth.....	January 10, 1881
John G. Gove, Jr. ....	66	Reformation.....	September 10, 1881
John G. Gove, Jr. ....	74	St. John's.....	June 11, 1882
John G. Gove, Jr. ....	75	St. John's.....	May 11, 1883
John G. Gove, Jr. ....	80	Albion.....	December 10, 1883





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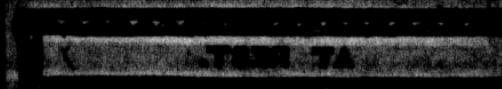
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" " "	F. Richardson, Napanee, " Napanee "
" " "	James Reynolds, Prescott, " St. Lawrence "
" " "	E. C. Barber, Ottawa, " Ottawa "
" " "	Wm. MacKenzie, Montreal, " Montreal "
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R. " "	Henry Robertson,	Port Hope,		"	
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R. " "	Wm. N. Kennedy,				

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R. " "	P. M.	Peterboro,	
R. " "	P. D. G. M.	Kingston,	
R. " "	P. D. G. M.	Toronto,	
R. " "	P. G. S. W.	Owen Sound,	
R. " "	P. D. G. M.	Toronto,	
R. " "	P. D. G. M.	Angerly,	
R. " "	P. D. G. M.	Toronto,	
R. " "	William McCabe,	Toronto,	

## APPOINTED BY THE GRAND LODGE.

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R. " "	P. D. D. G. M.	
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" " " Thomas Drummond,	" "	Scotland.
M. " " W. Mercer Wilson,	" "	Illinois.
" " " _____	" "	Vermont.
" " " Thomas B. Harris,	" "	Kansas.
" " " _____	" "	Maine.
" " " James A. Henderson,	" "	New York.
M. " " T. Douglas Harrington,	" "	Nova Scotia.
" " " Wm. Mercer Wilson,		Grand Orient St. Domingo.
R. " " Thomas Bird Harris,	" "	Portugal.
M. " " A. A. Stevenson,	" "	Brasil.
B. " " Henry Macpherson,	" "	Uruguay.
M. " " A. Bernard,	" "	New Grenada.
" " " W. B. Simpson,	" "	Italy.
R. " " Ray Vincent Clementi,	" "	Chili.
" " " J. K. Kerr,		Grand Lodge Texas.
" " " Thomas Bird Harris,	" "	Tennessee.
M. " " T. Douglas Harrington,	" "	Louisiana.
" " " T. Douglas Harrington,	" "	Pennsylvania.
" " " R. Ramsey,	" "	Nebraska.
B. " " Thomas Bird Harris,	" "	Missouri.
M. " " A. Bernard,	" "	New Jersey.
R. " " Thomas White, Jr.,	" "	Nevada.
" " " Thomas Bird Harris,	" "	Oregon.
M. " " A. A. Stevenson,	" "	Connecticut.
" " " A. A. Stevenson,	" "	Minnesota.
" " " W. M. Wilson,	" "	Kentucky.
" " " A. Bernard,	" "	N. Brunswick.
" " " R. Ramsey,	" "	Ohio.
M. " " David McLellan,	" "	Georgia.

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**SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR**

**ENDING 24th JUNE, 1872.**

\* Lodges marked thus have made no return during the year.

LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations	Pending.	Holidays.	Visitors.	Wildcats	Ind.	Spec. N.P.D.	Spec. C.U.M.C.	Spec. C.U.C.	Spec. A.C.T.	Spec. S.C.T.	Spec. F.C.T.
-Antiquity Lodge.													
1 Provost.	Montreal, Q.	8	5	4	2	4							
2 Niagara.	Dunham, Q.	2	2	2	2	2							
3 St. John's.	Niagara.												
4 Dorchester.	Kingston.												
5 Sussex.	St. John's, Q.	3	1	2	2	3							
6 Barton.	Brockville.	14	16	16	3	1							
7 Union.	Hamilton.	9	6	6	1	7							
8 Nelson.	Grimsthorpe.	6	6	6	1	7							
9 Union.	Philippsburg.	4	4	4	1	7							
10 Norfolk.	Napanee.	18	14	15	4	14							
11 Morris.	Simee.	10	10	10	7	10							
12 Galt.	Belleville.	9	8	8	3	8							
13 St. Eliz.	Stanstead.	9	8	8	3	8							
14 St. George's.	Perth.	M	M	M	M	M							
15 St. Andrew's.	St. Catharines.	18	18	18	10	18							
16 St. John's.	Toronto.	18	18	18	10	18							
17 Prince Edward.	Cobourg.	3	3	3	3	3							
18 St. George's.	Pictou.												
19 St. John's.	Montreal, Q.												
20 St. John's.	London.												
21 St. John's.	Montreal, Q.	17	18	18	10	18							
22 St. John's.	Toronto.	18	18	18	10	18							
23 St. John's.	Richmond Hill.	7	7	7	7	7							
24 Ontario.	Smith's Falls.	20	18	18	10	18							
25 Ontario.	Toronto.	17	18	18	10	18							
26 Ontario.	Port Hope.	2	2	2	2	2							
27 Ontario.	Bathurst.	0	0	0	0	0							
28 Ontario.	Kemptville.												
29 Ontario.	Brudenell.												
30 Ontario.	Whitby.												
31 Ontario.	Newmarket.												
32 Ontario.	Dundasville.												
33 Ontario.	Goderich.												
34 Ontario.	Amherstburg.												
35 Ontario.	Ottawa.												
36 Ontario.	Dundas.												
37 Ontario.	Brudenell.												
38 Ontario.	Orneth.												
39 Ontario.	Brooklin.												
40 Ontario.	Hamilton.												
41 Ontario.	Waterloo.	18	18	18	10	18							
42 Ontario.	Brudenell.	0	0	0	0	0							
43 Ontario.	Orneth.	0	0	0	0	0							
44 Ontario.	Waterloo.	0	0	0	0	0							
45 Ontario.	Brudenell.	0	0	0	0	0							
46 Ontario.	Orneth.	0	0	0	0	0							
47 Ontario.	Waterloo.	0	0	0	0	0							
48 Ontario.	Brudenell.	0	0	0	0	0							
49 Ontario.	Orneth.	0	0	0	0	0							
50 Ontario.	Waterloo.	0	0	0	0	0							

## Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges for the year ending 24th June, 1872.—Continued.

LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	INITIATIONS.										MEMBERS.
		Initiated.	Passing.	Religious.	Joining.	Widowers.	Died.	Susp.	U.M.C.	Expelled.	Restored.	
62 St. Andrew's.	Caledonia.	3	3	0	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	56
63 St. John's.	Carlton Place.	9	10	11	9	5	2	1	1	1	1	15
64 Killwinning.	London.	11	11	8	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	107
65 Behoboom.	Toronto.	1	4	0	6	5	...	4	...	...	...	36
66 Durham.	Newcastle.	9	9	8	3	3	4	...	...	...	...	35
67 St. Francis.	Hinchmond.	4	4	3	3	3	4	...	...	...	...	77
68 St. John's.	Ingersoll.	9	9	8	3	3	4	...	...	...	...	67
69 Stirling.	Stirling.	4	4	3	3	3	4	...	...	...	...	67
70 Victoria.	Sherbrooke.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
71 Alma.	Galt.	17	18	6	2	12	6	6	8	8	8	72
72 St. James'.	St. Mary's.	5	8	6	1	4	2	4	8	8	8	64
74 St. James'.	Maitland.	13	15	15	1	1	1	1	8	8	8	55
75 St. John's.	Toronto.	13	15	11	9	9	1	6	141	141	141	141
76 Oxford.	Woodstock.	12	12	12	0	2	2	1	59	59	59	59
77 Faithful Brethren.	Lindsay.	4	4	3	1	6	6	...	37	37	37	37
78 King Hiram.	Tilsonburg.	7	7	6	3	6	6	...	38	38	38	38
79 Simcoe.	Bradford.	7	5	5	0	2	2	2	58	58	58	58
80 Albion.	Newbury.	5	3	2	1	1	7	2	1	1	1	49
81 St. John's.	Mt. Brydges.	12	10	10	1	1	1	1	89	89	89	89
82 St. John's.	Paris.	4	3	2	1	3	1	2	57	57	57	57
83 Beaver.	Siratroy.	15	12	12	0	4	4	2	73	73	73	73
84 Clinton.	Clinton.	12	8	8	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	46
85 Rising Sun.	Farmersville.	10	10	10	2	12	2	2	31	31	31	31
86 Wilson.	Toronto.	10	10	10	2	12	2	16	139	139	139	139
87 Markham Union.	Markham.	12	11	11	2	12	2	1	37	37	37	37
88 St. George's.	Owen Sound.	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	58	58	58	58
89 Manitoba.	Collingwood.	10	9	9	1	2	2	2	37	37	37	37
90 Selborne.	Colborne.	9	8	8	2	2	2	2	39	39	39	39
92 Cataraquell.	Kington.	10	12	12	6	6	6	1	118	118	118	118
93 Northern Light.	Kincardine.	10	8	8	2	2	2	1	50	50	50	50
94 St. Mark's.	Port Stanley.	12	12	11	2	2	1	1	44	44	44	44
95 Ridout.	Otterville.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	23	23	23	23
96 Corinthian.	Barrie.	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	55	55	55	55
97 Sharon.	Sharon.	4	4	4	1	1	1	0	29	29	29	29
98 True Blue.	Albion.	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	31	31	31	31
99 Tuscar.	Newmarket.	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	27	27	27	27
100 Valley.	Dundas.	15	15	15	1	1	1	1	59	59	59	59
101 Corinthian.	Peterboro.	15	15	15	1	1	1	1	26	26	26	26
102 Maple Leaf.	St. Catharines.	10	10	10	2	6	6	1	111	111	111	111
104 St. John's.	Norwichville.	10	10	10	2	6	6	1	28	28	28	28
105 St. Mark's.	Drammondville.	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	68	68	68	68
106 Burford.	Burford.	17	12	12	1	1	1	1	51	51	51	51
107 St. Paul's.	Lambeth.	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	50	50	50	50
108 Blenheim.	Dumbro.	2	4	2	1	1	4	1	38	38	38	38
109 Albion.	Marshalltown.	6	6	6	2	2	1	2	39	39	39	39
110 Central.	Freescott.	4	5	5	2	2	1	2	40	40	40	40
111 Merpech.	Ridgeview.	12	10	10	1	1	1	1	24	24	24	24
112 Maitland.	Goderich.	12	10	11	1	1	1	1	29	29	29	29
113 Wilson.	Waterford.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	55	55	55	55
114 Hope.	Port Hope.	7	8	4	1	1	1	1	33	33	33	33
115 Ivy.	Beaumarie.	8	7	6	1	1	1	1	41	41	41	41
116 Ontario.	Widder.	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	36	36	36	36
117 Stanbridge.	Stanbridge.	5	5	5	2	2	2	2	35	35	35	35
118 Union.	Schomberg.	5	5	5	2	2	2	2	35	35	35	35
119 Maple Leaf.	Bath.	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	37	37	37	37
120 Warren.	Flugel.	11	11	11	0	0	0	0	38	38	38	38
121 Deric.	Brantford.	5	5	5	0	0	0	1	10	10	10	10
122 Roseau.	Glenview.	8	8	8	0	0	0	0	38	38	38	38
123 The Belleville.	Belleville.	7	6	6	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
124 Montreal Kilwin.	Montreal, Q.	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	38	38	38	38
125 Cornwall.	Cornwall.	6	5	5	0	0	0	0	38	38	38	38
126 Golden Rule.	Cambridge.	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	38	38	38	38

181 St. L...  
 182 Lebanon.  
 183 Shaw.  
 184 Shreve.  
 185 St. C...  
 186 Richard.  
 187 Thor...  
 188 Ay...  
 189 Lebar...  
 190 Friend...  
 191 Tecumse...  
 192 J. B. I...  
 193 Prince...  
 194 Civil S...  
 195 Erie.  
 196 Hastings.  
 197 The G...  
 198 Clare...  
 199 Burns.  
 200 Irving.  
 201 Peterbo...  
 202 York.  
 203 Simpson.  
 204 Alexander.  
 205 Goodwo...  
 206 Quebec.  
 207 Percy.  
 208 Forest.  
 209 Brown...  
 210 Star in t...  
 211 Br...  
 212 Burlington.  
 213 Wenting...  
 214 Royal A...  
 215 Macnab.  
 216 Britannia.  
 217 Prince of...  
 218 Victoria.  
 219 Walsingh...  
 220 St. John's.  
 221 Spartan.  
 222 The Build...  
 223 Pottsville.  
 224 Bothwell.  
 225 Speed.  
 226 Oriental.  
 227 Tucson.  
 228 Prince Al...  
 229 Old Light.  
 230 Knobkillow...  
 231 Fishawack...  
 232 Royal Can...  
 233 Ascott.  
 234 Filles Vidi...  
 235 Beloeil.  
 236 Achbar.  
 237 Orillia.  
 238 St. Edmund.  
 239 Synops...

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Resigned.	Members.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.											
				Initiations.	Fusilages.	Baldings.	Joinings.	Withdr. <sup>s</sup> als.	Died.	Susp.	N.P.D.	Exploded.	Members.	
56	St. Lawrence.	Southampton.	Francescon.	2	2	2	1	3	1	8	52	18		
15	Lebanon Forest.	Three Elivers, Q.	Milton.	4	5	6	6	6	6	52	52	52		
107	Shawenegan.	St. Clair.	Stouffville.	4	3	4	1	7	7	46	46	46		
60	Richardson.	Pythagoras.	Meaford.	4	4	4	1	6	5	35	35	35		
35	Alymer.	Alymer.	Aylmer, Q.	10	7	7	1	24	1	1	31	31	31	
77	Lebanon.	Mahkide.	Oshawa.	8	2	3	3	9	1	42	42	42		
57	Tudor.		Aylmer, O.	5	5	5	3	7	2	35	35	35		
9	Excelsior.		Mitchell.	5	5	5	3	7	2	70	70	70		
55	Friendly Brothers.	Iroquois.	Morraburg.	12	8	8	2	2	2	51	51	51		
141	Tecumseh.	E. B. Hall.	Stratford.	6	6	5	1	1	1	45	45	45		
59	Prince of Wales.	Mississippi.	Millbrook.	6	6	5	1	1	1	25	25	25		
57	Irving.	Civil Service.	Newburgh.	6	6	5	1	1	1	57	57	57		
22	Erie.	Hastings.	Almonte.	12	8	8	1	5	1	26	26	26		
63	Hastings.	The Grand River.	Ottawa.	6	6	5	1	1	1	60	60	60		
67	Clarencoville.	Clarencoville.	Port Dover.	2	2	2	3	3	1	41	41	41		
73	Burns.		Hastings.	2	2	2	3	3	1	30	30	30		
69	Irving.		Berlin.	2	2	2	3	3	1	29	29	29		
81	Peterborough.		Clarencoville.	2	2	2	3	3	1	29	29	29		
139	York.		Wyoming.	2	2	2	3	3	1	48	48	48		
37	Simpson.		Lucan.	2	2	2	3	3	1	35	35	35		
58	Alexandra.	Goodwood.	Peterboro'.	2	2	2	3	3	1	37	37	37		
59	Quebec Garrison.		Daviesville.	2	2	2	3	3	1	45	45	45		
118	Percy.		Newboro'.	12	10	10	10	10	1	27	27	27		
50	Forest.		Oil Springs.	6	6	5	1	1	1	14	14	14		
44	Browne.		Richmond, O.	6	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	1		
23	Star in the East.	Burlington.	Quebec, Q.	9	10	6	1	3	1	29	29	29		
55	Burlington.		Warkworth.	11	11	11	1	1	1	35	35	35		
29	Wentworth.	Royal Albert.	Wroxeter.	2	2	2	2	2	1	35	35	35		
31	Merritt.		Brigham, Q.	7	7	7	1	1	1	27	27	27		
37	Macnab.		Welland.	7	7	7	1	1	1	27	27	27		
36	Britannia.		Port Colborne.	7	7	7	1	1	1	44	44	44		
111	Prince of Wales.		Seaford.	11	8	8	1	2	1	35	35	35		
22	Ayr.		Iona.	11	8	8	1	2	1	45	45	45		
69	Victoria.		Ayr.	2	2	2	2	2	1	35	35	35		
43	Walsingham.		Montreal, Q.	2	2	2	2	2	1	35	35	35		
54	St. John's.		Port Rowan.	2	2	2	2	2	1	35	35	35		
30	Spartan.		Mansonsville, Q.	2	2	2	2	2	1	35	35	35		
33	The Builders'.		Sparta.	2	2	2	2	2	1	35	35	35		
89	Plattsburg.		Ottawa.	2	2	2	2	2	1	35	35	35		
40	Bothwell.		Plattsburg.	2	2	2	2	2	1	35	35	35		
24	Speed.		Bothwell.	2	2	2	2	2	1	24	24	24		
32	Oriental.		Gaspésie.	2	2	2	2	2	1	24	24	24		
55	Tuscon.		Port Burwell.	10	11	10	9	9	19	23	23	23		
23	Prince Albert.		Levi, Q.	2	2	2	2	2	1	23	23	23		
41	Old Light.		Prince Albert.	2	2	2	2	2	1	23	23	23		
26	Emmiskillen.		Lucknow.	2	2	2	2	2	1	23	23	23		
166	Planigassnet.		York.	2	2	2	2	2	1	23	23	23		
166	Royal Canadian.		Planigassnet.	2	2	2	2	2	1	23	23	23		
162	Ascott.		Sweetwater, Q.	2	2	2	2	2	1	23	23	23		
162	Filius Vidua.		Leamoxville, Q.	2	2	2	2	2	1	23	23	23		
162	Belmont.		Adolphstown.	2	2	2	2	2	1	23	23	23		
161	Zambiar.		Belen.	2	2	2	2	2	1	23	23	23		
161	Orillia.		Coaticook, Q.	2	2	2	2	2	1	23	23	23		
161	Scotland.		Orillia.	2	2	2	2	2	1	23	23	23		
161	Winnipeg.		Scotland.	2	2	2	2	2	1	23	23	23		
161	Winnipeg.		Petrolia.	2	2	2	2	2	1	23	23	23		

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LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	INITIATIONS.	PASSED.	RATIFIED.	JOHNED.	WITNESSED.	DIED.	SUPP. N.P.D.	SUPP. U.M.C.	EXPELLED.	REMOVED.	MEMBERS.
198 White Oak.	Oakville.	6	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59
199 +Frederickburg.	Frederickburg, Q.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
200 St. Albans.	Mt. Forest.	12	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
201 Leeds.	Gananoque.	10	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
202 Mount Royal.	Montreal, Q.	10	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
203 Irvine.	Eton.	31	22	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
204 +Doric.	Danville, Q.	10	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
205 New Dominion.	New Hamburg.	10	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
206 North Gower.	North Gower.	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41
207 Lancaster.	Lancaster.	6	5	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
208 +Chateauguay.	Huntington.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
209 St. John's.	London.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
210 Evergreen.	Lunark.	7	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
211 Hawkesbury.	Hawkesbury.	6	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
212 Brome Lake.	Knowlton, Q.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
213 Elysian.	Garden Island.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
214 Dominion.	Hidgesay.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
215 Craig.	Alling Craig.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
216 Lake.	Amherstburg.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
217 Harris.	Orangeville.	4	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
218 Frederick.	Delhi.	11	12	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
219 Stevenson.	Toronto.	20	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
220 Credit.	Georgetown.	8	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
221 Zeredatha.	Uxbridge.	11	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
222 Mountain.	Thorold.	6	7	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
223 Marmora.	Marmora.	5	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
224 Norwood.	Norwood.	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
225 Zurich.	Zurich.	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
226 Bernard.	Listowel.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
227 Mt. Moriah.	Montreal, Q.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
228 Sutton.	Sutton Flatts, Q.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
229 Prince Arthur.	Odease.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
230 Ionic.	Brampton.	10	12	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
231 Kerr.	Bell Ewart.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
232 Lodge of Fidelity.	Ottawa.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
233 Cameron.	Wallacetown.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
234 Doric.	Park Hill.	10	12	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
235 Beaver.	Clarkenburg.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
236 Aldworth.	Paisley.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
237 Manitoba.	Bondhead.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
238 Vlazak.	Vienna.	10	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
239 Havelock.	Watford.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
240 Twood.	Twood.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
241 Prince Rupert.	Winnipeg, M.	15	10	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
242 Quinte.	Shannonville.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
243 Mackay.	Scott Front.	15	17	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
244 St. George.	St. George.	6	8	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
245 Lincks.	Mapleton, M.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
246 Tremont.	Thamesville.	10	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
247 U. of S. Observatory.	Montreal, Q.	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
248 Ashlar.	Yorkville.	4	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
249 Eureka.	Pakenham.	15	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
250 Caledonian.	Angus.	15	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
251 Thistle.	Embro.	15	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
252 The Intercolonial.	North Pembin.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
253 Masons.	Kington.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
254 Clinton.	Clinton.	15	10	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
255 Whitman.	Dundee.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
256 Johnson's Point.	Johnson's Point.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
257 Galt.	Galt.	15	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
258 Galt.	Galt.	15	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
259 Galt.	Galt.	15	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45

204 Chamberlain.  
205 Patterson.  
206 Northfield.  
207 Parthenon.  
208 Victoria.  
209 Cedars.  
210 Wellington.  
211 Seymour.  
212 Mystic.  
213 New Haven.  
214 Mt. Sinai.  
215 Thorac.  
216 Lorne.  
217 Eurock.  
218 St. John.  
219 Seven Islands.  
U.D. Wingham.  
U.D. Shrubshall.  
U.D. Dufferin.  
U.D. Doric.

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LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Died.	Susp. N.P.	Susp. U.M.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
264 Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	10	5	3	1	1	1					26
265 Patterson.....	Concord.....	8	5	4	1	1	1					24
266 Northern Light.....	Stayner.....	9	5	5	1	1	1					24
267 Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	22	16	18	1	1	1					51
268 Versulam.....	Brockville.....	3	3	3	3	1	1					11
269 Brougham Union.....	Brougham.....	10	5	6	0	1	1					20
270 Cedar.....	Osawawa.....											26
271 Wellington.....	Erin.....											8
272 Seymour.....	Ancaster.....											13
273 Olive Branch.....	West Shefford, Q.	6			1							7
274 Kent.....	Blenheim.....											13
275 Pontiac.....	Onslow.....											7
276 Teeswater.....	Teeswater.....											13
277 Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....											7
278 Mystic.....	Roan.....											11
279 New Hope.....	Hespeler.....											11
280 Mt. Sinai.....	Napanee.....											11
281 Thorpe.....	Holland Landing.....											11
282 Lorne.....	Glenmoe.....											26
283 Eureka.....	Bellevoile.....											16
284 St. John's.....	Ainsleville.....											16
285 Seven Star.....	Allison.....											10
U.D. Wingham.....	Wingham.....											10
U.D. Shurah.....	Prince Arthur's L.											10
U.D. Doric.....	Lobo.....											16
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## GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

## RECAPITULATION

OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 24TH JUNE, 1872,  
AS FAR AS HEARD FROM.

Lodges under warrants.....	281
" represented in Grand Lodge.....	223
" organized and affiliated .....	290
" making no returns .....	15
" extinct and dormant .....	9
" resuscitated.....	1
" affiliated .....	3
" working and making returns .....	266
Initiations reported.....	1802
Passings " .....	1589
Raisings " .....	1416
Joinings " .....	897
Resignations " .....	680
Deaths .....	138
Susensions, non-payment of dues .....	170
" unmasonic conduct .....	11
Restorations .....	42
Members in good standing .....	12,168

Receipts from Lodges for the fiscal year ending 31st Dec., 1871, for fees, dues, &c.....	\$10,346 64
Masonic Asylum Fund, as reported 30th June, 1872.....	5,858 66
Assets of Grand Lodge, as per Grand Treasurer's Statement to 30th June, 1872.....	\$47,630 56

## EXPULSIONS BY GRAND LODGE,

FOR GROSS UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

BRO. ANTHONY SKELDING,

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas, Ont.

BRO. THOMAS TAYLOR,

Lisgar Lodge, No. 344, Mapleton, Manitoba.

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