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MOST WORSHIPFUL  
GRAND LODGE

OF  
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

OF  
NOVA SCOTIA,

AT AN  
EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

Held at Truro, July 7th, 1877.

AND AT THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

June 5th, 6th, and 7th, A. D., 1878.

Ordered to be Read in the Lodges and Preserved.



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# GRAND OFFICERS

## OF THE

# GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, JUNE 5th, 1878.

M.W. J. WIMBURN LAURIE.....	GRAND MASTER.....	Halifax.
R.W. A. H. WOODILL, M. D.....	DEPUTY G. MASTER....	"
R.W. JAMES GOSSIP.....	SENIOR G. WARDEN....	"
R.W. NATHAN TUPPER, M. D.....	JUNIOR G. WARDEN....	Amherst.
R.W. ANDREW K. MACKINLAY.....	GRAND TREASURER....	Halifax.
R.W. BENJAMIN CURREN, D.C.L.....	GRAND SECRETARY ...	"
R.W. JOSEPH R. BENNETT.....	GRAND LECTURER.....	"
R.W. REV. D. C. MOORE.....	} GRAND CHAPLAINS.	Stellarton.
R.W. REV. H. D. DEBLOIS, B. A.....		Annapolis.
R.W. REV. W. DOWNEY.....		Barrington.
R.W. REV. C. BOWMAN, D.D.....		Parrsboro'.
R.W. REV. G. TOWNSHEND, M. A.....		Amherst.
R.W. REV. G. B. DODWELL, M. A.....		Halifax.
V.W. LUTHER B. ARCHIBALD.....	SENIOR G. DEACON....	Truro.
V.W. T. R. HARRIS.....	JUNIOR G. DEACON....	Aylesford.
V.W. JOHN W. RUHLAND.....	G. SUPT. OF WORKS....	Halifax.
V.W. W. E. STARRATT.....	G. D. OF CEREMONIES.	Paradise.
V.W. JOHN R. COWEN.....	G. SWORD BEARER....	Windsor.
V.W. S. PORTER.....	GRAND ORGANIST.....	Halifax.
V.W. P. E. MCKERROW.....	GRAND PURSUIVANT....	"
V.W. R. L. HARDWICK.....	} GRAND STEWARDS.	Annapolis.
V.W. J. MCKENZIE.....		Sydney.
V.W. E. E. TUPPER.....		Bear River.
V.W. W. V. MURRAY.....		Halifax.
V.W. J. W. FRASER.....		Stellarton.
V.W. J. J. DAVIS.....		Pictou.
V.W. JOHN M. TAYLOR.....	GRAND TYLER.....	Halifax.

### APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER :

R.W. THEODORE A. COSSMANN.....	Dist. Dep. G. Master.....	Halifax.
R.W. SANDFORD H. PELTON.....	"	Yarmouth.
R.W. AUGUSTUS ROBINSON, M. D.....	"	Annapolis.
R.W. LEWIS JOHNSTONE, M.D.....	"	Stellarton.
R.W. C. CREWE-READ.....	"	Sydney, C.B.

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

### EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

An Emergent Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was opened at Freemasons' Hall, Truro, on the 7th day of July, 1877.

#### PRESENT :

M. W. JOHN W. LAURIE.....	Grand Master.
R. W. A. C. PAGE.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. A. H. WOODELL.....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. JAMES HUDSON.....	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. A. HESSLEIN.....	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN.....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. REV. G. TOWNSHEND.....	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. REV. C. BOWMAN.....	" "
V. W. THOMAS V. COOKE.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. L. B. ARCHIBALD.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. LEWIS JOHNSTONE.....	as G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. L. D. WIER.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. JOHN OWERY.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. ARTHUR E. CURREN.....	as Grand Steward.
V. W. J. H. JOST.....	" "
V. W. J. D. COOKE.....	" "
V. W. W. C. NORTHUP.....	" "

## ADDITIONAL.

BRO. WILLIAM ROSS.....	} Bible Bearers.
W BRO. JAMES MARTIN .....	
W. BRO. JAMES KERR.....	Constitution Bearer.
BRO. HENRY HARVEY.....	} Standard Bearers.
" HENRY FARREL.....	
" D. PHILIPS.....	
" JOHN WILLIAMS.....	

With the Officers and Brethren of Cobequid, Truro and North Star Lodges, and a large number of visiting brethren from Halifax and other places.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at High twelve.

The M. W. Grand Master announced that this Emergent Communication had been convened for the purpose of laying the Corner Stone of the new Provincial Normal School Building about to be erected in Truro.

A procession was then formed and proceeded to the site of the new building, preceded by the band of the 63rd Volunteer Battalion of Halifax.

The Grand Lodge Officers having taken their places, and the members of the Fraternity having formed a hollow square, His Honor, the Lieut. Governor, addressed the Grand Master as follows :

**MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:**—According to ancient custom I have to request that you will kindly lay the Foundation Stone of this new Provincial Normal School Building with Masonic Ceremonies.

The ceremonies of laying the Corner Stone were then performed by the M. W. Grand Master, in accordance with ancient custom; after which the procession was reformed and returned to the Lodge room.

The business of this Emergent Communication being ended, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

**BENJAMIN CURREN,**  
*Grand Secretary.*

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The following is a copy of the Scroll deposited in the glass vessel which was placed under the Corner Stone :

IN THE NAME OF THE  
GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE,

On this Seventh day of July, A. D. 1877, A. L. 5877,  
And in the Forty-first year of the Reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign

VICTORIA,

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Colonies, and Dependencies thereof in Europe, Asia, Africa, America and Australasia, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India.

The Right Honorable SIR FREDERICK TEMPLE, Earl of Dufferin,

K. P., K. C. B., &c., &c.,

Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable ADAMS GEORGE ARCHIBALD, C. M. G.,

Lieut. Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia.

The Honorable ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,

Premier of the Dominion of Canada, and Minister of Public Works.

CHARLES ARCHIBALD, Esq., Mayor of the Town of Truro.

The Commissioners for erecting the Building as follows:—

J. B. Dickie, Esq., M. P. P., Custos of the County, Chairman; J. Fleming Blanchard, Esq.,  
W. Faulkner, Esq., James D. Ross, Esq., and W. E. McRobert, Esq.

THIS STONE,

THE CORNER STONE OF THE PROV. NORMAL SCHOOL,

Now being erected at Truro by the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia, was laid in accordance with the ancient usages of the Order by

COLONEL J. WIMBURN LAURIE,

M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Nova Scotia,

Assisted by the Officers of Grand Lodge and the Officers and members of subordinate Lodges, and in the presence of his Honor, the Lieut. Governor, and a large and influential concourse of citizens.

ARCHITECT.....HENRY F. BUSCH.

CONTRACTOR.....ANDREW JOHNSTONE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The trowel used on the occasion is a very handsome and massive one of solid silver, manufactured by Bro. Julius Cornelius, of Halifax, N. S., and bears the following inscription :

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TO ERECT A

PROVINCIAL NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING,

AT

TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA,

TO

COLONEL J. WIMBURN LAURIE,

M. W. GRAND MASTER OF FREEMASONS,

On the occasion of the

LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE,

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

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### ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

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The Thirteenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was held at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, commencing on Wednesday, the 5th day of June, A. D. 1878 A. L. 5878, at 12 o'clock, M.

#### PRESENT:

M. W. JOHN WEMBURN LAURIE.....	Grand Master.
R. W. REV. RICHARD AVERY.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. ALFRED H. WOODILL.....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. JAMES HUDSON.....	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. THEODORE A. COSSMANN.....	Dist. Dep. G. Master.
R. W. SANFORD H. PELTON.....	Dist. Dep. G. Master.
R. W. LEWIS JOHNSTONE.....	Dist. Dep. G. Master.
R. W. C. CREWE-READ.....	Dist. Dep. G. Master.
R. W. ANDREW K. MACKINLAY.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN.....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. REV. HENRY P. ALMON.....	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. REV. DAVID C. MOORE.....	" "
R. W. REV. WILLIAM DOWNEY.....	" "
R. W. REV. GEORGE TOWNSHEND.....	" "
R. W. REV. GEORGE B. DODWELL.....	" "



V. W. T. V. COOKE.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. L. B. ARCHIBALD.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. JOHN W. RUHLAND.....	Grand Sup. of Works.
V. W. W. E. STARRATT.....	Grand D. of Ceremonies.
V. W. J. A. GORDON.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. SAMUEL PORTER.....	Grand Organist.
V. W. P. E. MCKERROW.....	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. J. MCKENZIE.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. F. W. BENT.....	" "
V. W. T. R. HARRIS.....	" "
V. W. R. L. BLACK.....	" "
V. W. JOHN M. TAYLOR.....	Grand Tyler.

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. JAMES R. GRAHAM.....	Past Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM TAYLOR.....	" " "
R. W. ALLEN H. CROWE.....	" " "
R. W. CHARLES J. McDONALD.....	" " "
R. W. WILLIAM A. HESSON.....	Past S. Grand Warden.
R. W. ROBERT D. CLARKE.....	" " "
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN.....	" " "
R. W. ANDREW K. MACKINLAY.....	" " "
R. W. WILLIAM WILLIAMS.....	" " "
R. W. GEO. T. SMITHERS.....	" " "
R. W. ALLEN H. CROWE.....	" " "
R. W. REV. R. AVERY.....	" " "
R. W. W. HOLLOWAY.....	Past J. Grand Warden.
R. W. JOHN F. McDONALD.....	" " "
R. W. JAMES HUDSON.....	" " "

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 REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND  
LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

- R. W. Allen H. Crowe, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of  
England.
- R. W. George Fraser, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of  
Scotland.
- R. W. Andrew K. MacKinlay, as Representative of the Grand Lodge  
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- R. W. William Taylor, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and the Grand Orient of Costa Rica.
- R. W. George T. Smithers, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.
- M. W. J. Wimburn Laurie, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York.
- R. W. Charles J. Macdonald, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.
- R. W. Benjamin Curren, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
- R. W. Rev. D. C. Moore, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.
- R. W. Lewis Johnstone, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.
- R. W. William A. Hesson, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.
- R. W. Robert Fraser, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.
- R. W. Theodore A. Cossmann, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the roll, when forty-nine Lodges were found represented.

The representatives from a constitutional number of subordinate Lodges being present, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was opened in ample form, and with prayer by the Rev. George Townshend, M. A., Grand Chaplain.

On motion of R. W. Bro. B. Curren, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. F. McDonald, it was

*Resolved*, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during the present Communication.

The Minutes of the Annual Communication in June last having been printed and distributed to the Lodges, R. W. Bro. W. Taylor submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy, and adopted :

*Resolved*, That the minutes as printed be approved, except the minute on page 82 in reference to the Masonic clothing of the Virgin Lodge, and the minute on page 85 in reference to the Honorary membership of the Rev. Bro. Dodwell; and that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with."

The minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Emergent Communication held at Truro, July 7th, 1877, were read, and on motion approved.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials reported sixty-one Lodges entitled to be represented in Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication of 1878, and the following Representatives and Past Masters from forty-nine of these in attendance.

ST. ANDREW'S, No. 1.....	J. H. Jost, W. M. S. Porter, S. W. A. Northup, J. W.
ST. JOHN'S, No. 2 .....	G. Anderson, W. M. W. B. McDonald, S. W. D. Robertson, J. W.
VIRGIN, No. 3 .....	A. E. Curren, W. M. W. E. Wier, S. W. F. Day, J. W.
UNITY, No. 4. ....	H. S. Jost, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
ALBION, No. 5 ..	A. Fraser, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
ROYAL SUSSEX, No. 6... ..	E. Fultz, W. M. D. L. Johns, S. W.
ST. ANDREW'S, No. 7.....	J. McKenzie, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
ACACIA, No. 8.....	W. C. Harper, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
BURNS, No. 10. ....	O. Jones, W. M. D. C. Grant, S. W. Rev. J. Meadows, J. W.

- NEW CALEDONIA, No. 11.....J. J. Davis, P. M., Proxy for  
Lodge.
- HIRAM, No. 12.....A. S. Hood, P. M., Proxy for  
Lodge.
- ACADIA, No. 13.....J. Clarke, P.M., Proxy for Lodge.
- ACADIA, No. 14.....T. D. Spike, W. M.  
J. K. Bent, S. W.  
J. R. McLeod, J. W.
- ATHOLE, No. 15. ....T. Mitchell, W. M.  
J. T. Hamilton, S. W.  
A. B. Wilmot, J. W.
- KEITH, No. 16.....E. E. Tupper, P. M., Proxy for  
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- KEITH, No. 17.....J. B. Norton, W. M.
- UNION, No. 18. ....C. E. Bracket, W. M.  
B. N. Davis, J. W.
- ROYAL ALBERT, No. 19.....D. Lawlor, M. M., Proxy for  
Lodge.
- KEITH, No. 23.....J. H. Fraser, P. M., Proxy for  
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- WELSFORD, No. 26.....J. R. Cowen, S. W., Proxy for  
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D. W. Sharp, J. W.
- ELDORADO, No. 32.....J. Ballantyne, W. M.
- ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, No. 33..A. B. Cunningham, W. M.  
W. J. Shannon, J. W.
- QUEEN'S, No. 34 .....J. D. McDonald, W. M., Proxy  
for Wardens.
- ST. MARK'S, No. 35.....L. G. Campbell, W. M., Proxy  
for Wardens.
- COBEQUID, No. 37.....W. B. Alley, W. M.
- LODGE OF ST. MARK, No. 38.K. J. Dolphin, W. M.  
C. E. Davison, S. W.  
W. V. Murray, J. W.
- ROTHSAY, No. 41.....W. E. Starratt, P. M., Proxy for  
Lodge.
- EUREKA, No. 42.....J. H. Balcam, P. M., Proxy for  
Lodge.
- TRURO, No. 43.....T. Clarke, M. M., Proxy for  
Lodge.

PONTZ, No. 44.....	C. J. Margeson, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
PHILADELPHIA, No. 47.....	W. Downey, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
WIDOW'S SON, No. 48.....	R. L. Black, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
WESTERN STAR, No. 50.....	J. Wilkes, W. M., Proxy for Wardens.
EASTERN STAR, No. 51.....	G. A. Green, W. M. A. McKay, S. W.
HARMONY, No. 52.....	W. R. L. Foster, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
HIRAM, No. 53.....	J. H. McLean, W. M.
MORIEN, No. 55.....	A. McAskill, J. W., Proxy for W. M. and S. W.
TEMPLE, No. 57.....	W. H. Wyld, J. W., Proxy for W. M. and S. W.
KENTVILLE, No. 58.....	R. S. Masters, W. M., Proxy for S. W. J. A. Cogswell, J. W.
MANITOBA, No. 59.....	J. K. Fraser, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
CLARKE, No. 61.....	G. E. DeWitt, W. M., Proxy for Lodge.
TAYLOR, No. 62.....	Rev. E. N. Archibald, M. M., Proxy for Lodge.
CORINTHIAN, No. 63.....	E. T. McRobert, W. M.
MINAS, No. 67.....	A. S. Townshend, W. M. R. E. Tucker, M. M., Proxy for Wardens.
CURREN, No. 68.....	J. R. McDonald, W. M., Proxy for Wardens.
LAURIE, No. 70.....	J. Seeton, M. M., Proxy for Lodge.
EASTERN LIGHT, No. 72.....	A. Walsh, S. W., Proxy for W. M. and J. W.
IONIC, No. 73.....	T. R. Ilsley, S. W., Proxy for W. M. and J. W.
NORTH STAR, No. 74.....	R. Forman, W. M., Proxy for Wardens

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ST. JOHN'S.....	J. W. Laurie. J. Martin. E. M. Vieth. A. K. Mackinlay. W. Inglis. W. F. MacCoy.
VIRGIN.....	W. A. Hesson. R. T. Roome. B. Curren. J. Gossip. T. Mowbray. C. C. Vaux. C. E. Puttner. A. H. H. McGachen. A. Stephen.
UNITY.....	H. S. Jost.
ALBION.....	A. Fraser.
ROYAL SUSSEX.....	J. M. Taylor. W. Holloway. J. McLearn. J. M. Mumford. G. McKenzie.
ST. ANDREW'S (Sydney) .....	C. Crewe-Read.
ACACIA (Amherst).....	F. W. Bent. C. J. Townshend. N. Tupper. W. C. Harper.
BURNS.....	W. Taylor. J. Fortune. A. Waddell. W. A. Garrison. S. Mosher. R. J. Bennett.
NEW CALEDONIA.....	J. A. Gordon.



HIRAM (Yarmouth).....	A. S. Hood.
ACADIA (Pugwash).....	Rev. D. C. Moore. J. Clarke.
ACADIA (Halifax).....	G. Fraser. A. McLeod. J. W. Ruhland.
ATHOLE.....	C. J. McDonald. J. R. Graham. W. Williams. R. C. Fraser. G. J. Fluck. A. Carpenter.
KEITH (Bear River).....	E. E. Tupper.
KEITH (Halifax).....	I. Wyld.
UNION.....	P. E. McKerrow. W. B. Thomas.
KEITH (Stellarton).....	L. Johnstone. J. Hudson.
WELSFORD.....	J. Poyntz. Rev. H. P. Almon. J. B. Black.
SCOTIA (Canning).....	D. M. Dickie. A. B. Paxter.
ANNAPOLIS ROYAL.....	A. Robinson. R. L. Hardwick.
ST. MARK'S.....	D. F. McRae.
COBEQUID.....	G. Hyde. T. V. Cooke.
L. OF ST. MARK.....	G. T. Smithers. T. A. Cossmann. L. F. Darling. H. N. Wright.
ROTHSAY.....	W. E. Starratt.
TRURO.....	L. B. Archibald.
POYNTZ.....	C. J. Margeson.
PHILADELPHIA.....	Rev. W. Downey.
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MINAS .....	W. J. Flinn.
CURREN .....	J. F. McDonald.
EASTERN LIGHT.....	G. W. Scott.
IONIC .....	F. Leavitt.
NORTH STAR.....	J. Kerr.

The R. W. Grand Secretary offered the following Resolution which was seconded by W. Bro. J. R. Bennett, and adopted :

*Resolved*, That the election of officers for the ensuing year take place this evening at 8½ o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment to meet at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 5th, 1878.

At 2½ o'clock, p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. J. Wimburn Laurie, Grand Master, presiding.

A constitutional number of Lodges being duly represented, the Grand Lodge was declared ready to proceed to labor.

### DISTINGUISHED VISITOR RECEIVED.

A very pleasing feature of this Session was the introduction of R. W. Bro. Rev. Henry W. Rugg, a distinguished member of the Craft in Rhode Island, and Grand Chaplain of the M. W. Grand Lodge of that State. Our much esteemed and very eminent frater was received by Grand Lodge with the honors due to his exalted position in the Craft and invited to a seat in the East. Bro. Rugg's very happy reply in response to the cordial reception extended to him by Grand Master Laurie, was received with marked applause.

The M. W. Grand Master then delivered the following

## ANNUAL ADDRESS.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, VERY WORSHIPFUL AND WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN:

My time has been of late so entirely occupied by press of professional work, that I can do but little more than lay before you the report of my official acts.

On the 7th day of July last at the request of the Trustees of the Provincial Normal School, Grand Lodge was summoned to meet at Truro to take part in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new school building. As earnest seekers after light, it is especially the duty of Masons to lend their aid to the advancement of education, and it was with much gratification I noticed that Brethren from all parts of the Province shewed their zeal for the cause to which the edifice was to be devoted, by attending our meeting in many cases at considerable inconvenience. As I declared the corner stone to be well and truly laid, I could not help feeling that much of the future progress of our Province must depend on the proper utilization of this institution; and hoping that "well proved, true and trusty" may be the motto that every graduate leaving those doors will carry with him as his own, thus will speculative masonry establish her principles, just as, in the ceremony of the day, the operative mason carried out the practice of the order.

The ceremony was the more interesting as the clergy of the neighborhood were well represented, and the venerable Dr. McCulloch opened with prayer.

The Lieut. Governor of our Province, himself a native of the town where the ceremonies were held, the Admiral commanding the Squadron on the station, the Major-General and Lieut.-Governor of Bermuda, both prominent educationists, with a large body of representative gentlemen also attended on the platform, and on the conclusion of the Masonic ceremony, interesting and practical addresses on the subject of education were delivered by the eloquent gentlemen above named, and according to an established custom in our Province, the immense audience dispersed after giving three hearty cheers for our Queen.

Grand Lodge was accompanied by Truro, Cobequid, and North Star Lodges, as well as by a large gathering of Brethren from Halifax and the Eastern Counties.

### LODGE VISITATIONS.

Broken health during the past winter interfered materially with my intended arrangements for the visitation of Subordinate Lodges. I had, however, the pleasure of visiting Acadia Lodge, Pugwash, and the melancholy satisfaction of assisting with the brethren at the obsequies of a deceased brother. I also visited Poyntz Lodge, at Hantsport, a Lodge that, although small in numbers, has, to all appearance, shewn a wise discretion in the choice of the material of which it is composed.

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Welsford Lodge, Windsor, as usual, gave me a hearty welcome and great pleasure in seeing the thoroughness of their masonic work. By a curious coincidence, nearly every evening on which I officially visited the City Lodges, it rained and blew heavily, and the attendance was not large in consequence.

## DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

The general accuracy of the Records, &c., attest to the vigilance and careful supervision of the District Deputies; these officers have a very onerous duty to perform, and were it not for the cordial support accorded by the brethren to them in their official capacity, the position would be very hard to fill. With but one exception which came to my notice, and which will, without doubt, be brought before the Grand Lodge, I found the position and standing of these officers as defined by Grand Lodge fully recognised.

## GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Owing to the retention of the title "Grand Lodge of Canada" by the Grand Lodge which really has jurisdiction only in the Province of Ontario, much misapprehension exists as to our position and standing. The Title "Grand Lodge of the Province of Nova Scotia" is readily perverted to that of "Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia," and as Nova Scotia is politically a part of Canada, so it is at once assumed that our Grand Lodge holds under the jurisdiction of the so-called Grand Lodge of Canada.

The title "Canada" is retained, but the territory thereby represented is totally different from that which bore the name at the time when the Grand Lodge so designated was organised, and it appears somewhat unfortunate that this was not seen and a title assumed in accordance with the territorial limits of the jurisdiction. If our sister Grand Lodge, with whom all our intercourse has been harmonious, could adopt the political title of the jurisdiction over which she has sway, much misconception and many mistakes would be avoided.

## GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

It is with extreme regret that we have learned that the Grand Orient of France, the supreme body ruling over Freemasonry in England's old enemy, but now warm friend and trusted ally, France, has altered its Constitution, and omitted therefrom the first fundamental principle of Freemasonry—the belief in a great First Cause—a Personal God. According to the light to which we have been admitted, this change strikes at the root of Freemasonry as recognized by us. We may have differed with our Brethren of the Grand Orient on questions of jurisdiction or other, by comparison, minor matters; it may have been necessary on account of our claims to exclusive territorial jurisdiction to decline to continue fraternal relations with them, whilst they continued to ignore what we believe to be our just rights; but although not in masonic intercourse with our Brethren of France, we still recognized that they were masons; but now that as a body, and by the voice of their supreme council, they have officially announced their departure from one of the

most ancient Landmarks of our Order, in fact, *the* most ancient, but one course remains for us to pursue: it is firmly and decidedly, although sorrowfully, to regard them as those who have gone out from amongst us, who have no longer part or lot with us, as a body of men, but no longer as a body of Freemasons; in this we shall be acting in accord with our sister Grand Lodges in the old Country and in harmony with the action which I feel assured, must be taken by our fellow Masons on this continent when their Grand Lodges assemble.

To us who pride ourselves on our open Bible, who humbly recognize our entire dependence on the Great Architect of the Universe, and, who, as speculative and symbolical Masons, carry on our work here, and hope to continue it hereafter under his all-seeing Eye, and who have, as we hope, been more firmly strengthened in the belief since the day when our acknowledged trust in God brought us a partial admission to Light; I say, to us, thus nourished and strengthened in our faith, it seems as if a species of insanity had seized our erring Brethren, and led them to repudiate so assential an element of Masonry. As Masons let us hope and earnestly pray that they may be brought to see the error of their views and humbly return wiser and better men to seek that light which they now so wilfully deny themselves.

We have to-day revived an old and honoured custom that had for some time past fallen into disuse. As Masons it has always been our custom in the privacy of our Grand Lodge to invoke the blessing of the Most High on our work carried on there, but, especially after the late action of the Grand Orient of France, I felt it was but proper that we should in the most public manner place before the community in which we live, and the world at large, the religious character of our order, and our recognition of our Supreme Head, the source of all Light and Goodness. Should it be, as I trust may be the case, the wish of the craft to continue this custom, it would be desirable that the hour of meeting of Grand Lodge should be changed, so that the arrangements for formally opening Grand Lodge and attending Divine service can be made more convenient.

#### DUTIES OF REPRESENTATIVES.

It would be well that the duties of our Representatives near Foreign Grand Lodges should be more clearly defined. Not long since, at a ceremonial in connection with a foreign Grand Lodge, I attended by invitation, but throughout the whole proceedings the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia did not come near me, but left me to find out my own part in the proceedings. I remark on this, as the representatives of other Grand Lodges made a point of receiving and officially attending the Grand Officers coming from the Jurisdiction they represented, and if this is the duty of representatives, it would be well that those only should hold the position who are prepared to perform the duties.

#### DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

I submit the Report of the Deputy Grand Master, giving particulars of official acts performed by him in my absence from the jurisdiction. I believe

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that the R. Worshipful Brother has taken the proper course in addressing the Report to me, and I am of opinion that all reports intended to be submitted to the Grand Lodge should be addressed to its chief officer, who will submit them, accompanied, if necessary, by any remarks of his own.

## OFFICIAL ACTS.

Laid Corner Stone of Provincial Normal School Building.

## BY-LAWS.

Sanctioned the By-Laws of Queen's, Eureka, St. Mark's, Charity and Laurie Lodges.

## AMENDMENTS.

Sanctioned amendments in the By-Laws of Solomon, Keith, (17), Harmony, (52), Poyntz, Eastern Star, Albert, Lodge of St. Mark and Western Star Lodges.

## WIMBURN LODGE.

On the 19th of October, I issued my dispensation authorizing Isaac J. Hingley, Herbert R. Carter, and Fraser McKenzie, to establish a new Lodge at Oxford, Cumberland Co., to be called "Wimburn Lodge."

## BROTHER PHINNEY.

I refused to issue my dispensation to authorize Harmony Lodge to confer the degree of Master Mason upon Bro. Phinney, initiated in the late Virgin Lodge, Wilmot, Nova Scotia, Scottish Registry, said Brother Phinney now having his residence in the United States.

## CORINTHIAN AND NORTH STAR.

On the question of jurisdiction between Corinthian and North Star Lodges I have given the following decision:

"Section 42, Chapter 14, gives permission to Corinthian and North Star to settle the boundaries of their own jurisdiction; subject to the sanction of Grand Lodge. As, however, no agreement between them appeared to have been arrived at, I can only decide according to the Constitution: that whilst their respective jurisdictions in all other directions will be ten miles or half way to the nearest Lodge, their jurisdictions in regard to each other must be bounded by a line drawn half way between them."

## BRO. FULLER, WAIVER OF JURISDICTION.

I decided that Bro. George Fuller, initiated in Truro Lodge, No. 44, but passed and raised in Scotia Lodge, No. 28, is a member of Scotia Lodge and must be returned as such to Grand Lodge. Truro Lodge having voluntarily waived jurisdiction in this case.

## ST. JOHN'S DAY.

I granted permission to King Solomon and Minas Lodges to walk in procession on St. John's Day in order to attend Divine Service.



## ACACIA LODGE—DUPLICATE CHARTER.

The original Charter of Acacia Lodge, now No. 8, having been destroyed by fire on the 6th day of December last, I directed the G. Secretary to issue from the Registry of Warrants, a Duplicate Charter to the members of the Lodge, to enable them to meet regularly and continue their work.

## DEPARTURE FROM THE CONSTITUTION.

In one case only during the year have I authorized a departure from the constitutional period of one month between the degrees; and this was a case in which a brother petitioned to be raised to the degree of M. M., after an interval of 28 days from his receiving the 2nd degree.

## RESTORATION.

Pointed out that in accordance with the Constitution, a brother suspended for non-payment of dues can be restored only by the payment of all arrears due at the time of suspension.

## LODGE JURISDICTION.

## Interpretation of Sec. 42, Chapter 14.

Finding that the interpretation of Sec. 42 is still an open question which has never come before Grand Lodge, as to whether the 10 miles jurisdiction in every direction shall be held to be "as the crow flies," or ten miles of actual travel, I must give my decision that the ten miles shall be held to be ten miles of actual travel by the ordinary means of communication. The object of this clause of the Constitution being, as I understand it, that within a given travelling distance, an individual shall, if he join any, join the nearest Lodge; beyond that distance, if his zeal prompt him to become a mason, it shall be left to himself to choose his own Lodge, the increased distance, and consequent tax upon time, &c., being a guarantee of his good motives.

In this jurisdiction, sparsely settled, and with a deeply indented coast line, ten miles in an air line might mean thirty by road;—a manifestly unfair distance at which to claim jurisdiction.

J. W. LAURIE,  
Grand Master.

On motion the address of the Grand Master was referred to a special committee consisting of W. Bro. J. Poyntz, R. W. Bro. L. Johnstone, and R. W. Bro. C. Crewe-Read.

## DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master submitted the following report of his Official Acts during the absence of the M. W. Grand Master from the Province.

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COLONEL LAURIE, MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF NOVA SCOTIA.

*Most Worshipful Sir :—*

It is, I believe, an admitted principle in all corporate bodies, that the subordinate officer reports direct to his superior officer. Accepting this aphorism, I beg to submit a brief statement of the modicum of duty, which came to my notice during your temporary absence from the Jurisdiction.

Bro. Geo. Guy of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, was elected Junior Deacon at the regular meeting in March, but afterwards declined acting. Upon the suggestion of our able Grand Secretary, I issued a special authority to St. John's Lodge to elect a Junior Deacon to supply the vacancy, at their monthly communication in April. I doubt the propriety of expecting the Grand Master to exercise the Prerogative in order to cancel those mistakes which could be avoided by the employment of forethought and consideration.

I granted also a dispensation to King Solomon Lodge No. 54, to hold the election of officers at their regular meeting in April, they having failed to obey the constitution in March. This Lodge seems then to have run riot; there was neither decorum nor constitutionality; but I welcome with joy the existing evidences of honor, harmony, and good sense which now distinguish the true Brothers of King Solomon Lodge.

I cannot fail to remark with pleasure the purity of sentiment, and cultivated intelligence, which characterize the well written protest of Bro. E. Wassel.

I trust, Most Worshipful sir, I can rely upon your kind approval.

With the highest consideration and respect,

I have the honor to be,

Yours fraternally,

RICHARD AVERY,

*Deputy Grand Master.*

Aylesford, May 23, 1878.

On motion, the report of the Dep. G. Master was referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit.

#### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Nova Scotia :*

I have the honor to submit, for the information of Grand Lodge, the following Report of the proceedings of the Grand Secretary's office for the past year.

As soon as the appointments of the District Deputies, not installed at the Annual Communication, had been completed, I forwarded to those officers the usual letters of authority under seal of Grand Lodge, empowering them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

I have received during the year and forwarded to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence the Proceedings of forty-four Grand Lodges, as will appear from the report of that Committee.

About 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year ended with the Annual Communication of 1877, have been printed under my direction, and distributed as follows:—

To 54 Grand Lodges in America.....	162
“ Grand Lodges and Representatives in Europe.....	20
“ 68 Subordinate Lodges in Nova Scotia.....	204
“ Grand Lodge Officers and Members of Committees.....	70
“ Grand Officers of Past rank.....	24
“ Representatives of the G. Lodge of Nova Scotia near other G. Lodges in America.....	40
“ Publishers of Newspapers and Magazines.....	30
Number distributed this year.....	550

Leaving only 50 copies to meet a constant demand, not only from zealous masons in our own jurisdiction, who take a deep interest in the Craft, desire to keep themselves posted in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, and are anxious to become familiar with the constitution by which they are governed, but by many prominent members of other Grand Jurisdictions, who watch with interest the doings of the Craft in Nova Scotia.

The original charter of Prince of Wales Lodge, English Registry, having been destroyed by fire as reported by me to Grand Lodge last year, (See proceedings 1877, page 42) I issued to the members of that Lodge a charter from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, as per resolution of Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, inserting the names of the original petitioners as nearly as could be ascertained, together with the names of the officers of the Lodge for the current year.

On the 6th day of Dec. last, the Brethren of Acacia Lodge, Amherst, met with a serious loss in the destruction by fire of their new, spacious and elegant Hall, the dedication of which on the 28th of August, 1873, was almost the last official act of the late Grand Master Keith.

In the destruction of the Hall and its contents, the brethren lost their charter; and by command of the M. W. Grand Master, I issued, December 24, to the members of Acacia, a duplicate from the Registry of Warrants.

#### DONATIONS OF BOOKS.

In addition to several magazines and other periodicals received from time to time through the kindness of the publishers, I have received from the Library Committee of Pennsylvania, a work entitled “Early History and

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Constitutions of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, from 1730;" the receipt of this has been duly acknowledged, awaiting further action on the part of the Grand Lodge.

I have received also from R. W. Bro. Henry C. D. Twining an edition of Anderson's Constitutions, date 1750, the title page reads:

"The Constitutions of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing their History, Charges, Regulations, &c., &c., collected and digested by order of the Grand Lodge from their old Records, faithful traditions and Lodge books, for the use of the Lodges by James Anderson, D. D. Carefully revised, continued and enlarged with many additions by John Entick, M.A., London, 1756 in the vulgar year of Masonry, 5756."

Bros. William E. and Louis D. Wier of Virgin Lodge of this City have also presented to the Reading-room of Freemasons' Hall several volumes of interesting works.

Diplomas have been issued to Bros. Yeatman and Dodson in accordance with the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, adopted at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

On the 19th of October, 1877, I forwarded to Isaac J. Hingley, Herbert R. Carter, and Fraser McKenzie the Grand Master's dispensation, empowering them to open a new Lodge at Oxford, Cumberland County, to be called Wimburn Lodge. The minutes of this Lodge have been forwarded to me, and are now before the Committee on Charters, who will report at this Communication.

Brother George Guy, Senior Deacon elect of St. John's Lodge, having been compelled, by circumstances over which he had no control, to decline installation, I forwarded to W. Brother Vose, the Master of the Lodge, a dispensation from R. W. Bro. R. Avery, acting G. Master, authorizing the election of some other suitable Brother to the office of Senior Deacon of that Lodge.

A similar authority was also issued to the W. Master and members of King Solomon Lodge, Digby, to enable them to elect officers for the ensuing year, at a communication held subsequent to the regular meeting in March.

Of the 67 chartered Lodges in the Jurisdiction, 61 have complied with the requirements of section 26, chapter 14 of the constitution, and are therefore entitled to be represented at this communication.

Returns have since been received from five of the six behind time, thus leaving only one to be heard from.

Returns received show the following results:—

Number initiated during the year.....	241
"    passed    "    "    .....	215
"    raised    "    "    .....	213
"    affiliated    "    "    .....	77
"    reinstated    "    "    .....	31
"    dimitted    "    "    .....	145
"    died    "    "    .....	37

Number suspended for non-payment of dues.....	177
“ “ unmasonic conduct.....	0
“ missing.....	51
“ rejected.....	59
Whole number of subscribing members.....	3424

Showing a much smaller number raised than that of any one of the six preceding years, and an excess of dimissions and suspensions over the number of raised, affiliated and reinstated, thereby making a decrease in the number of contributing members as compared with the number reported last year of about 75. I do not think this decrease in our numbers a cause for alarm. When Lodges were paying to Grand Lodge a per capita tax of 50 cents, many unworthy members were allowed to remain on the books, and their Lodges generously paid the Grand Lodge requirements rather than resort to suspension from membership. Now, however, that the dues have been increased, Lodges will be found indisposed to retain upon their books those who are able but unwilling to contribute to the general good of the Fraternity, and a much more satisfactory state of things will exist in regard to Lodge membership, even should the funds of Grand Lodge suffer somewhat as a consequence.

While the number estranged from us during the year just passed by dimissions and suspensions for non-payment of dues is unusually large, and suggestive of serious consideration as to the necessity of devising some means of checking a defection in our ranks so much to be regretted, it gives me great pleasure to make the gratifying announcement, that not one instance of suspension for unmasonic conduct has been reported during the year.

I submit herewith my account for the past year, giving a statement in detail of moneys paid to June 1st, 1878, from which it will appear that I have received the sum of \$2888.25, which amount has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer as per vouchers.

Respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN CURREN,  
Grand Secretary.

BENJAMIN CURREN, *Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia for the year ended June 5th 1878.*

Received for dues from—

No.		to	June 1878.....	
1.	St. Andrew's Lodge	“	“	\$57 00
2.	St. John's	“	“	48 75
3.	Virgin	“	“	50 25
4.	Unity	“	“	25 50
5.	Albion	“	“	73 50
6.	Royal Sussex	“	“	46 50

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51	9. Zetland	" " 1875	60 00
59	10. Burns	" " 1878	77 25
424	11. New Caledonia	" " "	83 25
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	42. Eureka	" " "	46 50
	43. Truro	" " "	45 75
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	47. Philadelphia	" " "	36 75
	48. Widow's son	" " "	28 50
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	51. Eastern star	" " "	33 75
	52. Harmony (Aylesford)	" " "	59 25
	53. Hiram (Goldenville)	" " "	21 75
	54. King Solomon	" " "	24 75
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63. Corinthian	to June 1878.....	\$35 25
64. Richmond	" " ".....	18 00
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67. Minas	" " ".....	33 75
68. Curren	" " ".....	27 00
69. Charity	" " ".....	17 25
70. Laurie	" " ".....	15 75
72. Eastern Light	" " ".....	24 00
73. Ionic	" " ".....	25 50
74. North star	" " ".....	30 75

Total for dues.....\$2418 75

Received for Diplomas from—

No.		to June, 1878.....	\$21 00
1.	St. Andrew's	" " ".....	7 00
2.	St. John's	" " ".....	21 00
3.	Virgin	" " ".....	4 00
4.	Unity	" " ".....	4 00
5.	Albion	" " ".....	2 00
6.	Royal Sussex	" " ".....	2 00
7.	St. Andrew's	" " ".....	15 00
8.	Acacia	" " ".....	6 00
9.	Zetland	" " ".....	16 00
10.	Burns	" " ".....	5 00
11.	New Caledonia	" " ".....	4 00
12.	Hiram	" " ".....	7 00
13.	Acadia	" " ".....	10 00
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15.	Athole	" " ".....	6 00
16.	Keith	" " ".....	9 00
17.	Keith	" " ".....	20 00
18.	Union	" " ".....	9 00
19.	Royal Albert	" " ".....	12 00
20.	St. George's	" " ".....	2 00
23.	Keith	" " ".....	3 00
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26.	Welsford	" " ".....	8 00
28.	Scotia	" " ".....	2 00
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15 75	46. Solomon	" " ".....	6 00
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	57. Temple	" " ".....	4 00
\$21 00	58. Kentville	" " ".....	4 00
7 00	59. Manitoba	" " ".....	10 00
21 00	62. Taylor	" " ".....	6 00
4 00	63. Corinthian	" " ".....	2 00
4 00	64. Richmond	" " ".....	2 00
2 00	66. Sircom	" " ".....	2 00
2 00	67. Minas	" " ".....	12 00
15 00	68. Curren	" " ".....	2 00
6 00	69. Charity	" " ".....	2 00
16 00	70. Laurie	" " ".....	4 00
5 00	72. Eastern Light	" " ".....	10 00
4 00	73. Ionic	" " ".....	6 00
7 00	74. North Star	Bal. due on 1877.....	2 00
10 00	74. North Star	to June 1878.....	11 00

Total for diplomas.....\$407 50

Received for Dispensation to open Wimburn Lodge ..... \$50 00

Received for Renewal of Diplomas from—

Corey Odell, Annapolis Royal.....	\$1 00
R. A. Daniel, Minas, name incorrectly returned by Sec.....	1 00
A. F. McLeod, Albion.....	1 00
Norman Beaton, Western Star.....	1 00
G. J. Fluck, for Bro. Hoppe, dip. and Reg.....	2 00

Total for Renewals..... \$6 00

Received for Degree Dispensation from—

Scotia (No. 28) ..... \$5 00

## Received for Complaints from—

Welsford.....	\$1 00
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## Recapitulation :—

Received for dues.....	\$2418 75
“ “ Diplomas.....	407 50
“ “ Dispensation (new Lodge) .....	50 00
“ “ Degree Dispensation.....	5 00
“ “ Renewal of Diplomas .....	6 00
“ “ Complaint .....	1 00

Total amount received during the year.....	\$2888 25
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By Cash paid A. K. Mackinlay, Esq., Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers  
113 to 123 (both inclusive).....\$2888 25

On motion of R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, seconded by W.  
Bro. A. Stephen, it was

*Resolved*, That the report of the Grand Secretary, with accompanying  
statement of account for the past year be received and referred to the Com-  
mittee on Finance and Audit.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer then submitted his Annual  
Report as follows, which, on motion of W. Bro. A. Stephen, was  
received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit.

## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

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

THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA in acct. with ANDREW K. MACKINLAY,  
Grand Treasurer.

1877.

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June 5.	To Cash paid	Debenture No.	\$ 8 00
“	“	J. Powers, Rep. from Widow's Son, No. 48.....	10 00
“	“	J. McDonald, Rep. from Hopewell, No. 68.....	8 50
“	“	J. H. McDonald, Rep. from Queen's No. 34 ...	20 00
“	“	G. M. Bishop, Rep. from Sircom, No. 66.....	18 50
“	“	D. Inglis, Rep. from Granville, No. 71.....	10 80
“	“	Rev. D. C. Moore, Rep. from Acadia, No. 13...	10 50
“	“	J. Kerr, M. D., Rep. from North Star, No. 74...	7 34

June 5. To Cash paid		J. L. Peppard, M. D., Rep. from Corinthian,	
		No. 63.....	\$ 6 50
51 00	"	G. R. Davies, Rep. from New Caledonia, No. 11	9 50
	"	D. D. Davidson, Rep. from Kentville, No. 58...	7 50
	"	A. Robinson, M.D., Rep. from Annapolis Royal	
18 75		No. 33.....	10 80
27 50	"	T. R. Harris, Rep. from Harmony, No. 52.....	13 50
50 00	"	L. McDonald, Rep. from Taylor, No. 62.....	22 00
5 00	"	J. McDonald, Rep. from Solomon, No. 46.....	13 80
6 00	"	W. S. Wylde, Rep. from Temple, No. 57.....	17 75
1 00	"	J. S. McKay, Rep. from Manitoba, No. 59.....	9 50
88 25	"	J. McGillivray, Rep. from Albion, No. 5.....	9 50
	"	Rev. W. Downey, Rep. from Philadelphia,	
		No. 47.....	29 40
	"	Rev. C. Bowman, D.D., Rep. from Keith, No. 23	6 00
88 25	"	E. E. Tupper, Rep. from Keith, No. 16.....	14 50
	"	J. C. Mitchell, Rep. from Tyrian Youth, No. 45	25 80
W.	"	J. W. West, Rep. from Charity, No. 69 ..	10 00
	"	A. McAskill, Rep. from Morien, No. 55.....	13 80
	"	D. Carruthers, Rep. from Western Star, No. 50	9 25
ying	"	W. Campbell, Rep. from Thistle, No. 36.....	25 80
Com-	"	J. McKenzie, Rep. from St. Andrew's, No. 7...	31 00
	"	A. J. Townshend, Rep. from Minas, No. 67....	14 50
	"	J. W. Bingay, Rep. from Hiram, No. 12.....	24 70
ual	"	D. Lawlor, Rep. from Royal Albert, No. 19...	32 00
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udit.	"	J. H. Palmetter, Rep. from Scotia, No. 28....	10 00
	"	F. W. Bent, Rep. from Acacia, No. 8 .....	8 78
	"	R. A. Tremain, Rep. from Eastern Light, No. 72	17 40
	"	W. E. Starratt, Rep. from Rothsay, No. 41...	10 85
	"	W. B. Alley, Rep. from Cobequid, No. 37 .....	5 20
	"	H. S. Jost, Rep. from Unity, No. 4.....	12 00
	"	F. Leavitt, Rep. from Ionic, No. 73.....	10 50
	"	W. A. Porter, Rep. from Poyntz, No. 44.....	6 50
NLAY,	"	J. R. Cowan, Rep. from Welsford, No. 26.....	8 50
	"	H. Shaw, D. D. G. M., travelling expenses,	
		official visitations.....	35 00
	"	H. Shaw, D. D. G. M., travelling expenses at-	
		tending G. Lodge.....	6 50
\$ 8 00	"	L. Johnstone, D. D. G. M., travelling expenses,	
10 00	"	official visitations .....	24 00
8 50	"	L. Johnstone, D. D. G. M., travelling expenses	
20 00	"	attending G. Lodge.....	10 00
18 50	"	C. Crewe-Read, D.D.G.M., travelling expenses,	
10 80	"	official visitations.....	31 00
10 50	"	C. Crewe-Read, D.D.G.M., travelling expenses,	
7 34	"	attending G. Lodge.....	28 00

June 5.	To Cash paid C. Crewe-Read, D.D.G.M., expenses consecrating Eastern Light Lodge, No. 72.....	\$26 20
September.	Commercial Union Ins. Co., prem. on \$ 5,000	25 00
"	Guardian Insurance Co., " 10,000	50 00
"	North British Mercantile Co., " 4,000	31 00
"	Western Assurance Co., " 4,000	31 00
"	Insurance premium on ———	75 00
"	Grand Secretary to Sept. 1, 1877.....	150 00
"	Band 63rd Regt., June 6th, " .....	46 00
"	" 66th " " " .....	42 00
"	Gas, large Hall to Aug. 1877.....	98 70
"	" Lodges to Aug. 1877.....	81 90
"	F. C. Stevens, Coal.....	147 00
Dec. 4.	Mrs. Donaldson, interest on mortgage.....	660 00
"	Debentures.....	100 00
"	" .....	4 00
"	Grand Secretary to Dec. 1.....	150 00
"	S. M. Brookfield, Interest to Dec., 1877.....	300 00
"	Debentures.....	80 00
"	" .....	12 00
"	Grand Secretary.....	150 00
"	Debenture No. 71.....	4 00
"	" " 105 & 105 .....	1 60
"	" " 36 & 36, 69 & 69.....	24 00
"	" " 75.....	4 00
"	" .....	1 60
"	" .....	8 00
"	" No. 5, 65, 67, 84, 14, 13.....	76 00
"	" " 73.....	8 00
"	" " 74, 70.....	12 00
1878.		
February.	Jas. Martin, salary as Janitor, from Nov. 1, 1876, to Jan. 31, 1878, 65 weeks at \$3 per week	195 00
"	Wm. Roche, Coal.....	52 69
"	A. H. Crowe, Sundries.....	12 12
"	Renwick, repairing clocks.....	2 50
March.	Grand Secretary .....	150 00
April.	J. N. Ritchie, drawing and recording mortgage, etc., etc., etc... ..	22 25
"	A. & W. Mackinlay's account .....	64 15
"	Debentures.....	20 00
"	" .....	20 00
"	" No. 35.....	8 00
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## GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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April.	To	Cash paid	Debentures, No. 1.....	\$20 00
"	"	"	Gas, 2 qtrs. public room.....	38 40
"	"	"	" Lodge rooms.....	147 90
"	"	"	Chronicle to June, 1877.....	23 75
"	"	"	Debentures, 110.....	1 60
May.	"	"	Water rates for 1877, 1878.....	75 50
"	"	"	Remitted Spencer & Co., London, G. B.....	60 03
"	"	"	Wm. Macnab, Printing to Dec. 1877, Annual Report, etc., etc.....	346 75
June.	"	"	Mrs. Donaldson, interest on mortgage.....	660 00
"	"	"	Jas. Martin, salary as Janitor, 13 weeks to April 30th, 1878.....	39 00
"	"	"	Grand Secretary.....	150 00
"	"	"	S. M. Brookfield, interest to June 1st, 1878.....	300 00
"	"	"	Gas, public room.....	28 84
"	"	"	" Lodges.....	75 04
"	"	"	" Herald " printing to May 31, 1877.....	14 25
"	"	"	" Reporter " " June 3, ".....	10 25
"	"	"	N. S. Printing Co., printing to Oct. 1877.....	1 00
"	"	"	R. McConnell, " June ".....	6 00
"	"	"	Blackadar Bros., printing 3 years to May 31.....	17 00
"	"	"	City Taxes, 1877.....	272 65
"	"	"	Interest to Benevolent Fund.....	13 95
"	"	"	Debenture, No. 72 & 76.....	8 00
"	"	"	Discount on cheques and notes.....	0 92
			Balance.....	535 08

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June 1.	By	balance.....	\$1243 85
"	"	Cash from Bro. Hesson, old rents.....	380 84
Aug. 14.	"	" " ".....	112 00
Nov. 6.	"	" " " old building.....	87 50
"	"	" " " Royal Standard Lodge.....	50 00
"	"	" " " Athol Lodge.....	50 00
"	"	" " " Union Chapter.....	50 00
Dec. 4.	"	" " " Burns Lodge.....	50 00
"	"	" " " Union ".....	52 00
"	"	" " " Royal Sussex Lodge.....	52 00
"	"	" " " St. Mark's Lodge.....	52 00
"	"	" " " St. Andrew's Lodge.....	54 00
"	"	" " " St. John's Lodge.....	54 00
"	"	" " " St. Andrew's Lodge.....	56 00
"	"	" " " Virgin Lodge.....	50 00
"	"	" " " Grand Secretary.....	106 00

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Jan. 4.	By Cash from Acadia Lodge.....	\$51 00			
" "	" Keith " .....	51 00			
" "	" W. A. Hesson, old building.....	87 50			
Feb. 22.	" Burns Lodge.....	53 00			
" "	" Union " .....	51 00			
" "	" St. Mark's Lodge.....	53 00			
" "	" Royal Sussex " .....	50 00			
" "	" Public Room.....	130 00			
Apr. 8.	" Royal Standard Lodge.....	52 00			
" "	" St. John's Lodge.....	50 00			
" "	" St. Andrew's " .....	52 00			
" "	" Athole Lodge.....	52 00			
" 29.	" Virgin " .....	50 00			
" "	" Acadia " .....	52 00			
May 7.	" Grand Secretary.....	21 00			
" 8.	" " .....	300 50			
" 10.	" " .....	237 00			
" 13.	" " .....	140 75			
" 16.	" " .....	164 75			
" 17.	By cash from W. A. Hesson, old building.....	87 50			
" 18.	" Grand Secretary.....	276 75			
" 20.	" " .....	468 75			
" 22.	" " .....	381 00			
" 25.	" " .....	267 25			
" 28.	" " .....	157 25			
" 31.	" " .....	130 25			
June 1.	" " .....	194 25			
" "	" St. Andrew's Lodge.....	51 00			
" "	" Public Room.....	238 50			
		<u>\$6496 19</u>			
June 1.	By cash from Grand Secretary.....	\$ 42 75			
" "	" balance.....	535 08			
	Balance to Credit .....	<u>\$577 83</u>			

Halifax, June 1st, 1878.

E. &amp; O. E.

A. K. MACKINLAY,

Grand Treasurer.

## NEW FREEMASON'S HALL in account with GRAND TREASURER:

1877.		DR.	
June 5.	To cash paid G. T. Smithers' acct.....	\$ 20 00	
" "	" J. E. M. Taylor's " .....	17 75	
Sep. 1.	" Defreytas & Wall's acct.....	18 46	
" "	" D. A. McKay's " .....	15 99	
Dec. 24.	" A. H. Crowe's " .....	30 00	

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Feb. 11.	To Cash paid Williams & Leverman's acct.....	\$50 00
"	" " " J. B. Howell's " .....	10 00
"	" " " John Holland's " .....	48 00
"	" " " Morning Chronicle " .....	14 25
"	" " " Edward Walsh's " .....	3 48
"	" " " Williams & Leverman's " .....	15 00
"	" " " Wm. Gossip's " .....	6 00
Feb. 25.	" " " G. T. Smithers' " .....	49 00
Mar. 1.	" " " McDonald & Co.'s " .....	59 40
"	" " " J. R. Jenneft & Co.'s " .....	7 00
"	" " " D. Murray & Co.'s " .....	11 60
May 15.	" " " Sircom & Marshall's " .....	41 61
		<u>\$417 54</u>

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June 1. By balance.....\$403 13

Due Grand Treasurer.....\$ 14 41

June 1st, 1878.

E. &amp; O. E.

A. K. MACKINLAY.

Grand Treasurer.

## MEMO: of Funds to the Credit of Benevolent Account.

1877.

June 1. By balance.....\$ 348 83

1878.

June 1. By interest from Gen. Fund ..... 13 95

\$362 78.

E. &amp; O. E.

A. K. MACKINLAY.

Grand Treasurer.

## REPORT OF RRO. W. A. HESSON,

## SECRETARY OF TRUSTEES.

TRUSTEES OF FREEMASONS' HALL in account with WILLIAM A. HESSON.

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1877.

June 5. To rent of Lodges due to Dec. 31, 1876, (being old rents)...\$ 492 84

1878.

May 21. Received from St. Andrew's Lodge, rent to 31st Dec., 1877. 108 00

" " " St. John's " " " 100 00

" " " Virgin " " " 101 00

" " " Royal Sussex " " " 104 00

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May 21.	Received from Burns Lodge, rent to 31st Dec., 1877.	\$103 00
"	" " Acadia " " "	103 00
"	" " Keith " " "	51 00
"	" " Athole " " "	102 00
"	" " Union " " "	102 00
"	" " L. of St. Mark " " "	103 00
"	" " Royal Standard " " "	106 00
"	" " St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter " " "	105 00
"	" " Union " " "	50 00

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June 8.	By paid G. Treasurer.....	\$ 380 84
Aug. 14.	" " .....	112 00
Sept. 25.	" " .....	150 00
Dec. 4.	" " .....	420 00
1878.		
Jan. 5.	" " .....	102 00
Feb. 22.	" " .....	207 00
Apr. 9.	" " .....	206 00
" 29.	" " .....	102 00
May 31.	" " .....	51 00

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## PUBLIC ROOM.

To cash received for rent of Public Hall, from Sep. 25, 1877 to May 31st, 1878.....	\$413 00
1878.	
March 4. By paid Grand Treasurer.....	130 00
May 31. " " .....	283 00
	\$413 00

## Amounts still due for Rent to May 1st, 1878.

St. Andrew's, $\frac{1}{3}$ of a year .....	\$33 34
St. John's " .....	34 34
Virgin, " .....	33 34
Royal Sussex " .....	33 34
Burns, " .....	33 34
Acadia, " .....	34 34
Athole, " .....	33 34
Keith, " .....	84 34
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## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECEIVED.

The following brethren having presented credentials from the several Grand Lodges, here named, accrediting them as Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, were, on motion, received as such Representatives with the customary honors :—

W., Richard L. Black,	from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.
W., E. T. McRobert,	" " " Oregon.
R. W., Robert D. Clarke,	" " " Missouri.
W., Frederick Leavitt,	" " " Utah.
R. W., John F. McDonald,	" " " Manitoba.
R. W., Alfred H. Woodill,	" " " Connecticut.
R. W., Henry Shaw,	" " " P. E. Island.
R. W., M. Blair,	" " " Michigan.
W., Augustus Robinson,	" " " Montana.
R. W., Nathan Tupper,	" " " Colorado.
W., George Hyde,	" " " Mississippi.
R. W., Rev. Henry P. Almon,	" " " Georgia.
R. W., Sandford H. Pelton,	" " " Rhode Island.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

W. Bro. William F. MacCoy, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals submitted the following Report, which, on motion of R. W., Bro. W. Taylor, seconded by R. W., Bro. Lewis Johnstone was received and considered clause by clause.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia.*

Your committee on grievances and appeals have had submitted to them an appeal from Welsford Lodge, No. 26, R. N. S., against a violation of chap. 14, sec. 43, of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, by the officers and members of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, in receiving the Rev. James Strothard of Avondale, Hants County, he being within the Jurisdiction of the Welsford Lodge.

(1). As the Grand Master has already given a decision upon the construction of sec 42, chap. 14, and the mode in which the ten miles limit is to be ascertained; and the question being one of Jurisdiction and of great importance to the craft, your committee, while having grave doubts as to the correctness of the decision, beg leave to refer the question to Grand Lodge for final decision.

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Your committee have also had under consideration a violation of masonic discipline, by Cobequid Lodge. It appears that Bro. Smith took his first degree in the Royal Sussex Lodge, in September, 1868, after which he applied to the Cobequid Lodge, who gave him his second and third degrees, Royal Sussex Lodge complains of this, as their consent had never been asked or given.

(2). The Cobequid Lodge have, in the opinion of your Committee, erred in judgment in giving Bro. Smith his second and third degrees without the consent of Royal Sussex Lodge where he was initiated.

(3). Your committee are of opinion that once a candidate is initiated into a Lodge, no other Lodge in this Jurisdiction has the right to give that person any further degrees without the consent of the Lodge initiating.

(4). An application for a new diploma by Western Star Lodge for Bro. Norman Beaton of said Lodge is made to Grand Lodge, and your committee recommend that the same be granted as the old one was burned.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Chairman.*

DAVID C. MOORE, *E. C.*

*Committee Grievance and Appeal.*

On reading clause (1,) the following resolution was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. W. Downey, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. F. MacDonald, and adopted :

*Resolved*, That the consideration of clause (1) be deferred until the report of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address shall have been disposed of.

Clauses 2, 3 and 4 were then on motion unanimously adopted.

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

## EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 5th, 1878.

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, Grand Master, presiding.

## PRESENT.

Officers and members as in the afternoon session.

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## PRESENTATION OF JEWEL TO R. W. BRO. CROWE.

The following resolution having been unanimously adopted at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge :

*Resolved*, That the heartiest thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and be now tendered, to R. W. Bro. Allen H. Crowe, for eminent services rendered to the Craft, in general, and especially to this Grand Lodge, as Deputy Grand Master, and that a committee be appointed to procure a Deputy Grand Master's jewel for presentation to our highly esteemed Brother.

R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, Chairman of the Committee appointed to carry out the above resolution, submitted the following report :

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia :*

The Committee to whom Grand Lodge committed the grateful duty of providing a Jewel for presentation to R. W. Past Deputy Grand Master, Allen H. Crowe, have the honor to report that, obeying the instructions of Grand Lodge, they have obtained the Jewel; and your Committee now have the pleasure of completing their work by handing the same to the M. W. Grand Master, that by him it may be presented to the R. W. Brother who so well deserves it, trusting that it will meet with the approval of this Grand Lodge.

(Signed)

DAVID C. MOORE, *Chairman*.

JAMES HUDSON.

A. K. MACKINLAY.

H. P. ALMON.

The above report having been, on motion, received and unanimously adopted. Grand Lodge was called up, when the M. W. Grand Master addressing Bro. Crowe, pronounced a well deserved eulogy upon his career in general as a member of the Craft, and especially upon his official acts as Deputy Grand Master.

The Jewel was then presented to Bro. Crowe and attached to his breast by the M. W. Grand Master, amidst the unbounded applause of all present.

The worthy recipient of this grateful tribute of respect, responded in modest and feeling terms to the distinguished honor conferred upon him by his brethren.

Grand Lodge was then called down and the election of officers proceeded with.



## ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour named for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, W. Bro. Augustus Robinson and R. W. Bro. J. F. Macdonald, were appointed as tellers, when the election was held, and the following brethren were declared elected :—

M. W. John Wimburn Laurie (re-elected).....	Grand Master.
R. W. Alfred H. Woodill .....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. James Gossip .....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Nathan Tupper. ....	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. Andrew K. MacKinlay (re-elected).....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Benjamin Curren (re-elected).....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Joseph R. Bennett.....	Grand Lecturer.
R. W. Rev. David C. Moore (re-elected) .....	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Rev. Henry D. DeBlois (re-elected)....	do.
R. W. Rev. William Downey (re-elected).....	do.
R. W. Rev. Charles Bowman (re-elected).....	do.
V. W. Luther B. Archibald.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. T. R. Harris.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. John W. Ruhland (re-elected). ....	G. Sup. of Works.
V. W. W. E. Starratt (re-elected). ....	G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. John R. Cowen .....	G. Sword Bearer.
V. W. Samuel Porter (re-elected) .....	Grand Organist.
V. W. P. E. McKerrow (re-elected). ....	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. R. L. Hardwick.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. J. Mackenzie.....	do.
V. W. E. E. Tupper .....	do.
V. W. W. V. Murray .....	do.
V. W. J. W. Fraser.....	do.
V. W. J. J. Davies .....	do.
V. W. John M. Taylor (re-elected).....	Grand Tyler.

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

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## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 6, 1878.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, R. W. Bro. Rev. R. Avery, Dep. Grand Master, presiding.

The roll of Lodges being called, a quorum was found duly represented, and Grand Lodge was declared ready to resume labor.

The Committee on Charters presented the following report, which, on motion of R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by W. Bro. John R. Cowen, was received and adopted :

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Nova Scotia :*

The Committee on Charters have examined the petition for a Charter submitted to them, as well as the proceedings of the Lodge now working under Dispensation, and have to report as follows :—

A petition from —

Isaac Jackson Hingley...	Widow's Son Lodge, No. 48, R. N. S.
Herbert R. Carter.....	" " " " "
Fraser McKenzie.....	" " " " "
Isaac Mattinson.....	" " " " "
John H. Treen.....	" " " " "
William Oxley .....	" " " " "
Joshua W. King .....	" " " " "
Ephraim Archibald.....	Queen's " " 34, "
Hugh McIntosh .....	" " " " "
James Wm. Chisholm....	Acadia " " 13, "
Thomas H. Patton.....	Widow's Son " " 48, "
John Harkness.....	Alexander " " 983, Port Hill, P.E.I.

praying for a Charter empowering them to meet as a regular lodge at Oxford, Cumberland County, by the name and title of, "Wimburn" Lodge.

This petition is recommended by the Widow's Son Lodge, and accompanied by a certificate that the first named brethren are fully competent to discharge the duties required of them, as Worshipful Master and Wardens.

The examination of the minutes of this Lodge, U. D., has proved very satisfactory, shewing great care on the part of the Secretary. The committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be received, and a Charter granted in accordance therewith.

JOSEPH R. BENNETT,	} Committee
WILLIAM LOWE,	
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## REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY G. MASTERS.

### FIRST DISTRICT.

*To the Most Worshipful the G. Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Nova Scotia*

I have the honor to submit the following report of my official duties as D. D. G. M. in District No. 1.

My intercourse with the brethren was of the most fraternal kind; when visiting officially I was received with every respect, and the duties were alike a pleasure and profit to myself, and I trust equally so to the brethren of this District.

The position I have now the honor to hold, having been so ably filled by my predecessors, left me but little to do; and on examining the records of many of the Lodges, I could not but feel gratified that a marked improvement is evident. Masters and members knowing that their proceedings will be examined, are in consequence more careful to comply with the Constitution. I do not feel called upon to notice here every trivial or clerical error which appeared on the records, as in most instances they were satisfactorily explained, or not of so great importance that they should find a place in this report. The strict attention paid to the ruling and suggestions of the D. J. G. M. by the Lodges generally, is gradually bringing about such a condition of regularity in work and discipline as will, if maintained in its present integrity, make the office in this district merely formal, and confine the duties to visitation and examination with a report—all correct.

During the year I have visited all the Lodges in my District, except Eureka, No. 42, Sheet Harbor. I had made arrangements to do so, but was prevented by an accident which detained me in the city.

The following is the order of visitation:—

Union,	No. 18.	Feb'y 18th.
Virgin,	" 3,	" 25th.
Athole,	" 15,	" 27th.
St. John's,	" 2,	March 4th.
Burns,	" 10,	" 6th.
The Lodge of St. Mark,	" 38,	" 8th.
Acadia,	" 14,	" 11th.
Eastern Star,	" 51,	" 12th.
Keith,	" 17,	" 14th.
St. Andrew's	" 1,	April 2nd.
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I am gratified to be able to state that the duties of the Secretaries of the several Lodges in the city and Dartmouth, have been well and efficiently performed with but one exception, and the records and documents have been kept in such a manner as to reflect credit upon all concerned—so far so, that to particularize would be invidious. As regards the financial condition of the Lodges, I consider them in a fair condition generally, some of the older Lodges being comparatively wealthy, with invested funds; but all in common appear to be afflicted with the disease, "*non-payment of dues.*"

I shall now proceed to notice such irregularities as I deem of sufficient importance to be referred to. I found that St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, had, at a regular meeting, been opened by a P. M. in the absence of the W. M., but with a Warden present. As this is contrary to Sec. 8, Chap. 14 of the Constitution, and being, I believe, the first case of the kind noticed, I did not assume the responsibility of declaring the meeting irregular, but refer the matter to Grand Lodge with my opinion that the business then done requires legalization.

In June last the Committee of Investigation of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, had reported upon a petition placed in their hands at a previous meeting, which the W. M. then allowed to be withdrawn, without being balloted upon. On March 4th, following (on the occasion of my official visit), I called the attention of the W. M. to this violation of the Constitution as it appeared on the records. The W. M. explained that, having discovered the error committed, he had that evening, before my entrance, ordered and taken a ballot upon the petition, which, although previously withdrawn from ballot, had remained in possession of the Lodge.

This Lodge had also by vote made a brother a life member. This I decided to be irregular, as under the Constitution provision is made for only subscribing and honorary members. Acting on my decision the Lodge rescinded the vote.

Eureka Lodge, No. 42, Sheet Harbor, complained that St. Andrew's, No. 1, had infringed upon their jurisdiction, which complaint I placed before the M. W. G. M. for his consideration.

My thanks are tendered to the W. M. and brethren of the Lodge of St. Mark (of which I have the honor to be a member), for their attention in accompanying me on most of my official visitations.

I have in this report confined myself to matters connected with my office, the duties of which I have earnestly endeavored to fulfil to the best of my ability; and I trust that the present condition of the Craft in this District will be satisfactory to the M. W. Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. COSSMANN,

D. D. G. Master, District No. 1.

Halifax, June 1st, 1878.

## SECOND DISTRICT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Nova Scotia :*

I have the honor to submit this, my second Annual Report, as D. D. G. M. for the above district; and although it is not so complete as I would wish, I am happy to be able to report the performance of more work this year than last.

In June last, after the meeting of Grand Lodge, I spent several days at Barrington in attendance on the Supreme Court then sitting there; and while there, I endeavored to have meetings of the different Lodges in that Township called for the purpose of official visitation. I found, however, that in consequence of the absence of so many of the brethren of these Lodges it was impossible to hold such meetings, and I was obliged to return home without making any visits; but while at Barrington, I had the mournful duty of presiding at an emergency of Philadelphia Lodge, called for the purpose of making arrangements for the funeral of Brother Nehemiah Banks, Past Master and Treasurer of the Lodge, who died very suddenly and was buried with Masonic honors. Brother Banks was held in high esteem by his brethren as well as by the community generally, and by his death Philadelphia Lodge lost an active, useful member, and Barrington, an energetic public-spirited citizen. The Lodge has also lost, during the year, another valued and worthy member, Brother Captain Joseph Wilson, whom I last saw at the emergency mentioned, and who died away from home, October 26th, 1877.

I intended visiting, in April, Westport and Freeport Lodges, and with that intention, wrote to the Worshipful Master of Westport Lodge, asking him at what time in the month it would be most convenient for the Lodge to receive me, and also inquiring as to Freeport Lodge, from which it appears there have been no returns for several years. I received in reply a letter from the Secretary of Westport Lodge, requesting me not to come, as no Lodge meeting could be held until the fall, and informing me that Freeport Lodge has not been working for the past three years. In consequence of this letter, I did not proceed either to Westport or Freeport, as I considered it useless to do so under the circumstances; but from all I can learn, it is evident that both these Lodges sadly need an official visit as soon as meetings can be held for that purpose. If they have ever been officially visited it is probably some time since.

On the first Monday in April, the regular night of meeting, I visited Hiram Lodge, Yarmouth, was received in the usual manner, and installed the officers elect. I reported pretty fully as to this Lodge last year, and find it now, as then, prosperous and flourishing; the work well done, the books and records well kept and neat, and correct in every particular. The brethren generally seem interested in their Lodge and anxious to maintain its efficiency, and from what I know of the present officers, it will, in all probability, prosper during the present year. No. of members 56; Initiated during the year 1; Passed 2; Raised 2; Arrears of dues \$185.00; Cash assets of the Lodge invested on note and mortgage security, about \$1000.00.

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On the second Tuesday of April, the regular night of meeting, I visited Scotia Lodge, Yarmouth (of which I am a member), and installed the officers elect. As a regular attendant at the meetings of this Lodge, I of course know all about its work and affairs, and can report it to be in good working order, its members, or a good many of them, regular in their attendance, anxious for the success of their Lodge, and active in promoting its welfare. The present officers are well qualified for their positions. This Lodge is fortunate in the possession of a very efficient Secretary, Past Master Francis A. Baily, who has held the office for several years, whose books and records are models of neatness and accuracy, and in electing whom from year to year, the Lodge shows its wisdom. Scotia Lodge was formerly under Scottish jurisdiction, and for a number of years past, has, (with the consent of Grand Lodge), worn the jewels, some of which are not such as are required by our constitution, suspended from crimson collars, as worn when under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. On the night of my visit, I suggested that the collars and jewels had better be changed so as to comply with the constitution, and they are now acting upon my suggestion. No. of members 57; Initiated during the year 4; Passed 3; Raised 3. Arrears of dues \$171.00.

Both the Yarmouth Lodges annually distribute large sums from their funds in the way of Masonic Charity, generally to deserving objects; and in consequence of their large expenditure in this way, the balance of cash on hand is not very large in the case of either Lodge, though they both have enough money to meet all demands upon them from time to time. The Fraternity at Yarmouth do not own a building, but both Lodges occupy the same Hall under a long lease held by them jointly. The Hall is well furnished, convenient and well adapted to meet all their requirements for some years to come.

In May I sent timely notice to all the Lodges in Shelburne County of my intention to visit them during that month, naming the day on which I would visit each Lodge, and in accordance with the notice given I visited them in the following order.

On Monday, May 20th, I visited Philadelphia Lodge, Barrington. I found the Worshipful Master away, he having left Barrington that afternoon on business which I understood could not be deferred. There were very few of the officers or members in attendance, but enough managed to get together to enable me to open Lodge. I examined the books and records and found them fairly kept, but with some room for improvement, and I made such suggestions to the Brethren, with respect to the working of their Lodge, &c., as I thought might be useful to them. They appeared desirous to have instruction, interested in Freemasonry, and expressed a wish to have an official visit during the winter months, when more of their number would be at home. The Lodge owns a hall and several acres of land connected with it, making quite a valuable property, on which they owe a small debt, though nothing more than they are able to meet. The affairs of the Lodge generally seemed to be in good condition, but the amount of arrears of dues is very large for a Lodge of its size. No. of members, 49; initiated during the year, 2; Passed, 2; Raised, 4



On Tuesday, May 21st, I went to Cape Island for visitation of Concord Lodge, but found that nearly all the Brethren were away from home. I was informed that only 3 or 4 members of the Lodge were then on the Island. It was of course impossible under these circumstances to hold a meeting, and I had to content myself with an examination of the Books and Records produced to me by the Secretary, Brother Covert, whom I fortunately found at home, and with such information as I could get from him, and one or two other Brethren. The Books, &c., I ascertained were correctly kept, but they did not display such neatness and particularity as it would be desirable to see in Lodge records. The Brethren on Cape Island are anxious to have instruction and wish an official visit in the winter, when their members will be most all home. From what I heard and saw while on the Island, it is desirable that this Lodge should be visited as soon as a meeting can be had. A private quarrel between two Brethren has apparently found its way into the Lodge and disturbed the harmony to some extent. An official visit under these circumstances would no doubt have a good effect.

I was not in the Lodge Room, as I would have had to travel some miles further to reach it, but I am informed that while it is not as convenient as the Brethren would wish, it is the best they can get, and they are joint owners of the Building.

Initiated during the year 4, No. of members 29, arrears of dues quite large. This Lodge, on account of the periodical absence of members, holds no meetings from April to December.

Wednesday, May 22nd was the day appointed by me for visitation of Harmony Lodge, North East Harbor, but as I was unable to have a meeting of Concord Lodge, I proceeded on the 21st to North East Harbor for the purpose of ascertaining whether a meeting of Harmony Lodge could be held, as appointed. Here as at Cape Island I found that nearly all the Brethren were away from home, and that it would be impossible to get enough together for a meeting. I however ascertained that Brother Greenwood the Secretary of the Lodge was at home, and called on him at his residence. I was very courteously received by brother Greenwood, who is an intelligent, enthusiastic Mason. I went with him to the Lodge Room and inspected the Books and Records, which are neat and correct, and kept in an accurate and satisfactory manner, reflecting credit on the Secretary and the Lodge. One fact in connection with this Lodge is worth noticing. There are no arrears of dues, the members with scarcely an exception, having paid their dues up to April, 1878. For a Lodge situated as this is, in a comparatively isolated section of the County, with but few opportunities for masonic instruction or intercourse its affairs appear to be in a satisfactory condition. Like Concord Lodge and for the same reason (the absence of members), Harmony Lodge only holds meetings during the winter months. The present Lodge Room is small and somewhat inconvenient, but is properly situated and furnished. They have in course of erection and hope soon to complete a Hall that will amply meet their requirements, and they have funds enough in hand to complete

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the exterior, if not to thoroughly finish the Building. No. of members 34; Initiated during the year 4; Passed 4; Raised 3.

On Thursday, May 23rd, I visited Albert Lodge, Shelburne, and was duly received. There was a fair attendance of brethren. I found all the books of the Lodge correctly kept, and extremely neat; in fact, the worthy secretary, Brother Abram McLean, prides himself, and justly so, on the accuracy of his minutes. And although I searched the books very carefully to discover a mistake, if possible, I was only rewarded by the discovery that in one place the word "adjourned" had been used instead of "closed." I called Brother McLean's attention to this, and the error, trifling as it was, will not occur again while he is Secretary.

The Hall at present occupied by Albert Lodge is very convenient, and well furnished, but too small for Lodge purposes. They have, however, in course of erection, under the supervision of the W. M., Bro. John Bower, a fine building, the outside of which is nearly finished, and which, when completed, will be an ornament to the Town of Shelburne, and a credit to the Craft. The building is 45 feet by 35 feet, with French roof and cupola. In the lower story there will be two handsome and commodious stores to let. The second story contains the Lodge Room, 35 feet by 30 feet, with arched ceiling. Height of room from floor to top of arch 18½ feet. Connected with the Lodge Room are ante-rooms, reception and preparation rooms, all very conveniently laid out and arranged. And over the Lodge Room in the rear is a room to be used as a place for tables, &c., on occasions of masonic celebrations. Both as regards its situation and the requirements of the Lodge, this building will be all that can be desired. Its probable cost, I was informed, is \$2500 to \$3000. At the commencement of the building the Lodge had in funds about \$1000, which sum has been expended on the building.--No. of members 49; initiated during the year previous to April, 4; passed, 2; raised, 1. At the April meeting 4 were initiated, and at the May meeting 3 were initiated, 4 passed and 1 raised. Altogether I should consider this Lodge as prosperous and in good working order. Arrears of dues \$105.

On Friday, May 24th, I proceeded to Lockport. This was my first visit to that thriving and enterprising little town. The brethren there gave me a very cordial reception, and by their courtesy and attention made my short stay among them very pleasant. In the evening I visited Taylor Lodge, and found books and minutes and everything connected with the Lodge in good order. Bro. J. E. Richardson, the Secretary, appears to be a model officer, and the neatness, accuracy and particularity with which he keeps his minutes are highly creditable. In addition to the books usually kept, Bro. Richardson takes the precaution to keep a letter book in which he keeps copies of all communications sent by him on Lodge business. This plan, I think, might be adopted by Lodges generally with advantage. In looking over the records my attention was called to minutes of a motion made at one of the meetings, which, I told the Worshipful Master and brethren, I thought was out of order. A ballot was taken on the name of a very worthy candidate,

and resulted unfavorably, evidently by mistake; a motion was made, seconded, put to the Lodge and passed unanimously that a second ballot should be taken; a second ballot was accordingly taken and resulted favorably. Having been asked for my opinion, I told them I thought the motion was irregular, and should not have been made or put to the Lodge. For one reason (among others which I gave) that it was an indirect violation of the secrecy of the ballot, as the brother who made and the brother who seconded the motion, by so doing, indicated pretty clearly how they had balloted—that, in my opinion, the ballot was under control of the Master, who had power to order a second ballot, if convinced that a mistake had been made. In this case, no harm was done by the motion, but cases might occur in which such a motion might provoke discussion and do a great deal of injury. This Lodge holds its meetings in an exceedingly handsome and convenient hall, owned by the Lockport Division of the Sons of Temperance, and rented to the Lodge at an extremely low rent. The hall is well situated and comfortable, nicely carpeted and furnished, and suitable in every way for the requirements of the Lodge. It is a credit to the organization which owns it, and the occupation of it by the Lodge, shows that the temperance men of Lockport, with an appreciation of masonry not always displayed by the uninitiated, are disposed to encourage an institution having *temperance* as one of its cardinal virtues. The Lodge owns a fine lot of land, all paid for, in a most eligible situation for a hall, but the room they now occupy is so well adapted to their purposes, that they will not need to build until they can do so without running into debt. In addition to the lot of land, they have funds in hand to the amount of \$395.00. On the evening of my visit, the second degree was conferred on a candidate, and the work was fairly done, though the manner of conferring the degree was somewhat different from what I had been accustomed to. I was pleased, however, to see that the candidate was first subjected to an exhaustive examination in his preceding degree. No. of Master Masons, 62; Fellow Crafts, 5; Entered Apprentices, 7; Initiated during the year, 4; passed, 4; raised, 3. Arrears of dues, \$150.00.

My visit to Taylor Lodge ended my labors as D. D. G. M. for this year. I regretted very much that I could not proceed to Liverpool and visit Zetland and Prince of Wales Lodges; but an adjourned term of the County Court at Yarmouth, on May 28th, compelled my return, and prevented the performance of a duty which I would otherwise have had great pleasure in performing. I trust, however, that the brethren of those Lodges will take the will for the deed in this instance; and as they have among them so many well informed Masons, I know that the want of an official visit will not be very seriously felt by them, as R. W. Brother Shaw at last meeting of Grand Lodge was requested to take the supervision of the Lodges in Lauenburg County for the past year. I have no doubt that, with his usual promptitude in Masonic matters, he has complied with the request.

I have ascertained by my visits to the different Lodges that in order to ensure a full attendance of members, official visitations in this district must be made in the winter, and that in a scattered district like No. 2, a large

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amount of travel, and the expenditure of a great deal of time are necessary to a proper performance of the duties. I have also discovered that bad roads can be found in Shelburne County, whose roughness, &c., &c., can be experienced by the D. D. G. M. to his discomfort if not to his sorrow, in the performance of his official duties, though not easily described by him in his official report. I noticed also great dissimilarity in the work, scarcely any two of the Lodges visited work alike; and it seems to me, some steps need to be taken to assimilate the work. It will be noticed from the foregoing report, that with the single exception of Harmony Lodge, the arrears of dues in all the Lodges are very large; this, no doubt, is due to some extent to hard times and scarcity of money, and absence, but largely, I think, to carelessness and inattention of members; and I took occasion to suggest to the different Lodges, the advisability of enforcing more rigidly the suspension clauses of the constitution. As in my opinion masons who will not contribute the small sums required of them for the support of the institution ought not to be allowed to continue in participation of its privileges. I also recommended the Lodges to organize Lodges of instruction where possible, and made such other suggestions as I thought the particular circumstance of each Lodge required.

This report shows a small number initiated, passed and raised in this District during the year, and while this may be partly accounted for on financial grounds, I think that the Lodges, or some of them at least, are beginning to find that the black-ball can often be judiciously used so as to benefit the fraternity, that in numbers there is not always strength, and that a small Lodge composed of men of integrity of character and good reputation, is preferable to a large Lodge composed of members, in some of whom those qualities may be wanting.

In closing this report I have to acknowledge the uniform courtesies with which I was treated by the brethren generally. I have, however, to mention particularly the attentions of Brother Thomas Robertson, at Barrington, Brother John Bower, W. M., at Shelburne, and Brothers M. Brown, P. M., W. Johnson, W. M., James E. Richardson and James G. Allen, at Lockport.

In conclusion I trust that this report may prove more satisfactory than that which I was obliged to give last year.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDFORD H. PELTON, D. D. G. M.,

Yarmouth, N. S., June 1st, 1878.

District No. 2.

### THIRD DISTRICT.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.asons of Nova Scotia.*

As the duty of visiting the Lodges in Lunenburg County was assigned to me by resolution of G. Lodge, I took the earliest leisure time to attend to the matter. I visited the Lodges in the following order:

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Clark, No. 61, Chester, July 10th, 1877.  
 Charity, No. 69, Mahone Bay, July 11th, 1877.  
 Unity, No. 4, Lunenburg, July 12th, 1877.  
 Acacia, No. 39, Bridgewater, July 13th, 1877.

A few years ago I visited Clark Lodge No. 61, rather unofficially, though at the same time I thought I was in the path of duty. I afterwards ascertained I was a little in advance of my instructions. However the visit resulted in decided benefit to the Lodge. Matters had been in a very unsatisfactory condition, but now I have cheerfully to say the Lodge is one of the best. It owns a Hall costing \$2200.00—and a good one it is. The debt on it at present is only \$900, and that is being gradually reduced. The building stands on one of the finest sites in the town, commands a beautiful view, is well built, handsomely painted and altogether presents a pretty appearance. Since my first visit, new books have been obtained, the old minutes have been carefully recopied, and my suggestions accurately observed. The books in fact are neat, nice, and satisfactory.

Although my visit was at an emergent meeting, and although the Brethren had very short notice, yet the cheerful little Hall was full, and a most interesting meeting was held. It was particularly pleasing to see so many P. Masters present, and thoroughly engaged in their work. Past Masters Lordly and Lavers kindly accompanied me to Mahone Bay. Charity, No. 69, I found in far better condition than I expected. The rooms are comfortable, the members much united, and seeming to be anxious to learn all that pertains to Freemasonry. Brother Burgoyne is laboring zealously as W. M. Bro. Ham as Secretary, is striving to do his duty, and certainly is accomplishing his task. This might be made a first class Lodge. Many of the officials and labourers of the Nictaux and Atlantic R. R. residing here, who are Masons, stand aloof and take no part, whereas they should come up to their duty and aid the Lodge even though they stand unaffiliated or are members of Lodges at a distance. This I find one of the greatest evils besetting our Fraternity. Members in good standing in their Lodges, and residing abroad seem to think their obligations all discharged if they keep their dues in their own Lodges paid up, whereas I think their duty is tenfold increased when away. Not only should they keep square within their own Lodge, but work actively, earnestly, and zealously to aid the cause wherever Providence places them. Masonic charity being universal, how is it possible to circumscribe their usefulness by the narrow limits of their own individual Lodges.

When I visited Lunenburg, Bro. Solomon, W. M. of Unity, No. 4, assured me that although he had received my notice, it was impossible to get enough together to have an interesting meeting. I inspected the Secretary's, Treasurer's and other books.

Not being able to report as to the working of this Lodge, I must content myself with financial affairs. I find in the hands of the Treasurer \$250.00; lent on very unsatisfactory security \$100.00; back dues \$500.00, out of

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which, I am comforted with the assurance, "we may realize \$150.00." Why this state of things I cannot say. This is one of the oldest Towns in the Province and is noted for its wealth; its population is large and intelligent, possessing all facilities for mutual improvement. The Lodge dates back to 1822, and yet has only 32 members. There is little in the Treasurer's hands, a large amount of dues in arrears, and meeting in a very inconvenient rented room which I dare not call a Masonic Hall.

Bro. Jost has had a hard struggle and Bro. Solomon is enduring a like trial.

Acacia, No. 39, is in a more satisfactory condition, its P. M.'s are more numerous, so if the W. M. is absent one of them is there to do the work by request of the S. or J. Warden. The Lodge room is very comfortable and pleasantly situated, and the ante-rooms are convenient. There is in the hands of the Treasurer \$40.54; back dues \$200.00, and yet I am assured, "we can get the money if we want it." I have never thanked any Lodge for such remarks. My advice is and has been, "collect your dues from all who can pay; those who are really poor, worthy brethren, relieve to the utmost, but keep your books up sharp."

I examined the books of each of these Lodges, went over, very carefully, all the minutes for two years back and where inaccuracies occurred, I pointed them out to the Secretaries and W. Masters, and advised what I thought best for the future.

My visit to Poyntz Lodge, No. 44, Hantsport, Nov. 1st, 1877, was particularly pleasant, as I had the pleasure of there meeting our M. W. G. Master and R. W. D. G. Master. They being present, of course my duties were exceedingly light, having nothing to do but listen to those whose advice always benefit the listener. This Lodge has been seeing a few dark days. Many of its active workers being absent on long voyages, this of course throws the laboring oar on the few; however, those who remain seem thorough laborers, and appear much cheered by the timely visit of those highest in authority in the craft. I find the books showing more regularity in work and the constitution better observed. Where this Lodge has previously erred has been in judgment not in heart, so we cheerfully say, "go on in your good work."

I spent an exceedingly pleasant afternoon and evening with Annapolis Royal No. 33, and Granville No. 71, Dec. 27th, 1877. These two Lodges met at the Rooms of the latter in the afternoon, and having finished necessary business, formed procession and marched to the Church, where a very interesting sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Greteraux.

The Books of Granville Lodge present a decidedly better appearance than formerly; they are so well kept that I could make no objections to any part. This being a new Lodge and located in one of the wealthiest small towns of the Province, much success may be anticipated. The dues are well paid up, and the attendance is regular and punctual.

Annapolis Lodge has not grown during the past year as might have been expected. The books are certainly kept most admirably. One of the brethren is putting up a large building, the upper flat of which is to be used exclusively for Masonic purposes. The rooms are being fitted up under the direc-



tion of a Lodge committee who will spare no reasonable expense in making them the best adapted to the purpose in this District. The Brother who owns the building has recently been fortunate enough to come into possession of two old Lodge Records extending back to 1787. It is hoped these will be given to the Lodge after taking possession of their new Rooms. The old Jewels (solid silver) are also in the possession of another Bro. who seems unwilling to give or sell them. He got them from his father who was not a Mason—but how the father got them is a mystery.

I visited Keith Lodge No. 16, Hillsburg, January 7th, 1878. After the St. John fire this Lodge came forward nobly and gave \$100.00 towards the relief of the suffering. It has also given aid to the needy out of its funds to the extent of \$50.00 during the past year, leaving only \$50.00 in hands of the Treasurer. The great fault here as elsewhere—Lodge dues not paid up. I think the Lodge acts wisely in continuing the Secretary from year to year—the right man in the right place.

The next day I spent at Digby. I found the books of King Solomon Lodge, No. 54, carefully kept, and although there have been no additions during the year, and many very far in arrears as regards dues, yet those who are faithful, work well and zealously. A handsome canopy of blue cloth has, since my last visit, been placed over the east; that with a neatly painted floor, and some other alterations, make the appearance quite pleasing.

Severe and long continued sickness prevented my visiting the other Lodges west of Kentville; but the R. W. D. G. Master, Rev. Bro. Avery came kindly to my relief. In April he visited Harmony, No. 52, Rothsay, No. 41, and Ionic, No. 73. The fact that Bro. Avery visited these Lodges, inspected the books, &c., is quite sufficient to convince the M. W. Grand Lodge that the duty was efficiently and thoroughly discharged. His report, though brief, I take pleasure in copying, as no words can be added to make it any more satisfactory:

"I am gratified in being able to report a high degree of prosperity as respects the growth, the financial and the masonic standing of Harmony, Rothsay and Ionic Lodges.

"Harmony still retains its good character, its members are earnest, warm-hearted and energetic. In the enjoyment of peace and prosperity, amid sunshine or shadow, they have learnt to appreciate the fact that moral rectitude is the chief essential to the Masonic character. Its finances are sound, and an able and painstaking Secretary is yearly sought for.

"The misty cloud is hurrying away from around the portals of Rothsay, and a glorious future is succeeding. Its substantial value consists in the social standing of its members, who are gentlemen of refinement and culture, maintaining peace and purity, harmony and love among the Brethren. Its exchequer is filling, and before long, I predict a dignity and fidelity which will win the love and confidence of the Fraternity. I was honored with the request of the Lodge to install its officers, which mark of distinction I value most highly.

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which is sweet and pleasing. Its progress is not fettered, because the Brothers carry into daily life and practice the teachings of Masonry. Its funds are safe, and its books are written with care and neatness."

Bro. Avery also visited Welsford Lodge, No. 26, May 2nd, in company with the M. W. Grand Master. He writes:—"Welsford Lodge is worthy beyond a doubt of the laudatory encomiums which have been from time to time expressed by eminent masons. The inherent beauties and solemn truths of Ancient Craft Masonry inspire noble resolves in the habits and lives of each Brother."

Monday, May 13th, I visited Kentville Lodge, No. 58, in company with the R. W. D. G. Master. I was pleased with all I saw, particularly with the election of officers made for the present year. The Lodge was admirably worked during the past year, though there was very little increase of membership, probably owing to the "dullness of the times." The only real fault I see here is the same as prevails to a great extent elsewhere, "dues not paid up." The books have been admirably kept and the Lodge is fortunate in being able to retain such a thorough, painstaking Secretary.

I have failed to visit St. George's, No. 20, and Scotia, No. 28, in consequence of ill health. I did not care to be out in the evenings and thought it not necessary to call the Lodges together in the day time; but I have very carefully examined the books of St. George's. This Lodge has done considerable work, and has seemed to exercise a wise discretion in the selection of candidates. The books have been handsomely kept by the former Secretary and appearances indicate that the present one will not be backward in his duty.

Those Lodges that I have failed to visit, I feel confident, will readily excuse me under the circumstances, more particularly, as one higher in the Craft visited in my place; and knowing the individual Brothers of Scotia and St. George's, as well as I do, I feel sure they will readily believe and excuse me when I say it was impossible to visit either. I can almost speak for Scotia, judging by its former prosperity and accuracy of work. The Lodge is ever ready to respond to the calls of charity, and there is always sufficient in the Treasury to meet all reasonable demands. The newly elected Secretary is an old, well tried and trusty Past Master, one who has done good work in several offices and whom I shall ever remember, as he was S. Deacon in this Lodge when I was initiated, passed and raised, several years ago. The W. M., though new in office, is an earnest worker and no doubt will govern the Lodge for its welfare.

The Brethren of the District and of Lunenburg County, have certainly shown me uninterrupted courtesy and good will, and I heartily thank each and all for kindness and assistance in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted,

H. SHAW, M. D.,

D. D. G. M., District No. 3.

Kentville, June 5th, 1878.

## FOURTH DISTRICT.

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

For the information of Grand Lodge I have the honor to report that my official inspection of the Lodges in this district commenced with Acacia No. 8, at Amherst, August 21st; the Worshipful Master kindly responding to the notification of my intended visitation by summoning an emergency for that purpose. The attendance of the brethren was very good. The state of the books in charge of the Secretary, and the general condition of the Lodge on inspection, warranted a repetition of the encomiums passed and so well merited last year. In fact the Masonic outlook for Acacia seemed bright and cheering. A few months subsequent to my visit—a disastrous change occurred which sadly marred the pleasing picture presented at that time.

Bro. Chipman, Sec'y writes me: "On the 6th Dec. last past, Masons' Hall, Amherst, was totally destroyed by fire, together with all the Regalia, Jewels, furniture and charts; also, a valuable set of solid silver working tools, all the property of Acacia Lodge. The building and land was valued at \$6000, and insured for \$3000. The insurance and land will only about cover a mortgage that was on the property. \$300 were insured on Lodge furniture, jewels, &c., valued at about \$800.

"A committee appointed for the purpose have purchased a good set of jewels and collars at a cost of \$150. The jewels are solid silver with name and number of the Lodge in raised letters on each of them. We are desirous of getting good regalia and paraphernalia as far as our finances (which at present are at a low ebb) will permit.

"Besides the loss of our building, furniture, jewels, &c., we lost all the old Records, books and papers (dating back nearly 60 years) which, as you may imagine, was a very serious loss to our Lodge, being highly prized by all of us.

"We have not yet succeeded in getting a suitable Lodge room, but have a committee appointed for that purpose, and trust to have one soon."

This recital of the misfortunes of Acacia by their Secretary, will I feel assured excite the warm sympathy of Grand Lodge, and the Craft throughout the Jurisdiction.

I sincerely trust however that the efforts being made to recover their position, may be crowned with success, and that Phoenix-like, adopting the "Resurgam," as their motto they will re-erect a structure equal in all respects, if not superior to the one they have lost.

From Amherst I proceeded to Parrsboro', where on the evening of the 22d August, I visited for the first time Minas Lodge No. 67—an emergent meeting on short notice by telegram having been called.

The Hall occupied by the Lodge, which is neatly furnished, is held on a ten years paid up lease.

Financially their position is not satisfactory, the balance of indebtedness being against the Lodge to the amount of \$14.00. I suggested an increase in the amount of monthly dues, at present fifteen cents a month, an amount ap-

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parently insufficient for the respectable maintainance of the Lodge. Some irregularities in the mode of conducting the business of the Lodge were commented on and amendment promised. The Lodge books, I have pleasure in reporting neat and in order.

Returning from Parrsboro' I visited Laurie Lodge, No. 70, on the afternoon of the 23rd August, an arrangement of time which, though, comparatively speaking, inconvenient for the brethren of Spring Hill, was courteously conceded to enable me to reach River Philip and inspect Widow's Son Lodge the same evening. Owing to this cause, I did not expect to see so many of the brethren as were present and cordially greeted us. I recognized many familiar faces, old members of my Mother Lodge, or at one time residents of the Pictou mining district.

Like most young lodges that have not had time to attain a high financial position, Laurie has to content itself with a hall used in common with three other societies, and is lacking in a number of comforts and conveniences, which, I have no doubt, an improving exchequer will gradually remedy. The officers of the Lodge seem earnest and willing to do all in their power to forward the interests of the craft in their vicinity, and cheerfully promised to attend to the suggestions I considered it necessary to offer for their guidance. After the Lodge closed we were handsomely entertained at dinner at McNutt's Hotel by the members of the Lodge.

Widow's Son Lodge, No. 48, at River Philip, the next on my list, which had been duly notified for an emergency, I found open and ready to receive me, with a number of brethren of the Craft who had journeyed over from Spring Hill. The hall of meeting is quite small, but neatly frescoed, carpeted, and otherwise comfortably furnished—though with the arrangement for ventilation exceedingly defective. The room, as I have said a small one, was well filled with Craftsmen—with every crevice for the admission of outside air closely tyld. The vitiated air was rapidly and certainly reducing all present to a state of asphyxia, when, at last, contrary to Masonic precedent, the portals of the Lodge were unceremoniously thrown open to admit the coveted oxygen and restore the atmospheric equilibrium.

The funds of the Lodge were reported low, caused to a large extent, as I was informed, by heavy disbursements for the support of a sick and distressed brother, amounting in the last two years to some \$200. The dues, 10 cents a month, I strongly advised should be raised for the purpose of revenue. Owing to causes to which I have adverted, a very interesting meeting was brought to a rather abrupt termination.

September 21st, 1877, I visited Truro Lodge, No. 43. I had every reason, as on my former official visit, to be highly gratified with the state of the records and the general working of this fine Lodge. I found that in Truro, as with one or two other Lodges in this district, an Inner Guard is dispensed with. A Marshal is on the list of officers, who does *not*, however, perform the duties required of the former officer.

I had notified Cobequid Lodge, No. 37, at the same time with Truro, intending to inspect it the same evening; but the Master; as I was informed, being

ill, and the members not very accessible on the short notice, no meeting was held. I went over the books next morning with the Senior Warden of the Lodge, Bro. Alley, making such suggestions and remarks as appeared to me appropriate. I have also since written to the Worshipful Master asking for information as to the state of his Lodge—but have not up to this time been favored with a reply. If I mistake not, this Lodge is also without the Inner Guard.

On the 26th Sept., escorted by a number of the brethren of Truro and Cobeguid Lodges—the equipage a four-in-hand coach most kindly provided by very Worshipful Bro. Archibald, Junior Grand Deacon, I proceeded to inspect the Lodges at Great Village and Acadia Iron Mines, Londonderry. The latter being at the farthest point, was the first visited. I was much pleased on this occasion to find North Star much more comfortably lodged than it was last year.

I had, a few weeks previous to this visit, examined, with Past Master Cooke, the books and records of the Lodge, then, as at this time, finding them of the most ample description and in most admirable order. The zeal and enthusiasm displayed by the W. Master, Bro. Kerr, in Masonic matters is reflected by the officers and members of the Lodge, who seem determined that every thing connected with North Star, shall, so far as can be attained, be in accordance with the most ample requirements. Bidding adieu, after repeated mutual regrets, that our visit must necessarily be brief, should our programme of visiting Corinthian Lodge, on our return, be carried out, we wended our way back to Great Village, and met a cordial welcome from the members of that Lodge who were awaiting our arrival. Worshipful Master, Bro. Peppard, has his Lodge in good working order, everything as in my first visit being *en règle*, with the exception that here as at Cobeguid and Truro, an Inner Guard was not on the list of officers. I am glad in hearing recently from Bro. Peppard, to learn that my suggestion as to the propriety of that official being in his place and attending to his special duties, has been attended to.

At the regular communication in April, of Curren Lodge, No. 68, I was present by invitation to install their officers, in the performance of which duty I was assisted by Past Master Fraser, of Keith Lodge, No. 23. The books are quite up to the mark, and attest to the neatness and efficiency of the Secretary. The amount of funds in hand is \$172.00; dues 12½ cts., per month; arrearage of dues \$41.00; yearly rent of hall \$40.

April 9th, after due notice, I met New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11, at Pictou. This being installation night, by invitation of the W. Master, I had the pleasure of installing the newly elected officers, assisted by R. W. Bro. Hudson, Junior Grand Warden, and Very Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon, Bro. T. V. Cooke. The Master, Bro. J. R. Davies, having been re-elected, was again inducted—a zealous efficient officer. The records of the Lodge prove the retiring Secretary to have discharged his duty with fidelity and success. I had the gratification of witnessing the first degree conferred upon four candidates. The performance of this ceremonial impressed me

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most favorably as to the qualification of the Master and his Officers for the ritualistic work of the Lodge. The Treasurer reports as the amount received during the year \$468.00; expenditure \$416.00. Cash on hand \$180.00; due for interest \$150. Amount due Lodge for rent, May 1st, \$100.00. Bills payable \$220.00. Amount of dues in arrears, March 31st, 1878, \$549.50.

I made my official visit to Keith Lodge, No. 23, at their second regular communication in March, and installed the officers for the current year. The debt on the property belonging to this Lodge is becoming rapidly reduced. A special liability was incurred during the last year to the amount of \$300, which was expended in frescoing the hall and adding to the furniture, rendering it one of the finest halls for Lodge purposes in this district. The property is valued at between \$4000 and \$5000. The lower shop renting for \$130 per annum. Amount of mortgage, \$1300. Arrearages for dues, large.

I visited Albion Lodge, No. 5, by invitation, on installation night, for the purpose of performing that ceremony. The third degree was afterwards conferred upon two candidates for that preferment. The lease of the present hall having nearly expired, negotiations have been entered upon for the lease of another hall now in course of erection, in accordance with plans and designs furnished by the Lodge. Albion appears to be in a highly satisfactory condition, with a large roll of members and a handsome balance to its credit. Amount of cash and securities in hands of Treasurer is \$1080. Cash received for dues and degrees during the year \$218.91. Cash expended, \$212.87. Present membership, 97.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 59, having expressed through their Secretary, a desire to have their officers installed by me, I proceeded to fulfil that duty and to make my official inspection on the evening of April 10th, at which time there was a full attendance of the Craft, including members of adjacent Lodges. The conferring of the second degree (the ritualistic work of which was, in my judgment, exceedingly well performed) enhanced the interest of the occasion. The financial status of the Lodge, like many others in this district, is materially affected by the large amount of outstanding dues. Amount received during the year including a loan of \$100, \$583.88. Paid out \$495.86. Bal. \$88. Amount of dues in arrears, 257.27.

Western Star Lodge, No. 50, extended to me the courtesy of an invitation to perform the ceremony of installation at their regular meeting in April. I was compelled by the state of the roads and weather at that time to defer my visit to May 14th, their regular night, at which time I met the Lodge. In point of membership this Lodge is numerically the second in this Jurisdiction. I had much pleasure in congratulating the brethren of Western Star on the satisfactory state of their affairs. No debts and a balance of \$500 in hand. The Secretary is a painstaking and competent officer, as exhibited by his books which with the registration books of the Lodge are ample and neat.

I did not visit Acadia No. 13, at Pugwash this year, that Lodge having been honored during the season by the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. I confess to my delinquency as regards the Lodges at Wine



harbor, Sherbrooke and Goldenville, with the best intentions of attending to these Lodges during the Spring months. I have been deterred from doing so in a great measure by the extreme badness of the roads and unsettled weather which has characterized this exceptional season. I would humbly suggest to Grand Lodge whether these last named Lodges might not with propriety be detached from District No. 4, and annexed to District No. 5—thereby equalizing more nearly the number of Lodges in each.

I have avoided in this report detailing the amount of work performed during the year by the Lodges in my district—this and other matter of a kindred character being so clearly laid down for information of Grand Lodge in the annual tabulated statement of R. W. the Grand Secretary.

A want of uniformity appears in this district in the varying interpretation given to sec. 3, chap. 14 of the constitution, as regards the Marshal or Inner Guard. Most of the Lodges recognizing the duty of both these officials as not incompatible—and to be performed by one individual. Others that a choice of one or the other is intended, and that one or the other may be dispensed with.

For the kindness of their reception of me in my official capacity, I take this opportunity of expressing my grateful acknowledgments to the Craft generally in District No. 4, and especially to Very Worshipful the Senior and Junior Grand Deacons, Brothers Cooke and Archibald, who most kindly accompanied and aided me in all my visitations throughout the counties of Cumberland and Colchester.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS JOHNSTONE,  
D. D. G. M., Dist. No. 4.

#### FIFTH DISTRICT.

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

I have the honour to submit the following annual Report of this fifth Masonic District.

I regret to report that I was prevented by severe illness, which occurred during the past winter, at the only time that the travelling was at all practicable, from visiting several distant Lodges, viz., Richmond, No. 64, Arichat; Solomon, No. 46, Hawkesbury; Temple, No. 57, Mulgrave and Eastern Light, No. 72, Guysborough; the remainder I have visited, from time to time, with the further exception of Tyrian Youth, No. 45, when other official duties interfered with a pre-arranged inspection.

I have much satisfaction in bringing to notice the continued good condition of the several Lodges in this District. In my report of last year, I entered so fully into the minutest details of the affairs of the Lodges, and endeavoured to show the exact position and standing of each, with every particular, that to go over the same ground in the present report (as I have nothing new of interest to communicate) would be such a wearisome re-

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petition of facts and figures that I shall refrain from inflicting it on this Grand Lodge.

In October last, when visiting Sircom Lodge, No. 66, Whyecocomagh, I found that it had recently been the practice of the Lodge to permit other Societies to occupy and make use of the Masonic Hall, and also that it had been rented to every passing exhibition or lecturer. This hall was consecrated and dedicated for the purposes of Freemasonry, by myself, in the year 1873, under the orders of the M. W. Grand Master, and conceiving that buildings thus set apart should not be used for other purposes, I gave directions that this practice must be discontinued for the future, and pending the opinion of the M. W. Grand Master on the subject.

On inspection of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 35, Baddeck, I noticed in the minutes that the Lodge had passed a vote to restore to membership a certain brother, suspended for non-payment of dues, on the payment of a sum less than the amount due: this act appearing to me to be unconstitutional, I submitted the case to the M. W. Grand Master, who decided as follows:

"Section 24, Chap. 14, is very explicit on this point, that a brother suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the Lodge without a fresh ballot, on payment being made of *all* arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was so suspended, notice thereof being given to the Grand Secretary. The action of the Lodge as reported, is very irregular, and the proviso of the constitution must be complied with."

I granted a dispensation in September last to the Lodges in this District to wear Masonic clothing and form a procession on the occasion of the public installation of officers of a Royal Arch Chapter in Sydney. These ceremonies were performed in public, and were witnessed by a very large gathering of the Craft and the inhabitants from many parts of the island, who also had an opportunity of hearing a very eloquent and learned lecture on Free Masonry, delivered by Brother Past Master Purves, of Royal Albert Lodge.

I beg leave to report that all the Lodges in this District are in a sound, healthy condition, and that without exception the presiding and other officers are well fitted to undertake and carry out the work. The general stagnation of trade has doubtless had its effect in preventing any large additions to the numbers of the Craft, and the fact that the funds of many of the Lodges suffer from the non-payment of dues may be easily traced to the same source.

I regret to report the death, on the 1st May, of Past Master G. M. Bishop, of Sircom Lodge, at comparatively an early age. He was highly esteemed and respected for his upright conduct and sound judgment, and his loss will be much felt both by Sircom Lodge and the Craft in that neighborhood, and indeed, throughout the District.

In conclusion, I beg to express my hearty thanks to the Lodges in my District for the kind courtesy extended to me on all occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CREWE-READ,

Sydney, C. B., June 1st, 1878.

D. D. G. Master, District No. 5.

The M. W. Grand Master was here announced and received with the usual honors.

### REVISION OF MASONIC DISTRICTS PROPOSED.

The consideration of the alteration in the limits of Districts Nos. 2 and 3, proposed by a special committee at the last Annual Communication (see Proceedings, 1877, page 83,) was not moved; but in lieu thereof R. W. Bro. John F. Macdonald submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann, and adopted:—

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to revise the present Districts and to recommend such alterations in the present limits as may be deemed necessary.

### THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

#### CHANGE IN THE TIME OF HOLDING PROPOSED.

R. W. Bros. Higby and Poyntz having declined to move the consideration of their motions relative to the time of holding the Annual Communication, (See Proceedings, 1877, page 93.)

R. W. Bro A. H. Crowe offered the following resolution, which was seconded by W. Bro. J. B. Black and adopted:—

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to take into consideration the subject of changing the time of holding the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and to give the G. Secretary the usual three months' notice of any proposed change, so that the question may be dealt with at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. L. Johnstone declined to move to amend sec. 20, chap. 14, as proposed last year. (See Proceedings, 1877, page 93.)

W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy declined also to move for a change in the constitution, so as to prevent the re-election of certain G. L. officers, as proposed by him at the last Annual Meeting. (See Proceedings, 1877, page 93.)

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

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SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1878.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called to labor, M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, Grand Master, presiding.

A constitutional number of Lodges being duly represented, Grand Lodge was declared ready to proceed to labor.

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DECISION OF THE D. G. MASTER REVERSED.

In pursuance of notice given at the last Annual Communication (see Proceedings, 1877, page 93,) W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy moved the following resolution, which, on being seconded and put to vote, was agreed to :—

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge re-consider that portion of R. W. Past Deputy Grand Master Crowe's Report relative to the appointment of Chaplains in Subordinate Lodges. (Proc., 1877, page 41.)

W. Bro. MacCoy then moved the following resolution, which was seconded by W. Bro. J. Poyntz, and agreed to :—

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, no Worshipful Master of a Subordinate Lodge has a right under the constitution to appoint a Chaplain to his Lodge.

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NOTICE OF MOTION.

CHAPLAIN AND ORGANIST.

W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy then gave notice that he will move the following resolution at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge :

*Resolved*, That on the night of installation of W. Master of a Subordinate Lodge, he shall have power to appoint suitable brethren to the offices of Chaplain and Organist for the ensuing year.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
CONSTITUTION AMENDED.

R. W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, pursuant to notice given three months prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge (see chapter 2, section 12), moved the consideration of his motion to amend Section 44, Chapter 14, of the Constitution, by expunging the words, "cannot be entertained in any Lodge for six months," and substituting therefor, "cannot again be entertained for six months;" and to add to the standing Resolutions the following: No petition for the mysteries of Freemasonry shall be received from a candidate who has been rejected in any Lodge, without the consent of the Lodge so rejecting—such consent to be expressed by a majority vote at any regular meeting of said Lodge. This amendment and resolution were agreed to, and Section 44 now reads:

SECTION 44. Every candidate must be proposed in open Lodge, at a regular meeting, and his petition referred to an investigating committee. He may be balloted for at any regular meeting of the Lodge after an interval of one month, provided the committee have reported; and if elected, he may be initiated; but if rejected, his application cannot again be entertained for six months. No higher degree shall be conferred on any brother at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AMENDED.

On motion of R. W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, the Grand Secretary was directed to amend the form of application for admission so as to read as follows:

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of the Lodge*  
..... No....., R. N. S.

I, ....., being of the full age of twenty-one years, do freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry. I have not within six months been rejected on application for admission; and I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity. My place of residence is.....; my occupation....., my age.....years.

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The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to meet at 8½ o'clock, P. M.

### EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 7th, 1877.

At 8½ o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor. M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, Grand Master, presiding.

A constitutional number of Lodges being duly represented, Grand Lodge was declared ready to proceed to labor.

A telegram was here received from Bro. L. J. Belloni, Jr., addressed to J. W. Laurie, Grand Master, and announcing the unanimous election of E. L. Judson as Grand Master and Charles Roome as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York.

### REQUEST FOR EXPULSION NOT COMPLIED WITH.

On the 9th April, 1877, Cobequid Lodge, No. 37, Truro, suspended Bro. Richard J. Smith for unmasonic conduct, and unanimously recommended the expulsion of said brother from the Craft by G. Lodge, on the following charges:—

- (a) For not keeping a correct account of monies paid him while Secretary of the Lodge.
- (b) For treating Lodge summonses in a contemptuous manner, trampling the same under foot, snapping his fingers and defying the Lodge to do anything with him.
- (c) For ignoring several committees appointed by the Lodge to investigate the grievances on the part of Brethren, who affirm that they paid him money, for which they did not get credit, at a regular Communication.



Bro. Smith having been duly summoned by the Grand Secretary to appear at this Communication and show cause why the sentence of expulsion should not be pronounced against him, presented himself at the door of G. Lodge, in obedience to the summons issued, and, on motion, was admitted.

The charges having been read, Bro. Smith distinctly denied the first, marked (a); but turning to the W. Master of Cobeguid, who was present as the representative of that Lodge, he publicly expressed his great sorrow and deep regret for having treated the Lodge summonses in a contemptuous manner, and for having ignored the committees appointed by the Lodge to investigate the alleged grievances.

Bro. Smith was then requested to retire, when it was moved by W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy, seconded by Bro. E. N. Archibald, and unanimously—

*Resolved*, That Bro. Richard J. Smith be not expelled from the Craft, and that the matter be referred back to his Lodge with a recommendation that he be restored to membership as soon as in the judgment of the Lodge it may be thought advisable to do so.

### TEMPERANCE.

At the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, W. Bro. William F. MacCoy offered the following resolution:

*Whereas*, This Grand Lodge recognizes the fact, that Intemperance is a very great and growing evil, and, *whereas*, Temperance is one of the cardinal virtues of Masonry.

*Therefore Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recommends Temperance to every Mason in this jurisdiction, as being calculated to promote the best interests of its members, and pledges itself at its next meeting, to take some decided step towards an organization in connection with the Craft, pledged to total abstinence.

This resolution was seconded by W. Bro. E. E. Tupper, and strongly advocated by several of the brethren present; but as the mover was obliged to retire from Grand Lodge, on profes-

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sional business, the further consideration thereof was deferred until the present communication.

Bro. MacCoy in again presenting his resolution for the consideration of Grand Lodge, spoke at length and with great energy upon the necessity that existed for the adoption of the motion now offered. The resolution was then adopted.

In connection with the above, it was moved by R. W. Bro. the Rev. R. Avery, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, and unanimously resolved,

That a committee be appointed from this Body to report on the best means of carrying out the intention of the resolution, and that the Grand Master now name such committee.

Committee appointed : W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy, W. Bro. E. E. Tupper and R. W. Bro. N. Tupper.

#### MASONIC PROCESSION AND SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S.

The M. W. Grand Master here took occasion to refer, in pleasing terms, to the presence of the members of the Royal Standard Lodge, Registry of England, at the procession, yesterday morning, previous to the opening of Grand Lodge, and to the kindness of the General Commanding, in postponing the intended Review on the Common, in order that our military brethren might have an opportunity of taking part in the procession and attending Divine Service in St. Paul's Church.

The Grand Master tendered the thanks of Grand Lodge to the Rev. Dr. Hill, Rector of St. Paul's, for placing the Church at the disposal of the Craft ; to the Rev. Canon Townshend, M. A., R. W. Grand Chaplain, who preached on the occasion ; to V. W. Bro. Samuel Porter, Grand Organist, and the highly efficient choir under his direction ; and to the Grand Director of Ceremonies and other Marshals who so ably conducted the procession.

The Grand Master's personal thanks were tendered to Bros Fluck, Townshend, and others for services rendered in connection with the Grand Lodge Banner.

### REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

W. Bro. Col. J. Poyntz, from the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following Report:—

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

The Committee on the Address of the M. W. Grand Master, have the honour to report as follows:

1st.—They notice with pleasure and satisfaction the visit of the M. W. G. Master to Truro, and the interesting ceremonies connected with laying the Corner Stone of the Normal School at that Town, and entirely coincide with the wishes expressed by him, that the interests of education may be advanced by that and similar institutions.

2nd.—Your Committee congratulate Grand Lodge on the state of efficiency of the several Lodges mentioned as having been visited by him.

3rd.—Your Committee concur with the decision of the M. W. G. Master, refusing a dispensation to authorize Harmony Lodge to confer the degree of Master Mason on Brother Phinney.

4th.—Your Committee entirely agree with the decision respecting the boundary line between North Star and Corinthian Lodges.

5th.—Your Committee infer the G. Master had good reasons for sanctioning the departure from the constitutional period of one month between the degrees in the case reported by him.

6th.—Your Committee consider the G. Master's interpretation of Sec. 42, Chap. 14, and the decision founded thereon, reasonable; the question, however, being of much importance, they beg to leave it for the action of G. Lodge.

7th.—Your Committee notice with satisfaction the recognition of the services of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

8th.—Your Committee entirely agree as to the unfortunate misconception which may arise from the want of distinctness in the territorial designation of the Grand Lodges of the Dominion of Canada.

9th.—Your Committee deeply lament with the Most Worshipful Grand Master the departure of the Grand Orient of France from the first fundamental principle of Freemasonry, the belief in the existence of the first great cause,—a Personal God.

10th.—The other decisions and acts as reported by the M. W. Grand Master are in the opinion of your committee strictly in accordance with

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constitutional usage; and in this connection your committee would recommend the continuance of the old custom revived at this Annual Communication, of attending Divine Service.

11th.—Your committee refrain from expressing any opinion upon the report of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, proposing to submit it directly to the action of G. Lodge, your committee having no evidence to guide them in the consideration of some of the matters submitted in that report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES POYNTZ,  
C. CREWE-READ,  
LEWIS JOHNSTONE.

On motion of R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann, seconded by W. Bro. T. Mowbray, it was

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and considered clause by clause.

The following clauses were then adopted :

- No. 1.—On motion of W. Bro. W. B. Alley.
- " 2.—On motion of R. W. Bro. J. F. Macdonald.
- " 3.—On motion of R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald.
- " 4.—On motion of R. W. Bro. D. C. Moore.
- " 5.—On motion of W. Bro. W. B. Alley.
- " 7.—On motion of R. W. Bro. A. H. Woodill.
- " 8.—On motion of R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore.
- " 9.—On motion of R. W. Bro. N. Tupper.
- " 10.—On motion of W. Bro. R. L. Black.
- " 11.—On motion of R. W. Bro. A. H. Woodill.

#### INTERPRETATION OF SECTION 42, CHAPTER 14.

R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, having moved the adoption of clause 6 of the Report on the G. Master's address, it was moved in amendment by W. Bro. Balcarn, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, and

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, 10 miles in every direction means a radius of 10 miles, the Lodge room forming the centre.

This amendment on being put to vote was agreed to.

## COMPLAINT, WELSFORD vs. ST. ANDREW'S.

R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann submitted the following resolution which was, on motion, adopted :

*Resolved*, That the complaint of Welsford Lodge, No. 26, Windsor, against St. Andrew's, No. 1, for having conferred the degrees of Masonry upon a candidate claimed to be residing within the jurisdiction of said Welsford Lodge, be referred back to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, to be reported upon at the next Annual Communication.

## JEWELS OF THE LATE PROV. G. LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A communication from Mrs. Keith, widow of the late Grand Master, was here received and read, accompanied with certain jewels of the late Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, the property of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

## REMNANT OF BAZAAR PROCEEDS.

R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, presented to Grand Lodge, a printed statement of receipts and expenditure connected with the Ladies' Bazaar, of last year, together with a Pass Book, No. 5308, from the Dominion Government Savings Bank, for a deposit of \$203.33 ; said balance of proceeds to be appropriated, at the request of the Ladies, towards the purchase of an organ for the use of the Blue Room.

The statement shows also the following articles still unsold :

1 Marble Font, presented by Bro. G. A. Sanford, valued at. \$50.00  
1 Ensign valued at..... 10.00

## MEMO. ATTACHED TO STATEMENT.

Amount received from Lodges and individual subscriptions.....	\$ 638 00
Amount received from Bazaar Sales .....	2632 67
	<hr/> \$4270 67
Amount expended for material for fancy tables.....	\$ 566 18
Amount expended for material for refreshment tables .....	132 86
Expenses in connection with Bazaar .....	282 77
Amount paid for furnishing Lodge Room.....	2085 53
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Balance to credit .....	\$ 203 33

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 One Ensign, valued at..... 10 00  
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Total balance to credit of Bazaar Committee.....\$ 263 33  
 Net proceeds.....\$2348 86

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Halifax, July 24, 1877.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Rev. R. Avery, Bro. Crowe was requested to tender to the ladies of the Bazaar Committee the thanks of Grand Lodge for the sum now placed at the disposal of the Organ Committee.

#### REQUEST OF A REPRESENTATIVE GRANTED BY THE G. MASTER.

The following request from a representative to Grand Lodge was forwarded to the Grand Master; and permission to return home before the close of the Annual Communication was granted:—

HALIFAX, June 6, 1878.

COLONEL J. W. LAURIE.

Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother,—

Having made an appointment to meet persons on important business at home, to-morrow, I beg most respectfully to ask permission to be allowed to leave Grand Lodge at the close of this evening's session.

I have the honor to be,

Fraternally, yours,

J. R. ILSLEY,

Representative from Ionic Lodge No. 73.

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

On motion, the grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of Officers for the ensuing year, when R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, with the assistance of W. Bro. Colonel J. Poyntz, installed the following Grand Officers elect:



M. W. J. Wimburn Laurie	Grand Master.
R. W. A. H. Woodill	Deputy G. Master.
R. W. James Gossip	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Nathan Tupper	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. Andrew K. Mackinlay	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Benjamin Curren	Grand Secretary.
R. W. J. R. Bennett	Grand Lecturer.
R. W. Rev. D. C. Moore	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Rev. W. Downey	" "
V. W. T. R. Harris	Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. John W. Ruhland	G. Supt. of Works.
V. W. W. E. Starratt	G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. John R. Cowen	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Peter E. McKerrow	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. R. L. Hardwick	Grand Steward.
V. W. J. Mackenzie	" "
V. W. W. V. Murray	" "
V. W. E. E. Tupper	" "
V. W. J. W. Fraser	" "
V. W. J. J. Davies	" "
V. W. John M. Taylor	Grand Tyler.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC DOCUMENTS.

R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, from the Committee to collect Masonic Documents, presented the following report, which was, on motion of R. W. Bro. Rev. W. Downey, received and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia :*

The Committee appointed to collect Masonic Documents, beg leave to report that they have discharged that duty to the best of their ability, and have been successful in collecting a large number of Documents relating to the early history of Free Masonry in Nova Scotia, under English authority.

The Committee have secured the original Warrant granted by Lawrence Dermott, bearing date June 2nd, 1784, appointing John George Pyke, Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, John Snelling, Senior Provincial Grand

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Warden, Daniel Wood, Junior Provincial Grand Warden, and they have also collected the continuous line of Minutes of Proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge thus formed, up to 5866, when the name was changed to the "District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia," and the committee are in possession of the minutes of same up to 5869, when the Masonic Bodies under the various authorities holding jurisdiction in the Province united.

The Committee have also the Grand Lodge Registration Book, containing names of candidates raised between 5784 and 5819, and the Register (and copy) of Warrants issued between 5784 and 5828, as well as the Letter Books from 5792 to 5825, inclusive.

The Committee have been kindly furnished with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, from its formation in 5849, up to 5866, together with the Warrants which were returned by the several Lodges seceding at that time and forming themselves into an Independent Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The labor of compiling and numbering these various Documents being too great, the committee have only been able to carefully fold and place them in such order that easy reference can be made thereto.

The whole of the books, papers, &c., above mentioned, have been placed in the Office of the Grand Secretary, and we beg to suggest that a committee be appointed to carefully assort, mark and number the several papers that have not been already arranged.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. CROWE, *Chairman*.

Halifax, N. S., June 5th, 5878.

P. S.—I have also now in my hand the original deed of transfer of the land upon which this building is erected.

V. W. Bro. E. E. Tupper then submitted the following resolution which was seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. W. Downey, and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to our excellent and R. W. Bro. Crowe, for his untiring exertions in the collection of valuable and interesting documents relating to the early Masonry of this Province, and that our brother be fraternally and respectfully requested to continue his researches for another year.

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#### GRAND SECRETARY AUTHORIZED TO DEMAND MASONIC DOCUMENTS.

R. W. C. J. Macdonald offered the following resolution which was seconded by W. Bro. H. N. Wright, and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this Grand Lodge that many Lodge papers and documents of great value are in the hands of members of this jurisdiction—which said documents are the property of this Grand Lodge, And whereas, it is desirable that Grand Lodge should be in possession of all such documents,

Therefore Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to call upon all such members as may be reported to him as having such documents in their possession, to deliver the same into the hands of such person as he may authorize to receive them for this Grand Lodge.

### REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The following Report of the 'Trustees of Freemasons' Hall was presented to Grand Lodge and read, when on motion of R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. W. Downey, the Report was received and unanimously adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia :*

The Building Committee (Trustees) of Freemasons' Hall, beg to submit the following Estimate of the Financial position of the Grand Lodge property :

### ANNUAL LIABILITIES.

#### INTEREST.

Mortgage, Donaldson.....	\$22,000 @ 6 p. c.	\$1,320	
Debentures.....	12,000 @ 4 p. c.	480	
Balance, Brookfield.....	10,000 @ 6 p. c.	600	
Balance, Estimated Accounts.....	600 @ 6 p. c.	36	
			\$2,436.00
Insurance, New Building and Furniture.....		150	
Insurance, Old Building.....		60	
			210.00
City Taxes.....		175	
City Water Rates.....		75	
			250.00
Sundries			
{ Fuel.....		175	
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## ANNUAL INCOME.

10 Blue Lodges @ \$100 each.....	\$1,000
2 Chapters.....	200
Templars.....	50
Emergencies, Estimated.....	100
Public Hall, Estimated.....	1,300
Old Building.....	350
Grand Lodge accommodation.....	200
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	3,200.00
Deficiency.....	<hr/>
	\$671.00

By the foregoing statement it will be seen that our present Annual Expenditure is in excess of revenue about \$670, to provide for which, your Committee would suggest that the Rent of the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Templar Rooms be increased 25 p. c., commencing on the first of May of present year; believing that the increase of revenue, likely to accrue from the Public Hall, will be sufficient to meet the balance.

Your Committee deem this advance only reasonable, and believe it will be so considered by the Brethren generally, when on reference to the Estimate it will be found that the cost of Gas, Fuel and Water for Masonic purposes alone amounts to one-third of the present Rent; while at the same time they cannot but acknowledge that the accommodation is all that can be desired, and not surpassed by any similar institution in the Dominion.

J. W. LAURIE, Grand Master,  
*Chairman.*

Signed, W. A. HESSON,  
*Secretary.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following partial Report which was, on motion, adopted :

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Your Committee are also in receipt of a communication signed by Antonia Govin, as Grand Master of "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colon, Havana, Island of Cuba," asking recognition.

Also a communication from Ramon Illa, as representative of "The Grand Logia de La Isle de Cuba," together with a number of circulars containing the Minutes of Proceedings of said Grand Lodge, with a report of its formation in 1876, also asking for recognition.

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As there seems to be some doubt as to which (if either) of these two Grand Lodges, claiming jurisdiction in the Island of Cuba, has been legally formed, your committee would respectfully recommend that no action be taken in the matter until they are in possession of more definite information.

A. H. CROWE, *Chairman*.

Halifax, N. S., June 5th, 1878.

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

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, June 7th, 1878.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. J. Wimburn Laurie, Grand Master, presiding.

The Roll of Lodges being called, a quorum was found duly represented, and Grand Lodge was declared ready to resume labor.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT.

W. Bro. Thomas Mowbray, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Audit, submitted the following report:—

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The undersigned Committee appointed to examine and report upon the accounts of the R. W. Grand Treasurer and R. W. Grand Secretary, beg leave to state that they have performed that duty and find the accounts properly vouched for.

The receipts for the past year have been:

Dues.....	\$2418 75
Diplomas.....	407 50
Dispensations.....	55 00
Renewals of Diplomas.....	7 00
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Rents received for Hall.....	2406 84
Total income for year.....	\$5295 09
Add balance on hand from last year's account.....	1243 85
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## EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR.

Travelling expenses of representatives of Country Lodges and D. D. G. M. expenses .....	\$ 703 17
Printing, Stationery, Postage, &c.....	483 15
Fuel and Light.....	670 47
Grand Secretary, 1 year.....	600 00
Interest.....	2524 35
Insurance .....	212 00
Services of Bands, June, 1877 .....	88 00
Janitor.....	234 00
City Taxes and Water Rates.....	348 15
Sundry expenses, per vouchers.....	97 82
	<hr/> \$5961 11
Balance in G. T. hands.....	\$ 577 83

We find that the balance in Grand Treasurer's hands last year on Benevolent Fund account has not been encroached upon, and with interest added now amounts to \$362.78.

The balance of \$408.13 at credit of Construction account when we last reported we find has been expended as per vouchers, and in addition the sum of \$14.41, advanced by the Grand Treasurer. This sum we recommend being transferred to General account in the Grand Treasurer's books.

The books and accounts of both Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are as usual kept in a most satisfactory manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. MOWBRAY, Chairman.

THOS. D. SPIKE.

Halifax, N. S., 6th June, 1878.

On motion of R. W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. W. Downey, the report was received and adopted.

## SPECIAL VOTE OF THANKS TO GRAND ORGANIST.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Richard Avery offered the following resolution, which was seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Curren, and unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*, That the special thanks of this Grand Lodge be most cordially extended to V. W. Bro. Samuel Porter, our eminent Grand Organist, and to the Choir of St. Paul's, for the very efficient aid rendered to the Craft in the performance of the full Choral service in St. Paul's church, on the day of the opening of our Annual Communication.

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The following accounts were submitted to Grand Lodge and ordered to be paid:—

From the R. W. Dist. Deputy for No. 2, travelling expenses .....	\$ 18 00
“ “ “ “ “ 4, “ “ .....	34 00
“ “ “ “ “ 5, “ “ .....	25 00
From W. A. Hesson, G. L. clothing, sashes and banner, in June, 1877	67 50
John M. Taylor, G. Tyler, travelling expenses in '74, '76, '77, '78, \$24.65; 3½ years' salary, at \$30.00 per annum, \$105.00.....	129 65

On motion of W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy, the sum of five dollars was voted to the sexton of St. Paul's, for services performed on Wednesday morning, June 5th.

#### PROCEEDINGS TO BE PUBLISHED.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was authorized to publish six hundred copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the past year for distribution in the usual manner; and to make such corrections in the Constitution as are rendered necessary by the amendments from time to time adopted by Grand Lodge.

#### BOUNDARY LINES,—ANNAPOLIS, GRANVILLE, ROTH-SAY.

The following report, being an agreement of boundary between Annapolis Royal, Rothsay and Granville Lodges, was, on motion, sanctioned by Grand Lodge, in accordance with the provisions of section 42, chapter 14 of the Constitution:—

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISDICTION,

adopted by Annapolis Royal Lodge, No. 33, R. N. S., at a Regular Communication held July 4, A. D., 1877.

“We, the undersigned committee, to whom was referred the duty of defining the jurisdiction of this Lodge in conjunction with the adjacent sister Lodges, beg leave to report as follows:

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"That in our opinion the boundary line of jurisdiction with Granville Lodge be the Annapolis River, and with Rothsay and Keith Lodges the boundary line of jurisdiction be half way between each Lodge. We also beg leave to report that Granville Lodge committee, appointed for the same purpose as ourselves, fully concur with us in reference to the river being the boundary line."

R. L. HARDWICK,  
J. M. HARDING,  
JOSEPH FOSTER.

A true extract from the minutes.

NORMAN LOGAN,  
Secretary of  
Annapolis Royal Lodge, No. 33, R. N. S.

#### TRUSTEES ELECTED.

The following brethren were elected Trustees of the Freemasons' Hall property for the ensuing year :

J. WIMBURN LAURIE, *G. Master*.  
ALFRED H. WOODILL, *Dep. G. Master*.  
ANDREW K. MACKINLAY, *G. Treasurer*.  
BENJAMIN CURREN, *G. Secretary*.  
ALLEN H. CROWE.  
WILLIAM A. HESSON.  
JAMES GOSSIP.  
JAMES MUMFORD.  
CHARLES J. McDONALD.  
WILLIAM WILLIAMS.  
J. TAYLOR WOOD.  
WILLIAM TAYLOR.  
GEORGE T. SMITHERS.

#### MASONIC CLOTHING.

The following resolution was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by R. W. Bro. Williams, and adopted :

*Resolved*, That a Committee on Masonic Clothing be now appointed ; said Committee to report at the next Annual Communication.

Committee:—Bros. A. H. Woodill, G. T. Smithers, and Rev. D. C. Moore.

Referring to the Clothing of G. Lodge now in use, R. W. Bro. W. Williams offered the following resolution which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge Regalia be handed to the Committee on Clothing for arrangement and renewal; and that the Committee report to the Grand Master as to the probable amount of expenditure in connection therewith.

#### EXPENSES OF GRAND LODGE.

The following resolution was, on motion, adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be instructed to take into consideration the subject of the annual expenditure of Grand Lodge, and to report, at the next Annual Communication, upon the best means of reducing said expenditure.

#### MINUTES OF 1877 APPROVED.

R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, and adopted :—

*Whereas*, At the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Communication exception was taken as to the correctness of that portion relating to the clothing of Virgin Lodge (see Proceedings, 1877, page 82),

*And whereas*, R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, the mover of the resolution, states that the record is a correct copy of his motion,

*Therefore resolved*, That said minute is correct, and that the same be approved.

R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted :—

*Resolved*, That the Record of Proceedings on page 85, Proceedings of 1877, touching the appointment of R. W. Bro. Rev. Geo. B. Dodwell as Grand Chaplain is correct.

#### ADDITIONAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Nova Scotia :*

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg leave to make an additional report recommending that the Grand Secretary be authorized to

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issue duplicate Diplomas to Bros. George B. Healey and H. Albert Spencer, of St. George's Lodge, Wolfville, their diplomas having been burnt at the destruction of Acadia College, Wolfville by fire.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, Chairman.  
DAVID MOORE.

Halifax, June 6, 1878.

R. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone submitted the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted :—

*Resolved*, That that clause of the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals referring to the charge made by Royal Sussex Lodge against Cobequid Lodge, be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, for the purpose of giving to Cobequid Lodge an opportunity to submit such evidence in their defence as they may be in possession of.

#### REPORTS OF FOREIGN GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES.

The following resolution was moved by R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, and unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, forward their Reports to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, at such convenient time before the Annual Communication, as will enable him to place the whole Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's table within one hour after the opening of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the provisions of standing resolution, No. 5.

#### THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore offered the following resolution, which was seconded by W. Bro. Col. J. Poyntz, and unanimously adopted :

*Whereas*, The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has received official notification that the Grand Orient of France has altered the first article of its Constitution from its previous form, and omitted therefrom, as one of its fundamental principles, a belief in the existence of God and the Immortality of the Soul, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia hereby resolves,—That the

Grand Orient of France having by such alteration rendered admissible as members of Lodges, within its jurisdiction, individuals who do not believe in the existence of a Personal Deity, has thereby caused a breach in the foundation of Ancient Masonry, and acted in violation of the first great principle of the Order; and therefore the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, hereby declares that it can not recognize the Grand Orient of France as a Masonic Body, and directs all Lodges working under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, to decline receiving, as Masons, any person hailing from the Grand Orient of France, or any Subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction.

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#### APPOINTMENTS.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced the following appointments for the ensuing year :

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

##### *On Credentials.*

A. E. Curren, T. D. Spike, O. Jones.

##### *On Constitution and Regulations.*

W. F. MacCoy, G. Anderson, C. J. Townshend.

##### *On Grievances and Appeal.*

C. J. Macdonald, A. Blanchard, E. Fultz.

##### *On Finance and Audit.*

T. Mowbray, J. H. Jost, T. Mitchell.

##### *On Foreign Correspondence.*

A. H. Crowe, Rev. D. C. Moore, T. B. Flint.

##### *On Charters.*

K. J. Dolphin, J. B. Norton, C. E. Brackett.

##### *On Library and Reading Room.*

B. Curren, J. Gossip, A. K. Mackinlay.

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*District Deputy Grand Masters.*

First District, R. W. Theodore A. Cossmann, Halifax.

Second District, R. W. S. H. Pelton, Yarmouth.

Third District, R. W. A. Robinson, M. D., Annapolis.

Fourth District, R. W. Lewis Johnstone, M. D., Stellarton.

Fifth District, R. W. C. Crewe-Read, Sydney, C. B.

No further business appearing, after the usual ceremonies, and prayer by the Rev. D. C. Moore, Grand Chaplain, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was closed in ample form, to meet again in Annual Communication on the first Wednesday in June, A. D., 1879, at 12 o'clock, noon.

BENJAMIN CURREN,

*Grand Secretary.*



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## SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

### GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

For the Year ending June 5th, A. D. 1878—A. L. 5878.

SHOWING FORMER REGISTRY WITH DATES OF ORIGINAL FORMATION AND CHARTER.

#### ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1.

HALIFAX.]

formerly No. 118, R. E. Charter dated March 26, 1768, London. Lawrence Dermott, Grand Secretary.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

#### OFFICERS :

J. H. JOST.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
S. PORTER .....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
A. NORTHUP.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
J. OUTRAM.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. B. CORMACK.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
A. G. CUNNINGHAM .....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
S. R. DAVIDSON.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
W. G. THOMAS.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
F. W. JUBIEN .....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
T. J. PAYNE .....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. M. TAYLOR .....	<i>Tyler.</i>

#### PAST MASTERS :

J. Woodill, P. G. W.	J. Montgomery.
A. H. Crowe, P. D. G. M.	R. C. Hamilton.
J. W. Scott.	A. H. Woodill, D. G. Master.
W. McDonald.	J. Dempster.
T. Lownds.	T. Trenaman.

**ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.****HALIFAX.**

Formerly No. 161, R. E. Charter signed, London, June 30, 1730.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

**OFFICERS :**

G. ANDERSON.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
W. B. McDONALD.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
D. ROBERTSON .....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
W. WILSON .....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
G. H. FIELDING.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
W. INGLIS.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
W. A. DALLAS.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. MARTIN .....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
J. E. MORSE.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
E. P. T. GOLDSMITH.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. M. TAYLOR.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

**PAST MASTERS :**

H. C. D. Twining, P. G. W.	C. F. Vose.
J. Milson.	J. Lawlor.
J. Martin.	L. E. Tremaine.
J. W. Laurie, Grand Master.	E. M. Veith.
W. H. Davies, Past G. Master.	J. N. Ritchie, P. G. W.
S. R. Sircom, Past G. Master.	S. G. Rigby, P. D. G. M.
A. K. Mackinlay, P. G. W., G. T.	W. Inglis.
H. J. Marshall, P. G. W.	W. F. MacCoy.

**VIRGIN LODGE, No. 3.****HALIFAX.**

Formerly No. 396, R. E. Established February 13, 1782. Chartered October, 1784.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

**OFFICERS :**

A. E. CURREN.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
W. E. WIER.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
F. DAY.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
W. A. HESSON.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
C. TUPPER.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
J. ESSON .....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
W. NORTHUP .....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
L. D. WIER.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
W. T. SYMONS.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. CARMAN.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. M. TAYLOR.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

**PAST MASTERS :**

W. A. Hesson, P. G. W.	J. Starr.
J. A. Sinclair.	C. C. Vaux.
R. T. Roome.	Rev. J. B. Richardson
B. Curren, P. G. W., G. Secretary.	C. E. Puttner.
J. Gossip, S. G. W.	A. H. H. McGachen.
T. Mowbray.	A. Stephen.

# UNITY LODGE, No. 4.

LUNENBURG.

Formerly No. 399 R. E. Established March 1822. Chartered March 10, 1840.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

E. H. SOLOMON.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
D. J. RUDOLF.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
W. TOWNSHEND.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
H. S. JOST.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
F. POWERS.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
C. ARENBURG.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. NASS.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
F. SMITH.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
J. E. HUNT.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
S. JACOBS.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
W. GRAY.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTER :

H. S. Jost.

# ALBION LODGE, No. 5.

NEW GLASGOW.

Formerly No. 470, R. E. Established October, 1838. Chartered April 3, 1840.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

J. MCGILLIVRAY.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
K. S. McDONALD.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
R. GRAHAM.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
J. W. COPELAND.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
R. GRANT.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
P. R. MEIKLE.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. R. TURNER.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
E. R. BAILIE.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
A. FRASER.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
W. BETTS.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. REEVES.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

A. McKinnon.	K McLeod.
H. J. Cameron.	P. R. Meikle.
A. M. Holmes.	G. A. Douglas.
J. R. P. Fraser.	A. Fraser.
J. F. McDonald.	A. McQueen.

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**ROYAL SUSSEX, No. 6.**

HALIFAX.

Formerly 479, R. E. Established April, 1841. Chartered 1842.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

E. FULTZ.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
D. L. JOHNS.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
J. COLE.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
W. HOLLOWAY.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. M. MUMFORD.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
J. ALLEN.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
W. H. WILLS.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
T. E. EVERETT.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
J. P. BARNSTEAD.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
H. FULTON.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. M. TAYLOR.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

J. M. Taylor, G. Tyler.	H. B. Sellon.
W. H. Tully, P. G. W.	R. Brunton.
W. Holloway, P. G. W.	J. M. Mumford.
J. McLearn.	G. McKenzie.

**ST. ANDREW'S, No. 7.**

SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly 490, R. E. Chartered August 29, 1844.

MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

D. MATHESON.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. PATTERSON.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
A. McLEOD.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
A. G. McLEAN.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
R. J. INGRAHAM.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
H. BATTISLEY.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
T. PUBLICOVER.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. C. TOWNSEND.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
J. A. CAMPBELL.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
K. McKENZIE.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
E. MURPHY.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

C. Crewe-Read, D. D. G. M.	H. McLeod.
E. Outram.	M. Dodd.
T. LeCras.	A. D. McGillivray.
A. G. McLean.	J. McKenzie, G. St.
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# ACACIA, LODGE, No. 8.

AMHERST.

Formerly No. 830, Registry of Ireland. Chartered March 15, 1845. Also No. 14, R. N. S.,  
Chartered March 8, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY ON OR AFTER FULL MOON.

## OFFICERS :

J. A. DICKEY.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
C. R. SMITH.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
A. MURRAY.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
S. R. GREENFIELD.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
R. W. CHIPMAN.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
H. M. COATES.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
M. HICKS.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
A. B. ETTER.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. CANHAM.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
F. WILSON.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
B. DODGE.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

J. King.	J. A. Chipman.
J. Hill.	F. W. Bent.
J. Cove.	D. Spence.
J. Winchester.	W. H. Burton.
D. Douglas.	C. J. Townshend.
N. Tupper, J. G. W.	W. C. Harper.

# ZETLAND LODGE, No. 9.

LIVERPOOL.

Formerly 562, R. E. Established 1847. Chartered March 22, 1849.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

T. FRASER.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
A. C. PARKER.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
R. McLEOD.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
C. E. D. SNOW.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
E. R. MULHALL.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
F. R. PUTNAM.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
S. NEWMAN.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. M. COLE.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
E. J. PUTNAM.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. HENRICKSON.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
A. LAING.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

J. W. Scott.	J. N. S. Marshall.
J. W. Cobb.	J. M. Chase.
J. M. Cole.	W. Knaut.
D. Buchanan.	C. J. Thomson.



**BURNS LODGE, No. 10.**

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 352, R. S. Chartered 1848. Also No. 1, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.  
MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

**OFFICERS :**

O. JONES.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
D. C. GRANT.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
REV. J. MEADOWS.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
J. FORTUNE.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
A. WADDELL .....	<i>Secretary.</i>
W. BREWITT.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. PATTERSON.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. MOSHER.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. MORRISON.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. HEFFLER.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. M. TAYLOR.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

**PAST MASTERS :**

Robert Brechin, P.D.G.M. (Hon.)	W. A. Garrison.
William Taylor, P.D.G.M.	S. Mosher.
James Fortune.	J. T. Clarke.
David Pottinger, P.G.W.	G. E. Charles.
Alex. Waddell.	J. R. Bennett, G. L.

**NEW CALEDONIA LODGE, No. 11.**

PICTOU.

Formerly No. 565, R. E. Chartered October 15, 1849.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, ALSO ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY FROM  
APRIL TO SEPTEMBER.

**OFFICERS :**

J. R. DAVIES.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
T. TANNER.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
G. R. DAVIES.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
K. J. McKENZIE.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
C. E. DAVIES.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
D. MURRAY.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
N. FRASER.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
W. W. GLENNIE.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
J. GUNN.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
T. ROBLEY.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
W. CHIPMAN.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

**PAST MASTERS :**

W. E. Cook, M.D.	G. R. Davies.
R. Tanner.	J. J. Davies, G. St.
J. A. Gordon,	T. Robley.
	W. W. Glennie.

# **HIRAM LODGE, No. 12.**

YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. 596, R. E. Establ'shed 1848.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## **OFFICERS :**

J. W. BINGAY.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
E. D. MOULTON.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
H. CHURCHILL.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
W. V. BROWN.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
S. C. HOOD.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
G. T. Grant.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. ROZEE.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
A. GOUDY.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
D. RICHARDS.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
F. E. CORNING.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
B. SMITH.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## **PAST MASTERS :**

T. V. B. Bingay.	J. W. Bingay.
Charles White.	A. S. Hood.
A. J. Hood.	J. Lawson.
C. Christie.	J. R. Wyman.
	J. McKenzie.

# **ACACIA LODGE No. 13.**

PUGWASH.

Formerly No. 612, R. E. Chartered February 23, 1853.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## **OFFICERS :**

D. MACAULY.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
E. KING.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
J. W. STARRET.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
H. C. BLACK.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. E. WARNER.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
R. MCKINNON.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. A. SEAMAN.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
A. MITCHELL.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
W. MCKAY.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
R. SMITH.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
G. MCKINNON.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## **PAST MASTERS :**

J. Clarke.	D. Macaulay.
H. C. Black.	R. Smith.
R. F. Bent.	Rev. D. C. Moore, G. C.

**ACADIA LODGE, No. 14.**

HALIFAX.

Formerly Athole, No. 361, R. S. Chartered February, 1852.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

T. D. SPIKE.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. K. BENT.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
J. R. MCLEOD.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
R. MCFATRIDGE.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. M. PATTERSON.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
J. J. MCKIELL.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
A. MCKENZIE.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. L. BLACKMAN.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. H. CLAUSEN.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
C. ROBINSON.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. M. TAYLOR.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

G. Fraser.	J. W. Ruhland, G. Supt. of Works.
J. Sutherland.	J. G. Smith.
A. McLeod.	

**ATHOLE LODGE, No. 15.**

HALIFAX.

Formerly, No. 361, R. S. Chartered February, 1852. Also, No. 2, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

T. MITCHELL.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. T. HAMILTON.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
A. B. WILMOT.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
S. G. NOBLE.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
W. HALEY.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
A. ROSS.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. P. ROLSTON.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. E. M. TAYLOR.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
T. GOUGH.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. W. CURRIE.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. M. TAYLOR.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

C. J. McDonald, P.D.G.M.	A. J. Rockwell.
J. R. Graham, P.D.G.M.	J. J. Stewart.
W. Williams, P.G.W.	G. J. Fluck.
D. McDougall.	C. F. Cochran.
R. C. Fraser.	A. Carpenter.

# **KEITH LODGE, No. 16.**

HILLSBURG.

Formerly No. 638, R. E. Established May, 1851. Chartered, January 30, 1854.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

C. E. HULSMAN.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
W. T. NICHOLL.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
W. A. PURDY.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
A. MARSHALL.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
G. NICHOLL.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
D. J. MORSE.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
H. HAYS.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. W. TURNBULL.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
T. H. HARRIS.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
E. E. TUPPER.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
W. McFADDEN.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

G. Nicholl.	J. V. Purdy.
J. H. Harlow.	E. E. Tupper, G. St.
J. H. Benson.	S. Kniffin.
A. H. Harris.	

# **KEITH LODGE, No. 17.**

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 345, R. S. Established Jan. 1852. Also, No. 3, R.N.S. Chartered May 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

J. B. NORTON.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
D. F. DOUGLAS.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
W. HAVILL.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
J. K. MUNNIS.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. A. SMITH.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
W. H. SOPER.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. W. CRAWFORD.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
L. H. LARDER.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
D. M. HAZEL.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
I. J. WYLDE.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. M. TAYLOR.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

A. Busby, P. G. W.	J. B. Norton.
J. K. Munnis.	D. M. Hazel.
J. T. Wood.	W. Lowe.
I. J. Wylde.	J. N. Lindsay
W. McNally.	

**UNION LODGE, No. 18.**

HALIFAX.

Formerly 693, R. E. Established December, 1855. Chartered December, 1876.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

C. E. BRACKETT.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
P. BUSHENPIN.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
B. N. DAVIS.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
P. E. McKERROW.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. JACKSON.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
T. G. D. SCOTLAND.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. FLINT.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
W. BAILEY.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
S. F. ROAN.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
D. SKINNER.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. M. TAYLOR.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

W. T. Davis.

P. E. McKerrow, G.P.  
W. B. Thomas.**ROYAL ALBERT, No. 19.**

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly No. 379, R. S. Established February, 1837. Also, No. 18, R. N. S.  
Chartered March 18, 1868.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

D. MCKAY.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. B. McDONALD.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
W. FORBES.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
D. LAWLOR.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
G. F. M. FORBES.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
G. IVEY.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. J. MORGAN.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. MELVIN.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
M. McLEAN.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
D. JOHNSTONE.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
D. SCOTT.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

A. Corbett.  
J. H. Christie.  
G. S. Brown.  
W. Purves.J. Vooght.  
Wm. Proctor.  
J. Forbes.  
N. Martell.This Lc  
Lodge, N

# **ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 20.**

WOLFFVILLE, KING'S COUNTY.

Formerly No. 832, R. E. Established January, 1859.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

G. H. WALLACE .....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
W. T. PIERS .....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
G. T. KENNEDY.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
J. W. CALDWELL.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. B. DAVISON .....	<i>Secretary.</i>
A. S. MURRAY .....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
M. PICK .....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. COCHRAN .....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
G. B. BISHOP.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
W. C. BLACKADAR.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

J. R. Hea,	E. N. Payzant.
J. W. Bigelow.	G. H. Wallace.
E. P. Armstrong.	

# **DAVIES LODGE, No. 21.**

WILMOT.—CHARTER SURRENDERED.

# **SCOTIA LODGE, No. 22.**

HALIFAX.

This Lodge ceased working, and its 40 members affiliated with St. John's Lodge, No. 2, April 6th, 1874.



**KEITH LODGE, No. 23.****STELLARTON.**

Formerly 870, R. E. Established June, 1860. Chartered June 14, 1841.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

W. MCKENZIE.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
A. GRAY.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
J. BAXTER.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
J. McQUARRIE.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. W. FRASER.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
W. FRASER.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
D. R. MCKAY.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
A. G. GRANT.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
C. HOLMES.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
W. SUTHERLAND.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
A. McDONALD.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

J. Maxwell.	J. McQuarrie.
L. Johnstone, D. D. G. M.	J. D. Ross.
J. W. Fraser, G. St.	R. Niven.
J. Hudson, P. G. W.	Rev. C. Bowman, D.D., G., C.

**CONCORD LODGE, No. 24.****CAPE ISLAND, SHELBURNE CO.**

Formerly No. —, R. S. Also No. 8, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

B. F. COVILL.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
W. D. DUNCAN ..	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
G. W. NICKERSON.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
Z. H. NEWELL.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
T. W. COVERT.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
J. ATKINSON.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
A. GOULD.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
T. N. NICKERSON.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
C. NICKERSON.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
R. MCKINNON.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. E. NEWELL.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

W. B. Smith.	J. P. Trefry,
B. G. Covill.	A. K. Smith.

# **WESTPORT LODGE, No. 25.**

WESTPORT, BRIER ISLAND, DIGBY COUNTY.

Formerly No. 923, R. E. Established February, 1861.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

C. TITUS.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
W. C. MORRELL.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
G. HALEY.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
G. BOWERS.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
E. C. BOWERS.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
E. BAILEY.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
T. PACK.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
M. D. PETERS.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
T. WEBBER.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. COLLINS.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
G. LAFOLEY.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

J. D. Sullivan.  
G. Bowers.  
E. R. Bailey.

T. Pack.  
J. D. Payson.

# **WELSFORD, LODGE No. 26.**

WINDSOR.

Formerly No. 924, R. E. Established July, 1861. Chartered August 23, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

A. BLANCHARD.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. R. COWEN.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
D. W. SHARP.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
G. PATTISON.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
T. H. TIMLIN.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
L. R. BENNETT.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
W. LUNN.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
W. W. RICKARDS.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
J. CARMICHAEL.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. McNEIL.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. EDWARDS.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

Lieut. Col. James Poyntz.  
W. W. Rickards.  
F. W. Dakin, P. G. W.  
Rev. H. P. Almon, D. C. L.

C. W. Dimock.  
J. B. Black.  
H. W. Dimock.

# **WIDOW'S FRIEND LODGE, No 27.**

WEYMOUTH, DIGBY CO.

CHARTER SURRENDERED, 1874.

**SCOTIA LODGE, No. 28.**

CANNING, KING'S CO.

Formerly No. 961, R. E. Established May, 1861.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

G. B. VAUGHAN.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
P. BROWN.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
D. R. HUNTLEY.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
A. B. BAXTEE.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
H. A. BORDEN.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
C. B. DICKEY.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
V. GREEN.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
W. D. REID.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
J. W. CANADY.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
W. H. BAXTER.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
C. E. LOCKWOOD.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

D. M. Dickie.  
H. A. Borden,

F. W. Borden, M. D.  
A. B. Baxter.  
J. H. Palmeter

**PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 29.**

MILTON, QUEEN'S CO.

Formerly No. 964, R. E. Established March, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

J. P. FREEMAN.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
G. A. CLEVELAND.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
GEO. H. BELL.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
R. FREEMAN.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
G. KEMPTON.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
N. R. FREEMAN.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
S. M. FREEMAN.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. TUPPER.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
J. PARSONS.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
H. T. TUPPER.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
A. W. MURRAY.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

N. R. Freeman.  
H. B. Hallett.  
E. M. Freeman.

J. N. Freeman.  
Ira P. Freeman.

# **ALBERT LODGE, No. 30.**

SHELBURNE.

Formerly No. 425, R. S. Established January, 1862. Also No. 6, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

J. BOWERS.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. A. MCKAY.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
C. SWANSBURG.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
J. A. MCGOWAN.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
A. C. MCLEAN.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
W. C. MCKAY.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
R. HINES.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. A. B. JOHNSTON.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
J. DAVIS.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. BASTY.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. BOYD.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

N. W. White.

J. A. Purney.

# **SCOTIA LODGE, No 31.**

YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established March, 1863. Chartered May 9, 1864. Also, No. 17, R. N. S. Chartered December 13, 1867.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

A. J. CANN.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
B. DOANE.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
B. B. LAW.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
S. H. PELTON.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
E. A. BAILY.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
O. MCGILL.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
C. J. GODFREY.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. T. NETTLES.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
W. H. LEONARD.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
H. A. HULSMAN.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
H. PHIPPS.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

G. W. Johnson.

T. R. Jolly.

F. A. Baily.

J. M. Lawson.

S. H. Pelton, D. D. G. M.

T. B. Flint.

**ELDORADO LODGE, No. 32.**

WINE HARBOR, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Formerly No. 434, R. S. Established May, 1863. Also, No. 16, R. N. S. Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

J. BALLANTYNE.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. SMITH.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
R. STEWART.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
G. W. CLARK.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. CROOKS.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
J. H. KENNEDY.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
D. McKAY.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. DIXON.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. McCONNELL.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
R. ROOD.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
A. C. STEWART.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

G. W. Clarke.  
A. E. Cameron.  
A. C. Stewart.

R. Rood.  
J. C. Sims.

**ANNAPOLIS ROYAL LODGE No. 33.**

ANNAPOLIS.

Formerly No. 1047, R. E. Established May, 1863.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

A. B. CUNNINGHAM.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
S. HALL.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
M. J. SHANNON.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
J. FOSTER.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
N. LOGAN.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
A. ROBINSON.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. D. HARRIS.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
S. D. TOBIAS.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. P. LYNCH.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
G. W. HARDWICK.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
R. McCONNELL.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

G. Whitman, (Hon member).  
A. Robinson, D. D. G. M.

S. D. Tobias.  
R. L. Hardwick, G. S.

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**QUEEN'S LODGE, No. 34.**

SHERBROOKE.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established December, 1864. Also No. 10, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY.

OFFICERS :

J. D. McDONALD.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. C. ARCHIBALD.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
D. A. CLARK.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
C. S. McINTOSH.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
W. H. McDONALD.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
H. C. McLEAN.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
A. CAMERON.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. BELVIN.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. A. STEWART.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
W. H. McDANIEL.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
D. McMILLAN.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

PAST MASTERS :

W. H. McDaniel,	J. Belbin.
A. K. White.	C. S. Mackintosh.
J. A. Stewart.	J. Cameron.
A. Fisher.	W. D. R. Cameron.
J. A. Fraser.	J. H. McDonald.

**ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 35.**

BADDECK, C. B.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established January, 1865. Also, No. 9, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

L. G. CAMPBELL.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
R. ELMSLY.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
D. McDONALD.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
D. F. McRAE.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
L. SPARLING.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
P. McRAE.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
D. J. McRAE.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. C. McDONALD.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
M. McLEOD.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
C. JONES.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. H. CAHOON.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

PAST MASTERS :

C. N. Campbell.	H. A. Foyle.
W. Kidston.	A. S. Kidston.
D. Dunlap.	J. L. Rice.
S. G. A. McKeen.	D. F. McRae.



**THISTLE LODGE, No. 36.**

COW BAY, C. B.

Formerly 1100, R. E. Established December, 1865. Chartered April 25, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

W. CLARK.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
T. JOHNSTONE.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
M. MCKINNON.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
P. B. SMITH.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
S. A. SPENCER.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
R. McVICCAR.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. BOLIN.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
A. FERGUSON.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
D. MCKENZIE.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
N. L. LUJST.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. MCAULAY.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

W. Campbell.  
W. Patterson.D. McKenzie.  
A. Anderson.  
S. A. Spencer.G.  
T.  
E.  
W.**COBEQUID LODGE, No. 37.**

TKURO.

Formerly No. 1190, R. E. Established April, 1866. Chartered August 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

W. B. ALLEY.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
C. A. KENT.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
A. L. MCKENZIE.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
A. W. GRAY.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. L. SUTHERLAND.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
E. C. JOHNSON.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
W. F. MCKAY.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
C. N. BLACK.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
J. J. SNOOK.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
C. EDWARDS.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
H. P. MCKAY.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

G. Hyde.  
J. Yuill.T. V. Cook.  
A. Chisholm.  
A. McKay.W.  
J. V.

# THE LODGE OF ST. MARK, No. 38.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 11. Chartered June 16, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

K. J. DOLPHIN.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
C. E. DAVISON.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
W. V. MURRAY.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
H. N. WRIGHT.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. A. ADAMS.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
J. W. HOWELL.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
W. BANNISTER.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
A. NELSON.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. W. LONGLEY.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. J. P. SCOTT.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. M. TAYLOR.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

G. T. Smithers, P. G. W.	J. W. Howell.
T. A. Cossmann, D.D.G.M.	L. F. Darling.
E. W. Howell,	H. N. Wright.
W. F. Chase.	J. R. Foster.

# ACACIA LODGE, No. 39.

BRIDGEWATER.

Formerly No. —, R. E. Established 1869. Also No. 20, R. N. S. Chartered June 24, 1868

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

J. A. CURLL.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. J. MCLEAN.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
D. W. SHANDLER.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
R. DAWSON.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
P. G. FRASER.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
A. NELSON.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. H. JOHNSTON.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
R. A. LOGAN.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
J. R. WYMAN.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
A. STEWART.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. McMILLAN.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

W. H. Owen.	P. G. Fraser.
J. W. Andrews.	J. S. Calder.
	J. H. Wade.

**OPHIR LODGE, No. 40.**

CHARTER SURRENDERED, SEPTEMBER, 1870.

**ROTHSAY LODGE, No. 41.**

BRIDGETOWN.

Formerly No. 1245, R. E. Established October, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

J. FOSTER.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
B. STARRATT.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
D. M. FOSTER.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
E. BENT.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. P. MURDOCH.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
R. C. STARRATT.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. W. PIGOTT.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
D. WADE.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
R. BATH.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
C. CORNWELL.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
D. PALFREY.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

Rev. H. D. deBlois, G. C.	W. E. Starratt, G. Dir. of C.
J. L. Cox.	S. K. Morse.

**EUREKA LODGE No. 42.**

SHEET HARBOR, HALIFAX CO.

Formerly No. 13. Chartered March 8, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

A. CRUICKSHANKS.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
W. RUTLEDGE.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
W. HALL.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
H. DUNN.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. HALL.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
J. W. HALL.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. MCCARTY.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. W. CRUICKSHANKS.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. CRUICKSHANKS.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. P. HOGAN.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

J. H. Balcam.	T. A. Baker.
D. W. Archibald.	

# **TRURO LODGE, No. 43.**

TRURO.

Formerly No. 15. Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

D. A. FRASER.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. LITTLE.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
A. CREELMAN.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
L. H. VERGE.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
W. FAULKNER.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
J. MUNROE.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
E. B. BAIRD.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
A. A. ARCHIBALD.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
R. CUMMINGS.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
H. YUILL.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
F. WHITE.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

H. McCallum.	W. M. Blair.
A. C. Page, P. D. G. M.	G. P. Nelson.
L. J. Crowe.	H. T. Lawrence.
G. Campbell.	L. B. Archibald, S. G. D.
	W. E. Logan.

# **POYNTZ LODGE, No. 44.**

HANTSPOUT, HANTS CO.

Formerly No. 21. Established March, 1867. Chartered September 30, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

E. SHAW.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
T. G. SUTHERLAND.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
W. SUTHERLAND.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
W. A. PORTER.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
D. E. NORTH.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
D. W. PULSIFER.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
R. SHAW.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
W. DAVISON.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. COALFEET.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. N. LAYTON.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
A. NEWCOMB.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

W. A. Porter.	W. E. Bligh.
J. W. Lawrence.	C. J. Margeson.

**TYRIAN YOUTH, No. 45.**

LITTLE GLACE BAY, C. B.

Formerly No. 1234, R. E. Established June, 1867.

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY.

## OFFICERS :

D. McVICAR .....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
W. McLAY .....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
W. McLELLAN .....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
J. McLEOD .....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
D. McAULAY .....	<i>Secretary.</i>
A. McPHAIL .....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. HILLIER .....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. C. MITCHELL .....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
J. B. PHILLIPS .....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
K. McLENNAN .....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
W. CAMPBELL .....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

D. G. McKay, M. D.	J. H. D. Gray.
W. A. McKeen.	W. McKay, M. D.
A. McPherson.	

**SOLOMON LODGE, No. 46.**

PORT HAWKESBURY, C. B.

Formerly No. 19. Chartered March 13, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

D. F. McLEAN .....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
A. PHILPOT .....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
W. R. MORRISON .....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
A. GRANT .....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
A. BAIN .....	<i>Secretary.</i>
W. DUFF .....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
C. REICKHOFT .....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
N. MARTIN .....	<i>Marshal.</i>
W. DUFF .....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
N. MARTIN .....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
F. H. BLANCHARD .....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

A. Bain.	A. Grant.
	D. F. McLean.

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# **PHILADELPHIA LODGE, No. 47.**

BARRINGTON, SHELBURNE CO.

Formerly No. 25. Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY IN EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

W. B. HOPKINS.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
E. S. GOUDEY.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
I. S. NICKERSON.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
W. H. COFFIN.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
REV. W. DOWNEY.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
C. GOREHAM.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
G. A. SHAND.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
W. H. NICKERSON.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
W. W. BRENNAN.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. L. SWAIN.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
R. HOGG.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

W. Sargent.  
C. E. McLaren.

Rev. W. Downey, G. C.

# **WIDOW'S SON LODGE, No. 48.**

RIVER PHILIP, CUMBERLAND CO.

Formerly No. 22. Chartered September 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

H. A. JOHNSTON.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
R. J. METCALF.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
W. W. COLBURN.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
R. L. BLACK.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
H. N. FILLIMORE.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
F. W. PATTON.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
A. MORRISON.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
W. McKAY.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
M. P. JOHNSON.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
T. McELMON.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
I. W. SNOW.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

J. Powers.  
W. Oxley.  
R. L. Black.  
J. C. Phillips.

J. Robb.  
I. W. Snow.  
F. Sweet.

# **ORIENT LODGE, No. 49.**

HALIFAX.

This Lodge ceased working, and its 32 members affiliated with Burns Lodge, No. 10, March, 1877.



**WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 50.**

WESTVILLE, PICTOU CO.

Formerly No. 24. Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

J. WILKES.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
C. L. SULLIVAN.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
A. W. McLEOD.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
J. McDOUGALD.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
G. SAUNDERS.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
W. HAMILTON.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. J. McLELLAN.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
H. FRASER.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
H. HARRIS.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
R. A. McDONALD.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
N. MORRISON.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

J. E. Jones, M. D.	D. Munro.
J. Roy.	J. Johnston.
A. Lorimer.	R. Gray.
T. Johnston.	W. Gray.
Alex. Lorimer.	J. McDougald.
W. Lorimer.	D. Carruthers.

**EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 51.**

DARTMOUTH, HALIFAX CO.

Formerly No. 26. Chartered Dec. 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

G. GREEN.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
A. McKAY.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
J. HALLIDAY.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
W. PEARCE.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
C. H. GLADWIN.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
A. BAYERS.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
W. McDONALD.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
T. MOREASH.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. C. OLAND.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
S. HOSKINS.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. R. PATTERSON.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

J. B. Coleman.	J. A. Bayers.
J. R. Glendinning.	C. H. Gladwin.
W. Pearce.	

# **HARMONY LODGE, No. 52.**

AYLESFORD.

Formerly No. 27. Chartered June 11, 1869.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

W. R. L. FOSTER.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
R. C. MCGREGOR.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
W. MCGREGOR.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
T. R. HARRIS.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
A. C. VANBUSKIRK.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
W. K. BENNETT.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
A. LEE.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
H. SHAW.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
W. RUSSELL.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. B. ELLIOTT.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. G. ROCKWELL.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

E. B. Bolser.	Rev. R. Avery, P. Dep. G. M.
D. Berteaux.	T. R. Harris, J. G. D.
D. F. Davidson.	H. E. Jefferson.

# **HIRAM LODGE, No 53.**

GOLDENVILLE.

Chartered September 14, 1869.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

J. H. McLEAN.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
W. POLSON.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
M. CAMERON.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
A. FRASER.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
A. D. McLEAN.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
N. McLEAN.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. L. McLEAN.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. W. BRIGHT.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. CUNNINGHAM.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
H. CAMERON.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
A. WILLIAMS.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

W. May.	J. McNab.
N. McEacherin.	J. W. Bright.
R. McNaughton.	N. McLean.
	J. Williams.

**KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 54.**

DIGBY.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

G. A. VIETS .....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
M. L. OLIVER.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
J. McKEEN.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
G. B. OAKES.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. F. SAUNDERS.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
J. DALEY .....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
A. J. McCALLUM.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
A. CASWELL.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. H. TIMPANY.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. E. GILLELAND.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
E. C. DODGE.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

P. W. Smith.  
W. B. Stewart.  
J. Daley.

G. P. Burton.  
A. J. McCallum.  
T. C. Shreve.

**MORIEN LODGE, No. 55.**

COW BAY, C. B.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

A. BELLONI.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. W. FITZPATRICK.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
A. McASKELL.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
J. A. DAVISON.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
LEWIS JOHNSTONE.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
H. WILLIAMS.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. McPHERSON.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
D. MCAULAY.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
F. R. ANTHONY.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
T. P. JONES.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. McPHAIL.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

L. Johnstone, M. D.

C. Archibald.

# **HARMONY LODGE, No. 56.**

NORTH-EAST HARBOR, SHELBURNE CO.

Established 1867. Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

N. SWAIN, (Jr.).....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
G. H. BRUNT.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
S. H. GREENWOOD.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
N. SWAIN, (Senr.).....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
E. P. GREENWOOD.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
J. R. SWAIN.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. MYERS.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
A. H. PERRY.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
L. PERRY.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
T. B. PERRY.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
W. H. WHITNEY.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

Rufus McKennan.

E. W. Perry.

# **TEMPLE LODGE, No. 57.**

PORT MULGRAVE, GUYSBOROUGH CO.

Established September, 1869. Chartered September, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

F. G. McLEAN.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. FRASER.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
W. H. WYLDE.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
W. S. WYLDE.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
D. MURRAY.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
G. H. SMITH.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
M. McLEAN.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
C. A. CRITTENDEN.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
G. PROUSE.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
W. McKAY.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. McKAY.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

D. Murray.

W. S. Wylde.

**KENTVILLE LODGE, No. 58.****KENTVILLE.**

Dispensation July 27, 1870. Chartered September 2nd, 1870.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

**OFFICERS :**

R. S. MASTERS.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
W. H. CHIPMAN.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
J. A. COGSWELL.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
H. W. LYDIARD .....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
H. A. PRAT.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
H. B. WEBSTER.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
A. LEITCH.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
G. S. LOCKWOOD .....	<i>Marshal.</i>
H. GARRETT.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. W. MINARD.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
P. SMITH.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

**PAST MASTERS :**

G. R. Sangster.	L. D. V. Chipman.
H. Shaw. P. G. W.	W. Grierson.
J. P. Chipman.	

**MANITOBA LODGE, No. 59.****NEW GLASGOW.**

Chartered December 2nd, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

**OFFICERS :**

J. S. MCKAY.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
A. KNIGHT.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
D. CAMERON.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
A. FRASER.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. K. FRASER.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
D. CAMERON.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
A. A. STEWART.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
A. MCKARCHER.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. MCK. STEWART.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
D. MCKARCHER.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
A. W. SMITH.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

**PAST MASTERS :**

A. M. Holmes.	F. McKarracher.
D. McGillivray, M. D.	J. W. Church.
J. F. McDonald, P. G. W.	A. Cameron.
D. McKarracher.	J. K. Fraser.

**LEMAN LODGE, No. 60.**

PETITE RIVIERE, LUNENBURG CO.  
CHARTER SURRENDERED JUNE, 1874.

**CLARKE LODGE, No. 61.**

CHESTER, LUNENBURG CO.

Chartered March 1, 1871.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH,

OFFICERS :

GEO. E. DEWITT, M. D.	.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
A. HILTZ	.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
A. FEADER	.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
C. LOVETT	.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
C. LORDLY	.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
D. WHITFORD	.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. BOND	.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
H. STANFORD	.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
C. MILLET	.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
A. MILLET	.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
R. FLAHERTY	.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

PAST MASTERS :

R. D. Clarke, P. G. W.	C. Lordly.
D. Whitford.	W. J. Lavers.
Geo. W. Richardson.	

**TAYLOR LODGE, No. 62.**

LOCKEPORT, SHELBURNE CO.

Dispensation September 27, 1871. Chartered 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. JOHNSTON	.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. LLOYD	.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
L. McDONALD	.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
J. G. ALLAN	.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. E. RICHARDSON	.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
D. PETERSON	.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
A. DAY	.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
	.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. FIRTH	.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
T. BELCHER	.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
W. McMILLAN	.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

PAST MASTERS :

M. Brown.	F. Payzant.
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**CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 63.**

GREAT VILLAGE, LONDONDERRY, COLCHESTER CO.

Dispensation dated October 26, 1871. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

E. T. McROBERT, M.D.	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. C. SPENCER.	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
D. F. LAYTON	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
A. FOUNTAIN.	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. A. HILL.	<i>Secretary.</i>
S. LYNDSEY.	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. M. SPENCER.	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
R. P. FLETCHER.	<i>Marshal.</i>
T. W. PURDY.	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
W. A. McCABE.	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. G. PEPPARD.	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

E. T. McRobert, M. D.	S. Lyndsay.
J. L. Peppard, M. D.	

**RICHMOND LODGE, No. 64.**

ARICHAT, CAPE BRETON.

Dispensation dated January 6, 1872. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS IN EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

W. R. CUTLER.	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. R. THOMSON.	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
J. H. RINDRESS.	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
E. E. BINET.	<i>Treasurer.</i>
P. GRUCHEY.	<i>Secretary.</i>
P. CAMPBELL.	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
I. BARNUM.	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. G. CLOUGH.	<i>Marshal.</i>
H. J. FIXOTT, M. D.	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
P. BOSDET.	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
M. J. MURPHY.	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

W. R. Cutler.	P. Campbell.
J. G. Clough.	G. J. Andrews.

# **FREEPORT LODGE, No. 65.**

FREEPORT, DIGBY CO.

(No returns.)

# **SIRCOM LODGE, No. 66.**

WHYCOCOMAGH, C. B.

Dispensation granted June 24, 1872. Chartered June 4, 1873.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
M. McIVER .....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
L. J. HART .....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
J. McINTOSH, M. D. ....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. McPHAIL .....	<i>Secretary.</i>
G. McKENZIE .....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. McPHAIL .....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
H. McDONALD .....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
A. McPHAIL .....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
D. McKINNON .....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
N. McAULAY .....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTER :

P. A. McLean.

# **MINAS LODGE, No. 67.**

PARRSBOROUGH, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Dispensation granted July 11, 1872. Chartered June 4, 1873.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

A. S. TOWNSEND, M. D. ....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
R. W. HUNTLEY .....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
J. E. DEAN .....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
A. HUNTLEY .....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
C. H. POTS .....	<i>Secretary.</i>
J. L. CORBET .....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
S. McDONALD .....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
W. J. FLINN .....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
A. HOEG .....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
A. HATFIELD .....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
E. V. CORBETT .....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

A. S. Townsend, M. D.  
W. J. Flinn.

J. W. Choisset.  
W. J. Gibson.

**CURREN LODGE, No. 68.**

HOPEWELL, PICTOU CO.

Dispensation granted March 17, 1873. Chartered June 3, 1874.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

J. R. McDONALD.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. McINTOSH.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
D. H. McLEAN.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
T. H. MUNROE.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. M. DUNBAR.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
A. FRASER.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
D. FRASER.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
D. McLEOD.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
F. A. McDONALD.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
A. McLEAN.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
F. GRAY.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

J. F. McDonald, M. D., P. G. W.  
D. Fraser.W. Fraser.  
T. McDonald.

J.

**CHARITY LODGE, No. 69.**

MAHONE BAY, LUNENBURG CO.

Dispensation granted Dec. 22, 1874. Chartered June, 1876.

MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

J. W. WEST.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
S. DAUPHINEY.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
D. S. McDONALD.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
E. B. HYSON.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. HAM.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
C. H. ERNST.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. HILTZ.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
E. HILTZ.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. W. MILLS.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
C. A. ZWICKER.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. ANDREWS.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTER :

S. Burgoyne.

G.

**LAURIE LODGE, No. 70.**

SPRING HILL, CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation granted March 12, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

S. D. FRASER.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
A. J. MUNROE.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
S. FRASER.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
J. W. COVE.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
H. SWIFT.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
H. REILEY.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
C. B. HEWSON .....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. COOPER.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
J. J. FRASER.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
A. CAMERON.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. W. SEETON.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

PAST MASTERS :

J. W. Cove, M. D.

H. Swift.

**GRANVILLE LODGE, No. 71.**

NEW CALEDONIA, ANNAPOLIS CO.

Dispensation granted March 24, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. D. MILLS.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
W. WILLET.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
J. BOHAKER.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
J. E. SHAFNER.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
H. M. IRVINE.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
S. C. SHAFNER.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
A. MILLS.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. BATH.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
A. BATH.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
W. A. PIGGOTT.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
G. A. GILLIOTT.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

PAST MASTERS :

G. T. Bingay, M. D.

D. Inglis.

**EASTERN LIGHT LODGE, No. 72.**

GUYSBOROUGH.

Dispensation Granted March 30, 1875. Chartered June 7th, 1876.

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY.

## OFFICERS :

W. S. PEART.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
A. WALSH.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
A. J. O. MAGUIRE.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
G. W. SCOTT.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
C. C. HART.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
J. J. ATWATER.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
E. C. PEART.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. HALL.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
J. G. PEART.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
C. J. MARSHALL.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
W. WHITMAN.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

R. A. Tremain.

G. W. Scott.

**IONIC LODGE, No. 73.**

LAWRENCETOWN, ANNAPOLIS CO.

\* Dispensation granted April 2, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

W. ROACH.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
T. R. ILSLEY.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
J. HALL.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
F. LEAVITT.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. W. TOMLINSON.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
D. WHITMAN.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
W. J. WHITMAN.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
J. L. WHITMAN.....	<i>Marshal.</i>
J. BOWLBY.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. ROY.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. M. DOBSON.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

F. Leavitt.

# **NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 74.**

ACADIA IRON MINES, COLCHESTER CO.

Dispensation granted October 9, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

R. FORMAN .....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
J. BRYANT.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
J. DAVEY.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
Rev. F. J. H. AXFORD.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
H. R. HARVEY .....	<i>Secretary.</i>
A. DEWAR.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. WARWICK.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
T. DAVEY.....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
W. DANIEL.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
T. STEPHENS.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
J. URQUHART.....	<i>Tyler.</i>

## PAST MASTERS :

I. D. Cooke,

J. Kerr, M. D.

# **WIMBURN LODGE, No. 75.**

OXFORD, CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation granted Oct. 19, 1877. Chartered June 6, 1878,

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

I. J. HINGLEY.....	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
H. R. CARTER, M. D.....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
F. MCKENZIE.....	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
I. MATTINSON.....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. H. TREEN.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
W. OXLEY.....	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
J. W. KING.....	<i>Junior Deacon.</i>
E. ARCHIBALD .....	<i>Inner Guard.</i>
H. McINTOSH.....	<i>Senior Steward.</i>
J. CHISHOLM.....	<i>Junior Steward.</i>
C. C. SCHURMAN.....	<i>Tyler.</i>



## MASONIC DISTRICTS.

### FIRST DISTRICT.

R. W. T. A. COSSMANN, Halifax, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
St. Andrew's.....	1	Halifax.
St. John's.....	2	"
Virgin.....	3	"
Royal Sussex.....	6	"
Burns.....	10	"
Acadia.....	14	"
Athole.....	15	"
Keith.....	17	"
Union.....	18	"
Lodge of St. Mark.....	31	"
Eastern Star.....	58	Dartmouth.
Eureka.....	42	Sheet Harbor.

### SECOND DISTRICT.

R. W. S. H. PELTON, Yarmouth, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Westport.....	25	Brier Island.
Freeport.....	65	Freeport.
Hiram.....	12	Yarmouth.
Scotia.....	31	"
Albert.....	30	Shelburne.
Concord.....	24	Cape Island.
Philadelphia.....	47	Barrington.
Harmony.....	56	North East Harbor.
Taylor.....	62	Lockeport.
Zetland.....	9	Liverpool.
Prince of Wales.....	29	Milton.
Unity.....	4	Lunenburg.
Acacia.....	39	Bridgewater.
Clarke.....	61	Chester.
Charity.....	69	Mahone Bay.

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**THIRD DISTRICT.**

R. W. AUGUSTUS ROBINSON, M. D., Annapolis, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Keith.....	16	Hillsburg.
King Solomon.....	54	Digby.
Annapolis.....	33	Annapolis.
Rothsay.....	41	Bridgetown.
Harmony.....	52	Aylesford.
Kentville.....	58	Kentville.
Scotia.....	28	Canning.
St. George's.....	20	Wolfville.
Poyntz.....	44	Hantsport.
Welsford.....	26	Windsor.
Granville.....	71	New Caledonia.
Ionic.....	73	Lawrencetown.

**FOURTH DISTRICT.**

R. W. LEWIS JOHNSTONE, M. D., Stellarton, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Acacia.....	8	Amherst.
Acadia.....	13	Pugwash.
Widow's Son.....	48	River Philip.
Cobequid.....	37	Truro.
Truro.....	43	"
Corinthian.....	63	Great Village.
New Caledonia.....	11	Pictou.
Albion.....	5	New Glasgow.
Manitoba.....	59	"
Keith.....	23	Albion Mines.
Western Star.....	50	Westville.
El Dorado.....	32	Wine Harbor.
Queen's.....	34	Sherbrooke.
Hiram.....	53	Goldenville.
Minas.....	67	Parrsborough.
Curren.....	68	Hopewell.
Laurie.....	70	Springhill.
North Star.....	74	Acadia Iron Mines.
Wimburn.....	75	Oxford.

**FIFTH DISTRICT.**

R. W. C. CREWE-READ, Sydney, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Temple.....	57	Port Mulgrave.
St. Mark's.....	35	Baddeck.
St. Andrew's.....	7	Sydney.
Royal Albert.....	19	"
Thistle.....	36	Cow Bay.
Tyrian Youth.....	45	Little Glace Bay.
Morien.....	55	Cow Bay.
Solomon.....	46	Port Hawkesbury.
Richmond.....	64	Arischat.
Sircom.....	66	Whycocomagh.
Eastern Light.....	72	Guysborough.

# SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

AS REPORTED TO GRAND LODGE.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2.—Dec. 3, 1877.....	S. C. Jordan.
" " " .....	F. W. Fishwick.
" " " .....	F. R. Marshal.
" " " .....	D. S. Peppit.
Albion Lodge, No. 5.—July 3, 1877.....	D. F. Graham.
" " " .....	E. C. Dawson.
" " " .....	C. L. Jocelyn.
Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 6.—May 2, 1878.....	C. H. Mills.
" " " .....	A. Coulstring.
" " " .....	J. Godfrey.
Acacia Lodge, No. 8.—March 8, 1878.....	D. McAndrews.
" " " .....	Rev. J. Christie.
" " " .....	F. A. Donkin.
" " " .....	A. Soutter.
" " " .....	J. McCollum.
" " " .....	J. Stevenson.
" " " .....	J. Mills.
" " " .....	G. Moir.
" " " .....	J. L. Abell.
Zetland Lodge, No. 9.—May 2, 1878.....	S. C. Tupper.
" " " .....	D. Sheriffs.
" " " .....	N. F. McLeod.
" " " .....	R. P. Saunders.
" " " .....	J. H. Smith.
" " " .....	W. S. Freeman.
" " " .....	T. R. Patillo.
" " " .....	R. S. Owen.
" " " .....	G. N. Ballentine.
" " " .....	P. A. Shirds.
Burns Lodge, No. 10.—Feby. 6, 1878.....	G. McAllister.
" " " .....	G. P. Thompson.
New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11.—August 14, 1877.....	D. McGregor.
" " " .....	J. R. Graham.
" " " .....	J. Kitchin.
" " " .....	J. M. Hockin.
" " " .....	J. Brown.
" " " .....	J. Cahoon.
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" " " .....	J. A. Rutherford.

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New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11.—August 14, 1877.....	F. R. Boggs.
“ “ “ .....	M. McAuley.
“ “ “ .....	D. Anderson.
“ “ “ .....	P. G. Sinclair.
“ “ “ .....	M. McKenzie.
“ “ “ .....	D. McKenzie.
“ “ “ .....	J. G. Cox.
“ “ “ .....	T. Sutton.
“ “ “ .....	H. Genever.
“ “ “ .....	J. Foster.
“ “ “ .....	E. C. Davies.
March 12, 1878.....	S. H. Stamp.
Hiram Lodge, No. 12.—April 1st, 1878.....	James Foster.
“ “ “ .....	Robert Williamson.
“ “ “ .....	W. B. Homer.
Acadia Lodge, No. 13.—April 3, 1878.....	W. H. Seaman.
“ “ “ .....	J. Jones.
“ “ “ .....	N. McIver.
“ “ “ .....	J. Seaman.
“ “ “ .....	J. Chisholm.
“ “ “ .....	C. E. McNutt.
“ “ “ .....	J. Ross.
“ “ “ .....	S. McNutt.
“ “ “ .....	I. McCullion.
“ “ “ .....	J. Chambers.
“ “ “ .....	J. Robertson.
“ “ “ .....	M. Munro.
Keith Lodge, No. 16.—March 4, 1878.....	W. G. Bent.
“ “ “ .....	J. Welch.
“ “ “ .....	W. A. Ritchie.
“ “ “ .....	B. Rice.
“ “ “ .....	H. Balcom.
“ “ “ .....	G. F. Dodge.
“ “ April 1, 1878.....	C. Jones.
“ “ “ .....	J. H. Walsh.
“ “ “ .....	H. D. Kathrines.
Keith Lodge, No. 17.—Feb. 14, 1878.....	A. K. Archibald.
“ “ “ .....	W. Buchanan.
“ “ “ .....	A. Dunn.
“ “ “ .....	T. Hollot.
“ “ “ .....	G. W. Hadley.
“ “ “ .....	W. Hipson.
“ “ “ .....	H. P. Trider.
“ “ March 14, 1878.....	S. Nichols.
“ “ “ .....	R. H. Nichols.
Keith Lodge, No. 23.—May 8, 1878.....	H. O. Roberts.

Westport Lodge, No. 25.—May 7, 1878.....	F. W. Ruggles.
“ “ “ “.....	St. C. Ruggles.
Welsford Lodge, No. 26.—March 13, 1878.....	G. Riley.
“ “ “ “.....	A. Fuller.
“ “ “ “.....	C. L. Weeks.
Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 29.—May 14, 1878.....	I. Hendry.
“ “ “ “.....	E. Smith.
“ “ “ “.....	J. Looless.
“ “ “ “.....	J. B. Hunt.
“ “ “ “.....	R. Hunt.
“ “ “ “.....	A. Christopher.
“ “ “ “.....	T. Telfer.
“ “ “ “.....	C. H. Ford.
“ “ “ “.....	W. Cameron.
“ “ “ “.....	C. Harlow.
“ “ “ “.....	J. M. Freeman.
“ “ “ “.....	W. Murray.
“ “ “ “.....	W. T. Freeman.
“ “ “ “.....	E. G. White.
“ “ “ “.....	J. D. Kaddy.
Eldorado Lodge, No. 32.—May 2, 1878.....	J. Jack.
“ “ “ “.....	W. Glencross.
Annapolis Royal Lodge, No. 33.—May 1, 1878.....	J. Lockwood.
“ “ “ “.....	W. Router.
“ “ “ “.....	C. N. Margeson.
Queen's Lodge, No. 34.....	W. Clark.
“ “ “ “.....	C. K. King.
“ “ “ “.....	W. Dewar.
“ “ “ “.....	H. Balcum.
“ “ “ “.....	E. N. Blake.
“ “ “ “.....	R. McIntosh.
“ “ “ “.....	J. McKeen.
“ “ “ “.....	W. McKeen, Jr.
“ “ “ “.....	T. Bogge.
“ “ “ “.....	D. J. McKeen.
“ “ “ “.....	H. Grant.
“ “ “ “.....	D. C. Archibald.
“ “ “ “.....	S. Hudson.
“ “ “ “.....	N. Randolls.
“ “ “ “.....	C. S. McPhee.
“ “ “ “.....	John A. McLean.
St. Mark's Lodge, No. 35.—Sept. 20, 1877.....	Angus McRitchie.
“ “ “ “.....	J. McKenzie.
“ “ “ “.....	S. Atwater.
“ “ “ “.....	Oct. 18, 1877.....
“ “ “ “.....	W. H. Anderson.

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Acacia Lodge, No. 39.—Nov., 1877.....	J. W. McLean.
“ “ “ .....	J. Waterman.
“ “ “ .....	C. Jeffery.
“ “ “ .....	N. Wentzel.
“ “ “ .....	P. Webber.
Eureka Lodge, No. 42.—Feb. 6, 1878.....	T. Reynolds.
“ “ “ .....	W. G. Leslie.
“ “ “ .....	C. Ross.
“ “ “ .....	J. Miller.
“ “ “ .....	S. Smith.
Widow's Son Lodge, No. 48.—March 4.....	R. Matinson.
Western Star Lodge, No. 50.—March 26, 1878.....	J. Lorimer.
“ “ “ .....	J. Wilson.
“ “ “ .....	R. Wilson.
“ “ “ .....	J. F. Oliver.
“ “ “ .....	W. Sutherland.
“ “ “ .....	D. A. McKenzie.
“ “ “ .....	A. Sutherland.
“ “ “ .....	A. W. Reid.
“ “ “ .....	J. T. McLeod.
Eastern Star Lodge, No. 51.—December 11, 1877.....	P. Murphy.
“ “ “ .....	J. Jacobs.
* Manitoba Lodge, No. 59.—April 17, 1878.....	S. Fraser.
“ “ “ .....	D. F. Graham.
“ “ “ .....	D. Ross.
“ “ “ .....	J. Holmes.
“ “ “ .....	J. B. Marshall.
“ “ “ .....	R. Maxwell.
“ “ “ .....	J. Cassidy.
“ “ “ .....	A. Harrigan.
“ “ “ .....	G. Ross.
“ “ “ .....	J. McDonald.
“ “ “ .....	J. W. McDonald.
“ “ “ .....	A. Fraser.
“ “ “ .....	D. McGilvray.
“ “ “ .....	J. W. McDonald.
Corinthian Lodge, No. 63.—March 14, 1878.....	G. N. Cleveland.
“ “ “ .....	W. Morgan.
“ “ “ .....	J. L. Johnston.
“ “ “ .....	J. J. Geddis.
“ “ “ .....	H. Harris.
“ “ “ .....	S. A. McLaughlin.
“ “ “ .....	R. Chambers.
Eastern Light Lodge, No. 72.—May 16, 1878.....	J. W. Wallace.



**REINSTATED.**

## BY PAYMENT OF ARREARS.

Unity Lodge, No. 4.—Dec. 4, 1877.....	Enos Wolf.
Zetland Lodge, No. 9.—Jan. 24, 1878 .....	James D. Manthorn.
“ “ “ .....	Caleb S. Cole.
“ “ “ .....	William M. Allen.
“ “ “ .....	J. W. Dolliver,
“ “ “ .....	Daniel McGowan.
“ “ “ .....	William Manthorn.
“ “ Dec. 27, 1877 .....	Nathaniel Smith.
“ “ June 28, 1877 .....	Joseph M. Tibbitts.
“ “ Dec. 27, 1877 .....	Joseph Jones.
“ “ June 28, 1877 .....	Sylvester S. Murray.
“ “ May 24, 1877 .....	James Moore.
Hiram Lodge, No. 12.—Dec., 1877.....	Richard S. Hood.
Keith Lodge, No. 16.—Feb. 4, 1878.....	Andrew H. Harris.
Keith Lodge, No. 23.—Feb. 13, 1878.....	George A. Dickson.
Concord Lodge, No. 24.—March 11, 1878.....	Jeremiah Malone.
“ “ “ .....	Robert Nickerson.
Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 29.—Jan. 8, 1878.....	Simeon L. Freeman.
Albert Lodge, No. 30.—Feb. 13, 1878.....	William Morrison.
“ “ “ .....	William Firth.
Annapolis Royal Lodge, No. 33.—May 1, 1878.....	Edward C. Cowling.
St. Mark's Lodge, No. 35.—April 19, 1877.....	John Munro.
“ “ April 19, 1878.....	A. J. McKay.
Cobequid Lodge, No. 37.—Nov. 12, 1877.....	A. P. Dickie.
“ “ “ .....	John D. Creelman.
Eureka Lodge, No. 42.—March 6, 1878.....	Prentice Tupper.
“ “ May 15, 1878.....	George Heughen.
“ “ “ .....	Archibald Hall.
Clarke Lodge, No. 61.—Jan., 1878.....	James Dauphinee.

**MISSING.**

## ADDRESS NOT KNOWN FOR THREE YEARS.

John McGowan.....	St. Andrews, No. 1.
James Ward.....	“ “
Louis J. Burpe.....	Virgin, No. 2.
Thomas F. Wood.....	“ “
James H. Smeltzer.....	Unity, No. 4.
Francis R. Hewitt.....	Albion, No. 5.
Robert McDonald.....	“ “
James Holmes.....	“ “

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John B.  
Alexan  
D. B. I  
Willia  
Willia  
Ephrai  
John V  
Willia  
Ernest  
Hector  
John V  
Gilbert  
J. H. M  
Willia  
Alexan  
Colin C  
R. T. E  
D. Cam  
E. C. F  
J. W. J  
R. G. C  
D. J. N  
W. De  
James  
Donald  
John W  
Alexan  
Willia  
George  
Samuel  
F. W. B  
John B.  
W. H. I  
Isaac W  
Horace  
Thomas  
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George  
William  
Thomas  
Alexand  
Thomas  
Francis

William H. Schrage.....	Royal Sussex, No. 6.
John Roberts.....	" "
Alexander M. Paul.....	" "
D. B. Harvie.....	Burns, No. 10.
William Parker.....	" "
William Ross.....	New Caledonia, No. 11.
Ephraim White.....	" "
John W. Forbes.....	" "
William McKenzie.....	" "
Ernest R. Kerstin.....	" "
Hector McKenzie.....	" "
John W. Dotton.....	Acadia, No. 13.
Gilbert Munro.....	Acadia, No. 14.
J. H. Morrison.....	Keith, No. 17.
William May.....	Eldorado, No. 32.
Alexander J. Stewart.....	" "
Colin C. Turner.....	Queen's No. 34.
R. T. H. Wier.....	" "
D. Campbell.....	Cobequid, No. 37.
E. C. Fisher.....	" "
J. W. Jackson.....	" "
R. G. Creelmañ.....	" "
D. J. Nickerson.....	Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38.
W. De W. Hall.....	" " "
James Jenkins.....	" " "
Donald Robb.....	" " "
John W. McLellan.....	Truro, No. 40.
Alexander Durie.....	" "
William M. Dermott.....	" "
George W. Brown.....	" "
Samuel Nelson.....	" "
F. W. Baker.....	" "
John B. Brown.....	" "
W. H. Frampton.....	Poyntz, No. 44.
Isaac W. Archibald.....	Tyrian Youth, No. 45.
Horace Payne.....	Philadelphia, No. 47.
Thomas Powers.....	Widow's Son, No. 48.
William J. White.....	Hiram, No. 53.
George P. Taylor.....	" "
William J. Sinclair.....	" "
Thomas Bowers.....	Kentville, No. 58.
Alexander Copeland.....	Manitoba, No. 59.
Thomas Watson.....	Richmond, No. 64.
Francis A. Journeaux.....	" "

## AT REST.

Henry C. Fielding.....	St. John's, No. 2.....	Died Jan. 11, 1877
F. W. Darker.....	" ".....	Died Nov. 9, 1877
Daniel McLean.....	Albion, No. 5.....	Died Nov. 18, 1877
John S. Andrews.....	St. Andrew's, No. 7.....	Died Nov. 9, 1877
Thomas Scott.....	" ".....	Died Feb. 5, 1877
Edgar A. Tupper.....	Acacia, No. 8.....	Died Feb. 2, 1878
John C. Roach.....		Died
Weldon Clarke.....		Died
John Roddick.....	Burns, No. 10.....	Died June 9, 1877
Albert McDonald.....	New Caledonia, No. 11.....	Died
Saml. D. Winsor.....	Athole, No. 15.....	Died
Edmund Walsh.....	Keith, No. 16.....	Died Nov. 27, 1877
David Hynd.....	Keith, No. 23.....	Died Nov. 4, 1877
J. Walter Sweet.....	Welsford, No. 26.....	Died Oct. 11, 1877
James M. Geldert.....	" ".....	Died Feb. 9, 1878
Ira Harvey.....	" ".....	Died May 2, 1878
L. F. Vandergran.....	Cobequid, No. 37.....	Died May 17, 1877
Lathrop Freeman.....	Albert, No. 30.....	Died Mar. 30, 1877
J. B. Bennett.....	L. of St. Mark, No. 38.....	Died Mar. 4, 1878
Andrew Taggart.....	Acacia, No. 39.....	Died April 18, 1878
John Saunders.....	Rothsay, No. 41.....	Died Aug. 14, 1877
Guilford Morse.....	" ".....	Died Jan. 1878
Thomas Nickerson.....	Philadelphia, No. 47.....	Died May 16, 1877
Nehemiah Banks.....	" ".....	Died June 20, 1877
Joseph L. Wilson.....	" ".....	Died Oct. 24, 1877
George Baxter.....	Widow's Son, No. 48.....	Died Nov. 3, 1877
Robert Sutherland.....	Western Star, No. 50.....	Died June 13, 1877
A. J. Parker.....	Harmony, No. 52.....	Died Aug. 23, 1877
T. B. R. Campbell.....	King Solomon, No. 54.....	Died
Wm. H. Hulburt.....	Temple, No. 57.....	Died Oct. 28, 1877
Neil McKarcher.....	Manitoba, No. 59.....	Died May 20, 1877
William McDonald.....		Died Oct. 14, 1877
Alex. J. Babington.....	Clarke, No. 61.....	Died Jan. 3, 1878
Murdoch Morison.....	Sircom, No. 66.....	Died Oct. 16, 1877
Rory McQuien.....	" ".....	Died Mar. 8, 1878
George M. Bishop.....	" ".....	Died May 1, 1878
Robert Stone.....	Ionic, No. 73.....	Died Aug. 8, 1877
David Gibson.....	" ".....	Died Mar. 27, 1878
Wm. McPhee.....	North Star, No. 74.....	Died Mar.

# ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

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Number	NAME OF LODGE	TOWN.	Initiated	Passed	Balloted	Admitted	Dismissed	Died.	Missing.	Suspended— unamenable conduct	Suspended— non-payment of dues	Reinstated.	Reflected.	Members	G. Lodge dues
1	St. Andrew's	Halifax	9	11	10	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	76	\$57.00
2	St. John's	Halifax	7	7	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	65	43.75
3	Virgin	Halifax	11	9	9	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	67	50.25
4	Unity	Lunenburg	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	34	25.50
5	Albion	New Glasgow	3	3	2	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	98	73.50
6	Royal Sussex	Halifax	2	1	1	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	62	46.50
7	St. Andrew's	Sydney	0	1	1	3	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	59	44.25
8	Acacia	Amherst	9	8	7	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	75	56.25
9	Zetland	Liverpool	3	5	2	0	12	0	0	0	10	11	1	80	60.00
10	Burns	Halifax	9	8	8	4	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	103	77.25
11	New Caledonia	Pictou	1	3	1	2	9	1	6	0	19	0	1	111	83.25
12	Hiram	Vernmouth	3	3	2	0	5	0	0	0	3	1	1	51	38.25
13	Acadia	Pugwash	5	6	5	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	29	21.75
14	Athole	Halifax	3	3	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	47	35.25
15	Keith	Hillsburg	3	3	2	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	65	48.75
16	Keith	Halifax	3	5	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	58	43.50
17	Keith	Halifax	9	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	33.75
18	Union	Halifax	9	11	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	45	33.75
19	Royal Albert	Sydney	5	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	67	50.25
20	St. George's	Wolfville	8	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	27.75
23	Keith	Albion Mines	1	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	63	47.25
24	Concord	Cape Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	31	23.25
25	Westport	Westport	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	15.75
26	Welsford	Windsor	1	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	69.00
28	Scotia	Canning	1	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	29.25
29	Prince of Wales	Milton	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	15	1	0	52	39.00
30	Albert	Shelburne	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	49	36.75

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS—Concluded.

Number	NAME OF LODGE.	TOWN.	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Disinitiated	Died	Missing	Suspended— unanimous conduct	Suspended— non-payment of dues	Rechartered	Rejected	Members	G. Lodge dues.
31	Scotia .....	Yarmouth .....	4	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	57	42.75
32	Eldorado .....	Wine Harbor .....	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	22	16.50
33	Annapolis Royal .....	Annapolis .....	5	5	5	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	62	46.50
34	Queen's .....	Sherbrooke .....	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	18	0	0	84	63.00
35	St. Mark's .....	Baddeck, C. B. ....	3	2	4	3	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	48	36.00
36	Thistle .....	Cow Bay, C. B. ....	3	2	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	45	33.75
37	Cobequid .....	Truro .....	5	5	2	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	1	63	47.25
38	Lodge of St. Mark .....	Halifax .....	4	5	4	2	4	1	4	0	0	0	1	72	54.00
39	Acacia .....	Bridgewater .....	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	33.75
40	Rothsay .....	Bridgetown .....	8	5	5	0	3	2	0	0	5	0	0	47	35.25
42	Eureka .....	Sheet Harbor .....	4	4	4	3	2	0	0	0	5	3	3	62	46.50
43	Truro .....	Truro .....	4	2	3	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	61	45.75
44	Poyntz .....	Hantsport .....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	35	26.25
45	Tyrian Youth .....	Little Glace Bay .....	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	42	31.50
46	Solomon .....	Port Hawkesbury .....	5	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	18.75
47	Philadelphia .....	Barrington .....	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	36.75
48	Widow's Son .....	River Philip .....	2	4	6	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	38	28.50
50	Western Star .....	Westville .....	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	102	76.50
51	Eastern Star .....	Dartmouth .....	0	4	1	1	6	0	0	0	9	0	0	45	33.75
52	Harmony .....	Aylesford .....	4	4	4	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	79	59.25
53	Hiram .....	Goldenville .....	15	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	29	21.75
54	King Solomon .....	Digby .....	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	33	24.75
55	Morian .....	Cow Bay, C. B. ....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	18.00
56	Harmony .....	North East Harbor .....	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	34	25.50
57	Temple .....	Port Mulgrave .....	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	21.75
58	Kentville .....	Kentville .....	1	4	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	50	37.50
59	Manitoba .....	New Glasgow .....	11	9	5	1	3	2	1	0	14	0	1	62	46.50
61	Clarke .....	Chester .....	0	0	7	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	30	22.50

62	Taylor .....	Lockeport .....	4	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	62	46.50
63	Corinthian .....	Londonderry .....	7	4	1	2	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	47	35.25
64	Richmond .....	Arichat, C. B. ....	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	24	18.00

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**RECAPITULATION.**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 5, 1878.

Chartered Lodges.....	67
Lodges under Dispensation.....	1
Lodges failing to make returns at the Annual Communication.....	0
Whole number Initiated.....	241
“ “ Passed.....	215
“ “ Raised.....	213
“ “ Affiliated.....	77
“ “ Dimitted.....	145
“ “ Died.....	37
“ “ Missing.....	51
“ “ Suspended for unmasonic conduct.....	0
“ “ Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	177
“ “ Reinstated of last year's suspensions.....	31
“ “ Rejected.....	59
“ “ Master Masons.....	3424

**Lodges forming the Union on the 24th day of June, 1869.***Registry of England.*

St. Andrew's, (Halifax),  
 St. John's,  
 Virgin,  
 Unity,  
 Albion,  
 Royal Sussex,  
 St. Andrew's, (Sydney),  
 Zetland,  
 New Caledonia,  
 Hiram,  
 Acadia,  
 Keith, (Hillsburg),  
 Union,  
 St. George's,  
 Keith, (Albion Mines),  
 Westport,  
 Welsford,  
 Widow's Friend,  
 Scotia, (Cannfng),  
 Prince of Wales,  
 Annapolis Royal,  
 Thistle,  
 Cobequid,  
 Tyrian Youth,  
 Rothsay,

*Registry of Nova Scotia.*

Burns,  
 Athole,  
 Keith,  
 Scotia, (Halifax),  
 Davies,  
 Albert,  
 Concord,  
 St. Mark's,  
 Queen's,  
 The Lodge of St. Mark,  
 Eureka,  
 Acacia,  
 Truro,  
 Eldorado,  
 Scotia, (Yarmouth),  
 Royal Albert,  
 Solomon,  
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 Poyntz,  
 Widow's Son,  
 Orient,  
 Western Star,  
 Philadelphia,  
 Eastern Star,  
 Harmony.

*Registry of Scotland.*

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 WYOMING

**Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia  
Near other Grand Lodges.**

ENGLAND.....	W. Brackstone, Baker.....	London.
SCOTLAND.....	W. William Hay.....	Edinburgh.
IRELAND.....	W. Charles Capel Macnamara.....	Dublin.
ALABAMA.....	R. W. Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
CANADA.....	M. W. T. Douglas Harrington.....	Ottawa.
CALIFORNIA.....	R. W. A. G. Abell.....	San Francisco.
DELAWARE.....	R. W. William S. Hayes.....	Wilmington.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....	M. W. William Smith.....	
FLORIDA.....	W. Michael Bowes.....	Jacksonville.
IDAHO.....	R. W. O. H. Purdy.....	Silver City.
ILLINOIS.....	W. William Floto.....	
INDIANA.....	R. W. H. G. Haselrigg.....	
IOWA.....	R. W. T. S. Parvin.....	Iowa City.
KANSAS.....	R. W. E. T. Carr.....	Leavenworth.
KENTUCKY.....	W. G. D. Buckner.....	
LOUISIANA.....	R. W. William Robson.....	
MANITOBA.....	W. David Young, M. D.....	Winnipeg.
MAINE.....	M. W. J. H. Drummond, LL.D.....	Portland.
MARYLAND.....	W. John A. Robb.....	
MICHIGAN.....	M. W. George H. Durand.....	
MISSISSIPPI.....	M. W. James M. Howry.....	Oxford, Lafayette Co.
MONTANA.....	R. W. John S. Mendenhall.....	
NEBRASKA.....	W. C. F. Catlin.....	Omaha.
NEVADA.....	R. W. Richard T. Mullard.....	
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	M. W. B. Lester Peters.....	St. John.
NEW YORK.....	M. W. Robert Macoy.....	New York.
NORTH CAROLINA.....	W. Thomas S. Kenan.....	Raleigh.
OHIO.....	R. W. J. D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.....	R. W. B. Wilson Higgs.....	Charlottetown.
QUEBEC.....	R. W. Thomas Wood.....	Dunham.
RHODE ISLAND.....	R. W. Thomas Vincent.....	Westerly.
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	W. C. D. Bryan.....	
TENNESSEE.....	R. W. George S. Blackie.....	Nashville.
UTAH.....	W. Benjamin Bachman.....	Provo.
VIRGINIA.....	R. W. W. S. Spottiswood.....	Petersburg.
WASHINGTON TER.....	M. W. Elwood Evans.....	Olympia.
WISCONSIN.....	W. Jeremiah Watts.....	Racine.
WYOMING.....	R. W. Orlando North.....	Evanston.

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**Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the  
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ENGLAND.....	R. W. Allen H. Crowe.....	Halifax.
SCOTLAND .....	R. W. George Fraser...	Halifax.
ALABAMA.....	W. Robert Fraser.....	Halifax.
CANADA.....	R. W. Andrew K. MacKinlay...	Halifax.
CALIFORNIA.....	M. W. Stephen R. Sircom .....	
COLORADO.....	R. W. Nathan Tupper, M. D....	Amherst.
CONNECTICUT.....	R. W. Alfred H. Woodill, M.D.	Halifax.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....	R. W. A. S. Busby.....	
GEORGIA.....	R. W. Rev. H. P. Almon.....	Windsor.
IDAHO.....	R. W. William A. Hesson..	Halifax.
ILLINOIS.....	R. W. Theodore A. Cossmann.	Halifax.
IOWA.....	W. C. N. Campbell ..	Baddeck.
KENTUCKY.....	R. W. Lewis Johnstone .....	Stellarton.
LOUISIANA .....	W. J. Taylor Wood .....	Halifax.
MARYLAND .....	R. W. Rev. D. C. Moore.....	Stellarton.
MANITOBA .....	R. W. John F. McDonald, M.D.	Hopewell.
MICHIGAN.....	W. William M. Blair .....	Truro.
MISSISSIPPI.....	W. George Hyde.....	Truro.
MISSOURI.....	R. W. Robert D. Clarke. ....	Chester.
MONTANA.....	R. W. Augustus Robinson, M.D.	Annapolis.
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	R. W. William Taylor.....	Halifax.
NEW JERSEY.....	R. W. Benjamin Curren.....	Halifax.
NEW YORK.....	M. W. J. Wimburn Laurie.....	Halifax.
OREGON.....	W. E. T. McRobert, M. D.....	Londonderry.
OHIO.....	R. W. C. J. McDonald.....	Halifax.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.....	R. W. Henry Shaw, M. D. ....	Kentville.
QUEBEC.....	R. W. George T. Smithers.....	Halifax.
RHODE ISLAND .....	R. W. Sandford H. Pelton.....	Yarmouth.
TENNESSEE.....	W. Richard L. Black.....	River Philip.
UTAH.....	W. Frederick Leavitt.....	Lawrencetown.
VIRGINIA .....	W. J. K. Munnis .....	Halifax.
GRAND ORIENT OF BRAZIL.....	M. W. Stephen R. Sircom.....	
" " COSTA RICA.....	R. W. W. Taylor.....	Halifax.

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**Date of Organization and Meeting of Grand Lodges.**

GRAND LODGES.	WHEN ORGANIZED.	ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.
Alabama.....	June 14, 1821.....	First Monday in December.
Arkansas.....	Feb. 22, 1832.....	First Monday in November.
British Columbia ..	Dec. 26, 1871.....	
California.....	April 18, 1850.....	Second Tuesday in October.
Canada.....	Oct. 10, 1855.....	Second Wednesday in July.
Colorado.....	Aug. 2, 1861.....	Last Tuesday in September.
Connecticut.....	July 8, 1789.....	Second Tuesday in May.
Dakota.....	July 21, 1875.....	.....in June.
Delaware.....	June 6, 1806.....	First Wednesday in October.
District of Columbia..	Dec. 11, 1810.....	Second Wednesday in November
Florida.....	July 5, 1830.....	Second Tuesday in January.
Georgia.....	Dec. 16, 1786.....	Fourth Tuesday in October.
Idaho.....	Dec. 16, 1867.....	First Monday in October.
Illinois.....	April 6, 1840.....	First Tuesday in October.
Indiana.....	Jan. 12, 1818.....	Tue. after 4th Monday in May.
Indian Territory.....	Oct. 5, 1874.....	
Iowa.....	Jan. 8, 1844.....	First Tuesday in June.
Kansas.....	Mar. 17, 1856.....	Third Tuesday in October.
Kentucky.....	Oct. 13, 1800.....	Third Monday in October.
Louisiana.....	July 11, 1812.....	Second Monday in February.
Maine.....	June 1, 1820.....	First Tuesday in May.
Manitoba.....	May 12, 1875.....	
Maryland.....	April 17, 1787.....	Third Monday in November.
Massachusetts.....	April 30, 1733.....	Second Wednesday in December.
Michigan.....	Sept. 14, 1844.....	Fourth Tuesday in January.
Minnesota.....	Feb. 23, 1853.....	Second Tuesday in January.
Mississippi.....	July 27, 1818.....	.....in February.
Missouri.....	April 23, 1821.....	Second Monday in October.
Montana.....	Jan. 24, 1866.....	First Tuesday in October.
Nebraska.....	Sept. 23, 1857.....	Fourth Tuesday in October.
Nevada.....	Jan. 16, 1865.....	Third Tuesday in September.
New Brunswick.....	Oct. 9, 1867.....	Fourth Wednesday in Sept.
New Hampshire.....	July 18, 1789.....	Third Wednesday in May.
New Jersey.....	Dec. 18, 1786.....	Wednes. after 3rd Tues. in Jan.
New Mexico.....	Aug. 7, 1877.....	First Monday in January.
New York.....	Sept. 5, 1781.....	First Tuesday in June.
North Carolina.....	Jan. 14, 1771.....	First Monday in December.
Nova Scotia.....	Feb. 20, 1866.....	First Wednesday in June.
Oregon.....	Aug. 16, 1851.....	Third Monday in June.
Ohio.....	Jan. 7, 1808.....	Third Tuesday in October.

GRAND LODGES.	WHEN ORGANIZED.	ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.
Pennsylvania .....	June 20, 1764.....	First Wednesday in December.
Prince Edward Island.....	June 24, 1875.....	June 24th.
Quebec.....	Oct. 20, 1869.....	Fourth Wednesday in Sept.
Rhode Island.....	June 25, 1791.....	Third Monday in May.
South Carolina.....	Mar. 24, 1787.....	Third Tuesday in November.
Tennessee.....	Oct. 14, 1813.....	Second Monday in November.
Texas.....	Dec. 20, 1837.....	Second Thursday in December.
Utah.....	Jan. 16, 1872.....	Second Tuesday in November.
Vermont.....	Oct. 14, 1794.....	Second Wednesday in June.
Virginia.....	May 6, 1777.....	Second Monday in December.
Washington.....	Dec. 9, 1858.....	Third Thursday in November.
West Virginia.....	April 19, 1865.....	Second Tuesday in November.
Wisconsin.....	Dec. 18, 1843.....	Second Tuesday in June.
Wyoming.....	Dec. 15, 1874.....	Second Tuesday in October.

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## Grand Lodges and Addresses of Grand Officers.

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.
Alabama.....	H. C. Armstrong, Suspension.....	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	J. F. Hill, Clarksville.....	L. E. Barber, L. Rock, Pulaski Co.
British Columbia.....	F. Williams, Esquimaux.....	Eli, Harrison, Victoria.
California.....	J. M. Brown, M. D., Vallejo.....	A. G. Abell, San Francisco.
Canada.....	W. H. Weller, Cobourg.....	J. J. Mason, Hamilton.
Colorado.....	C. J. Hart, Pueblo.....	E. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.
Connecticut.....	D. Phelps, West Winsted.....	J. K. Wheeler, Hartford.
Dakota.....	G. H. Hand, Yankton.....	C. T. McCoy, Bon Homme.
Delaware.....	John Taylor.....	W. S. Hayes, Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	E. G. Davis, Washington.....	W. R. Singleton, Wilmington.
Florida.....	W. A. McLean, Jacksonville.....	DeWitt C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	J. M. Mobley, Hamilton.....	J. E. Blackshear, Macon.
Idaho.....	E. A. Stevenson, Pioneerville.....	Charles Himrod, Boise City.
Illinois.....	T. T. Gurney, Chicago.....	J. F. Burrill, Springfield.
Indian Territory.....	J. S. Murrow, Atoka.....	R. P. Jones, Caddo, Choctaw Nation.
Indiana.....	R. Van Valzsh, Terre Haute.....	W. H. Smythe, Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	J. W. Wilson, Newton.....	T. S. Parvin, Iowa City.
Kansas.....	E. M. Tyler, Valley Falls.....	J. H. Brown, Wyandotte.
Kentucky.....	C. H. Johnson, Henderson.....	Hiram Bassett, Millsburg.
Louisiana.....	S. J. Powell, St. Francisville.....	J. C. Batchelor, M.D., New Orleans.
Maine.....	E. P. Burnham, Saco.....	Ira Berry, Portland.
Manitoba.....	G. F. Newcomb, Winnipeg.....	John H. Bell, Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	J. H. B. Latrobe, Baltimore.....	J. H. Medairy, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	C. A. Welch, Waltham.....	Rev. C. H. Titus, Boston.
Michigan.....	J. W. Finch, Adrian.....	W. F. Innes, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	E. W. Curry, Stillwater.....	A. C. Plessner, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	C. T. Murphy, Durant.....	J. L. Power, Jackson.
Missouri.....	T. C. Ready, St. Louis.....	J. D. Vincil, St. Louis.
Montana.....	John Stedman, Helena.....	Cornelius Hedges, Helena.
Nebraska.....	E. K. Valentine, West Point.....	W. R. Bowen, Omaha.
Nevada.....	H. L. Fish, Reno.....	J. D. Hammond, Carson.
New Brunswick.....	R. Marshall, St. John.....	W. F. Bunting, St. John.
New Hampshire.....	S. A. Carter, Keene.....	R. P. Cleaves, Concord.
New Jersey.....	M. B. Smith, Passaic.....	J. H. Hough, Trenton.
New Mexico.....	W. W. Griffin, Santa Fe.....	D. G. Miller, Santa Fe.
New York.....	E. L. Judson, Albany.....	J. M. Austin, New York.
North Carolina.....	H. H. Munson, Wilmington.....	D. W. Bain, Raleigh.
Nova Scotia.....	J. W. Laurie, Halifax.....	Benjamin Curren, Halifax.
Ohio.....	W. M. Cunningham, Newark.....	J. D. Caldwell, Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	Robert Clow, Dallas.....	R. P. Earhart, Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	J. M. Porter, Philadelphia.....	John Thomson, Philadelphia.
Prince Edw. Island.....	John Yeo, Port Hill.....	B. W. Higgs, Charlottetown.
Quebec.....	M. M. Tait, Montreal.....	J. H. Isaacson, Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	C. R. Cutler, Warren.....	Edwin Baker, Providence.
South Carolina.....	B. W. Ball, Laurens.....	Charles Inglesby, Charleston.
Tennessee.....	A. V. Warr, Rossville.....	John Frizzell, Nashville.
Texas.....	Norton Moses, Galveston.....	Geo. H. Bringham, Houston.
Utah.....	J. S. Scott, Salt Lake City.....	Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	H. H. Smith, Rutland.....	Henry Clark, Rutland.
Virginia.....	B. R. Wellford, Richmond.....	W. B. Isaacs, Richmond.
West Virginia.....	G. Baird, Wheeling.....	O. S. Long, Wheeling.
Washington Ter.....	E. P. Ferry, Olympia.....	T. M. Reed, Olympia.
Wisconsin.....	C. F. G. Collins, Beloit.....	J. W. Woodhull, Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	J. H. Hayford, Laramie City.....	W. G. Tonn, Evanston.

## GRAND SECRETARIES ABROAD.

G. L. of England.....	John Hervey.....	London, Freemasons' Hall.
G. L. of Ireland.....	Samuel B. Oldham.....	Dublin.
G. L. of Scotland.....	D. Murray Lyon.....	Edinburg, 98 George St.
Sweden and Norway.....	D. E. Nordlander.....	Stockholm.
G. Orient of Brazil.....	Dr. A. F. Do Amaral.....	No. 53 K. Rio de Janeiro.
G. L. of Germany.....	F. W. T. Berggold.....	Berlin.
G. L. Royal York.....	C. A. Bouché.....	Berlin.
G. L. Zu den drei Weltkugeln.....	H. Von Schweinichen.....	Berlin.
G. L. of Saxony.....	E. F. Zimmerman.....	Dresden.
G. L. Zur Eintracht.....	H. Gessner.....	Darmstadt.
G. L. Zur Sonne.....	Lukwig A. Redlich.....	Bayreuth.
G. L. of Cuba.....	A. Almeida.....	Havana.



## APPENDIX No. 1.

*Unto the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia :*

The petition of the undersigned regularly registered Master Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names :

HUMBLY SHEWETH, -

That your Petitioners, having the good of Masonry at heart, are desirous of extending the benefits of the Craft in this section or part of the country, which cannot be accomplished without having a regular constituted Lodge. We, therefore, being anxious to commence and carry on our Masonic labors under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, pray for a Charter empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at....., by the name and title of..... and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of Order, and the Laws of the Grand Lodge ; and recommend and propose the following to be the first office-bearers of the Lodge viz. :

A. B.....	Worshipful Master.
C. D.....	Senior Warden.
E. F.....	Junior Warden
G. H.....	Treasurer.
M. N.....	Secretary.
O. P.....	Senior Deacon.
Q. R.....	Junior Deacon.
S. T.....	Marshal or Inner Guard.
U. V.....	Stewards.
W. X.....	
Y. Z.....	Tyler.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

N. B.—Here follow the signatures of *all the petitioners*, each in his own handwriting, giving the name, number, and locality of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member.

See Chapter 14, Section 1. Also Standing Regulation 17.

## No. 2.

*Form of Proxy from Subordinate Lodge to enable the Proxy to vote in Grand Lodge :*

We, the Master, Wardens and members of the Lodge.....No..... holding of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, do hereby nominate and appoint our trusty and well beloved Brother..... Master Mason of our Lodge, to be our Proxy in said Grand Lodge, hereby authorizing our said Proxy, in the absence of our Master, Wardens, or any of them, to act and vote upon all questions that may come before the said Grand Lodge.

Given under the Seal of the Lodge, this ..... day of .....

[Seal.]

A. D. 1879, A. L. 5879.

.....Worshipful Master.

.....Secretary.

## No. 3.

## PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of.....Lodge,  
No. ...., R. N. S.*

I, the undersigned, a Master Mason of ..... Lodge, No. ...., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of ....., respectfully petition for membership into your Lodge. If found worthy, I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience to your By-laws, and the Ancient Usages of Masonry as admitted among you. My age is.....years; my occupation is that of.....; my residence is.....

(Signed.) .....

Recommended by ..... }  
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## No. 4.

## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of the Lodge  
....., No. ...., R. N. S.*

I, ....., being of the full age of twenty-one, years, do freely and voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry. I have not within six months been rejected on application for admission; and I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity. My place of residence is.....; my occupation.....; my age.....years.

Witness my hand this.....day of.....

A. D., 187...

(Signed.) .....

Witness.....

Recommended by ..... }  
..... } The applicant to sign his name in full.  
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## No. 5.

## CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM A LODGE.

..... Lodge No. ...., R. N. S.

## DIMIT.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that Brother.....  
 was a Worthy Master Mason of good standing in..... Lodge, No.....  
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held at.....; that having  
 expressed a desire to withdraw from said Lodge in the manner prescribed  
 by Section 47, Chapter 14 of the Constitution, paid up all dues to this date,  
 and otherwise complied with the requirements of the By-Laws, leave was  
 granted, and the Secretary was instructed to Furnish this Dimit.

Given under our hands and Seal of the Lodge, on the.....  
 day of..... A. D., 187..... A. L., 587.....

..... Worshipful Master.

..... Senior Warden.

[Seal.]

..... Secretary.

## No. 6.

## FINANCIAL RETURN.

Of..... Lodge, No.....  
 to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the year ending  
 .....1879.

Subscribing Members as per Return, at \$0.75 each.....		
Diplomas as per Return, at \$1.00 each.....		
Enrolment as per Return, at \$1.00 each.....		
Enrolment for members affiliating from the Jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, \$1.00 each.....		
Degree Dispensation at \$5.00 each.....		
Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund.....	\$	
Total for the year.....	\$	
Cr. By cash paid during the year.....		
Balance due G. Lodge.....	\$	

[Seal.]

..... Secretary.

[Resolved.—That for the future, full dues for the year shall be paid by Subordinate Lodges for all members on the Secretary's books at the time of sending in the annual returns.]—*Proceedings* 1871, page 75.

[Resolved.—That Grand Lodge requests each Subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction to contribute such an amount annually to the Fund of Benevolence as it may deem its financial position warrants.]—*Proceedings* 1873, page 59.

## No. 7.

RETURN of.....Lodge No.....to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,  
of Members for Registration and Diploma, for the year ending .....1879.

Names.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Remarks.

[Seal.]

.....Secretary.

**NOTE TO SECRETARIES.**—This return must contain the names of ALL raised during the year. If any have been supplied with diplomas during the year write the word SUPPLIED opposite the name, in the column for remarks. Christian names must be in full.

In the column marked *Affiliated*, name the Lodge, number and jurisdiction from which the brother hails, as well as the date of affiliation.

## No. 8.

*RETURN of Subscribing Members of ..... Lodge,  
No. ...., to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the year ending  
....., 1879, with Officers installed for the year  
ending....., 1880.*

1.....	Master	installed.
2.....	Senior Warden	"
3.....	Junior Warden	"
4.....	Treasurer	"
5.....	Secretary	"
6.....	Senior Deacon	"
7.....	Junior Deacon	"
8.....	Marshal or Inner Guard	"
9.....	} Stewards	"
10.....		
11.....	Tyler	"
12.....		
13.....		
14.....		
15.....		

[Seal.] ..... Secretary installed.

NOTE.—This return must contain the names of all members on the Secretary's books at the time of sending in the annual returns.

## No. 9.

*RETURN of the Master, Wardens, and Past Masters of.....  
Lodge No. ...., being all Subscribing Members of that Lodge, and eligible  
to vote in the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.*

Master installed.....  
Senior Warden installed.....  
Junior Warden installed.....  
Past Masters.....

Dated this..... day of..... A. D. 1879.

[Seal] ..... Secretary installed.  
..... Lodge No. ....

N. B.—This return must be sent to the Grand Secretary between the regular meeting in March and the 20th day of May in each year. The Master, Wardens and Past Masters will not be allowed to vote in Grand Lodge unless such return be sent.

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[SEAL.]

## No. 10.

RETURN of ..... Lodge No. .... to the Grand Lodge  
of Nova Scotia, of Members suspended, reinstated, dimitted, missing,  
deceased, for the year ending.....1879.

## SUSPENDED.

NAME.	DATE.	CAUSE.

## REINSTATED.

NAME.	DATE.	REMARKS.

## DIMITTED.

NAME.	DATE.	REMARKS.

## MISSING.

ADDRESS NOT KNOWN FOR THREE YEARS.

NAME.	REMARKS.

## DECEASED.

NAME.	DATE.	REMARKS.

[SEAL.]

.....Secretary.



## No. 11.

STATISTICAL RETURN of ..... Lodge  
 No. ...., to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the year ending  
 .....1879.

Master Masons,	number of.....
Fellow Crafts,	" .....
Entered Apprentices,	" .....
Initiated,	" .....
Passed,	" .....
Raised,	" .....
Affiliated,	" .....
Dimitted,	" .....
Died,	" .....
Suspended for unmasonic conduct,	" .....
Suspended for non-payment of dues,	" .....
Reinstated,	" .....
Rejected,	" .....
Missing,	" .....
Dues to Grand Lodge at 75 cts. each.....	
Contribution to G. L. Benevolent Fund.....	\$

## RECAPITULATION.

Number of Subscribing members returned last year.....	
" raised during the year just passed .....	
" affiliated " " .....	
" Reinstated of former years' suspensions.....	
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Number dimitted since last return.....	
" suspended " " .....	
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" missing (address not known for three years) .....	
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## INSTRUCTIONS TO MASTERS AND SECRETARIES.

For the sake of clearness and distinction, a line at least should be left blank between each minute, and a marginal note made of its contents.

Lodge minutes are to be read on regular nights only : first those of the previous regular meeting, then those of any subsequent emergency.

Secretaries of Lodges should keep a rough minute book in which to enter the proceedings of the Lodges as they occur, and never on any account use slips of paper. These proceedings should afterwards be fairly copied into the regular minute books, and have the signature of the Secretary attached. After having been read and approved in open Lodge, they should be signed by the Worshipful Master.

It is usual on the presentment of reports from Committees, to move their reception, and adoption. If open to discussion or amendment, first move the reception, and afterwards the adoption.

The Financial Return is intended to show the cash transactions with Grand Lodge for the whole year ; therefore if ten candidates have been raised during the year, and if six of these ten have been supplied with diplomas, leaving four to be supplied at the time of sending in the annual returns, the Sec'y should not write.

4 Diplomas, &c., &c., &c.

4 Enrolments, &c., &c., &c., as is frequently done, but

10 Diplomas, &c., &c.

10 Enrolments, &c., &c.

noting the cash paid (if any) and forwarding the balance.

The affiliation enrolment fee is to be paid for those only who come from another Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

The diploma return must contain the names of all raised during the year.

If any have been supplied with diplomas, write the word *supplied* opposite the name in the column for remarks.

Christian names must be in full.

J. Smith may mean either John, Jacob, or Joseph Smith.

Secretaries are held responsible for their own mistakes. A brother's correct name is John Smith ; the Secretary of the Lodge carelessly fills in John David Smith ; the diploma is forwarded to John Smith, alias by the Secretary, John David Smith ; but John refuses to have it, and justly so, too. The Secretary can procure a new diploma by returning the incorrect one, accompanied with the usual diploma fee.

In the case of a brother affiliating from another jurisdiction, the name, number, and jurisdiction of his Lodge should be mentioned.

Secretaries are requested to send for diplomas when required—say three or more at a time, as it is quite impossible for the Grand Secretary to comply with the following request from about 70 Lodges in the early part of May :  
 “ Please send diplomas *by return mail*.”

In the return of subscribing members be careful to give, first, the names of the newly installed officers, *not those of the year just passed*; then the Past Masters according to seniority of service, marked P. M. ; then all the other members. Compare the return with that of the previous year, as shown by the “ Abstract of Returns ” in the printed Proceedings, and make them agree.

All returns should be forwarded to the Grand Secretary before the 20th May.

The election of officers in Subordinate Lodges will, for the future, be held at the regular meeting in March, not April as heretofore—(See Constitution, Chapter 14, Section 4.)

The attention of Secretaries is directed to Standing Regulation No. 18.

There is nothing in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to prevent the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges on the night of election.

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# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

As Revised to June, A. D., 1878—A. L. 5878.

### CHAPTER I.

#### OF GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "*The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia.*"

SECTION 2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected as hereafter provided, and shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed; but they shall be eligible for re-election.

The election of all officers shall take place at the Annual Communication, when they shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in ancient form. No officer shall be installed by proxy.

SECTION 3. The following officers shall be nominated in writing, and elected by written ballot, and shall require a majority of the votes of those present.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.

" Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

" " " Senior Grand Warden.

" " " Junior Grand Warden.

" " " Grand Treasurer.

" " " Grand Secretary.

Any brother nominating a candidate shall place on the Secretary's table a folded paper containing the name of the person he proposes. After all the nominations have been made, the Secretary shall open all the papers and declare the names of the candidates nominated, and the ballot shall be restricted to those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those two having the highest number of votes.

The remainder of the officers shall be nominated and elected by open vote, viz. :

		Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer.
		“ “ “ Chaplains.
Very	“	Senior Grand Deacon.
“	“	Junior Grand Deacon.
“	“	Grand Superintendent of Works.
“	“	“ Director of Ceremonies.
“	“	“ Sword Bearer.
“	“	“ Organist.
“	“	“ Pursuivant.
“	“	“ Stewards (six).
“	“	“ Tyler.

No brother not a member of this Grand Lodge shall hold office therein; and no brother shall be nominated for an office unless a member of the Grand Lodge is prepared to certify that he is willing, if elected, to accept the office.

SECTION 4. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the officers previously mentioned, the Masters and Wardens of all Subordinate Lodges duly installed, and in their absence proxies duly certified as hereinafter provided, and all Past Masters while they continue members of a Subordinate Lodge; but no member of the Grand Lodge is to exercise more than three votes; and Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges shall not be entitled to vote in that capacity; and in no case shall a member of Grand Lodge exercise more than one vote in his own right.

SECTION 5. In case the Representatives of any Lodge at a distance of more than ten miles from the place of meeting should be unable to attend the Grand Lodge Communications, such Lodge, by a vote of its members, properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary under seal, may appoint one of its Representatives or any one of its members being a Master Mason, to represent the Lodge as proxy. Such proxy shall be allowed to vote only in the absence of some or one of the Representatives, and each Lodge shall have three votes only, including its proxy and any of its Representatives present.

In order to enable the Lodges at a distance of more than twenty miles from Halifax to be represented in the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, a sum will be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge to each Subordinate Lodge, sufficient to pay the reasonable expenses of sending one representative or proxy to Halifax, not, however, to exceed the amount of dues of such Lodge to the Grand Lodge—such amount to be adjusted by the Committee of Finance and Audit, and paid to the representative or proxy of the Lodge immediately after the Annual Communication. No amount shall be payable unless the representative or proxy shall

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actually attend the Annual Communication, and travel from the place where the Lodge is situated, for that purpose. But no amount shall be paid to the Representative or proxy of any Lodge which has not paid up its fees and dues for the year just past.

SECTION 6. The rank of officers and members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows;—

The Grand Master.  
 Past Grand Masters.  
 Deputy Grand Master.  
 Past Deputy Grand Masters.  
 Senior Grand Warden.  
 Past Senior Grand Wardens.  
 Junior Grand Warden.  
 Past Junior Grand Wardens.  
 District Deputy Grand Masters.  
 Grand Treasurer.  
 Grand Secretary.  
 Grand Lecturer.  
 Grand Chaplains.  
 Senior Grand Deacon.  
 Junior Grand Deacon.  
 Grand Superintendent of Works.  
 Grand Director of Ceremonies.  
 Grand Sword Bearer.  
 Grand Organist.  
 Grand Pursuivant.  
 Grand Stewards.  
 Grand Tyler.

The Masters, Past Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens of Subordinate Lodges in the order of their respective Lodge warrants.

SECTION 7. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, it shall be filled by election at the next regular Communication.

SECTION 8. No officer or member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing.

SECTION 9. No brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master, or Warden, until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 10. The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Halifax, on the first Wednesday in June in each year, at 12 o'clock, noon.

SECTION 11. The following officers must be either Masters or Past Masters:—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.  
 “ Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.  
 “ “ “ Senior Grand Warden.



The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.

" " " Grand Treasurer.

" " " Grand Secretary.

" " " Grand Lecturer.

SECTION 12. The Grand Master shall, immediately after the installation of officers at the Annual communication of Grand Lodge, appoint the following Standing Committees, to consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all such matters as pertain to them respectively :—

On Credentials and Returns,  
On Constitution and Regulations.  
On Grievances and Appeal.  
On Finance and Audit.  
On Foreign Correspondence.  
On Charters.

But no member of the Grand Lodge shall be required to serve on more than one of these Standing Committees; and one member at least of each shall be either a Master or Warden of a Lodge.

SECTION 13. The Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, may summon and hold Grand Lodges of Emergency whenever the good of the Craft shall in his opinion require it. The particular reason for convening such Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at the meeting.

SECTION 14. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Chair shall be filled in the following order :—By the Deputy Grand Master; Senior Grand Warden; Junior Grand Warden; Past Grand Master; Past Deputy Grand Master; Past Senior Grand Warden; Past Junior Grand Warden; the Master of the Senior Lodge present. He shall have the same power while presiding as the Grand Master.

N. B.—The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in AMPLE FORM when the Grand Master is present; in DUE FORM when the Deputy Grand Master or Past Grand Master presides; at all other times only in Form, yet with the same authority.

SECTION 15. In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting Laws and Regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them; always taking care that the Ancient Landmarks of the Order are preserved. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating, and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual Brothers, which it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as it may appoint; but in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of erasing Lodges and expelling Brethren from the Craft.

SECTION 16. No Lodge shall be erased, nor shall any Brother be expelled, until the Master or Officers of the Lodge, or the offending Brother, shall have been summoned to show cause in the Grand Lodge, why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced—such summons being addressed, and either delivered personally, or sent by post to the last known place of residence of such Brother being deemed a proper summons; but a reasonable time in the discretion of the Grand Lodge, must elapse before sentence is passed.

SECTION 17. All differences and complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced to writing and handed to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 18. When any memorial or other document is presented by any member of the Grand Lodge, either on behalf of himself or another, the member presenting it shall be responsible that such paper does not contain any improper matter, or any offensive or indecorous language.

SECTION 19. No business of any kind shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge unless at least five Subordinate Lodges are represented by proxy or otherwise.

SECTION 20. Brethren of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Craft may, by vote of the Grand Lodge, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

SECTION 21. The Grand Lodge may summon any Lodge or Brother to attend the Grand Lodge and to produce the Charter, Books, Papers, and Accounts of the Lodge, or the Certificate of a Brother. If the summons be not complied with or a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, the Lodge or Brother may be suspended.

SECTION 22. Every Subordinate Lodge shall be visited at least once in every year by the Grand Master, or by one or more members of the Grand Lodge duly authorized, who shall examine the Minutes and enquire as to the state of the funds in hand, the work done, and the general condition of the Lodge, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge in writing at its next regular Communication. The Officers of each Lodge visited shall, on pain of suspension, give full information on all subjects with reference to the Lodge.

SECTION 23. Master Masons in good standing, vouched for by the Tyler, or a Brother present, may be admitted into the Grand Lodge, after the same has been opened, provided they are decently dressed and properly clothed. They will be seated together in a particular

part of the Lodge Room, to be pointed out by the Junior Grand Deacon, and must, on no account, attempt to speak or vote. If any of them wish to retire before the Lodge is closed, he must rise from his place and ask for and obtain special permission from the Grand Master or Officer presiding.

On motion of any member of the Grand Lodge, duly seconded, the Grand Master or Presiding Officer shall, without discussion, require all present, not being members of the Grand Lodge, to retire.

SECTION 24. The Grand Lodge shall keep a book in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names before entering the Lodge; and a similar book, or a portion of the same book, for visitors, who are, in like manner, to enter their names, Masonic rank, and the name of their Mother Lodge, or the Lodge from which they hail.

SECTION 25. No Rule, By-Law, or Regulation of the Grand Lodge shall be suspended, except by the unanimous vote of all the members present.

## CHAPTER II.

### REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GRAND LODGE DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge being opened, the Minutes of the last regular communication, and of any intervening Grand Lodge, are to be read; but reports, communications of documents, approved or rejected at any previous meeting shall not be read *in extenso*, unless called for by a member with a view of founding a motion thereon. All communications from the Grand Master, and Reports from the Committees, are then to be read and taken into consideration, and the other business is to be regularly proceeded with.

SECTION 2. No confirmation of Minutes is requisite, if they have been correctly taken; and if no Brother objects to them on that account they must stand approved. It shall not be competent for a Brother on hearing read the Minutes of a previous meeting to discuss or question anything done thereat, unless he has at such previous meeting given notice of reconsideration.

SECTION 3. At every meeting of the Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary shall produce a correct list containing the names and numbers of all the Lodges, the names of the Masters, Wardens and Past Masters returned from each, the number of votes each is entitled to, and the names of the Proxies (if any), which list shall be laid on his table and be open to the inspection of all members.

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SECTION 4. At the first stroke of the Grand Master's gavel, or whenever the Grand Master shall call to order, there shall be general silence.

SECTION 5. All members shall keep their seats except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about in the discharge of their duties.

SECTION 6. No brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or by special permission of the Grand Lodge, or the mover in reply,

SECTION 7. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master, nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order; but, after he has been set right he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

SECTION 8. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the Grand Master shall peremptorily command him to quit the Lodge for that meeting.

SECTION 9. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or at what he has said, shall forthwith be solemnly excluded, and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Lodge, until, at another time, he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.

SECTION 10. All matters not specially provided for are to be decided by a majority of the votes, unless the Lodge think proper to leave them to the determination of the Grand Master; the votes of the members are to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, and the motion is then to be declared as carried or lost, but if two members demand that the votes be counted, the brethren in favor of the motion shall pass to one side of the Lodge, and those against to the other, when they shall be counted by the Grand Deacons, the Grand Master to have a casting vote in case of a tie.

SECTION 11. Notices of motion must be given personally, and in writing, and not by brethren present on behalf of absent members.

SECTION 12. No motion shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules, or regulations of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule, or regulation thereto, without notice in writing stating the amendment or alteration proposed having been given to the Grand Secretary at least three months previous to the Communication at which it is to be brought before the Grand Lodge; and no alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be binding, unless supported by two-thirds of the votes present.

SECTION 13. The mover of every resolution or amendment shall reduce the same to writing, otherwise it cannot be put. Every resolution or amendment shall, on motion of any brother, be divided, if capable of division, and each portion put separately from the chair.

SECTION 14. No brother shall be permitted to quit the Grand Lodge until the same has been closed, without permission asked and obtained from the presiding officer.

SECTION 15. No motion on a new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon, after eleven o'clock at night.

### CHAPTER III.

#### OF GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. In the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Province, notified by him to the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master; and should the Grand Master die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof by sickness, permanent absence from the Province, or otherwise, the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith assume the functions of Grand Master until the next annual election; and should the Deputy Grand Master die previous to such election, the Grand Warden shall immediately summon the Grand Lodge to elect a Grand Master.

SECTION 3. The Grand Master under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, may by warrant appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Lodge near a sister Grand Lodge, with such rank as the Grand Lodge may deem appropriate. He may also, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished brother who may be regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge a member of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, but without any vote.

SECTION 4. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, and order any of the Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed on his right hand and the Master of the Lodge on his left. His Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons present, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore*.

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SECTION 5. The Grand Master may send the Grand Officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper.

SECTION 6. The Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but through the Grand Secretary or the Deputy Grand Master.

SECTION 7. If the Grand Master should abuse his power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience of the Lodges, he shall be subjected to some new regulation to be dictated by the occasion.

SECTION 8. During his term of office the Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a Subordinate Lodge, and if he hold such office he must, on his election as Grand Master, resign it.

#### CHAPTER IV.

##### OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Deputy Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority in the absence of the Grand Master to preside in any Lodge he may visit, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during the Deputy Grand Master's continuance there: but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Deputy Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any other Master Masons, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore*.

SECTION 3. During his term of office the Deputy Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a subordinate Lodge; and if he holds such office, he must, on his election as Deputy Grand Master, resign it.

##### OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

SECTION 1. The Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be divided into five districts, numbered as follows:—

No. 1. To include the County of Halifax.

No. 2. To include the Western part of the County of Digby and the Counties of Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens and Lunenburg.

No. 3. To include the Eastern part of Digby County and the Counties of Annapolis, Kings and Hants.

No. 4. To include the Counties of Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou and Antigonish, and the Western part of the County of Guysboro'.

No. 5. To include the Eastern part of the County of Guysboro', and the Island of Cape Breton.



SECTION 2. To each of these Districts there shall be appointed by the Grand Master, at the Annual Communication, if possible, an officer whose style and title shall be Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, and who shall rank next to the Junior Warden of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 3. Every District Deputy Grand Master shall be a Past Master, a member of some Lodge in the district to which he is elected, and a resident of the district.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Masters to visit the Lodges of their respective districts, at least once during the year, of which visit the Lodges shall have timely notice.

SECTION 5. While visiting any Lodge the District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority to preside, after the Lodge is opened and he is introduced. The Master and officers of the Lodge shall afford every facility to the District Deputy, of examining the books and records of the Lodge, inspecting its By-Laws and regulations, and ascertaining the condition of the Lodge in all respects in keeping with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 6. When any District Deputy Grand Master shall have obtained from the Grand Lecturer a certificate of qualification for imparting ritualistic work and lectures, and shall have the same approved of by the Grand Master, under seal of the Grand Lodge, it shall then, but not before, be his further duty to inspect the ritualistic work of the several Lodges visited, and exemplify the work and lectures, and instruct the Lodges in the same.

SECTION 7. Any Lodge visited and requiring instruction in the approved mode of working, shall reasonably compensate the District Deputy Grand Master for whatever time he may be occupied in imparting to the Lodge the ritualistic work and lectures as recommended by Grand Lodge.

SECTION 8. The District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority to grant dispensations for public processions other than funerals, but shall not suspend, alter or amend any by-law or regulation of the Grand Lodge, or those of any subordinate Lodge, after their approval by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

SECTION 9. The Grand Secretary shall, immediately after the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master, notify each of the Lodges in the district of the appointment, and shall furnish every such officer with a list of the Lodges in his district. The Grand Secretary shall also notify the Lodges when the officer has received the authority to impart ritualistic work, as provided in Section 7 of this Chapter.

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SECTION 10. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall report at the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge such duties as he may have attended to during his term of office. He shall then be reimbursed such reasonable expenses as he may have incurred in the discharge of said duties; and when District Deputy Grand Masters attend the Annual Meetings of Grand Lodge, they shall be compensated the same as representatives of Lodges.

## CHAPTER V.

## OF GRAND WARDENS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Wardens shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. When the actual Grand Wardens are in the Lodge no others can supply their places; but in their absence the Past Grand Wardens shall act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Wardens be present, the Grand Master may direct any Master or Past Masters of a subordinate Lodge to act as Grand Wardens *pro tempore*.

SECTION 3. The Grand Wardens whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular Lodge, are to act as his Wardens.

## CHAPTER VI.

## OF GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Treasurer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Treasurer shall give a joint bond with two sureties to the Grand Master and such other Trustees as the Grand Master shall nominate, with such conditions as may be deemed expedient for the due performance of his trust.

SECTION 3. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all moneys raised for the general charity, or for any other public use of the Fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective use for which the several sums are intended, and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipts and disbursements before every regular communication; and these accounts shall be annually audited by the committee of Finance and Audit, who shall make their report thereon at the Annual Communication in June.

## CHAPTER VII.

## OF GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. The Grand Secretary shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Secretary is to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Lodge, under seal or otherwise; to issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, and to attend and take minutes of all its proceedings; to notify all Committees of their appointment, and to provide them with such books and documents as they may require which may be in his custody; to receive the returns from the several Lodges, and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, and duly report the same at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; to transmit to all the Lodges annually an account of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Lodge; to publish in the Annual Report of Proceedings of Grand Lodge the names of all suspended or expelled Masons; to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and to take to him any books or papers he may direct; to conduct the Correspondence of the Grand Lodge; to receive regularly, credit and record, all moneys of the Grand Lodge, and to pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and annually report the amount received, and the source whence received; and generally to do all such things as have been done or ought to have been done, by a Grand Secretary; for which service he shall receive out of the Grand Lodge funds a salary of six hundred dollars annually, the same to be paid quarterly by the Grand Treasurer, on the order of the Grand Master.

## CHAPTER VIII.

## OF GRAND LECTURER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lecturer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. He shall instruct the officers of such Lodges as request his services in the mode of working approved of by the Grand Lodge: he shall, if required, visit the subordinate Lodges, and report any deviation from the ancient landmarks, or from the established ritual that he may observe.

SECTION 3. He shall have the right to visit any Lodge, either at the regular or emergent meetings; but nothing contained herein

shall permit or authorize him to interrupt or in any way interfere with the work of a Lodge, or to give instructions therein, without the consent or approval of the Master or Brother presiding.

SECTION 4. If any Lodge or its officers shall require the services of the Grand Lecturer, they shall pay him a reasonable compensation for his time and trouble—the amount, in case of dispute, to be decided by the Committee of Finance and Audit, whose decision shall be final.

## CHAPTER IX.

### OF GRAND CHAPLAINS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Chaplains shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. They shall attend all communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the Fraternity.

## CHAPTER X.

### OF GRAND DEACONS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Deacons shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. If the Grand Deacons be absent, the Grand Master may appoint the Master of any Lodge to officiate *pro tempore*.

## CHAPTER XI.

### OF OTHER GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. All the other Grand Lodge officers shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication, and must be members of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 2. The Grand Superintendent of Works is to advise with the Committee on all plans of buildings and edifices undertaken by the Grand Lodge, and furnish estimates. He is to report on the state of repair of the edifices of the Grand Lodge from time to time as required.

SECTION 3. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, in addition to his other duties, has the care of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 4. The Grand Pursuivant is to see that none be admitted except those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

SECTION 5. Grand Standard Bearers may be appointed by the Grand Master as occasion may require. They must be Master Masons, and are to carry the Standards of the Grand Lodge, and Grand Master on all grand ceremonies. They are not, however, by their appointment, members of the Grand Lodge, nor are they to wear the clothing of a Grand Officer.

Any Grand Officer entitled to have a Standard, may whenever it shall be necessary, appoint a Standard Bearer who must be a Master Mason.

SECTION 6. The Grand Tyler is to receive from the Grand Secretary the summonses for all the meetings of the Grand Lodge, its boards and committees, and carefully deliver the same. He is to attend all Grand Lodge Meetings, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled; and his salary shall be thirty dollars per annum, including all fees and charges.

SECTION 7. If any Grand Tyler shall, without the special license of the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, attend at any Masonic funeral or other public business, or shall officiate or attend on any meeting or pretended Lodge of Masons, not being regularly constituted, and not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge, or not conforming to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler or attendant on a Lodge and be excluded the benefits of the general charity.

## CHAPTER XII.

### OF GRAND COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. All communications received by the Grand Secretary, which are to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, shall at once be handed by him to the Chairman of the Committee to whose province the business therein referred to appertains; and the Committee shall at once proceed to investigate the matters so referred to them, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge at its next regular meeting, or at an emergent meeting called for the purpose. If the regular meeting take place within ten days after the communication has been received, the committee will not be obliged to report until the subsequent meeting.

SECTION 2. In order to enable each committee fully to investigate the matters submitted to them, the Chairman thereof shall have the

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same power to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers as is possessed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

SECTION 3. Two-thirds of a Committee shall constitute a quorum.

### CHAPTER XIII.

#### PROCEDURE BEFORE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL.

SECTION 1. In the event of a dispute arising between Subordinate Lodges and members of the Craft, the party or parties feeling aggrieved may lay the same before the Grand Lodge by written petition, duly signed, stating distinctly the matters complained of. No petition can be entertained unless it is submitted to the Grand Lodge within three months after the matter complained of originated, and, in case of appeal, within twelve months from the date of decision appealed against.

SECTION 2. Such petition, together with a certificate by the petitioner, that a copy thereof has been served upon the party complained against, shall be lodged with the Grand Secretary, who shall hand the same to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeal. The Chairman shall at once summon the Committee who shall proceed to investigate the case, and they may, if they see fit, require the parties complained against to answer the petition in writing within a time to be limited by them.

SECTION 3. The contending parties shall attend the meeting of the Committee (of which notice will be sent them) either personally or by their representatives—such representatives being members of the Grand Lodge—when the evidence on both sides shall be heard, and the Committee shall then decide on the case, and report their decision, together with the evidence taken, to the Grand Lodge, who may confirm or reject the report, remit it back to the Committee to take further evidence and make such final order in relation thereto as to the Grand Lodge may seem right.

SECTION 4. With each petition or answer there shall be paid a fee of one dollar, without which the document cannot be received. There shall also be paid for all extracts of the proceedings, by the party requiring the same, the sum of 50 cents for the first sheet, and 30 cents for each other sheet.

SECTION 5. The judgments of the Grand Lodge shall be held to be final and not reviewable by any tribunal whatever; and any parties challenging or refusing to submit to the same, shall be liable



to expulsion from the Grand Lodge, deprivation of his Masonic privileges, or such other punishment or censure as the Grand Lodge may see fit to inflict.

## CHAPTER XIV.

### OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION 1. Every application for a Charter to open a new Lodge must be made by petition, signed by at least seven Master Masons in good standing, and the Lodges to which they belong specified; the petition must be recommended by the nearest regular Lodge, (see also Standing Regulation 17), and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. If the prayer of the petition be granted, a Charter will issue empowering them to meet as a regular Lodge, and perform all the duties appertaining thereto; but no Charter shall be granted to a new Lodge until it has worked under a dispensation.

SECTION 2. The Grand Master may, on receipt of the petition, grant a Dispensation to open a new Lodge, and report the same to the Grand Lodge; but no Dispensation shall be valid after the meeting of the Grand Lodge, unless approved of by it.

SECTION 3. The officers of a Lodge shall consist of a Master, two Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, two Deacons, Marshal or Inner Guard, two Stewards and a Tyler. They shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed in person.

SECTION 4. Every Lodge shall, annually, at its regular meeting in March, elect the Worshiptul Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary by ballot, the remainder by open vote. The ballot shall be taken in the manner prescribed for Grand Lodge.

SECTION 5. No member of a Lodge shall be eligible for election as Master unless he has served as a Warden for one year, or served as a Master in any Lodge. But this regulation shall not apply to newly formed Lodges, until after the second annual election of officers.

SECTION 6. The Master elect shall be installed by a Past Master of his own or some other Lodge, in open Lodge, at which Past Masters only shall be present, when he shall take the obligation and receive the secrets appertaining to that degree.

SECTION 7. If the Master should die, the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall summon the Lodge, and a new Master shall be elected at the next regular meeting. In the case of a vacancy in any other office, it shall be filled by the Master *pro tempore*, until the annual election.

SECTION 8. In the Master's absence the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall assume the chair, and perform all the duties appertaining to the Master's office, except conferring degrees. A Master or Past Master of any Lodge may be invited to officiate as Master by the presiding officer.

SECTION 9. Upon sufficient cause shown to the Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, he may in his discretion suspend the Master of any Lodge from performing the duties of his office until after the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 10. The Master of a Lodge is responsible for seeing that a book or books be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the names of its members, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposals, admission or initiation, passing or raising, and also their ages as nearly as possible at that time, and their titles, professions, or trades, together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

SECTION 11. The Master is to see that all moneys received or paid on account of the Lodge be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once in each year by a Committee appointed by the Lodge who shall report all members over twelve months in arrears for dues.

SECTION 12. None but Master Masons can be members of a Lodge, or vote upon any subject. Every brother whose application has been favorably received in a Lodge, and who receives the Master Mason's Degree therein, becomes thereby a member of the Lodge.

SECTION 13. Every Lodge has the power of forming by-laws for its own government provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with this Constitution and the Regulations of the Grand Lodge. The by-laws must be submitted for the approbation of the Grand Master, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary; and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted, and no law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. Every brother immediately after becoming a member of a Lodge shall sign the by-laws thereof; and every member shall at all reasonable times have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the Lodge and delivered to the brethren.

SECTION 14. The regular days and particular place of meeting of every Lodge shall be specified in the by-laws. If in case of any accident the Lodge cannot meet at its accustomed place, the regular meeting may be held in any room approved of by the Master and Wardens until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge; and all Lodges in the City of Halifax shall meet at Freemasons' Hall.

SECTION 15. A Lodge of Emergency may be at any time called by the authority of the Master, or in his absence of the Senior Warden, or in his absence of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The particular reason for calling the Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summonses issued to the members of the Lodge, and afterwards be recorded in the minute book ; and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at that meeting.

SECTION 16. The precedency of Lodges is derived from the number of their charters, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 17. Every Subordinate Lodge shall have a Masonic Seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued. An impression of the Seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed an impression of the new Seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

SECTION 18. All the business of Lodges, except that of conferring the first and second degrees, and the instruction thereof, shall be transacted in a Lodge of Master Masons.

SECTION 19. No Lodge shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less consideration than Twenty Dollars, viz : for the first and second degrees, \$6 each, for the third degree, \$8 ; nor on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum, except in the case of Ministers of the Gospel. The member who proposes any candidate must be responsible to the Lodge for all fees payable on account of his initiation.

SECTION 20. Every Lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren raised therein, and also in making the returns of its members ; as no person is entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered, and he shall have been at least one year a contributing member of a Lodge ; but the limitation of one year shall not apply to cases of shipwreck, loss by fire, or dislocation or fracture of a limb ; the same to be fully attested and approved.

SECTION 21. Each Lodge shall procure for every brother raised therein a Grand Lodge Diploma, to be paid for by the Lodge.

SECTION 22. Any member reported for non-payment of dues, may be specially summoned by the Secretary to pay the same, and failing to do so within three months, may be suspended and reported to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 23. Every Lodge has the power, by a two-thirds vote, of suspending a member for gross, immoral or infamous conduct, or for non-payment of dues ; but no Lodge shall suspend any member with-

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SECTION 24. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the Lodge, without a fresh ballot, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was so suspended—notice therefore being given to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 25. The Jewels and Furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are, the property of the Master, Wardens and brethren of such Lodge, while legally holding the Charter; but when such Lodge shall resign, or forfeit such Charter, all its property shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 26. Each Lodge shall annually, between the date of Installation of officers and the 20th of May, make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Master, Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge, entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge; and no brother shall be permitted to vote in Grand Lodge unless his name shall have been returned to the Grand Secretary, as herein directed.

SECTION 27. The majority of the members of a Lodge when congregated, have the privilege to give instruction to their Master or Wardens, or Proxy, before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

SECTION 28. Each Lodge shall make its payments to the Grand Lodge previous to 20th day of May in each year; and in case of neglect of payment for twelve months, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens and Proxy of such Lodge shall be thereby disqualified from voting in Grand Lodge, until these payments shall have been made. Should any payment be neglected for two years after it becomes due, the Charter of the Lodge may be declared forfeited to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 29. If any Lodge shall fail to meet for the space of twelve months, it cannot be summoned without the special leave of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, and if it shall fail to meet for the space of two years, it shall be struck off the roll of Lodges and the Charter forfeited.

SECTION 30. No Lodge shall form any Public Masonic Procession without leave from the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master, except in case of a Funeral, which shall at once be reported to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 31. If the majority of any Lodge should determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution and power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, provided there be not less than seven. If less than seven members remain, their Charter ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed, reverts to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 32. No brother shall wilfully presume to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge without the direction of the Grand Lodge, under pain of being expelled from the Order. This law is not to extend to writing, printing, or publishing any proceedings, authorized to be published by the Master of any Lodge, provided the same does not conflict with the Constitution.

SECTION 33. The majority of members present at any Lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided they are consistent with the by-laws of the Lodge and the general laws and regulations of the Craft. No resolution or protest can be entered on the minutes unless it has been duly seconded.

SECTION 34. No subordinate Lodge has the power of adjourning from day to day.

SECTION 35. Any brother who has violated the secrecy of the ballot, by stating how he voted on any question, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted, or if he should be aware, and mention to another brother, shall render himself liable to severe masonic censure, and for a second offence to expulsion.

SECTION 36. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge Diploma is granted must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the Master or Secretary of the Lodge.

SECTION 37. No Lodge shall grant a certificate of any kind to a brother except such as may be required by the Laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of its Committees, or issued to a member on his retirement from a Lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing; nor shall any Lodge under any pretence make a charge for a Lodge certificate.



SECTION 38. A brother who may have rendered any service to the Craft in general, or to any particular Lodge, may, by a vote of the Lodge, be elected an honorary member thereof. The Lodge must include honorary members in its returns to the Grand Lodge, and is liable to pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members, but no such honorary member, as such, can be a member of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 39. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he is personally known, or, after due examination, vouched for by one or more of the brethren present; he shall, during his continuance in the Lodge, be subject to its by-laws.

SECTION 40. A Mason offending against any law or regulation of the Craft to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the direction of the Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or, by the Grand Lodge *only*, to expulsion.

SECTION 41. Any brother may be admitted a member of a Lodge, on satisfactory evidence that he has paid all dues to the Lodge of which he was last a member, and that he has received a dimit therefrom; he being proposed at a regular meeting at least one month before the ballot is taken, and a decision given in his favor as in the case of a candidate.

SECTION 42. The Jurisdiction of a Lodge shall extend ten miles in every direction from the place of meeting, or half way to the nearest Lodge if within twenty miles. But if any Lodges should be within two miles of each other, they shall have a concurrent jurisdiction, extending ten miles in every direction, from the nearest Lodge or half way to the next Lodge, if within twenty miles. Lodges within twenty miles of each other may, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, settle the boundaries of their own jurisdiction, but not to exceed the limits above mentioned.

SECTION 43. No person shall be made a Mason if he resides in the jurisdiction of another Lodge without the consent of that Lodge; such consent to be expressed by the unanimous vote by ballot of the members present at any regular meeting of such Lodge, subsequent to the one at which the application for such consent is made. If he has not resided for twelve months within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, he must be recommended in writing by six members of the Lodge, who are in good standing.

SECTION 44. Every candidate must be proposed in open Lodge, at a regular meeting, and his petition referred to an investigating committee. He may be balloted for at any regular meeting of the



Lodge after an interval of one month, provided the committee have reported; and if elected, he may be initiated; but if rejected, his application cannot again be entertained for six months. No higher degree shall be conferred on any brother at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge.

SECTION 45. No man shall be made a Mason under the age of twenty one years. Every candidate must, at the time of initiation, be known to be of reputable circumstances; and he must, previous to his initiation, subscribe his name at full length to an application, the form of which is given in the appendix hereto.

SECTION 46. No person shall be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of a Lodge, if on the ballot being taken, one black ball appear against him.

SECTION 47. Any member, desiring to withdraw from a Lodge, who shall signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by letter addressed to the Secretary, to be read in open Lodge, shall thereupon, provided he be in good standing and clear of all indebtedness to the Lodge, be entitled to his dimit. It will of course be the duty of the W. M. to ascertain before he signs the dimit that the brother so withdrawing is in good Masonic standing.

SECTION 48. Two or more Lodges, located near each other, may consolidate into one as may be agreed upon by themselves; but of such proposed consolidation the members of each Lodge shall have at least two months' notice before the regular meeting at which such proposition is to be acted upon, and it shall require the assent, in writing, of at least three-fourths of all the members of each Lodge (provided the number dissenting is less than seven in either Lodge) to adopt such proposal for consolidation.

The Lodge thus formed may bear the name and number of one of the Lodges composing it, in which case it may retain the Charter and Seal of that Lodge.

No such consolidation, however, shall go into effect until all the proceedings relative thereto shall have been submitted to and approved by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge; and, in case of a new Charter being required, the approval of the Grand Lodge must be obtained.

SECTION 49. No Lodge shall, on any occasion or pretence whatever, suspend any of its By-Laws.

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## CHAPTER XV.

## OF LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

SECTION 1. No General Lodge of Instruction shall be held, unless under the sanction of a regular Warranted Lodge, or by the special license and authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge giving the sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of Instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 2. Lodges of Instruction shall keep a minute of brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or the Lodge granting.

SECTION 3. If a Lodge which has given its sanction for a Lodge of Instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, to be communicated to the Lodge of Instruction, provided notice of intention to withdraw that sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

## CHAPTER XVI.

## OF REGALIA.

SECTION 1. No brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge unless in Masonic costume and proper clothing. The officers of the Grand Lodge must, in addition, wear white cravats and white gloves.

SECTION 2. No clothing purporting to be Masonic shall be worn in Grand Lodge, or any Subordinate Lodge, except that appertaining to St. John's Masonry, which alone is recognized and acknowledged.

SECTION 3. The Jewels of the Grand Lodge are Gold and may be described as follows :

*The Grand Master.*—A brilliant Medallion, having emblazoned in the centre the Arms of Nova Scotia, surrounded by the words, "The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,"—pendant therefrom the compasses extended, the square and segment of a circle of 90°, the points of the compasses resting on the segment. In the centre, between the square and compasses, the sun in full glory.

*Past Grand Master.*—The compasses extended, the square and segment of a circle of 90°—the points of the compasses resting on the segment.

*Deputy Grand Master.*—The compasses and square united.

*Senior Grand Warden.*—The Level.

*Junior Grand Warden.*—The Plumb.

*Grand Treasurer.*—A Chased Key.

*Grand Secretary.*—Key and Pen crossed.

*Grand Lecturer.*—Semi-circle in a triangle.

*Grand Chaplain.*—Eradicated Eye in a triangle.

*Senior Grand Deacon.*—Mallet within a Wreath.

*Junior Grand Deacon.*—Trowel within a Wreath.

*Grand Superintendent of Works.*—Corinthian column, based on a segment of a circle of 90°.

*Grand Director of Ceremonies.*—Crossed Rods with a tie.

*Grand Sword Bearer.*—Crossed Swords.

*Grand Organist.*—A Grecian Lyre in a Wreath.

*Grand Pursuivant.*—Cross Baton and Sword.

*Grand Tyler.*—A Sword.

*Chairman of Stewards.*—Cornucopia and Cup within a Wreath.

SECTION 4. The Grand Master's Jewel shall be suspended from a gold chain consisting of nine stars, and the letters "G. L." in double cypher, similar in pattern to that worn by the Grand Master of England.

SECTION 5. The collars from which the Jewels of the other Grand Lodge officers are suspended, shall be of dark blue, edged with gold lace.

SECTION 6. The Jewels of the Subordinate Lodges shall be suspended from Collars of Blue, which may be embroidered or trimmed with Silver. The Jewels shall be of Silver as follows :

*Master.*—The Square.

*Past Master.*—The Square and the Diagram of the 47th Problem, 1st Book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate pendant within it.

*Senior Warden.*—The Level.

*Junior Warden.*—The Plumb.

*Treasurer.*—The Key.

*Secretary.*—The Crossed Pens.

*Deacons.*—The Dove encircled.

*Marshal or Inner Guard.*—Crossed Swords.

*Stewards.*—Cornucopia in a Wreath.

*Tyler.*—The Sword.

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**SECTION 7. APRONS.—Entered Apprentices.**—A plain white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament ; white strings.

**Fellow Craft.**—A plain white lambskin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of two blue rosettes at the bottom.

**Master Mason.**—The same with Garter Blue lining and edging, one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed, except to officers and past officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

**Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, present and past.**—Aprons twenty inches by eighteen, with dark blue edging, four inches ornamented with gold, with blue strings, and the emblems of their offices in gold in the centre.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblems of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall ; all in gold embroidery ; the fringe of gold bullion.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges may wear, in the place of three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two and a half inches, and of the perpendicular line one inch ; these emblems to be of blue ribbon or silver lace half an inch broad.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### OF GRAND LODGE DUES.

The following fees shall be paid to the Grand Lodge :—

Dispensation to new Lodge.....	\$50.00
Charter to new Lodge.....	30.00
Enrolment of each member in Grand Lodge book.....	1.00
Diploma for each member.....	1.00
Annual dues for each member.....	0.75
Copy of Charter in case of loss.....	5.00
Extract of copy of Papers, first sheet.....	0.50
Every other sheet.....	0.30
Every petition or complaint to the Grand Lodge, or answer thereto .....	1.00
Dispensation to confer any degree in less than one month...	5.00

## CHAPTER XVIII.

## OF THE FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

ART. 1.—The funds at present appropriated to the object of benevolence, with all other sums that may be added thereto, shall be solely devoted to that object. (*See Standing Regulation 16.*)

ART. 2.—The distribution, of the interest only, of this fund shall take place on the first Monday of every month, by a committee consisting of the following officers of the Grand Lodge, viz. : G. Master, Deputy G. Master, Senior G. Warden, Junior G. Warden, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary—three of whom shall form a quorum.

ART. 3.—The Committee shall, at every Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, present a report of the business brought before them during the year, together with the applications presented in the whole jurisdiction, the amount of disbursements, and the sum total at the credit of the Fund.

ART. 4.—All orders on the Grand Treasurer (within the amount of interest due upon the invested fund), signed by the Chairman and Secretary, shall be at once paid.

ART. 5.—Applications for relief must be by petition, stating the name, occupation, place of abode, and present circumstances of the petitioner, the name and number of the Lodge in which, and the time when, he was initiated, and the other Lodges, if any, which he may have since joined. The applicant, unless disabled by disease or accident, must sign his name to the petition.

ART. 6.—No Master Mason initiated under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia shall receive the benefit of this Fund, unless he has been registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, and has continued a member of a contributing Lodge for at least two years ; the limitation of two years not to apply to extreme cases.

ART. 7.—A brother who has been relieved, cannot petition a second time within one year.

ART. 8.—These laws and regulations shall be read by the Grand Secretary at every General Communication.

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## FORM OF RECOMMENDATION.

We, the undersigned Master, Wardens and Secretary of ———— Lodge, No. —, do hereby certify that the within named petitioner has been a regular contributing member of this Lodge for the space of ———— years, and do recommend him to the Committee of Benevolence for relief.

[Seal.]

..... *W. Master.*..... *S. Warden.*..... *J. Warden.*

[Date.]

..... *Secretary.*

## CHAPTER XIX.

At every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and of each subordinate Lodge, a copy of this Constitution shall be laid on the Secretary's table.

In consequence of the alterations now made in the Constitution, all clauses in the By-laws of subordinate Lodges conflicting with said alterations are hereby repealed.

## STANDING REGULATIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to report on all correspondence received from Foreign Grand Lodges.—[Proceedings 1870, page 15.]

2. *Resolved*, That the work styled "Ancient York Rite" be adopted by this Grand Lodge, with permission to those Lodges now working the Ritual of England and Canada to continue that work so long as they shall desire to do so.—[Proceedings 1870, page 31.]

3. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the business thereof will be greatly expedited if the Grand Lodge officers should not, in future, be installed until the business of the year has been completed.—[Proceedings 1870, page 40.]

4. *Resolved*, That a petition of a candidate having been placed before a Lodge, and handed to an investigating committee, becomes the property of that Lodge, and cannot be withdrawn, whether reported upon favourably or not, and must be submitted to the ballot.—[Proceedings 1870, page 41.]



5. *Resolved*, That the Reports of all Committees be laid on the Grand Secretary's table within one hour after the opening of the Grand Lodge.—[Proceedings 1870, page 41.]

6. *Resolved*, That in consequence of the alteration made in the Constitution, all clauses in the By-laws of Subordinate Lodges conflicting with said alterations are repealed.—[Proceedings 1871, page 24.]

7. *Resolved*, That for the future full dues for the year shall be paid by Subordinate Lodges for all members on the Secretary's books at the time of sending in the annual returns.—[Proceedings 1871, page 75.]

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish diplomas, without charge, to all members of Subordinate Lodges who have already paid for diplomas to the late English District and Scottish Provincial Grand Lodges, but who have not yet received them.—[Proceedings 1871, page 75.]

9. *Resolved*, That canvassing for office in Grand Lodge is at all times to be discountenanced; and that the brother who disregards this expression of opinion by so doing, renders himself liable to be severely reprimanded.—[Proceedings 1872, page 7.]

10. *Resolved*, That the first named in any Committee shall be the convener thereof, and that the Committee when convened shall proceed to appoint their own Chairman.—[Proceedings 1872, page 12.]

11. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary issue duplicate sets of blank annual returns to the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges: one to be filed by the Lodge, the other to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, as provided for by sections 26 and 28, Chapter 14 of the Constitution.—[Proceedings 1872, page 56.]

12. *Resolved*, That the enrolment fee of one dollar in Chapter 17 of the Constitution is not intended to apply to a Brother affiliating from another Lodge under this Jurisdiction.—[Proceedings 1872, page 59.]

13. *Resolved*, That in future, Grand Lodge will pay from its funds the reasonable expenses incurred by District Deputy Grand Masters in the discharge of their duties other than ritualistic, the accounts of said officials to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge at the Annual Communications.—[Proceedings 1873, page 55.]

14. *Resolved*, That Lodges may return as "missing" any member whose residence or address is not known for three successive years, and that Lodges be exempted from dues for such members while so "missing."—[Proceedings 1873, page 55.]

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15. *Resolved*, That though Section 41, Chapter 14 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia strictly declares that a Brother cannot become a member of a Subordinate Lodge until he has received a dimit from the Lodge of which he was last a member, it is not intended to prevent a ballot being taken after a committee of investigation shall have reported upon his application. But should such a ballot prove favourable, a dimit must be obtained from his previous Lodge before he can be enrolled or exercise the rights of membership in the Lodge he proposes joining, and for which a ballot has been taken ; such ballot to be null and void unless such dimit be obtained.—[Proceedings 1873, page 58.]

16. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodge requests each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction to contribute such an amount annually to the Fund of Benevolence as it may deem its financial position warrants.—[Proceedings 1873, page 59.]

17. *Resolved*, That it shall not be competent for any Lodge to recommend the granting of a dispensation or charter to Brethren to open a new Lodge, unless it shall be in a position to vouch that it has examined into the proficiency of the Master and Wardens elect, and found them capable of conferring the degrees in a proper and constitutional manner.—[Proceedings 1874, page 46.]

18. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish duplicate or corrected diplomas only on payment of the regular fee, in all cases where names have been returned incorrectly spelled by Secretaries of Lodges, or where the diploma has been injured or defaced ; the injured or incorrect diploma to be, in all cases, returned to the Grand Secretary.—[Proceedings 1875, page 83.]

19. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodge expects all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction to conform to the constitutional enactment regarding masonic clothing.—[Proceedings 1876, page 63.]

20. *Resolved*, That in his official visitations the District Deputy Grand Master represents the Grand Master ; and that the Grand Lodge expects its subordinates to treat the suggestions of the District Deputies with due consideration and respect.—[Proceedings 1876, page 63.]

21. *Resolved*, That all accounts for rent against the different Masonic bodies, shall be payable on the 31st of October, and the 30th April, in each and every year, in order that the Grand Treasurer may be enabled to present to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication, a correct report of receipts and expenditure to date, in connection with the new Hall.—[Proceedings 1877, page 91.]

22. *Resolved*, That no petition for the mysteries of Freemasonry shall be received from a candidate who has been rejected in any Lodge without the consent of the Lodge so rejecting—such consent to be expressed by a majority vote at any regular meeting of said Lodge. —[Proceedings 1878, page 60.]

23. *Resolved*, That the words “10 miles in every direction” in section 42, chapter 14 of the Constitution, mean a radius of 10 miles, the Lodge room forming the centre.—[Proceedings 1878, page 65.]

24. *Resolved*, That the Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, forward their Reports to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, at such convenient time before the Annual Communication, as will enable him to place the whole Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's table within one hour after the opening of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the provisions of standing resolution, No. 5. [Proceedings 1878, page 77.]

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# REPORT

OF THE

## Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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

Your Committee have received through the R. W. Grand Secretary the printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges—forty-nine in all ; leaving British Columbia, Delaware, Florida and Tennessee not heard from :

Alabama.....	1877	Mississippi.....	1878
Arkansas.....	1877	Montana.....	1877
California.....	1877	Nebraska.....	1877
Canada.....	1877	Nevada.....	1877
Colorado.....	1877	New Brunswick.....	1877
Connecticut.....	1878	New Hampshire.....	1877
Dakota.....	1877	New Jersey.....	1878
District of Columbia..	1877	New Mexico.....	1877
Georgia.....	1877	New York.....	1877
Idaho.....	1877	North Carolina.....	1877
Illinois.....	1877	Ohio.....	1877
Indian Territory.....	1877	Oregon.....	1877
Indiana.....	1877	Pennsylvania.....	1877
Iowa.....	1877	Prince Edward Island.	1878
Kansas.....	1877	Quebec.....	1877
Kentucky.....	1877	Rhode Island.....	1877
Louisiana.....	1878	South Carolina.....	1877
Maine.....	1877	Texas.....	1877
Manitoba.....	1877	Utah.....	1877
Maryland.....	1877	Vermont.....	1877
Massachusetts.....	1877	Virginia.....	1877
Michigan.....	1877	West Virginia.....	1877
Michigan.....	1878	Washington Territory.	1877
Missouri.....	1877	Wisconsin.....	1877
Minnesota.....	1878	Wyoming.....	1877

## ALABAMA—1877.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama commenced the 57th Annual Grand Communication at the New Masonic Temple in the City of Montgomery, on Dec. 3rd, 1877. Henry Clay Armstrong, D. G. M., presided as G. M. The address of the Grand Master, P. J. Pillans, was read. This address is brief and business like. The G. M. is happy to express the opinion that a better day for Masonry, in Alabama, is dawning, and that a greater degree of moral elevation is being attained under the teachings of the Craft. He alludes to the commissioning of R. W. Bro. R. C. Fraser, as representative of the G. L. of Alabama, near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The death of P. G. M., James M. Wiley, who died Dec. 2nd, 1877, was made the theme of a very affectionate and eulogistic report. From this we learn that the deceased was eminently a worthy Mason, "true and trusty," who for nearly half a century "exemplified by his up-right and blameless character, the principles of truth, love and charity as taught by our Order." For 36 years he was prominent in the Grand Lodge of Alabama, having filled most of the positions of official dignity with credit and honor.

The report on Brazil—as to the recognition of the Grand Orient of Brazil—was received and concurred in.

This report is very guarded and properly so in view of the absence of information necessary to a full discussion of the subject. It concludes with a resolution to the effect that it is inexpedient to disturb existing relations; and while deploring the dissensions as to matters of organization prevailing among the brethren in Brazil, states, that it is gratifying to notice the true spirit and principles of fraternity and charity there exemplified.

The Grand Master having decided that public meetings, balls, etc., cannot be tolerated in a Masonic Hall, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported that in their opinion this ruling should be modified to the effect that Masonic Halls ought not to be used for other than Masonic purposes.

The formal thanks of Grand Lodge and a jewel were voted to P. G. Master Pillans, together with a warm and generous expression of regard in a somewhat lengthy resolution.

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The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of forty-five Grand Lodges, and furnishes a well written and full account of the work in other jurisdictions. Nova Scotia is kindly alluded to, and the labours of the Craft in this jurisdiction most favorably reviewed. Grand Master Laurie's views on the right to "Dimit," are slightly dissented from as tending to overshadow the Lodge by raising too high the standard of individual prerogative.

*Grand Officers Elect.*—M. W. Henry Clay Armstrong, Grand Master; R. W. Daniel Sayre, (re-elected), Grand Secretary.

*Statistics for Year 1877.*—Initiated, 277; Affiliated, 251; Died, 148; Lodges represented in G. L., 182; No. members reported, 7,829; Dues received for year, \$3,935; Whole number of Lodges, 423.

#### ARKANSAS—1877.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was held in the City of Little Rock on the 8th of October, 1877, with the Grand Master in the East, and representatives present from 78 lodges. The Grand Master's address, a lengthy document, embraces a wide range of subjects, extending from his own borders to the uttermost parts of the earth. The burning of their temple, with all the records, books, and papers of the Grand Secretary, as well as their entire valuable library, is an irreparable loss, and I am sure the brethren will have the sympathy of the Craft everywhere. Twenty decisions are reported, some of them of very questionable correctness; notably, one deciding that the loss of a foot, which had been artificially supplied, was no bar to the initiation of a candidate, he being otherwise worthy. A very well written report on Foreign Correspondence, in which, however, Nova Scotia has not a place, is included; and a digest of unrepealed edicts of the Grand Lodge, and approved decisions of the Grand Masters winds up a most interesting and handsomely executed volume.

M. W. Bro. John F. Hill was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. L. G. Barber re-elected Grand Secretary.



## CALIFORNIA—1877.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Communication commenced on the 9th day of October, 1877, in the Masonic Temple, City of San Francisco.

M. W. John Mills Browne, Grand Master; V. W. Alexander Gordon Abell, Grand Secretary.

A large representation of the Craft in the Jurisdiction present.

The Grand Masters address occupies 16 pages of closely printed matter, and is a carefully prepared paper, reflecting great credit upon its author. He opens thus eloquently:—

"In Normandy, so runs the legend, some hundred years ago, a mighty lord had called together his retainers and set them to work in building a castle. While thus employed an excessive drought prevailed over the land, and the scarcity of water with which to mix the mortar put a stop to the work on the building. The mighty lord had vaults well filled with wine, and in order that the work might go on and the workmen be relieved from the distress succeeding its cessation, he ordered the vaults to be opened and the wine to be brought forth and used in place of water to prepare the mortar. The work continued, the castle was completed and became the wonder and pride of the province, and for centuries afterwards, the winds, in passing over the castle, became laden with the fragrance of the old wine used in its building, and was wafted through the valleys and over the plains like unto the incense of a breeze that wanders among sweet scented plants, and was conveyed to the people who partook of the fragrance which unceasingly told of its origin in the olden time, of its undiminished strength and perpetuity, and evoked reverential emotions and called forth grateful recognitions of the power and goodness of the mighty lord who, in his wisdom and consideration, had thus favored a people.

"Masonry is our castle, and the realization of its lofty and ennobling principles is the wine used to cement the unity of brotherhood, the fragrance of which is the grand though unseen influence which has ever elevated and refined communities, and been acknowledged and fostered by the recipients of its blessings."

He gives a detailed account of his official acts for the year, and shows himself to be no idle Drone in the Hive of Masonry.

Referring to repeated applications to hold public installations, he says:—

"I replied, that there is no law against a public installation; yet, in my opinion, the act would be contrary to the spirit of Masonry. In our workings we seek retirement, and refrain from obtruding our practice upon the public notice, nor leave our own quiet ways to please or win the favor of the

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multitude; and, saving the performance of a required ceremony, which must occur in public, there is no good reason for a departure from the original intention of the Fraternity. Again, as in this jurisdiction the Grand Lodge holds no public installation, it seems proper for subordinate Lodges to follow the example. Your attention is invited to the subject, that you may definitely determine the future action of Lodges in this particular."

which was concurred in by the Committee on Jurisprudence and unanimously endorsed by Grand Lodge, under the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That the Officers of the Lodges of this Jurisdiction shall be installed only in open Lodge and in the Lodge Room."

A question of precedence arose between Lodge No. 21 and a Chapter of Rose Croix, Scottish Right, regarding the ceremonies at the obsequies of a deceased member. The Grand Master sustained the position assumed by the Master of the Lodge in the following terms:—

"A Lodge of Masons, as a Lodge, will only appear in a funeral procession when it shall conduct the ceremonies; it will not appear, even as an escort, when the funeral services are performed by other societies or appendant Orders. The Lodge conducting the ceremonies is entitled to the post of honor in the procession, at the left of the line, and nearest the body of the deceased; other Lodges in the same jurisdiction take position in the line in accordance with their Grand Lodge number; the Lodge may invite or permit other bodies to join in the procession as escort or otherwise, and will assign their position, which most invariably be in advance of the Lodge performing the service; after the Lodge has completed its services it cannot prevent services that may be performed by other societies or appendant Orders, but it retires and does not participate therein."

He retires thus gracefully:—

"In retiring from the powers and duties of my exalted position, I desire to express once more an acknowledgment for the courtesy, respect, and consideration bestowed upon me in my official and social relations with the brethren in almost every portion of this large jurisdiction. These associations carry no regret, save in their non-renewal, but are charged with those pleasing memories, the fragrance of whose recollections will come to me constantly and happily, throughout the remainder of life, as came the ripened excellence of odor from the nobleman's wine to the delighted senses of its thankful recipients.

"Brethren, I am not unmindful of the distinguished honors you have conferred upon me, having occupied almost every elective office in the Grand Lodge, nor can I forget the unanimity attending the disposal of these elective favors; and no language of mine can adequately express a declaration of

your kindnesses, which a grateful memory will ever cherish. If my labors in your behalf—not all I would, but all I could bestow, apart from professional pursuits—shall receive your approbation, I am amply rewarded.

“ ‘ Like as the waves make to the pebbled shore, so do our minutes hasten to the end,’ and when time shall cause the resumption of my original position among you, remembering that ‘ deeds are the pulse of time,’ it will be my duty, it will be my pleasure, animated by loyalty and truth, with the harshness of experience softened by passing years, to make efforts after greater, higher, and better results in the future, for the honor, prosperity, and grandeur of the moral foundation of the Grand Lodge of California.”

The report of the Grand Secretary conveys a clear statement of receipts, and the Grand Treasurer shows the disbursement, which exhibits a balance in hand to the credit of general fund of \$5207.77.

The Grand Lecturer's report, embodying the reports of the Inspectors of the various districts, conveys a very satisfactory account of the working of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

We observe that a system prevails, which we think a very good one, of granting certificates of qualification to Masters elect whose proficiency was vouched for subsequent to examination by the Grand Lecturer or one of the Inspectors. We would like to see such a system adopted in our Jurisdiction.

The annual oration was delivered by the Grand Orator, Brother Aaron A. Sargent, and abounds in eloquence. Want of space prevents making extracts.

We quote from the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, regarding the right of withdrawal from a Lodge :—

“ Our Constitution recognizes the right of every Mason to withdraw from membership in a Lodge. All he has to do is to pay his dues and notify his Lodge, at a stated meeting, that he withdraws from its membership. The very moment that he makes such payment and gives such notice he ceases to be a member. Whether the Lodge will recommend him by certificate to the Fraternity as a worthy brother, is a matter for the Lodge to determine ; and when membership has been severed, it can be restored only by petition and election in the way provided for affiliation.”

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Grand Secretary on behalf of the Chairman, Brother William H. Hill, then absent from the State. It is a careful review of the proceedings of 50 Grand Lodges, and does infinite credit to Brother Hill. We would like to make extracts did space permit.

Our proceedings for 1876 receive due notice, and the report of Brothers Dakin, Shaw and Stewart, is characterized as an excellent and careful review.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

Number of Chartered Lodges, 246.

Under Dispensation, 1.

Total membership, 12,168.

### CANADA—1877.

Ten Special Communications were held during the year, as follows, viz.:

Performing the Ceremonies of laying the Corner Stone of new Churches of various denominations.....	7
Laying the Corner Stone of the new Mechanics Institute, City of London...	1
Laying the Corner Stone of new Court House, City of Hamilton, County Wentworth.....	1
Consecration Service at the opening of new Masonic Hall, Town of Guelph ..	1

We are pleased to find that the services of our Canadian Brethren are so frequently required for such purposes.

The Twenty-second Annual Communication commenced at the City Hall in the City of St. Catharines, on 11th July, 1877.

M. W. Past Grand Master Seymour, presiding. The Committee on Credentials reported 14 Lodges represented.

The minutes of proceedings of last Annual Communication and the several special communications having being printed and forwarded to Subordinate Lodges, it was resolved that the same be considered as read and therefore be now confirmed.

The Grand Secretary read the first part of an official circular issued on the 27th June, A. D., 1877, by direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, as follows:—

“By Command of the M. W. the Grand Master, I beg to notify you that he has been unexpectedly called upon to go to Britain immediately, and that he has been unable to defer setting out upon his journey beyond the present week. In consequence of his unavoidable absence from the country during the month of July, and in order to carry out the spirit of the resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to the following effect:—

"That this Grand Lodge considers that the time of holding its meeting might, with great advantage, be changed so that the Annual Communication be held in a cooler month,"

it has been determined that the Communication of Grand Lodge already summoned for the 11th day of July, 1877, at St. Catharines, shall be simply a formal meeting, at which no business will be transacted; and it will be unnecessary for the Representatives at a distance then to attend."

Whereupon, the M. W. the acting Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge called off until Wednesday, the 12th day of September, A. D., 1877, for the despatch of business.

The continuation of Annual Communication was held on 12th and 13th days of September, 1877.

M. W. Grand Master, J. K. Kerr, on the Throne. 229 regular Lodges and 9 Lodges under dispensation represented.

The Grand Master reported, in his address, the exchanging of representatives with six Foreign Grand Lodges, with which they were not previously in direct communication.

Referring to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, he said :

"The so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario is now without any recognition from any Masonic authority. A large number of Grand Lodges have declared this organization spurious and clandestine, and have prohibited all communication with its members, while the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Quebec, Maine, New Jersey, and of other jurisdictions, have prohibited the Craft under their direction from any association with persons hailing from the unrecognized and illegal society.

"Many of those who allied themselves to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario have severed their connection with that body. Some have desired to be placed in good standing, and others have strongly expressed the regret they feel at having been misled into that clandestine association."

He feelingly referred to the death of several of our departed Brethren of note, amongst whom we find the name of our late, much lamented, Bro. George Frank Gouley, of Missouri, of whom he truly says, "he was no ordinary man, the news of whose death carried "wide-spread sorrow throughout every State in the Union and in "every Province of our Dominion."

He closed his address and took leave of the Grand Lodge as follows :

"In taking leave of the Grand Lodge this year, I am constrained to say that I cannot longer undertake the duties and responsibilities pertaining to

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this high office. I am conscious that during the years I have occupied this exalted position, in much that was expected and required, I have fallen short. The pressure of professional business and other pursuits have often prevented me from devoting that attention to the affairs of Grand Lodge which I would have desired. If I have not discharged them well, I have endeavored to discharge faithfully the duties imposed upon me, and it shall be an enduring satisfaction to me in future years that the interests of our Grand Lodge have not suffered during the period I have occupied this chair by the suffrages of those who represented the best and truest people in our land.

"May God bless you abundantly above all you can ask or think!"

The reports of the District Deputies shew the Lodges to be in a healthy state generally, which is confirmed by the report of the Board of General Purposes. We quote:

"The considerable number of Dispensations for the formation of new Lodges granted during the last year, is a further evidence of the prosperity of the Craft, and it is sincerely to be hoped that those new Lodges, after having obtained their Warrants, will use their utmost endeavors in disseminating the genuine principles of the Craft, thereby meriting credit to themselves and increasing the usefulness of our time honored institution."

"And the Board of General Purposes have great pleasure in being able to report that the progress of Masonry in the various Masonic Districts is highly gratifying, and that the order is steadily and surely advancing in prosperity and usefulness. Every care appears to be taken by the District Deputy Grand Masters in recommending the formation of new Lodges, and certainly from the few complaints referred to in their reports, the Lodges seem to have taken every reasonable precaution that good and true men only are admitted to the privileges of the Craft."

No report on Foreign Correspondence. M. W. W. H. Wheeler, elected Grand Master. R. W. J. J. Mason, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### COLORADO—1877.

The Seventeenth Annual Communication was held at Denver, Sept. 18th and 19th, A. L., 5877. M. W. H. M. Orahod, Grand Master. From the Grand Master's decisions we take the following:

"A member of this Lodge asks for a dimit, although a resident here, and intending to remain. Should the Lodge grant it, under the Grand Lodge By-laws?"

I answered:

"It is unmasonic for a member to apply for a dimit, except for the pur-



pose of joining another Lodge. (Sec. 52 G. L. By-laws.) But I believe in voluntary Masonry, and that, if any member so desires, he should be allowed honorably to withdraw from the institution, and then be deprived of all the rights of Masonry. All obligations should cease on both sides. This seems to be the intention of the Grand Lodge in passing Sec. 69. \* \* \* He should fully understand the last section above referred to, and not expect to be relieved from all the burdens and duties of Masonry and yet expect in time of trouble to receive all the benefits. This class of Masons is always first to demand assistance in times of real or fancied trouble."

A position in the list of Grand Lodges is all the Report on Foreign Correspondence gives to Nova Scotia—while 25 pages are devoted to "Colored Masonry."

Bro. Nathan Tupper is returned as Representative of Colorado, near our Grand Lodge, but a blank occurs where the name of the Representative of Nova Scotia should appear.

Lodges, 23. Members, 1486.

M. W. G. Master, C. J. Hart, Pueblo.

R. W. G. Sec'y., E. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.

#### CONNECTICUT—1878.

The 90th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Hartford, January 16, A. L., 5878.

M. W. E. B. Rowe, Grand Master, presiding.

In his address, the Grand Master speaks of a difficulty with regard to "Foreign Relations," upon which it behoves us to be warned ourselves:—

"The German Grand Lodge League (an association of eight Masonic Grand Lodges), while it declares 'that it is not its purpose to interfere with the Constitution of the North American Grand Lodges in any way,' at the same time repudiates the principle of Masonic exclusive jurisdiction, by reserving the right to admit as visitors to their Subordinate Lodges members of irregular and clandestine Lodges that exist in this country, more particularly in the jurisdictions of New York, Massachusetts and Ohio. The German Grand Lodge League thus plainly declares these organizations as regular, and this, too, with full knowledge that not a single Grand Lodge in this country has for a moment admitted the right of these organizations to exist among us without our concurrence and sanction.

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man Grand Lodge League, through our representative at Dresden, Brother John Anketell, their solemn, but fraternal protest, concerning this action, for it is not difficult to see where such doctrine will lead."

We quote with approval the following decisions:—

"II. *Question.* Can a Lodge receive the petition of a candidate who has been once accepted by another Lodge, but failed to apply for the degrees?"

"*Answer.* No. After a candidate has been elected, he cannot receive either of the degrees in any other Lodge, without the consent of the Lodge first electing him.

"VI. That a man with so much of an infirmity as to incapacitate him from receiving a proper knowledge of the degrees, and complying with the necessary requirements, cannot be made a Mason.

"IX. *Question.* Can a Lodge be opened on the E. A. degree in the first instance?"

"*Answer.* No. The proper course to follow is, to open a M. M. Lodge, call it off, and then open upon the degree to be worked. The work completed, the Subordinate Lodge is closed—Lodge called on again in the M. M. degree for the purpose of closing in due form.

"XI. *Question.* Can a subordinate Lodge introduce a resolution expelling one of its members without trial, who has been guilty of a penal offence against the law of the land.

"*Answer.* No. The reputation and rights of a Mason are sacred. He is entitled not only to the enjoyment of them, but can claim the assistance of the whole Masonic Fraternity in maintaining them, and can only be deprived of them by the clearest and most indisputable proof, and after being afforded every opportunity of establishing his innocence. Violation of the law of the land is a Masonic offence, and charges must be preferred as though no trial had taken place in the civil tribunal.

"XIV. The removal of a Brother out of a given jurisdiction, while charges are pending against him, does not abate such charges, or affect the jurisdiction of his Lodge over him in investigating them.

"XV. It is the duty of every Mason to belong to some Lodge, and to contribute his proportion to the support thereof, unless for good cause he shall be excused. Refusal to pay dues is a Masonic misdemeanor, and may be punished accordingly; hence, a brother *refusing* to pay dues cannot receive a certificate that he is in *good standing*."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence notice Nova Scotia kindly and fraternally.

M. W. Dwight Phelps, G. M., West Winstead.

R. W. J. K. Wheeler, G. S., Hartford.

Lodges, 120; Members, 15,016.

**DAKOTA—1877.**

Third Annual Communication held in the City of Yankton, Tuesday, 12th June, 1877.

H. H. Blair, Grand Master; W. E. Caton, Grand Secretary.

Five Lodges represented.

The Grand Master opened his address by acknowledging the countless blessings received at the hands of our Heavenly Father, and said, "that while the desolation of war is sweeping over other lands, we are permitted to enjoy the blessings of peace. For these "and numberless other blessings, let us unite in praising the author "of all good."

After referring to his official acts he closes thus:—

"Brethren, we have reached the close of another masonic year—another mile stone is set on the highway of human life—another season of labor and rest, of joy and sorrow, of hope and disappointment has passed, and as we cross the threshold of the new year to assume its duties and responsibilities, let us pause and recall the lesson so impressively taught us when we first set our feet upon the "checkered floor," remembering that He in whom we then declared our trust was placed, has continually showered blessings in our pathway and that He has promised to be a lamp to the feet and a guide to the path of those who diligently seek Him; then let us look to Him for light and wisdom to guide our footsteps while travelling on this level of time, that when our work is ended, and the gavel of death call us to stand before the *Great White Throne*, our work may be *well done* and we be found worthy to sit in that Grand Lodge above where the Supreme Grand Master presides."

The Grand Treasurer reported a cash balance in hand of \$136.02.

M. W. Geo. H. Hand, elected Grand Master.

R. W. W. E. Caton, re-elected Grand Secretary.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1877.**

The sixty-seventh Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, contains minutes of the semi-annual and several special communications, all of which exhibit many evidences of peace and harmony in that jurisdiction, as well as prosperity. The Grand Lodge of Cuba was recognized. Considerable

important business, not particularly interesting to brethren in other jurisdictions, was transacted. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, although limited to "an average of one page to each Grand Body," makes very brief allusion to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, four lines only being vouchsafed to us. We are bound to add, however, that those Proceedings which are discussed at any length are reviewed quite thoroughly.

Lodges. 21. No. of Members, 2783.

Receipts, \$1,889.50.

M. W. Grand Master, E. G. Davis, re-elected.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Wm. R. Singleton, re-elected.

### GEORGIA 1877.

This Most Worshipful Grand Lodge assembled in Annual Communication in Macon, Oct. 30, A. L., 5877. M. W. David E. Butler, Grand Master, presiding.

Georgia claims that this is its 91st Annual Communication as an *Independent* Grand Lodge, but that a Provincial G. L. existed as far back as 1735 if not in 1733.

We cannot too highly commend the remarks of M. W. G. M. on  
DEFAULTING LODGES :

"Delinquent Lodges are made such by defaulting and delinquent members. The Worshipful Master is sometimes the cause, but more often the great reason is, the absence of wholesome discipline. And the want of discipline often arises from an ignorance of, and an incompetency to discharge the duties of the offices which the members hold. From these causes disorder, disobedience to rightful authority and great confusion must come. Behind all these reasons lies another fact, more potent still. It is the ease with which new members obtain admittance into too many of our Lodges. The profane are allowed to come in with improper motives, and without sufficient enquiry. And the privileges of Masonry are used for other purposes than the noble one of who can best work and best agree in the practice of our sublime precepts.

"To remedy these evils, the Grand Lodge, at this Communication, would do well to apply its discipline to all Lodges which are in arrears for dues; also to those Lodges which, with incompetent officers, use unwarrantable

means to confer the degrees; upon those officers who do not enforce the laws of Freemasonry against the vices of drunkenness, profanity, and dishonesty. Such a procedure will cost some money, but the purity of our professions, and the high standing of our Ancient Order are in great peril from these things."

There is no Foreign Correspondence Report. The Grand Master says :

"The absence of a report by this committee is, to say the least, of doubtful propriety. That some of the reports heretofore made were needlessly long is true, but that mistake may be avoided. Perhaps the trouble arose by assigning the duty of its preparation to different brethren too often; any learned brother who has prepared one would be better qualified to produce another. Without the committee we are virtually deprived of a knowledge concerning our sister Grand Lodges, which all well-informed Masons in Georgia desire to possess. I recommend the restoration of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in some form."

Lodges, 300.

Members, 13,195.

M. W. James M. Mobley, G. M.

R. W. J. E. Blackshear, G. S.

#### IDAHO—1877.

The Tenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Boise City on the 11th, 12th and 13th days of September, 1877. M. W. Bro. E. A. Stevenson, Grand Master, presiding.

Ten of the eleven chartered Lodges in this jurisdiction answered the roll-call—a most creditable representation.

We are pleased with the G. Master's Annual Address, because there is so much of good in it. We quote :

"As we stand here to-day clothed in the simple white apron, we are composed of men of great diversity of opinion; of many religious sects; of every political party, and from every portion of our country; yet we can all meet and clasp hands around our sacred altar. This is our mystery. In no other institution can this be everywhere done.

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"Freemasonry has become a mighty power in almost every land, and won for itself an enviable reputation, and commands the respect and confidence of the wise, great and good men of every portion of the civilized world."

Again :

"Have we at all times been ready to go out of our way and on foot if necessary to assist a worthy brother ?

"Have we failed to come to his assistance and support him in his falling fortunes, or have we turned away from him in his hour of distress, or forgotten the duties we owe to his widow and fatherless children? Have we remembered at all times a brother's welfare as our own? Have we ever acted towards a brother other than an honest upright man? Has the confidence of a brother when confided to our keeping ever been betrayed? Have we ever cheated him out of the value of one cent, or wilfully permitted it to be done by others? Have we ever been ready and prompt to stretch forth our hands to save a fallen brother? Have we to his face spoken a word to wound his feelings or behind his back made a remark that could put a stain upon his good name? Have we at all times whispered good counsel in his ear and warned him of impending danger and in the most friendly manner reminded him of his faults and aided in his reformation? In short have we endeavored to live up to our Masonic obligations? If we have not, and thus prostituted the dignity of our station by the neglect of the plain and imperative duties devolving upon us, then we are as much imposters as he who gains admittance amongst us without being initiated, passed and raised in a regular Masonic Lodge. The violation of our Masonic obligations will, if continued, my brethren, eventually end in reproach, dishonor and disgrace."

We find it difficult to reconcile the following decisions of the Grand Master :

"Objections by a member of the Lodge to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason operates as a perpetual black ball, while the objector remains a member of the Lodge in good standing, and the objection be not withdrawn."

"One ballot on a petition to be made a Mason, if clear, entitles the applicant to the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry,—no further balloting is required."

If one ballot, clear, entitles the applicant to the three degrees of masonry, and if no further balloting is required, why should we allow a simple objection, made, perhaps, by a very *simple* individual member of the Lodge to operate as a "*perpetual black ball*"—a bar to all further progress in the Craft.



What a power for mischief this practice of estopping places in the hands of thoughtless and imprudent members ! The objector has simply to rise in his place and say : W. Sir, I object ; no reasons are asked for because no reasons can be demanded. *Hoc valde, sic jubeo, sit pro ratione voluntas* says one of Juvenal's characters, and so may say any cowardly brother. The W. Master who is placed in the East to rule and govern his Lodge is as powerless as an infant in the matter, and the objector, without a reason to give for his objection, becomes master of the situation. We can understand an " I object," followed by a charge and consequent trial, where the Entered Apprentice or F. C. has the opportunity of self-defence ; but in the other course we think we see an absence of that simple justice which every brother initiate, is or ought to be entitled to.

Bro. O. H. Purdy as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence presents a very readable, interesting and instructive review of 47 Grand Lodges, our own included.

On the estopping question, and referring to a decision of the G. Master of Nova Scotia that a "charge must be preferred by the member objecting to the advancement of an Ent. App. or F. C.," Bro. Purdy's views are quite in accordance with our own. We quote :

"The idea of giving an unprincipled, heartless member of a Lodge the power to keep the advancement of a candidate in abeyance for no other reason, perhaps, than personal pique or revenge, is, to us, devoid of every act and principle of justice and right, and we hope to see the time soon when that law of our Grand Lodge will be abrogated. We hold that if a member of a Lodge has aught against his brother worthy of stopping his advancement, the brother so stopped should have an opportunity given him to "rise and explain." We insist that E. A. and F. C. Masons have some rights. We have no charity for Masonic assassins or for the coward who will stab in the dark or in the back."

Grand Master Laurie's action in refusing to sanction the By-laws of a Lodge where said Lodge assumed the right to vote on the granting of a dimit, is fully concurred in as shown by the following words :

"Justice compels us to coincide with Nova Scotia and against our own."

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

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## ILLINOIS—1877.

One of the best and handsomest of our exchanges is the volume of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, whose last Annual Communication was held in the City of Chicago, commencing Oct. 2nd, 1877. From cover to cover, its 400 pages teem with instructive and entertaining reading. The address of the M. W. Grand Master, Joseph Robbins, is lengthy, occupying about 30 pages. He enters minutely into the history of the Craft within his own jurisdiction and gives several rulings and opinions which are of general interest and value. He strongly denounces the practice of asking reimbursement for aid extended to distressed sojourners during life, or for expense incurred in burying them when dead, and thinks if this is pressed as a matter of right, between individual masons and lodges, or between lodges in the same or different Grand Jurisdictions that we had better abandon at once the pretext of charity, and make it a matter of business with a debit and credit account. On "Masonic Prayer," in answer to the question, whether, while engaged in masonic labor, a mason may properly use christian prayer, the Grand Master decides that distinctively christian prayer in the name of masonry cannot be used, any more than Mahomedan, Buddhist or Brahmanistic, without disregarding our local regulation. He says:

"The moment a brother assumes that the Supreme can be approached only through some one name—be that name Brahma, Jesus, Buddha, or Allah, that moment he enters upon theological definition and interpretation, the very root of sectarianism, which, with its twin evil, political partisanship, Masonry seeks above all others to exclude."

He also gives an opinion that the fact that an applicant for the degrees has been elected in one lodge, is no bar to his subsequently petitioning another, within whose jurisdiction he has resided for the time required by the statutes. Among the other decisions, of which there are a large number, we quote the following:

"7. When a brother is on trial before his lodge for an alleged masonic offence, the record of his conviction of the same offence in a civil court, is not sufficient to warrant the lodge in finding a verdict of guilt. The case is now to be tried before an entirely different jury, and must be conducted according to the rules laid down by the Grand Lodge, which require the jury to hear the evidence before voting on the question of guilt or innocence."

"15. An Entered Apprentice maimed prior to his making may be advanc-

ed, for although clearly unfit for the degrees, yet the fact that he *was made* forecloses all question of his eligibility. We must take him as we find him, being bound to accept the work of a regular lodge as lawful, however irregular its action may have been, and however much it deserved punishment therefor. We cannot go behind the fact that his present status is that of a lawful Entered Apprentice, possessing the same rights as all others standing on the same degree."

"18. Waiver of jurisdiction over material in territory possessed in common by two or more lodges, requires the concurrence of all such lodges. All have an equal right to receive the petition of any candidate residing within their common territory, and the right of each is equally exclusive as against a lodge of another territory. What is equally the possession of *all* no one can give away."

The practice of unduly publishing masonic matters, such as transmitting the business of lodges by postal card, or advertising in the public press, the degree or degrees in which different lodges are at work, is emphatically condemned, as tending to cheapen masonry in the eyes of the public, and as being an alarming departure from the usages and traditions of the Fraternity.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, again from the able pen of Bro. Theodore T. Gurney, occupies nearly two hundred pages of the volume of proceedings, and is an exhaustive *resumé* of the history of the Craft all the world over. His prefatory remarks have the true ring to them, and we would gladly quote them in full did space permit. All the Grand Lodges and Grand Orients receive, in order, full and free reviews, the weak as well as the strong. Nova Scotia comes in for a goodly share of attention, exception being taken to the ruling of Grand Master Laurie in the matter of granting dimits. Bro. Gurney thinks that if a Master was invested with power to admit an applicant for membership and degrees, then he could understand why he should be authorized to dismiss; but so long as it requires the assent of the Lodge for admission, he cannot understand why the brethren should not be consulted in dimission.

Number of lodges 693; represented 622; number of members 39,388.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary, re-elected.

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**INDIAN TERRITORY—1877.**

A very interesting pamphlet of fifty pages gives the history of the Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory, held at Vinitia, Cherokee Nation, Sept. 4th and 5th, 1877. Representatives were present from all the Chartered Lodges, eight in number, two others being under dispensation. The Grand Master's address is full of practical wisdom. He believes in the rise and progress of his Grand Lodge, and that she must soon take her stand in the great masonic family, first among her equals. He says :

"The intermediate link in the chain that binds the Orient and Occident—the center of the great American Lodge, and located in a country as lovely as that in which masonry first found its natal home, there is nothing to prevent this from becoming at some day in the future the seat of masonic empire. It but remains with you my brethren, and those who come after you to make it as such. The Grand Master of the Universe has done his part—bestowed with a bounteous hand all the precious gifts of nature upon your lovely land ; a land where religion, education and masonry, the hand-maids of civilization, will one day, like our cherished emblem of immortality, in perpetual verdure bloom."

A few decisions are recorded, we select the following :

"A man is made an Entered Apprentice in another jurisdiction ; he removes to this jurisdiction and the Lodge in which he is made grants permission to a lodge here to finish him. He puts in his petition and is rejected. I hold now that he can only apply to any lodge in whose jurisdiction he may reside ; that that lodge has the right to entertain his petition for the two other degrees without consulting either the lodge in which he was initiated or the one that rejected him."

The Grand Master has a kindly word for non-affiliates, and is not in favour of the harsh treatment accorded them in some sister Grand Lodges. A more magnanimous course toward them would reduce the number and be more in keeping with the true spirit of masonry. He thinks it quite possible for a man to be a deserving mason, and yet without the pale of the Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present a rather disjointed report, in which the proceedings of our own Grand Lodge have no part, although the Secretary acknowledges the receipt of

a copy. We suggest the adoption of the alphabetical arrangement, as being more convenient, and ensuring a more even distribution of the peculiar style of the several writers; and if we have no part in the Northern, Western or Southern States, try and find a place for your Blue-nose brethren down East, and let us know what you have to say about us.

M. W. Bro. J. S. Murray, was elected Grand Master, and

R. W. R. P. Jones, re-elected Grand Secretary.

### INDIANA—1877.

The Sixtieth Annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was held in the City of Indianapolis, commencing May 22nd, 1877. Representatives were present from 465 out of 519 Subordinate Lodges, with the M. W. Grand Master in the East. The doubtful custom of first opening a Lodge of Master Masons was gone through with.

The Grand Master's address is devoted almost exclusively to matters of local interest and extends over forty pages of the published proceedings. It gives evidence of faithful and persistent attention to the duties of his high office. Two thousand communications of various descriptions had been received. Eleven Lodges have been chartered during the year and twenty-two are under dispensation. Legislation is recommended on the subjects of "transient application for relief" and "appeals for aid by circular," both of which are strongly deprecated; the former on account of the large proportion of imposters applying (75 per cent.); the latter as degrading to the fraternity and derogatory to the individual character.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the pen of Bro. E. L. McLellan, whose work we hail with much pleasure. It gives an interesting resumé of the proceedings of fifty American Grand Bodies, and includes that of Nova Scotia, which is favorably noticed.

Total number of members 28,101; increase over previous year, 222.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

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**IOWA—1877.**

The "Annals" of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, compiled by Bro. Parvin, Grand Secretary, make up a most elegant and interesting volume. Aside from the variety and charm of the contents, the letter-press and illustrations command admiration, from the finely engraved frontispiece of the Grand Master to the excellent biographical sketches of eminent brethren.

The Annual Communication was held in June, M. W. Henry W. Rotherb presiding.

Number of Lodges, 381, of which 372 were represented. Total membership, 17,876.

No decisions of general interest are reported.

The report on Foreign Correspondence reviews forty Grand Jurisdictions, and is from the pen of Bro. Langridge, who this year retires from the office, which he has certainly adorned. Nova Scotia meets with a kindly and fraternal notice.

M. W. Zeph. C. Luse was elected Grand Master, and

R. W. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin re-elected Grand Secretary.

Bro. Parvin has filled the office of Secretary every year since 1844, except one in which he was elected Grand Master, and then he did the Secretary's work. During all this period,—the whole lifetime of the Grand Lodge,—he was never absent from a Session, and never late but once, when the steamboat on which he was, grounded, and detained him a few hours. He seems to be the central figure around which is congregated all that goes to make up the history of the Craft in his Jurisdiction, and the present volume, every page of which bears the impress of his zeal and efficiency, is a monument of his marvellous energy. All honor to him,—may he long continue to adorn his high office.

**KANSAS—1877.**

The 22nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was convened at Representative Hall, in the city of Topeka, 17th Oct., 1877. M. W. Jacob D. Rush, Grand Master, R. W. John H. Brown, Grand Secretary.

94 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master in his address gives a minute account of his official transactions for the year. He comments upon applications for



dispensations to authorize Lodges to confer degrees in less intervals than is prescribed by the Bye-Laws in the following manner :

"In almost every instance, these applications were accompanied by a letter containing a detailed statement of the urgent necessity for a Dispensation in that particular case, together with a recital of the many virtues and good qualities of the candidate ; who, living perhaps for years, almost within the sound of the gavel, had thus suddenly, and upon the eve of departure from home to go among strangers. 'Acquired a deep veneration (?) for, and a long entertained favorable opinion of our ancient and honorable order, and a sincere desire to become a member of the same,' (before he leaves) if the Fraternity will only do themselves the honor (?) of receiving him at once and 'just as he is,' even though in so doing, they violate a well established law of this Grand Lodge.

"I have uniformly refused all applications of that kind, although in so doing, I have doubtless encroached upon the valuable time of, and prevented the worthy (?) applicant from taking his departure as soon as anticipated, unless perchance, his veneration decreased in proportion as the time in which the degrees could be conferred increased, and so took his departure without having received the wished-for mysteries. In which even, the Fraternity can 'tally one' on the right side."

He reports the condition of masonry in the jurisdiction as satisfactory.

He reports 12 decisions, but nothing specially pertaining to our Jurisdiction.

The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Brother John H. Brown, in which he carefully reviews the proceedings of 53 Grand Lodges (ours for 1876 included) ; he approves of the decision of Grand Master Laurie, regarding the vote of a Lodge authorizing the granting of a dimit, and says—

"Every fair-minded Mason will at once recognize the breadth and soundness that characterize these decisions. Holding similar opinions, we have sought in this Jurisdiction to procure their approval, and feel encouraged at finding so able a Master indirectly but forcibly seconding our efforts. A good many assumptions followed by regulations bordering on petty tyranny, have crept into the By-Laws of Lodges and found sanction in the tolerance or approval thereof by their respective Grand Lodges, and in no respect more so than in regard to advancement after initiation, and the right of dismission. When the proper correction in these matters shall be made, we can with greater consistency claim to work as Craft Masons."

M. W. John Guthrie, elected Grand Master.

R. W. John H. Brown, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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**KENTUCKY—1877.**

The Seventy-eighth Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was held at the city of Louisville, October 16th, 1877. Grand Master M. W. R. M. Fairleigh presided, and there were present R. W. John M. Todd, Grand Secretary, and sixteen Past Grand Masters, besides representatives from four hundred and forty Subordinate Lodges.

The Report of Proceedings with which we are furnished forms a volume of six hundred pages ably compiled and replete with interesting material.

The Grand Master's address deals with many matters of doubtless great local importance and some of general interest. From a list of fifty-nine decisions rendered by him, we quote a few which may be perused with general approval throughout this jurisdiction. "It is not only the right but the duty of an affiliated Mason to prefer charges if he knows of the wrong-doing of a brother." "The testimony of 'common fame' is admissible in Masonic trials, but extreme caution should be observed in regard to it." "A Lodge having lawful jurisdiction is the sole judge of its petitioners' qualifications; protests from a neighboring Lodge should receive the fullest consideration, but further than that they cannot prevail."

"A member of a Lodge, for reasons satisfactory to himself has the right to object to the admittance of a certain brother who is not a member of the same Lodge, and it is the duty of the Master, upon the objection being made known to him while the Lodge is open and the objecting brother present, to refuse the party admittance."

The condition of the order in Kentucky as described by the M. W. G. M. and the reports of the various officers is certainly very gratifying. "There is a growing disposition to make the halls of masonry more attractive; to increase its social enjoyments; to elevate its moral and spiritual tone." This is very pleasant to hear, to remember and emulate.

The Grand Lodge had a great and important matter to deal with in providing for the support of the "Widows and Orphans' Home" and it is impossible to peruse the correspondence, the record of votes and official documents connected with the decision of that grave question without obtaining a very high opinion of the liberality, the

fraternal accord and the humane spirit of the Masons of Kentucky, as well as of the tact and firmness of the officers of the Grand Lodge, who devised and carried through the scheme as it at present exists. We sincerely trust that the fund thus provided and guaranteed may prove a source of strength and union to our brethren of that jurisdiction as it certainly must be a monument to their devotion to the cause of widow and orphan and a bright example to all Masons wherever scattered about the world. No chapter in the history of Masonry on this continent will be read with more satisfaction and true masonic pride than that which recounts the struggles and the triumphs of the noble charity known as the "Widows and Orphans' Home of Kentucky."

The report of the Grand Treasurer R. W. A. G. Hodges shows receipts for 1876-7—\$26,364.66. Payments \$23,785.37, and total resources of G. L. \$24,000.

The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence is very full, interesting, able and impartial. It reviews the proceedings of no less than sixty-two Grand Lodges, and the fund of information thus spread before the brethren of Kentucky cannot fail to interest and instruct all who are fortunate enough to find time for its perusal.

Nova Scotia is noticed at length and the labours of our committee for 1875 fraternally noticed.

The resolution of Bro. MacCoy defining the rights of a Master in regard to refusing a visiting brother admittance is not endorsed by Bro. Todd's committee. Dissent from such a quarter is worthy of note.

Grand officers elected M. W. Campbell H. Johnson, G. M.

R. W. Hiram Bassett, Grand Secretary.

Sub. Lodges 600 ; membership 20,000.

#### LOUISIANA—1878.

The 66th Annual Communication was held in the City of New Orleans, on 11th February, 1878.

M. W. Brother Samuel J. Powell, Grand Master.

R. W. Brother James E. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is principally of a local nature.

He reports that peace and good will prevail throughout the jurisdiction. He had no occasion during the year to exercise any extraordinary authority.

In every instance where rulings were required, instant acquiescence and obedience to authority was the result.

Referring to Foreign relationship, he says:

"There has been no change in our relations with the Grand Lodges of Hamburg and the Grand Orient of France, and there is no immediate prospect of a renewal of fraternal intercourse. As the question which they so hastily and unadvisedly seized upon as an occasion for the violation of the American doctrine of Grand Lodge Sovereignty, and the outrage on this Grand Lodge was of no direct or personal interest to them, and their acts so signally failed to obtain the indorsement of the Grand Lodges on this continent, I have indulged the hope that they would, some day, recede from their false and untenable position and make the amends honorable to this Grand Lodge.

"A re-establishment of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg is possible, as she is already giving evidence of disquietude in her present false position. Not so with the Grand Orient of France. Between us there is run a great gulf fixed, which no Mason can pass. By a solemn decree they have expunged, "God and the immortality of the soul" from their constitution and ritual.

"In view of our unfriendly relations, it would, perhaps, be in bad taste to subject this action of the Grand Orient of France to severe criticism or denunciation, but I cannot allow this occasion to pass without expressing an emphatic and indignant condemnation of this innovation upon the Body of Masonry.

"The paternity of God, and the fraternity of man, are the inseparable tenets of Masonry. Eliminate the one, and the other is a shadow without a substance; the ritual is stripped of its beauty and impressive solemnity; the great moral design is gone, and the Order is powerless for good. I turn away, with fearful misgivings, from a contemplation of the results of this unfortunate delusion."

The Grand Secretary submits a minute and carefully prepared report of all his doings for the year, in which we notice that the sum of \$495.45 was remitted to St. John, in aid of our Brethren who suffered by the late conflagration. All credit to Louisiana!!!

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is signed by the Committee for which we presume the Chairman is principally responsible. The proceedings of 44 American and 9 Foreign Grand Bodies are reviewed. Nova Scotia for 1877 included.

The action of our Lady friends in furnishing the Lodge Room, and our resolution of thanks is thus referred to :

"The lady friends of our brethren in Halifax, having, for two months preceding the Annual Communication, most earnestly and zealously exerted themselves in preparing for and holding a 'Fancy Sale,' in order that their Lodge-room should be suitably furnished, it was unanimously and enthusiastically

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge tender to the ladies its hearty thanks and grateful acknowledgements ; and that the Grand Secretary be requested to send to our lady friends a copy of this resolution."

"Very appropriate and graceful, on both sides. Our lady readers, if we have any (and we hope we have), might take an example therefrom."

The following well merited compliment is tendered Brother Grand Secretary Curren for the systematic and elegant manner in which our Proceedings are compiled and printed :

"In saying, *au revoir*, we deem it our duty to compliment Grand Secretary Curren, and his Grand Lodge, for the systematic and elegant manner in which the proceedings are compiled and printed."

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

#### MAINE—1877.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine was held at Portland, May 1st, 1877. M. W. Albert Moore Grand Master in the East, and representatives present from 167 Lodges.

The Grand Master's address goes fully into the history of the jurisdiction during his term of office, dispensations, dedications and decisions taking up a large portion of it. Among the latter are some of interest, viz :

"1. The appointment and installation of a Master of a lodge as District Deputy Grand Master, vacates the office of Master, and the Senior Warden succeeds to the Chair until the next annual election.

"3. The Master of a lodge may admit or refuse to admit a visitor, or a member of his own lodge, on objection being made. If a member, the Master should cause an investigation to be made, and if the objection proves to be groundless, admit him, and if for good cause, still refuse admission and have charges filed and the member tried.



"5. Investigating committees cannot be required to give their reasons for an unfavorable report upon a petition for the degrees, nor can the reasons be required of one member of a committee for declining to sign a favorable report which the other two members of the committee have signed.

"7. All the lodges having concurrent jurisdiction over a candidate must waive the same before he can petition for the degrees to a lodge in another jurisdiction."

On the question of masonic life insurance, the Grand Master speaks out, and his words have no uncertain meaning. He strongly deprecates the use of lodge funds for such a purpose, and very aptly adds:

"When we substitute for the voluntary and silent charities of masonry, a system of benefits on a strictly commercial basis, it will have lost all that traditional, mystic power which has ever distinguished it from all other human organizations as a fraternally charitable institution, wherein its chief glory lies."

Like their brethren of Arkansas, the Craft in Maine have been despoiled by the fire-fiend, having lost their splendid halls, spacious rooms, furniture and fixtures: the records, and important papers were happily saved.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, had been printed in advance of the annual communication, and was submitted with the Grand Master's address, and distributed to the members. The plan is an exceedingly good one. The report which is as usual from the facile and able pen of Bro. J. H. Drummond is a very excellent production, full of timely counsel, and rich in masonic legal advice. It covers 138 closely printed pages, and reviews the proceedings of fifty-two American Grand Lodges, our own among the number. It includes a Table showing the Proceedings received, the date and length of each annual communication, and the pages of the report upon which the review commences, as well as a statistical history of membership, &c., and a comparison with previous years.

Number of lodges 180—total membership 19,472.

Edward P. Burnham was elected Grand Master.

Ira Berry was re-elected Grand Secretary.



**MANITOBA—1877.**

This young Grand Lodge held its second Annual Communication in the City of Winnipeg, June 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th, A. L., 5877. M. W. W. N. Kennedy, Grand Master, presiding.

The Report of Proceedings is highly creditable as regards both matter and manner.

The so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario comes in for just condemnation of the Grand Master.

Lodges, 6.

Members, 316.

M. W. Grand Master, Geo. F. Newcomb, Winnipeg.

R. W. Grand Secretary, John H. Bell, Winnipeg.

**MARYLAND—1877.**

RECTORY, PUGWASH, N. S., April 30, 1878.

*To the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, G. Lodge of Nova Scotia.*

W. BRETHREN,—The M. W. the Grand Master having in his address delivered June 7th, A.D., 1876, used the following words:—  
 “It appears to me, that such representatives (i. e. Representatives of sister Grand Lodges) should not hold merely titular appointments, but that each should closely follow the proceedings of the Grand Lodge which it represents, and should bring to the notice of this Grand Body at its Annual Communications all matters of general Masonic interest which may have occurred during the current year in the jurisdiction which he represents. Such reports would be most valuable, and these appointments, instead of being merely honorary, would be productive of much good,” and these words of our M. W. Grand Master having moreover been quoted—as approved by the Foreign Correspondence Committee of the Grand Lodge of which I have the honor to be the Representative, I now proceed to offer to you such information as I have been able to obtain.

DAVID C. MOORE, G. C.

*Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.*

This Grand Lodge held its Annual Communication Nov. 20, 1877, the M. W. G. M. John H. B. Latrobe presiding. In his address the G. M. has occasion to complain of the lack of reports from Grand Inspectors and condemns "the existing system" as "a useless one."

The expenditure of Grand Lodge \$18,746.30 appears to have exceeded the receipts by \$1,847.06.

Grand Master Latrobe would have retired after seven years of very responsible and anxious reign—with the assurance that "among the recollections that are to crowd on his memory in the coming days, none will be more prized than those connected with the seven years during which he has been G. M. of the G. L. of A. F. & A. Masons of Maryland;" but the brethren through the committee on the G. M.'s address would not hear nor heed—and re-elected him. "Distinguished as he is, not only throughout our own State, but to a great extent throughout the country, for his great learning, his high personal character, and his professional and public life, there is no brother whose name, as the head of masonry in Maryland could be a stronger pledge to the public of the character and aims of our order or whose services under present circumstances could be as valuable in that office."

The proceedings of the Craft in Nova Scotia are kindly and fraternally noticed; special mention is made of Canon Townshend's oration at the laying of our corner stone—and his honorary rank of Grand Chaplain, with the following joke—"we have some '*big-guns*' among the clergy in this latitude, but no clerical *canons*." In this the committee are mistaken—they can find "clerical *canons*" in the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States—who (we are sure) are as able to produce a "*good report*" as our Most Worthy Honorary Grand Chaplain—and he himself would be the first to give them a right hearty *salute*.

M. W. G. Master John H. B. Latrobe, Baltimore, Md.

R. W. G. Sec'y, J. H. Medairy, 6 N. Howard St., Baltimore, Md.  
Lodges 174.

#### MASSACHUSETTS—1877.

We have before us Proceedings of Special and Quarterly Communications during the year; the Annual, Dec. 12, together with a stated communication, Dec. 27th, St. John's Day, for the installation of officers, &c., &c., &c.

A Special Communication was held March 8, 1877, "for the purpose of celebrating the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Organization of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge as a Sovereign and Independent Grand Lodge." M. W. Percival Lowell Everett, Grand Master, presiding.

Among the eminent Masons present as honored guests of the Grand Lodge, we notice our distinguished brother from Maine, Josiah H. Drummond, LL. D.

R. W. Past Deputy G. Master, Charles Levi Woodbury, the Orator of the occasion, delivered an eloquent and instructive oration, referring not only to the political troubles of '75, but giving a detailed account of the formation of several Independent Grand Lodges that followed, as a matter of course, the Declaration of Independence.

Referring to the wrongs that induced the political revolution, he says :

"In Masonry we had no wrongs to endure from the Grand Lodges of Great Britain; no oppressions, no burning quarrels on Masonic jurisprudence.

"The Grand Lodges had given us Provincial Grand Masters of worth, ability and popularity here; the individual Lodges had enjoyed every Masonic privilege consistent with a provincial character. No breath of outrage. A son of nineteen could not have been better treated by a fond but judicious father. The bonds of Fraternity were preserved in the Masonic heart. The form of government of Masonic society was not disliked; its landmarks were then and ever have been inexpressibly dear to us. Had the British parliament or the British king treated these colonies with half the kindness and brotherhood shown by the Masonic authorities, it would not have been Otis, Hancock, Warren and Revere, nor men of their generation, that would have fired the American heart with indignation, and led the way to this republic."

This able oration occupies about forty pages of the book before us, and contains much that we would like to copy did space permit.

The CENTENNIAL FEAST was enjoyed by about two hundred and fifty of the brethren; toasts and able responses followed; and letters of regret at not being able to be present were read from different Grand Masters, *but none from the Dominion of Canada.*

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"Thus ended the Centennial Feast, at nine o'clock, p. m., leaving a pleasant memory upon the minds of all those who participated therein."

Nine o'clock and a pleasant memory! Remember that, ye lovers of banquets!

There is nothing of special interest to our brethren in Nova Scotia, in the Quarterly of March 14, or the Special held March 23, if we except the following extracts from a most admirable address delivered by R. W. Bro. C. L. Woodbury, to the brethren of a new Lodge:

"The Masons, as a class, represent, more than any other I know of, the practical common-sense of the whole community in its most liberal aspect, solid men of judgment, selected from every interest in society for the good of society. She seeks no political distinction, nor does she ostracise any one for his politics. We welcome good men of all parties, and think the more they meet here on the level the better they all will be for it.

"The candidate's proofs should be made in his life *before* you admit him to your mysteries. It is too late after he is in. Masonry does improve good men, but the foundation must exist before. She has no divine privilege to regenerate a captious spirit, to change a fool into a man of sense, or a rogue into an honest man. She needs good material to begin on, and of such a man she will make a better man day by day as long as he lives.

"This is what we claim for her. He may be a rough ashlar when he enters, but if the structure, the character, is all right, Masonry will hew him into a perfect ashlar soon. You cannot make a square man out of stone cracked, rotten, or full of shakes. My experience, every man's experience, is that Masonry improves the tone of his character, takes the rough edges off his prejudices in a marked degree, and makes him a worthier neighbor, a better member of a family, more reverential in his piety, and more disinterested in his patriotism."

#### Quarterly Communications, June 13, 1877.

From the report of the Committee on By-Laws, which was adopted, we quote the following, as of interest to our W. Masters:

"Experience shows us the need of a regulation regulating the manner of balloting, as we believe the custom varies much throughout the Commonwealth, and there is nothing definite in the Grand Constitutions. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following Standing Regulation:—

"In balloting for degrees or membership, the Worshipful Master may allow three ballotings, at his discretion; but when the balloting has been commenced it must be concluded, and the candidate declared accepted or rejected, without the intervention of any other business whatever."

In the Quarterly of September 12th, we have the report of the "Commissioners of Trials."

From this report we gather : That one Lewis A. Perkins, an unaffiliated Mason was charged with unmasonic conduct in seducing the daughter of a Master Mason, he knowing her to be such at the time of holding criminal intercourse with her. The Respondent was found guilty and sentenced by the Board to expulsion from the rights and privileges of masonry. The report was accepted and the finding confirmed by Grand Lodge.

#### DEDICATION OF THE ARMY AND NAVY MONUMENT ON BOSTON COMMON.

A Special Communication was held at Masonic Temple, Boston, September 17th, for the purpose of dedicating the Army and Navy Monument at the request of the City Government of Boston.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, when the M. W. Grand Master announced that Right Eminent Rev. Henry W. Rugg, Grand Commander of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, had courteously offered the Grand Commandery and Subordinates as escort to Grand Lodge, and Boston Commandery as body-guard for the Grand Master, and that he had accepted the offer. We here insert the following as showing the valuable aid rendered by the Sir Knights under very eminent frater Rugg's Command, and as indicating, in the opinion of the Grand Master of Massachusetts, the great importance attached to the presence of so distinguished a body of gentlemen on so important an occasion :

"The Grand Lodge, with its large Templar escort and Boston Commandery, numbering about 200 Knights as body-guard of the Grand Master, formed a brilliant and imposing part of the immense procession, which, by official count, numbered 25,429. The Grand Commandery and 14 of its subordinate Commanderies, forming the escort and body-guard of the Grand Lodge, numbered 1,293 Knights, with 13 bands, numbering 306 musicians,—making in all 1,599 men.

"The route of the procession was six miles in extent. The head of the column started at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock, A. M. The Grand Lodge arrived at the Monument at twenty minutes past five o'clock, P. M."

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION—The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Communication was held at Masonic Temple, Boston, Dec. 12, A. D. 1877, M. W. Percival Lowell Everett, Grand Master, presiding.

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There were present thirty-seven Grand officers, including sixteen Dist. Dep. Grand Masters, five Past Grand Masters, three Past Dep. Grand Masters, nineteen Past Grand Wardens, and Representatives from one hundred and sixty subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Master in his address which is eminently practical and business-like, opens with an assurance that the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction are enjoying peace and harmony.

The announcement is made of the sudden death of R. W. Brother William J. Sawin, Past S. G. Warden, who is stated to have been "one of the most devoted, zealous and beloved Brothers in the State."

Number initiated during the year 1,035 ; number of Lodges 219 ; number of members, 26,226.

**TRIAL COMMISSIONERS.**—The establishment of a new system of trial for masonic offences is so new to us yet so worthy of notice that we quote the Grand Master's words in full :

"Among the leading incidents of my official term the establishment of the new system of trials for Masonic offences must be noticed. This subject was first brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge by a resolution adopted at the Quarterly Communication held in March, 1875. It was referred to a committee, who, after mature consideration, presented a plan by which all Masonic offences occurring in this jurisdiction and which were previously tried by the Lodges, should be tried before commissioners of ability and impartiality, who should be Past or Presiding Masters. Inasmuch as this method of trial involved an important amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitutions, it was referred to a committee of learned and eminent Brethren, and as by them amended, after the most careful consideration, received the sanction of the Grand Lodge by a very emphatic majority.

"Under the requirements of the amended Constitution which established the system, I took great pains to appoint (as the commissioners by which the new plan was to be inaugurated) five Brethren of the highest qualifications at my command for such a service.

"Several cases, such as otherwise would have necessarily been brought before the Lodges for trial, have accordingly been heard and considered by the Commissioners of Trials. The success of the new method of trial and its just and munificent practical object seems to me too clear and obvious for doubt, so that the wisdom of the Grand Lodge in this regard has been amply vindicated."

Under the heading "Ritual" Grand Master Everett, (to our astonishment, for Massachusetts has always been our ideal of perfection in ritualistic work) says :



"The universal complaint was the want of uniformity in the work; changes were constantly made, and finally, at the time of my election as Grand Master, three years ago, there were hardly two Lodges in the State working alike. I determined to correct such a state of things, and after my installation I appointed a large and experienced committee to endeavor to restore the Ritual to its original purity. What has been the result? Throughout the jurisdiction the Lodges are working with the greatest uniformity, and vie with each other as to who can work with the greatest excellence."

The death of Dr. Winslow Lewis is referred to in the following touching and eloquent tribute to his surpassing worth :

"Among the shining lights which during my term of office have passed from the horizon of this Grand Lodge, I cannot fail to advert to the overshadowing loss sustained by the entire Fraternity in the death of Winslow Lewis, on the 3d day of August, 1875. In broken accents of affectionate grief we expressed—alas, how inadequately!—our sense of a bereavement which was then scarcely to be measured. The softening and reconciling hand of time has not lifted the sorrow from our hearts. The genial and noble Brother has almost taken away our affections, and hid them in the grave where he lies buried from our sight. Only by the close eye of faith can we behold him as he now lives, translated above the mists and the sorrows of earth. Let his life and his record as a Mason abide with us, for its reproof, for its correction, and, above all, for its good cheer."

The Commissioners of Trials have had before them the case of one P. V. Roudiez an unaffiliated mason from Quebec, but residing in Fall River, Massachusetts.

The report of the Commissioners was accepted, the finding confirmed, and P. V. Roudiez was expelled by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

As many of our Brethren are not aware of the fact that non-affiliates of our own, and even those of another G. L. Jurisdiction are amenable to masonic discipline, we quote the Report in extenso :

"REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF TRIALS IN CASE OF P. V. ROUDIEZ.

"IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,  
"December 12th, 1877."

"GEORGE L. WALKER, COMPLAINANT.

"vs.

"P. V. ROUDIEZ.

"Before the Commissioners of Trials.

"In this complaint, made by the Junior Warden of Narragansett Lodge, Fall River, the respondent, an unaffiliated Mason, sojourning at Fall River,

was charged with unmasonic conduct, according to the following specifications:—

“First, that the said P. V. Roudiez, on the 9th day of March, A. D., 1876, at Fall River, Mass., in Narragansett Lodge, falsely and fraudulently represented himself as a Past Master of Canadian Lodge, in Granby, P. Q., and by said false and fraudulent representation said Narragansett Lodge was induced to receive him, and did receive him, as such Past Master; whereas, in truth and in fact, he was not at that time and never was a Past Master of said Canadian Lodge.

“Second, that the said P. V. Roudiez, at divers times between January 1st, A. D., 1876, and April 1st, A. D., 1876, at Fall River, aforesaid, falsely and fraudulently represented himself as a Past Master of Canadian Lodge, for the purpose of obtaining pecuniary assistance, and by reason of such false and fraudulent representation did obtain from Worshipful Brother, Dr. John B. Whittaker, pecuniary assistance, to wit, the sum of three dollars; whereas, in truth and in fact, the said P. V. Roudiez was not then and never was a Past Master of said Canadian Lodge.”

“The complaint was duly served on the respondent, and due return of the service made by the Grand Tyler, in conformity with the provisions of the Grand Constitutions and the regulations of the Commissioners. The testimony in the cause was taken at Fall River by the President of the Board on November 22d. The respondent failed to appear, either at the time of the taking of the testimony or at the hearing before the Commissioners. The testimony and exhibits submitted in behalf of the complainant established beyond question the truth of the facts in each specification of the complaint. The respondent, as by the testimony fully appeared, had been in the habit—a habit which seemed to have become chronic with him—of claiming and pretending to have been a Past Master of the Lodge in question, and by such claim and pretence gained not only admission into Narragansett Lodge and other Lodges in the neighborhood, but also secured the Masonic recognition due to his pretended rank, besides pecuniary and other collateral advantages. It appeared in evidence that Canadian Lodge, to which a Dispensation has been issued, never received a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, by reason of the loose and inefficient character of its work while under Dispensation, and the only Master it ever had, to wit, under the Dispensation, was *not* the respondent. It was further shown that the respondent had never been a Master of any Lodge in that jurisdiction.

“The respondent was found *guilty* of the charge, and under both specifications of the complaint, and was therefore sentenced to expulsion from the rights and privileges of Masonry.

“TRACY P. CHEEVER,

“*President of Commissioners of Trials.*”

R. W. Charles A. Welch was unanimously elected Grand Master and R. W. Charles H. Titus Grand Secretary.

A stated Communication was held at Masonic Temple, Boston, Dec. 27, for the purpose of duly celebrating the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist, and of installing the Grand officers elect, which in Massachusetts is always done on that day.

We are pleased to see from the Report before us that the Installation was surrounded by an air of decorum, propriety and solemnity becoming so important an occasion; and that the ceremonies were not performed in that hurried and slipshod manner sometimes witnessed in other places.

The Golden Urn containing a lock of Washington's hair was then presented to the newly installed Grand Master (a custom observed at every installation since 1801)—with the following charge:

"This sacred relic, which I received from my predecessor in 1874, I now place in your hands, and I charge you to religiously preserve it, and, when your Grand-Mastership terminates, to deliver it to your successor with a charge similar to that with which you now receive it."

The Recording Secretary acknowledges the receipt of the Proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges, Nova Scotia among the number.

There is no committee on Foreign Correspondence, and consequently no review.

The committee on charity present the following gratifying statement of receipts and payments:

"The receipts for the year have been as follows:—

Cash received from the Grand Treasurer.....	\$1,500 00
Cash received to expend on account of Lodges.....	47 50
Balance from old account.....	150 00
<b>Total receipts.....</b>	<b>\$1,697 50</b>

"The payments have been as follows:—

Funeral expenses.....	\$ 152 00
Telegrams.....	15 00
Railroad and steamboat fares.....	72 55
Cash paid 208 persons for relief.....	1,457 95
<b>Total expenses.....</b>	<b>\$1,697 50</b>

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The retiring Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Everett, was made the recipient of an elegant Past Grand Master's jewel; for which mark of high esteem an eloquent and feeling response was given.

At about six o'clock, p. m., Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, marshaled and conducted to the banquet room, where the Grand Feast was participated in by one hundred and sixty-nine brethren.

The record closes as follows :

"At ten minutes past ten o'clock, p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, the mystic circle was formed, Auld Lang Syne was sung, and the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM."

CHARLES H. TITUS,  
*Recording Grand Secretary.*

#### MICHIGAN—1877.

The Thirty-third Annual Communication was held at Grand Rapids, January 23rd, 1877.

Most Worshipful Bro. Matthew H. Maynard, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Bro. Ellery J. Garfield, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his Address recommends retrenchment, in the abolishing of the Committee on Credentials and in reducing the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to one, viz: the Grand Secretary.

He reports 25 decisions. He is of opinion that a brother who neglects, for five years after his election, to present himself for advancement, ought to be required to renew his petition and submit to a fresh examination and the scrutiny of a new ballot; in which we concur.

In reply to the question of what should constitute good and sufficient reasons for the granting of dimits, he offers the following suggestions :

"If you have got a man who has a substantial grievance against your Lodge, or against any brother, don't let him go until you endeavor to reconcile him. If you succeed, 'thou hast saved thy brother,' if you fail, 'put yourself in his place,' and do as you would be done by. If you have got a man who has lost his interest in Masonry; who, perhaps, is disappointed in

his expectations of finding it to benefit his trade or business, who is too stingy to pay his dues, or who pays them grudgingly, who is always finding fault, who is mad because he has not had some office, and in a 'hundred and one' ways makes himself disagreeable, and all about him unhappy; don't you think you had better let him go? Why do you want to keep him? For the sake of what he pays annually into your treasury? Harmony and peace are worth more than one, two, three, or four dollars per year. You had better let him go. *In fine*, my brother, act charitably and honestly towards your brother and toward your Lodge, and you will have no trouble in deciding what are good and sufficient reasons for granting a dimit."

We recommend to our brethren for careful perusal the following conclusion of his address :

"My Brethren, our society is not the selfish thing the world calls it. It is a Fraternity, and every man is a brother. The apostolic injunction is a Masonic motto :

"As we have opportunity let us do good unto all men, especially unto those who are of the household of the faith.' And never in the history of the world was there so much work at hand for Masons to do, as now, just now.

"Corruption festers in our public officers, speculation and dishonesty of every name disgrace and degrade the men who lead the people, and we MASONs have something to do about it.

"We owe positive duties to those around us, and have no right to be content with the mere negative goodness or morality of our own lives.

"When Cain answered God's demand for the missing Abel with, 'Am I my brother's keeper?' he spoke the language of a murderer. God and humanity call upon us 'where is thy brother?' thy brother man as well as brother Mason. Where is that virtue which God gave him, and which alone makes him a man.

"If masonry has any peculiar and distinctive work in the world it is to promote morality, temperance, and the administration of justice among men.

"These things are not to be left to the church. We do not pretend to do her work, nor is Masonry a religion, or in any sense a substitute therefor. The one deals with man's relations to his God, the other with his duties to his fellow man, simply declaring at the outset that he who owns no God can be susceptible of no honest brotherly emotion, and amenable to no fraternal obligations.

"I desire to say then that to cultivate public morality as well as private virtue is the duty of every Mason.

"Worshipful Masters: Have you in your Lodges the notoriously profligate and profane? Have you those whose daily life and occupation is to sow the seeds of death among their neighbours, whose presence by your fireside with your wives and daughters would be a contamination not to be endured?



"Purge your Lodges of such. They are a source of weakness, and a cause of shame and disgrace.

"I say these things here because I have been called upon to say them to W. M.'s singly, in reply to anxious inquiries (in instances more than I should like to mention) during the past year.

"A society making the professions that we make ought to be heard from upon questions of public morality. The trumpet of the Grand Master, at least, shall give forth no uncertain sound.

"Masonry has outlived all its persecutors and stands to-day pre-eminent among all human institutions, because its principles have the vitality and the sanction of the word of God.

"As we maintain, practice, and transmit these principles in a purity unsullied by the contaminations of greed or the toleration of vicious associates, so may we boldly unfurl our banners bearing the title which we proudly claim of AN ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY."

Reports on Foreign Correspondence for 1875 and 6, are submitted by Bro. Garfield, Grand Secretary, and Bro. Pratt, the latter reviewing our Proceedings for 1875. Referring to Brother MacCoy's notice of motion requiring the Worshipful Master to give his reasons to a visiting Brother for refusing admittance, comments as follows:

"We hope it will *not* be adopted. The harmony of Lodges is of prime necessity—a necessity paramount to the indulgence of an individual visitor. Those who insist on the absolute right of visit, assume that, when a visit is refused, the Masonic standing of the visitor is necessarily impugned or impaired. This is not true. It is a universal law of Masonry (as we understand the law) that a brother presenting a dimitt and asking to affiliate, is not injured, in his Masonic standing, by a refusal of the Lodge to admit him. He is at liberty to petition the same Lodge or some other Lodge as often as may be necessary to secure a membership, and no number of refusals impeaches his standing or bars his request. By the same reasoning, but in a stronger sense, the refusal of visit, to a Mason in good standing, because of the refusal of the W. Master or because of the 'I object' of member of the Lodge, does no injury to the visitor's standing—unless reasons for the refusal are openly given—reasons that reflect upon the personal or Masonic character of the visitor."

We regret to say, Brother Pratt, that it has been adopted.

Brother Pratt, in referring to our report on Foreign Correspondence, says: "Brother Crowe must be a *rara avis in terra*, he Crowe's for others and not for himself." Brother Pratt must modestly admit that, in his case, we did not *crow* without *caws*.

M. W. Brother Wm. Dunham, elected Grand Master.

R. W. Brother Ellery J. Garfield, re-elected Grand Secretary.



## MICHIGAN—1878.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, convened in the City of Grand Rapids, January 22nd, 1878. The M. W. Grand Master, Wm. Dunham, presided, and he was cheered by the presence of eleven Grand Officers and no less than eight Past Grand Masters. The Grand Master's address is a very clear business-like document, thoroughly prepared and well digested, both as to substance and style. Eight new Lodges were constituted during the year past, and six masonic halls were dedicated. Schools of instruction are urged upon the attention of District Deputies and Masters. Eighteen decisions are furnished by the G. M. As to most of them we think the questions might have been spared the G. M. the time and trouble of answering, but we have no criticism to make upon the decisions themselves. The G. M. concludes with a few words of congratulation upon the honorable position which the Institution of Freemasonry continues to occupy throughout the world, and urges his brethren to see to it, that they continue worthy of the respect thus gained. The brief reports of the ten District Deputies shew a prosperous state of things on the whole, harmony prevailing, interest in masonic work and literature increasing, and a proper masonic spirit being cultivated.

The report of the G. L. Committee on Temperance contains some wise observations. They say that the practice and observance of the virtue of temperance is inculcated in a most impressive manner on our first admission into the Lodge. It stands at the head of the cardinal virtues, and to violate its principles subjects the offender to the contempt of all good masons. They deprecate any additional legislation. The neglect of these reciprocal duties and obligations which rest upon all Masons may be to blame for some violations of this principle. Do brethren, animated by that fraternal regard for a brother Mason's welfare, stretch forth their hands to assist and save the falling brother? They conclude by saying that the blame of the evil of intemperance among the fraternity does not rest upon the intemperate alone, nor with the law givers, but with the brother who has disgraced himself, and perhaps with the Lodge in that they did not try to save him from falling, or failing in this that they did not wipe out the disgrace to the Fraternity by expelling or suspending him from all the rights and benefits of masonry.

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The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews twenty-three Grand Lodges, but none of the British American Provinces, except Columbia and P. E. Island, are included. The report is quite full and very impartial, owing to the famous resolution of R. W. Champlain, P. G. M., which requests the committee to refrain from criticism of all proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

No. of Lodges, 349. Members, 25,944.

M. W. Grand Master, John W. Finch.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Wm. P. Innes.

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#### MISSOURI—1877.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri held its Fifty-seventh Annual Communication in the city of St. Louis, commencing Oct. 9th, 1877.

The M. W. Grand Master Xenophon Ryland filled the East, and representatives from 140 lodges were present, out of 490 on the roll. Total membership 21,841, being a decrease of 519 since last report.

The Grand Master's address, includes very feeling allusions to the fraternal dead, among whom are John Dove, the Patriarchal Grand Secretary, of Virginia, who filled the high office uninterruptedly, for forty-three years; and chief and above all, George Frank Gouley, the eminent late Grand Sec'y of this Grand Lodge, whose memory is revered as that of one of the truest of friends and noblest of men, and of whom the Grand Master writes "we have lifted the corner of the sod under that low green tent, whose curtains never outward swing, and have planted there our hearts." In our report of last year we alluded to the terribly sad circumstance under which Bro. Gouley met his death, and took occasion then, to offer our heartfelt sympathy with our bereaved brethren of Missouri. To-day, as we peruse the record of the special memorial service, we are reminded of the exalted place he filled in the hearts of the people, one hundred thousand of whom occupied the streets to witness the funeral cortege; and we are again constrained to offer up our further tribute of homage to the memory of this distinguished man and mason, and to those who knew him best and loved him most, renew the assurance of our continued sympathy. "He lives most who lives best."

A number of decisions are recorded ; from among them we quote the following as showing the diversity in ruling :

" The record of a criminal court, of competent jurisdiction, duly certified, showing indictment, arraignment, conviction and sentence of the accused, according to forms of law, for the same offence on which he is being tried by his Lodge, is legal and competent evidence against the accused, and should be admitted at the trial."

The report on Foreign Correspondence begun by the late Grand Sec'y, is finished and presented by Bro. J. W. Luke, who makes a worthy successor.

The proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Bodies are well and carefully reviewed, among them that of Nova Scotia which is kindly mentioned.

M. W. Bro. Thomas C. Ready of St. Louis, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. John D. Vincil, of St. Louis, was elected Grand Secretary.

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#### MINNESOTA—1878.

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota convened at St. Paul on January 15th, 1878, in its twenty-fifth Annual Communication. Representatives of over one hundred lodges responded to the roll call.

The Deputy Grand Master Durant read the address, and began by paying an eloquent and devout tribute to the memory of the late Grand Master Braden, who died in December last. The terms of eulogy in which the character and qualities of the deceased Grand Master were dwelt upon by the D. G. M. and by the G. L. in its resolutions, are calculated to give a very high impression of the affection he inspired among the brethren in his own state and of the sterling worth of a good man and much lamented brother. The other matters referred to in the address were unimportant beyond the immediate jurisdiction to which they referred.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is quite interesting—forty-five Grand Lodge Proceedings being reviewed, and some at considerable length.

The whole proceedings show a healthy and harmonious state of affairs in Minnesota, which we trust may long prevail.

Number of working lodges 124 ; members 6,739.

M. W. Edwd. W. Durant, Grand Master.

R. W. A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Secretary and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

### MISSISSIPPI—1878.

The Sixtieth Annual Communication commenced on 6th February, 1878, in the *Methodist Church* in the city of Grenada.

M. W. Brother, Grand Master John Y. Murray, presiding.

The Grand Master's address covers 12 pages of closely printed matter. He congratulates the Brethren that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and adds that there is as complete harmony between Subordinate Lodges and among the Brotherhood as ever existed in the Order since the organization of the Grand Lodge.

He says numbers have not increased as in former years, but does not consider this an ill omen, for he believes the greatest danger to the institution does not lie in the want of numbers; it is not, he thinks the uninitiated or even the anti-mason who is most to be feared by the order, but the influence of bad men within, who have deceived us.

Another drawback to Free Masonry is, he believes :

"The many other secret societies in this country. Although most of them and perhaps all, have objects in view most praiseworthy, still I am inclined to believe that a conscientious man who is a Freemason risks something when he joins another secret society. How can he assume new duties until he knows they will not conflict with those he has already obligated himself to perform? There may be exceptions, but it strikes me as a rule, that those who hasten to take upon themselves new duties, are apt to relax in the performance of those already binding upon them. In fact, if we discharge well every duty devolving upon us as Masons, we may be perfectly content with the good we have done, as far as any worldly institution resting upon good morals only, could enable us.

"It is also believed that the higher degrees of Masonry, as organized and worked separately and apart from the Blue Lodge, have seriously injured Ancient Craft Masonry."

He reports 13 decisions.

He decides that the Masonic Lodge Room should not be used by persons who are not masons, and comments as follows :

"I am *very much* afraid the *great* importance of this question has been overlooked, or at least underestimated by the Grand Lodge, for it is certainly true that the harmony of *many* Lodges in this Jurisdiction has already been disturbed, if not *broken*—by your toleration on this subject. You need not undertake to justify our *loose* practice in regard to this thing, and tell me that we have precedents here and there. I am aware of that, but what have we to do with precedents? Should we not, like men and Masons, 'rise up as with one voice,' and say away with all *modern* loose practices and innovations on the 'Body of Masonry.' Let us risk nothing simply on the score of *policy*. Why, my brethren, it would be far better that we should hold our meetings 'on high hills or in low vales,' there to talk and work Masonry, than to meet in some room, to which everybody has access, as soon as the Lodge is closed, where jewels, books and records may be inspected and perchance an original petition, with report of committee on it, or a slip of paper containing a ballot, *might* be picked up and taken away. These things have been done *time and again*. I repeat, Masonic Lodge-rooms, where Freemasons *regularly* meet to work, and transact *Masonic business*, should not be built, in the first place, jointly with other bodies, or persons, who are not Masons. Of course I do not mean to say, that other stories, or even other rooms in the same story, and detached from it, may not be owned and occupied by persons who are not Masons, and I advised the Lodge in the case before us, to buy the other party's interest or to sell its own, and afterwards rent, and to stipulate in the terms that the room should not be used except by the Lodge. In conclusion of this matter, I would ask in all sincerity how can we keep the secrets of the Order from getting into the possession of the uninitiated when they are allowed, except at such hours as the Lodge may be at labor, to enter our Masonic abode?"

The finances appear to be in a healthy state—only a small Fund in hand, but the Grand Master says they do not need much ; all they require is to pay expenses and meet the demands of charity ; he closes his interesting address as follows :

"Finally, my brethren, allow me to cherish the fond hope that the business of this session will be conducted harmoniously and with great wisdom, so that the rich fruits of 'to-day's sowing' may be reaped and enjoyed by the Masonic Fraternity in the far distant future. I beg you to not allow the spirit of innovation to encroach upon the fundamental principles and land-marks of our time-honored Institution. I would warn you, in this day of progress and of *new departures*, that you should bring into requisition the three virtues of prudence, caution and circumspection, for, as I have already remarked, we have more to fear from inward expansion than from outward pressure. An inflated prosperity may yet weaken the energies of

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our venerable Institution, which has survived the storms of ages, and proudly standing amidst the darts and fires of wicked persecution, has upon the ruin and shame of its foes, erected its banner triumphantly,

"May the enduring and gentle principles of the Order be engraven upon your hearts, and may the noble Institution *itself* be perpetuated until it shall be said 'time shall be no more,' as spotless and as pure as when the 'Wise King' dedicated its first temple to God."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by Brother J. M. Howry (our representative).

In his introduction he says that he undertakes the responsible duty assigned him with apprehension and misgiving as to his ability to perform the work.

How modest!—we congratulate Brother Howry on the result of his efforts. He has presented us in his review of Proceedings of 45 Grand Lodges with one of the best reports that it has been our pleasure to peruse. We regret exceedingly that Nova Scotia is not included, for we would like to have our proceedings criticised by one who wields such a vigorous pen. Whilst courteous and fraternal in his comments, his sharp criticisms have the ring of the true metal.

We are strongly tempted to use the scissors freely, but space will not permit.

The subject of the Past Master's Degree receives considerable notice from him.

We have not time to review his remarks, but think if he would once pay us a visit, we could show him a little ceremony in connection with the installation of a Master which would set his mind forever at rest as to the dignity of that position.

We have what is called a Board of installed Masters, composed of none but actual Past Masters, in which we impart all the instruction necessary to qualify a Brother to rule his Lodge and discharge the duties of his position creditably. As Blue Masons, we know nothing of Chapter Past Masters; that degree, we take it, is only given as a stepping stone to the Royal Arch; where it came from, in our opinion it is not necessary here to state.

Brother Howry, we welcome you as our representative, and extend fraternal greeting.

M. W. Brother Chas. T. Murphy, elected Grand Master.

R. W. Brother John L. Power, re-elected Grand Secretary.



**MONTANA—1877.**

The Grand Lodge held its Thirteenth Annual Communication at Helena, Oct. 2, A. L. 5877. M. W. Julian M. Knight, Grand Master, presiding.

A portrait of the Grand Master faces the title page—a good steel engraving.

The Grand Master's address is very clear upon the point raised by the French Orient :

"It is often said that we make religion of Masonry. 'Religion is the golden cord that unites man to God; Masonry the silver line which runs from man to man.' We do not pretend to place Masonry on a par with religion; but its mission is one of peace; it unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and brings them to one common altar. And while it does not compel a belief in any particular creed or religion, it does require of each initiate that he profess a belief in the existence of God the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe. It teaches reverence to God—that there is a life beyond the grave—a hope in immortality."

and brother Knight speaks honestly and well as to the ballot :

"The world is full of men with little or no principle; and unfortunately for us too many of them have got into our Lodges. There are Masons who seem unable to speak well of any one; who are always ready and only too willing to circulate a slander against a brother. Any slanderer is detestable, but more especially a Masonic slanderer. We cannot be too guarded in our words and actions. Masonry teaches us to regard a brother's honor as our own, and to protect his good name whenever unjustly assailed. Masonry does not teach us to expose and perhaps magnify a brother's faults, but to be charitable toward one who errs: to hide his faults from the world, while we admonish him privately, and by precept and example assist him in regaining the position he has lost through folly or error.

"One of the greatest evils in a Lodge is the misuse of the ballot. The evil may come by a clear ballot for an unworthy candidate, or by a black-ball for a candidate who is every way worthy to become a Mason. Masonry is defrauded in every case where the ballot is cast with an unworthy motive. I am aware that in nine cases out of ten rejections are right; and that ten men are wrongfully initiated where one man is wrongfully rejected; and that if our outer doors were more closely guarded, there would be less necessity to purge our Lodges of unworthy members. And while I feel that it is the positive duty of each member of a Lodge to cast a black-ball when he feels that the applicant is unworthy to become a Mason, I must unqualifiedly condemn the motives of that brother who uses it to gratify a petty personal spite, and thereby refuses admission

to a man who would otherwise become a much better Mason than he is himself. Deeply as we may regret the fact, we must admit that there are Masons in name who so far forget duty and honor that they do not hesitate to use the ballot box as an instrument of vengeance."

Our Grand Lodge is most kindly dealt with in the Foreign Correspondence, and all our "Proceedings" are requested (for their Library) prior to 1874, except 1870.

Brother Curren is complimented as the only Grand Sec'y who gives "missing" members.

M. W. Grand Master, Wm. A. Clark, Deer Lodge.

R. W. G. Sec'y, Cornelius Hedges, Helena.

Lodges 22.

Members 664.

#### NEBRASKA—1877.

This Grand Lodge held its 20th Annual Communication June 19th and 20th, A. L., 5877. The M. W. Geo. H. Thummel, G. Master, presided.

The Grand Master's address is able and full of sound Masonic feeling, but refers almost entirely to matters of local or national interest.

Several pages of the Grand Secretary's report are taken up with the answers of various jurisdictions to the following questions:

"*First*.—Is it the custom of lodges in your jurisdiction to go to extra expense in caring for the sick or burial of the dead (of sojourning Masons) without the expectation of reimbursement from their lodges at home?

"*Second*.—Is it the custom of your lodges to report (if possible) a case of sickness or death of a stranger, asking instructions as to expense to be incurred?

"*Third*.—If no reimbursement is asked or expected by your lodges, do they expect to pay such bills, when presented by other jurisdictions, for your absent members?

"*Fourth*.—Has your Grand Lodge any regulation on this subject? and if so, please give the points briefly.

"*Fifth*.—Does the same usage which governs your lodges in this matter as between them and those in sister jurisdictions, govern as between each other in your own jurisdiction?

"*Sixth.*—If your Grand Lodge has no definite law upon the subject, and your subordinate lodges are left to their own volition in the matter, thereby sometimes causing unpleasant feelings between them, do you not think some general understanding should be arrived at? and if so, please suggest a resolution that would cover the case."

We would endorse the pithy replies given by *Maryland* :

1. It is. 2. Not unless he requests it.

3. They do not. 4. Has none. 5. They do.

6. No suggestions; and on this last also that of *Louisiana*.—  
"*Similia Similibus Curantur.*"

"Never was a good hand at drafting plans to please everybody. If a plan could be adopted that would cause all the craft to recognize and perform their several duties of charity, it doubtless would be a very good thing,—yea, a *very* good thing."

A special communication was held to dedicate the new Lodge Room, June 19, in the afternoon.

From the Grand Master's address we take the following :—

"Brethren, the services we here perform are not unmeaning rites, nor the amusing pageants of an idle hour—their importance is often lightly esteemed, and soon too often forgotten. Permit me, then, to point out and impress upon your minds some of the ennobling sentiments these ceremonies are so well calculated to convey. This hall, designed and built by wisdom, supported by strength and adorned in beauty, we are first to consecrate in the name of the great Jehovah—who teaches us, in all our works, begun and finished, to acknowledge, adore, and magnify Him. It reminds us, also, in His fear to enter the door of the Lodge, to put our trust in Him while passing its trials, and as we walk through the dark valley and shadow of death, to hope in Him for the reward of our labors.

"Let, then, that altar be devoted to His service, and these rooms resound with His praises. May that eye which seeth in secret, here witness that sincere and brotherly love and disinterestedness which withdraws from the engagements of the world to silence and privacy, that it may be exercised with less interruption and less ostentation. Our marches around the Lodge remind us of the travels of human life, in which Masonry shines out as a beacon light, luring us into safe and pleasant paths. Its tessellated pavement of masonic work intimates to us the chequered diversity and uncertainty of human affairs, in which, says one, our step is time, our progression eternity. Following, then, our ancient constitutions with mystic rites and solemn ceremonies, we are to dedicate this hall to Freemasonry, which it is not for me here to specially eulogize. It is our pride that we have our

names on its records; may it be our high ambition that they should shed a lustre on the immortal page. The true Mason labors for the benefit of those who are to come after him. All men who desire to live desire to survive their funerals, and to live afterwards in the good that they have done mankind, rather than in the fading characters written in men's memories."

Lodges, 69; Members, 2989.

M. W. G. W. Lininger, Grand Master, Omaha.

R. W. W. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, Omaha.

### NEVADA—1877.

This Grand Lodge held its Thirteenth Annual Communication in the City of Virginia, June 12, 1877. M. W. Bro. George Robinson, Grand Master, presiding.

Seventeen subordinate Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master's address, we are pleased to notice, is quite free from unnecessary tinsel.

The following gem, however, is well worthy of a place in our humble review :—

"Masonry not only claims for itself, but common consent concedes to it the highest place among all societies of mere human invention. Laden with the hoary years of antiquity, yet vigorous and strong as with the sinews of youth, it has ever merited and received the divine approbation of Heaven."

The G. Master congratulates the Craft in Nevada, upon the prosperous condition of the Lodges in a material as well as a moral sense; he deplores, as all do, the great loss sustained by American Masonry in the death of George Frank Gouley, of Missouri.

The only decision recorded is, in our judgment, rather extraordinary, because we were not aware that any Grand Master ever included in the category of his prerogatives the right to interfere with the result of the ballot box.

We quote the decision referred to :—

"On the 29th of November, 1876, I granted a special dispensation to *Silver Star* Lodge, No. 5, to re-ballot upon the petition of two candidates who had been rejected. Reasons which seemed to me good and satisfactory were given by the Lodge for asking such dispensation. This is the only instance,

I am happy to say, in which I have been called upon to exercise the prerogative, and in this instance I should not have complied unless thoroughly satisfied that it was for the benefit of the Lodge for me to do so."

Bro. R. H. Taylor for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents an excellent review of the Proceedings of 35 Grand Lodges, covering about 75 pages of closely printed matter.

Grand Master Laurie's views and decision on the dimit question are quoted approvingly.

In his conclusion he says :—

"The Masonic questions most discussed (reference to which may be found throughout our report) have been—1st, *The right of dimit*. It seems to be the opinion of a majority that a brother clear upon the books of his Lodge, and against whom there are no charges, has the *absolute* right to be dimitted. This opinion accords with our constitutional provision upon the subject. 2d, *Diplomas*. Is it, or not, Masonic to require a visiting brother to present a diploma? Opinions are divided; ours is that the best diploma a brother can possess is a correct knowledge of the *essentials* in the work and ritual of Freemasonry. Meantime, however, inasmuch as the regulations of a number of Grand Lodges require the production of a diploma, brothers in this jurisdiction contemplating a visit to any other jurisdiction should obtain a Grand Lodge diploma from our Grand Secretary."

M. P. Freeman, Grand Master.

S. W. Chubbuck, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK—1877.

The Tenth Annual Communication was held in St. John, 26th and 27th September, A. D., 1877. And there was a Special Communication, Nov. 17th, in the previous year.

M. W. Grand Master, R. T. Clinch, presided at both. The occasion of the Communication in Nov. 1876, was the death of the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful W. Henry A. Keans, a native of New Ross, Nova Scotia.

We quote in full the Grand Master's address on this occasion, and the report of the Committee thereon :

"MY BROTHERS,—In the short interval that has elapsed since we assembled in grand lodge, we have been forcibly reminded of the uncertainty of



human life. The solemn notes that betoken the dissolution of this earthly tabernacle have again sounded their awful warning, and another spirit has been summoned to the land where our fathers have gone before us.

"Our honored and distinguished brother, the Right Worshipful William H. A. Keans, elected at the last annual communication to the high office of Deputy Grand Master, has passed from labor in the terrestrial lodge, and entered into rest.

"The masonic record of our eminent brother is inseparably connected with the history of our ancient craft in this jurisdiction. From his early manhood, an active member of the fraternity, he was soon advanced to the responsible position of master of the lodge, ruling with firmness and courtesy. In the Provincial and District Grand Lodge under England, he held, during many successive years, responsible positions. At the organization of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick he took an active part, giving to the convention of lodges the benefit of his matured judgment, conservative sagacity, and great masonic experience. Chosen as the first Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, he was annually re-elected by acclamation, and continued in that important office until the last annual communication, when he was unanimously advanced to the distinguished position of Deputy Grand Master.

"I need not recall to your memories the thoughtful, earnest words with which, in grand lodge at the time of installation, on the 28th of September last, he acknowledged the honor conferred on him by his brethren. While then referring to his failing health, he assured the craft that during so long as it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to prolong his life, his best services would be as ever, devoted to the fraternity. These were his last words among us. Within two days thereafter he closed a long, active and distinguished masonic life, and full of years and honors, passed to his place in the 'temple not made with hands.'

"My brothers, we mourn his loss from our councils. We cherish his memory in our hearts. His example lives for our imitation.

"I have summoned this special communication of grand lodge that suitable record may be made in memory of our deceased brother, and that the vacancy, which we mourn, in the office of Deputy Grand Master, may be supplied as provided by our Constitution."

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

"The Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. the Grand Master at this special communication of grand lodge, feel sensibly the loss sustained by the craft in the lamented death of R. W. Brother William H. A. Keans, and cordially concur in the just and eloquent tribute paid by the Grand Master to the memory of one who was alike eminent as a mason and beloved in social life.

"Your committee submit, for the consideration of grand lodge, the following resolutions:



"Resolved, That this grand lodge receives with deep and sincere sorrow the announcement of the death of Right Worshipful Brother William H. A. Keans, Deputy Grand Master.

"And further

"Resolved, That in the death of R. W. Brother Keans the craft in this jurisdiction mourns the loss of a distinguished member of the fraternity, who, during a long life of zealous and active masonic service by precept and example, ever maintained and exhibited the tenets of his masonic profession, and as a citizen discharged the varied duties of responsible public positions with acknowledged integrity, ability and zeal.

"And further

"Resolved, That a suitable memorial page be published with the proceedings of grand lodge, in affectionate remembrance of our deceased brother.

"And further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted under the seal of grand lodge, as an expression of respectful sympathy with the widow and family of our beloved brother in their sad bereavement."

Our brethren suffered most severely in the great fire in St. John—and were possessed of our most sincere and heartfelt sympathies—the facts are best narrated by the Grand Master himself:

"BROTHERS,—We assemble at the tenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick with sorrowful hearts in the presence of the great calamity that has recently visited our city. Last year we rejoiced with thankfulness as we acknowledged the goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe in the prosperity with which we were surrounded. To-day we bow our heads in submission to the Divine Will under the storm that has swept over us.

"On the twentieth day of June last, the scourge of fire laid in ashes three-fourths of our city, and we stood appalled at the greatness of the disaster which, for a time, seemed to overwhelm every hope. But the very magnitude of the calamity gave the first incentive to exertion, as from all directions were borne in upon us help for the present and encouragement for the future. Our deep distress awoke the kindest sympathy, and former rivalries were forgotten and sectional differences disappeared as from every part of the Dominion, from sister provinces, from the United States, and from the mother country, substantial help and cordial sympathy awoke us to effort, and the few months that have elapsed witness exertion happily made to restore our trade and rebuild our desolated homes.

"In this great distress our beloved fraternity had its full share, the city lodges having, with their place of meeting, lost all their regalia and masonic property. Through the forethought of the V. W. the Grand Secretary, the regalia of grand lodge was saved from destruction, but the valuable library and other property of grand lodge were destroyed. Among the individual sufferers, in a few hours rendered homeless and destitute, were many members of the fraternity. A General Masonic Board of Relief was immediately organized; liberal contributions were received from sister grand lodges and

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other masonic bodies, and from sympathizing brethren, and thus we were enabled to afford some present assistance to those most in need of help. The full particulars of this organization and of the various contributions will be laid before you, and grand lodge will make suitable record of the generous assistance and fraternal sympathy which in this time of our deep distress have gladdened our hearts and enabled us to afford substantial relief to our suffering brethren.

"In accordance with resolution of grand lodge the subject of the fund of benevolence was brought under the consideration of the craft in this jurisdiction by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, whose report thereon will be laid before you. I refer to this subject especially to bring to the notice of grand lodge, that soon after the last annual meeting I received a communication from V. W. the Rev. Francis Partridge, Grand Chaplain, suggesting that a special service for public worship should be held on the Festival of Saint John the Evangelist, at which he kindly offered to address the Fraternity, a collection being made in aid of the fund. To this suggestion I cordially and thankfully assented.

"By the courteous permission of the Rev. Canon DeVeber, rector, Saint Paul's Church, Portland, was opened to the fraternity, and a choral service of public worship held on the evening of the festival. The craft assembled in large numbers with masonic regalia, and an eloquent and instructive sermon was preached by the V. W. the Grand Chaplain."

Amongst the property destroyed in the Grand Secretary's office were :

"The unbound printed proceedings of sister Grand Lodges, etc.; the records, registers, and other books, together with the files of papers, etc., of the late Provincial Grand Lodge under England; the records of the late Brunswick Lodge of the Town of Moncton; the records of an old lodge which, in by-gone years, was held at Maugerville; and many other articles (some of them old, curious and valuable) which it is impossible to enumerate.

"The loss of Grand Lodge property in the Masonic Hall was the following:—

"Portrait (in oil) of the late R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, Past Grand Master; portrait (autotype) of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England; photograph of members of the Grand Lodge of Canada; photograph of members of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland; engraving of the installation of the present Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England; engraving of the reception of the Prince of Wales into the Grand Conclave of Knight Templars of England."

Lodges 33. Members, 2,236.

M. W. Grand Master, Robert T. Clinch, St. John, N. B.

R. W. Grand Secretary, William F. Bunting, St. John, N. B.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE—1877.

The report of this Grand Lodge is contained in a neat Pamphlet of 169 pages.

A semi-annual communication is recorded as having been held in Manchester on 27th December, 1876, at which nothing appears to have transpired except the conferring of the Entered Apprentice, and Master Mason's Degrees under the warrant of LaFayette Lodge, and the Fellow Craft Degree under the Washington Lodge warrant, together with the passing of a resolution, accepting an invitation to attend a Banquet at the close of the meeting.

We observe that on the occasion the Grand Lodge was opened and closed three times during the day; this to our mind does not appear to be the custom of Grand Lodges in general of the present day; we are of the opinion that when a Lodge is once closed it stands closed until the next regular communication provided by the Constitution and By-Laws; all other communications are considered emergencies; we may however be in error; perhaps Brother Bennett will throw some light upon the subject in his next Annual Report.

The Annual Communication was held at Masonic Hall in Concord, on May 16th, 1877.

M. W. Bro. Grand Master Bell—Presiding.

The Grand Master in his address congratulates the Lodge on the general peace and harmony which have prevailed throughout their jurisdiction. He says he has been called upon many times during the year to give advice and render decisions, seven only of which he considers of sufficient importance to be recorded. We quote as follows, thinking they may be of interest in our Jurisdiction:

"II. Masons should appear in public *as such*, for the performance of some Masonic work and for no other purpose.

"IV. The general principle is that Lodge membership is voluntary; and a brother clear on the books and free from charges has a right to withdraw from membership at his pleasure. He is not however entitled to the certificate of character and the recommendation to other Lodges, which usually form a part of the certificate called a dimit. These the Lodge may grant or refuse at his pleasure. Nor would his dimission free him from the Lodge jurisdiction over him for purposes of discipline.

"VII. Lodges *never* adjourn. A Lodge may be called from labor to refreshment to be called to labor again thereafter, but in such case the

Master should not permit the brethren to separate and go home and again re-assemble. If the business of the Lodge is not finished and it is time for the brethren to separate, the Master may close his Lodge till a given time, then to be re-opened and the business finished, and for some purposes that will be a continuation of the same meeting but not necessarily for all."

The 7th decision is new Law to us, but we refrain making any remarks upon it; we wait Brother Bennett's next report, when we trust the matter will be made clear.

Brother Joseph E. Bennett presents a very interesting report on Foreign correspondence covering 100 pages, reviewing the proceedings of 41 Grand Lodges.

Total number of Lodges—75 including 2 under dispensation.

Total number of members—7647.

Balance of Cash in the hands of Treasurer (after the disbursements of the year) \$1179.92.

M. W. Bro. John J. Bell—re-elected Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John A. Harris—re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### NEW JERSEY—1878.

The representative of New Jersey near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia presents, through the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the following imperfect review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge he has the honor to represent.

The Ninety-first Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Jersey, was held in the City of Trenton, January 16th and 17th, 1878, M. W. Marshall B. Smith, Grand Master presiding.

We notice, with satisfaction, a very creditable attendance of Grand Officers—the Grand Sword Bearer being the only one absent.

In addition to the above, there were present many Past Grand Officers, thirty brethren representing other Grand Lodges, one hundred and eleven Past Masters, and Representatives from 140 of the 148 Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction.

From the published Proceedings it is quite evident that the holding of office in New Jersey is something more than a mere "titular

appointment," for we have, in addition to the address of Grand Master Smith, reports from the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Instructor—a title, by the way, much more appropriate than Grand Lecturer, the latter being so frequently a misnomer—Grand German Visitor and District Deputy G. Masters.

The Grand Master opens an eloquent and at the same time a very business-like address, as follows :—

"Another year has passed away with its opportunities and privileges, its light and shade, its joys and sorrows. It has carried with it the record of work completed, or of work unfinished, and has given place to another year, the history of which is yet unwritten. Our experiences have varied since last we met together, but as we assemble to-day in the ninety-first Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, we can and should unite together in giving thanks to the Giver of all good gifts for unnumbered blessings and mercies.

"We have been reminded during the year that from the earthly chain of Brotherhood the links may fall as the hand of God touches them. Some of the members of this Grand Lodge have been called to stand face to face with those eternal verities which we can only see 'as through a glass, darkly.'

He has refused to grant dispensations to make masons of persons who have marked physical defects, and very properly says in reference thereto :—

"The Masonic Institution is not a hospital for the reception of persons, however excellent their character, who are not 'hale and sound at the time of the making,' and I know of no authority, not even that of a Grand Lodge, which should induce any Grand Master to violate one of the most ancient and most settled of all our Landmarks."

From the G. Master's decisions we select the following :—

"19. The Trustees of a Lodge may be incorporated, and thus exclude from courts of law all matters except of finance; but the incorporation of Lodges makes them practically independent of this Grand Lodge, and is un-masonic, and hereby prohibited.

"20. The Tyler of a Lodge should be appointed by the Worshipful Master, not elected by the Lodge. He is not necessarily a member of the Lodge; an *elective* officer must be a member."

We have always been of opinion that the election of a brother (not a member of the Lodge so electing) to the office of Tyler, was altogether *ultra vires*.



On the subject of the Incorporation of Lodges, a practice strongly condemned by many thoughtful brethren here as well as in New Jersey, the Grand Master says :—

"One of the Decisions I have reported, (No. 19,) is based on the action of this Grand Lodge at its eightieth Annual Communication, in 1867, on which occasion it emphatically condemned the practice of Lodges obtaining charters from the civil authority, while it approved of the incorporation of Lodge Trustees. (*Proceedings of 1868, page 235.*) This subject has been brought into view by the difficulties with which one of the Lodges of this jurisdiction is now surrounded in consequence of its being a corporation in the eyes of the civil law.

"The clear and able opinion of that sound Masonic jurist, M. W. William Silas Whitehead, on this subject, as set forth in his address as Grand Master, to this Grand Lodge in 1867, so fully covered the ground, and was so emphatically endorsed by the Grand Lodge, that it should be read by all who desire light on this question. For the benefit of those who may not have access to the proceedings of 1867, I make the following extracts therefrom :

"I have lately given this subject some examination, and the conclusion to which I have arrived is, that the incorporation of Masonic bodies is subversive of the true principles of Masonic government, and inimical to the prosperity and perpetuity of the institution.

"It sweeps away the appellate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master, and subordinates the Masonic to the civil authorities upon questions strictly Masonic.

"If it should become necessary, for the purpose of holding the title of real estate or investing money, that an incorporated company should be created, I would recommend that, in all cases, some association outside and independent of the Lodge should be chartered. In such cases, while courts would have control over the body which might be chartered, they would have no control over or right of interference with the affairs of the Lodge."

The G. Master pays a fitting and affectionate tribute of respect to the memory of departed brethren, "honored and beloved," not only of his own, but of other jurisdictions, special reference being made to the sudden and terrible death of Brother George Frank Gouley, of Missouri.

Poor Gouley ! in the universal lamentation evoked by his death, one cannot help recalling the words of Tacitus :

"Flebunt Germanicum etiam ignoti : \* \* \* \* \* extinguitur ingenti luctu provincie, et circumjacentium populorum. Indolere exteræ nationes regesque."



The Senior Grand Warden refers in terms of commendation to the "efforts made to render Lodge communications interesting and attractive by means of lectures, historical reminiscences, or other exercises of a like character," in instances where work was not to be had.

We congratulate the Grand Treasurer on his pleasant total of \$14,740.89 to the credit of G. Lodge.

The Grand Secretary reports the investment account the same as last year. The minutes of the last Annual Communication had been distributed as usual, "together with copies of the Constitution, &c., &c., &c." Has it ever occurred to Bro. Hough, that other Grand Lodges would like to read the Constitution, By-laws, Rules of Order, &c., &c., of New Jersey? Why not publish these with the Proceedings?

The Grand Instructor (an officer we presume appointed by the G. Master, as his name does not appear in the list of elective officers) thinks that the frequent changes in the officers of Lodges prove a source of difficulty in maintaining the correctness of the Ritual. He calls the Grand Master's attention to the grammatical errors that still exist in the work, and thinks that an amendment of this evil among others, without producing any structural change, would add materially to its purity and strength.

Decidedly so, Brother Grand Instructor; unauthorized changes, grammatical inaccuracies and arrant absurdities are doing their fatal work in this age of intelligence and mental culture. How repugnant to common sense it is, for instance, to hear a comparison instituted between the *close* of the day caused by the setting sun and the *opening* of a Lodge.

The Grand German Visitor reports the greatest willingness on the part of Lodges working in the German language, to hear and receive instruction.

The Committee on Jurisprudence to whom had been referred the matter of "suspension for non-payment of dues," close their report as follows:

"It must be admitted that in the 17th General Regulation, authorizing suspension for non-payment of dues, the Grand Lodge has exhibited a kindly consideration for those in arrears by directing the subordinate Lodges to

give each delinquent three months' notice, thus affording ample opportunity to pay if so disposed, or to offer such excuse as they may have to give before proceedings are taken to suspend; so that, far from being a mere concern of money, the neglect to pay or otherwise satisfy the Lodge becomes contempt of its authority, and a serious Masonic offense, and the offenders cannot complain if they are compelled to undergo the ordeal prescribed in the 20th General Regulation in order to regain their membership.

"Your committee, after full consideration, do not feel at liberty to recommend any change in the existing rules relative to non-payment of dues."

The Grand Lodges of Cuba and New Mexico were recognized.

New Jersey is divided into seven Masonic Districts, and the concise, yet *multum in parvo* reports of the District Deputies cover only ten pages of the proceedings.

The report on Foreign Correspondence by Bro. James A. Norton, presents a most readable review of the proceedings of about fifty Grand Lodges—ours included.

On that troublesome question, a member's right "to object," after a favorable ballot, Bro. Norton argues convincingly, to our mind at least. The Grand Master of New Jersey, had decided as follows:—

"After a candidate had been elected, if objections are made to his initiation, the initiation should be stayed, and a *committee of investigation appointed*. After the report of the committee, the Lodge may decide the question of initiation by a majority vote."

Bro. W. H. Hill, of California, dissents from the decision, as follows:—

"This is not in accordance with our practice, nor do we believe it to be good masonic law. We hold that the single objection of a brother is as absolute as a black ball at the election."

Whereupon Bro. Norton ably defends the decision of his chief.

There is much in your excellent review Bro. Norton, that we would like to copy, but want of space forbids.

M. W. Grand Master, Marshall B. Smith, Passaic.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Joseph H. Hough, Trenton.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN CURREN,  
Representative G. L. of New Jersey.

**NEW MEXICO—1877.**

In pursuance of a previous call to the several lodges in the Territory to join in convention for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge of Masons, delegations met at Santa Fé from three several lodges and proceeded in regular order to organize.

M. W. William W. Griffin was elected Grand Master, and R. W. David J. Miller, was elected Grand Secretary.

All the necessary steps seem to have been taken to render legitimate the formation of this Grand Lodge. The work seems to have been carefully and methodically planned and carried out, and the Constitution and By-Laws included in the proceedings are in accord with the laws which govern Masonic usage and polity. We have therefore much pleasure in recommending it to the favourable recognition of this Grand Lodge, and wish it a long career of prosperity and usefulness.

Annual Communication to be held on the first Monday in January, 1879.

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**NEW YORK—1877.**

The Ninety-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was held in the city of New York, June 5th, 1877.

Present—M. W. James W. Husted, and representatives from 667 lodges. Total number of lodges 718; membership 81,296; Lodge dues \$92,196.50

The Grand Master's address is brief, dealing almost exclusively with local matters. He had submitted to him a large number of questions for consideration, the great proportion of which were too simple to be noted for the approval of the Grand Lodge. And on this subject he takes occasion to impress upon the Masters of Lodges the absolute necessity of familiarizing themselves with the masonic law of the jurisdiction.

The same story is repeated in almost every other jurisdiction, and with each succeeding year come from all quarters to us the old questions without number, as if they were new and original propositions, and which as Grand Master Husted very wisely says, a reading of the

constitution and statutes, with which every Master should make himself thoroughly acquainted, would have settled in a moment. The "Foreign Relations" are for the most part of a cordial and fraternal character, the only sources of trouble being the chronic invasion of their rights by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and the present unfortunate attitude of the Grand Orient of France. At home, matters are scarcely so peaceful, and the Grand Master records with regret "an event which has brought sadness and sorrow to many a masonic heart." The debt incurred by the building of their magnificent temple, had to be met in some extraordinary way, to prevent it falling into the hands of the money changers, and to meet this, a resolution was passed making it compulsory on every lodge to assess each of its members annually 50 cents to be appropriated to this purpose. A number of brethren objected to this increased tax, and illegally called a convention to meet at Rochester to consider the question of *financial reform*, which the Grand Master, by his District Deputy, attended and forbade. He denounces all the proceedings as unwarranted and deserving the stern condemnation of the Masonic Fraternity of the State of New York. The original resolution was maintained by an overwhelmingly large vote, and the action of the Grand Master sustained.

Presentations were made to the Grand Lodge, of life-sized busts of P. G. M. Ellwood E. Thorne and John W. Simons, the latter being the author of the ablest and most complete reports on Foreign correspondence which annually reach us, and whose report on "Foreign Grand Lodges" is very extensively copied.

The report for 1877, covering 110 pages, is a cleverly prepared digest of the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Bodies, including an ample and courteous notice of Nova Scotia. Exception is taken to the ruling of our Grand Lodge, that when the Master of a Lodge refuses admittance to a visiting brother, he shall furnish said brother with his reasons for such refusal. On this subject, the Committee say :

"This seems to us to be a mistake, in so far as the right is given to a visiting brother to call the Master of a Lodge to which the visitor does not belong to account for his actions, or in other words to give a reason for refusing to admit a stranger—even through a brother—to his Lodge. The Master is lawfully set to rule the Craft, and in the discharge of his duties is

of necessity the judge of the propriety of admitting or refusing to admit a visitor. His reasons are in his own best discretion, and we deny the right of the Grand Lodge itself, let alone a visiting brother, to inquire into them."

M. W. Joseph J. Couch was elected Grand Master.

R. W. James W. Austin, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### NORTH CAROLINA—1877.

The ninety-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was begun at its Hall, in the City of Raleigh, Dec. 4th, A. D., 1877, and closed Dec. 6th, after transacting considerable important business.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence furnishes a very brief report with a list of the Grand Lodges with which the Grand Lodge of North Carolina is in correspondence. The list contains the names of fifty-two Grand Lodges, including that of Nova Scotia.

The address of M. W. Grand Master, H. H. Munson, is an eloquent production and reads well. He regrets that he was unable to visit all the Lodges and become conversant personally with their working, but he is convinced that prosperity is increasing, harmony generally prevails and the future presents pleasing prospects. The Grand Master forcibly urged upon the attention of the Grand Lodge the desirability of procuring the services of District Deputy Grand Masters—a system which at one time prevailed in North Carolina, but which was broken up by the war. Although this plan has been strongly recommended it was not again adopted. The committee to whom was submitted the recommendation of the Grand Master, recommended the establishment of twenty-five masonic districts, each with a D. D. G. M., to be appointed by the Grand Master. We regret to notice that the recommendation was not adopted, and we would be interested to learn by what arguments the proposition was defeated.

North Carolina masonry rejoices in a fine Orphan Asylum property of one hundred and nine acres, beautifully situated. "The building is of brick, four stories high, of Romanesque style of architecture, the whole with its spires, domes, &c., &c., presenting to the beholder a model of wisdom, strength and beauty." The description



given by the Grand Master quite enchants the reader, and he will understand with what emotions of pride and affection the good brethren of North Carolina look upon this splendid monument of their love and charity.

The Grand Master's decisions, while numerous and just, are not of sufficient general importance to quote.

The address justly reprobates an innovation sought to be incorporated in the masonic creed by a branch of masonry in France: At a convention of masons in France the principle of the existence of a God and of the immortality of the soul was declared by a large majority not an essential land mark. The indignant and eloquent protest of Grand Master Munson finds an echo in all our hearts,—“Remove this foundation stone (the belief in God and immortality) and there will be none so poor as to reverence masonry. With one heart and voice let Masonic America respond to this insulting proposition of misguided France, or let the fraternal chain be broken which links us together.”

Lodges at work, 237. Membership, 11,710.

Grand Master, H. H. Munson. Grand Secretary, D. W. Bain.

#### OHIO—1877.

The M. W. Grand Master Bro. Charles A. Woodward, with representatives of two hundred Chartered Lodges met in the city of Columbus, October 16th, 1877, this being the day fixed for the stated meetings of the Grand Lodge.

The address of the Grand Master is brief and relates to local matters exclusively. Among a few decisions reported we find the following:

“1st—A lodge cannot confer the distinction of honorary membership upon one of its own members.

“6th—A lodge having been regularly opened in stated communication at the time specified in its By-laws, and then regularly closed, cannot be reopened for the transaction of business, and any business transacted under such circumstances is illegal and void.”

The “color question” came up again in two or three different shades, but the Grand Lodge refused to recede in any particular



from their previous strongly expressed convictions, and Bro. Caldwell has come to the conclusion that no resolution looking to the recognition of a Colored Grand Lodge in the State can prevail. Nevertheless he continues to hammer away, in his report on Foreign Communications, on the subject, and in a "possible interview of a colored man, applying to be admitted as a Visitor in a Masonic Lodge in Ohio," makes some very strong points in his favour. The report is unique in its way, and somewhat out of the usual order of such communications. The writer says—

"It is not the transitory recital from the proceedings of Grand Lodges only, but from historical recitals and precedents that we get best informed on the scope and merit of Masonry,"

and so his writings take an antiquarian turn, and we are presented with "sentiments, selections and oddities" from the history of the different Grand Bodies, all of which goes to make up a very readable report, although necessarily somewhat jerky and disconnected.

A report from the Grand Secretary on the subject of "caring for sick sojourning masons—funeral expenses and comity of Lodges" furnishes the responses of a large number of subordinate lodges, to blank circulars, asking the following questions :

"*Ques. First.* Is it the custom of your lodge to go to extra expense in caring for the sick or burial of the dead (of sojourning Masons) without the expectation of reimbursement from their lodges at home ?

"*Ques. Second.* Is it the custom of your lodge to report (if possible) a case of sickness or death of a stranger, and ask instructions as to expense to be incurred ?

"*Ques. Third.* If no reimbursement is asked or expected by your lodge do you expect to pay such bills when presented by other jurisdictions for your absent members ?"

The action of the Grand Lodge is embodied in a resolution adopted 1867 :

"That the burial of a deceased Brother is an exercise of Masonic charity, and gives the lodge dispensing such charity no claim against the lodge, of which such deceased Brother was a member. The exercise of charity and brotherly kindness is a duty incumbent on all Masons, and toward every worthy member of the fraternity, and cannot be made the foundation of a pecuniary demand."

The writer's own views we gather from an apt quotation from Sir Walter Scott, with which he commences his report:

"The race of mankind would perish, did they cease to aid each other. From the time that the mother binds the child's head till the moment that some kind assistant wipes the damp from the brow of the dying, we cannot exist without mutual aid. All, therefore, that need aid, have a right to ask it from their fellow-mortals; none, who hold the power of granting aid, can refuse it without guilt."

M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Cunningham, Newark, was elected Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati, re-elected Grand Sec'y.  
Total membership 29,296.

#### OREGON—1877.

On partially tinted paper, of 292 pages, come the "Proceedings" of this Grand Lodge.

The 27th Annual Communication was held at Portland, June 11th, 12th and 13th, A. L., 5877. M. W. J. H. Kunzie, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master's Address is an able production, and full of true masonic feeling and teaching. On masonry itself he says:

"It matters little to us whether the rites of Masonry can be traced to Patriarchal times, to the exploded mysteries of Paganism, the temple builders of King Solomon, or, as some suppose, merely to the artificers of the Middle Ages. It is with the morality of Masonry, not with its literary curiosities, but with the utility of it, that we have essentially to do. It professes to be founded on the two sublime and simple precepts, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and thy neighbor as thyself.'

"Masonry may be older or newer—we know not and probably never shall know when or where it originated, or how; but these were the rules prescribed by the All-Wise and All-Merciful for the rational creatures of His hands, before the foundations of all the world were laid. Throughout all the globe we inhabit—throughout the vast immensity of creation, obedience to these commands constitute the moral happiness of rational beings. Living faith and active benevolence are the real foundations of Freemasonry. Masters and Wardens of Lodges, keep that fact in view of your brethren; your words and style may be rude and unpolished, but if your heart be in them they will awaken admiration and sympathy. It is generally supposed by those who do not object to Masonry as a positive evil, that it is at least a

harmless, charitable association; but, in truth, the real spirit of Masonry is not confined to the relief of a brother's physical wants, or the preservation of his life when in peril—of which we have all heard many interesting instances—such occasions seldom occur, but every day affords opportunity to promote our brother's temporal good by lawful and honorable means; to help him by enabling him to help himself; to extend our sympathy to his troubles and our charity to his failings and imperfections; to make peace between friends; to warn one of his danger, another of his errors; to be patient, tolerant and forgiving toward all."

On Lodge work Bro. Kunzie quotes with good effect the words of our late lamented Brother, G. F. Gouley, who met his death at the burning of the "Southern Hotel" at St. Louis:

"The degrees themselves are simple and plain enough, even when done with all the machinery necessary to make them impressive and beautiful. But when we come to see them done by workmen who do not know or feel what they are talking about, cutting the work short as possible, and doing what is done in a miserably slipshod style, when even the most ordinary machinery of the Lodge is dispensed with and the work is done by officers who do not know whether Hiram fell from a derrick and was killed, or whether he died of Bright's disease, and then, too, upon a candidate who thinks the whole performance such a good joke that he must 'tell' all his friends 'a la' sons of Malta, is it any wonder that such Masons, so-called, never think of looking beneath the service of our truly beautiful symbolism for those grand principles of thought which underlie the foundations of intelligent and refined society, governed by the lessons of a pure and exalted education? We have not too many Masons in the true definition of that term; but we have too many members of so-called Masonic Lodges, and are daily making too many of them, and it would do the Craft at large a world of good, if there was a general weeding out of Lodges, which not only scarcely know the work, but are absolutely ignorant of the divine philosophy, of the principles of truth, justice, charity, intelligence and immortality taught in our degrees."

On colored Masonry, the Foreign Correspondence Committee do not understand the words of our Nova Scotia Foreign Correspondence Committee:

"Suffice it to say, that the Masonic sentiment of the continent is in favor of Universal Masonry, and that the idea of a white man's Masonry and a colored man's Masonry, as distinct institutions, is as repugnant as it is invidious."

They say:

"We do not understand the meaning of this language. In our opinion it has no application to the question. It is not the *color* of the Masonry in the

abstract that is being debated. Every Mason stands on his own level, giving and demanding lawful information whenever required. In Ohio it is a question of Grand Lodge recognition. Can there exist legally two Masonic Grand Bodies in the same Jurisdiction? This is the American question. Suppose there were a Negro Grand Lodge in Nova Scotia; would this Grand Lodge recognize it as legal? It rejects recognition of Ontario because it is within the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, and Ontario is of white man's Masonry at that."

We answer, certainly not. But it is legal to have, as we have (in Halifax), a Negro Subordinate Lodge, and to admit its officers on equal terms with all other nationalities into the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Could not Oregon solve their difficulty thus?

At the installation of officers the Grand Orator, R. W. Bro J. N. Dolph, most eloquently addressed the Lodge. We can only find space for one short passage, but would like to reprint the address entire:

"The proposition of the Atheists and Materialists to strike out of the French Constitution the clause which declares that 'Freemasonry is based upon the existence of God and the immortality of the Soul,' is portentous with danger to our ancient Order. Whenever from its foundation these principles are wrested, the total demolition of the structure is not far distant. It is sincerely to be hoped that such a departure from the Ancient Landmarks of the Institution, if made, will at once sever French Masonry from the great Masonic fraternity."

Lodges, 68. Members, 2384.

M. W. Robert Clow, Grand Master, Dallas.

R. W. R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary, Portland.

#### PENNSYLVANIA—1877.

The abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at its Quarterly and Annual Communication in 1877, is, as usual, an interesting and business-like report, presenting few points of great importance to outsiders. The Annual Communication was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, 1877, M. W. Robert Clark, Grand Master, presiding. Bro. Clark's closing and M. W. Jas. Madison Porter's inaugural address are both given.

The annual report of the Committee on Correspondence, reviews,

with great brevity, the proceedings of forty-four Grand Lodges. Unfortunately the proceedings of the G. L. of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Canada do not seem to have reached the committee, and we are unnoticed in this review. The observations of the committee prefatory to the reviews themselves, are forcible and just, and we coincide in the views therein expressed.

Grand Officers,—R. W. J. M. Porter, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John Thompson, Grand Secretary.

Bro. Richard Vaux, P. G. M., Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

No. of Lodges, 546 ; No. of members, 38,236.

Receipts for year, \$141,859.65 ; Payments, \$137,977.42.

G. L. Charity Fund and Girard Fund, \$129,238.64.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—1878.

The proceedings before us comprise an account of three Quarterly Communications held in different parts of the Island, and the Annual held at Charlottetown, February 20, 1878.

The business transacted at the quarterlies was of a purely local character and possessing no interest for masons outside of the Island.

The Grand Master in his annual address treats mainly of local matters.

He refers to the St. John fire ; the death of Geo. Frank Gouley ; the opening of Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, an invitation to which he was reluctantly compelled to decline ; to his election as G. Master for the third time, and closes as follows :

"Brethren we are members of an Institution, to say the least, dating back many centuries, of which we may well be proud. Let us go forward and work out the sublime principles laid down on our Trestle board, and with the blessing of the G. A. O. T. U. our lodges will prosper in this jurisdiction."

Bro. Higgs, their excellent Grand Secretary, states that 34 Grand Lodges have extended cordial recognition to Prince Edward Island. We understand from the best authority, although not from the Proceedings, that our mother Grand Lodges, England and Scotland, have not yet moved in this matter. Recognition however from both of these



Powers can not, in all reason, be much longer delayed; in the meantime our insular friends must exercise all commendable patience.

Grand Lodge has decided to hold two regular communications per annum: A Semi-annual in December and the Annual in June.

No. of Lodges, 11; Master Masons, 566.

Hon. John Yeo, re-elected Grand Master.

B. Wilson Higgs, re-elected Grand Secretary.

### QUEBEC—1877.

The Eighth Annual Communication was held on 26th and 27th September, 1877, in the City of Montreal.

M. W. James Dunbar, Grand Master.

R. W. John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary.

52 regular Lodges and 3 Lodges under dispensation represented.

The Grand Master presented a short business-like address. He reports the granting of dispensations for three new Lodges; recommends the adoption of Committee on Foreign Correspondence; and closes by thanking the Grand Lodge for the honor they have conferred upon him by continuing him two years as Grand Master, and three years as Deputy Grand Master.

The District Deputy Grand Masters present very satisfactory reports showing the commendable desire on their part to perform the duties assigned them to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge; and under their direction, harmony prevails to an eminent degree in the Lodges.

A short address was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. H. Nye.

The Board of General Purposes report the sum of \$1,085.20 in the hands of the Grand Treasurer to the Credit of the General Fund; and that the sum of \$4,068.06 has been invested to the credit of the benevolent fund.

The Grand Master presented Past Grand Master, R. W. Brother.



John H. Graham, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, with a Silver Tea Service, procured from England, in recognition of the very valuable services rendered by him to the Craft in the Province.

M. W. Brother, M. M. Tate, elected Grand Master.

R. W. Brother, John H. Isaacson, re-elected Grand Secretary.

### RHODE ISLAND—1877.

The 87th Annual Communication of the M. W. "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of F. & A. Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations"—assembled May 21, A. L. 5877.

M. W. Nicholas Van Slyck, Grand Master—Presiding.

The "Proceedings" contain (besides the Report of the Annual Communication) records of an Emergent Communication for the funeral of M. W. P. G. Master Stephen A. Robinson; the report of the Semi-annual Communication on Nov. 20, A. L. 5876—of a special Communication "*in the cabin of the Steamer Canonicus at Block Island,*" Aug. 9, A. L. 5876—of a special Communication Feb. 22, A. L. 5877, "for the purpose of witnessing an exemplification of the work and lectures of the 3 degrees"—of a special Communication June 15, A. L. 5876, to constitute St. Paul's Lodge, U. D.—of a *Festival* Communication on the Festival of St. John the Baptist A. L. 5876—of a special Communication to constitute Adelphoi Lodge, No. 33, June 12, A. L. 5876, and also on May 27, A. L. 5876, another special Communication for the purpose of constituting Roger Williams Lodge No. 32,—altogether a record of great Industry on the part of the Craft in Rhode Island.

From Rhode Island there is reported a Representative near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in the person of R. W. Sandford H. Pelton, D. D. G. M.—but none near Rhode Island from Nova Scotia, although we acknowledge R. W. Thomas Vincent, of Westerly?

The Proceedings are ornamented with a steel engraving of P. G. M. Ballou, M. D., who was initiated, passed and raised in A. D. 1826, and who has received a great number of Masonic honours, culminating in the Royal and select Master's degree and the degrees of Knighthood in Woonsocket encampment.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is contained in 2 pages from which we extract the following :

" Masonry in Great Britain was never better organized or in a more flourishing condition. In England, where the defection of the Grand Master a few years since seemed to presage disaster, an unexampled prosperity attends the Craft. On the Continent of Europe, where organizations of the Scottish Rite are generally the governing Bodies, Masonry recently has made much progress, particularly in Italy and the Netherlands. In France, it is greatly to be regretted that the *Grand Orient*, the governing body of the Fraternity in that country, at its annual session in September last indicated its purpose to strike from its constitution a recognition of the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. If the Grand Orient of France shall decide to take this step, on the ground of providing for absolute liberty of conscience, it will go far to separate itself and the Masonic Fraternity of France from the respect and fellowship of the Craft in most other jurisdictions."

Lodges, 33.

Members, 4383.

M. W. G. M., Charles R. Cutler, Warren, R. I.

R. W. G. Secretary, Edwin Baker, Providence, R. I.

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA—1877.**

The Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, commenced at Charleston, Dec. 11th, 1877. There were present—M. W. Bro. Wilmot DeSaussure, Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary, Deputy G. M. Ball, most all the Grand Officers, and seven District Deputies, besides about two hundred and twenty representatives of Lodges.

The Grand Master's address opens with a suitable reference to the losses by death sustained by the Craft, not only in South Carolina, but throughout the land. Among the more distinguished dead he mourned the loss of George Frank Goul  y, of Missouri, of the venerable John Dove, Grand Secretary of Virginia, and of John Atherton Harris, Grand Secretary of New Hampshire.

The G. M. recommended that the Gran Logia de la Isla de Cuba be recognised and welcomed. The action of the Grand Orient of France in excluding from its declaration of principles a belief in the existence of God and of the immortality of the soul, was strongly

condemned as a contravention of a Masonic Landmark. A lengthy and very interesting disquisition is presented in the address as to the true historical date of the formation of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. The G. M. states that "Masonry was inaugurated in this jurisdiction in 1736. In 1754, a new organization was made of the Provincial Grand Lodge. In 1777, that Lodge declared itself the Independent Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina." The judicial decisions in this address are very few and of such a special character that quotation is here unnecessary. The report of the Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as referred to the Centennial of the Grand Lodge, after a full examination of the question as to the year in which the Centennial properly falls, concludes that 1877 is "certainly the Centennial year of the first organization of an Independent Grand Lodge in the State, and that this Grand Lodge has succeeded to the position occupied by such Grand body, and as this Grand Lodge has in 1854, celebrated the Centennial of the first Provincial Grand Lodge in the State, it seems that a fitting celebration ought to be had of the present occasion."

The report of correspondence reviews proceedings of fifty-two Grand Lodges, including that of Nova Scotia. The proceedings of the G. L. of Nova Scotia are commented on very favourably and particularly kind notice is made of our review of Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. Beaufort W. Ball, Grand Master.

R. W. Charles Inglesby, (re-elected) Grand Secretary.

Chartered Lodges, 182; Master Masons 6913; Receipts for year, \$12,675.

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#### TEXAS—1877.

The 42nd Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas was held in Houston, Dec. 13th, A. L. 5877.

M. W. Marcus F. Mott, Grand Master, presiding, who thus spoke:

"From all the information I have been able to gather I am satisfied that the moral tone of Masonry in Texas was never better than now. There has been less comparative increase of membership than at some former periods of its history, which of itself is an auspicious omen. Lodges have given more attention to the exclusion of unworthy material. The portals have been more closely guarded, and the moral qualifications of candidates more

strictly inquired into. Gambling, intemperance and kindred vices have been warred against, discipline enforced and the laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge generally observed and respected. The spirit, philosophy and teachings of the Order are being better understood and its great moral design more appreciated. Still, much remains to be done in this direction. There is yet much groping in the darkness by those who have been accustomed to consider the Ritual and Lectures as the sum and substance of Masonry—though I am happy to say that inquiry is awakening and the moral beauties and sublime truths of the Order are being daily more and more unfolded in the light of earnest investigation. When every Mason in this jurisdiction comes to understand that Masonry means something more than Lectures, attendance upon Lodge meetings, and the payment of Lodge dues—that it is something higher, nobler and better than a mere mutual aid association, a brighter future will take the place of the already bright present.”

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence says—speaking of our M. W. Grand Master’s opinion on the use to be made of Representatives :

“This is reasonable and right. Grand Representatives may be made of value if their office has duties attached to it. At present the office is of no value whatever.”

In a table attached, the Lodges throughout the world are numbered at 12,986, of which more than two-thirds are in the United States, viz.: 8,768. The Grand Lodge of Texas recommends that—

“Our correspondents and Grand Lodges have a right to bear this fact in mind, and occasionally present it to those conceited parties in France and Germany who think they cover in one case *l’Univers*, etc., and in the other the Three Globes.”

Lodges, 485. Members, 16,856.

M. W. Norton Moses, Grand Master.

R. W. Geo. H. Bringhurst, Grand Secretary.

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#### UTAH—1877.

The Grand Lodge of Utah commenced its Sixth Annual Communication in Salt Lake city on Tuesday, November 13th, 1877.

M. W. Bro. Joseph Milton Orr, Grand Master, presided, and representatives from all subordinate lodges, in number were present.

Total membership 385 ; Lodge dues \$1,195.

The Grand Master’s address is well prepared though brief. The

subordinate lodges have increased, in numbers, wealth and influence. Death has left no sting during the year, and peace, comfort and happiness have attended their homes.

A number of decisions are reported, none of which we need quote.

A Grand Lodge library of about two thousand volumes is secured in a beautiful and convenient hall, furnished in elegant style. Occasion is taken to denounce the intolerant rule of the Priesthood of the Latter-day church, whose fanatical demands have sacrificed the sacred obligation of the Craft, so that now no Latter-day Saint is or can become a member of the Order in that Jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence, from the fruitful pen of the Grand Secretary, is as usual a very interesting paper, and reviews the printed transactions of fifty-three Sister Grand Lodges, being the whole number. A resolution of Grand Lodge limiting this report to forty pages of printed matter, may account for the absence of Nova Scotia from this number.

M. W. John Shaw Scott was elected Grand Master.

R. W. Christopher Diehl re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### VERMONT—1877.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont was convened in the city of Burlington, on the 13th day of June, 1877. M. W. Henry H. Smith, Grand Master, presided, and there was present a large number of representatives.

The Grand Master's address goes fully into the work of this jurisdiction for the past year, and is an interesting paper, though devoted mainly to local matters.

Number of lodges 100 ; total membership 8396.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, who has adopted a new order of arrangement, by giving in a separate and condensed form, merely what is said of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and afterwards entering into a general review of the work.

A lengthy epitome of our Grand Lodge proceedings is given without comment.

M. M. Bro. Henry H. Smith, Grand Master, re-elected.

R. W. Brother Henry Clarke, Grand Sec'y, “



## VIRGINIA—1877.

A Grand Annual Communication of the M. W. G. L. of *Ancient York Masons* was held in Richmond, Dec. 10, A. L. 5877.

M. W. Richard Parker, Grand Master—Presiding.

From whose address we take the following on *Numbers* :

"Numbers is no fair test of the real strength of Masonry ; this should be measured rather by the beneficial influence she exerts within her own households, and through them over others yet outside of our Institution. Our daily practice of the virtues she inculcates will attract the esteem of the world around us, and worthy men, seeing our good deeds of charity and brotherly love, will seek to be united to an Order, whose constant aim it is to be of benefit to mankind.

"But we have reason to fear that it is not alone the good and worthy who will seek to be united with us. A baser material, that which is actuated by sheer curiosity, or by motives of self-advancement, will also desire to become our associates: and whenever they shall succeed in this, our influence for good will soon be destroyed. Then let none of us forget the danger which threatens us, unless we inflexibly refuse the privileges we enjoy to every one, who is not a Mason in heart at the time he knocks at our doors asking for admission. His character, and not a desire to increase its numbers, should alone determine the action of a Lodge in admitting or rejecting an applicant."

The Proceedings are adorned with a Portrait of the late Grand Secretary, Dr. John Dove—and a monument is to be raised to his memory, so that :

"The Masonic world and our children's children may see that Virginia is sincere and grateful by remembering her illustrious dead."

Nova Scotia does not appear in the Foreign Correspondence !—Perhaps our Representative R. W. Bro. Spottiswoode, of Petersburg, can account for this to R. W. Bro. Munnis the Representative of Virginia near this Grand Lodge ?

Lodges 219.

Members 10,108.

M. W. Beverly R. Wellford, jr., Grand Master, Richmond, Va.

R. W. Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Sec'y, Richmond, Va.



## WEST VIRGINIA—1877.

The Thirteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Martinsburg, Nov. 13, 1877.

M. W. Bro. G. W. Atkinson, Grand Master, presided.

Representatives from seventy-one of the seventy-six Subordinate Lodges were present.

Grand Master Atkinson's admirable address we would willingly transfer to our pages entire, did space permit.

We can not resist the temptation, however, to quote freely from this eloquent production, teeming as it does, with beautiful thoughts clothed in choice and appropriate language—the out-come of classical refinement and mental culture :

"The years are rolling by. The shuttle of time flies so rapidly that we are learning to look upon life as but a day—the morning as childhood, the noon as manhood, and the evening as old age. To-day it is noontime, and I greet you as brothers in the meridian of life. By and by we shall have to give way to others who will meet as we meet, work as we work, and legislate as we legislate for those whom they shall serve, honor and respect. As time flies so the world advances, and society moves onward with stately steps and unflinching purposes. As the world advances so we believe that with like rapidity it grows better. We look into the future, and we hail the coming of the morn, radiant and effulgent, when the waves of the sea will become the crystal chords of a grand organ on which the fingers of everlasting joy shall peal the grand march of a world transformed, regenerated, and redeemed."

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"We glory in the antiquity of our Institution not so much because it has continued to live amid the storms of forty centuries or more, but because it has survived all opposition, and presents itself to-night as a monument of victory over error and superstition, which none but a worthy and an honorable institution could have accomplished. During that time Empires have perished, thrones have crumbled, and grand Cities have mouldered into dust; but through all the persecutions that wicked men could bring to bear against it, the grand old edifice of Free Masonry stands unshaken, as bright as a pillar of fire, and as glorious as an army with banners."

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"Again: *We delight in its antiquity because there is an irresistible enchantment about everything that is hoary-headed and aged.* The old man whose head is silvered over with the frosts of many winters, and whose body is curved by the weight of the years, is more to be respected than at any other period of life. The old arm chair, and the clothing which grandfather wore,

are as sacred as the spot where his body lies buried in the dreamless sleep of death. The old family Bible, all scarred and torn, is treasured all the more because of its scars, its age, and its history. Thus it is with Free Masonry. We revere it, because it is the oldest secret society on the globe ; and its age, if nothing else, should make it honorable.

"Further: *I observe that there is something magnificent and ennobling in its purposes.* Its object is to elevate and better the condition of men. In short, it is founded upon a broad and glorious philanthropy. Through all the years of its existence, it has labored to make men better ; to place all of them on the same footing in the world ; and to judge them, and weigh them by their characters, their merits and their worth. Besides, it offers relief to the distressed, and help to those who cannot help themselves. It teaches men not only the uncertainty of life, but it teaches them that health and wealth are evanescent also ; that there is nothing permanent and enduring but God and His laws, and that while we are in health and prosperity we should provide means of relief for the dark days that must ultimately come to so many of our race. It teaches us that the wealthy and strong of to-day may be the beggar and invalid of to-morrow, and warns us to provide for these emergencies ; and it teaches us also that the pale horse and its rider may call for us, we know not when, and that we should always be ready for the summons, and willing to respond to the authority of our Supreme Grand Master, who doeth all things well.

"Further: *Masonry has a grand record in that, that it has triumphed over all its foes, and survived every opposition which king, priest or potentate could bring to bear against it.* The battering ram of ignorance has been beating against the walls of our Institution for centuries, but only to reveal the feebleness of its efforts when directed against a society that is founded upon truth."

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"Decay and death are written upon every thing in Nature. Nations, Thrones and Kingdoms are yielding to this law. Already darkness is closing over the land of Solon and Lycurgus. The hills that echoed the eloquence of Pericles are almost unknown to men. The groves in which Plato and Socrates prepared their philosophy have been razed to earth. The grand cities, temples and obelisks of antiquity, which were intended to immortalize the names of their builders, have nearly all crumbled into dust, but our glorious temple of Free Masonry grows stronger and brighter with the roll of the years."

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"Further: *It is entitled to our confidence and consideration, because of the long list of illustrious persons who have belonged to it as members.* Almost every great and good man of every age and nation has been a patron of this Order. From Solomon, who built the first temple at Jerusalem, down the sweep of the ages, taking in its catalogue of members, the two Saints John the scholars of antiquity, the greatest minds of Europe, England's proudest

Kings, America's most noted statesmen, and in short, almost all the great and good men of earth. All these were once members and patrons of our time-honored fraternity. In fact, you can scarcely think of an illustrious name, in all the history of our country, in both church and State, who was not a member of our time-honored, battle-scarred society."

In the Grand Master's decisions we notice nothing of special interest to brethren of our Jurisdiction.

The following however may be quoted :

"That the Master had the power to prevent any brother from sitting in a Lodge, but that this prerogative should be used with great care.

"That business transactions between brothers should not be brought before a Lodge, except cases where obligation or obligations had been knowingly and wilfully violated."

The Grand Secretary has had bound in pamphlet form one hundred copies of the Constitution and Regulations of Grand Lodge, and holds them in his office for "distribution to those entitled to possess them."

How would it do Brother Long, to publish your Constitution, &c., from year to year in the Proceedings as we do? This would add but little to the cost of the Book. You would find the game fully worth the candle, in the increased facilities afforded the brethren of obtaining a knowledge of the Constitution by which they are governed. Then again we ourselves are somewhat selfish in this matter, because we want to see your laws and your amendments from year to year, if any, in order that we may profit by them.

The Grand Lecturer presents a Report of his doings during the year, covering less than one page of the Proceedings.

Eleven District Deputies submit eleven reports occupying in all only eight and a half pages of the book before us; yet it is quite evident that a large amount of work has been done. These brothers have the happy faculty of saying a great deal in a few words.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, while apologizing for coming before Grand Lodge with a "barren report" as they term it, seem to revel in the following hard hit at somebody :

"It has sometimes seemed to us that the Committees on Foreign Correspondence in some of the Grand Lodges prepared their reports with a view to foreign consumption rather than to supply the home market, and that the

anxiety to overwhelm and outshine a rival committee in a distant State outranked the purpose of furnishing for home consumption an intelligent statement of the condition of the craft in sister jurisdictions. If, in this statement we tread on anybody's toes, we cannot help it and, with all due deference—we stand there still."

Neither Cuba nor Colon is to be recognized this year.

Number of working Lodges, 76 ; Number of members 3,365.

M. W. George Baird, Grand Master.

R. W. O. S. Long, Grand Secretary.

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#### WASHINGTON—1877.

Grand Lodge met at Masonic Hall in the City of Olympia, Sept. 26th, 1877, this being the 20th Annual Communication.

M. W. Platt A. Preston, Grand Master, presiding, and representatives from 21 working lodges present.

The Grand Master's Address fittingly alludes to the death of Bro. P. L. Hawley and Bro. G. F. Gouley, of Missouri. We are pleased to note that a resolution passed in 1874, restricting the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to a simple acknowledgment of proceedings and presentation of statistics from Grand Lodges, was rescinded. We do not attempt to disguise the fact that a review of our own proceedings by Committees of other Grand Lodges forms one of the most interesting pages of the reports, and is frequently productive of good influences in various ways.

The Grand Lodge of Cuba was duly recognized, and a concise history of affairs in that jurisdiction is quoted from the New York report.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence omits to mention Nova Scotia with the exception of an acknowledgment of our Proceedings. The reviews are brief but well written, and Nova Scotia feels slighted by R. W. Bro. Reed.

M. W. Bro. R. C. Hill, Grand Master.

R. W. T. M. Reed, re-elected Grand Secretary.

No. Lodges, 22. No. of members, 867.

**WISCONSIN—1877.**

Among the handsome volumes of reports which have reached us, is that containing the proceedings of the Thirty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin which was held in the city of Milwaukee, on Tuesday the 12th day of June, 1877.

The Grand Master's address is short but to the point, and contains no idle waste of words. It deals entirely with matters of local interest, and each subject is disposed of briefly but effectually.

Total number of lodges 188, nearly the whole of which were represented. Membership 10,688, being a gain over last year of 173.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, and reviews the proceedings of forty-eight Grand Lodges. Bro. Woodhull like some of his co-workers has been compelled to do his work with his hands tied, being limited to thirty-five pages, and apologizingly says that it is not a *report*, but barely a skeleton, and not even "well 'wired up' at that." However, with such a skeleton, what might the whole body be like. The Grand Lodge, perhaps unconsciously, struck the right cord when it voted an additional sum to the committee on account of the brevity of the report. Our own experience goes to show that these skeleton affairs are more difficult to put together, than a full and ample review. Nova Scotia makes a healthy looking bone in the "Skeleton," all our doings being in accord with their usage.

Grand Master Laurie's address is pronounced a "superb document," and his decision in the matter of voting upon applications for dimit, is considered sound and square.

M. W. Bro. Jedd P. O. Cottrill, Grand Master, re-elected.

B. W. John W. Woodhull, Grand Secretary, " "

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**WYOMING—1877.**

The Proceedings of the third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, at Evanston, Oct. 9th, 1877, forms a very handsome pamphlet of 160 pages.

The Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Grand Master, F. E. Addoms, there being present representatives from all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction.



The Grand Master's Address, the correspondence relating to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, reports of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and an eloquent oration by Bro. M. C. Brown, form interesting and instructive reading.

The Grand Lodge of Cuba was duly recognized, and an appropriate and affectionate expression of sympathy with the Masonic brethren who suffered by the disastrous fire in St. John, N. B., was adopted.

The review of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges is quite full and very impartial in tone. Nova Scotia is mentioned at some length.

We note with pleasure that R. W. Bro. Orlando North, Grand Representative of the G. L. of Nova Scotia, was not only welcomed as such, but was elected Grand Master of Wyoming for the ensuing year.

R. W. Wm. G. Tonn, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence, R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Tonn.

No. of Lodges, 5. Members, 300.

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#### CONCLUSION.

In submitting this Report as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, I would not have it supposed that I am entitled to the credit of having performed the whole of the work, as others are entitled to equal recognition.

The brevity of some of the reports is due to the fact that the parties reviewing were under the impression that while there were many very excellent things contained in the proceedings of our Sister Grand Lodges, they were more of a local than general interest; and as they were catering more particularly for their own jurisdiction, they felt it their duty to economize.

If the result of our mutual efforts should give satisfaction to our Brethren, we feel that we shall be amply repaid for time spent.

To the Brethren of the Correspondence Corps we tender our warmest expressions of appreciation; the examination of their reports has been a source of pleasure and satisfaction, and we trust they may be spared for many years to continue their good work.

A. H. CROWE,

*On behalf of the Committee.*