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TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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## Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Twenty-first Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, of Prince Edward Island, was held in Free-Mason Hall, Masonic Temple, at Charlottetown, on Wednesday, the 24th day of June, A. L. 5896, A.D. 1896, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

#### WITH THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS PRESENT.

Bro. R. Macneill, M. D., Bro. John Clay, Bro. John D. Bell, Bro. John A. Messervey, Bro. Adam Murray, Bro. Neil MacKelvie, Bro. Duncan McLean, Bro. E. M. Dill, B.D., Bro. John L. Thomson, Bro. John Maynard, Junior, Bro. J. Reynolds Davison, Bro. H. W. Anderson, Bro. Thos. Frizzel, Bro. Jos. L. Dyer, Bro. John Ross, Bro. H. A. Compton, Bro. John Hobbs,

M. W. Grand Master. R. W. D. G. Master. R. W. Sen. Grand Warden. R. W. Jun. Grand Warden. R. W. Grand Treasurer. R. W. Grand Secretary. R. W. Grand Lecturer. R. W. Rev. Grand Chaplain. as W. Sen. Grand Deacon. W. Jun. Grand Deacon. W. Grand Marshall. W. Grand Sword Bearer. W. Grand Standard Bearer. W. Sen. Grand Steward. W. Jun. Grand Steward. W. Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Tyler.

#### PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. W., John William Morrison,	P. G. Master.
M. W., Thos. A. MacLean,	P. G. Master.
M. W., Donald Darrach,	P. G. Master.
M. W., Simon W. Crabbe,	P. G. Master.
R. W., George W. Wakeford,	P. D. G. Master.
R. W., John L. Thomson,	P. D. G. Master.
R. W., Silas F. Hodgson,	P. D. G. Master.
R. W., Daniel Ross,	P. D. G. Master.
R. W., William H. Aitken,	P. S. G. Warden.
R. W., Andrew Bowness,	P. S. G. Warden.
R. W., Ewen Stewart,	P. S. G. Warden.
R. W., John Munro,	P. S. G. Warden.
R. W., George A. Aitken,	P. J. G. Warden.
R. W., John T. Crockett,	P. J. G. Warden.
R. W., C. C. Carlton,	P. J. G. Warden.

#### The following Representatives of other Grand Lodges were in attendance:-

M. W., Donald Darrach, M. D.,		Alabama.
R. W., David Small,		Arkansas.
R. W., Daniel Ross,		British Columb
M. W., Simon W. Crabbe,		California.
W., W. T. Burrows,		Colorado.
M. W., Adam Murray,		England.
M. W., Adam Murray,		Florida
R. W., William H. Aitken,		Illinois.
W., Alexander Strang.		Indiana.
W., James E. Robertson, M. D.,		Indian Territor
W., Nathaniel McLaren,		Kansas.
R. W., George W. Wakeford,		Maine.
W., C. C. Carlton, Jun.,		Missouri.
R. W., John D. Bell,		Minnesota.
M. W., Thomas A. McLean,	١.	Manitoba.
R. W., Andrew Bowness.		Michigan.
W., Robert B. McLeod		New Zealand
M. W., John William Morrison,		New Brunswick
W., Alexander MacKenzie,		New Mexico.
R. W., Alexander John McLaren,		New Hampshir
R. W., John J. G. Weldon;		New York.
W., Josh Dyer,		North Carolina.
R. W., B. Wilson Higgs,		Nova Scotia.
R. W., Ewen Stewart,		Ohio.
M. W., Roderick Macneill, M. D.,		Oregon.
R. W., John A. Messervey.		British Columbi
M. W., Neil MacKelvie,		Quebec.
M. W., John William Morrison,		Scotland.
R. W., G. Albert Aitken,	1	Texas.

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There being a constitutional number of Lodges represented, the M.W. Grand Lodge was opened with prayer.

The Grand Secretary read the regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge, during the term of business.

#### On motion it was

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

#### On motion it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Communication, be dispensed with, the same having-been printed and distributed to the officers and members.

The M. W. Grand Master, appointed the following Committees, viz:—

#### ON CREDENTIALS:

Bros. Duncan MacLean, Silas F. Hodgson and G. A. Aitken.

#### ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bros. D. Preston MacNutt, Wm. R. Ellis and W. K. Rogers.

#### ON JURISPRUDENCE :

Bros. John A. Messervey, Kenneth J. Martin and D. Preston MacNutt.

## Report of Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials reported from time to time the following Representatives and Members in attendance:—

#### St John's Lodge, No. I

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H. W. AndersonP. M.	H. C. MacdonaldP. M.
F. H. Beer	A. Horne
S. W. Crabbe	John A. Messervey
J. A. McLean	D. R. MacLennanP. M.
John Ross	David SmallP. M.
John L. ThomsonP. M.	Charles Webster., S. W.
Geo. W. Wakeford P. D. G. M.	W. H. Aitken
John T. CrockettP. M.	Adam MurrayP. G. M.

Victoria Lo	odge, No. 2	
John W. Morrison         F. G. M.           Alexander McKenzie         P. M.           J. R. Davison         P. M.           John A. Lawson         P. M.           S. F. Hodgson         P. M.           W. P. Doull         P. M.	Duncan McLean C. H. Dingwill R. McMullan Frederick Beer Sydney Grey H. R. Boswall	
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	Lodge, No. 5	
William R. Ellis P. M. Arch. Montgomery P. M. John Maynard.	J. W. Brown	Proxy S. W.
Mount Lebano	n Lodge, No. 5	
Kenneth J. MartinM. W. Rev. E. M. Dill, B. DP. M. Neil MacKelvieP. M.	H. A. Compton W. K. Rogers W. K. Rogers	Proxy S. W.
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The Most W. Grand Master delivered his annual Address as follows:—

#### The Grand Master's Address.

The Cyclometer of time has completed our 21st anniversary, and it affords me great pleasure to extend to you a hearty greeting. When one year ago, you placed me in the Grand East, I assure you it was with fear and trembling I accepted the duties and responsibilities attached to so important and honorable a position, but, relying upon your common sense, support and good will, as men and masons who had the interests of the Craft uppermost, I shrank not from the performance of any duty which I believed conscientiously devolved upon me. It behoves us now to return thanks to the Most High, for his goodness and mercy vouchsafed unto us during the year. A sad bereavement cast its shadows over the Loyal household, in the death of Prince Henry of Battenburg, while in the Active Military Service of his adopted Country. This sorrow I feel assured has elicited from you profound sympathy for the widowed Princess and our beloved Queen, for the Grand Master of England, and all the members of the Royal Family.

#### NECROLOGY.

It is but proper before we enter upon the active duties of the session, that we remember the fraternal dead.—The grim messenger has invaded the family of our esteemed and venerable Grand Secretary, and removed by death a beloved wife, a dutiful mother, and an esteemed member of the social community. Mrs. MacKelvie died on the 21st November, 1895, aged 56 years. She was a

great admirer of the Craft; her father, late David Stewart, of Charlottetown, was one of the oldest members of the St. John's Lodge, and his daughter, better known as Lizzie Stewart, than Mrs. Mackelvie being a good musician and player, her name was prominent at Masonic Concerts and entertainments. She was an active church member and worker, yet, humble and unobtrusive. To our Grand Secretary and his family, I am assured your warmest sympathy is extended in their sad bereavement.

#### SISTER JURISDICTIONS.

Among the fraternal dead of Sister Jurisdictions, I desire to notice:

Richard Owen Heckman, P. G. M., of Grand Lodge of Montana, died July 20th, 1895, aged 64 years.

Michael Shoemaker, P. G. M., of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, died November 10th, 1895, aged 77 years.

John Clark Hazlett, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, died Oct. 3rd, 1895, aged 67 years. John Hodge, Jun. P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge

of New York, died Aug. 7th, 1895.

Rev. George Washington Dane, for 32 consecutive years Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, died Dec. 24th, 1895.

of Virginia, died Dec. 24th, 1895. Edwin A. Jordan, Past Sen. G. Warden of the

G. L. of Idaho, died January 3rd, 1896.

Augustu s Hass, Past S. G. Warden and Grand Tyler, of the G.L. of Idaho, died Jan. 3rd, 1896. Albert J. Russel, P. G. M. and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Florida, died January 17th, 1896, aged 67 years.

William Caldwell Belcher, P.G.M. of California,

died September 1st, 1895.

Edward A. Stevenson, P.G.M., Iaho, died July 6th, 1895.

Sir Robert William Duff, G. M., New South Wales.

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George Enoch Dowling, P. G. M., Michigan, died March 30th, 1896.

Alonzo T. Perkins, P. G. M., North Carolina,

died April, 1895. George W. Blount, P. G. M., North Carolina, died November, 1895.

R. W. Michael Nisbet, P.G.M. and G. Secretary, Pennsylvania, died May 7th, 1896.

M. W. John E. Jones, Past G. Master of Masons in Nevada, died April 10th, 1896.—A distinguished Mason, occupying the position of Governor of the Commonwealth at the time of his death.

M. W., Edward B. Rowe, P.G.M. Grand Lodge

of Connecticut, died June 1st, 1896.

"They are gathering homeward from every land."

"And ever near us, though unseen. The dear immortal spirits tread. For all the boundless universe Is life .- There is no dead."

#### CRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have nominated Worshipful Bro. Robert B. McLeod, for appointment as Representative of the G. Lodge of New Zealand near this G. Lodge.

I have nominated R. Worshipful John D. Bell. as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minne-

sota, near this G. Lodge. I have nominated R. Worshipful John A. Messervey, as Rep. of the District of Columbia, near this Grand Lodge.

I have nominated R. Worshipful C. C. Carlton, Jun., as Rep. of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, near this Grand Lodge.

I-have nominated M.W.P.G.M. Adam Murray, as Rep. of the G. L. of England, near this G. L. I have nominated W. Horatio Nelson, as Rep.

of the G. L. of Arizona, near this G. Lodge. I have nominated W. A. J. McLean, as Rep. of

the G. L. of New Hamshire, near this G. L. I have nominated W., John Ross, as Rep. of the G. L. of South Dakota, near this G. Lodge.

I have issued Commissons for the following brethren, as our G. Lodge Rep., near other Grand Lodges, viz:—

W. P. M., R. Fletcher, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 32, New Wellington, Zealand. R. W., Alonzo T. Stebbins, Rochester, Minnesota.

" 'Hon. Henry Brewer Quimby, Concord, N. H.

" Hon. Theophilus L. Norval, Chief Justice, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mathew Trimble, D. G. Master, Washington, D. C.

William F. Griffins, Arizona.

#### DESCISIONS.

The W. M. of Victoria, submitted the following questions:—

1st. When a P. M. is in charge of a Lodge by request of the W. M., has he the authority to order any officer or member to do regular degree work in the Lodge?

Answer.—It is competent for the officer lawfully entitled to preside, whether Master or Warden, to call to the chair any P. M., and such P. M. may then preside and confer degrees. The presence and consent of the one lawfully entitled to preside, being sufficient to establish its legality and regularity, it therefore follows that the one who is in the chair of the Lodge, and has the gavel, has both the station and the emblem of authority of the Master, to order any officer or member to do regular work, precisely as the Master, could do, and no more. The Master however, can resume the chair when he pleases.

The W. M. of Mt. Lebanon, submitted the following question.

2. Should the Secretary of a Lodge show by his minutes, calling off and on, and for what purpose?

Ans.—The Secretary should record accurately the proceedings of the Lodge, and show by his minutes calling off and on, and the purposes thereof; I alsorecommended that the minutes of every Communication, whether regular or special, should be

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#### CONSTITUTIONAL CHANCES.

I would recommend that Art. 4 of our constitution, Sect. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, relative to the election of Grand Lodge Officers, be changed, and the necessary notices submitted.

Section 29—11 of our Bye-laws be amended by inserting 50 instead of 40, under the heading of

"Revenue Funds and Compensation.

I would also recommend the appointment of a committee to prepare and revise the constitution together with a suitable text book, for the use of members of the order, in this Jurisdiction.

## APPEALS.

I have received two appeals to the Grand Lodge by Bro. Charles Ives Morrison, against the decision of Victoria Lodge, in not sustaining his charges against Bros. Beer and Davidson; The matter has been referred to the committee of grievances and appeals, and doubtless their report will come before you.

I also received an appeal from the decision or ruling of the W. M. of Victoria Lodge, by H. R. Boswell, Jr. Warden of Victoria Lodge; the facts in this case will be submitted for your decision.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

I granted a despensation to Mt. Zion Lodge, to confer the F. C. Degree on James Kier, an E.A.

I granted a dispensation to Victoria Lodge, to elect a Treasurer.

I granted a dispensation to Prince Edward Lodge, to convene a Lodge of F.C., and confer the degree on J. Heber Haslam, where due notice could not be given; also to confer the third degree upon him under the constitutional time.

I granted a dispensation to St. John's Lodge, to raise William Frederick Harrison Carvell.

I also issued a commission to R. W., R. E. Sobey and Bro. W. K. Rogers, to visit True Brother's Lodge, and report its condition to this G. Lodge.

#### VISITATION.

One of the first official duties I performed, was to pay a fraternal visit on the 26th Sept. last, to the Sister Jurisdiction of New Brunswick, and as your representative, I conveyed to them your fraternal greetings, and was received most cordially by the G.M., M. W. Thomas Walker, Esq., M. D., John V. Ellis, Esq., P.M.P.G.M., Hon. Robert Marshall, Esq., P. M. W. G. M, the G. M. Elect, the Grand Secretary and every member with I came in contract. The expression of their good will did me good. I extended to them a cordial invitation to be present with us, at this annual communication, as their presence would assuredly do us all good At this meeting of the Grand Lodge, of N. B. the question of a home for aged and infirm Masons, their widows and orphans, was brought to the notice of the Grand Lodge, by the Grand Master, Dr. Walker, and although no definite plan was before them, a committee was appointed to act in conjunction with a similar committee from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to consider and report upon the matter; years might elapse before anything tangible could be done, but on a small scale, to use the language of G.M. Dr. Walker, a Masonic Ward might be arrainged for, in some public institution, at a small cost, where relief and the comformand infirmal Conjunction wick and

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the comforts of a home could be furnished to aged and infirm Masons. I would recommend that this Grand Lodge would appoint a committee to act in conjunction with similar ones from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

My attention was directed to our own condition as a Grand Lodge, having no benevolent or charity fund, wherewith relief could be afforded to distressed brethren, their widows and orphans as supplementary to individual relief, and the relief of individual lodges. I therefore addressed a circular to each of the Lodges, as follows:—

#### CIRCULAR.

## To the W. M. Wardens, Officers and Members.

#### BRETHREN:-

The question of Masonic Charity and Relief for aged and infirm Masons, their widows and orphans, is forcing itself upon the attention and consideration of Masonic Jurisdictions the world over. As a Grand Lodge we have never done anything, and in view of the necessity which exists for a commencement I have thought it advisable to make an appeal to the Lodges in this jurisdiction to provide nucleus for such Relief Fund by vote or subscription equivalent, at least, to one dollar per member. This would give us a fund of at least five hundred dollars to meet the Grand Lodge with. The fund would have to be nursed until it attained such maximum as the brethren would deem reasonable. For instance: in view of what other organizations contribute for Relief and Benefits, it would not be unreasonable for the brethren of this Jurisdiction to aspire to raising it equivalent to an average of twenty dollars per member-not by individual assessment, but by entertainments, subscriptions and donations, without material injury to the weakest brother in the craft. At my official visitation to each Lodge I expect to bring this question before you, and will require definite and decided action in order to make a report of the same to the Grand Lodge. In this age concentrated effort is desirable, and unless we make a commencement we will never be able to reach the desired goal. I hope your Masonic principles will give hearty and unanimous support to this measure.

Dated at the Grand East at Stanley Bridge, this 18th day of October, A. D. 1895.

R. MACNEILL, GRAND MASTER A form of bequest might also be printed in our proceedings, so that an opportunity would be afforded to Masons who are able, to remember poor distressed Master Masons, their Widows and Orphans, when disposing of their properties.

I found that this Grand Lodge on August 12th, 1875, approved of a Constitution, and in that Constitution there was provision made for a fund known as "The fund of benevolence" of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

The committee who submitted that Constitution, were

M.W.P.G.M., John W. Morrison M.W.P.G.M., Thos. A. McLean R.W., George A. Aitken W., John Muirhead.

The names of that Committee should be handed down to posterity as Masons, who desired to build and maintain a good Corner Stone for the institution.

The first section said: "And it), (the fund, shall consist of such donations as may be given towards it, together with such other amounts as may from time to time be received on account of said fund."

By some unaccountable mistake, that provision was not included in our Constitution when it was again revised.

As the fund was then upon a voluntary basis and as charity or benevolence is not antagonistic to our present constitution, nor the ancient landmarks, I felt justified in making appeal in its behalf to the voluntary good will of the Lodges. I am' proud of the reception the measure received, and it will now remain for this Grand Lodge to approve and sustain the work which has been done.

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#### VISITATION.

On the 8th October last, I visited True Brother's Lodge at Tryon, in company with the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. John Clay. The Lodge was opened by the Junior Warden, Dr. Dougherty. The evening turned out wet and stormy, but the W. M. and several of the members made their appearance and we had a good meeting. The membership of this Lodge is very scattered, and owing to inclement weather their meetings have not been regular. This was the first Lodge I brought the question of relief for aged and infirm masons, their widows and orphans, before, and they generously voted \$28.00, their membership being about 30. At the close of the meeting we adjourned to the home of Bro. Laing, where a bounteous table was furnished, with everything substantial. The brethren all enjoyed themselves.

On the 16th October, in company with the Grand Secretary, Deputy G. Master, Past Grand Master, the Grand Chaplain, Sen. G. Deacon, Dr. Darrach and I visited Mt. Lebanon Lodge. No From words of praise is needed for Mt. Lebanon. the Master who presides in the East to the Tyler, all appear efficient and intelligent workmen. We received a very kind and hearty reception, and although there was no work, a portion was exemplified, such as convinced me that Bro. Martin is a bright and exemplary master, well skilled and trusty in the Ritual. The question of Masonic Relief was brought before them. They highly approved of the scheme, and promised a vote or contribution towards it. At the close of a very agreeable and harmonious meeting, the brethren adjourned to the residence of Bro. Compton, where refreshments were provided, and I need not add we did ample justice to the good things set before us on that occasion. Sub. \$25.00.

On the 5th December, I visited Alexandra Lodge at Port Hill, in company with our Grand Secretary. We were met at the station by teams furnished by the forethought and care of the Hon. John Yeo, M. P., P. M. W. G. Master, and brought to his home, where we received every kindness that thought and care could prompt.

It was their night for election of officers. A portion of the work was exemplified on the third degree, to my entire satisfaction. This Lodge being the home of our first G. M. could not go far astray with the Master-hand visible in all his dealings. We had a very enjoyable evening, and at the close partook of refreshments furnished by the brethren, and thus ended a pleasant and enjoyable meeting. The question of aiding the Grand Lodge benevolent fund, was heartly endorsed, and promised their support in a tangible manner at their next meeting. The Secretary informed me that they voted \$30.00 towards the same.

On the 8th January, I visited Prince Edward Lodge. This Lodge is doing good work; officers competent, books carefully kept, voted \$1.00 per member, which, with the members then about to be raised, made \$33.00, which amount I received for that Lodge, towards the Grand Lodge relief

fund.

On the 16th January, in company with our G. Secretary, visited Orient Lodge, at Souris. Owing to a mistake in the notice not reaching them, we had no meeting. The Grand Secretaryexamined

the books and found them carefully kept.

On the 17th January, we visited St. George's Lodge. The same difficulties met'us here, but we managed to have a meeting. It was in this Lodge I first saw the masonic light, and I looked forward with some pleasure in meeting the brethren, although the greater part of their members and particularly Master Hon. David Kaye, Esq., M. D., had joined the great silent majority. We had a splendid meeting. They voted \$25.00 to the Grand Lodge Relief Fund.

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On the 20th January, we visited Victoria Lodge, No. 2, at Charlottetown. Owing to a church meeting M.W.P.G. Master Morrison was not with us. The first degree was conferred by the Master, assisted by P. Master Alexander McKenzie and P. G. M. Murray. The work was well done. This Lodge approved of the Relief Fund, and started a subscription to aid the same. I regret that there are some dissensions among the brethren of this Lodge, which, I trust, will be agreeably and peacefully settled before this Grand Lodge shall close.

On the 6th of February, I visited Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 12, at Kensington. P. G. Master Darrach, ever-ready to aid the good work, ably assisted me. I met with a hearty welcome. There was no work, but the brethren all took part in inculcating the importance of practising the principles and tenets of our order in the Lodge, as well as outside its walls. This Lodge is second to none in Prince Edward Island, and before my visit on the reception of my circular, they not only approved of the principle therein contained, but voted and supported it, and greeted me with their decisive action. "We voted \$34.00 at your command any time," no fencing or hedgeing about it. This was indeed most satisfactory. At the close of our meeting, all adjourned to the home of Bro. Leslie, where a sumptuous table table was furnished with refreshments, and thus terminated a happy reunion.

On the 18th of February, in company with our Grand Secretary and P. G. Master Dr. Darrach, we visited St. John Lodge, No. 1. This is a fine Lodge, soon to complete its centennial. The first

degree was conferred by the Master Bro. Beer, assisted by P. G. M. Murray. The work was beautifully performed. As no action was taken upon my circular by this Lodge, I caused it to be read and spread upon their minutes. After some discussion a motion was made by Bro. Angus, seconded by Bro. Tidmarsh, and supported by Past G.M. Thos. A. McLean, Bro. Dr. McLeod and several others, approving of the principle therein contained and agreeing to decide at their next regular meeting the amount of support they would give to it.

On the 10th of March, I again visited Orient Lodge, where I received a hearty welcome in true eastern style. The first degree was conferred upon a candidate for Masonry, in a highly creditable manner, by the W. M. and the other officers of the Lodge. They took action upon my circular, and by subscription guaranteed \$14.00, and appointed a committee to supplement the amount which they promised to be forth-coming at the next meeting

of the Grand Lodge.

On the 17th March, I visited King Hiram Lodge, it being their regular night of meeting. The Master, Secretary, Bro. Morris and one other Member, were all who put in an appearance, as the night proved stormy; we had no meeting, but I examined the Secy's book. Up to this date they had 6 meetings since the last official visitation in June last; the largest attendance was 9 and the smallest 7. They claim to have 25 members on their roll. They had no initiation up to my visitation. The members of this Lodge will need to look to their laurels or I fear they will not be able to hold out. A Masonic wave of revival is necessary to overtake the brethren of King Hiram, and I trust a movement will soon take place amongst the dry bones.

On the 18th March, in company with the Grand Secretary, we visited Zetland Lodge, No. 7, Alberton. Here we met with a kind and hearty reception. The who made ner in whi of the Loc hand, but grasp the best agree Bro. Mont part in the proving of in support the expre spirit man the Grand time was s them. Th must here efficient ar assistance taining to P. G. M. I McLean, f ters pertai

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We have now the following amounts to recapitulate, as voted and subscribed towards the Relief or Benevolent Fund.

True Brother's Lodge,	\$28.00.
Mt. Lebanon Lodge,	25.00.
Alexandra Lodge,	30.00.
Prince Edward Lodge,	33.00.
St. George's Lodge,	25.00.
St. Andrew's Lodge,	37.00.
Victoria Lodge,	
Mt. Zion,	34.00.
St John Lodge No I-	
Orient Lodge,	
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deem it necessary to add that charity is not insurance; neither can we engraft pensioners upon it, as we can only aim at moderate relief for present necessities.

I therefore lay down the following as a good

and sufficient basis to operate.

## The Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund and Trustees

1. There shall be set apart annually by the G. Lodge, beginning with the present session, ten per cent. of its income to be added to the sums already voluntarily contributed and voted in response to the Grand Master's appeal.

2. There shall be a Board of Trustees, consisting of three members, called Trustees of the benevolent fund, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, and shall hold their office three years.

3. At the present session of the Grand Lodge, the G. M. shall appoint one Trustee for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and they can appoint a Secretary and Treasurer. This fund shall be loaned by the Trustees at interest, on first Mortgages on improved Prince Edward Island farms of at least double the value of the amount loaned or invested in the Dominion, Provincial or City bonds legally issued, and they shall make an annual report to the Grand Lodge.

The above is a sufficient working basis to quiet the fears of anyone disposed to cavil, as the chief requirement is to procure the fund, husband it and increase it, until the annuity arising therefrom can be disbursed to supplement the benevolence of the Lodges and its members. The succeeding Grand Lodge sessions will doubtless as experience and wisdom may determine, require to define the manner of receiving applications for relief; but until the sum invested is sufficient to produce an annuity large enough to meet our requirements, I

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of Masonry, (charity) in this Province.

The command "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven," should ever be the watchword of Masons. A neglect of the great Masonic light, has led to a fearful departure from the truth has brought our institution under adverse remarks. The formation of character is each one's own work, the persons with whom one associates, the books that are read, as well as the advantages for education to which one has access, all have an influence in moulding and fashioning the souls of men. Masons may use their talents and thus increase them, or like the slothful servant may bury them in the earth. As a Grand Lodge we should be up and doing, and lay a good foundation for those who come after us to continué the work already begun. The splendid and beautiful example of Sister Jurisdiction is an object lesson for us to arise and take courage.

#### SOVEREIGNTY.

The question of sovereignty occasionally presents itself in our midst, and there are those who believe the powers of the Grand Lodge are limited when amendments to the constitution are proposed, but the number of Grand Lodges who hold that view are small. So eminent an authority as M.W.P.G.M., J. H. Drummond, of Maine, puts the number at ten, so the great bulk of the G. Lodges, favors the complete and absolute sovereignty of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Drummond says. "the number of Grand Lodges which have to submit amendments in the United States, I do not think exceeds ten.'

The Grand Secretary of Iowa, R.W. T. S. Parvin, a very eminent Mason and authority, writes me, "men in this world are the same whether they are Masons or profanes, whether they deal in Masonic or political matters. The tendency of the or modifi age is, and has been, towards centralization of amendm power. This has been exemfilified through the history of our government, and is being exemplified through the history of our Masonic government in Grand Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies. It has, however, become a practice so universal that all acquiesce in it and in a few Grand Lodges, I do not know their number, you may regard it as an established fact, and therefore the doctrine among Masons of this land, that Grand Lodges have exclusive jurisdictions or absolute sovereignty over their constitutions.

No very great or serious evil has grown out of it, while very much convenience has resulted there from." Bro Parvin also says: "I note that you state that there are about ten Grand Lodges that hold to the old doctrine prevailing half a century ago, and upon which our Grand Lodge was organized. Bro. Drummond, who is not only one of the most enlightened Masonic Jurists of the day, but, also one of our best historians, is quite well qualified to speak upon the subject, and I have no doubt that his statement is quite complete and satisfactory. I did not know even there were so many holding to the old doctrine, but as the world moves in a circle, and history constantly repeats itself, we may expect that in a few years, these ten will succumb to the practice of the majority, when the common law will be universal."

R.W.G. Secretary, E. M. L. Ehlers, of New York, holds firmly to the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge. He maintains that the Grand Lodge is not restricted in its action, but that it has the constitutional right to amend a written motion to change the constitution, when that motion comes

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The scope of the proposed amendment, is the time and place of meeting. For instance the amendment proposed to meet on the 24st day of June. To say that Grand Lodge could only consider the question, whether or not it would meet on the 24st day of June, would take from it, its powers as a legislative body and destroy its sovereignty. I believe constitutions were made for the convenience and benefit of the Craft, and not the Craft for the constitution. When notice is given of the proposed amendment, it is simply to prevent the Lodges from being taken unawares, and in order to prevent too hasty legislation. But when it is before the Grand Lodge, it alone has power to make a deliverance upon it. We are making constitutions as we go, and we must therefore submit and leave with the Grand Lodge, the power to enact whatever the interests and convenience of the Craft require and demand.

#### UNAFFILIATED MASONS.

Our Lodge complains of the great number of Masons who are unaffiliated. They have no rights or claims upon the Lodge, and should not receive Masonic burial, except by the unanimous vote of the Lodge, in whose jurisdiction they are. Many complain that they have been unduly taxed in this manner, for men who have done very little for Masonry. I would therefore suggest as an easy solution of the difficulty in the case of Masonic burial, that the Master submit the matter to the ananimous vote of the Lodge. If the first entrance to the Lodge is governed by the unanimous vote, surely the question of the last rite to an unaffiliated may be left under its guidance and sanction.

The question of unaffiliated Masons, however duties sha is worthy of our serious consideration. Why have the seal of we so many? Is it because many grow weary of the Grance the ritual, and miss the mental food and instructhe Grand tions which the Lodge should impart? Or is it be-mittees w cause Masons do not conduct themselves as breth-subordina ern should, or is it because of their feebleness and Lodge for inability as bread winners to keep up their dues fray their while their sun is going down in the west? what therefore ever the reason may be, I would urge upon Lodges tricts:the necessity of taking care of the old Masons. Treat them kindly and meet them with every favorable consideration. Encourage them to remain. The Master and Wardens should go out and say unto them, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

Inability to pay dues should never drive a good utility, un Mason from our Lodges, and here I would suggest office and the necessity of extending to the subordinate constitution Lodges, power to make Honorary or Life Members in all needed cases. It appears to me, some provision of this kind would reduce the number of unaffiliates, and thereby have their presence with us. The true principles of the Craft, are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and some believe yearly dues to be an innovation, and would substitute a high joining fee, and the abolition of all dues. This idea is worthy of your consideration.

#### RITUAL.

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, a work was adopted-at my official visitation I informed the Lodges of this fact. The work we had is a very old work, and a very good one, but a change appears to be settled upon. The great question now is how to instruct the Lodges. It is impossible for a Grand Master or Grand Lecturer in one flying visit to attend to this matter efficiently. I would therefore recommend as a tentative measure that the Jurisdiction be divided into three districts—a District Deputy appointed to each, whose FIRST SECON THIR

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This means would test its practicability and I never drive a good utility, until our constitution is revised, when the nere I would suggest office and its duties can be provided for in our

> I have every confidence that by a proper selection of efficient Past Masters to serve as Deputies this method will be found to work well, and it is worthy of your careful consideration and support.

#### LIBRARY.

The late Grand Secretary informed me that a box or boxes of Grand Lodge Proceedings, were stored up in the Guardian Office. I asked him to ship the boxes to our present Grand Secretary, and it was my intention to cull therefrom, what might be desirable to keep for the use of the G. Lodge, and divide the balance of the proceedings amongst the different Lodges. They do not see the light where they are, and they would prove a valuable nucleus for a library for the subordinate Lodges. The reports on foreign correspondence are the works of learned and very able men, and the amount of Masonic information contained in them would help to disseminate broader and more extensive information in this jurisdiction. I would recommend that a proper selection and distribution be made at an early day, and the Guardian

Office be relieved of the burden.

In conclusion, I have to thank you one and all, for the consideration and support which you gave me during the year, in the discharge of my official duties. A manifest progress has been made during the year. In addition to the symbolic degrees and Capitualar degrees, we have now the Cryptic and Knights Templar, and I trust ere long we shall have a Lodge of Perfection in this jurisdiction, so that it will not be necessary for young and progressive Masons to leave the jurisdiction to obtain those degrees that are now universally acknowledged as legitimate degrees in Masonry. The baton of authority which you placed in my hands, I now return to you. Doubtless you will notice errors, many by commission and omission, but, I ask you to attribte them more to the head than the heart. The following stanzas of poetry teach a lesson worthy of our emulation.

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How bright and fair this life might be, No more a troubled dream, If men would live for what they are, And not for what they seem;
Did we but garner less of wealth,
Which leads so oft astray,
And more of mind and soul delights, That cannot pass away.

How bright and fair this world might be, What marvels 'twould unfold, If men would do not half for love That now they do for gold; If we to truer, simpler ways Were only more inclined, We then should learn life's choicest gifts Are health and peace of mind.

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Resolved, that the address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to a Special Committee, to report upon the subjects contained therein.

Whereupon the following brethren were appointed suck committee:—

M. W. Donald Darrach, M. W. Thomas McLean, and R. W., E. M. Dill.

### Grand Secretary's Report.

### To the M.W. Grand Loage of P. E. Island:-

I hereby respectfully submit my first report of the financial and other business transactions of this office, for the year ending April 30th, 1896.

I am sorry to say that an unusual delay occurred in printing the proceedings of our last Annual Communicaion. Necessary papers did not reach me until the latter part of September, and as consequence the work of printing was not completed until the middle of October, when copies were immediately mailed to members of the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges, as well as to sixty-three Secretaries of Foreign Jurisdictions. Over fifty of the latter were acknowledged in the most friendly and fraternal manner.

I have had the satisfaction and pleasure of accompanying Dr. McNeill, our M. W. Grand Master, on his official visitation to the Lodges throughout the Island, affording me an opportunity of examining the records and books of the Secretaries and Treasurers of the different Lodges, and I need not assure you that it gives me much pleasure to report that I found them all kept (with one exception) in a correct, neat, and constitutional manner; in fact, some of the records are models of neatness. And it affords me much pleasure in congratulating the Grand Lodge on the compet-

ency of the officers on whom these very important duties devolve, and the diligence evinced by them, in the discharge of the very onerous work committto their care.

The finances are prudently managed. In most cases the funds are deposited in the Savings Bank

and other safe investments.

#### APPEALS.

April 15th, 1896, I received notice of an appeal from Bro. Charles Ives Morrison against the decision of Victoria Lodge, No. 2, in voting not guilty the two Brothers, against whom Bro. Morrison had regularly charged unmasonic conduct.

I forwarded the papers connected therewith to the Chairman of Committee on Grievances and

Appeals.

June 5th, 1896, I received notice of 'an appeal, from Bro. H. R. Boswall, Victoria Lodge, No. 2, against the ruling of the W. Master of said Lodge in de cilning to put a motion made by Bro. Boswall.

These papers were forwarded to the Chairman

of Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

I received a communication from the M. W. G. Master of the State of Nebraska, notifying the Grand Lodge of the removal from that Jurisdicton of W. Bro. George E. Whiteman, our representative near that Grand Lodge, and recommending the name of R. W. Bro. Theophilus L. Norval, Oliver Lodge, No. 138, Steward Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of that State.

#### CRAND REPRESENTATION.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master, Commissions or Patents have been issued to the following brethren, as representatives of this Grand Lodge near their respective Grand Lodges:

W. Bro. Robert Fletcher, Grand Lodge of New Zealand.R. W. Bro. Alonzo T. Stebbins, Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

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R. W. Bro. Mathew Trimble, Grand Lodge of Dis't Columbia.

R. W. Bro. William Mingar Griffith, Grand Lodge of Arizona.

 The following named Brethern have received Patents as representatives of the respective Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge:

W. Bro. Robt. B. MacLeod, from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

R. W. Bro. John D. Bell, from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

W. Bro. Horatio Nelson, from the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

W. Bro. Alex. J. MacLaine, from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

R. W. Bro. John A. Messervy, from the Grand Lodge of the Dis't of Col.

W. Bro. C C. Carlton, Jr., from the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

The following Dispensations were issued by order of the M. W. Grand Master.

To Mount Zion Lodge, No. 12—To pass a Brother at shorter intervals than required by the constitution.

To Victoria Lodge, No. 2—To elect and install a treasurer.

To Prince Edward Lodge, No. 14—To convene a meeting and to confer the Fellow Craft and Matter Mason Degree on a Brother in shorter intervals than required in the constitution.

#### OTHER CRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

I have received printed copies of proceedings from the following Grand Lodges:

Alabama,
Arkansas,
Arizona,
British Columbia,
California,
Canada,
Cuba,
Colorado,
Connecticut,
Delaware,
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North Dakota, North Carolina, Nova Scotia, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oregon, Quebec, Tennessee, Texas, Scotland, Utah. Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Ind. Territory, Iowa, .

Minnesota, Nevada, New South Wales, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New Zealand. New Brunswick,

Victoria, Rhode Island. South Carolina, West Victoria, Wyoming, New Jersey, Vermont.

I hereby annex statement of monies received, which were paid over to the Grand Treasurer; also an abstract of work d ne during the year, showing a small increase. All of which I most respectfully submit.

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GRAND SECRETARY IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

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Victoria, Rhode Island, South Carolina, West Victoria, Wyoming, New Jersey, Vermont.

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Dispensation.		1.50								1.50		3.00
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Summerside, June 24th, 1896.

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Resolved, that the Report of Grand Secretary be referred to Special Committee on Grand Master's Address.

## Grand Treasurer's Report.

## Adam Murray, Grand Treasurer.

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June 24.	"	" Grand Secretary's Postage	5	84		
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#### On motion it was

Resolved, that the Report of the Grand Treasurer be referred to a Special Committee.

Whereupon the following brethren were appointed such Committee:—

W. Bro. D. Preston MacKnutt. W. Bro. W. R. Ellis. and Bro. Wm. K. Rogers.

The following brethren presented their credentials as representatives of the Grand Lodge, near this Grand Lodge, and were received and saluted as such, with usuai Grand Honors, viz:—

Robert Bell MacLeod, from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

John Albert Messeryy, from the Gradd Lodge of the District of Columbia, U. S.

C. C. Carlton, Junior, from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, U. S.

Alex. John MacLaine, from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

John Dalzell Bell, from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, U.S.

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Bro. P.G.M., D. Darrach, gave a verbal report of his visit made to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, while recently in sesson, in the City of Halifax, and his most cordial reception as a member of this Grand Lodge, and had much pleasure in conveying to the brethren of this jurisdiction their fraternal greetings.

## On motion of P.G.M. Thos. A. McLean, it was

Resolved, that the Report of P.G.M. Darrach, be received in the same hearty and fraternal spirit in which it was given, and that it be duly recorded.

Bro. P.G.M. Adam Murray, Chairman of Committee on Grievances and Appeals, moved that owing to the absence of Bro. P.M. L. Morris and disqualification to sit of Bro. P.M. H. C. McDonald, that two additional brothers be appointed. Where upon, Grand Master named Bro. Preston MacNatt and John Maynard, Jun., to sit in said committee.

## On motion of W. Bro. F. H. Beer, it was

Resolved, that a sufficient number of copies of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, be printed and presented the different Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction, for distribution amongst their members.

#### On motion it was

Resolved, as an amendment, that the matter be deferred until after receipt of Report on Grand Master's Address. On motion amendment was carried. R.W. Bro. John A. Messervey, moved that the installation of Officers ake place at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

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The Grand Lodge was then called from labor, to refreshments, until 9.30 o'clock, tomorrow fore-noon.

The Grand Lodge resumed business, on Thursday morning, June 25th, A. D. 1896; A. L. 5896, at 9.30, a. m. The M. W. Grand Master in the east.

Bro. P. G. M., D. Darrach, Chairman of Committee on Grand Master's Address, presented the following Report, viz:—

Self congratulation is sometimes in order. Let us congratulate our selves in having reached our majority. And in the light of the spirit of the address which we here review, and upon which we report, let us ever be worthy our manhood.

Reporting on Statements and Recommendations, Seriatum. Our attention is first directed to the broken column, its suggestion and at the same time its hope, according to Masonic teaching. The momentous visitation symbolized by the broken column, impresses us more deeply, as the scythe of the dead messenger does its fatal work, within the bounds of our jurisdiction, and therefore, we unite our most cordial sympathy with the touching allusion of our Grand Master, to the bereavement that has shadowed the heart and home of our most esteemed Grand Secretary. Beyond our bounds, also, many workmen, faithful and true, have been summoned before the Great Architect of the universe. We would here make special mention of the death of the late lamented Prince Henry of Battenburg, whose departure has caused grief to our beloved Queen, whom may the God of all consolation, comfort and bless. Others too within our bounds and beyond as well, have passed away, reminding us that

" Leaves have their time to fall, And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath, And stars to set—but all, Thou has all seasons for thine own, O Death!"

May we strive to imitate their virtues. We would recommend that memory of the departed, both home and abroad be honored by giving them a place in the obituary column of the Proceedings

of the Grand Lodge.

The appointment of worthy and distinguished brethren, to represent foreign jurisdiction, is of great moment, keeping us as it does in close touch with our brethren throughout the world, and so helping the more to a realization of the high ideal of the brotherhood of man; more especially of Masons.

Your Committee approves of the several ap-

pointments that have been made.

Matters of so much importance as decisions, are worthy of careful consideration, marking as they do an advance in the apprehending power of Masonic life. Your Committee would commend the decisions embodied, as being worthy of attention, and well calculated to aid in harmony of work and in general Masonic benefit. We trust the Craft will take due notice, and be governed accordingly, feeling, as we do, that they are in agreement with the principles of Masonic Law.

Your Committee commends the transfer of the proposed constitutional changes, to a special Committee, as suggested by the Grand Master.

While regretting the existence of any cause that may make an appeal to the Grand Lodge, necessary, the hope is entertained that such report may be made by your Committee on Grieveance and Appeals, and such action taken by the Grand Lodge, as will conduce to the development of every moral and social virtue.

Much pleasure is expressed in commending that portion of the address, which treats of visitation. The work was no doubt arduous, but the spirit of

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delight expressed therein, doubtless reflects not only the pleasure, but the benefit of the different Lodges throughout the jurisdiction.

While recommending the granting of dispensations to be within the power of the Grand Master, We recommend that this power be exercised with

all possible caution.

The subject of charity always strikes a peculiar chord in the Masonic heart. Any scheme to advance the interests, must command our attention and secure our interest. Your Committee, while not expressing any opinion in regard to the methods, feel constrained to speak in the highest terms of the zeal of the Grand Master, in bringing this important matter to the notice of the Lodge, within this jurisdiction, and, of the spirit of response manifested within our bounds. We would also take opportunity to commend the scheme, whose inception is due to the efforts of the Grand Master, to the earnest consideration of the Grand Lodge. Devoted as we are to the inculcation of the principles of Fraternity and Charity, the terms of the suggested basis, we would recommend be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

Sovereignty tempered with mercy, is we believe Masonry. It is a generally recognized principle that the power that brings any creature into existence, has the right to change or modify it according to the exigencies arising from time to time, provided always that methods of proceeding that may have been laid down be not transgressed. The subject is discussed at length in the address,

and in terms that merit our approval.

The advice with reference to unaffiliated Masons is good, its acceptance will be, yea, doubtless has been general. "Come with us and we will do thee good." What unaffiliated Mason has not in some form or other heard such an exhortation, from the faithful members of the Craft, efforts to the contary notwithstanding. They still come not, receive not the good and help they might impart,

not the benefit. Let encouragement, however, con On motion tinue, and the hope be entertained that the num ber of those who have a name, that they are liv ing, and our dead may decrease to the vanishing point. Your Committee is of the opinion that the be adopte suggestion with reference to Honorary Members might in a measure remove the difficulty. At the same time, we are of the opinion that unaffiliated Masons are but few who remain so because of fin ancial consideration. More frequently it occur that they have simply left their first love. We recommend, however, that honorary membership that is membership without payment of dues, b Report, w made possible. Under the circumstances such principle finds place in other jurisdictions.

Your Committee heartily endorses and recommends the suggestions made with reference to im-

provements in the work of our Lodges.

The Grand Lecturer has been most faithful in past year, the discharge of his duties, but, to visit all the Lodges annually, and to give suitable instruction therein, is a work too great to be undertaken by one Lodge, Sta officer of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee strongly recommends tha gain visite measures be taken in order to the acceptance of another the proposed division of labor, and the consequent necessary appointment of District Deputies, in or der to the furtherance of this important depart

ment of Masonic work.

Your Committee approve of the suggestion in town, whe regard to the value of the proceedings, and that gree. The at an early day, the recommendation of the Grand of the Gra Master will be carried out, and those valuable plifted at books be distributed among the different Lodges. with by thi Your Committee are pleased to notice by the for instruc-

Grand Secretary's Report, that progress has been at which I made during the year, that membership has been slightly increased in most of the Lodges.

Fraternally.

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Resolved, that the Report be received and adopted clause by clause.

It was moved as an amendment that the Report of the opinion that the be adopted as a whole.—Carried.

# Grand Lecturer's Report.

The Grand Lecturer submitted the following payment of dues, be Report, which was adopted as read:-

> To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of P. E. Island.

with reference to im-As Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge for the een most faithful ir past year, I have to report as follows:-

On August 26th, 1895, I visited Prince Edward be undertaken by on Lodge, Stanley Bridge, and assisted at the initiation of one candidate. On March 16th, 1896, I aly recommends tha gain visited this Lodge, and assisted at the raising

> On January 21st, I visited Orient Lodge, Souris and installed their officers for the current year.

On May 22, I visited Victoria Lodge, Charlotteof the suggestion in town, when work was being done on the third deoceedings, and that gree. The resolution passed at the last meeting idation of the Grand of the Grand Lodge, adopting the work as exemand those valuable plified at that meeting, has not been complied ne different Lodges. with by this Lodge, notwithstanding that a Lodge ed to notice by the for instruction was held on November 11th, 1895, t progress has been at which I was present, and instructed the officers embership has been in the adopted work.

> I had arranged to meet with St. Andrew's Lodge, Montague, on the 15th inst., but, owing to Illness, I was prevented from being present, which very much regret.

I had intended visiting more of the Lodges du be held i ing the year, but owing to circumstances ove day of Jun which I had no control, I was unable to do so.

Fraternally submitted.

D. McLEAN.

Grand Lecture put to vo

Bro. D. Preston MacNutt, Chairman of Com mittee on Aaccounts, reported as follows:-

Your Committee on Accounts, beg leave to re dealing w port that we have examined the books of Gran highly, th Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find ther efforts in correct in every particular.

On motion it was

Resolved, that the Report be adopted.

Bro. P.M. K. J. Martin, Chairman of Commit by him, ar tee on Jurisdiction, reported as follows:—

Your Committee on Jurisdiction, beg leave to report that several decisions made by the M. W On motion Grand Master, during the interim of the Grand Lodge, are approved by your Committee.

Your Committee approve of the changes pro mittee on posed by the Grand Master, to be made in the following Constitution, suggesting that the proposed amend ment be worded so as to more explicitly show that the several successive ballots at election of officers be taken only for such of the leading candidates as have in the aggregate a majority of votes.

On motion it was

Resolved, that the Report on Jurisdiction be adopted.-Carried.

The motion of Bro. P.M., D. McLean, notice of which was given at the last Annual Communicat ion, held in Summerside, June 24th, 1895, viz. "Tha the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge

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D. McLean, notice of Annual Communicat 24th, 1895, viz. "Tha f the Grand Lodge

fore of the Lodges du be held in the City of Charlottetown, on the 24th to circumstances ove day of June, in each year, unless that day falls upon a Saturday or a Sunday, when it shall be held the Monday following." On being put to vote was lost.

Bro. F. H. Beer's motion, which was postponed from Evening Session, was taken up, and on being Grand Lecture put to vote by the Grand Lodge, was carried.

> Bro. P.M., K. J. Martin, Chairman of Special Committee, reperted as follows:-

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Your Committee specially appointed on that
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the books of Grand Wasnic Charity, cannot commend too the books of Grand Highly, the aim and object of the Grand Master's etary, and find then efforts in this direction, and unhesitatingly recommend the adoption of the whold principle of his scheme. We cannot fail to notice the great energy and untiring zeal of the Grand Master in this direction. The details of the scheme as suggested hairman of Commit by him, are we believe adequate, but we would leave the districts without further comment, to the consideration and action of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Report of Special Committee be adopted - Carried.

Bro. P.G.M., Adam Murray, Chairman of Comof the changes pro mittee on Grievance and Appeals, submitted the

> Your Committee sustain the appeal of Bro. Boswall, against the decision of the W. Master of ictoria Lodge, No. 2, in refusing to put a motion, ruling it out of order, but your Committee are pinion that out of courtesy to the Worshipful laster, they should have withdrawn their motion, after hearing his explanation.

> Bro. E. M. Dill moved, seconded by Bro. Clay, that the appeal be disallowed, and the action of the Worshipful Master sustained.—Amendment carried.

On motion of the R. W. Grand Secretary the Grand Lodge proceeded to the order of the day.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed as Scutin the M.W. eers,

P. G. M. Bro. D. Darrach.
R.W. Bro. John A. Messervey.
and W. Bro. K. J. Martin.

Upon the several ballotings, the Scutineers reported the following brethren as having received a marjority of the votes cast. And they were thereupon declared duly elected.

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R. W., Neil MacKelvie,
R. W., Duncan McLean,
R. W., Rev. E. M. Dill, M. A., B. D.,
W., Arch. Montgomery,
W., D. J. McDonald,
W., J. R. Davison,
W., D. Preston Macnutt,
W., Josh Dyer,
W., H. A. Compton,
W., John Ross,
W., John S. Ramsay,
John Hobbs,

Grand Treasurer.
Grand Secretary.
Grand Lecturer.
Grand Chaplain.
Sen. Grand Deacon.
Jun. Grand Deacon.
Grand Mashall.
Grand Sword Bearer.
Grand Standard Bearer.
Sen. Grand Steward.
Jun. Grand Steward.
Grand Pursuivant.
Grand Pursuivant.
Grand Tyler.

Grand Master.

Deputy Grand Master.

Sen. Grand Warden.

Jun. Grand Warden.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Committee to take charge of the Charity or Benevolent Scheme, viz:—

Bro. Kenneth J. Martin, for One year.
Bro. Donald Darrach, " Two years.
Bro. Neil MacKelvie, " Three years.

And handed the committee the sum of ninety-three dollars, contributed by

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 14. Victoria Lodge, No. 2. Mount Zion Lodge, No. 12. Orient Lodge, No. 11. The G

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W. Grand Secretary to the order of the

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock, appointed as Scutin the M.W. Grand Master in the East.

V. Bro. John A. Messervey. Martin.

Grand Master. Deputy Grand Master. Sen. Grand Warden. Jun. Grand Warden. Grand Treasurer. Grand Secretary. Grand Lecturer. Grand Chaplain. Sen. Grand Deacon. Jun. Grand Deacon. Grand Mashall. Grand Sword Bearer. Grand Standard Bearer. Sen. Grand Steward. Jun. Grand Steward. Grand Pursuivant. Grand Tyler.

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The hour appointed for the installation of officers, for the ensuing year, having arrived, M. W. Brother John L. Thomson, Master Elect, was envested and enstalled, by M. W. Brother Roderick s, the Scutineers reason as having received st. And they were ed.

MacNeill, M. D., the retiring Grand Master, and was saluted and proclaimed most Worshipful G.

Master, of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, of Prince Edward Island. The remaining Officers were then installed by by P. G. M., R. MacNeill, R. W. Bro. S. F. Hodgson as Grand Marshall.

> R. W., Bro. John A. Messervey, R. W., Bro. Alex. J. MacLaine, R. W., Bro. Adam Murray, R. W., Bro. Neil MacKelvie, R. W., Bro. Duncan McLean, R. W., Bro. Rev. E. M. Dill, M.A., B.D., W., Bro. Archibald Montgomery, W., Bro. D. J. Macdonald, W., Bro. J. R. Davison, W., Bro. D. Preston MacNutt, W., Bro. Joseph Dyer,

W., Bro. H. A. Compton, W., Bro. John Ross, W., Bro. John S. Ramsay, Bro. John Hobbs,

R. W., Bro. Kenneth J. Martin,

Deputy Grand Master. Sen. Grand Warden. Jun. Grand Warden. Grand Treasurer. Grand Secretary. Grand Lecturer. Grand Chaplain. Sen. Grand Steward. Iun. Grand Steward. Grand Marshall. Grand Sword Bearer. Grand Standard Bearer. Sen. Grand Steward. Iun. Grand Steward. Grand Pursuivant. Grand Tyler.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS.

Bro. Thomas A. MacLean, P.G.M., Bro, S. F. Hodgson, P.M.,

Bro. H. C. MacDonald, P.M. Bro. John D. Bell, P.M.

and Bro. William R. Ellis, P.M.

#### ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. Kenneth J. Martin, D. Preston MacNutt, and Grand Secretary.

Bro. W. S. Doull gave notice, that at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, he would move that article 10, section 1, of the con Lodge, s stitution be repealed.

#### On motion it was

Resolved, that a Committee of three (3) be appointed to prepare a revised ion, as the Constitution and Text Book, to be submitted for the approval of the Grand Laking p. Lodge, at its next Annual Communication.

Whereupon the following brethren were appointed such Committee, viz.:

Bros. Simon W. Crabbe, Donald Darrach, Geo. W. Wakeford,

On the matter of the appeal of Bro. C. Ives three Scr Morrison, coming before the Grand Lodge, it was on the statement and apology of Bro. Beer and Davison, the case was dropped.

Bro. D. Preston MacNutt, gave notice that at the next annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, he would move the following Constitutional changes in the election of officers be adopted, as follows:—

# Notice of Constitutional Changes.

Under the head of Election of Grand Officers, sections one, two, three, four and five are recommended to be rescinded, and the following substituted therefor:

- 1.—The Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or installed.
- 2.—The election and appointment of all officers of Grand Lodge, shall take place at the annual Communication, when those present shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in Ancient form. As soon after the opening of the annual Communication as conveniently may be, Grand

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section 1, of the con Lodge, shall by a majority vote, d termine the hour at which the election and installation of officers shall be commenced, at which time Grand Lodge shall proceed with the election or installation, as the case may be; such order of proceedings for the approval of the Grand taking precedence of all other business before Grand Lodge.

3.-When the time for the election shall arrive, the Grand Master or presiding officer, shall direct the distribution of ballot papers to all the members of Grand Lodge present. He shall appoint three Scrutineers, whose duty it shall be to collect the ballots for the Grand Officers, from the brethy of Bro. Beer and ren to whom they have been delivered. The Scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves, before the Grand Master, to make a correct report of the result of the ballot, and, having ascertained the number of votes given for each brother voted for, they shall present their report to the G. Lodge.

> 4.—If no brother has a majority of all the votes cast, the Grand Master or Presiding Officer shall declare to Grand Lodge that there has been no eection, and he shall order the ballots to be distributed as before and another count to be made; and until a brother shall receive such majority, the Grand Master or officer presiding, after the result of each ballot shall be announced, shall order a new ballot. When a brother does receive a maority of all the votes cast, the Grand Master or presiding officer shall formally announce the fact to Grand Lodge, and shall declare the brother so receiving the majority vote to be duly elected to the office for which the election has been held. The Scrutineers shall always submit a Return of any votes cast in blank, and should there be any such votes they shall not be counted in making up the total.

> Bro. W. Wakeford, gave notice that at the next annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, he

would move, that the figures 40, in clause eleven. On motion section 29 of the Bye-laws pertaining to the Grand Lodge, be struck out, and the figures 30 be inserted.

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# On motion it was

Resolved, that next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. be held in the City of Charlottetown, on the 24th day of June, 1897, A. L. 5897.

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It was also moved as an amendment, that the next Annual Communication be held in Georgetown. On being put to vote of Grand Lodge, amendment was lost.

## On motion it was

Resolved, that a sufficient number of copies of the Constitution and Byelaws of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island and Subordinate Lodges, be printed for the use of the members. The Subordinate Lodges to pay costs of the number each may need.

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# On motion it was

Resolved, that no Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall receive as a joining or affiliate member, any person who as principal or clerk is engaged in the manufacture or the sale of spirituous or malt liquors, excepting for medicinal purposes.

#### On motion it was

Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge, be tendered the officers and members of St. John's and Victoria Lodges for the use of their Hall.

#### On motion it was

Resolved, that the Grand Tyler, be allowed the sum of five dollars, for his services at this Communication.

#### On motion it was

Resolved, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, be tendered to A. McDonald, Esq., Superintendent of the Prince Edward Island Railway, for favors extended.

#### On motion it was

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be allowed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, as salary and office rent.

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Resolved, that the usual number of copies of the proceedings of this Comnication, be printed and circulated.

No further business appearing, the minutes were read and approved.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, ree and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island, was closed in ample form.

> JOHN L. THOMSON, Grand Master.

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# Grand Officers and their Address.

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W., Rev. E. M. Dill, B. D.,
W., Duncan McLean,
W., Arch. Montgomery,
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W., D. Preston MacNutt,
W., Josh Dyer,
W., H. A. Compton,
John Hobbs,

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Deputy Grand Master,
Senior Grand Warden,
Junior Grand Warden,
Grand Treasurer,
Grand Secretary,
Grand Chaplain,
Grand Lecturer,
Senior Grand Deacon,
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Senior Grand Steward,
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# In memoriam

## Richard Owen Heckman

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana DIED JULY 20, 1895, AGED 64 YEARS.

## Michael Shoemaker

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan DIED NOV. 10, 1895, AGED 77 YEARS.

#### John Clark Bazlett

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada DIED OCT. 3, 1895, AGED 67 YEARS.

# John Hodge, Junior

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York
DIED AUGUST 7, 1895.

# Rev. Geo. Washington Dane

For 32 consecutive years G. Chaplain of the G. Lodge of Virginia
DIED DECEMBER 24, 1895.

# Edwin A. Jordan

Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Idaho
DIED JANUARY 3, 1896.

# Augustus hass

Past Senior Grand Warden and Grand Tyler of the G. L. of Idaho
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# In memoriam

# Albert J. Russell

P.G.M. and Grand Sec'y of the G. Lodge of Florida DIED JANUARY 17, 1896, AGED 67 YEARS.

## William Caldwell Belcher

Past Grand Master, Galifornia, died Sept. 1, 1896

## Edward H. Stevenson

Past Grand Master laho, died July 6, 1895

## Sir Robert William Duff

Past Grand Master New South Wales

# George Enoch Dowling

Past Grand Master Michigan, died March 30, 1896

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Past Grand Master North Carolina, died Nov., 1896

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Past Grand Master Torth Carolina, died Tov., 1895

R. W. Michael Misbet

P. G. M. and G.S. Pennsyvania, died May 7, 1896

Bro. John McQueen

St. Andrew's Lodge, died May 27, 1895

Bro. James McKenzie

St. Andrew's Lodge, died February, 1896

Francis Andrews

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# PAST AND PRESENT

YEAR.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Senior Grand Warden.
1875	John Yeo	Thomas A. McLean	John Muirhead
1876	John Yeo	Thomas A. McLean	William T. Hunt
1877	John Yeo	Jno. William Morrison	Thomas Brehaut (dead)
1878	John Yeo	A. Murray, Hon. P. G. M.	Neil MacKelvie
	John Yeo	Neil MacKelvie	William H. Aitken
1880	John Yeo	Neil MacKelvie	B. Wilson Higgs
1881	John Yeo	B. Wilson Higgs (dead)	Thomas H. Pope, (dead)
1882	John Yeo	P. Albert Carvell, demitted	A. Newton Large
1883	John Yeo	A. Newton Large	David Schurman, demitted
1884	John Yeo	G. W. Wakeford	A.H.B. Macgowan, demitted
1885	John Yeo	Simon W. Crabbe	Andrew Bowness
1886	John Yeo	A.B.H. Macgowan, demitted	Ewen Stewart
1887	John Yeo	Neil MacKelvie	Roderick MacNeill
1888	John Yeo	Neil MacKelvie	G. W. Bentley
1889	Neil Mackelvie	Harry C. Brownell	John L. Thomson
1890	J. W. Morrison	John L. Thomson	Leonard Morris
1891	D. Darrach	Silas F. Hodgson	John Munroe
1892	S. W. Crabbe	R. MacNeill	William Stewart
1893	T. A. Maclean	William Stewart	Daniel Ross
1894	T. A. Maclean	Daniel Ross	John Clay
1895	R. McNeill	John Clay	John D. Bell
1896	J. L. Thomson	K. J. Martin	J. A. Messervey

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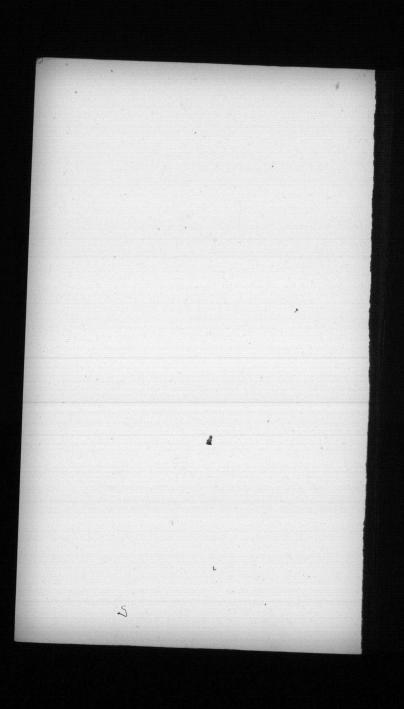
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