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# GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Elected at the Annual Communication, June, 1872.

M. W. THE HON. ALEX. KEITH, P.L.C....	GRAND MASTER.....	Halifax.
R. W. SAMUEL G. RIGBY .....	DEPUTY G. MASTER..	"
R. W. HENRY SHAW, M.D.....	SENIOR G. WARDEN.	Kentville.
R. W. REV. W. T. WILKINS, B.A.....	JUNIOR G. WARDEN.	Truro.
R. W. ALLAN H. CROWE.....	D. D. G. MASTERS..	Halifax.
R. W. JOHN M. COLE.....		Liverpool.
R. W. FRASER W. DAKIN.....		Windsor.
R. W. ALEX. C. PAGE, M.D.....		Truro.
R. W. LIEUT.-COL. C. CREWE READE..		Sydney.
R. W. ANDREW K. MACKINLAY.....	GRAND TREASURER.	Halifax.
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN, D.C.L. ....	GRAND SECRETARY..	"
R. W. NEWELL SNOW .....	GRAND LECTURER...	Sherbrooke.
R. W. REV. J. B. RICHARDSON, M.A..	GRAND CHAPLAINS.	Dartmouth.
R. W. REV. RICHARD AVERY, M.A. ...		Aylesford.
R. W. REV. THEOPHILUS RICHEY.....		Kentville.
V. JOHN W. LAWLOR.....	SENIOR G. DEACON..	Halifax.
V. W. JOSEPH MOORE, M.D.....	JUNIOR G. DEACON..	Amherst.
V. W. JOHN W. RUHLAND .....	G. SUPT. OF WORKS..	Halifax.
V. W. THOMAS V. COOKE .....	G.D. OF CEREMONIES.	Truro.
V. W. GEORGE HYDE.....	G. SWORD-BEARER.	"
V. W. BLAIR MCKAY .....	GRAND ORGANIST..	N. Glasgow.
V. W. JOHN R. THOMAS .....	GRAND PURSUANT.	Halifax.
V. W. LEWIS E. TREMAINE .....	GRAND STEWARDS..	"
V. W. ROBT. C. HAMILTON.....		"
V. W. DONALD ROBB.....		"
V. W. JEREMIAH BARNSTEAD .....		"
V. W. ALEX. FISHER.....		Sherbrooke.
V. W. DAVID DOUGLAS .....		Amherst.
V. W. JOHN M. TAYLOR....	GRAND TYLER.....	Halifax.

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Semi-Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was held at Masonic Hall, Halifax, on Wednesday, the 6th day of December, A. L. 5871, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

### PRESENT:

M. W. THE HON. ALEX. KEITH.....	Grand Master.
R. W. ALLAN H. CROWE .....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. SAMUEL G. RIGBY.....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN .....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. REV. W. T. WILKINS.....	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. REV. RICHARD AVERY.....	" "
V. W. JOHN LAWLOR.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. THEODORE COSSMANN.....	Junior " "
V. W. HORATIO B. SELLON.....	Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. JAMES KERR.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. ARCHIBALD WILSON.....	Grand Organist.
V. W. JAMES FORTUNE .....	Grand Steward.
V. W. SILVESTER NICHOLS.....	" "
V. W. JOHN W. RUHLAND.....	" "
V. W. JOHN M. TAYLOR.....	Grand Tyler.

### PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

M. W. STEPHEN R. SIRCOM.....	Past Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM TAYLOR.....	Past D. G. Master.
R. W. JOHN D. NASH.....	Past Senior G. Warden.
R. W. WILLIAM A. HESSON.....	" " "
R. W. ROBT. J. ROMANS .....	" " "
R. W. GEO. T. SMITHERS .....	" " "

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the roll, when twenty Lodges were found duly 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, with prayer by the R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion of R. W. the Rev. Bro. Wilkins, seconded by V. W. Bro. John Lawlor, it was

*Resolved*, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge, after having recorded their names in the visitors' book.

On motion of M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, seconded by W. Bro. James K. Munnis, the reading of the minutes of the Annual Communication in June was dispensed with, the same having been printed and distributed to the Lodges.

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

ST. ANDREW'S, No. 1.....	{ Robt. C. Hamilton, W. M. A. H. Woodill, M.D., S. W. James Dempster, J. W.
VIRGIN, No. 3 .....	{ Thomas Mowbray, W. M.
ALBION, No. 5.....	{ H. J. Cameron, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
ROYAL SUSSEX, No. 6....	{ H. B. Sellon, W. M. James M. Mumford, S. W.
BURNS, No. 10 .....	{ Alexander Waddell, W. M. Saul Mosher, J. W.
NEW CALEDONIA, No. 11..	{ Saml. G. Rigby, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
ATHOLE, No. 15 .....	{ Robert C. Fraser, W. M. J. B. Norton, W. M.
KEITH, No. 17 .....	{ J. T. Wood, S. W. Isaac J. Wylde, J. W.
UNION, No. 18 .....	{ John R. Thomas, W. M. Samuel F. Roan, J. W.
ST. GEORGE'S, No. 20.....	{ J. W. Bigelow, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
SCOTIA, No. 22 .....	{ James Kerr, S. W.
WELSFORD, No. 26 .....	{ Constant William Dimock, J. W., proxy for W. M. W. W. Rickards, S. W.

COBEQUID, No. 37.....	Rev. W. T. Wilkins, W. M.
L. OF ST. MARK, No. 38. {	E. W. Howell, W. M.
	W. F. Chase, S. W.
	J. H. Ferris, J. W.
TRURO, No. 43.....	Hugh McCallum, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
ORIENT, No. 49.....	Daniel Ward, W. M.
HARMONY, No. 52.....	Rev. Richard Avery, proxy for Lodge.
TEMPLE, No. 57.....	Jas. Hunt, S. W., proxy for Lodge.
KENTVILLE, No. 58.....	Geo. R. Sangster, S. W., proxy for Lodge.
MANITOBA, No. 59.....	John McKay, W. M., -proxy for Lodge.
CLARKE, No. 61.....	Lloyd F. Tocque, M.D., S. W.

## PAST MASTERS.

ST. ANDREW'S.....	{ John D. Nash.
	Thomas S. Lownds.
	W. A. Hesson.
VIRGIN.....	{ Richard T. Roome.
	James Gossip.
ALBION.....	Hugh J. Cameron.
ROYAL SUSSEX.....	{ James McLearn.
	John M. Taylor.
ZETLAND.....	Henry W. Smith.
BURNS.....	{ William Taylor.
	David Pottinger.
HIRAM.....	Charles White.
ACADIA (14).....	Angus McLeod.
ATHOLE.....	Thomas Short.
KEITH.....	{ Robt. J. Romans.
	James K. Munnis.
	Daniel McDonald.
UNION.....	William T. Davis.
SCOTIA.....	S. R. Sircom.
WELSFORD.....	Lieut.-Col. J. Poyntz.
L. OF ST. MARK ...	Geo. T. Smithers.
ROTHSAY.....	Rev. H. P. Almon.
TRURO.....	Hugh McCallum.
KENTVILLE.....	Thomas W. Harris.

The Rev. Bro. Richard Avery, M.A., who had been elected Grand Chaplain at the Annual Communication in



June, was installed by the M. W. Grand Master in due and ancient form, and with the customary honors.

The Committee on Charters submitted the following report:—

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

Your Committee on Charters have examined the petition and the papers connected with it, from a number of Brethren in Whycoomah and neighborhood, praying for a Charter to open a Lodge at that place, to be called Jerusalem Lodge.

Your Committee beg to report that the papers are all in accordance with the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge, and have also been recommended by the nearest Lodge; but on account of the distance of the place of residence of some of the Brethren from the proposed locality of the Lodge, they cannot recommend that the charter be granted, but respectfully refer the matter to Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES K. MUNNIS,  
J. TAYLOR WOOD.

On motion of R. W. Bro. S. G. Rigby, seconded by M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, it was

*Resolved*, That the report be received and adopted, and that the charter petitioned for be not granted.

Bros. Alexander Thomson and Joseph F. Ellis having been suspended by New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11, Pictou, for gross and unmasonic conduct, and reported to Grand Lodge for expulsion, and having been summoned to show cause in Grand Lodge why the sentence of expulsion should not be enforced, and having failed to appear in answer to the summons of Grand Lodge, on motion of W. Bro. R. C. Hamilton, seconded by V. W. Bro. John Lawlor, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That the said brothers Alexander Thomson and Joseph F. Ellis be expelled from the Craft.

R. W. Bro. S. G. Rigby, pursuant to notice given, moved to amend Sec. 2, Chap. 7, of the Constitution, so as



to make the salary of the Grand Secretary six hundred dollars per annum, to commence from the present date; which, being seconded by W. Bro. Munnis and put to vote, was unanimously agreed to.

The consideration of the amendment to Section 3, Chap. 1, of the Constitution, restricting eligibility for office in Grand Lodge to Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of subordinate Lodges, was taken up, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. S. G. Rigby, seconded by W. Bro. Rev. H. P. Almon, and

*Resolved*, That no Brother not a member of this Grand Lodge shall be eligible for office therein.

Bro. R. C. Hamilton, pursuant to notice given, moved to amend Sec. 3, Chap. 2, by omitting all that part commencing with the words "Immediately after," which, being seconded and put to vote, was agreed to.

Notice of motion having been previously given by W. Bro. Alexander McKinnon, Sec. 41, Chap. 14, of the Constitution was amended so as to read as follows: "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."

R. W. Bro. John D. Nash offered the following resolution which was adopted:

*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.

R. W. Bro. Allan H. Crowe having presented credentials from the Grand Lodge of England accrediting him as the representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge

of Nova Scotia, was received in that capacity with the customary honors.

The M. W. the Grand Master informed the members of Grand Lodge that since the Annual Communication he had issued dispensations to open new Lodges as follows :

SEPT. 27, 1871—To Michl. Brown, Saml. Johnston and John C. Williams, to establish a Lodge at Lockeport, Shelburne Co., to be called Taylor Lodge.

OCTR. 26, 1871—To John L. Peppard, Isaac J. Hingley and D. Flemming Layton, to establish a Lodge at Great Village, Londonderry, to be called Corinthian Lodge.

On motion it was

*Resolved*, That the Dispensations referred to be approved by Grand Lodge, and that the authority issued to the Brethren named therein be continued until the Annual Communication in June next.

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

## SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, December 7, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, R. W. Bro. Allan H. Crowe, D. G. M., presiding.

Lodges represented :

St. Andrew's, No. 1.	Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38.
Albion, No. 5.	Harmony, No. 52.
New Caledonia, No. 11.	Kentville, No. 58.
Union, No. 18.	Manitoba, No. 59.
Welsford, No. 26.	Clarke, No. 61.
Cobequid, No. 37.	

The following correspondence—being a letter addressed by the V. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge

of Nova Scotia, together with the reply thereto, was submitted to Grand Lodge and read :

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W. C., }  
May 11th, 1871.

*M. W. Sir and Brother,—*

On the 16th May, 1870, I addressed a letter to Bro. H. C. D. Twining, your then Grand Secretary, relative to the claim made by the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 398, E. R., to participate in the late District Grand Lodge funds, to which letter, owing perhaps to his having vacated his office, I have received no reply, and I had hoped that the matter was amicably settled. A few days back, however, I received another letter from the members of the Royal Standard, stating that no notice had been taken of their communication with the present Grand Lodge, and forwarding copy of a letter which they had addressed to yourself.

I am now instructed by my Colonial Board to address you direct upon the above named subject, and to express their hope that the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia will take the claim of the Royal Standard into its favorable consideration. It does seem but just that the Lodge should participate in those funds which it has contributed to create, and which it would still have been in the enjoyment of, had not such an important alteration taken place in the Masonic position of Nova Scotia.

I have the honor to be,

M. W. Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN HERVEY.

Hon. ALEX. KEITH, M.W.G.M. Nova Scotia.

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,  
Office of Grand Secretary,  
No. 17, Poplar Grove,  
Halifax, June 30, 1871.

*V. W. Sir and Brother,—*

I am directed by the Most Worshipful the Hon. Alex. Keith, who has just returned from the United States, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 11, 1871, referring to a letter received by you from the members of the Royal Standard Lodge of this city, in which they claim a portion of the funds owned by the District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at the time of the union of the two Masonic bodies in this Province in June, 1869.

The Grand Master requested me to state, also, that as the funds of the District Grand Lodge were, by a unanimous vote of that body before the Union above referred to, invested in such a way that the interest alone is disposable, and that only for Masonic charity, it is quite out of his power to make any change in the arrangements already made with reference to said fund.

The Grand Master, however, will cause the claim of the Royal Standard Lodge to be presented to Grand Lodge at its next Communication in December, when it will, no doubt, receive all the consideration it is entitled to.

I have the honor to be,

V. W. Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

BENJAMIN CURREN,

*G. Secretary.*

JOHN HERVEY, Esq., V. W. Grand Secretary,  
Grand Lodge of England,  
Freemasons' Hall, London.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Taylor, seconded by the G. Secretary, it was

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject referred to in the letter of the V. W. the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, and report thereon at the Annual Communication in June next.

Committee appointed—Bros. Hesson, Crowe, Curren.

R. W. Bro. W. A. Hesson, from the Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication on the subject of the formation of a Grand Lodge Charity Fund, presented the following report:

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

Your Committee, appointed at the last Annual Communication for the purpose of establishing a charity fund in connection with the Grand Lodge, beg to report that they have, to the best of their ability, attended to that duty, and at a meeting held on Friday, the 1st of Dec., for the purpose of carrying out the said object, it was unanimously resolved, in consequence of the limited time then at the disposal of your Committee, to respectfully request of this Grand Lodge an extension of time, that they may be enabled by the next Annual Communication to mature such a scheme for establishing a

permanent charity Fund in connection with this Grand Lodge as will commend itself to the Craft generally throughout the Province.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. HESSON,  
JOHN D. NASH,  
S. R. SIRCOM,  
H. B. SELLON.

On motion the report was received, and the extension of time asked for, granted.

A petition was presented to Grand Lodge from Vattes Harrington, of Keith Lodge, No. 23, Albion Mines, stating that his diploma had been destroyed in an encounter with the Indians of Idaho, and praying that a new one be granted him by Grand Lodge.

On motion of R. W. Bro. S. G. Rigby, seconded by M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, it was

*Resolved*, That this application for renewal of diploma be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeal.

The R. W. Grand Secretary presented a communication from R. W. Bro. D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Florida, recommending the appointment of Bro. Michael Bowes, of Jacksonville, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of Florida.

The M. W. Grand Master having expressed his approval of the recommendation of Bro. Bowes, and also his intention to recommend, with the sanction of Grand Lodge, W. Bro. Robert C. Hamilton, as a suitable person to represent the Grand Lodge of Florida near this Grand Lodge,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. the Rev. W. T. Wilkins, seconded by R. W. Bro. S. G. Rigby, and

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge has great pleasure in sanctioning both the appointments referred to.

The special committee appointed to collect Masonic docu-



ments asked for an extension of time, which, on motion of M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, was granted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. W. T. Wilkins, seconded by W. Bro. R. C. Hamilton, and

*Resolved*, That the Committee be instructed to see that the resolution anent the preservation of Masonic documents, passed at the regular Communication of Grand Lodge in September, 1870, be carried into effect.

M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted :

*Resolved*, That the three degrees of Masonry be exemplified at the Annual Communication in June, and that a Committee be appointed to carry the same into effect.

On motion of R. W. Bro. S. G. Rigby, the Grand Lecturer was appointed such Committee.

The following resolution was offered by M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, and adopted :

*Resolved*, That the articles of union of June, 1869, be read at the Annual Communication in June, 1872, that being the first Bissextile or Leap Year.

R. W. Bro. S. G. Rigby offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the first named on any Committee shall be the convener thereof, and that the Committee when convened shall proceed to appoint their own chairman.

V. W. Theodore S. Cossman offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Whereas*, There appears to be some difficulty in reference to the eight shares of the District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, now the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and whereas certain proceedings have already been instituted, having for their object the disposal of the said eight shares without reference to the said Grand Lodge,

*Therefore Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed for the purpose of protecting the interests of the said Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in



regard to the said shares, with power to employ such legal counsel as appears to them necessary.

On motion it was

*Resolved*, That the following brethren compose such Committee viz., V. W. Bro. T. S. Cossmann, R. W. Bro. W. Taylor, and R. W. Bro. S. G. Rigby.

The Committee appointed at the Regular Communication of Grand Lodge on Thursday, March 2, 1871, on the subject of the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, asked for an extension of time wherein to report, which was granted.

The Grand Secretary read a letter addressed to R. W. Bro. George Fraser, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, by Bro. Wm. Hay, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in which the esteem entertained for him by this Grand Lodge is gratefully acknowledged in the following extract :

"Please to convey to your Grand Master and Grand Lodge my grateful sense of the high honor done me in appointing me their representative, and my assurance of attention to the Masonic interests of Nova Scotia."

Notices of motion to amend the Constitution at the next annual Communication, were given as follows :

By W. Bro. R. C. Hamilton—To expunge Sec. 10, Chap. 1, and to substitute the following: "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."

By V. W. Bro. T. S. Cossmann—To amend Sec. 3, Chap. 1, by substituting for the last clause the following: "No brother shall be eligible for any office in Grand Lodge (except that of Grand Chaplain) but Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters, duly registered, and subscribing members of subordinate Lodges."

By R. W. Bro. Rigby—To amend Sec. 43, Chap. 14, by adding to the first clause the following: "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."

By M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom—To amend section 5, Chap. 1, by inserting after the word "Halifax," in line 16 of the section, the following: "Not, however, to exceed the amount of dues of such Lodge to Grand Lodge."

To amend Sec. 1, Chap. 14, by adding: "But no Charter shall be granted to a new Lodge until it has worked under a Dispensation."

To amend Chap. 17, by expunging the first four lines and by substituting the following:

Dispensation to a new Lodge.....	\$50.00
Charter to a Lodge under Dispensation.....	30.00

R. W. Brother the Rev. W. T. Wilkins offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary issue to the Lodges in the jurisdiction, before the Annual Communication in June next, copies of the notices of motion given at this meeting.

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

J. Bowes & Sons to Dec. 4, 1871:	
500 Copies of Proceedings (196 pages).....	\$223.00
Printing Seal on 300 Diplomas.....	2.50
Notices of Semi-Annual Communication.....	3.00
500 envelopes with Official Address.....	5.00
	—————\$233.50
Reporter, for advertising Dec. Communication.....	1.75
Chronicle, " " " ".....	1.50
" " April 14, 1871.....	2.25
Tyler's bill for half-year to Dec., 1871.....	15.00

On motion, Edward Davey's bill for gas and fire was referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit.

No further business appearing, after the usual ceremonies and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was closed in due form, to meet again in Annual Communication on Wednesday, the 5th day of June, A.D. 1872, at 12 o'clock, M.

BENJAMIN CURREN,  
*Grand Secretary.*

The Seventh Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was held at Masons' Hall, Halifax, commencing on Wednesday, the 5th day of June, A.D. 1872, A.L. 5872, at 12 o'clock, M.

#### PRESENT:

R. W. Allan H. Crowe. ....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Samuel G. Rigby.....	Senior G. Warden.
R. W. Andrew K. Mackinlay..	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Benjamin Curren....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Newell Snow .....	Grand Lecturer.
R. W. Rev. W. T. Wilkins....	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Rev. R. Avery.....	" "
V. W. John Lawlor.....	Senior G. Deacon.
V. W. Theodore Cossmann. ....	Junior G. Deacon.
V. W. Fraser W. Dakin....	G. Director of Ceremonies.
V. W. James Kerr .....	Grand Sword-Bearer.
V. W. Archibald Wilson. ....	Grand Organist.
V. W. James Fortune.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. Silvester Nichols....	" "
V. W. John W. Ruhland .....	" "
V. W. John M. Taylor..	Grand Tyler.

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS :

M. W. Stephen R. Sircom.....	Past Grand Master.
R. W. William Taylor.....	Past D. G. Master.
R. W. Alex. C. Page, M.D.....	" "
R. W. John D. Nash.....	Past Senior G. Warden.
R. W. Wm. A. Hesson.....	" " "
R. W. Thomas Short.....	" " "
R. W. William Williams.....	" " "
R. W. George T. Smithers.....	" " "

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

- R. W. Allan H. Crowe, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of England.
- R. W. George Fraser, as Representative of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Nebraska.
- R. W. Robt. C. Hamilton, as Representative of the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Florida.
- R. W. Andrew K. Mackinlay, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.
- R. W. William Taylor, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.
- R. W. Geo. T. Smithers, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.
- M. W. Stephen R. Sircom, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of California and Grand Orient of Brazil.
- R. W. Newell Snow, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine.
- R. W. James K. Munnis, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the roll, when thirty-eight Lodges were found duly 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 due form, by R. W. Allan H. Crowe,

Deputy Grand Master, with prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Newell Snow, it was

*Resolved*, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge during the present session.

The minutes of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Semi-Annual Communication held in the City of Halifax on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 6th and 7th, A.D. 1871, were read and approved.

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

St. Andrew's, No. 1.....	Robt. C. Hamilton, W. M. Alfred H. Woodill, M.D., S. W. James Dempster, J. W.
St. John's, No. 2 .....	Philip G. Valot, S. W.
Virgin, No. 3 .....	Thomas Mowbray, W. M. James Reeves, S. W.
Unity, No. 4.....	Henry S. Jost, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
Albion, No. 5.....	Blair McKay, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Royal Sussex, No. 6.....	Robert Brunton, W. M. Zebina S. Hall, J. W.
St. Andrew's, No. 7.....	Robert J. Ingraham, proxy for Lodge.
Acacia, No. 8.....	Joseph Moore, M.D., W. M. John White, P. M., proxy for Wardens.
Zetland, No. 9. ....	John M. Dunlop, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Burns, No. 10.....	James Fortune, W. M. Wm. A. Garrison, S. W. Saul Mosher, J. W.
New Caledonia, No. 11.....	William W. Glennie, proxy for Lodge.



Acadia, No. 14.....	John W. Ruhland, S. W.
Athole, No. 15.....	Robert C. Fraser, W. M. Jeremiah Barnstead, S. W. Wm G. Laidlaw, J. W.
Keith, No. 16.....	George Nicholl, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Keith, No. 17.....	Silvester Nichols, S. W. D. M. Sterns, J. W.
Union, No. 18 .....	Peter E. McKerrow, W. M.
Royal Albert, No. 19.....	William Proctor, W. M.
Scotia, No. 22.....	John Lawlor, W. M. Lewis E. Tremaine, S. W. Arthur Fordham, J. W.
Keith, No. 23.....	James W. Fraser, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Welsford, No. 26 .....	Lieut.-Col. James Poyntz, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Scotia, No. 28 .....	Fred'k W. Borden, M.D., W. M.
Annapolis, No. 33 .....	Richardson Harris, W. M.
Queen's, No. 34. ....	James A. Fraser, W. M., proxy for J. W. Neil McQuarrie, proxy for S. W.
Thistle, No. 36 .....	William Campbell, W. M., proxy for Lodge.
Cobequid, No. 37 .....	John Yuill, W. M. Thomas V. Cooke, S. W., proxy for J. W.
Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38....	W. F. Chase, W. M. Jacob W. Howell, S. W. Donald Robb, J. W.
Truro, No. 43.....	George P. Nelson, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Tyrian Youth, No. 45.....	Daniel G. McKay, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Orient, No. 49 .....	John T. Clarke, S. W. George E. Charles, J. W.
Western Star, No. 50.....	Thomas Johnston, W. M., proxy for Wardens.



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Eastern Star, No. 51.....	John C. Cahill, W. M.
	James W. Graham, S. W.
	William Pearce, J. W.
Harmony, No. 52.....	Arthur J. Parker, W. M.
	Thomas R. Harris, S. W.
	Rev. Richard Avery, J. W.
Hiram, No. 53.....	Robert McNaughton, W. M.
Morien, No. 55.....	Isaac Archibald, Proxy for Lodge.
Temple, No. 57. ....	James Hunt, Proxy for Lodge.
Kentville, No. 58.....	George R. Sangster, W. M.
	Rev. Theophilus Richey, S. W., proxy for J. W.
Manitoba, No. 59.....	Donald McGillivray, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
Leman, No. 60.....	Charles Leman, W. M., proxy for Wardens.

## PAST MASTERS.

St. Andrew's .....	John D. Nash.
	John W. Scott.
	Thomas S. Lownds.
Virgin .....	William A. Hesson.
	John A. Sinclair.
	Richard T. Boome.
	James Gossip.
Royal Sussex .....	James McLearn.
	John M. Taylor.
Acacia .....	Isaac Winchester.
	David Douglas.
Burns .....	William Taylor.
	David Pottinger.
	Alexander Waddell.
Acadia .....	George Fraser.
	Angus McLeod.
Athole.....	William Williams.
	Thomas Short.
Keith (17).....	James K. Munnis.
	John B. Norton.

Union .....	John B. Barron.
	John R. Thomas.
Scotia (22) .....	S. R. Sircom.
	Samuel C. Jordan.
Queen's .....	A. K. White.
	Alexander Fisher.
Cobequid .....	George Hyde.
Lodge of St. Mark .....	George T. Smithers.
	Theodore A. Cossmann.
	E. W. Howell.
Truro .....	A. C. Page, M. D.
	Hugh McCallum.
Hiram .....	John McNab.
Kentville .....	Henry Shaw, M. D.

The following letter from the M. W. Grand Master, conveying the unwelcome intelligence that he would be unable to be present at this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, was read :

KEITH HALL, 5th June, 1872.

*My Dear Deputy Grand Master,—*

Notwithstanding my earnest wish and great expectation of being able to be present at Grand Lodge to-day, I am doomed to disappointment, as I am advised by my medical attendant that the risk of contracting a fresh cold by venturing out to-day, after so long confinement to the house, would be very great. I am consequently compelled to deny myself the very great pleasure of meeting my brethren on the present occasion.

You will, therefore, please convey to the members of Grand Lodge, and all the brethren assembled, my warmest fraternal salutations, and deep regret at not being able to meet them personally, as usual.

My address to Grand Lodge will be read by the Grand Secretary, and I sincerely trust that all your deliberations at this time may, as usual, be conducted in the spirit of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Believe me,

My dear Deputy Grand Master,

Fraternally yours,

A. KEITH,  
Grand Master

ALLAN H. CROWE, Esq.,  
R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

## GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

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

BRETHREN,—

It is with feelings of unfeigned gratitude to Almighty God, that I am permitted the pleasure of meeting you once more in Grand Lodge, a pleasure which was denied me at your last annual Communication, in consequence of my absence in New York, undergoing a severe and trying operation on my eyes, which, under the blessing of a Merciful Providence, has, I am happy to say, proved very successful, considering my advanced age.

Fifty-six years have now rolled round since I was first "brought to light" in a Masonic Lodge, during fifty-four of which I have uninterruptedly been a subscribing member of Virgin Lodge, in this city. For upwards of thirty years I had the honor and pleasure of presiding over the Craft as Provincial Grand Master, while under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and though now some seven years beyond the "threescore and ten," my zeal for the welfare and prosperity of our ancient and honorable institution, has not in the least degree abated—my chief regret being that my advanced age and consequent infirmities prevent my meeting you oftener at your stated assemblies; but though absent in body I need not assure you my heart is always with you.

It is matter of mutual congratulation that during the past year, the progress of the Lodges generally throughout the Province has been "upward and onward," that "Peace has been within our walls, and Prosperity within our borders."

With our sister Grand Lodges throughout the world this Grand Lodge is on terms of the fullest accord and fraternal sympathy, which I sincerely trust may long continue.

The following Dispensations to establish Lodges have been issued during the past year, viz :

Sept. 27th, 1871, to Taylor Lodge, Lockeport, Shelburne County.

Oct. 26th, 1871, to Corinthian Lodge, Great Village, Colchester County.

Jan. 6th, 1872, to Richmond Lodge, Arichat, Cape Breton.

Jan. 26th, 1872, to Freeport Lodge, Freeport, Digby County.

I have refused, in many instances, to grant dispensations to confer degrees at short intervals. A few, however, were granted in extreme cases, and these for the third degree only, after satisfying myself of

their real necessity, as I am no advocate for conferring degrees hurriedly, as is too frequently done.

On the first of February last, I authorized W. Bro. Henry S. Jost, of Unity Lodge, No. 4, to dedicate Masonic Hall, at Petite Riviere, County of Lunenburg, and on the 15th of the same month, R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, D. G. M., was likewise authorized to dedicate Masonic Hall at Truro.

On the 8th of December last, I received a letter from the Grand Secretary of New Brunswick, complaining, on the part of the Grand Master of that jurisdiction, of the action of Union Lodge of this city in receiving petitions from residents of the city of St. John, and conferring the several degrees of Freemasonry upon them. I directed the Grand Secretary to answer the communication, and to express to the M. W. the Grand Master of New Brunswick my deep regret at the action of Union Lodge of this city, with the assurance that such steps would be taken as to prevent a recurrence of the irregularity complained of.

On the 15th of December, I received a letter from M. W. Bro. C. W. Nash, Grand Master of Minnesota, U.S.A., recommending the appointment of R. W. Bro. E. D. P. Porter of St. Paul, as a suitable person to represent the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

A communication, dated 26th of April, has also been received from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, confirming the nomination of W. Bro. R. C. Hamilton, W. M., of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 1, of this city, as representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ireland near this Grand Lodge, and nominating and recommending Bro. Charles Capel Macnamara, Barrister, and Past Master of the Lodge, No. 728, Dublin, as our representative at the Grand Lodge of Ireland.—These letters and recommendations will be submitted for your approval and confirmation.

In the month of October last, I received information from the Secretary of Albion Lodge, No. 5, New Glasgow, that the W. Master and Wardens were unable, through illness and absence from the jurisdiction, to attend to the duties of the Lodge. In the absence of any provision in our Constitution for such a case, I authorized the Senior Past Master to congregate the Lodge and perform the duties of Master until time or circumstance should restore the proper officers.

A circular letter from the Grand Master of the State of Louisiana, dated 15th March, and accompanying the report of a committee of that Grand Lodge in reference to certain encroachments on their territorial jurisdiction by the Grand Orient of France, will be duly submitted to this Grand Lodge for such action as may seem most conducive to

the maintenance of those fraternal relations which should characterize the whole family of Grand Lodges throughout the world. To myself, personally, (being an honorary member of the Grand Orient of France) this difficulty is matter of deep regret, and I do sincerely trust that that August Body may see its way clear to a speedy and honorable restoration of amicable relations with the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

On the 25th of March last, addresses of congratulation were transmitted, on behalf of the Craft of Nova Scotia, to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and our illustrious Brother His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on the merciful recovery of His Royal Highness from recent dangerous illness.

The foregoing is a brief synopsis of my official doings during the past year. In all other matters affecting the general interests and progress of the Craft throughout the Province, I would respectfully refer Grand Lodge to the reports of the several Committees having such matters in charge, and would fraternally bespeak for the same your earnest and careful consideration. To the report of the Committee on the benevolent fund I would especially recommend the attention of Grand Lodge, being very desirous that such measures should be adopted as would lead to the formation and sustentation of such a fund as would be alike creditable to the liberality of this body and beneficial in promoting the great object of our charitable institution.

During the year just closed, the hand of death has removed from our midst some of our dearly beloved brethren and most faithful fellow laborers, whose names will duly appear in the published obituary. All these brethren, having "passed on before" in the prime and vigor of manhood, forcibly reminds us that "here we have no continuing city," and exhorts us to "work while it is called to-day," exemplifying in our daily walk and conversation those great Masonic principles which mark us as candidates for the "Grand Lodge above."

With devout hearts let us therefore, Brethren, one and all, whilst paying an affectionate tribute to the memory of the departed, offer up our grateful thanks to the Divine goodness which has so mercifully spared us to come together once more, "in the bonds of Love, Peace, and Harmony," and let us pray that our deliberations at this time may be conducted by such enlightened zeal and fraternal love as shall conduce to the highest good, and best results generally, to the Craft throughout this jurisdiction.

Finally, beloved Brethren, having, as already stated, through the kind Providence of our Grand Master above, arrived at the advanced age of 77 years, it is not probable, according to the ordinary course of nature, that my connection with you as Grand Master can be of much longer duration; and the present may not improbably be the last



occasion of the kind on which I shall address you in that capacity ; nevertheless, whatever may be the decrees of an All-wise Providence, in respect to our future, or whatever changes may occur in our present relations with each other, you may rest assured that during the rest of my days, be they few or many, you shall have my warmest sympathy and hearty co-operation in all matters affecting the welfare and prosperity of our beloved and time honored institution.

With fraternal esteem,

I have the honor to be,

Sincerely yours,

A. KEITH,

*Grand Master.*

GRAND LODGE, Halifax, N.S., 5th June, 1872.

On motion the address of the Grand Master was referred to a Committee consisting of R. W. Bro. William Taylor, R. W. Bro. A. C. Page, and R. W. Bro. John D. Nash.

The R. W. Grand Secretary then submitted the following

#### REPORT :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,—*

I have the honor to submit the following report of my proceedings as Grand Secretary for the past year.

As directed by resolution of Grand Lodge, I procured from Scotland, immediately after the last Annual Communication, one thousand diplomas, amended as far as possible without materially altering the plate.

Five hundred copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the year ending June, 1871, have been printed under my direction and distributed as follows :

- 1 copy to each Grand Lodge Officer.
- 1 copy to each Past Grand Warden.
- 3 copies, each, to subordinate Lodges.
- 1 copy, each, to Representatives at other Grand Lodges.
- 2 copies, each, to sister Grand Lodges in America and Europe.

A number of copies have also been supplied to other members of our jurisdiction who are anxious to become acquainted with the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and many to applicants from abroad, who are endeavoring to complete their sets of Grand Lodge proceedings.

I have received during the year, and forwarded to the Committee



on Foreign Correspondence, Proceedings from 41 Grand Lodges on this continent for 1871 and 1872, as will appear from the report to be submitted to-day. Of our Masonic Alma Mater, the venerable and beloved Grand Lodge of England, this office has had no tidings whatever, for the last two years. This is a matter of disappointment and regret, as, by her generous recognition of the independence of this united body in 1869, she has justly earned for herself the enduring love and respect of the fraternity in this Province.

Many applications have been received during the past two years from Grand Secretaries and other prominent members of the fraternity abroad, for printed copies of our Proceedings for the years 1866, '67 and '68. To all of these applications I have been compelled to give the unwilling answer that not a copy for the years mentioned could be obtained, and that even the Grand Secretary's office was not in the possession of one.

This destitution still exists, and I now call the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact, in the hope that some brother may be found generous enough to supply the deficiency, by bestowing upon this office any spare copies at his disposal.

I have received from the Grand Secretary of the newly organized Grand Lodge of British Columbia, copies of the Proceedings of the Committee to organize, and first Grand Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of British Columbia, accompanied with a circular of Dec. 27, 1871, asking for recognition by this Grand Lodge.

Also, a circular dated Feb. 1, 1872, from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Utah, with a similar request.

These documents have been placed in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who have doubtless bestowed upon them that attention which the nature of the communications demands.

Agreeably to a resolution passed by Grand Lodge, I have prepared a form of credentials for our representatives at sister Grand Lodges, and have forwarded them to those gentlemen who had not been previously provided with them.

By direction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, dispensations have been issued for the establishment of new Lodges as follows:

- Sept. 27, 1871.—To Michael Brown, Samuel Johnstone, and John C. Williams, to open a new Lodge at Lockeport, Shelburne County, to be called "Taylor" Lodge.
- Oct. 26, 1871.—To John L. Peppard, Isaac J. Hingley, and David Flemming Layton, to open a new Lodge at Great Village, Londonderry, Colchester County, to be called "Corinthian" Lodge.

Jan. 6, 1872.—To William R. Cutler, James Alexander Campbell, and John George Clough, to open a new Lodge at Arichat, Richmond County, Cape Breton, to be called "Richmond Lodge."

Jan. 26, 1872.—To George C. Crocker, Zachariah Doty, and Samuel G. Haines, to open a new Lodge at Freeport, Digby County, to be called "Freeport" Lodge.

Bro. Crocker having subsequently informed the Grand Master that he and Brother Haines would be absent from the Province for a long period, and having expressed a wish, in connection with the brethren associated with them, to have others appointed in their stead who would be permanently resident at Freeport, the M. W. Grand Master revoked the dispensation of the 26th January, and by his authority I issued a new one to Zachariah Doty, as W. M., Shippey Lent, as S. W., and John A. Smith, as J. W.

In compliance with instructions sent to the Masters of these Lodges, their minutes have been transmitted to me, and are now before the Committee on Charters, who will report thereon at this Communication.

On the 1st Feb., 1872, by the authority of the M. W. Grand Master, I issued a dispensation to W. Bro. Henry S. Jost, of Unity Lodge, No. 4, Lunenburg, to dedicate to Masonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence, the new hall at Petite Riviere, built for the use of Leman Lodge, at that place.

On the 15th of the same month, by direction of the Grand Master, I issued a similar authority to R. W. Bro. Allan H. Crowe, Dep. G. Master, to dedicate the Masonic Hall at Truro, reports of which will be duly submitted to Grand Lodge at the present session.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the Annual Communication in June last, (see Proceedings 1871, page 75), I have issued diplomas without charge to all, it is to be hoped by this time, who had formerly paid for them to the late English District and Scottish Provincial Grand Lodges, but who have not received them from those bodies.

Adopting the practice of my predecessors in office, I have collected from subordinate Lodges an enrolment fee of one dollar each for all affiliated members, whether from our own jurisdiction or that of another Grand Lodge. As a few Lodges have disputed the right of Grand Lodge to this enrolment fee for members affiliating from another Lodge in our own jurisdiction, I would suggest the propriety of passing such a resolution at this Communication as will remove any doubt on that point for the future.

On the 25th of March last, at the request of the M. W. Grand Master, I forwarded to V. W. Bro. Brackstone Baker, of London, our Representative at the Grand Lodge of England, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, addresses of congratulation on the recovery of His Royal Highness from the very dangerous illness which threatened the life of our illustrious brother. As the calling of Grand Lodge together at that season—during the famous snow blockade—would, even if possible, have been attended with great inconvenience and expense to the brethren from different parts of this Province, I am quite sure that Grand Lodge will fully endorse the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master on that occasion.

During the month of March I forwarded to the Secretaries of subordinate Lodges full sets of blank returns, with an urgent request to have them filled in and returned to this office, immediately after the installation of their officers, and before the 20th May, as provided for by sections 26 and 28, Chap. 14, of the Constitution. It gives me great pleasure to report that the action of the Secretaries has been in this particular, with but *three exceptions*, most prompt and commendable.

It is customary, I observe, in some jurisdictions, for the Grand Secretary to publish the names of Lodges failing to make their returns at the proper time. I forbear, however, mentioning our three, in the hope that next year they will follow the example of the worthy Secretary of old St. George's, No. 20, Wolfville, who was the first this year to forward his returns with payments—April 23—and regretted in the bargain *that he could not get them in sooner*, supposing that some others were before him. Who will undertake to beat St. George's next year?

The returns received exhibit the following results:—

Of the 59 chartered Lodges in the jurisdiction at the Annual Communication of 1871, all have made returns and payments to that date; and of the 59 now on the roll of Grand Lodge, 56 have made returns with payments to the present date, June, 1872.

Number initiated during the year .....	417
“ passed “ “ “ .....	364
“ raised “ “ “ .....	377
“ dimitted “ “ “ .....	163
“ affiliated “ “ “ .....	65
“ suspended for unmasonic conduct.....	1
“ “ “ non-payment of dues ....	55
“ reinstated during the year.....	5
“ rejected “ “ “ .....	89
“ Died “ “ “ .....	83
Whole number of Master Masons.....	2478

New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11, Pictou, is the largest Lodge in the jurisdiction, numbering 122 subscribing members, Zetland, No. 9, Liverpool, comes next, numbering 115 subscribing members; then follow:

Albion, No. 5, New Glasgow, with....	83 members.
Burns, No. 10, Halifax, " ....	76 "
Cobequid, No. 37, Truro, " ....	74 "
Welsford, No. 26, Windsor, " ....	71 "
Royal Sussex, No. 6, Halifax, " ....	69 "
Keith, No. 17, " " ....	69 "
Hiram, No. 12, Yarmouth, " ....	68 "
Prince of Wales, No. 29, Milton " ....	66 "
Rothsay, No. 41, Bridgetown, " ....	65 "
Queen's, No. 34, Sherbrooke, " ....	64 "
Keith, No. 23, Albion Mines, " ....	64 "

and so on.

Zetland has raised 29, the largest number during the year—all good material, we understand.

Cobequid, No. 37, and Truro, No. 43, both located in the town of Truro, have between them added thirty-two members to the Craft militant. The reputation of Masonry is in good hands in Truro.

Keith, No. 23, Albion Mines, has raised twenty, and we feel quite sure that in the selection of material for their part of the Building they have not been forgetful of their honored name.

New Caledonia, the largest in the Province, has evidently had a strict regard to quality rather than quantity, having admitted to its ranks only two members during the year; and judging from the number of rejected applicants throughout the jurisdiction, our Lodges in general have not been sparing in the stern yet legitimate use of the ballot.

The members of the Craft, divided by Counties, stand as follows:—

Halifax, .....	14 Lodges,	.... 655 members
Pictou, .....	5 "	.... 334 "
Queen's, .....	2 "	.... 181 "
Cape Breton.. ...	5 "	.... 144 "
Guysboro' .....	4 "	.... 145 "
King's, .....	4 "	.... 139 "
Colchester, .....	2 "	.... 123 "
Lunenburg, .....	4 "	.... 122 "
Annapolis, .....	2 "	.... 115 "
Cumberland .....	3 "	.... 112 "

Yarmouth, .....	2 Lodges,	....	102 members
Hants, .....	2 "	....	95 "
Digby, .....	4 " 1 not heard from, ....	90	"
Shelburne, .....	4 " 2 not heard from, ....	72	"
Victoria, C.B. ....	1 "	....	26 "
Inverness, .....	1 "	....	23 "
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59		2478 "	

Richmond, Shelburne, Digby and Colchester Counties have each one lodge working under dispensation.

One county only in 18, viz., Antigonish, seems unfavorable to the growth of our Order, the first part of the name indicating most unmistakably its anti-Masonic feeling and disinclination to receive light.

During the month of April I prepared and forwarded to each subordinate Lodge, a memo. of work for this Communication which I hope will be found useful.

Before closing this Report I desire to bear testimony to the uniform courtesy manifested towards me in the discharge of my duties as Grand Secretary, by the Masters, Wardens, and other members of the Craft with whom I have been brought into contact; but more especially by the Secretaries of the various Lodges, between whom and myself there exists, I believe, but one feeling,—so to assist each other in the discharge of the duties of our several offices as to merit the approbation of our constituents. I hope we have succeeded.

Accompanying this Report I submit my account for the past year, giving a statement in detail of monies paid up to June 4th, 1872, from which it will appear that I have received the sum of two thousand four hundred and seventy-nine dollars and ninety-four cents, in Dominion currency, which amount has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN CURREN,  
Grand Secretary.

HALIFAX, June 5, 1872.



BENJAMIN CURREN, *Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the year ending June 5, 1872.*

Received for dues from—

No.				
1.	St. Andrew's	Lodge, to June, 1872.....		\$24.00
2.	St. John's	" " 1871.....		12.17
"	"	" " 1872.....		11.50
3.	Virgin	" " ".....		24.00
4.	Unity	" " ".....		14.00
5.	Albion	" " ".....		41.50
6.	Royal Sussex	" " ".....		34.00
7.	St. Andrew's	" " 1871.....		18.50
"	"	" " 1872.....		20.00
8.	Acacia	" " ".....		25.00
9.	Zetland	" " ".....		57.50
10.	Burns	" " ".....		38.00
11.	New Caledonia	" " ".....		61.00
12.	Hiram	" " ".....		34.00
13.	Acadia	" " ".....		18.00
14.	Acadia	" " ".....		15.50
15.	Athole	" " ".....		21.50
16.	Keith	" " ".....		27.50
17.	Keith	" " ".....		34.50
18.	Union	" " ".....		17.00
19.	Royal Albert	" " ".....		15.00
20.	St. George's	" " 1871.....		7.81
"	"	" " 1872.....		10.00
22.	Scotia	" " ".....		21.50
23.	Keith	" " ".....		32.00
24.	Concord	" " 1871.....		14.11
25.	Westport	" " ".....		18.50
26.	Welsford	" " 1872.....		35.50
27.	Widows' Friend	" " 1870, '71 and '72.....		15.00
28.	Scotia	" " 1872.....		18.50
29.	Prince of Wales	" " ".....		38.00
30.	Albert	" " ".....		26.50
31.	Scotia	" " ".....		17.00
32.	Eldorado	" " 1871.....		12.18
"	"	" " 1872.....		12.00
33.	Annapolis	" " 1871.....		22.00
"	"	" " 1872.....		25.00
34.	Queens	" " ".....		32.00

Carried forward, .....916.27



## Received for Diplomas and Enrolments from—

No.			
1.	St. Andrew's	Lodge	\$15.00
2.	St. John's	"	19.68
3.	Virgin	"	7.00
4.	Unity	"	8.00
5.	Albion	"	16.00
6.	Royal Sussex	Lodge	10.00
7.	St. Andrew's	"	17.52
"	"	"	8.00
8.	Acacia	"	32.00
9.	Zetland	"	60.00
10.	Burns	"	2.00
11.	New Caledonia	"	5 00
12.	Hiram	"	22.00
13.	Acadia	"	22.00
14.	Acadia	"	7.00
15.	Athole	"	19.95
16.	Keith	"	10.00
17.	Keith	"	14.00
18.	Union	"	16.00
19.	Royal Albert	"	6.00
20.	St. George's	"	8.00
22.	Scotia	"	9.00
23.	Keith	"	40.00
24.	Concord	"	1.95
25.	Westport	"	14.00
26.	Welsford	"	28.00
27.	Widows' Friend	"	6.00
28.	Scotia	"	4.00
29.	Prince of Wales	"	20.00
30.	Albert	"	18.00
31.	Scotia	"	10.00
32.	Eldorado	"	8.00
33.	Annapolis	"	18.00
34.	Queens	"	18.68
35.	St. Mark's	"	17.95
36.	Thistle	"	11.00
37.	Cobeguid	"	41.90
38.	L. of St. Mark,	"	14.00
39.	Acacia	"	26.00
41.	Rothsay	"	12.00
42.	Eureka	"	7.90
43.	Truro	"	26.00

Carried forward, .....

## GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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Brought forward, ..... \$716.58

No.	Lodge	
44. Poyntz	Lodge	2.00
45. Tyrian Youth	"	10.00
46. Solomon	"	8.00
48. Widow's Son	"	4.00
49. Orient	"	18.00
50. Western Star	"	9.00
51. Eastern Star	"	16.00
52. Harmony	"	28.90
53. Hiram	"	21.00
54. King Solomon	"	12.87
55. Morien	"	8.00
56. Harmony	"	6.00
57. Temple	"	16.00
58. Kentville	"	28.68
59. Manitoba	"	17.00
60. Leman	"	8.00
61. Clarke	"	30.00

Total received for Diplomas and Enrolments ..... \$916.03

## Received for Charters and Dispensations from—

Taylor Lodge	\$30.00
Corinthian "	10.00
Richmond "	10.00
Freeport "	30.00

Total for Charters and Dispensations ..... \$80.00

## Received for Dispensations to confer Degrees at short intervals—

Harmony Lodge	\$5.00
St. Andrew's " (7)	5.00
Hiram " (12)	5.00
Cobequid "	5.00

Total for Degree Dispensations ..... \$20.00

## Received for Complaint—

From James King, of Acadia ..... \$1.00

## Received for renewal of Diplomas—

From Lawrence McKim, of Hiram Lodge (53).....	\$1.00
From John Adam Cullen, of Keith " (23).....	1.00
Total for renewal of Diplomas.....	\$2.00

## RECAPITULATION :

For Dues .....	\$1461.91
" Diplomas and Registration.....	915.03
" Charters and Dispensations .....	80.00
" Dispensations to confer Degrees.....	20.00
" Complaint.....	1.00
" Renewal of Diplomas.....	2.00

Total amount received during the year..... \$2479.94

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By cash paid Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers, 41 to 51..... \$2479.94

On motion of R. W. Bro. W. T. Wilkins, seconded by W. Bro. J. K. Munnis, 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 Committee on Finance and Audit.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his annual Report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit :—

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,—*

I beg to submit my annual account, with vouchers, showing a balance at credit of this Grand Lodge of \$2751.91.

To those unacquainted with the accounts of this Grand Lodge the balance may appear large, but the Brethren must bear in mind that all our expenditure for the incoming year, amounting probably to the sum of \$1900 will be required to be paid out of this amount, and on reference to my account it will be found that the largest portion of our expenses is paid during the first six months of our Masonic year. I



would therefore recommend that the Grand Treasurer's financial year end on the 30th April. This would enable him to show a correct balance, and submit his estimate of revenue and expenditure for the new year.

This Grand Lodge has now been in existence six years, and I regret to say no charity fund has yet been instituted. Our whole credit, after deducting the estimate for next year, will not exceed one thousand dollars; and keeping this in view, I think it is the duty of this Grand Lodge to impose an additional tax on each member of the Craft, the revenue arising therefrom to be solely devoted to charity.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. MACKINLAY,  
Grand Treasurer.

HALIFAX, June 5, 1872.

*The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in account with* ANDREW K.  
MACKINLAY, *Grand Treasurer.*

	1871.	DR.	Old Cy.
June 10.	To Cash paid	Grand Secretary (special vote of G. Lodge)	\$100.00
d by	"	" Bowes & Sons, printing and material....	28.75
	"	" W. Proctor, Rep. from Royal Albert, No. 19	30.00
	"	" C. Leman, Rep. from Leman, No. 60.....	20.00
pany-	"	" S. F. Raymond, Rep. from Scotia, No. 81..	20.00
ferred	"	" Rev. W. T. Wilkins, Rep. from Cobequid, 37	7.50
	"	" F. W. Dakin, Rep. from Welsford, No. 26..	7.00
	"	" H. S. Jost, Rep. from Unity, No. 4.....	12.00
eport,	"	" A. McKinnon, Rep. from Albion, No 5....	10.00
inance	"	" Dr LeDante, Rep. from Temple, No. 57..	22.00
	"	" Dr. Shaw, Rep. from Kentville, No. 58....	5.00
	"	" A. Lorrimer, Rep. from Western Star, 50....	10.00
	"	" J. Winchester, Rep. from Acacia, No. 8...	28.00
	"	" G. Nichol, Rep. from Keith, No. 16.....	14.00
balance	"	" J. R. Townsend, for Rep. from Truro, No. 43	6.00
	"	" F. W. Borden, Rep. from Scotia, No. 28...	10.20
odge the	"	" J. Bigelow, Rep. from St. George's, No. 20	6.80
that all	"	" Geo. S. Cutten, Rep. from Poyntz, No. 44..	6.26
to the	"	" Henry S. Jost, constituting, &c., Clarke	
and on	"	and Leman Lodges .....	22.00
of our	"	" John M. Taylor, Tying, &c., to June.....	15.50
year. I			
		Carried forward, . . . . .	\$376.01

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

		Old Cy	New Cy.
	<i>Brought forward</i> , .....	\$376.01	\$365.98
July.	To Cash paid Stamps .....		7.00
"	" " Rent to June 24, 1871. ....		20.00
"	" " Danl. J. Hislop, Rep. from New Caledonia, No.11 .....		10.00
"	" " W. Holloway, Treas. Royal Sussex Lodge, for Widow Cass. ....		40.00
Oct.	" " A. & W. Mackinlay, acct. for sundries to June 6. ....		24.88
"	" " A. & W. Mackinlay, acct. against New Caledonia .....		4.50
"	" " Beech & Powell's bill, reception of G. Master. ....		79.75
"	" " E. M. McDonald, printing. ....		2.00
"	" " Charles J. McDonald, visiting Temple Lodge, September, 1870. ....		12.50
Dec.	" " John M. Taylor, tyling to Dec., half year. ....		15.00
"	" " Grand Secretary. ....		200.00
"	" " Bowes & Son, printing .....		283.50
"	" " Alex. Fisher, Rep. from Queen's, No. 24 .....		15.00
1872.			
Feb.	" " Rent to Dec. 27, 1871 .....		20.00
Mar.	" " Daniel A. Fraser, Rep. from Keith, No. 23 .....		10.00
"	" " Grand Secretary. ....		150.00
May.	" " W. Taylor, travelling expenses, visiting Lodges. ....		12.00
"	" " C. Annand, advertising. ....		3.25
"	" " J. Croskill, advertising. ....		4.75
June	" " Grand Secretary, to June 5. ....		150.00
"	" " G. Secretary, postage on Proceedings of foreign Grand Lodges. ....		8.75
June 5.	" " Balance to Cr. ....		2751.91
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			\$4140.27

	1871.	CR.	Old Cy.		New Cy.
June 7.	By Balance. ....		\$1681.17		
10.	" Cash from Grand Secretary .....		56.50		
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			\$1787.67		\$1691.83
July 17.	By Cash from Grand Secretary .....				101.23
Nov. 17.	" " " " .....				124.00
1872.					
Mar. 23.	" " " " .....				249.80
Apri 18.	" " " " .....				34.21
May 7.	" " " " .....				102.00
18.	" " " " .....				250.00
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					\$2552.57

*Carried forward*, ..... \$2552.57

# GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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Brought forward, ..... New Cy. \$2552.57

May 18.	By Cash from Grand Secretary .....	430.87
23.	" " " " .....	545.00
25.	" " " " .....	383.20
30.	" " " " .....	148.00
June 4.	" " " " .....	56.63
5.	Interest on Treasurer's running account .....	24.00
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		\$4140.27

A. K. MACKINLAY,  
Grand Treasurer.

JUNE 5, 1872.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Taylor, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, submitted the following report :

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

The Committee on Constitution and Regulations beg to report as follows :

During the past year the By-laws of Harmony, Clarke, Queen's, Temple, and Tyrian Youth Lodges have been examined by them and submitted to the M. W. Grand Master, with occasional suggestions of alteration for his approval. No questions of a constitutional nature have been formally submitted to the Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. TAYLOR,  
Chairman of Committee.

Halifax, June 5th, 1872.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the report be received and adopted.

W. Bro. Hamilton offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That the election of officers for the ensuing year take place this evening at 9 o'clock.

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391.33  
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124.00  
  
249.80  
34.21  
102.00  
250.00  

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2552.57

The Committee on Grievances and Appeal submitted their report, when the first clause, which reads as follows, was, on motion, adopted :

" With reference to the request of Keith Lodge, No. 23, Albion Mines, that a diploma be issued to Bro. Vattes Harrington, who was made in that Lodge while under the Grand Lodge of England, and who has lost his original diploma in the United States where he now resides, the Committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue a diploma according to the form usual in such cases, on receiving the customary fee."

On reading the second clause of the report, which refers to the suspension of a Past Master by his Lodge on a charge of unmasonic conduct, and the appeal of said P. M. to Grand Lodge against the action of the Lodge in suspending him, all the papers in connection with the charge and subsequent trial by the Lodge were called for and read by the Grand Secretary, when the Deputy Grand Master, presiding, ruled the charge against the brother and proceedings connected therewith, resulting in his suspension, irregular and illegal, and therefore of no effect, inasmuch as the charge referred to had been preferred at an emergent meeting, and not at a regular one.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock, P. M.

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#### EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 5, 1872.

At 7 o'clock, P.M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, R. W. Bro. Allan H. Crowe, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

#### P R E S E N T :

Officers and members as in the afternoon session.

The Committee on Charters presented their report as follows :

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

Your Committee on Charters have carefully examined the several petitions for Charters submitted to them, with the minutes of those Lodges now working under dispensation, and beg to report as follows :

1. A petition from—

Michael Brown, of Scotia Lodge,  
Samuel Johnstone, of Ophir Lodge,  
John C. Williams, of Burns Lodge,  
Edward A. Dunn, of Albert Lodge,  
John Locke, of Thistle Lodge,  
John Strickland, of Zetland Lodge,  
George Walls, " "  
J. A. McGowans, of Albert Lodge,  
John McKenzie, " "

to meet as a regular Lodge at Lockeport, Shelburne County, under the name and title of "Taylor" Lodge.

These brethren have been working under a dispensation granted Sept. 27, 1871. We notice the following irregularity in the minutes of work done, and recommend that the attention of the Lodge be called to it in order to prevent a recurrence of such irregularity in the future : It would seem that Allan Locke, an Entered Apprentice, G. J. Locke, and John McGuire, Fellow Crafts, all of Albert Lodge, No. 30, petitioned Taylor Lodge for the remainder of their degrees. Permission to confer these degrees was obtained by Taylor Lodge from Albert, but the Lodge balloted for the candidates at the same meeting at which they were proposed. With this exception your Committee find the work of the Lodge to have been done in a satisfactory manner, and recommend that a charter be granted.

2. A petition from—

John L. Peppard, of Cobequid Lodge,  
Isaac J. Hingley, of Truro Lodge,  
David Flemming Layton, of Cobequid Lodge,  
Jotham O'Brien, of Truro Lodge,  
Edward True McRobert, of Truro Lodge,  
Cornelius C. O'Neil, of Acadia Lodge, Halifax,  
Abram Hazelhurst, of Truro Lodge,



Amos A. Hill, of Cobequid Lodge,  
 Angus McKinnon, of Welsford Lodge,  
 William Hinds, of Truro Lodge,  
 Isaac Inman, " "

to meet as a regular Lodge at Great Village, Londonderry, Colchester County, by the name and title of "Corinthian" Lodge.

These brethren have been working under a dispensation granted Oct. 26, 1871. We notice in their minutes some slight irregularities which it would be well for the Grand Secretary to call their attention to, and recommend that the prayer of petitioners for charter be granted.

3. A petition from—

William R. Cutler, of Burns Lodge,  
 James A. Campbell, of Solomon Lodge,  
 John G. Clough, " "  
 Henry C. Fixott, of Kilwinning Lodge, Glasgow,  
 Thomas Cutler, of Virgin Lodge,  
 James C. Forbes, of Solomon Lodge,  
 John H. Rindress, " "  
 Charles Graham, of New Caledonia Lodge,  
 William Hutchings, of Solomon Lodge,  
 John Morrison, " "  
 Murdoch McRae, " "

to meet as a regular Lodge at Arichat, Isle Madame, Cape Breton.

These brethren have been working under a dispensation granted Jan. 6, 1872. On examining their minutes we find the following irregularities: There is no resolution fixing the regular night of meeting.—They ballot for candidates at an interval of only two weeks after the proposal for membership.—A candidate's petition has been withdrawn without having been submitted to the ballot. We recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to call the attention of the brethren of "Richmond" to these departures from the clearly defined practice of the Craft; and trusting that such irregularities will not occur again, we recommend that the request of the petitioners be acceded to, and that a charter be granted.

4. A petition from—

Zachariah Doty, of Westport Lodge,  
 Shippey Lent, " "  
 John A. Smith, " "  
 William Lent, " "

Mendal Crocker, of Westport Lodge,  
 Whitfield Outhouse, " "  
 Waitstill Lewis, " "  
 James McKay, " "  
 Amos Outhouse, " "  
 John McKay, " "  
 Lyons Outhouse, " "  
 George C. Crocker, " "  
 Samuel Y. Haines, of Minerva Lodge,

to meet as a regular Lodge at Freeport, Digby County, by the name and title of "Freeport" Lodge.

These brethren have been working under a dispensation granted Jan. 26, 1872. We find their work to be quite regular, and recommend that a charter be granted them.

We have also a petition from a constitutional number of brethren at Whycocomah or Inverness, praying for a charter to open a new Lodge in that place, to be called "Sircom" Lodge. This petition is recommended by St. Mark's Lodge, Baddeck, the nearest Lodge. There is a slight irregularity in the petition, but we do not consider it sufficient to cause us to withhold our recommendation. We therefore recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Also, a petition from a constitutional number of brethren at Port Hastings, Cape Breton, asking for a charter to establish a Lodge in that locality, to be called "Orient" Lodge. We find the petition to be regular, and unanimously recommended by Solomon Lodge, Port Hawkesbury. We therefore recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES K. MUNNIS, *Chairman.*

DOUGLAS MCLEOD.

It was moved by the R. W. Grand Secretary, seconded by W. Bro. Hamilton, and unanimously

*Resolved*, That that portion of the report of the Committee on Charters, relating to the Lodges Taylor, Corinthian, Richmond and Freeport, under Dispensation, be adopted, and that Charters be issued accordingly.

Referring to that portion of the report which recommends that a charter be granted to petitioners from Whycocomah, it was moved by R. W. Bro. J. D. Nash, seconded by Bro. A. H. Woodill, and

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to issue his dispensation for the establishment of a new Lodge at Whycocomah, to be called "Sircom" Lodge, as requested by the petitioners.

And referring to that portion recommending that a charter be granted to petitioners from Port Hastings, R. W. Bro. Wm. Taylor offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to issue his dispensation for the establishment of a Lodge at Port Hastings, to be called "Orient" Lodge.

Which, being seconded by W. Bro. Munnis, and put to vote, was declared lost.

On motion of R. W. Bro. W. Taylor, seconded by W. Bro. Harris, it was

*Resolved*, That the dispensations under which Lodges are now working, be continued in force until such Lodges shall be duly constituted.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master submitted the following report of visitation of Lodges :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,—*

In submitting my report as Deputy Grand Master for the past year, I regret that I cannot present a more general account of the condition of the Lodges outside of our city limits. Our constitution requires that every subordinate Lodge should be visited at least once in every year, by the Grand Master, or by one or more members of Grand Lodge, duly authorized. Although this does not particularly refer to the Deputy Grand Master, yet it was my intention, when I accepted the honorable position, which you so kindly placed at my disposal twelve months since, to make a personal inspection of all the Lodges within the limits of Nova Scotia proper. Circumstances have, however, since arisen to prevent the carrying out of that project; circumstances which, could I have foreseen, would certainly have caused me to decline the honor so generously accorded at that time.

I trust, however, that our brethren in the country will not impute my non-appearance among them to any lack of interest in their general welfare, but charitably accept my apology and assurance that the circumstances above referred to were of such a nature as to be entirely beyond my control.

Soon after the close of the Grand Lodge, in June last, I had the pleasure of accompanying a large number of the brethren of the various Lodges to Bedford, in compliance with your resolution, to present a suitable reception to our venerable and highly esteemed Grand Master, who was then on his return from New York, after having undergone a painful surgical operation (but I am happy to say a successful one) for the restoration of his sight. A full account of the day's proceedings was published in the papers of that date, and no doubt read with interest by every member of this Grand Lodge. Further reference to it at this time will therefore be unnecessary. Suffice it to say that the severe ordeal through which he has passed has not in the least abated his interest in the welfare of the Craft, over which he has so successfully presided in this jurisdiction for so many years. In my official intercourse with him, during the past year, I have found him always ready and anxious to accord a patient hearing to all matters submitted for his consideration; and in everything tending to forward the interests of our institution, his good judgment and wise counsel have been conspicuous. I know that you will all join with me in expressions of hope that the G. A. of T. U. will speedily remove the bodily affliction under which he is now suffering, and which prevents his being with us to-day, and that he may be spared for many years to grace the position which he has so long occupied.

During the months of January, February, and March I had the pleasure of officially visiting twelve Lodges in and near the city—two of these in company with the Grand Master:

Jan'y.	2,	St. Andrew's, No. 1.
	3,	Burns, No. 10.
	4,	Royal Sussex, No. 6.
	8,	Acadia, No. 14.
	9,	Eastern Star, No. 51.
	10,	Keith, No. 17.
	12,	Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38.
	15,	Orient, No. 49.
	17,	Scotia, No. 22.
Feb.	26,	Virgin, No. 3.
	28,	Athole, No. 15.
Mar.	18,	Union, No. 18.

On the evening of the 2nd of January, I accompanied the Grand Master on his official visit to St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1.

The Grand Secretary having previously examined the minutes for the past year, reported them very neatly and correctly recorded. The Grand Master having inquired into the general working of the

Lodge, was pleased to express himself highly gratified at the manner in which, under the management of their efficient Master and attentive Officers, the affairs of the Lodge were conducted. The occasion was one of a very interesting nature, and a large attendance of brethren from the Sister Lodges was present.

The Lodge room was very handsomely decorated, and the third degree conferred in such a manner as to call forth encomiums from several of the visiting brethren; after which a P. M.'s Jewel was presented to the venerable Tyler, who in a very feeling manner, acknowledged the compliment conferred upon him.

A number of the brethren having been digging in the rubbish, presented the result of their labours, consisting of several relics of antiquity; amongst others, a pair of decanters, marked with the square and compasses and the number of the Lodge; which, from their history, presented by some of the older members, had been in former days regular monthly contributors; even the G. Master himself had to acknowledge the soft impeachment of having frequently drawn upon their resources. They having very generously served the Lodge for a number of years at last fell into disrepute and were expelled for unmasonic conduct. They are now placed in a conspicuous position to mark the improvement that has taken place since their expulsion.

I have been a member of this Lodge for fifteen years, and can safely say that at no time during that period has it been favoured with a more efficient set of officers, or a more attentive roll of members.

The "Burns" Lodge, No. 10, is the oldest Lodge of Scottish origin in this jurisdiction, and one of the wealthiest and most liberal. The drafts upon its charity fund are very frequent, and on all occasions generously responded to.

When I report that P. D. G. M. Taylor is Secretary, it is scarcely necessary to add that I found every thing in connection with the books of the Lodge most satisfactory. The balance of cash on hand is about the same as reported last year; the receipts for the present year being about equal to the expenses. The W. M. Bro. Waddell is one of the most attentive masons in the city—never absent from the meetings of his own, and seldom from those of other Lodges. He sets an example worthy of imitation, and I hope some of our brethren will make a note of this. Death has paid them frequent visits during the past year. Some of their most valuable members have been called from their labors here to a seat, we trust, in the Grand Lodge above.

On my visit to the "Royal Sussex" Lodge, No. 6, by request of the Worshipful Master, the minutes of the past year were read in open Lodge. Everything was most constitutionally recorded, and too much praise cannot be accorded to the Secretary, Bro. Gordon, for the



correct and neat style in which his books are kept. In all the Lodges I have visited, I have found but two sets that could at all compare with them. The Lodge has seventy subscribing members, eight of whom are reported "doubtful"; their invested funds amount to \$1219.08. After defraying all expenses for the year, they have \$49.64 in the hands of the Treasurer.

Their books show the following statement:—Affiliated 1; Dimited 8; (I hope the doubtful ones above referred to,) at rest 2. Six candidates were proposed during the year, three of whom were rejected. This looks as if the members of the "R. Sussex" were determined to accept only such material as is truly worthy.

In visiting the "Acadia" Lodge, No. 14, I carefully examined the proceedings for the past year. The books are well kept, and all the business of the Lodge conducted within the requirements of the Constitution. The second degree was conferred in a manner reflecting the greatest credit upon the W. Master and the officers who assisted him. The W. Master has laboured under great disadvantage during the past year, from the non-attendance of his officers—a neglect on their part deserving the highest censure. No Master can be expected to work his Lodge satisfactorily without the co-operation of his officers, and no brother should accept office unless he honestly intends to perform the duties devolving upon him. The funds of the Lodge are not large, but sufficient to meet the current expenses and leave a surplus for charity.

Quite a number of my Brethren accompanied me on my visit to the "Eastern Star" Lodge, No. 51, in Dartmouth. The evening was spent very pleasantly. The minutes I found carefully recorded,—a fair amount of work performed during the year,—the funds sufficient to meet the current expenses—receipts for the year \$227.75. The W. Master expressed himself highly pleased with the visit of so many brethren from the city, and hoped that they would frequently pay a visit to the Lone Star in the East. My time being limited on that occasion, I was reluctantly obliged to leave at an early hour. I had, however, the pleasure of again visiting them, in company with the Worshipful Master and officers of St. Andrew's Lodge, and witnessing the conferring of the 2nd Degree in a manner alike creditable to the W. Master and his officers. The brethren in this Lodge are always anxious to receive instruction, and on the occasion referred to presented several subjects for discussion, which caused the evening to pass so pleasantly that we forgot we were in Dartmouth, and almost missed the last boat for the city. I recommend frequent visits from our city Lodges to the Eastern Star.

The minutes of the Keith Lodge I found correctly recorded; the workings of the Lodge appear to be fully up to the requirements of the

constitution. I witnessed the conferring of the first degree upon *three* candidates at the same time,—a practice, to my mind, not to be commended; as our constitution is silent on this point, of course no objection could be offered. While the W. M. and officers are well up in their work and conferred the Degree in a creditable manner, as far as ritualistic display was concerned, I am constrained to say that I should never remain and witness such a ceremony again.

The "Lodge of St. Mark" is one of our youngest city Lodges, but none the less active on that account. My visit to them was a very enjoyable one. The activity and esprit-de-corps displayed by the members of this Lodge are deserving of every praise, and are of a nature certain to meet with that appreciation and success they so well deserve. I know of no Lodge more painstaking and more earnest in their endeavours to perfect themselves in Masonry. The Degree conferred on the occasion of my visit reflected the greatest credit, and if they continue as active in the future as they have been in the past they will become what they seem to aspire to—the first Lodge in the jurisdiction. The minutes, with some slight exceptions (principally what are technically termed slips of the pen), were correctly recorded; the financial difficulties reported last year have been satisfactorily arranged; their funds, though not large, are sufficient to meet all their requirements. At their regular meeting in May, I had the pleasure of witnessing the installation of the officers for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Past Master Cossmann, assisted by Bro. Snow, the R. W. Grand Lecturer. From the knowledge I have of the new staff, I can safely anticipate a year of prosperity for the Lodge of St. Mark.

The attendance on the occasion of my visit to the "Orient" Lodge, No. 49, Richmond, was small, owing to many of the members being connected with the Railway department, some of whom were then engaged in endeavoring to rescue others of their brethren from the great snow-drift of the day previous. It is to be regretted that the Brethren of the "Orient" Lodge have not a more suitable room to meet in; the present one is on the ground floor, and is used as a public hall, and is not at all suitable for Masonic purposes. The minute and other books presented a very neat appearance; the minutes are very carefully and correctly recorded. The evening was very pleasantly and, I trust, profitably spent. I felt a regret when leaving, that this Lodge was so far from the city that frequent visits were impossible. Their funds are ample, and I hope soon to hear of their having a new hall.

The "Scotia" Lodge, No. 22, during the past year, seems to have been under a cloud, but as the darkest cloud is said to have a silver lining, we trust that the result of the next year's labor, under the management of the newly elected competent Master, and efficient staff of officers with which he is surrounded, will result more satisfactorily to the members generally, and enable the inspecting officer to present a more gratifying report than is possible on the present occasion.

From some cause or other, the W. Master has been almost continuously absent during the whole year. Although considerable work has been done, I failed to observe in one instance where he had conferred a degree. The minutes were very indifferently kept, owing (it was said) to the frequent absence or change of Secretary. The Lodge generally presented an unhealthy appearance, the brethren appearing dissatisfied, and displaying a want of unanimity of feeling totally at variance with the spirit of Masonry.

I regret to have to present such a report, yet a sense of duty compels me to present matters just as I found them. I hope the next year's record will be more satisfactory.

In company with the Grand Master, I visited the "Virgin" Lodge, No. 3. The Secretary having previously placed in my hands the books of the Lodge, I had great pleasure in reporting them very neatly and correctly recorded. The "Virgin," since my earliest connection with Masonry, has been noted for its great care in the selection of candidates, the result of which is, that it can now present the most creditable roll of any Lodge in the jurisdiction. It has initiated some of the first men in our province, many of whom we are sorry to say have withdrawn from the active duties of the Craft, the cause of which it would be well for us to enquire into, and, if possible, legislate upon in such a manner, as would present inducements for them to return.

The following satisfactory financial statement is taken from the auditing committee's report:

May 12, '71.	Amount received from all sources .....	\$557.25
	Expended in Charity during the year.....	108.60
	Incidental expenses.....	170.67
		279.07
	Deposited in Savings Bank.....	288.18
		200.00
	Balance in hands of Treasurer ....	88.18
Total resources of the Lodge:		
	Amount invested in Mortgage.....	1400.00
	Cash in Savings Bank .....	307.62
	Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	88.18
		\$1790.80
	Dues unpaid.....	122.87
		\$1913.67

At a subsequent meeting, I had the pleasure of witnessing the installation of the officers for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by R. W. Bro. Benjamin Curren, Grand Secretary. The re-election of Bro. Mowbray, W. M. for the third time, speaks volumes in his favor, and I trust that he will not again have cause to complain of the non-attendance of his officers, but that he will receive from the new staff, that support which his attention to the interests of the Lodge deserves.

The "Athole," No. 15, under the careful management of the W. Master Bro. Fraser, has acquitted itself well. The Secretary, Bro. Rockwell, appears to be the right man in the right place. His style of recording the minutes is commendable in the highest degree.

I was present at the installation of officers for the ensuing year, and was pleased to see, that the members, in appreciation of their past good services, have re-elected both Master and Secretary. The finances of the Lodge are in a very healthy condition.

The "Union," No. 18, has during the past year performed considerable work, in a very creditable manner. The officers appear to be well instructed and very correct in the rendering of the ritual. The W. Master, Bro. Thomas, certainly deserves great credit for the manner in which he has performed the duties of the office, in appreciation of which, I am pleased to see, the members of the Lodge have presented him with a handsome jewel—a token of esteem well deserved. I do not say that they have not committed some slight errors, such as they are. In my own mind, I perfectly exonerate them, believing them more sinned against than sinning.

The Secretary's records are very creditable. His books present a great degree of neatness. The business of the past year, under the management of Bro. Thomas, has been conducted in such a manner as to reflect the greatest credit upon them.

Great care appears to have been exercised in the selection of candidates. I doubt if there is another Lodge in the city that can present such a roll of rejected candidates. The only complaint I have to make is that they have too large an amount of outstanding dues. The excuse offered by the Secretary is that the amounts are due by seafaring brethren, who seldom visit the Province, but that all will eventually be paid. They have, however, sufficient funds to meet current expenses—balance of cash in hands of Treasurer, \$170; total assets, \$299.

On the 17th February, I had placed in my hands, by the Grand Secretary, a commission from the Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, directing me to select a sufficient number of Master Masons, and proceed to Truro for the purpose of dedicating the new

hall lately erected for Masonic purposes by the members of Cobequid Lodge. I immediately wrote to inform the W. Master that he might expect me by afternoon train on the 19th, when arrangements, which he might suggest, would be entered into for performing the ceremony on the 20th. Previous, however, to my leaving the city, I met a member of Cobequid Lodge, who expressed his surprise that no notice of the dedication had been given to the brethren of Truro, and thought that there must be some mistake. To avoid difficulty, I again called upon the Grand Master and received permission to use my own discretion in the matter, and at the same time was instructed to make an official visit to both Cobequid and Truro Lodges. I immediately notified the W. Master of Truro Lodge of my intended visit. On my arrival in Truro, I was met at the depot by one of their Past Masters, who took me direct to their hall, where I was very kindly received by a large number of the brethren. I examined the minutes of proceedings for the past year, and have great pleasure in reporting them very satisfactory. The books of the Secretary are beautifully recorded, (this is one of the two sets before referred to as comparing favorably with Bro. Gordon's) and certainly reflect great credit upon Bro. Archibald. The Lodge meets in the same hall reported upon by P. D. G. M. Taylor last year, and for neatness and convenience is deserving of every praise. The evening was very pleasantly spent in interchange of views by the brethren upon subjects of a Masonic matter. The recollection of my pleasant visit to Truro Lodge will not be soon effaced.

The next morning I called upon the S. W. and Secretary of Cobequid Lodge (the W. M. being absent from the town) and after considering the matter of the hall dedication, came to the conclusion that if the W. M., on his return, offered no objection, it would be advisable to defer the ceremony until the summer season, when a more general representation of the Craft could be present. The Lodge was summoned to meet in the evening to receive my visit. On the return of the W. M. he readily assented to our decision, and in consequence the dedication did not take place.

In company with the brethren from Halifax who had responded to my invitation, and a number of Past Masters of Truro Lodge, I officially visited the Cobequid Lodge in their new hall and spent one of the most pleasant evenings of the season of visitation.

I examined their books and found them correct in every particular. A large amount of work had been performed during the year, and it affords me great pleasure to report the Cobequid Lodge in a flourishing condition.



Their new hall is certainly the most beautifully fitted up of any I have ever had the pleasure of visiting, and reflects the highest credit upon Lodge No. 39, for whose accommodation and at whose expense it has been erected. We commend their zeal. May it long remain a memorial of their attachment to Freemasonry, and be the happy resort of Virtue and Benevolence. My thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the members of both Cobequid and Truro Lodges, for their uniform kindness and courtesy during my visit.

On the 15th May, in company with a number of brethren from the city, I had the pleasure of visiting the Kentville Lodge, No. 58. Although the W. M. had been previously notified of my intended visit I was surprised to find on my arrival at the Lodge such a gathering of the craft, the room being literally packed and every Lodge in the County, I believe, represented. The manner of my reception was truly flattering, and affords ample proof of the respect felt for the officials of Grand Lodge. The whole proceedings of the evening were very interesting.

The W. M., Officers, and a number of brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1, Halifax, having availed themselves of the occasion to pay a fraternal visit to the Kentville Lodge, were admitted and received a truly Masonic welcome, with all the honors. Such visits, I hope, will be of frequent occurrence, as they are calculated to increase that fraternal regard that should always exist among Masons.

On examination of their books I found them well kept, the work of the year creditably performed, and the Lodge in a good financial condition. The brethren of Kentville are indebted to their lady friends for the handsome appearance the hall presented. I trust they will always enjoy the good opinion of the ladies.

I had the pleasure of performing the installation ceremony, by request of the W. M., and also of witnessing the conferring of the third degree in a manner reflecting the highest credit upon the W. M. Bro. Sangster and his officers.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to their highly esteemed Past Master Bro. Dr. Shaw, than whom I know of none more worthy of such a spontaneous expression of the regard of his brethren (their by-laws forbid the appropriation of the funds for such purposes.) May the Kentville Lodge continue to flourish, and long remain as it now is, a credit to Freemasonry in this jurisdiction.

The following morning I was kindly driven over to Canning by a Bro. of Kentville Lodge, when I had the pleasure of meeting with the W. M. and a number of brethren of the Scotia Lodge, No. 28, and spent three hours with them in their neat hall. I have also much pleasure in reporting the Scotia Lodge highly satisfactory, free

from debt, with a surplus fund of \$400. The brethren expressed themselves highly pleased with my visitation—it being something new, they said, to have an official visit from the Grand Lodge. I am sure their pleasure was not equal to my own.

Having all dined together at the hotel, I returned in time to take the train for Windsor, where, in the evening, I visited the Welsford Lodge, No. 26. From the well known ability of the late Master, Bro. Dakin, and the present W. M. Bro. Rickards, and his efficient staff of officers, it is hardly necessary for me to report upon the Lodge. Suffice it to say it is deserving of all and more than has formerly been said of it.

In closing this hastily prepared report, I beg to present my warmest expressions of thanks to the brethren of the Lodges I have visited, for the kind and fraternal manner in which they have at all times received me, and above all to our able and zealous Grand Secretary, who so kindly accompanied me on many of my visitations, and whose prompt attention to my many demands upon his time during the year, deserve my most public acknowledgment.

And now, my brethren, while we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the progress we have made during the past two years, and upon the improvements that have been effected in our jurisdiction, there remains a great deal yet to be accomplished. There are several points I would like to refer to, if it were not that it might be thought I was encroaching upon the prerogatives of the G. M. There are, however, one or two points it would be well to notice here, even at the risk of being thought presumptuous, and I know of no better way than by copying from the address of the Grand Master of New Jersey, whose remarks are equally applicable to this jurisdiction.

“I regret very much that I find it to be my duty to call the serious attention of the brethren to some deviations from the straight path of Masonic duty and obligation, which require to be promptly checked. The irregularities to which I shall refer, occur in connection with the annual elections, as well in the subordinate Lodges as in the Grand Lodge. I shall not do more than merely allude to the unmasonic practice of secret caucuses, of open and public electioneering, and of introducing into the Lodges the wily and unscrupulous arts of the politician. These are great and growing evils, and call for a vigorous suppression. The particular evil to which I desire to call your attention is the vice of slander.

“Masons, like all other men, are fallen beings. The earliest page of man's history is the record of his fall. The members of our Fraternity claim no invincibility to temptation, no immunity from sin. Clothed with all the passions of our nature, and liable to all the weaknesses of

frail humanity, it would be strange indeed if many should not sometimes stray from the path of rectitude. Should any such deviation from morality and virtue come to the knowledge of a brother, it is not the part of a true Mason either to proclaim it from the housetops or to whisper it secretly in the ear. Every Mason is the keeper of his brother's honor and reputation. Of all places in the world, a Masonic Lodge is the last place where we would expect to find a wilful calumniator. The coward who stabs his unoffending and defenceless victim in the back—the savage wretch who from some hidden covert shoots a poisoned arrow—the serpent, whose power lies not in the boldness of his attack, but in the venom of his sting,—these are but types and symbols of the slanderer. To him, the ruin of a brother's happiness, the staining of a spotless reputation acquired by long years of honest toil and industry, the shadow cast upon the loved and innocent, who surround the family hearth, are as nothing. By the rules which obtain in the courts of civil law, the truth of words spoken is ordinarily considered a justification of a slander. I charge you, my Brethren, that there is no such rule in Masonic Law. No Mason has a right to speak evil of a Brother behind his back; however true his evil words may be. His duty under such circumstances is plainly and clearly marked out. It is, first, to forgive. Hear what the Great Light of Masonry teaches upon this subject:—

“Then came Peter to him and said, Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?”

“Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times; but, until seventy times seven.”

“It is the duty of the Master Mason to reclaim his erring brother; it is his duty to “whisper good counsels in his ear.” Failing all these, the penal discipline of his Lodge should be invoked.

“Great embarrassment frequently arises from the habit, too freely indulged in by the representatives of Lodges, of absenting themselves from the Grand Lodge after the first day of its meeting. Many of the brethren appear to be under the impression that the only business for which the Grand Lodge is convened is the election of Grand Officers. The important business of the Grand Lodge rarely, if ever, commences before the second day of its session. It is difficult to suggest any legislation upon this subject, because a compulsory attendance of the brethren, either at the meetings of the Grand Lodge or of subordinate Lodges, is not in accordance with the spirit of our institution. I trust that a marked improvement in this respect will be manifested at this and subsequent communications.”

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN H. CROWE,

Deputy Grand Master.

Halifax, June 5, 1872.

On motion of R. W. Bro. A. C. Page, P. D. G. Master, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. Taylor, P. D. G. Master, it was

*Resolved*, That the report of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master be received and adopted, and that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to him for the very efficient manner in which he has discharged the arduous duties of the office during the past year.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded with the special order of business—the election of Grand officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows :—

M. W. Hon. Alexander Keith (re-elected).....	Grand Master.
R. W. Samuel G. Rigby.....	Deputy G. Master.
R. W. Henry Shaw.....	Senior G. Warden.
R. W. Rev. W. T. Wilkins.....	Junior G. Warden.
R. W. Andrew K. Mackinlay (re-elected).....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Benjamin Curren (re-elected).....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Newell Snow (re-elected).....	Grand Lecturer.
R. W. Rev. J. B. Richardson (re-elected).....	} Grand Chaplains.
R. W. Rev. Richard Avery (re-elected).....	
R. W. Rev. Theophilus Richey.....	
V. W. John Lawlor (re-elected).....	Senior G. Deacon.
V. W. Joseph Moore.....	Junior G. Deacon.
V. W. John W. Ruhland.....	Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. Thomas V. Cooke.....	G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. George Hyde.....	G. Sword-Bearer.
V. W. Blair McKay.....	Grand Organist.
V. W. John R. Thomas.....	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Lewis E. Tremaine.....	} Grand Stewards.
V. W. Robt. C. Hamilton.....	
V. W. Donald Robb.....	
V. W. Jeremiah Barnstead.....	
V. W. Alexander Fisher.....	
V. W. David Douglas.....	} Grand Stewards.
V. W. John M. Taylor (re-elected).....	
	Grand Tyler.

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

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 6, 1872,

10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, R. W. Allan H. Crowe, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

The roll of Lodges being called, a quorum was found duly represented.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Taylor, 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 appointed on the address of the M. W. Grand Master, respectfully report that they regret the inability of the Grand Master to attend this meeting of Grand Lodge.

It is, however, great consolation that they find him to have been for over half a century the constant and steady adherent of the beneficent principles of our time-honored institution, and though absent in body, as he says, he is in heart always with us.

The assurance of the continued prosperity of the Order in our jurisdiction and elsewhere is a cause for our mutual congratulations. The requests for opening new Lodges is an evidence that the cause of Masonry is spreading among us.

We highly commend the Grand Master's action in the caution he has exercised in his dispensations for conferring degrees in less than the appointed period.

The official acts performed by Deputies are all in keeping with the constitution, and satisfactory to your Committee.

We quite second the action of the Grand Master in the matter of a Lodge taking material that should have received the consent of the jurisdiction whence the said material comes from, before working ; and we trust the same will not again require notice.

We suggest that the foreign representation be approved as recommended and appointed. We also suggest particular attention to the circular referred to from the Grand Master of the State of Louisiana.

We cordially recommend the Grand Lodge to approve of the addresses in reference to the recovery of our illustrious Brother, the Prince of Wales.



We cannot but coincide with the Grand Master in his remarks of condolence in reference to those who have gone before us to the Grand Lodge above, we hope, during the past year, and unite also with him in raising our meed of praise to the Divine Goodness which has spared us who are present to unite in again taking a retrospective view of the past, and a prospective view also, with the best endeavors in our power to act for the best interests of our noble institution.

Your Committee must express the hope that our Most Worshipful Grand Master may yet be long spared to aid us by his counsel and experience.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM TAYLOR,  
*For Committee.*

HALIFAX, June 5, 1872.

On motion of W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Poyntz, seconded by W. Bro. James A. Fraser; it was

*Resolved*, That the report be received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. A. C. Page, P. D. G. Master, offered the following resolution, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. W. T. Wilkins, Grand Chaplain, and unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That with deepest sorrow and regret this Grand Lodge finds the station of Junior Grand Warden vacant and draped in mourning at this communication, owing to the death of our faithful and well-beloved Brother, Samuel F. Raymond.

Such of his brethren as were favored with a personal acquaintance with the deceased, can testify to the excellence and purity of his moral and Masonic character, and while the members of Grand Lodge cannot but feel that, having ceased from his labors here our late brother has entered upon eternal rest, they nevertheless express their sincere sympathy with the widow and bereaved family in the loss which they have sustained, and enjoin that a page of the printed Proceedings of Grand Lodge be devoted to the memory of our lamented Brother.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow and family of our deceased Brother.

The Committee appointed to collect Masonic documents asked for a still further extension of time wherein to report, which was granted.

W. Bro. Blair McKay offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*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.

The special Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of investigating the affairs of a Lodge that had formerly existed under dispensation at Wood's Harbor, and called "W. H. Davies" Lodge, presented the following report :

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

The Committee appointed to investigate the affairs of a Lodge, said to have existed at Wood's Harbor, under dispensation, and called "W. H. Davies" Lodge, beg to report that there is no such Lodge in existence.

Respectfully submitted,

NEWELL SNOW,  
*Chairman.*

CHARLES LEMAN.

On motion of W. Bro. R. C. Hamilton, seconded by M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, the report was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Wm. A. Hesson, Chairman of the Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of the formation of a Grand Lodge Charity Fund, presented the report of that Committee, when the following resolution was moved by R. W. Bro. Taylor, and seconded by W. Bro. George Nicholl :

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Charity Fund be printed in the Proceedings of the year, and the further consideration of the subject deferred until the Annual Communication in June, 1873.

In amendment, it was moved by R. W. Bro. John D. Nash—

“That the report of the Committee on Charity be now taken up, and discussed clause by clause.”

This amendment, on being put to vote, was declared lost.

R. W. Bro. Taylor's motion to print and defer, was then put to vote and agreed to.

## REPORT

*Of the Committee on Grand Lodge Charity Fund.*

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,—*

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the steps necessary to the formation of a Grand Lodge Charity Fund, beg to report as follows :

1. The funds at present appropriated to the object of charity, with all other sums that may be added thereto, shall be solely devoted to that object.

2. Every member of each subordinate Lodge shall pay towards the Fund twenty-five cents annually, and each candidate initiated shall forthwith pay fifty cents, to be remitted to the Grand Secretary with the annual returns.

3. The distribution (of the interest only) of this Fund shall take place on the first Monday of every month by a Committee which shall consist of a Master or Past Master of every subordinate Lodge, duly elected for that purpose, and shall be styled the “Committee of Charity,” said election to be held in May. The Committee shall annually—during the session of Grand Lodge in June—appoint a chairman and secretary, together with sub-committees; each sub-committee to consist of the Masters or Past Masters elected in each district to serve on the Committee of Charity, including a sub-committee for the County of Halifax.

4. To transact any business nine members shall be required to form a quorum, and the sub-committees shall require a majority of the members of each district and County of Halifax.

5. The sub-committees shall appoint their chairman and secretary, and shall annually, on or before the 30th day of April, forward a full report of all their doings to the Committee.

N.B.—The districts are here named in the event of the Grand Lodge adopting the principle of dividing the jurisdiction into districts.

6. The Committee shall, on 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.

7. All orders on the Grand Treasurer (within the amount of interest due upon the invested fund), signed by the President and Secretary, shall be at once paid.

8. No Master or Past Master shall act as a member of the Committee of Charity, if his Lodge has neglected to make its returns and pay its contributions to the funds of the Grand Lodge, for the preceding twelve months.

9. 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.

10. No 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, has continued a member of a contributing Lodge for at least two years, and during that period paid his annual dues to the Fund of Charity; the limitation of two years not to apply to extreme cases.

11. A brother who has been relieved cannot petition a second time within one year.

12. These laws and regulations shall be read by the Grand Secretary at every Annual Communication, after the names of the members elect of the Committee have been proclaimed, previous to entering upon their duties, and the presiding officer shall on no pretence whatever allow any part of them to be dispensed with or infringed.

## FORM OF PETITION.

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 Charity for relief.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. HESSON, *Chairman*,

JOHN D. NASH,

S. R. SIRCOM,

A. H. CROWE,

H. B. SELLON,

} *Committee.*

On motion, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock, P. M.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 6, 1872.

At 3 o'clock, P.M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, R. W. Bro. Allan H. Crowe, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

## PRESENT:

Officers and members as in the morning session.

W. Bro. James A. Fraser offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*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.

R. W. Bro. John D. Nash offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the sum of fifty dollars be granted to Albion and Manitoba Lodges, New Glasgow, said amount having been expended by these Lodges in the support of the late Bro. David Adams, of Lodge 476, R.S., Harbor Grace, Newfoundland.



The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by R. W. Bro. Geo. T. Smithers, and, on motion, adopted.

The report of the Committee on the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, signed by Bros. W. Taylor, J. McLearn, R. C. Hamilton, and J. K. Munnis, was presented to Grand Lodge, the same having been printed and distributed to the Lodges in the Memo. of Work for this Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Newell Snow, seconded by Bro. J. Fraser, and

*Resolved*, That the report on the appointment of D. D. G. Masters be received.

\* On motion, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

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## SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 6, 1872.

At 7½ o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, R. W. Bro. Allan H. Crowe, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

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

The report of the Committee on the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, was taken up, section by section, amended, and adopted as now embodied in the Constitution.

W. Bro. Henry S. Jost, of Unity Lodge, No. 4, having received authority from the M. W. Grand Master to dedicate the new hall at Petite Riviere, built for the use of Leman Lodge, No. 60, submitted the following report :

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

In accordance with the dispensation addressed to me by the M. W. Grand Master, under date of Feb. 1, 1872, authorizing and empowering me, with proper assistance, to dedicate the new hall at Petite Riviere for the use of Leman Lodge, No. 60, I have the honor to report that on Wednesday, the 21st day of February, A. L. 5872, I proceeded to Petite Riviere, and there met a number of known and approved Master Masons.

I then, with a sufficient number of the brethren, opened a Lodge in a convenient place, and thence proceeded to the new hall, which we dedicated to Masonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence, in ancient form.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. JOST, W. M.,  
*Unity Lodge, No. 4.*

On motion of W. Bro. Richardson Harris, seconded by W. Bro. Munnis, it was

*Resolved*, That the report be received and adopted.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from R. W. Charles Walmisley, Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ireland, announcing the recommendation by the Board of General Purposes, and subsequent confirmation by Grand Lodge, of the appointment of W. Bro. Robert C. Hamilton as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, with a suggestion also on the part of the Grand Lodge of Ireland that Bro. Charles Capel Macnamara, Barrister-at-Law, Past Master of Lodge No. 728, Dublin, be appointed the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

On motion of the R. W. Grand Secretary, the above appointments were confirmed.

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V. W. Bro: Theodore A. Cossmann, Chairman of the Committee appointed at the semi-annual Communication in December, to report upon the eight shares of the Masonic Hall property held by the late District Grand Lodge, submitted the following report :

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

Your Committee appointed to protect the interests of this Grand Lodge with reference to the eight shares of Masonic Hall property, held by the late District Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that, so far as they know, no steps have been taken by any one body holding shares therein, and would recommend that this Grand Lodge ask the present trustees of said property for a financial statement from June, 1869, to present date.

All of which is respectfully submitted

THEODORE A. COSSMANN,  
W. TAYLOR.

It having been moved by W. Bro. J. K. Munnis, and seconded by W. Bro. A. McLeod, "That the report be received and adopted," W. Bro. R. C. Hamilton moved the following amendment :

*Resolved*, That all that part be not adopted beginning with the words "and would recommend" and ending "from June, 1869, to present date."

The amendment being seconded by W. Bro. Daniel G. McKay, of "Tyrian Youth," No. 45, and put to vote, was declared lost.

The original motion to receive and adopt was then agreed to.

#### EXEMPLIFICATION OF WORK.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, in order to give the Brethren an opportunity of witnessing the exemplification of the first and second degrees this evening, by the R. W. Grand Lecturer, under the warrant of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1.

## THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, June 7, 1872.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, R. W. Bro. Allan H. Crowe, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

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

On motion, the special order of business for this morning, viz., the election of District Deputy Grand Masters for the ensuing year, in compliance with section 2 of the report of the Committee on the appointment of said officers, was proceeded with, and resulted as follows :—

1st District.....	R. W. Allan H. Crowe.
2nd    "       .....	R. W. John M. Cole.
3rd    "       .....	R. W. Fraser W. Dakin.
4th    "       .....	R. W. Alex. C. Page, M. D.
5th    "       .....	R. W. Lt.-Col. C. Crewe Reade.

A letter, under date Feb. 17, 1872, was read from Bro. A. G. Goodall, of New York, Grand Representative at large of the Grand Orient of Brazil, Valley of Lavradio, Rio de Janeiro, enclosing an official communication from that Grand Orient, and requesting "an interchange of relations of amity with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia."

On motion, the subject was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to report upon at the next annual Communication.

It was moved by Bro. James A. Fraser, W. M. of Queen's Lodge, No. 34, Sherbrooke, seconded by Past Master Bro. Daniel G. McKay, of Tyrian Youth Lodge, No. 45, Little Glace Bay, and unahimously

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the officers and members of St. Andrew's Lodge,

No. 1, for the very kind and truly fraternal manner in which we were received by them last evening, on the occasion of the exemplification of the work of the first and second degrees by the R. W. Grand Lecturer.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Taylor, in a few appropriate remarks, paid a well merited tribute of respect to the memory of our late Brother Isaac Melvin, of Burns Lodge, and Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That a page in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge be inscribed to the memory of our deceased Brother, Isaac Melvin, Past Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge,—a just and upright Mason, true and trusty, and held in high esteem among his brethren and fellows. His kindness of heart and tender solicitude for those in distress will cause his memory to be long and affectionately cherished by his brethren.

Bro. William W. Glennie, of New Caledonia Lodge, offered the following resolution, which, being seconded by W. Bro. Douglas, of Acacia Lodge, Amherst, and put to vote, was unanimously agreed to :

*Resolved*, That the sum of fifty dollars be allowed from the funds of Grand Lodge to Mrs. Genever of Pictou.

R. W. Bro. William A. Hesson, chairman of the special committee appointed at the regular communication in December to report upon the claim of the Royal Standard Lodge, R. E., to a part of the funds of the late District Grand Lodge, submitted the following report :

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

The Committee appointed at the semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, to take into consideration the claim made by "Royal Standard" Lodge of this city, working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, to a half share of the funds of the late District Grand Lodge, have to report as follows :

As the claim of the "Royal Standard" was made by them under the impression that the funds of the late District Grand Lodge were to be



divided among the English Lodges who took part in the Union of June 24, 1869; and as no proposition of that nature was ever made or entertained by the Lodges forming that fund; and as a resolution, unanimously passed at a regular communication of the late English District Grand Lodge on the 5th June, 1869, (the "Royal Standard" being there represented) did dispose of the funds of said District Grand Lodge, *nemine contradicente*, in such a way that the interest alone accruing from said funds is disposable, and that for Masonic charity only, your Committee are of opinion that the claim made by the "Royal Standard" is entirely inadmissible, and recommend that it be not acceded to.

WILLIAM A. HESSON,  
ALLAN H. CROWE,  
BENJAMIN CURREN.

HALIFAX, June 5, 1872.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, seconded by W. Bro. R. C. Hamilton, and unanimously

*Resolved*, That the report just read be received and adopted.

W. Bro. Hamilton offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to publish 550 copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the past year, for distribution in the usual manner.

R. W. Bro. John D. Nash offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to prepare a form of certificate, to be issued to the District Deputy Grand Masters, in accordance with the provisions of section 7, Chap. — of the Constitution, entitled "Of District Deputy Grand Masters."

R. W. Bro. Taylor offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That a Committee of Charity be appointed for the ensuing year, to take into consideration the funds of Grand Lodge available for charitable purposes; and that all questions of charity be submitted to said Committee.

Committee appointed—Bros. Allan H. Crowe, John D. Nash, William Taylor, Thomas Mowbray, Andrew K. Mackinlay.

### CONSTITUTION AMENDED.

Pursuant to notice given at the semi-annual meeting in December last, and distributed to the subordinate Lodges in the Memo. of work for this Communication, the following amendments to the Constitution were adopted :—

*Chap. 1, Sec. 5*, is amended by inserting after the word "Halifax," in the 16th line, the following clause: "Not, however, to exceed the amount of *annual dues* of such Lodge to Grand Lodge."

*Chap. 1, Sec. 10*, now reads: "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."

*Chap. 14, Sec. 1.*, is amended by adding: "But no charter shall be granted to a new Lodge until it has worked under a dispensation."

*Chap. 14, Sec. 43*, is amended by adding to the first clause the following: "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."

*Chap. 17* is amended by expunging the first four lines, and by substituting the following:

Dispensation to a new Lodge.....	\$50.00
Charter to a Lodge under Dispensation.....	\$0.00

V. W. Bro. Cossmann's motion to further amend Sec. 3, Chap. 1, by substituting for the clause added at the Decem-

ber Communication, which reads—"No brother not a member of this Grand Lodge shall be eligible for office therein"—the following, viz: "No brother shall be eligible for any office in Grand Lodge, except that of Grand Chaplain, but Masters, Wardens and Past Masters, duly registered and subscribing members of subordinate Lodges," on being put to vote was declared lost.

The R. W. Grand Secretary offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That those members of this Grand Lodge, formerly holding the position of Deputy Grand Master, Senior or Junior Grand Warden, in the Scottish Provincial Grand Lodge of this Province, be admitted to the same rank in this Grand Lodge that was secured by the 9th Article of the Union of June, 1869, to those brethren holding similar positions in the Grand Lodge and English District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Agreeably to a resolution adopted at the semi-annual Communication, the Articles of Union of June 24, 1869, were read by the Grand Secretary, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and all the brethren assembled rising at the name of Deity with which the Articles commence, and standing throughout the reading of the same, in honor of that memorable event in the Masonic history of this Province.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment till 3 o'clock, P. M.

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### THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, June 7, 1872.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, R. W. Bro. Allan H. Crowe, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

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

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

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

Your Committee on Finance and Audit beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find the same correct and properly vouched.

They find the receipts for the past year to be as follows :—

For dues .....	\$1461.91
" Diplomas and Enrolments .....	915.08
" Charters, Dispensations, &c. ....	103.00
" Interest on cash deposited in Bank .....	24.00
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	\$2503.94
Add balance on hand 6th June, 1871, N. S. Cy \$1681.17..	1586.38
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	4140.27
Expenditure for same period as per vouchers .....	1388.36
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Leaving balance at credit of Grand Lodge—

In Bank on deposit receipt .....	\$2000.00
" on call .....	751.91
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	\$2751.91
In addition to securities held by the M. W. Grand Master, as a basis of a charity fund, amounting to.....	2400.00

It must be remembered that the balance at the disposal of the Grand Treasurer will be materially reduced by the payment of delegates to this Grand Body.

The estimate submitted by the Grand Treasurer appears to have been carefully prepared, and your Committee would respectfully recommend that the M. W. Grand Master be requested to give orders for the payment of all accounts certified by the Grand Secretary and within the estimate. The present system of withholding payment of accounts until they have been presented to Grand Lodge does not appear to your Committee to be a good one, as many persons after performing a stipulated service find it quite inconvenient to remain any length of time without remuneration for such service.

Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting that but four Lodges have failed to make their annual payment.

In closing this report your Committee must again congratulate Grand Lodge upon having such efficient and painstaking officers as the present Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. The accounts of both these brethren are made up in a very satisfactory manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. MOWBRAY,  
Chairman.

Halifax, June 6, 1872.

On motion of M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, the report was received and adopted.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was authorized to provide a suitable box in which to preserve the Articles of Union.

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

For Diplomas and stationery to May 10, 1872.....	\$256.28
Bowes & Sons to May 24, 1872.....	40.50
Joseph Croskill, advertising to May 29.....	4.88
Charles Annand, " " 28.....	4.00
E. Davy, for gas and fuel from 1867 to June 1st, 1872.....	40.00
John M. Taylor, tiling to June 7, 1872.....	19.00
T. Ceconi, for framing.....	7.00

R. W. Bro. Robt. C. Hamilton having presented credentials from the Grand Lodge of Florida accrediting him as the representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, was received in that capacity with the customary honors, and invited to a seat in the East.

R. W. Bro. John D. Nash gave notice that at the next annual Communication, and before the election of officers, he will move to amend section 3, Chap. 1, of the Constitution, so as to admit of open as well as written nominations for all elective officers; and also that in future the elective officers of Grand Lodge shall consist of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; all others to be appointed by the Grand Master.



R. W. Bro. William Taylor gave notice that he will move the following resolution at the Annual Communication in June, 1873 :

*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.

Bro. Thomas V. Cooke gave notice that he will move the following resolution at the annual Communication in June next :

*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.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of officers for the ensuing year, when

M. W. Bro. S. R. Siroom, Past Grand Master, at the invitation of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master presiding, ascended the East, and assisted by R. W. Bro. W. Taylor, P. D. G. M., installed the Grand officers elect into the offices set opposite their respective names, viz :

R. W. Samuel G. Rigby .....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Henry Shaw .....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Rev. W. T. Wilkins .....	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. Allan H. Crowe .....	D.D.G.Ms. { 1st Dist.
R. W. Fraser W. Dakin .....	{ 3rd Dist.
R. W. Andrew K. Mackinlay .....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Benjamin Curren .....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Newell Snow .....	Grand Lecturer.
R. W. Rev. Richard Avery .....	} Grand Chaplains.
R. W. Rev. Theophilus Richey .....	
V. W. John W. Ruhland .....	Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. Thomas V. Cooke .....	G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Blair McKay .....	Grand Organist.

V. W. John R. Thomas.....	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Lewis E. Tremaine.....	} Grand Stewards.
V. W. Robt. C. Hamilton.....	
V. W. Alex. Fisher.....	
V. W. Donald Robb .....	
V. W. David Douglas.....	} Grand Tyler.
V. W. John M. Taylor.....	

R. W. Bro. Allan H. Crowe offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the second clause of section 2, Chap. 1, of the Constitution, so far as relates to the installation of District Deputy Grand Masters, be suspended and remain suspended until the next Communication of Grand Lodge.

The following Standing Committees were then appointed for the ensuing year, viz :

#### ON CREDENTIALS.

A. H. Crowe, T. A. Cossmann, T. V. Cooke.

#### ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

W. Taylor, J. Gossip, W. W. Rickards.

#### ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL.

J. K. Munnis, J. D. Nash, W. F. Chase.

#### ON FINANCE AND AUDIT.

T. Mowbray, J. C. Cahill, A. H. Woodill.

#### ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

G. T. Smithers, R. C. Hamilton, F. W. Dakin.

#### ON CHARTERS.

D. Pottinger, R. Brunton, R. C. Fraser.

The R. W. Grand Lecturer informed the brethren present that, at the request of Acadia Lodge, No. 14, he would exemplify the third degree under the warrant of that Lodge at 8 o'clock, P.M.

No further business appearing, after the usual ceremonies, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was closed in due form, to meet again in Annual Communication on the first Wednesday in June, A..D. 1873, at 12 o'clock, noon.

BENJAMIN CURREN,  
*Grand Secretary.*

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CONSTITUTION  
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GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

As revised to June, A.D. 1872—A.L. 5872.

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,
" " "	District Deputy Grand Masters,
" " "	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 having the two 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 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 past year.

*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,
" " "	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 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 that 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 any Brother expelled, until the Master or Officers of the Lodge, or the offending Brother, shall have been summoned to shew 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 a 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 in 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 PUBLIC 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 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 opened to the inspection of all members.

*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 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 unpasonic 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 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 thinks 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 at the Regular Communication previous to that at which it is to be brought before 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.* Should the Grand Master die during his Grand Mastership, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Master, or in his absence the Grand Wardens, shall assemble the Grand Lodge immediately to record the event. The Grand Lodge shall appoint three of its members to invite the last preceding Grand Master to act until a new election takes place. Should he decline, or be unable to act, then the last but one, and so on. If no former Grand Master be found to act, the Grand Lodge shall be summoned to elect a Grand Master.

*Section 3.* The Grand Master, under 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 his 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*.

*Section 5.* The Grand Master may send his 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 Masoury, 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 hold 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 elected, at the Annual Communication, as hereinafter provided, 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.* The District Deputy Grand Masters shall be elected by Grand Lodge, immediately after, and in the same manner as Grand Wardens; but the nomination for each shall be made by those only who are members of the Lodges in the district to which the officer is to be elected.

*Section 4.* 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 5.* It shall be the duty of 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 6.* 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 7.* 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 8.* 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 9.* 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 10.* The Grand Secretary shall, immediately after the election 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.

*Section 11.* 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; 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 Masters 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 Lodge 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 monies 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 and papers he may direct; to conduct the Correspondence of the Grand Lodge; to receive regularly, credit and record, all monies of the Grand Lodge, and 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 fund a salary of six hundred dollars annually, the same to be payable 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 emergency meetings, but nothing contained here-



in shall permit or authorize him to interrupt or in any way interfere with the work of a Lodge, or to give instruction 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 benefit 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 proceed at once 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 takes 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 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 OF GRIEVANCE 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 matters complained of originated, and in case of appeal within twelve months from the date of the 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 of Grievance 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 party 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 shall 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, 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 party 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 proper 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, 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, Marshall 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 April, elect the Worshipful 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, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, 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 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 proposal, 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 monies 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.

*Section 15.* A Lodge of Emergency may at any time be 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 intimated and afterwards 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 numbers 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 return 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 proved.

*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 so to do within three months, may be suspended and reported to the Grand Secretary.

*Section 23.* Every Lodge has the power, by a two-third vote, of suspending a member for gross, immoral or infamous conduct, or for non-payment of dues; but no Lodge shall suspend any member without giving him at least one month's notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be offered every opportunity of defending himself. When the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the vote of the brethren shall be given openly, subject to the right of appeal to Grand Lodge. The name of every brother suspended, and the cause of his suspension, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

*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 thereof 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 May, make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Masters, 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, at least ten days before the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

*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 the 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 or Deputy Grand Master, except in case of a Funeral, which should 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

the writing, printing, or publishing of 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 that 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 shall violate 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 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 be 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 discretion 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 jurisdictions, 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 ballotted for at any regular meeting of the Lodge afterwards, provided the committee have reported, and if elected, he may be initiated, but if rejected, his application cannot be entertained in any Lodge 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.* No Lodge shall, on any occasion or pretence whatever, suspend any of its By-Laws.

## 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 the 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 the sanction be inserted in the summons of 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.

*The 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.

*Section 7. APRONS.—Entered Apprentice.*—A plain white lamb skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament; white strings.

*Fellow Craft.*—A plain white lamb skin, 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, and blue strings, and the emblems of their offices in gold in the centre.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblem 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 the 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 a 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.....	0.50
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.

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 favorably 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 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 42.]

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.]



# RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

For the Year ending June 5, A. D., 1872—A. L., 5873.

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 :

ROBT. C. HAMILTON (G. S.), *Worshipful Master.*  
ALFRED H. WOODILL, M.D., *Senior Warden.*  
JAMES DEMPSTER, *Junior Warden.*  
SAMUEL M. BROOKFIELD, *Treasurer.*  
N. L. HERBERT, *Secretary.*  
W. N. WOODILL, *Senior Deacon.*  
ALFRED CALDWELL, *Junior Deacon.*  
EDWARD DAVEY, *Inner Guard.*  
THOMAS TRENAMAN, M.D., } *Stewards.*  
ROBERT S. FITCH, }  
JOHN M. TAYLOR, P.M., *Tyler.*

### PAST MASTERS :

John Woodill, P.G.W.  
John D. Nash, P.G.W.  
Allan H. Crowe, P.D.G.M.  
William McDonald.

Thomas S. Lewnd.  
Edgar Dodson.  
John W. Scott.  
James Montgomery.



## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.

## HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 161, R.E. Charter signed, London, June 30, 1780.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

JOHN MILSOM, *Worshipful Master.*  
 PHILIP G. VALOT, P.M., *Senior Warden.*  
 WM. LA T. COCKRAFT, Lieut. R.M.A., *Junior Warden.*  
 HENRY C. D. TWINING, P.G.W., *Treasurer.*  
 E. MONTGOMERY VLETH, *Secretary.*  
 ROBT. T. GRIFFITHS, M.D., *Senior Deacon.*  
 FREDERICK MARSHALL, M.D., *Junior Deacon.*  
 ROBT. L. WEATHERBE, *Inner Guard.*  
 WILLIAM A. HENRY, }  
 JAMES McDONALD, } *Stewards.*  
 JOHN M. TAYLOR, P.M., *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

Henry C. D. Twining, P.G.W.	Philip G. Valot.
Robt. D. Clarke, P.G.W.	Clervaux Morley, Lieut. R.A.

## VIRGIN LODGE, No. 3.

## HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 396, R.E. Established February 18, 1782. Chartered October, 1784.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS.

THOMAS MOWBRAY, *Worshipful Master.*  
 JAMES REEVES, *Senior Warden.*  
 REV. J. B. RICHARDSON, G.-C., *Junior Warden.*  
 WILLIAM A. HESSON, P. G. W., *Treasurer.*  
 C. E. PUTNER, *Secretary.*  
 A. STEPHEN, *Senior Deacon.*  
 JOHN GUNN, *Junior Deacon.*  
 WESLEY LAMBERT, *Inner Guard.*  
 J. R. JENNETT, }  
 W. N. WICKWIRE, M. D. } *Stewards.*  
 JOHN. M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

Alex. Keith, M. W. G. M.	Richard T. Roome.
William A. Hesson, P. G. W.	Benj. Curran, P. G. W., G. Sec'y.
William Twining, P. G. W.	James Gossip.
John A. Sinclair.	Thomas W. Harris.
William S. Symonds, P. G. W.	

**UNITY LODGE, No. 4.**  
LUNENBURG.

Formerly No. 399 R. E. Established March, 1822. Chartered March 10 1829.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

**OFFICERS:**

HENRY SMITH JOST, *Worshipful Master.*  
ALEXANDER HEISLER, *Senior Warden.*  
JOSEPH SHUPE, *Junior Warden.*  
JAMES E. HUNT, *Treasurer.*  
W. M. B. LAWSON, *Secretary.*  
EDWARD B. HYSON, *Senior Deacon.*  
SIMON HELMAN, *Junior Deacon.*  
WILLIAM GRAY, *Inner Guard.*  
WILLIAM N. ZWICKER, } *Stewards.*  
WILLIAM TOWNSHEND, }  
EDWARD BROWN, *Tyler.*

**PAST MASTERS.**

W. M. B. Lawson.

William N. Zwicker.

**ALBION LODGE, No. 5.**  
NEW GLASGOW.

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

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY IN EACH MONTH.

**OFFICERS:**

THOMAS A. McLEAN, *Worshipful Master.*  
KENNETH McLEOD, *Senior Warden.*  
ANGUS McQUEEN, *Junior Warden.*  
A. FRASER DOWNIE, *Treasurer.*  
A. McKINNON, P. M., *Secretary.*  
GEORGE DOUGLAS, *Senior Deacon.*  
JAMES COPELAND, *Junior Deacon.*  
DANIEL CAMPBELL, *Inner Guard.*  
THOMAS SULLIVAN, } *Stewards.*  
EVAN CAMERON, }

**PAST MASTERS:**

John F. McDonald,  
John R. P. Fraser,  
Donald McKarracher,  
A. M. Holmes,

Alexander McKinnon,  
Hugh J. Cameron,  
Blair McKay, G. O.

## ROYAL SUSSEX, No. 6.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 470, R. E. Established April 1841. Chartered 1842.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY IN EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

ROBERT BRUNTON, *Worshipful Master.*  
 JAMES MUMFORD, *Senior Warden.*  
 ZEBINA S. HALL, *Junior Warden.*  
 WILLIAM HOLLOWAY, P. G. W., *Treasurer.*  
 GEORGE GORLON, *Secretary.*  
 JAMES BARNSTEAD, *Senior Deacon.*  
 GEORGE GARLAND, *Junior Deacon.*  
 GEORGE THOMSON, *Inner Guard.*  
 THOMAS E. EVERETT, }  
 AUGUSTUS RIDGEWAY } *Stewards.*  
 JOHN M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

William H. Tully, P. G. W.,	William Holloway, P. G. W.,
George Gordon,	Edward Share,
Thomas Jardine,	James McLearn,
John M. Taylor, G. T.,	Horatio B. Sellon.

## ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 7.

SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly No. 490, R. E. Chartered August 29, 1844.

## OFFICERS :

HUGH McLEOD, *Worshipful Master.*  
 MURRAY DODD, *Senior Warden.*  
 DANIEL MATHESON, *Junior Warden.*  
 JOHN LONVAY, *Treasurer.*  
 R. J. INGRAHAM, *Secretary.*  
 SAMUEL PETERS, *Senior Deacon.*  
 W. W. OLIVER, *Junior Deacon.*  
 GEORGE B. ARMSTRONG, *Inner Guard.*  
 HENRY WOODILL, }  
 ROBERT MARTIN, } *Stewards.*  
 JAMES WILLIAMS, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

Thomas Leoras,	Edmund Outram,
Lewis Johnston,	James Anderson,
C. Crewe Read, D. D. G. M.	N. L. Mackay.

# ACACIA LODGE, No. 8.

AMHERST.

Formerly No. 330, Registry of Ireland. Chartered March 15, 1845. Also No. 14, R. N. S., Chartered March 8, 1867.

## OFFICERS :

JOSEPH MOORE, M.D., J.G.D., *Worshipful Master.*

DAWSON HAYWARD, *Senior Warden.*

GEORGE DEERY, *Junior Warden.*

GEORGE DIMOCK, P.M., *Treasurer.*

F. W. BENT, *Secretary.*

DAVID SPENCE, *Senior Deacon.*

CLARENCE A. LOWE, *Junior Deacon.*

THOMAS S. MOORE, *Inner Guard.*

GEORGE H. TRUEMAN, } *Stewards.*

CHAS. J. TOWNSEND, }

R. W. CHIPMAN, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

John White,  
Isaac Winchester,  
James King,  
Joseph Cove,

John Hill,  
George Dimock,  
David Douglas, G.S.

# ZETLAND LODGE, No. 9.

LIVERPOOL.

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

MEETS ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

J. N. S. MARSHALL, *Worshipful Master.*

JOHN M. DUNLOP, *Senior Warden.*

GEORGE F. MOORE, *Junior Warden.*

C. E. D. SNOW, *Treasurer.*

SYLVESTER S. MURRAY, *Secretary.*

JOHN B. GELBERT, *Senior Deacon.*

HENRY A. WRIGHT, *Junior Deacon.*

ZENAS CHRISTOPHER, *Inner Guard.*

CHARLES Y. WRIGHT, } *Stewards.*

NATHAN D. HAMMETT, }

ALEXANDER LANG, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

John W. Cobb,  
H. W. Smith,

John M. Cole, Dist. Dep. G. M.  
David Buchanan.

**BURNS LODGE, No. 10.**

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 382, R.S. Chartered 1848. Also No. 1, R.N.S. Chartered Mar. 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

## OFFICERS :

JAMES FORTUNE, *Worshipful Master.*  
 WILLIAM A. GARRISON, *Senior Warden.*  
 SAUL MOSHER, *Junior Warden.*  
 JOHN OVERY, *Treasurer.*  
 WILLIAM TAYLOR, P.D.G.M., *Secretary.*  
 JAMES HACKETT, *Senior Deacon.*  
 THOMAS McALPINE, *Junior Deacon.*  
 DAVID POTTINGER, P.M., *Marshal.*  
 J. R. SEMENSKI,  
 DUNCAN WADDELL, } *Stewards.*  
 JOHN M. TAYLOR, P.M., *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

William Taylor, P.D.G.M.,	David Pottinger,
Robert Brechin, P.D.G.M., Hon'y.	Alexander Waddell.

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

PICTOU.

Formerly No. 555, R.E. Chartered October 15, 1849.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

## OFFICERS :

JOSEPH A. GORDON, *Worshipful Master.*  
 GEORGE R. DAVIES, *Senior Warden.*  
 DANIEL T. HISLOP, *Junior Warden.*  
 FREDERICK W. FRASER, *Treasurer.*  
 CHARLES E. DAVIES, *Secretary.*  
 THOMAS ROBLEY, *Senior Deacon.*  
 JOHN GUNN, *Junior Deacon.*  
 WILLIAM DEVEY, *Inner Guard.*  
 EDWARD C. DAVIES,  
 FREDERICK R. BOGGS, } *Stewards,*  
 SAMUEL CARLTON, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

G. M. Johnston, M.D., P.G.W.	W. H. Davies,
W. E. Cooke, M.D.,	William Campbell,
R. Tanner,	S. G. Rigby, D.G.M.



## HIRAM LODGE, No. 12.

YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. 596, R. E. Established 1848.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

### OFFICERS :

CLARENCE CHRISTY, *Worshipful Master.*

ALFRED S. HOOD, *Senior Warden.*

WILLIAM E. GARDNER, *Junior Warden.*

ALEXANDER J. HOOD, P. M., *Treasurer.*

WILLIAM B. HOMER, *Secretary.*

J. WENTWORTH BINGAY, *Senior Deacon.*

WILLIAM W. REID, *Junior Deacon.*

JAMES HUNTINGTON, *Inner Guard.*

GEORGE M. BROWN,

FREDERICK HATFIELD, } *Stewards.*

BENJAMIN SMITH, *Tyler.*

### PAST MASTERS :

Thomas V. B. Bingay,  
Alex. J. Hood,

George G. Sanderson,  
Charles White.

## ACADIA LODGE, No. 13.

PUGWASH.

Formerly No. 612 R. E. Chartered February 28, 1853.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

### OFFICERS :

PETER McDONALD, *Worshipful Master.*

DONALD McAULEY, *Senior Warden.*

JOHN COOPER, *Junior Warden.*

H. C. BLACK, *Treasurer.*

SILAS C. McNUTT, *Secretary.*

HIRAM HUSTON, *Senior Deacon.*

ROBERT SMITH, *Junior Deacon.*

JOHN W. STARRITT, *Inner Guard.*

ISAAC McCULLION,

ROBERT McKINNON, } *Stewards.*

JOHN C. WARNER, *Tyler.*

### PAST MASTERS :

Joseph Clark,  
Thomas Webster,  
H. C. Black,

Charles E. McNutt,  
Rufus F. Bent,  
James Seaman.

**ACADIA LODGE, No. 14****HALIFAX.**

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

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY IN EACH MONTH.

**OFFICERS :**

JOHN SUTHERLAND, *Worshipful Master.*  
 JOHN W. RUHLAND, G. S. of W., *Senior Warden.*  
 ALEXANDER W. McLEOD, *Junior Warden.*  
 GEORGE FRASER, P. M., *Treasurer.*  
 ANGUS McLEOD, P. M., *Secretary.*  
 CHARLES COCHRAN, *Senior Deacon.*  
 WILLIAM CRAIGEN, *Junior Deacon*  
 GILBERT MUNRO, *Inner Guard.*  
 ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND, }  
 MICHAEL CARNEY, } *Stewards.*  
 J. M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler.*

**PAST MASTERS :**

George Fraser,

Angus McLeod.

**ATHOLE LODGE, No. 15.****HALIFAX.**Formerly No. 361, R. S. Chartered February 2, 1852. Also No. 2, R. N. S.  
Chartered March 29, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

**OFFICERS :**

ROBERT C. FRASER, *Worshipful Master.*  
 JEREMIAH BARNSTEAD, G. S., *Senior Warden.*  
 WILLIAM G. LAIDLAW, *Junior Warden.*  
 G. J. FLUKE, *Treasurer.*  
 A. J. ROCKWELL, *Secretary.*  
 SOLOMON WALTERS, *Senior Deacon.*  
 J. J. STEWART, *Junior Deacon.*  
 GEORGE WORTH, *Inner Guard.*  
 W. C. SARRE, }  
 CHAS. WARMUNDE, } *Stewards.*  
 J. M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler.*

**PAST MASTERS.**

James R. Graham, P. D. G. M. Hon., D. McDougall,  
 C. J. Macdonald, P. D. G. M. Hon., William Williams, P. G. W.  
 W. S. Macdonald,

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

HILLSBURG.

Formerly No. 628, R. E. Established May, 1851 Chartered Jan. 30. 1854.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

EDMUND WALSH, *Worshipful Master.*

JOHN H. BENSON, *Senior Warden.*

JAMES DUNN, *Junior Warden.*

ALPHEUS MARSHALL, *Treasurer.*

WILLIAM G. BENT, *Secretary.*

JOHN HARLOW, *Senior Deacon.*

JOHN W. TURNBULL, *Junior Deacon.*

CERIM H. PURDY, *Inner Guard.*

MOSES E. RICE,

GEORGE F. MILLER, } *Stewards.*

THOMAS H. HARRIS, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

George Nicholl,  
Andrew Harris,

John Harlow,  
John V. Purdy.

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

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 365, R. S. Established Jan. 1852. Also No. 3, R. N. S. Chartered

May 20. 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY IN EACH MONTH

## OFFICERS :

J. TAYLOR WOOD, *Worshipful Master.*

SILVESTER NICHOLS, *Senior Warden.*

D. MINER STERNS, *Junior Warden.*

E. L. COLEMAN, *Treasurer.*

J. H. MacLAUGHLIN, *Secretary.*

J. H. MORRISON, *Senior Deacon.*

BOBERT NICHOLS, *Junior Deacon.*

EDWARD SMITH, *Marshal.*

L. H. LARDER,

W. C. HAMILTON, } *Secretary.*

JOHN M. TALYOR, P. M., *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

J. K. Munnis,  
A. Busby, P. G. W.,  
J. B. Norton,

D. McDonald,  
R. J. Romans, P. G. W.

**UNION LODGE, No. 18.****HALIFAX.**

Formerly No. 693, R. E. Established Dec., 1855. Chartered Dec., 1856.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

**OFFICERS :**

PETER E. McKERROW, *Worshipful Master.*  
 SAMUEL F. ROAN, *Senior Warden.*  
 WILLIAM B. THOMAS, *Junior Warden.*  
 CHARLES F. BIDDLE, *Treasurer.*  
 JAMES JACKSON, *Secretary.*  
 PETER BUSHENPIN, *Senior Deacon.*  
 CHARLES COOPER, *Junior Deacon.*  
 JOHN B. BARRON, P. M., *Inner Guard.*  
 THOMAS CLAYTON, } *Stewards.*  
 JAMES SKINNER, }  
 JOHN M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler.*

**PAST MASTERS :**

John R. Thomas, G. P.  
 John B. Barron,

William T. Davis.

**ROYAL ALBERT, No. 19.****NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.**

Formerly No. 379, R. S. Established February, 1857. Also, No. 18, R. N. S. Chartered March 13, 1868.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

**OFFICERS :**

WILLIAM PROCTOR, *Worshipful Master.*  
 A. C. THOMPSON, *Senior Warden.*  
 DANIEL LAWLOR, *Junior Warden.*  
 JOHN B. MOORE, *Treasurer.*  
 C. A. ROBERTSON, *Secretary.*  
 JOHN VOOUGHT, *Senior Deacon.*  
 ALEXANDER WATSON, *Junior Deacon.*  
 ALEXANDER McKENZIE, *Inner Guard.*  
 G. S. BROWN, } *Stewards.*  
 M. McLEAN, }  
 DAVID SCOTT, *Tyler.*

**PAST MASTERS :**

George S. Brown,  
 William Purves,  
 David Scott,

John H. Christie,  
 Albert Corbett,  
 John Vooght.

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

WOLFVILLE, KING'S COUNTY.

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

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

JAMES W. BIGELOW, *Worshipful Master.*

LORENZO SANGSTER, *Senior Warden.*

THOMAS B. GILLIATT, *Junior Warden.*

J. R. HEA, *Treasurer.*

ROBERT HAMILTON, *Secretary.*

CHARLES E. DAVISON, *Senior Deacon.*

JAMES W. CALDWELL, *Junior Deacon.*

JAMES WILSON, *Inner Guard.*

WILLIAM HARDWICK, } *Stewards.*

GEORGE N. BISHOP, }

WILLIAM BLACKADDAR, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. H. Gould,

J. R. Hea, D. C. L.

**DAVIS LODGE, No. 21.**

WILMOT. — CHARTER SURRENDERED.

**SCOTIA LODGE, No. 22.**

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 411, R. S. Established August, 1859. Also No. 4, R. N. S.  
Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY IN EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

JOHN LAWLOR, S.G.D., *Worshipful Master.*

LOUIS E. TREMAINE, G.S., *Senior Warden.*

ARTHUR FORDHAM, *Junior Warden.*

H. J. MARSHALL, P.G.W., *Treasurer.*

L. A. BARNABY, *Secretary.*

GEO. T. McELWAIN, *Senior Deacon.*

JNO. MESSERVY, *Junior Deacon.*

JOHN HERBIN, *Marshal.*

Mc. C. Y. BARRY, } *Stewards.*

THOS. FOWLER, }

J. M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

S. R. Sircorn, P.G.M.,

A. K. Mackinlay, G.T.,

W. H. Davies, M.D., P.G.M.,

C. F. Vose,

H. J. Marshall, P.G.W.,

S. C. Jordan.



**KEITH LODGE, No. 23.**

ALBION MINES.

Formerly No. 870, R. E. Established June, 1860. Chartered June 14, 1861.  
MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

JOHN McQUARRIE, *Worshipful Master*.  
JAMES R. CORBETT, *Senior Warden*.  
JOHN D. ROSS, *Junior Warden*.  
WILLIAM McKENZIE, *Treasurer*.  
JAMES MITCHELL, *Secretary*.  
ALEXANDER GREY, *Senior Deacon*.  
HENRY SWIFT, *Junior Deacon*.  
NEIL SUTHERLAND, *Inver Guard*.  
CHARLES HOLMES, }  
HUGH FLEMING } *Secretary*  
ALEXANDER McDONALD, *Tyler*.

## PAST MASTERS :

Alexander McKay, James Maxwell,  
James Hudson, Lewis Johnston, M. D.  
James W. Fraser,

**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.

Returns due May 20th. Not yet received by the G. S. August 20, 1872.

**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 :

GEORGE BOWERS, *Worshipful Master*.  
MAURICE D. PETERS, *Senior Warden*.  
J. A. MOORE, *Junior Warden*.  
....., *Treasurer*.  
F. W. RUGGLES, P.M., *Secretary*.

Names of other Officers withheld.

## PAST MASTERS :

F. W. Ruggles, B. P. Ladd,  
E. R. Bayley, J. D. Sullivan.

All returns due May 20. Four not yet received. August 20, 1872.

## WELSFORD LODGE, No. 26.

WINDSOR.

Formerly No. 924, R. E. Established July, 1861. Chartered August 23, 1862

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

### OFFICERS :

W. WALTER RICHARDS, *Worshipful Master*.  
 CONSTANT W. DIMOCK, *Senior Warden*.  
 ROLAND M. STERLING, *Junior Warden*.  
 EDGAR D. SHAND, *Treasurer*.  
 THOMAS H. TIMLIN, *Secretary*.  
 GEORGE PATTISON, *Senior Deacon*.  
 DAVID McCLEAVE, *Junior Deacon*.  
 GEORGE L. GIBSON, *Inner Guard*.  
 SAMUEL H. SUGGATT, } *Stewards*.  
 JOHN SHARP, }  
 CHARLES STOCKALL, *Tyler*.

### PAST MASTERS :

Lieut. Col. James Poyntz,  
 William S. Proctor,

Robert D. Chandler,  
 Fraser W. Dakin, Dist. D. G. M

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

WEYMOUTH, DIGBY CO.

Formerly No. 953, R. E. Established August, 1859. Chartered March 2, 1863.

MEETS ON THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE OR ON WHICH FULL MOON HAPPENS.

### OFFICERS :

GEORGE D. HANKINSON, *Worshipful Master*.  
 RANDOLPH PAYSON, *Senior Warden*.  
 THOMAS ARMSTRONG, *Junior Warden*.  
 BYRON OAKES, *Treasurer*.  
 JOHN HOOD, *Secretary*.  
 JOSEPH W. ROBERTS, *Senior Deacon*,  
 JAMES BROWN, *Junior Deacon*,  
 FRANK W. GOODWIN, *Inner Guard*.  
 JAMES PAYSON, *Steward*.  
 WILLIAM GOODWIN, *Tyler*.

### PAST MASTERS :

Colin Campbell,  
 J. W. Roberts,

Frank Goodwin,  
 William Goodwin.

**SCOTIA LODGE, No. 28.**

CANNING, KING'S COUNTY.

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

## OFFICERS :

FREDERICK W. BORDEN, M. D., *Worshipful Master.*J. W. SHARP, *Senior Warden.*AMOS B. BAXTER, *Junior Warden.*D. M. DICKEY, *Treasurer.*W. E. ROSCOE, *Secretary.*E. C. BORDEN, *Senior Deacon.*R. F. JAMIESON, *Junior Deacon.*G. P. COX, *Inner Guard.*

J. BORDEN,

J. E. WOODWORTH, } *Stewards.*C. E. LOCKWGOD, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

D. M. Dickey,  
H. A. Borden,

D. D. Tupper.

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

MILTON, QUEEN'S CO.

Formerly No. 904, R. E. Established March 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY IN EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS.

ELKANAH M. FREEMAN, *Worshipful Master.*IRA P. FREEMAN, *Senior Warden.*ISRAEL HENDRY, *Junior Warden.*GILBERT KEMPTON, *Treasurer.*JOHN H. HARLOW, *Secretary.*WILLIAM E. PARKER, *Senior Deacon.*SAM'L T. KEMPTON, *Junior Deacon.*NEWTON C. FREEMAN, *Inner Guard.*

G. S. FORD,

JOSEPH FREEMAN, } *Stewards.*JOSEPH PARSONS, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS,

Nathan R. Freeman,  
Simeon L. Freeman,  
H. B. Hallett.G. W. Bochner,  
Joshua N. 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 IN EACH MONTH

OFFICERS :

SAMUEL H. COX, *Worshipful Master*,  
JOHN A. PURNEY, M.D., *Senior Warden*,  
CALEB E. ALLAN, *Junior Warden*,  
JOHN A. MCGOWAN, *Treasurer*,  
CORNELIUS WHITE, *Secretary*,  
CHARLES J. SWANSBEE, *Senior Deacon*,  
CHARLES DOTY, *Junior Deacon*,  
JOHN A. B. JOHNSTON, *Inner Guard*,  
POPE DEXTER,  
ABRAHAM VANBUSKIRK, } *Stewards*,  
JOHN MCKAY, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

John Bower,                      Nathaniel White.

**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 IN EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

SANDFORD H. PELTON, *Worshipful Master*,  
THOMAS R. JOLLY, *Senior Warden*,  
OLIVER MCGILL, *Junior Warden*,  
GEORGE S. TAYLOR, *Treasurer*,  
GEORGE W. TOOKER, *Secretary*,  
THOMAS B. FLINT, *Senior Deacon*,  
HENRY A. PARR, *Junior Deacon*,  
....., *Marshal*,  
DANIEL A. VAUGHAN, } *Stewards*,  
STEPHEN B. MURRAY, }  
HENRY PHIPPS, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

George W. Johnson,                      Francis A. Baily.

**EL DORADO 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:

ALEXANDER E. CAMERON, *Worshipful Master.*  
 ROBERT ROOD, *Senior Warden.*  
 WALTER J. DANIELL, *Junior Warden.*  
 GEORGE A. IRWIN, *Treasurer.*  
 JAMES ROOD, *Secretary.*  
 F. W. EWEN, *Senior Deacon.*  
 JACOB ROOD, *Junior Deacon.*  
 ....., *Inner Guard.*  
 DANIEL McQUARRY, { *Stewards.*  
 FREEMAN ROOD, {  
 WILLIAM GLENCROSS, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTER:

John J. Logan.

**ANNAPOLIS ROYAL LODGE, No. 33.**

ANNAPOLIS.

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

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS:

RICHARDSON HARRIS, *Worshipful Master.*  
 SAMUEL HALL, *Senior Warden.*  
 ROBT. L. HARDWICK, *Junior Warden.*  
 HENRY J. WALKER, *Treasurer.*  
 JOHN TOBIAS, *Secretary.*  
 S. D. TOBIAS, *Senior Deacon.*  
 JOHN H. RYERSON, *Junior Deacon.*  
 AUGUSTUS ROBINSON, *Inner Guard.*  
 JOHN LOCKWOOD, { *Stewards.*  
 E. A. HARRIS, {  
 THOMAS DEVER, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS:

G. T. Bingay,  
Robert Wylie,David Inglis,  
George Whitman.



# QUEEN'S LODGE, No. 34.

SHERBROOKE.

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

## OFFICERS :

JAMES A. FRASER, *Worshipful Master*.  
JOHN BELBAN, *Senior Warden*.  
JAMES TATE, *Junior Warden*.  
ZEBAH HEWETT, *Treasurer*.  
EDWARD WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.  
JOHN CAMERON, *Senior Deacon*.  
JAMES KNODELL, *Junior Deacon*.  
JOHN A. STEWART, P.M., *Marshal*.  
NEIL McQUARRY, }  
WILLIAM McPHERSON, } *Stewards*.  
WILLIAM H. McDANIEL, *Tyler*.

## PAST MASTERS :

Newell Snow, G.L.,	William McDaniel,
A. K. White,	John A. Stewart,
Alex. Fisher, G.S.	

# 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 THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

S. G. A. McKEEN, *Worshipful Master*.  
JAMES L. RICE, *Senior Warden*.  
WILLIAM BINGHAM, *Junior Warden*.  
ROBERT EMSLEY, *Treasurer*.  
DONALD McRAE, *Secretary*.  
A. S. KIDSTON, *Senior Deacon*.  
ALEX. FRASER, *Junior Deacon*.  
..... }  
..... } *Stewards*.  
..... }  
..... } *Inner Guard*.  
JOHN McKENZIE, *Tyler*.

## PAST MASTERS :

William Kidston,	Henry A. Foyle,
Colin N. Campbell,	David Dunlap.

**THISTLE LODGE, No. 36.**

COW BAY, C. B.

Formerly No. 1109, R. E. Established December 1865. Chartered April 25, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

WILLIAM CAMPBELL, *Worshipful Master.*  
 JOSHUA MARTELL, *Senior Warden.*  
 JOHN MACAULAY, *Junior Warden.*  
 RODERICK MCKENZIE, *Treasurer.*  
 SAMUEL A. SPENCER, *Secretary.*  
 JOSEPH A. DILLON, *Senior Deacon.*  
 COLLEN McDONALD, *Junior Deacon.*  
 DUNCAN MCKINNON, *Inner Guard.*  
 ANDREW ANDERSON, }  
 DUNCAN MCKENZIE, { *Stewards.*  
 JAMES ROLLEN, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS.

William Paterson,

Henry Kirkwood, M. D.

**COBEQUID LODGE, No. 37.**

TRURO.

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

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

JOHN YUILL, *Worshipful Master.*  
 THOMAS V. COOKE, G.D. of C., *Senior Warden.*  
 THOMAS MCKAY, *Junior Warden.*  
 ALEXANDER L. MCKENZIE, *Treasurer.*  
 JAMES L. SUTHERLAND, *Secretary.*  
 ALEXANDER CHISHOLM, *Senior Deacon.*  
 WILLIAM W. BIRRELL, *Junior Deacon.*  
 JOSEPH C. MAHON, *Inner Guard.*  
 JOSEPH J. SNOOK, }  
 GEORGE FULTON, { *Stewards.*  
 GEORGE H. SKINNER, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS:

Alexander McKay,  
 D. G. Dickson,  
 Geo. Hyde, G.S.B.,

David H. Muir, M.D.  
 Rev. Wm. T. Wilkins, J. G. W.

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

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 11. Chartered June 16. 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

W. F. CHASE, *Worshipful Master*.  
 JACOB W. HOWELL, *Senior Warden*.  
 DONALD ROBB, G. S., *Junior Warden*.  
 GEORGE T. SMITHERS, P. G. W., *Treasurer*.  
 WILLIAM A. McLEOD, *Secretary*.  
 WILLIAM O. SMITH, *Senior Deacon*.  
 PETER McRAE, *Junior Deacon*.  
 JAMES JENKINS, *Inner Guard*.  
 E. C. EVANS, }  
 E. F. REDMAN, } *Stewards*.  
 J. M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler*.

## PAST MASTERS :

T. A. Coesmann, E. W. Howell,  
 George T. Smithers, P. G. W., W. S. McDonald.

# ACACIA LODGE, No. 39.

BRIDGEWATER.

Formerly No. —, R. E. Established 1866. Also No. 20, R. N. S. Chartered  
 June 24, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY IN EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

J. W. ANDREWS, *Worshipful Master*.  
 JAMES S. CALDER, M. D., *Senior Warden*.  
 J. J. McLEAN, *Junior Warden*.  
 ROBERT DAWSON, *Treasurer*.  
 WILLIAM M. DUFF, *Secretary*.  
 R. S. OWEN, *Senior Deacon*.  
 THOMAS HALLIMORE, *Junior Deacon*.  
 ..... *Marshal*.  
 ANDREW TAGGART, }  
 ALEXANDER STUART, } *Stewards*.  
 JOHN McMILLAN, *Tyler*.

## PAST MASTERS :

William H. Owen, Peter G. Fraser.

**OPHIR, No. 40.**

CHARTER SURRENDERED, SEPTEMBER, 1870.

**ROTHSAY LODGE, No. 41.**

BRIDGETOWN.

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

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY IN EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

ALEXANDER EASSON, *Worshipful Master.*  
 HENRY DESPARD DE BLOIS, *Senior Warden.*  
 JAMES G. HENNIGAR PARKER, *Junior Warden.*  
 R. D. BALCAM, *Treasurer.*  
 B. STARRATT, *Secretary.*  
 JOHN HALL, *Senior Deacon.*  
 WM. ROACH, *Junior Deacon.*  
 W. E. MILLER, *Inner Guard.*  
 SAMUEL K. MORSE, }  
 ALFRED VIDITO, } *Stewards.*  
 DANIEL PALFARY, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTER :

Frederick Leavitt.

**EUREKA LODGE, No. 42.**

SHEET HARBOR, HALIFAX CO.

Formerly No. 13. Chartered March 8, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS.

THOMAS A. BAKER, *Worshipful Master.*  
 ALEXANDER LESLIE, *Senior Warden.*  
 DAVID LITTLE, *Junior Warden.*  
 ALEX. FRASER, *Treasurer.*  
 D. W. ARCHIBALD, *Secretary.*  
 J. W. HALL, *Senior Deacon.*  
 JONAS BALCAM, *Junior Deacon.*  
 W. WITNEBER, *Inner Guard.*  
 E. H. BELMORE, }  
 JOHN McCARTY, } *Stewards.*  
 JOHN GAULT, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

David Fraser,  
 Alex. Fraser,  
 John H. Balcam,

M. McFarlane.  
 D. W. Archibald.

**TRURO LODGE, No. 43.**

TRURO.

Formerly No. 15. Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

**OFFICERS.**

JAMES J. DICKSON, *Worshipful Master.*

GEORGE P. NELSON, *Senior Warden.*

HENRY T. LAWRENCE, *Junior Warden.*

HENRY B. PRINCE, *Treasurer.*

LUTHER B. ARCHIBALD, *Secretary.*

WILLIAM E. LOGAN, *Senior Deacon.*

FREDERICK A. LAWRENCE, *Junior Deacon.*

GEORGE McLEOD, *Inner Guard.*

L. J. CROWE, P.M., }  
WILLIAM ARCHIBALD, } *Stewards.*

ALEXANDER MILLER, *Tyler.*

**PAST MASTERS :**

Hugh McCallum,  
Leander J. Crowe,  
George Campbell,

A. C. Page, M.D., P.D.G.M.,  
William Blair.

**POYNTZ LODGE, No. 44.**

HANTSPOUT, HANTS CO.

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

**OFFICERS :**

JAMES WALTER LAWRENCE, *Worshipful Master.*

WILLIAM A. PORTER, *Senior Warden.*

JOHN A. YOUNG, *Junior Warden.*

W. J. FLINN, *Treasurer.*

GEORGE CLARK, *Secretary.*

JOHN COLEFLEET, *Senior Deacon.*

JOHN GRAHAM, *Junior Deacon.*

....., *Marshal.*

J. H. LAYTON, }  
JOHN ANDREWS, } *Stewards*

WILLIAM SCOREY, *Tyler.*

**PAST MASTERS :**

J. B. Black, M.D.,

W. J. Flinn.



**TYRIAN YOUTH LODGE, No. 45.**

LITTLE GLACE BAY, C. B.

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

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY.

## OFFICERS :

REV. ALEX. FARQUHARSON, *Worshipful Master.*  
 ARCHIBALD MUIR, *Senior Warden.*  
 JAMES H. D. GRAY, *Junior Warden.*  
 WILLIAM McKAY, *Treasurer.*  
 FRANCIS LEWIS, *Secretary.*  
 ALEXANDER McPHERSON, *Senior Deacon.*  
 ALEXANDER HENDERSON, *Junior Deacon.*  
 ARCHIBALD McQUARRIE, *Inner Guard.*  
 THOMAS ROUTLEDGE, } *Stewards.*  
 PETER McKINNON, }  
 RODERICK McNIELL, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

Donald G. McKay,

William Abner McKeen.

**SOLOMON LODGE, No. 46.**

PORT HAWKESBURY, C. B.

Formerly No. 19. Chartered March 13, 1868.

## OFFICERS :

THOMAS HEUGHINS, *Worshipful Master.*  
 ALEXANDER BAIN, *Senior Warden.*  
 PETER J. BALIELL, *Junior Warden.*  
 CHARLES W. REEVES, *Treasurer.*  
 ALEX. V. HEUGHINS, *Secretary.*  
 JAMES McDONALD, *Senior Deacon.*  
 DONALD McDONALD, *Junior Deacon.*  
 N. J. BROWN, *Inner Guard.*  
 ANGUS GRANT, } *Stewards.*  
 THOMAS WILMOT, }  
 DONALD McPHADEN, *Tyler.*

**PHILADELPHIA LODGE, No. 47.**

BARRINGTON, SHELburnE CO.

Formerly No. 25. Chartered December 11, 1868.

Returns due May 20th. Not yet received.—Aug. 23, 1872.

# 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 :

RICHARD L. BLACK, *Worshipful Master.*

JOHN C. PHILLIPS, *Senior Warden.*

THOMAS H. PATTON, *Junior Warden.*

JOHN W. COVE, *Treasurer.*

JAMES G. BLACKIE, *Secretary.*

RICHARD KEIVER, *Senior Deacon.*

RUFUS F. BLACK, *Junior Deacon.*

WILLIAM McLEAN,

OTIS B. DAVIDSON, } *Stewards.*

HENRY H. JOHNSON, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

James King,  
John Powers,

William Oxley,  
John W. Cove.

# ORIENT LODGE, No. 49.

RICHMOND, HALIFAX CO.

Formerly No. 23. Chartered September 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

E. S. ALLEN, *Worshipful Master.*

JOHN T. CLARKE, *Senior Warden.*

GEORGE EDWIN CHARLES, *Junior Warden.*

WM. M. DIMOCK, *Treasurer.*

D. POTTINGER, P.M., *Secretary.*

JOHN DIXON, *Senior Deacon.*

C. B. CRIPPS, *Junior Deacon.*

THOMAS WASSON, *Marshal.*

PETER JUDGE,

W. ROBINSON, } *Stewards.*

WM. HARTLET, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

J. W. Ousely,

Daniel Ward,  
Walter U. Jones.

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

WESTVILLE, PICTOU CO.

Formerly No. 24. Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

THOMAS JOHNSTON, Jr., *Worshipful Master.*  
 WILLIAM GRAY, *Senior Warden.*  
 JAMES McNULTY, *Junior Warden.*  
 JAMES ROY, Sn., *Treasurer.*  
 THOMAS JOHNSTON, Sn., *Secretary.*  
 JAMES ROY, Jr., *Senior Deacon.*  
 JAMES WHITE, *Junior Deacon.*  
 ROBERT CONN, *Inner Guard.*  
 ANGUS McISAAC, }  
 NEIL MORRISON, } *Stewards.*  
 ROBERT WHYTE, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

Daniel Munroe,	William Lorimer,
James Johnstone,	James Roy,
Alexander Lorimer,	Josiah E. Jones, M.D.

David  
 Charl

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

DARTMOUTH, HALIFAX COUNTY.

Formerly No. 26. Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

JOHN C. CAHILL, *Worshipful Master.*  
 JAMES W. GRAHAM, *Senior Warden.*  
 WILLIAM PEARCE, *Junior Warden.*  
 GEORGE N. ROOME, *Treasurer.*  
 THOMAS SHORT, P.G.W., *Secretary.*  
 E. YOUNG, *Senior Deacon.*  
 J. SIMMONDS, *Junior Deacon.*  
 A. MARKS, *Marshal.*  
 P. MOLAND, }  
 J. ERVIN, } *Stewards.*  
 J. R. PATTERSON, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

Thomas Short, P.G.W.	John Coleman,
J. B. Glendinning.	

John Mc  
 William

## HARMONY LODGE, No. 52.

AYLESFORD.

Formerly No. 27. Chartered June 11, 1869

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

### OFFICERS :

ARTHUR J. PARKER, *Worshipful Master*.  
 T. R. HARRIS, *Senior Warden*.  
 REVD. R. AVERY, G.C., *Junior Warden*.  
 WILLIAM M. McINTYRE, *Treasurer*.  
 CHARLES E. HARRIS, *Secretary*.  
 ALFRED S. SHAW, *Senior Deacon*.  
 ALEXANDER V. BOWLES, *Junior Deacon*.  
 JOHN G. ROCKWELL, *Inner Guard*.  
 STEPHEN J. NICHOLS, }  
 JOSEPH PALMER, } *Stewards*.  
 HENRY G. GATES, *Tyler*.

### PAST MASTERS :

David Bertaux, E. B. Bolser,  
 Charles W. Bertaux,

## HIRAM LODGE, No. 53.

GOLDENVILLE.

Chartered September 14, 1869

### OFFICERS :

ROBERT McNAUGHTON, *Worshipful Master*.  
 NEIL McLANE, *Senior Warden*.  
 MARSHAL SINCLAIR, *Junior Warden*.  
 LAURENCE McKIM, *Treasurer*.  
 HENRY M. HAMILTON, *Secretary*.  
 WILLIAM WRIGHT, *Senior Deacon*.  
 JOHN H. McLANE, *Junior Deacon*.  
 ROBERT WRIGHT, *Inner Guard*.  
 JOHN W. BRIGHT }  
 ALEXANDER WILLIAMS, } *Stewards*.  
 WILLIAM CAMERON, *Tyler*.

### PAST MASTERS :

John McNab, Neil McEacherin,  
 William May.

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

DIGBY.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

WILLIAM B. STEWART, *Worshipful Master.*  
 GEORGE A. VIETS, *Senior Warden.*  
 GEORGE P. BURTON, *Junior Warden.*  
 J. B. COSSITT, *Treasurer.*  
 F. L. JONES, *Secretary.*  
 T. C. SHREEVE, *Senior Deacon.*  
 A. J. McCALLUN, *Junior Deacon.*  
 JOHN BROOKS, *Inner Guard.*  
 GEORGE STAINING, } *Stewards.*  
 JAS. H. TIMPANY, }  
 STEPHEN BEATTIE, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

John L. Wade.

P. W. Smith, M.D.

**MORIEN LODGE, No. 55.**

COW BAY, C. B.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

LEWIS JOHNSTON, M.D., *Worshipful Master.*  
 DUNCAN McINNIS, *Senior Warden.*  
 HENRY C. WILLIAMS, *Junior Warden.*  
 SAMUEL PETERS, *Treasurer.*  
 DANIEL McAULEY, *Secretary.*  
 ANGUS McLEOD, *Senior Deacon.*  
 JOSHUA GILHOLM, *Junior Deacon.*  
 WILLIAM BOWN, *Inner Guard.*  
 JAMES JORDAN, } *Stewards.*  
 ADAM A. TUPPER, }  
 JOHN SMITH, *Tyler,*



# HARMONY LODGE, No. 56.

NORTHEAST HARBOR, SHELBURNE COUNTY.

Established 1867. Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

RUFUS McKENNY, *Worshipful Master.*  
 ELISHA W. PERRY, *Senior Warden.*  
 THOMAS HAGAR, *Junior Warden.*  
 THOMAS S. PERRY, *Treasurer.*  
 SAMUEL H. GREENWOOD, *Secretary.*  
 NATHAN SWAINE, *Senior Deacon.*  
 HUGH KELLEY, *Junior Deacon.*  
 ..... , *Inner Guard,*  
 ..... } *Stewards,*  
 ..... }  
 G. A. BRUNT, *Tyler.*

# TEMPLE LODGE, No. 57.

PORT MULGRAVE, GUYSBOROUGH, COUNTY.

Established September, 1869. Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

DAVID MURRAY, *Worshipful Master.*  
 ANGUS H. McDONALD, *Senior Warden.*  
 JOHN H. McMILLAN, *Junior Warden.*  
 JAMES HUNT, *Treasurer.*  
 JAMES H. CARR, *Secretary.*  
 JOHN FRASER, *Senior Deacon.*  
 JAMES PEEPLES, *Junior Deacon.*  
 ..... , *Inner Guard.*  
 GEORGE B. HADLEY, } *Stewards.*  
 THOMAS MAY, }  
 JAMES McKAY, *Tyler.*

## RETURNS OF LODGES.

**KENTVILLE LODGE, No. 58.**

## KENTVILLE.

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

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

GEORGE R. SANGSTER, *Worshipful Master.*  
 REV. THEOPHILUS S. RICHEY, G. C., *Senior Warden.*  
 ALFRED N. METZLER, *Junior Warden.*  
 T. T. VERNON SMITH, *Treasurer.*  
 JOHN P. CHIPMAN, *Secretary.*  
 DANIEL GRIFFIN, *Senior Deacon.*  
 GEORGE JEPSON, *Junior Deacon.*  
 ALFRED S. ADAMS, *Inner Guard.*  
 WILLIAM GRIERSOM }  
 WILLIAM HARRINGTON, } *Stewards.*  
 CHARLES COCHRAN, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS,

Thomas W. Harris,

Henry Shaw, M.D., S.G.W.

**MANITOBA LODGE, No. 59.**

## NEW GLASGOW.

Chartered December 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

DONALD MCGILLIVRAY, *Worshipful Master.*  
 JOHN A. ROSS, *Senior Warden.*  
 JOHN J. Mc. McPHERSON, *Junior Warden.*  
 DUNCAN MCKARCHER, *Treasurer.*  
 NEIL MCKARCHER, *Secretary.*  
 FINLAY MCKARCHER, *Senior Deacon.*  
 JOHN W. CHURCH, *Junior Deacon.*  
 ARCH. FRASER, *Inner Guard.*  
 JAMES M. FLOCKHART, }  
 ALEXANDER FRASER, } *Stewards.*  
 JOHN MCKARCHER, *Tyler.*

## PAST MASTERS :

John F. McDonald.  
 Donald McKaracher,

A. M. Holmes,  
 Stewart Fraser.

**LEMAN LODGE, No. 60.**

PETITE RIVIERE, LUNENBURG COUNTY.

Dispensation December 5, 1870. Chartered March 1, 1871.

MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

CHARLES LEMAN, *Worshipful Master.*  
 J. STANNAGE JACOBS, *Senior Warden.*  
 ENOS DEWOLF, *Junior Warden.*  
 ENOS TEAL, *Treasurer.*  
 LEMUEL SPERRY, *Secretary.*  
 STEPHEN SPERRY, *Senior Deacon.*  
 WILLIAM SMITH, *Junior Deacon.*  
 MARTIN LARKIN, *Inner Guard.*  
 ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND, } *Stewards.*  
 WM. BELL, }  
 JOHN ARMSTRONG, *Tyler.*

**CLARKE LODGE, No. 61.**

CHESTER, LUNENBURG CO.

Chartered March 1, 1871.

OFFICERS :

GEORGE RICHARDSON, *Worshipful Master.*  
 CHARLES LORDLEY, *Senior Warden.*  
 DANIEL DIMOCK, *Junior Warden.*  
 CHARLES LOVETT, *Treasurer.*  
 ARTEMUS FEADER, *Secretary.*  
 DAVID WITFORD, *Senior Deacon.*  
 ALBERT HILTZ, *Junior Deacon.*  
 ..... , *Inner Guard.*  
 JOHN MILLS, } *Stewards.*  
 PATRICK COONEY, }  
 DAVID EVANS, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTER :

Robert D. Clarke, P. G. W.

**TAYLOR LODGE, No. 62.**

LOCKEPORT, SHELburnE CO.

Dispensation September 27, 1871. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

## OFFICERS :

MICHAEL BROWN, *Worshipful Master.*SAMUEL JOHNSTONE, *Senior Warden.*JOHN C. WILLIAMS, *Junior Warden.*EDWARD A. DUNN, *Treasurer.*JOHN LOCKE, *Secretary*JOHN STRICKLAND, *Senior Deacon.*....., *Junior Deacon.*JOHN A. MCGOWANS, *Inner Guard,*JOHN McKENZIE, *Tyler.***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 :

JOHN L. PEPPARD, M.D., *Worshipful Master.*ISAAC J. HINGLEY, *Senior Warden.*DAVID FLEMMING LAYTON, *Junior Warden.*JOTHAM O'BRIEN, *Treasurer.*EDWARD TRUE McROBERT, M.D., *Secretary.*CORNELIUS C. O'NEIL, *Senior Deacon,*ABRAM HAZLEHURST, *Junior Deacon.*AMOS A. HILL, } *Stewards.*

ANGUS McKINNON, }

WILLIAM HINDS, *Tyler.*

**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 :

WILLIAM R. CUTLER, *Worshipful Master*.  
 JAMES A. CAMPBELL, *Senior Warden*.  
 JOHN G. CLOUGH, *Junior Warden*.  
 HENRY C. FIXOTT, *Treasurer*.  
 THOMAS CUTLER, *Secretary*.  
 JAMES C. FORBES, *Senior Deacon*.  
 JOHN HENRY RINDRESS, *Junior Deacon*.  
 JOHN MORRISON, *Marshal*.  
 CHARLES J. GRAHAM, } *Stewards*.  
 MURDOCH McRAE, }  
 WILLIAM HUTCHINGS, *Tyler*.

**FREEPORT LODGE, No. 65.**

FREEPORT, DIGBY CO.

Dispensation dated January 26, 1872. Chartered June 5, 1872.

OFFICERS :

ZACHARIAH DOTY, *Worshipful Master*.  
 SHIPPEY LENT, *Senior Warden*.  
 JOHN A. SMITH, *Junior Warden*.  
 WILLIAM LENT, *Treasurer*.  
 MENDALL CROCKER, *Secretary*.  
 WHITFIELD OUTHOUSE, *Senior Deacon*.  
 WAITSTILL LEWIS, *Junior Deacon*.  
 AMOS OUTHOUSE, *Inner Guard*.  
 JAMES McKAY, } *Stewards*.  
 JOHN McKAY, }  
 LYONS OUTHOUSE, *Tyler*.



**SIRCOM LODGE, U. D.**

INVERNESS, CAPE BRETON.

Dispensation granted June 24, 1872.

## OFFICERS :

GEORGE M. BISHOP, *Worshipful Master.*  
 WILLIAM GRANT, *Senior Warden.*  
 DONALD CAMPBELL, *Junior Warden.*  
 JACOB S. HART, *Treasurer.*  
 PETER McDONALD, *Secretary.*  
 LAUCHLIN MacKINNON, *Senior Deacon.*  
 JOHN McINTOSH, M.D., *Junior Deacon.*  
 HECTOR McLEAN, *Marshal.*  
 ADAM TUPPER, }  
 HENRY BISHOP, } *Stewards.*  
 ..... } *Tyler.*

**MINAS LODGE, U. D.**

PARRSBOROUGH, CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation granted July 11, 1872.

## OFFICERS :

REV. THOMAS W. JOHNSTONE, *Worshipful Master.*  
 SAMPSON MOORE, JR., *Senior Warden.*  
 W. F. JONES, *Junior Warden.*  
 THOMAS PAGE, *Treasurer.*  
 R. B. DICKSON, *Secretary.*  
 J. W. CHOISENET, *Senior Deacon.*  
 THOMAS R. CRANE, *Junior Deacon.*  
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# MASONIC DISTRICTS.

## FIRST DISTRICT.

R. W. ALLAN H. CROWE, 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	"
Scotia.....	22	"
Lodge of St Mark.....	38	"
Orient.....	49	Richmond.
Eastern Star.....	51	Dartmouth.
Eureka.....	42	Sheet Harbour.

## SECOND DISTRICT.

R. W. JOHN M. COLE, Liverpool, 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.
Leman.....	60	Petite Riviere.
Clarke.....	61	Chester.

## THIRD DISTRICT.

R. W. FRASER W. DAKIN, Windsor Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Widow's Friend.....	27	Weymouth.
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.
Poynts.....	44	Hantsport.
Welsford.....	26	Windsor.

**FOURTH DISTRICT.**

R. W. ALEXANDER C. PAGE, Truro, 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 Harbour.
Queen's.....	34	Sherbrooke.
Hiram.....	53	Goldenville.
Minas.....	U.D.	Parrsborough.

**FIFTH DISTRICT.**

R. W. C. CREWE READE, 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	Arichat.
Sircorn.....	U.D.	Whyecomaah.

**EXPELLED.**

BY GRAND LODGE.

New Caledonia, No. 11.....	Alexander Thompson.
" " ".....	Joseph F. Ellis.

**SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.**

AS REPORTED TO GRAND LODGE.

Hiram, No. 53.....	John McLane.
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**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.****AS REPORTED TO GRAND LODGE.**

Albion, No 5.....	James Cameron.
" ".....	Alex. D. Fraser.
" ".....	Charles Stewart.
" ".....	Thomas Stewart.
" ".....	Roderick McLeod.
" ".....	William Gossip.
" ".....	Hiram Donkin.
" ".....	James Porteus.
" ".....	Allan McDonald.
" ".....	Horatio N. Perrigo.
" ".....	Frank J. Wall.
" ".....	Alexander F. Fraser.
Royal Sussex, No. 6.....	James McDonald.
" ".....	Theophilus Bishop.
" ".....	William Moyle Glasson.
Athole, No. 15.....	C. F. Brown.
" ".....	William Brush.
" ".....	John Croucher.
" ".....	James Graham.
" ".....	F. Major.
" ".....	Patrick Walsh.
" ".....	John C. Young.
" ".....	Louis Petitmaitre.
" ".....	John C. Potts.
Keith, No. 16.....	Thomas Anthony.
" ".....	Charles Leary.
" ".....	Herbert Nicholl.
" ".....	W. S. J. Davidson.
Welsford, No. 26.....	John W. Ousley.
" ".....	Shubal B. Cochran.
" ".....	Edward Davidson.
" ".....	Solomon Etchell.
St. Mark's, No. 35.....	J. T. Cameron.
Thistle, No. 36.....	Murdoch Smith.
" ".....	Archibald Smith.
" ".....	Allan McKenzie.
Rothsay, No. 41.....	Miner Clark.
" ".....	Benjamin D. Miller.
Poyntz, No. 44.....	Harris Shaw.
" ".....	Charles Shaw.
" ".....	Peter Green.
" ".....	James Buchanan.

**REINSTATED.****BY PAYMENT OF ARREARS.**

Leander Youill.....	Welsford Lodge.
Daniel M. Donald.....	Queen's Lodge.

In Memory of

Samuel F. Raymond,

PAST MASTER OF SCOTIA LODGE, NO. 31,

AND

R. W. Junior Grand Warden,

WHO DIED AT YARMOUTH,

January 23rd, 1872.

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*"Such of his brethren as were favored with a personal acquaintance with the deceased, can testify to the excellence and purity of his moral and masonic character."*



In Memory of

Isaac Melvin,

PAST MASTER OF BURNS LODGE, NO. 10,

AND

B. W. Past Senior Grand Warden,

WHO DIED AT HALIFAX, November 14, 1871.

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*"A just and upright Mason."*

## At Rest.

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John C. Dunn .....Keith, No. 16 .....Died Mar. 22, 1872.

Alfred Major .....Keith, No. 17 .....Died April 17, 1872.

Thomas Carney ...Keith, No. 17 .....Died Dec. 24, 1871.

Jacob Smith .....Scotia, No. 31.....Died Nov. 1871.

Samuel Perry .... Harmony, No. 56..Died Jan. 23, 1872.

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## RECAPITULATION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 5TH, 1872.

Chartered Lodges.....	59
Lodges under Dispensation .....	4
Lodges failing to make Returns.....	3
Whole number Initiated in Lodges reporting.....	417
"    "    Passed    "    "    .....	364
"    "    Raised    "    "    .....	377
"    "    Affiliated    "    "    .....	65
"    "    Dimitted    "    "    .....	163
"    "    Died    "    "    .....	33
"    "    Suspended for unmasonic conduct in Lodges reporting... ..	1
"    "    Suspended for non-payment of dues    "    "    ... ..	42
"    "    Reinstated of last year's suspensions.    "    "    ... ..	2
"    "    Rejected    "    "    ... ..	89
"    "    Of Master Masons    "    "    ... ..	2478

Amount received from all sources for the year ending June 1872....\$2508.94

Amount expended during the same period..... 1388.36

Invested Securities..... 2400.00

### ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

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No.	NAME OF LODGE.	TOWN.	Initiated.	Passed.	Balloted.	Admitted.	Phys.	Suspended— unamic conduct.	Suspended— non-payment of dues.	Reinstated.	Rejected.	Members.	G. Lodge Dues.	
1.	St. Andrew's	Halifax	5	7	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	48	\$24.00	
2.	St. John's	Halifax	5	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	11.50	
3.	Virgin	Halifax	4	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	28	24.00	
4.	Unity	Halifax	4	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	28	14.00	
5.	Albion	Lunenburg	4	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	41.50	
6.	Royal Sussex	New Glasgow	4	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	4	69	34.50	
7.	St. Andrew's	Halifax	4	5	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	50	20.00
8.	St. Andrew's	Sydney	6	2	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	50	20.00
9.	Acadia	Amherst	11	14	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	115	57.50	
10.	Zetland	Liverpool	32	82	29	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	88	00.00
11.	Burns	Halifax	4	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	16	88.00	
12.	New Caledonia	Pictou	8	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	122	61.00	
13.	Hiram	Yarmouth	12	11	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	68	34.00	
14.	Acadia	Pugwash	12	11	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	31	15.00	
15.	Acadia	Halifax	4	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	31	15.00	
16.	Keith	Halifax	11	10	11	0	0	0	9	0	0	4	21.50	
17.	Keith	Hillsburg	2	2	2	0	1	0	4	0	0	5	27.50	
18.	Union	Halifax	12	9	7	0	4	0	0	0	0	69	34.50	
19.	Royal Albert	Halifax	7	7	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	17.00
20.	St. George's	Sydney	6	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	30	15.00
21.	Wolville	Halifax	5	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	20	10.00	
22.	Scotia	Halifax	3	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	43	21.50	
23.	Keith	Albion Mines	18	21	20	2	5	0	0	0	0	64	32.00	
24.	Concord	Cape Island	24											
25.	Westport	Westport												
26.	Walsford	Windsor	11	8	13	2	8	0	4	1	4	71	35.50	
27.	Widows' Friend	Weymouth												
28.	Scotia	Canning	5	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	37	18.50	
29.	Prince of Wales	Milton	12	4	10	0	2	0	0	0	0	66	33.00	
30.	Albert	Shelburne	14	9	9	1	3	0	0	0	0	58	35.50	

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**Lodges in the Province of Nova Scotia 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, (Hillsburgh,)  
Union,  
St. George's,  
Keith, (Albion Mines,)  
Westport,  
Welsford,  
Widow's Friend,  
Scotia,  
Prince of Wales,  
Annapolis Royal,  
Thistle,  
Cobequid,  
Tyrian Youth,  
Rothsay, (25,)

*Registry of Nova Scotia.*

Burns,  
Athole,  
Keith,  
Scotia, (Halifax,)  
Davies, \*  
Albert,  
Concord,  
St. Mark's,  
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The Lodge of St. Mark,  
Eureka,  
Acacia,  
Truro,  
Eldorado,  
Scotia, (Yarmouth,)  
Royal Albert,  
Solomon,  
Acacia,  
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Eastern Star.  
Harmony, Aylesford.

*Registry of Scotland.*

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

ENGLAND.....	W. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D....	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.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....	M. W. William Smith.....	
FLORIDA.....	W. Michael Bowes.....	Jacksonville.
ILLINOIS.....	R. W. H. G. Reynolds.....	Springfield.
INDIANA.....	M. W. H. G. Haselrigg.....	
IOWA.....	R. W. T. S. Parvin.....	Iowa City.
KANSAS.....	R. W. E. T. Carr.....	Leavenworth.
MAINE.....	M. W. J. H. Drummond, L.L.D.....	Portland.
MINNESOTA.....	R. W. E. D. B. Porter.....	St. Paul.
MISSOURI.....	R. W. G. F. Gouley.....	St. Louis.
NEBRASKA.....	W. C. F. Catlin.....	
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	M. W. B. Lester Peters.....	St. John.
NEW YORK.....	R. W. Robert Macoy.....	New York.
OHIO.....	R. W. J. D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
QUEBEC.....	R. W. Hon. Thos. Wood, M.L.C.....	Dunham.
VIRGINIA.....	R. W. W. F. Spottiswoode.....	Petersburg.

# Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

ENGLAND.....	R. W. Allan H. Crowe.....	Halifax.
SCOTLAND.....	R. W. George Fraser.....	Halifax.
IRELAND.....	R. W. R. C. Hamilton.....	Halifax.
ALABAMA.....	W. William S. Macdonald.....	
CANADA.....	R. W. Andrew Mackinlay.....	Halifax.
CALIFORNIA.....	M. W. Stephen R. Sircom.....	Halifax.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....	R. W. A. S. Busby.....	Halifax.
FLORIDA.....	R. W. R. C. Hamilton.....	Halifax.
ILLINOIS.....	R. W. John Scholfield.....	Halifax.
IOWA.....	W. C. N. Campbell.....	
MAINE.....	R. W. Newell Snow.....	Sherbrooke.
MISSOURI.....	R. W. Charles J. McDonald.....	Halifax.
MINNESOTA.....	M. W. Hon. Alex. Keith, P.L.C.....	Halifax.
NEBRASKA.....	R. W. George Fraser.....	Halifax.
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	R. W. William Taylor.....	Halifax.
OHIO.....	R. W. C. J. McDonald.....	Halifax.
QUEBEC.....	R. W. Geo. T. Smithers.....	Halifax.
VIRGINIA.....	R. W. James K. Munnis.....	Halifax.
GRAND ORIENT OF BRAZIL.....	M. W. Stephen R. Sircom.....	Halifax.
" " N. GRENADA.....	R. W. C. J. McDonald.....	Halifax.
" " URUGUAY.....	W. William Garvie.....	Halifax.

# 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.
Delaware.....	June 6, 1806.....	Last Monday in June.
District of Columbia.....	Dec. 11, 1810.....	First Tuesday 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.....	Tuesday after 4th Monday in May.
Iowa.....	Jan. 8, 1844.....	First Tuesday of June.
Kansas.....	Mar. 17, 1856.....	Third Tuesday of October.
Kentucky.....	Oct. 13, 1800.....	Third Monday in October.
Louisiana.....	July 11, 1812.....	Second Monday in February.
Maryland.....	April 17, 1787.....	Third Monday in November.
Massachusetts.....	April 30, 1733.....	Second Wednesday in December.
Michigan.....	Sept. 14, 1844.....	Second Wednesday in January.
Minnesota.....	Feb. 23, 1853.....	Second Tuesday in January.
Mississippi.....	July 27, 1818.....	Third Monday in January.
Missouri.....	April 23, 1821.....	Second Monday in October.
Montana.....	Jan. 24, 1866.....	First Monday in October.
Nebraska.....	Sept. 23, 1857.....	Fourth Tuesday in October.
Nevada.....	Jan. 16, 1865.....	Third Tuesday in September.
New Hampshire.....	July 18, 1789.....	Third Wednesday in May.
New Jersey.....	Dec. 18, 1786.....	Wednesday after 3d Tuesday in Jan.
New York.....	Sept. 5, 1781.....	First Tuesday in June.
North Carolina.....	Jan. 14, 1771.....	First Monday in December.
Nova Scotia.....	June 21, 1866.....	First Wednesday in June.
Oregon.....	Aug. 16, 1851.....	Third Monday in June.
Ohio.....	Jan. 7, 1808.....	Third Tuesday in October.
New Brunswick.....	Oct. 9, 1867.....	Fourth Wednesday in September.
Pennsylvania.....	June 20, 1764.....	First Wednesday in December.
Quebec.....	Oct. 20, 1869.....	Second Wednesday in July.
Rhode Island.....	June 25, 1791.....	Third Monday in May.
South Carolina.....	March 24, 1787.....	Third Tuesday in November.
Tennessee.....	Oct. 14, 1813.....	Second Monday in November.
Texas.....	Dec. 20, 1837.....	Second Monday in June.
Utah.....	Jan. 16, 1872.....	
Vermont.....	Oct. 14, 1794.....	
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.

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## GRAND LODGES AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.
Alabama .....	J. H. Johnson, M. D., Talladega	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery
Arkansas .....	S. W. Williams, Little Rock.	Luke E. Barber, Little Rock
British Columbia .....	J. W. Powell, Victoria .....	H. F. Heisterman, Victoria
California .....	L. E. Pratt, San Francisco .....	Alex. G. Abell, San Francisco
Canada .....	W. M. Wilson, Simcoe .....	Thos. B. Harris, Hamilton
Colorado .....	Henry M. Teller, Central City	Edward C. Farnelle, Georgetown
Connecticut .....	Luke A. Lockwood, Greenwich	Joa K. Wheeler, Hartford
Delaware .....	J. C. McCabe, Middletown .....	John P. Almond, Wilmington
Dist. of Columbia .....	C. F. Stansbury, Washington.	C. W. Hancock, Washington
Florida .....	Samuel Pasco, Monticello .....	DeWitt C. Dawkins, Jacksonville
Georgia .....	Samuel Lawrence, Marietta .....	J. E. Blackshear, M. D., Macon
Idaho .....	Jonas W. Brown, Idaho City.	L. F. Cartee, Boise City
Illinois .....	DeWitt C. Cregier, Chicago.	Orlin H. Miner, Springfield
Indiana .....	Christian Fetta, Richmond .....	John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis
Iowa .....	Ozias P. Waters, Muscatine .....	T. S. Farvin, Iowa City
Kansas .....	J. M. Price, Leavenworth .....	John H. Brown, Leavenworth
Kentucky .....	Edward B. Jones, Paduca .....	J. M. S. McCorkle, Louisville
Louisiana .....	Samuel M. Todd, New Orleans	J. C. Batchelor, M. D., New Orleans
Maine .....	David Cargill, Augusta .....	Ira Berry, Portland
Maryland .....	John H. B. Latrobe, Baltimore	Jacob H. Medairy, Baltimore
Massachusetts .....	Sereno D. Nickerson, Boston.	Charles H. Titus, Boston
Michigan .....	H. Chamberlain, Three Oaks.	James Fenton, Detroit
Minnesota .....	G. B. Cooley, St. Paul .....	William S. Coombs, St. Paul
Mississippi .....	W. H. Hardy, Paulding .....	J. L. Power, Jackson
Missouri .....	Thomas E. Garrett, St. Louis.	Geo. Frank Gouley, St. Louis
Montana .....	J. R. Weston, Diamond City.	H. L. Hosmer, Virginia City
Nebraska .....	William E. Hill, Nebraska .....	William R. Bowen, Omaha
Nevada .....	Geo. Robinson, Washoe City.	J. C. Currie, Virginia
New Brunswick .....	Wm. Wedderburn, St. John.	William F. Bunting, St. John
New Hampshire .....	Nathaniel W. Cumner .....	Abel Hutchins, Concord
New Jersey .....	Wm. E. Pine, Newark .....	Joseph H. Hough, Trenton
New York .....	Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo.	J. M. Austin, M. D., New York
North Carolina .....	Charles C. Clarke, Newbern.	Donald W. Bain, Raleigh
Nova Scotia .....	Alex. Keith, Halifax .....	Benjamin Curren, Halifax
Ohio .....	Alex. H. Newcomb, Toledo.	John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati
Oregon .....	T. McF. Patton, Salem .....	R. P. Earhart, Salem
Pennsylvania .....	S. C. Perkins, Philadelphia.	John Thompson, Philadelphia
Quebec .....	J. H. Graham, L. B., Richmond	John H. Isaacson, Montreal
Rhode Island .....	Lloyd Morton, M. D. ....	Edwin Baker, Providence
South Carolina .....	R. S. Burns, Charleston .....	B. Rush Campbell, Charleston
Tennessee .....	W. M. Dunaway, Jackson .....	John Frizzell, Nashville
Texas .....	Wm. Bramlette, Paris .....	George H. Bringham, Houston
Utah .....	O. F. Strickland, Salt L. City.	J. F. Nounan, Salt Lake City
Vermont .....	Park Davis, St. Alban's .....	Henry Clarke, Rutland
Virginia .....	Robt E. Withers, Richmond.	John Dove, Richmond
Virginia (West) .....	Thos H. Logan, Wheeling ..	Odell S. Long, Wheeling
Washington .....	G. O. Haller, Coupeville .....	Thomas M. Reed, Olympia
Wisconsin .....	Henry L. Palmer, Milwaukee.	William T. Palmer, Milwaukee

## A B R O A D .

	GRAND SECRETARIES.	
Grand Lodge of England ..	John Hervey .....	London, Freemasons' Hall.
Grand Lodge of Ireland ..	Charles Walmisley .....	Dublin.
Grand Lodge of Scotland ..	Alex. J. Stewart .....	Edinburg.
Grand Orient of France ..	M. Thevenot .....	Paris, 16 Rue de Cadet.
Grand Orient of Belgium ..	Ildore Guioi .....	Brussels, Rue de l'escalier, 3
Grand Orient of Brazil ..	Dr. A. F. De Amaral .....	No. 83 K. Rio de Janeiro.
Grand Orient of Uruguay ..	J. M. de la Sierra .....	Monte Video.
Grand Orient N. Grenada ..	Louis de Porras .....	Carthagena.
Grand Orient of Mexico ..	J. G. de Gonzales .....	Mexico.

## 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.—To be signed by at least seven Master Masons, each giving the name  
and locality of the Lodge, of which he is, or was last a member.

## APPENDIX, 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., 1873, A. L., 5873.

. . . . . Worshipful Master.

. . . . . Secretary.



**APPENDIX 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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**APPENDIX 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 a candidate for the mysteries of  
Masonry. I have not within six months applied to, or been rejected by any  
other Lodge; 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.

## APPENDIX No 5.

## CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM A LODGE.

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

## DIMIT.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that Brother .....  
 is 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, paid up all dues to this date  
 and otherwise complied with the requirements of the By-Laws, leave was  
 granted, and the Secretary 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.

....., Secretary.

[Seal.]

## APPENDIX No. 6.

## FINANCIAL RETURN

Of.....Lodge, No. ...., to the  
 Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the Year ending  
 .....1873.

Subscribing Members as per Return, at \$0.50 each.....		
Diplomas as per Return, at \$1.00 each .....		
Enrolments as per Return, at \$1.00 each .....		
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Total.....		

.....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.

RETURN of..... Lodge, No....., to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,  
of Members for Registration and Diploma, for the year ending..... 1873.

[illegible]

[Seal.]

[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.

**APPENDIX No. 8.**

*RETURN of Subscribing Members of ..... Lodge,  
No. ...., to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the year ending  
..... 1878, with Officers installed for the year  
ending..... 1874.*

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	"
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15	.....	

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

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

**APPENDIX 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., 1873

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

N. B.—This return must be sent to the Grand Secretary between the regular meeting in April 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.

## APPENDIX No. 10.

STATISTICAL RETURN of.....Lodge,  
No....., to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the year ending  
.....1873.

Master Masons,	number of.....
Fellow Crafts,	" .....
Entered Apprentices,	" .....
Initiated,	" .....
Passed,	" .....
Raised,	" .....
Affiliated,	" .....
Dimitted,	" .....
Died,	" .....
Suspended for unmaasonic conduct,	" .....
Suspended for non-payment of dues,	" .....
Reinstated,	" .....
Rejected,	" .....
Dues to Grand Lodge, at 50cts. each.....	\$.....

## 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, and after having read the minutes of the previous regular meeting, those of any subsequent emergency meeting are to be read.

Secretaries of Lodges should keep a rough minute book in which to enter the proceedings of the Lodge as they occur, and never on any account use slips of paper. These proceedings should afterwards be fairly copied into the regular minute book, 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.





# REPORT

## OF THE

### Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have received through the R. W. Grand Secretary the printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges:—

Alabama .....	1871	Mississippi.....	1872
Arkansas .....	1871	Missouri .....	1871
British Columbia.....	1872	Nevada.....	1871
California .....	1871	Nebraska .....	1871
Canada.....	1871	New Brunswick .....	1871
Colorado .....	1871	New Jersey .....	1872
Connecticut .....	1871	North Carolina .....	1871
District of Columbia.....	1871	Oregon.....	1871
Florida.....	1871	Pennsylvania .....	1870
Georgia .....	1871	Pennsylvania .....	1871
Indiana .....	1871	Quebec.....	1871
Idaho .....	1871	Rhode Island.....	1871
Illinois .....	1871	South Carolina .....	1871
Iowa .....	1871	Tennessee .....	1871
Kansas .....	1871	Texas .....	1871
Kentucky .....	1871	Utah .....	1872
Louisiana .....	1872	Vermont .....	1871
Maine .....	1871	Virginia .....	1871
Michigan .....	1871	Washington .....	1871
Michigan .....	1872	Wisconsin .....	1871
Mississippi.....	1871		

Your Committee deem it necessary to state that the preparation of this Report involved a great deal of labor which, however

willingly performed, has not in their opinion resulted in that careful and comprehensive review, that they feel these valuable and interesting documents are entitled to.

Among the special objects to which the Committee desire to draw particular attention are,—

*First*,—The unfortunate difficulties existing between the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the Grand Orient of France, on account of the latter recognizing and sustaining the body known as the “Supreme Council of the Sovereign and Independent State of Louisiana” in defiance of the rights of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. The extraordinary action of France in this matter is so utterly at variance with every known principle of jurisdictional rights, that the Committee have no hesitation in saying that this Grand Lodge will be bound to withdraw Masonic intercourse with the G. O. of France, unless they retrace their steps and join with the other Grand Lodges of the world in their principle of mutual support in the maintenance of undivided supremacy within their own territorial limits.

*2nd*,—The position of affairs in our sister provinces of Ontario and Quebec remains unaltered; and your Committee express the hope that these two Grand Bodies may soon arrive at such an amicable arrangement as will be alike agreeable and honorable to both.

*3rd*,—We have the honor to introduce for recognition our new friends, “The Grand Lodge of Utah” and the “Grand Lodge of British Columbia;” and as their proceedings are regular and correct we cordially and fraternally recommend that these new Stars in the Masonic firmament be accorded the right hand of fellowship.

To their Brother Correspondents your Committee tender thanks for the fraternal notices given of their past efforts, and trust for the continuance of the satisfactory relations now existing between Nova Scotia and the Masonic World.

GEORGE T. SMITHERS, *Chairman*.

F. W. DAKIN.

H. B. SELLON.

Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, }  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 5th, 1872. }

## ALABAMA, 1871.

The Fifty-first Annual Communication was held at Montgomery 4th December, 1871. 206 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master, W. P. Chilton died on the 20th January 1871, and the duties had been performed by the Deputy Grand Master, Joseph H. Johnson who, in delivering the Annual Address referred in feeling words of eulogy to the loss sustained by the Craft and the Grand Lodge in the death of their Grand Master. Although thus unexpectedly called upon to assume the duties of Grand Master, he had attended to the office duties of the position, besides giving some thirty decisions upon various points, the most of which appear to be continually asked and as patiently answered over and over again in the various jurisdictions upon the same subjects. We quote the following :—

1.—*Held* that a lodge has no right to refuse to entertain charges against one of its members, preferred by a member of another lodge.

4.—That a Grand Officer is not eligible to office in a subordinate lodge.

6.—As all my predecessors have held, and as the Old Regulations teach us, that a one-armed man cannot be made a mason.

7.—That "ten white families within a mile, and enough masons within two miles to constitute a lodge," do not constitute a town.

8.—That a lodge has a right to remit dues on account of poverty or distress.

And concludes his address, "So far as I am able to judge the Order is in a flourishing condition in Alabama, and is a *great power* in the hands of *good men and true*, and used by them is doing much good."

We note a pleasing incident, the presence of P. G. M. William Leigh after an absence of many years in another jurisdiction. This venerable brother is in his 82nd year and was Grand Master in 1833.

A case was reported up by Committee on suspensions, &c., where a Lodge found a member guilty of gross, immoral and unmasonic conduct, but *refused to inflict punishment*; for this evasion the Grand Lodge ordered the Lodge to expel the offender, under penalty of forfeiting its Charter.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec was duly recognized.

Brother R. F. Knott presents the Foreign Correspondence Report, reviewing the proceedings of 44 Grand Lodges in a very

able and systematic manner, bringing the several subjects under their different heads. We receive a fraternal notice of our 1869 Communications. The Grand Master's address is referred to as "short, but to the point."

We are obliged for the following remark upon *our* report for which the writer as well as his then colleague, Brother C. J. McDonald make their *best bow*,—"It is a concise, well arranged and clearly stated report of which its author need not be ashamed; it is full of good thoughts well expressed;" and quotes also, a paragraph from our Special report upon the Quebec difficulty.

M. W., JOHN H. JOHNSON, Grand Master. R. W. DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

### ARKANSAS, 1871.

Thirty-third Annual Communication, November 6, 1871, M. W. Samuel Williams, Grand Master; R. W., L. E. Barber, Grand Secretary. One hundred and twenty-one Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's address is an excellent paper and contains a number of decisions upon different points, most of which have been before settled. It is incomprehensible to us how so many simple questions require to be so often answered, especially when the means are, by the labors of so many eminent Masonic Jurists, within the reach of every enquiring brother who will take the trouble to seek light for himself. Dispensations had been granted to form 18 new Lodges.

Reference was made to the Compilation of a Masonic History in the jurisdiction. We have a fine field in Nova Scotia for a similar good work, if taken in hand with vigor, for we have no doubt there lie buried many valuable monuments of antiquity, which, if brought to light, would prove of great interest to the Craft. As an instance, a Brother here, by accident was enabled to have restored to a Lodge over 100 years old, their missing records for 30 years, commencing 70 years ago, and which had been missing for 40 years from their archives. Although of no value to the possessor the Lodge would not like to consider them so.

The affairs of St. John's College are reported to be in a favorable condition, not owing one dollar.



Brother O. C. Gray, Grand Orator, delivered an able and appropriate address.

A mourning page is dedicated to the memory of R. W. Hamilton G. Reynolds, P. S. G. W.


The Report on Foreign Correspondence is given by Brother B. S. Johnson reviewing the proceedings of 38 Lodges in a kindly and fraternal manner, acknowledging our notice of their last proceedings. Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1871.

We hail with pleasure our new sister on the other side of this Continent, send our greeting from the shores of the Atlantic to this new Star of the West, and shake her hand Masonically with every expression of our good will and love, and every hope in her future career and prosperity.

We have before us the proceedings of the "Convention to organize the First Grand Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of British Columbia." A Convention was held in the city of Victoria 21st October, 1871, with the consent and by the authority of the R. W. the District and Provincial Grand Lodges of England and Scotland respectively, which was conducted in the utmost harmony, resulting in all the arrangements, in regard to rank, precedence of Lodges and all other essentials, being completed in a satisfactory manner. The late Provincial Grand Master under Scotland being chosen the first Grand Master, and the District Grand Master under English authority being made Past Grand Master.

The First Annual Communication was held at Victoria, 27th December, 1871, the Deputy Grand Master elect presiding; when the Grand Master elect, M. W. Brother ISRAEL WOOD POWELL was duly installed by the Past Grand Master Elect, Richard Burnaby, Esq., late District Grand Master, R. E. who, in a very able and fraternal address, presented the Grand Master with the Chain of office in appropriate terms. M. W. Brother Powell returned thanks in feeling and eloquent terms, and presented M. W. Brother Burnaby with a handsome and magnificent



Jewel of Past Grand Master of British Columbia. From the sentiments expressed by the Grand Master in his Inaugural address we anticipate a successful result of his incumbency.

We quote,—

"We should bear in mind that the eyes of the Masonic world are now upon us, and it remains for us, and only us to exhibit proof of our capabilities for self government, and of our ability and intention to form a worthy link in the great chain or sisterhood of Grand Lodges on this thrifty and flourishing Continent. The youngest, though perhaps not the smallest Grand Lodge in the Universe, our aspirations are not by any means infantile, and with the comparatively abundant possession of good material, with resolute hearts and strong hands, are we not justified in hoping that our future success and prosperity will be more than commensurate with the increasing growth and halcyon days in store for those who people the Pacific slope. Let us render grateful thanksgiving to the Most High for having prospered us in the past,—let us unite in imploring His blessing on our present union, and with reverence and fervor, seek His protection and His guidance in time to come. It is needless for me to refer to all the circumstances which have led to the erection of this Grand Lodge; suffice it to observe that up to the present time no Grand Body has had exclusive jurisdiction in our Province—being what is generally known as "unoccupied Masonic territory." The Confederation of the separate British Provinces under the Imperial Act of Union has opened British Columbia to any or all of the Grand Lodges of the Dominion as territory into which their Warrants for the erection of Lodges could be issued. There were in this Province a Provincial Grand Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Scotland and a District Grand Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England—the former with five subordinate lodges and the latter with four, and each having concurrent jurisdiction. These facts alone, would give rise to the appearance and certainly abundant food for the thought, of too much government for a limited community, but when added to the prospect of other Grand Bodies claiming jurisdiction in our midst, it became a question of paramount necessity to unite discordant and fractional elements and give *undivided supremacy* to a Grand Lodge which should be formed of ourselves and with ourselves. I need not allude to any unsuccessful efforts to bring this wished for union about, but it will be a matter of history, it is a matter of great pride, for me to refer to the *great conciliation of both English and Scottish Freemasons* which resulted in the happy and harmonious Convention you have just concluded, and which gave birth and life to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia. In respect however, to the preliminary steps which were taken in the formation of this Convention it may be well for me to state, that immediately after the returns were made as called for by the R. W. District Grand Master E. R. and myself, showing the wishes of the United Craft in respect to the proposed erection of this Grand Lodge, I forwarded on the 24th of July last the following letter of resignation as Provincial Grand Master to our M. W. Grand Lodge in Scotland:

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As yet I have received no reply to the above; but though the slowness of our Grand Parent to move, especially on such matters as the due recognition of her own children's independence is proverbial, I have not the least doubt we shall have it in time, and her friendship, when once obtained, is faithful, fervent and lasting.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland presented its Gold Jewels, Furniture, and Regalia to the Grand Lodge. The various Committees necessary to complete the organization were then appointed, and the Grand Lodge was closed in harmony.

We note in the appendix that the letters already passed between the District Grand Master and the Grand Secretary warrant the assumption that recognition would be fully accorded by the Grand Lodge of England.

The New Constitution provides for the *election* of principal officers, and for the *appointment* of the subordinate officers of the Grand Lodge.

In view of the great unanimity and regularity of the proceedings in forming the Grand Lodge, and the evident desire for harmony, we have no hesitation in predicting a marked progress in Masonry in British Columbia and trust that our recommendation in another place will be acted upon, by according *full and cordial recognition* to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. May God speed them in their good work—*Amen*.

The proceedings of Nova Scotia 1870 are acknowledged.

M. W., I. W. POWELL, Grand Master. V. W., H. F. HEISTERMAN, Grand Secretary.

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### CALIFORNIA, 1871.

Twenty-Second Annual Communication, October 21, 1871. One hundred and fifty-two Lodges represented.

The Grand Master (Leonidas E. Pratt's) address is an able and masterly paper, evidencing his ability in the able discharge of official duties, and dealing with many and important questions with marked ability. The painstaking and careful supervision of the Craft and its great interests are everywhere apparent, and the good and wholesome advice given are worthy of being accepted entire.

Nine new Lodges had been formed under dispensation. Receipts for the year, \$25,414.47, disbursements, \$19,011.55.

Brother W. H. Hill presents a Report on Foreign Correspondence reviewing the proceedings of 43 Grand Lodges (covering 100 pages) in an able and comprehensive manner. Our proceedings of 1869-70 are both fraternally and fully noticed. We note two or three of our remarks thus criticized :

A Committee on Work reported in favor of adopting the "Ancient York Rite" in the jurisdiction. An amendment to substitute the "Original Webb York Rite" was lost and the report adopted. We hope our peninsular brethren have succeeded in getting the pure original Jacob's article !

This must be a most blessedly peaceful and harmonious jurisdiction, for here is the only Report of the Committee on Grievances given in full :—

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeal beg to report to this Grand Lodge that no business has been laid before them for consideration during the past year.

Would not our Committee like to make a similar report ?

We notice that a certain brother, THOMAS WEBSTER, living in "Pugwash," received a diploma from the Grand Lodge. We should suppose that brothers living in a place of *that* euphonious name *ought* to receive something as compensation !

The Grand Secretary presented documents received from Paris in December 1870 "*par ballon monté*" calling upon all the Grand Bodies to send delegates to Berne to try the *King of Prussia* and his son *Prince Frederick William* under the title of "Brothers William and Frederick of Hohenzollern," for violation of their Masonic obligations in bombarding Paris and warring upon their French Brethren.

W. John M. Browne, Grand Orator delivered an able, comprehensive and eloquent oration before Grand Lodge. Did space permit we would quote fully, but we confine ourselves to one or two good things :

Masonry opposes vice, error, ignorance, fanaticism, and persecution; it supports all that is good, true, and noble—conspicuous by contrast as in the Roman Paintings where the vices were placed beside the virtues.

Paramount in object is charity—the corner-stone in the figurative Masonic temple—the keystone of its every arch—a word to be inscribed on the heart of each Mason—a requirement to alleviate suffering whether caused by misfortune or sin; "for to step aside is human," and a true Mason sees not the sinner but the sufferer, and soiled not are charity's garments by such contact. "It is always safer for our judgement to be misled by simple charity than by uncharitable

wisdom." Charity is not circumscribed to alms-giving. With broader range it softens judgement, gives catholicism to opinion, and in its highest exercise is bestowed upon the uncharitable. Faith, Hope, Charity—the trinity of virtue—"these three, but the greatest of these is charity."

"In faith and hope the world will disagree,  
But all mankind's concern is charity;  
All must be false that thwart this one great end;  
And all of God, that bless mankind or mend."

Effective in increasing the courtesies of life, it has rendered sacred the name of brother—a name in its affectionate acceptance that fails not to excite solicitude for a brother in danger, to afford him relief in the distresses of life, and sympathy and consolation in death. On the day following the memorable engagement of the Kearsage with the Alabama, among the multitude of congratulatory telegrams received from Ministers, Consuls, and prominent Americans in different parts of Europe, the Masons on board the Kearsage received from their brethren in Holland the following: "Are any of the brethren killed or wounded?" In anxiety for their safety the brilliancy of the victory was secondary.

The Reports of the various Committees are able documents, shewing a thorough acquaintance with the several important subjects under their control. The question of the recognition of QUEBEC brought forth both majority (against) and minority (for) recognition. Both sides arguing well from their own standpoint; but the majority prevailed and the Grand Lodge refused recognition.

Among the appropriations for the expenditure of the year we observe,—

Grand Secretary's salary.....	\$3,600
Assistant Grand Secretary's salary.....	1,500
Printing, Rent and other expenses of Grand Sec'y's office..	3,500
Chairman Foreign Correspondence, salary.....	250

Happy Grand Secretary! Happy Chairman! to live so near the "Golden Gate"—verily your lines are cast in pleasant places—for Brother J. H. McKune thought \$2,500 was about enough for the able Secretary; but "the motion did not prevail."

M. W. Brother William A. Davis, P. G. M. was presented with a Solid Silver Service of Plate in acknowledgment of past services.

Membership ..... 9909

M. W., LEONIDAS E. PRATT, Grand Master. R. W., ALEX. G. ABELL, Grand Secretary.



## CANADA, 1871.

Four Special Communications were held at Ottawa, Cayuga, Brantford, and Thornhill for the purpose of laying Foundation Stones of a Court House, Bridge, Provincial Blind Asylum, and a Public Hall, respectively, when the usual ceremonies were duly performed and a Silver Trowel presented on each occasion to the M. W. Grand Master, who by this time must be well enough supplied with this working tool to be able to spread a sufficient quantity of the "Cement of Brotherly Love" to unite in noble emulation in the work of our fraternity, the brethren of that Grand Lodge and their sister Quebec. Eighteenth Annual Communication, Ottawa, 12th to 14th July, 1871, M. W., A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master "on the Throne." R. W., T. Bird Harris, Grand Secretary. 188 Lodges represented, 18 U. D. If we count correctly 12 of the Chartered Lodges are located in the province, and consequently, under the jurisdiction of Quebec; how many of these are under duplicate warrants issued since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, we are unable to ascertain.

The Address opens with a proper expression of gratitude to the Most High, for having been again permitted to assemble in Annual Communication and regretting that "The performance of my military duty, along with nearly 5000 of my fellow volunteers in the camp at La Prairie had completely absorbed the time which would otherwise have been employed in preparing for this occasion."

Eighteen new Lodges had been established by Dispensation. Two dormant were resuscitated, and one seceding Lodge had returned to its allegiance, making an increase of 21 in all. M. W., William B. Simpson, P. G. M., was presented by the Grand Lodge with an Elegant Epergne with suitable inscriptions, and two fruit stands with cut glass dishes, the occasion being the twenty-first anniversary of his marriage. An appropriate address and reply were also given. Copies of an address are inserted in the proceedings, as being forwarded to the late Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. The EARL OF ZETLAND, which duly received a suitable reply. An invitation was extended to the M. W. Grand Master of England, THE EARL DE GRAY AND RIFON, to attend the Annual Communication at Ottawa, but the

pressure of diplomatic affairs at Washington prevented acceptance.

We find the subject of dual membership touched upon by the Grand Master, who supposes a case given, similar to one that has actually occurred in our own jurisdiction, and which has since resulted in the passage of an enactment of Grand Lodge, abolishing membership in more than one Lodge. How this will work remains to be proved.

The state of Masonry throughout the jurisdiction is reported favorably of, the Order as steadily progressing, and credited with accomplishing a great amount of good.

The Grand Master says in his address, speaking of the Quebec difficulty, "I see no reason, whatever, to change or even modify the views I formerly expressed as to the strict legality of that position. I maintain still, that the Grand Lodge of Canada, legally established and universally recognized as having lawful jurisdiction over this territory for a period of fifteen years, cannot be deprived of that jurisdiction on account of any political division of territory by any Government or Legislature whatever," &c. Further on we find the admission made, "Nor should we ignore the fact, that there exists within our own body, a number of energetic and active sympathizers with the movement in question, who lose no opportunity of forwarding the interests of the Seceding Brethren." That there is a great diversity of opinion in the Grand Lodge upon the best mode of settling these troubles, is apparent from the closing portion of the address, as we there find a classification of ideas suggested by various classes of members, viz :

1st. Those who "prefer to remain as we are, trusting to time and the good offices of brethren concerned, to heal at no distant day, the breaches which have been made in our ranks."

2nd. "Others again prefer the idea—the promulgation of which gave rise to all this difficulty—of the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Dominion, with Provincial Grand Lodges in each of the Provinces."

"A third class see the feasibility of continuing the present Grand Lodge of Canada with its present jurisdiction, and

of establishing three or four Provincial Grand Lodges, for local purposes."

"A fourth class favor the idea of referring the whole question to arbitration, on principles similar to the recent *International High Commission*." (!)

"While a fifth class advocate the adoption of a measure whereby permission might be granted by this Grand Lodge to the Lodges in the Province of Quebec, to form a Grand Lodge for that province; and to the Lodges in Ontario to form a Grand Lodge for Ontario; the Grand Lodge of Canada consenting to withdraw jurisdiction from both Provinces, cede her territory to these new Lodges, distribute equally her funds and property to these her successors, cancel her Warrants and cease to exist."

The first of these alternatives the Grand Master admits his own personal preference for. "The second calls to our mind the vast extent of this Dominion, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, and presents the practical difficulty of the existence of other Grand Lodges within its bounds, whose consent to such an arrangement it might be impossible to obtain." Very probably, as in stating the question, we are informed that the "promulgation" of this idea (of forming a Dominion Grand Lodge) was the original cause of all the difficulty. Now, whilst agreeing in the conclusion drawn from this idea, viz, that it would be impossible to obtain the consent of the Grand Bodies of this Dominion, we are inclined to offer our opinion that *the idea—the promulgation of which gave rise to all this difficulty*, was that advanced and advocated by some eminent brothers (now unfortunately divided in sentiment) that the "best interests of Masonry would be served by having a Grand Lodge for each of the four Provinces, composing the Dominion." *This idea*, in all probability, put Quebec on the *right track*, to obtain a position, so ably advocated, as necessary for the best interests of Masonry in the "four Provinces."

The third proposal is considered "feasible enough if the brethren concerned were desirous of acting together in harmony, but therein lies the whole difficulty."

The fourth idea of reference to arbitration, to the G. M., "seems fair and honorable, but whether it would be accepted by the brethren who have seceded from us, yet remains to be seen." So

there is apparently not much faith in the *Joint High Commission*, expected from Quebec.

On the fifth idea, the opinion is expressed that "if a separation must take place, and if a Grand Lodge can dissolve itself, it is undoubtedly a Masonic mode of separation and dissolution, without involving either the idea of revolt or secession." This would certainly have been a most Masonic mode of separation at the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Full and able reports of the transaction of the local business of their respective districts are presented by the District Deputy Grand Masters.

Financially, this Grand Lodge is in a prosperous condition :— Receipts \$9793.88, Expenditure \$9149.85, Investments \$42,345.26. A Masonic Asylum Trust Fund amounted to \$5,736.31 with \$100 disbursed by the Fund of Benevolence.

Representatives from several Grand Lodges presented their credentials, and were received with the usual honors.

Bro. Edward Mitchell presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence (120 p.p.) which fully reviews proceedings of 36 Grand Lodges, Nova Scotia included. In the Introduction to the Review we quote his remarks :—

They (Nova Scotia) report on Quebec, as a prefix to their review. Amongst all the reasonings in favor of recognition we have met with, theirs is the most *unreasonable*. They fix upon what might be called a conversation more than anything else, in 1867, in which Bro. A. A. Stevenson took part, and hold to that as a *stand point*, waiving entirely the question that Bro. Stevenson expressing himself hastily on a new-born subject in 1867 might not justly and honestly alter his opinion by 1869.

Well, we do not think that we ought to be held responsible for our M. W. Brother's change of base during two years, nor do we consider that his "new departure" from his views has really anything to do with his opinions under the altered circumstances of his Grand Lodge; we have only to deal with his apparently earnest advocacy of certain principles, at the time he moved his resolutions in opposition to other eminent brethren in the Grand Lodge of Canada, as they might, on the same principles, change back again. We are led to infer from the general tenor of the arguments used by Canada, that the practice obtains with them of moving resolutions "hastily," and in a manner more like a conversation than anything else. This is all very well in its way,

but we find from their published proceedings of the Kingston Communication in 1867, that consequent upon motions made in connection with the probable effect of the act of Confederation upon the *status* of the various Grand Lodges of the Provinces forming the Dominion of Canada, certain resolutions were moved suggesting the advisability of forming a Grand Lodge for the Dominion, with Provincial Grand Lodges holding under it; and that counter resolutions were made, that the best interests of the Craft would be benefited by each province having an independent Grand Lodge; that a committee was appointed to consider the subject, composed of those who had their own peculiar ideas upon the subject, resulting in the committee presenting majority and minority reports, in accordance with the views expressed in their original resolutions.

When we take up a report from one of our sister jurisdictions, we naturally suppose that the reports of the Committee sent out are properly spread upon the minutes, and that the record is correct. It may suit the exigencies of a particular case to assert, that the expression of opinion was "more like a conversation than anything else," and was only a "hasty expression of opinion" upon a "new-born subject." But we must certainly ask our good Brother to allow us to presume that what is written, *is written*; and that a Committee appointed, and deliberating upon a certain point, *mean what they say*, otherwise their report possesses no value, although appearing with the names of the M. W. and R. W. movers and seconders attached to the minority and majority reports. It does not mend the matter, to evade the subject by asserting that this was merely an expression (hastily given) upon a "new-born subject," as the fact remains, that there must have been a considerable diversity of opinion even amongst the members of the Committee. We will in future look with considerable caution before attempting to criticise the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, as we may find something as glaringly inconsistent, and make the mistake of supposing that a resolution means what it says. In reference to the remarks that "our young sister Nova Scotia, sails over the difficulty in a ship of her own," we can only admit the fact that we do, as Nova Scotians, generally *sail ships of our own*.



We are rather amused (after the fault found with our "stand-point") to find that our report has been fully quoted by several Grand Lodges, and that the Grand Master of New Brunswick makes the same point in his address. Now this is hard on New Brunswick, as apparently that jurisdiction only refrains from recognition of Quebec, out of courtesy to Canada. For the benefit of our Brethren who desired to defer recognition for the same reason, we quote "We observe that a party in Grand Lodge (Nova Scotia) proposed deferring recognition out of courtesy to Canada. With all respect to that party, we accept no such courtesy. We claim our jurisdiction as a just and lawful right, and to say we only held by sufferance is no better than taking it by violence." Proceeding with their article we find this "As to their fear of placing themselves in a false position, we think that only shows that they have not been at pains to realize their position." This only induces a feeling that here our friends are "most unreasonable" from their stand point, as presuming that we had given no consideration to the subject. We may as well say that they did not realize their position when they organized the Grand Lodge of Canada by secession from England, or, when they with fraternal alacrity recognized our Grand Lodge, and sent their then Grand Master to install our first Grand officers; they were then quite willing to apply the "American" doctrine to our case, as well as when they claimed the application of that doctrine to their own, and they must certainly pardon us if we apply to Quebec that legality of proceedings that obtained in the case of our own formation as well as in theirs, and that in the face of our suspension by the parent Grand Lodge.

Bro. Mitchell then categorically questions us, "Do they think that their being admitted into the Confederation was in any way to interfere with their position as a Grand Lodge?" No, nor did we ever intend that it should; at the same time objecting to the idea that our Province was *admitted* into the Confederation, as we have a slight recollection that we came into the Union *on equal terms*, as a constituent part of the Dominion with our sister Provinces. This remark should be placed with our Brother's hallucination that the Grand Lodges of the Dominion are holding the equivalent position of something like Municipal or County Lodges,

and not Sovereign Grand Bodies. We have an impression at the same time upon our mind, that a Grand Master of Canada in referring to the probable effects of the political changes to be made in the Dominion by the Act of Confederation, made a remark that the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia would be as much the Grand Lodge of Canada as the body possessing that title. Then again we are asked "Do they not know that the Union of the three Kingdoms of England, Scotland and Ireland into the one united Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, did not affect the Grand Lodge of either?" Yes we do, and we know more—that the United Kingdom composed of England, Scotland and Ireland, three in one, has each its Grand Lodge, and intends to keep it in the same manner that the Grand Lodges of the four Provinces composing the Dominion intend to keep theirs, being as equally entitled to their separate Grand Lodges as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland are to theirs. We might as well presume from the Canadian point of view, that if Home Rule is applied to the political condition of Ireland and Scotland, that therefore, they are to be reduced from Sovereign Bodies to some kind of Provincial or County Lodges, and we can only add, that it is just as likely for the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland to unite in one Grand Lodge for the United Kingdom, as it is for the Grand Lodges of the Dominion to form a General Grand Lodge. In closing his remarks Bro. Mitchell says "As coming into Confederation cannot injure them, all are at a loss to see how a disruption in the Grand Lodge of Canada can benefit them." Nor have we any desire that it should *benefit* us, except in the true manner of masons who are *all* benefited by good example, and by the influence of the principles of our fraternity, by exercising the practice of the cardinal virtues on the final consideration of the subject, by having TEMPERANCE in their discussions, PRUDENCE in their dealings, FORTITUDE enough to accept the *inevitable*, and by displaying that justice to Quebec, expected of the Grand Lodge of Canada, by the Craft all over the world, who meted out the same measure of justice to them at their own formation. We have been *through the fire* ourselves, and would sacrifice more, than many of us have, for the sake of our order, for the sake of Heaven-born peace.

Under the Review of Nevada are collected the answers to the arguments used in favor of Quebec by the Grand Lodges recognizing them, with copious extracts from the act of Confederation, and also from the addresses of Grand Masters favorable to the position assumed by Canada, but as we do not find any new argument, it is unnecessary to give any more extracts upon this subject.

M. W., Brother Seymour, Grand Master; R. W., T. B. Harris, (re-elected) Grand secretary.

### COLORADO.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado held its eleventh Annual Communication at Denver on the 26th September, 1871. 14 Lodges represented.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. M. W., Bro. H. M. Teller, Grand Master; R. W., Bro. E. C. Parmalee, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master's address reviews the formation and work of Grand Lodge during the past ten years—the membership having increased from 62 in 1861 to 993 in 1871. He counsels caution in receiving candidates, and recommends a thorough investigation into character of applicant; and if such does not come up to the true Masonic standard, "bid him wait." He also advises discretion in granting new Charters.

The proceedings generally were of a local nature.

Committee on Jurisprudence had the matter relative to recognition of the "Grand Lodge of Quebec" referred back to them to report at next annual meeting.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence made no report and craved the indulgence of Grand Lodge in consequence.

Nineteen Lodges on roll. 993 members.

M. W., Henry M. Teller, re-elected Grand Master; R. W., E. C. Parmalee, re-elected Grand Secretary.

## CONNECTICUT.

The eighty-third Annual Communication was held at the Temple, in the city of New Haven, commencing on the 10th May, A. L. 5871, A. D. 1871. One hundred and three Lodges represented. M. W. Asa Smith, Grand Master, and R. W. Jos. K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

The M. W. Grand Master in his address reports the utmost harmony and good feeling prevailing throughout the jurisdiction. Having been called upon for many decisions he very justly remarks, "that if the brethren and especially Masters of Lodges, would more carefully study the jurisprudence which has been adopted by this Grand Lodge, it would relieve much of the labor now devolving on the Grand Master. Many questions are propounded and decisions asked for, which are clearly explained in that work, &c.

Would it not be wise in this Grand Body to adopt a standard work on Masonic jurisprudence, and recommend that each subordinate Lodge provide itself with a copy. It would save a great deal of unnecessary correspondence on questions perhaps of trivial importance, which might be readily solved by simply referring to its pages. He decides "that when an applicant has been rejected in another jurisdiction, he must obtain the consent of the Lodge so rejecting before he can be admitted to a Lodge in Connecticut."

We may receive a petition provided the applicant has not been rejected within six months. He also decides "that if a petition for admission be received from a person physically disqualified, it should be returned without ballot." This we think is the proper mode of disposing of such cases. He pays a glowing tribute to the memory of R. W. Bro. E. G. Storer, who for more than thirty years filled the arduous and responsible duties of Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lecturer embodies in his report the reports of the Deputy Grand Lecturers under his charge, there being apparently one for each county. These officers appear to have displayed a very commendable zeal in the discharge of their duties, though the information sought for from these sources has not been so full and satisfactory as was desired. We quote: "It may be however, that more could not well be expected under our present

system. If the laborer is worthy of his hire, some guarantee should be given that he will receive it, before he can be expected to devote his time and incur expense for the benefit of others."

The Grand Lodge of Quebec was formally recognized and welcomed into the family of American Grand Lodges by a nearly unanimous vote.

The finances appear to be in a healthy condition. No of Lodges 103. No. of initiations for the year 888. No. passed to Degree of F. C. 854. No. passed to Degree of M. M. 828. No. expelled 8. No. of rejections 350. No. of Masons 13,715.

Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia for '69 and '70 acknowledged.

M. W. Bro. James L. Gould, Bridgeport, elected Grand Master.  
R. W. Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1871.

Stated Communication January 11, 1871, for transaction of local business

Special Communication March 8, 1871, called for the purpose of receiving as a donation to the Grand Lodge a portrait of their late Past Grand Master, that eminent Brother, B. French, painted by Bro. Max Weyl, and evidently a labor of love upon the part of the artist and donor. Arrangements were also made to give a suitable reception to the Grand Master of England, Earl de Grey and Ripon, expected in Washington upon his mission of peace and good will between the two great English speaking races.

On the 10th April, the M. W. Grand Master of England was received in Grand Lodge, and welcomed with an appropriate address, which was ably and eloquently replied to.

A magnificent banquet was prepared in the Masonic Temple, at which there were present, Earl de Grey and Ripon, Lord Tenterden, several Grand Masters of different states, and a large number of distinguished guests and brethren.

Semi-annual Communication May 10th, 1871, principally taken up with local affairs. M. W. Bro. R. B. Donaldson was presented with a handsome Past Grand Master's Jewel. It was voted:



"that all Past Masters who had been presented with Past Master's Jewels be directed to wear the same when attending Grand Lodge."

The "Masonic Hall" Stock must be down, as a motion was made to sell out \$1000 worth at not less than 50 cts. on the dollar.

The Annual Communication was held on the 9th Novr., 1871. 18 Lodges represented. The Grand Master gives a good business like address. As we want that Grand Lodge Library, and the following being a good description of what is required—we quote it for the benefit of all concerned :

Our Grand Lodge Library ought to contain a full collection of works on Masonry in all its departments and on all related subjects, such as history, archaeology, &c., and it should be provided with every Masonic journal published, and with an ample collection of standard works of reference. The Library room should be appropriately, comfortably, and attractively furnished with all that a student requires for the prosecution of his investigations, and it should be regularly open at least every evening, and be accessible to, when desired, in the day time. Provision should be made for binding the large collection of pamphlets already on hand, and an appropriation set apart for the purchase of new books. I commend the whole subject to your earnest attention.

Among other decisions, we quote :

The most interesting case which has been presented to me for revision, was that in which a Lodge suspended a brother by a *majority vote* in the face of a provision in its by-laws requiring a *two-thirds vote* to suspend. The question was, whether the action of the Lodge was void, and as to the *status* of the brother disciplined.

I decided that there was manifest error in the decision by which the brother was declared suspended, when a mere majority vote had been cast in favor of that form of punishment; and that it was clearly competent for the brother affected by the decision to appeal to the Grand Lodge for a reversal of it. In the absence of an appeal to the Grand Lodge, the decision of the Lodge or Master must stand, as there is no appeal from the Master to the Lodge, and no mode of reversing the decision of a Lodge, except by appeal to the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Geo. R. Singleton gives an able report on Foreign Correspondence—forty-nine Grand Lodge proceedings being reviewed—Nova Scotia comes in for a good share, noticing our proceedings 1869, '70 and '71.

Of the Grand Master's address 1871, they comment—

The address of the G. M. *pro tem.* exceeds one page by three lines and appears to accomplish fully all the purposes of an opening of the business to come before Grand Lodge. Then why need any more? "Enough is as good as a feast."

Referring to our report of last year, they say :

Our Grand Lodge being highly favored with nearly two pages. Many, *many* thanks for so distinguished a compliment ; being entitled only *pro rata* to four-fifths of a page, we have a page and one-fifth in excess. Diamond dust is valuable, hence we notice the fractions.

We rise to explain that the composition of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by the appointment of three brethren annually, of whom only one in all probability has been accustomed to the duties before. As the proceedings come in, they are divided, and generally to the *new* members first, who, burning with zeal, fire away at the first and write a good *long* report ; when they get to the end of *their* allotment, they imagine that *shorter ones will do*. Last year's report of District Columbia must have been amongst the *first*. "Texas" was about the *last*. In the mean time the new hands have retired and the old hand has to bear the brunt of the criticism sure to be evoked.

M. W. Bro. C. F. Stansbury, Grand Master. R. W. Bro. C. W. Hancock, Grand Secretary.

## FLORIDA.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Florida held its Forty-first Annual Communication at Jacksonville on the 14th February, A.L., 5871. M. W., Brother Samuel Pasco, Grand Master, presiding. R. W. DeW. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary. 34 Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master is a most able and exhaustive document, replete with interest and abounding in beautiful illustrations and exemplifications of the great and fundamental principles of the Masonic Institution. The opening portion is especially beautiful in view of the fact that our Most Worshipful Brother had been engaged in that deadly conflict engendered by the distraction of American politics, the great Civil War. We quote :

"How good and pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, how delightful to withdraw from the outer world, where strife, contention and bitterness prevail, and meet here in harmony and brotherly love ; here we have that peace which the disturbed and weary soul longs for ; the bloody field of strife, the contention of men of opposite creeds and the bitterness of political factions are for the time forgotten or laid aside, and we

meet as brothers to renew our common vows upon the altar of Masonry and practice its rich lessons of Faith, Hope and Charity. Truly, Masonry occupies at the present time a high and elevated position before the world. Political parties have been rent asunder, the nation itself has been for a time severed, churches have been divided among themselves, and the divided parts have been more hostile and bitter towards those who once thought as they did and whom they called brethren, than towards the unbeliever; but these quarrels and separations seem only to have welded more closely together the firm bands by which Masons are united. During the rude alarms of war itself, though our brethren on both sides, with patriotic ardor, freely ventured their lives in behalf of the cause their hearts espoused, they never forgot their solemn obligations as Masons; the wounded foe was no longer an enemy, but a brother, beloved as soon as the mystic-tie that united them was recognized."

He then speaks of the several incidents by which the rich beauties and sacred lessons of Masonry were brought home to his own heart, during the internecine struggle; how when he lay a helpless prisoner, suffering from a severe wound, the chief surgeon, recognizing the sacred tie that united them, manifested his fraternal love and sympathy by many acts of the kindest nature—how, when enduring the horrors of a bitter winter, with thousands of his fellow captives, badly sheltered, thinly clad, ill fed, sick, wounded, wretched exiles, with no prospect of freedom to cheer their hearts, a few score, who were Craftsmen, found one another out, cheered each other's hearts and shared with each other any thing they had over and above what actual necessity required. Even the severe vigor of Military law did not prevent the exercise of many individual acts of charity and brotherly love by the hands of their northern brethren, which reached them in a disguised form. And he further adds:—"I used some times to think that the christianity of that time and place had much to learn from Masonry, for no word of sympathy or warning, in its name, ever reached inside our walls, though the tongues of scores of church bells called together the worshippers within our hearing as often as the holy Sabbath returned."

He beautifully and appropriately closes this portion of his address in the following cheering words,—“These and many

other scenes come home to my mind when I think of the beauties of Masonry. How often have we seen in our Lodges and in this Grand Lodge, those who have worn the blue and gray, sitting side by side—the past forgotten, for all here are brethren. Peace and good will reign among us from one end of the country to the other, the few jarring strings that marred the harmony of the instrument for a brief time, when the war first closed, were soon attuned into perfect accord, and here we have peace. Let us hope that the spirit of Masonry may, ere long, indirectly exert its blessed influence over the whole country and that all may be brought into one harmonious whole." Amen! and Amen! We make no comment on the foregoing extracts from this beautiful address. Suffice it to say that the whole document breathes the true spirit of Masonry, and may its sublime essence pervade the minds and invigorate the sympathies of all true sons of Light.

The course pursued by the Grand Orient of France is strongly denounced, and has broken up all fraternal intercourse between the respective Grand Bodies.

The rulings and decisions on Masonic law and usage embracing twenty-three heads, appear to be sound, and as such were held by the Committee on Jurisprudence. The following may be of service:

*Lodge Business.*—If the W. M. should think that any unfair advantage is about to be taken because of the small attendance at any meeting, he has a right to interfere for the protection of the Lodge, or of a brother, and postpone action on any business; but the transaction of business should not ordinarily be delayed on account of a small attendance.

*Visitors.*—A M. M. sitting in a Lodge has a right to object to the admission of a visitor, but the Lodge should not sustain the objection unless the brethren should be satisfied that it was well based, even if the brother should be unable to explain or even state his objection.

*Visitors.*—In general, a brother should be required to state his objections to the admission of a visitor, but cases must sometimes arise when the brethren should sustain the objection, though unheard, as when a brother of exalted character assures the Lodge that such reasons exist, but cannot yet be properly stated.

*Visitors*.—Whether a brother should object to a visitor upon statements of friends outside the Lodge, must depend upon the peculiar circumstances of each case as it arises. A judicious and cautious Mason will not be unduly influenced by hearing statements detrimental to a brother who has hitherto been under the tongue of good report.

The question being propounded as to whether suicides were entitled to Masonic burial, and if so under what circumstances, the following Resolution was offered by the Grand Secretary and adopted, to wit :

*Resolved*,—That it is proper for a Lodge to inter with Masonic honors, the remains of a deceased brother who was in good standing at the time of his death, who has committed suicide, when the brethren are satisfied that no wicked motive prompted the act, but not otherwise.

This we presume applies only to those unfortunates who, from accumulated troubles or excessive grief, have been bereft of their reason, and while in this state have severed the frail thread ; for we cannot conceive of a sane being taking his life, from a worthy motive.

Several of the Lodges in the jurisdiction are doing much good in educating the children of deceased and indigent worthy Master Masons.

The Grand Secretary has been collecting and arranging the various books and papers belonging to the Masonic Library so as to be of ready reference. A very praiseworthy undertaking, worthy of imitation in a certain Jurisdiction we wot of, whose history dates from the middle of last century. What a field for archaeological research. Who will remove the dust from the accumulated mound of Masonic Manuscripts ? Brother Nash, where are you ?

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have adopted a new method of reporting the proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges, which materially lessens the labors while it does not impair the interest.

They simply give an alphabetical list of Grand Lodges, with names of their respective Grand Masters, date of meeting and where held. Then follows a short review of proceedings and the report ends with quotations from addresses of the different Grand Masters. No statistics are given and herein the method is defec-



tive. Proceedings of Nova Scotia, 1870, are acknowledged and a short quotation made from Grand Master's address.

The Election of District Deputy Grand Masters is strongly recommended. We quote the following anent the Board of General Purposes, "The system seems to be of English origin and therefore respectable. It is rather a mysterious and magnitudinous institution, somewhat resembling the fancied idea of a little Grand Lodge within a big one, and we are not quite sure that the 'little one is not the biggest.' Albeit it finds plenty to 'do and the work is usually well done."

Much valuable information touching the Government of the Craft is given in the Report, which our limited space forbids inserting here.

No of Lodges represented, 60.

M. W. Samuel Pasco re-elected Grand Master; R. W. DeW. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary

### GEORGIA, 1871.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Macon, October 31, 1871. M. W. Grand Master S. Lawrence, R. W. Bro: J. Emmet Blackshear, Grand Secretary. 222 Lodges represented out of 274.

#### From the Grand Master's Address—

And what are we, my brethren, each and all of us, every one who has truly received our mysteries, but Evangels in the best sense of the word, messengers of good tidings, bearing on and spreading ever, as on the winged winds of heaven, to the four corners of the earth, the good message: "Glory to God in the Highest! On earth peace, good will towards men."

I cannot refrain from observing that the same *casus belli* which called forth last year your resolution of non-intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, will demand at your hands a like action towards the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, which persistently trespasses, against all remonstrance, on the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York. And I would remind the Worshipful Masters of Lodges that such resolutions are not designed as mere empty threats, signifying nothing, but that they require of every Lodge within our jurisdiction, under pain of the censure and discipline of the Grand Lodge, a stern and inflexible refusal on their part to recognize as Masons any and all who claim to hail from the interdicted jurisdictions. It is only thus we may

hope to enforce on these distant powers a valid acknowledgment of our principle of Grand Lodge sovereignty, each within its own territorial limits.

Since the above was written, I have received a protest from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, directed to this Grand Lodge, against an intrusion by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg on its jurisdiction, showing the justice and necessity for my recommendation.

We find a new reading of the XVII General Regulation of 1720, which we have always taken in its literal sense. The pleading is certainly special, but it is so well put, that we copy it:

1st. The XVII. General Regulation applies only for the time being to the Communication of the Grand Lodge, while in session, and does not forbid the Grand Officers therein enumerated from serving as officers of a Subordinate Lodge in vacation. It is to be construed as simply affirmative of that provision of our Constitution, that "no brother shall represent more than one Lodge at the same time," *i. e.*, act in two representative characters at and during the Communication of the Grand Lodge. If a Grand Officer, he must act only as such; but so soon as the Communication is closed, he returns to his station in his Subordinate Lodge whatever that may be.

It must be remembered that these old Regulations, if old when they were compiled, could only apply to the General Assembly of Masons, which was annual, there being no Grand Lodge as now constituted. Indeed, a careful consideration of the Regulations, from the XIV. to the XVIII., inclusive, clearly shows that they all refer to the Grand Lodge *while in Communication*, and do not look beyond. But that some misconstruction as to this very XVII. Regulation had arisen at an early day after the adoption of the present Grand Lodge system is evident, since in the new Regulations, adopted before 1756, we find it thus explained: "Old Grand Officers are now, some of them, officers of particular Lodges, but are not deprived of their privilege, in the Grand Lodge, to sit and vote there as old Grand Officers; *only* he deposes a past officer of his particular Lodge to act, *pro tempore*, as the officer of that Lodge, at the Grand Lodge."

In this state of the law, and seeing that the custom in this State has been *contra* to Brother ROCKWELL's ruling, and that good policy would encourage skilful brethren, who are Grand Officers, if they will take the burthen, to serve, in vacation of the Grand Lodge, as officers in the Subordinate Lodges, where the work of Masonry is done, I think it proper that they should not be debarred from such privilege, and am the better satisfied in overruling the decision of Brother ROCKWELL.

Among the decisions we find—

One ballot more than the number of brethren voting appearing in the box, and there being only one black ball against the candidate, the ballot may be retaken though declared, the fact being discovered after it was declared.

A recommendation was made to increase the salary of the Grand Secretary, who has \$1500, to \$2000 per annum. The report of the Deputy Grand Master, D. N. Austin, is an able document, and contains some eloquent passages. The District Deputy Grand Masters' reports show that a careful attention is given by them to the important duties of their office.

One Lodge got into trouble for issuing a circular of a "Distribution Sale" by lottery, which a "clever gentleman" induced the W. M., Wardens and Secretary to sign and seal, by order of the Lodge, as a certificate that the sale would be a fair one, and for which they were to receive a "consideration," with premiums to other Lodges selling the highest number of tickets! Oh my! Oh my!

In the Grand Secretary's report, we find that Brother P. M. W. M. Armstrong, of Zetland Lodge, Montreal No. 21, R. Canada, died in Savannah, and that the expenses for board and funeral were paid by the brethren in that city. The Grand Master of Canada, upon being applied to to refund the amount expended, returned answer *that the Lodge had been suspended for joining the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and therefore the members of the Lodge were not entitled to Masonic burial.* The matter was then referred to the Grand Secretary of Quebec who answered, promising that, at the next meeting, such action would be taken as would be satisfactory to the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

A lot of land had been purchased for \$11,500, and a contract entered into to build a Grand Lodge Hall thereon at a cost of \$48,500.

Bro. Blackshear's report on Foreign Correspondence is as usual an able and lengthy one, reviewing 43 Proceedings, Nova Scotia receiving a fair share of notice.

M. W., Brother Samuel Lawrence, Grand Master, R. W., J. Emmett Blackshear, Grand Secretary.

## INDIANA.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana assembled in Annual Communication at the Grand Music Hall in the City of Indianapolis on Tuesday, 23rd May, A. L. 5871, M. W., M. H. Rice,

Grand Master presiding. R. W., John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary. Harvey G. Hazelrigg, Representative of Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The address of the Grand Master is an able and comprehensive document, and very suggestive in its character. He says: "At no time since its organization has this Grand Lodge assembled under more propitious circumstances than surround us this day. We have enjoyed a year of Masonic prosperity, and our Lodges generally have been doing good work and increasing their membership; although the whole number admitted is not as large as in some preceding years. I am satisfied that this is not because a less number of applications have been presented, but is owing to the fact that greater care has been exercised and a more careful enquiry made into the qualifications of those who sought to gain admission. Our brethren are beginning to learn that numbers alone do not constitute strength, but oftentimes the reverse, &c. The danger lies not in the growth and extension of our Institution, so long as none but good men are admitted, but in the failure, through a lack of vigilance on the part of those whose duty it is to investigate the character of the applicant, to detect the imposter, who would adorn himself in the livery of Masoury, that he may use it in concealing his true character. Let us see to it, then, my brethren, that the door of Masonry is never opened unless the applicant be worthy." Good sound doctrine, worthy of being preached to all who have the true interests of Masoury at heart. He passes a high eulogium on R. W. William T. Clark, Senior Grand Warden and Worshipful Brother J. Sharp Wisner who have been called from their labors on earth to their reward in Heaven.

We give the particulars of a most unwarrantable outrage on the laws and regulations of Masonry, committed by the W. M. and others of Laurel Lodge, No. 29. It appears that the Grand Master, last year, suspended the W. M. of the above Lodge from office during the remainder of the term for which he had been elected. "Cause:" For clandestinely convening a select number of his Lodge, opening a Lodge and causing a ballot to be had on the application of a candidate for the first degree, who had been rejected the same evening at a stated communication of his Lodge, and then conferring the first degree on said candidate and causing his election to the second degree at the same meeting.

Within one month after said suspension, a petition was received by the M. W. Grand Master, signed by twenty-four members of Laurel Lodge, asking him to reinstate their W. M. Israel Burris to the functions of his office, thereby shewing themselves a party criminous to the clandestine meeting convened by the W. M.

In accordance with an order of the Grand Lodge, the M. W. Grand Master called said Lodge together on the 15th August, 1870, at which time he was present and took charge of the Lodge, and having ascertained that if he put Israel Burris, W. M. of said Lodge on his trial before his own Lodge as directed by Grand Lodge, they would acquit him in defiance of law, he endeavored to bring about an amicable settlement of their difficulties, upon their agreeing, if he would give them the privilege of electing a new set of officers, to unite and strive to promote the interest of the Lodge and of Masonry in that place. He, confiding in their pledges, granted the privilege to hold a new election, and on counting the number of votes on the first ballot for W. M., found that a majority of votes were cast for Bro. Israel Burris, the suspended officer. This result the M. W. Grand Master regarded as a wanton and unprovoked expression of contempt for the Grand Lodge, a defiant determination to disregard its edicts and a clear violation of the pledges made to him. He therefore very properly suspended the election, arrested the charter, and took possession of the books and effects of the Lodge, which course is fully endorsed by the Committee on Grievance.

Grand Lodge of Quebec unanimously recognized. Proceedings of forty-six Grand Lodges reviewed. Nova Scotia included.

No. of Lodges 241, exclusive of 20 U. D. Initiated 2164. Passed 2121. Raised 2125. No. of M. Masons 23,308. Pay-roll to members of Grand Lodge \$6,746.80. Total receipts for year \$19,259.22. Expenditure \$15,268.12.

M. W. Martin H. Rice, Indianapolis, re-elected Grand Master.  
R. W. John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary.

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#### IDAHO, 1871.

Fourth Annual Communication, 2nd October, 1871. M. W. Bro. S. B. Connelly, Grand Master, presiding. We note that nearly all the officers were absent, as their places (Grand Secre-



tary included) were all filled *pro tempore*. The address of the Grand Master is short, and confined principally to the affairs of the jurisdiction, with a summary of the matters in dispute between Quebec and Canada. The Grand Master thinks it his duty to exhort the brethren to abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks, and from the idle and profane use of sacred names. The membership is stated to be 283 in the eight Lodges in the Territory. Receipts of the year \$971 85; disbursements \$509.00. We regret to have to quote the following from the report of the Committee on Appeal and Grievances, but from the rank of the signers—two P. G. Masters and the Senior Grand Warden—we presume that the necessity must exist for being out-spoken. After referring back two cases to a Lodge for re-trial for having found verdicts of “Not Guilty,” when the evidence proved otherwise, they say:

Your Committee feel that the noble principles of our Beloved Order are forgotten by extending a false charity to members against whom charges are brought.

The facts are that Masonry in this jurisdiction is becoming a reproach and by-word, not only among the good and true of our Order, but among the business men and families in our several communities, and it is time now to put a stop to these flagrant outrages against our Beloved Order. Our Lodges must be purified, and if members will not, from a love of the Fraternity, be good and true, the subordinates must act promptly and enforce our laws, and if kind words and Brotherly Affection will not cure the evils existing, then we must cut off the unworthy by expulsion.

Your Committee regret the necessity of such a report, and trust that the causes may be speedily removed, and Freemasonry assume the high and noble position in Idaho in which her principles have placed her.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec was recognized, and intercourse suspended with the Grand Orient of France. No report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. W., J. W. Brown, Grand Master. R. W., S. F. Cartee, Grand Secretary.

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### ILLINOIS.

Annual Communication, October 3, 1871. M. W. Dewitt C. Cregier presiding.

The address as printed in the “Transactions,” had to be rewritten from memory, the original having been lost, with other

valuable papers in the Grand Master's office, by the disastrous Chicago Fire, only a few days after the meeting of Grand Lodge.

We append the following quotations in reference to dispensations for new Lodges, and the conferring of degrees out of time, as expressing the right views upon these important subjects :

I have granted these dispensations with some degree of reluctance for the one reason that I regard the number of Lodges in our State disproportionate to the total membership, and yet I could neither discriminate nor refuse when the petitioners had fully complied with all the requirements of the law of our Grand Lodge governing the matter. Surely the Grand Master is not wiser than the Master, Wardens and Brethren of at least two chartered Lodges who recommend the petitioners. It cannot be expected that he should be familiar with every locality, nor whether there is a necessity for the establishment of a Lodge at the point proposed. If he refuse to grant the prayer of the petitioners, Masonry may suffer. It is obvious therefore that the creation of new Lodges is mainly in the hands of those already chartered and it is upon their recommendations and declarations that the Grand Master must depend for information as to the necessity or propriety of issuing the Dispensation. Lodges should remember, that in giving their consent to the formation of New Lodges, they cede a portion of their territorial jurisdiction and may thereby cripple their resources, and seriously affect their prosperity. Lodges should also remember that it is the welfare of Masonry in their midst that should be considered before recommending a New Lodge, and not the accommodation and frequently the gratification of mere caprice on the part of a few Brethren. I would fraternally but earnestly urge upon Lodges to weigh well the text of their recommendations, and not subscribe to them unless they are fully convinced of the truth and propriety of the matters and things therein set forth. In all cases before granting Dispensations I have required a full compliance with existing law including Regulation No. 1. From members of Lodges in other Jurisdictions who were petitioners, I have required dimit to accompany the petition. From those who were members of our own Jurisdiction, I have required certificates that their dues were paid. In addition to these conditions and those contained in the proposed new Constitution, upon the subject, I would recommend that hereafter a two-thirds vote of the three nearest Lodges shall in all cases be required to endorse a petition for a New Lodge.

While I would place no obstacle in the way of the Brethren, nor of a healthy growth of Freemasonry which from its nature is alike desirable and inevitable, yet I am persuaded we should guard against an overgrowth; I therefore commend these suggestions to your careful consideration.

#### DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES.

During the year I have had frequent applications for authority to initiate applicants in less time than is prescribed by Law. I have granted but three Dispensations for that purpose. They were issued amid the business of, and immediately after the last session of the

Grand Lodge, but even these, although issued to worthy Lodges in behalf of worthy men. I would gladly recall were it possible. Not that I question the right of the Grand Master to set aside the forms of law in cases of this kind, but because I regard it as equivalent to "making masons at sight," and I believe no man should be allowed to join the fraternity without ample time being allowed to scrutinize his character by those with whom he is to be associated. A petition for this purpose generally sets forth very fully the great advantage and accommodation that would accrue to the candidate by such proceedings, but seldom or never does it show that Masonry or the Lodge would be benefitted by them.

The office of Grand Master is no sinecure in Illinois, there being 654 Lodges, with a membership of 36,503. Initiations 3,170. The income for the year amounted to \$27,195 35, nearly the whole of which large sum had been absorbed in the expenditure. The Grand Master speaks sharply, and to the point upon the lavish expenditure, and the Committee on Finance make good suggestions, looking to an improvement in the future.

The general conduct of business, judging from the comprehensive reports of D. D. Grand Masters, and the various standing Committees is excellent, and aided by the services of the thoroughly efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. Orlin H. Miner, he has evidently brought the jurisdiction into good working order.

Bro. Joseph Robbins for the Committee on Correspondence presents an admirable report. Under the head of Nova Scotia, referring to the proceedings of 1869, we find the following :

We are glad to see that as revised it requires the ballot to be unanimous. We are almost as sorry to see that "every petition or complaint to the Grand Lodge, or answer thereto," is to cost the petitioner or complainant a dollar. There should be no practical (we do not think it intentional) discrimination against an indigent brother.

The following indicates that the Grand Master is not to be officially slapped on the back, but is clothed with something of "the divinity that doth hedge a king :"

"The Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but through the Grand Secretary or Deputy Grand Master."

Of our efforts in the corps reportorial, we receive full credit.

The M. W. Grand Master had been received and acknowledged as representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

M. W. Dewitt C. Cregier, Grand Master. R. W. Orlin H. Miner, Grand Secretary.

## IOWA.

These proceedings come in the form of "Annals of Iowa Masonry; T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary, Editor." Embellished with a fine engraving of M. W. O. P. Waters, the present Grand Master. We find that this Grand Lodge met in Davenport, Iowa, June 6, 1871,—28th Annual Communication; Grand Master Scott presiding. In his address he says: "the home of Iowa Masonry, is the home also of harmony and prosperity, and for all these blessings from about our altars the incense of praise does continually ascend." Dispensations for fifteen new Lodges had been granted, but many applications had been denied, and more have been discouraged. The material prosperity of the Craft is shewn by the erection of more substantial and elegant Halls for Masonic purposes. The charter of one Lodge had been arrested, as the Lodge had been proved unable to maintain discipline; the Grand Master justly remarking that "when a Lodge is either unable or unwilling to try and punish offending Masons, its own death becomes essential to the best interests of Masonry."

Upon the matter of "Decisions," we quote:

In view of the apparent fact that our jurisprudence is not being improved by the multitude of so-called "decisions on masonic law," but rather the reverse, I have abstained from presenting anything in that line for your consideration. I am impelled to this by my profound conviction that much of our law-making, both by the Grand Lodges and by Grand Masters, has been so ill-advised and hasty that it only tends to embarrass those who need more light. There are very few things of importance which are not well understood, and the trifles that usually cause disputes might be settled either way without detriment to Masonry. There are those who will always want the advice of the Grand Master upon the particular case, no matter upon how many occasions the same question may have been substantially answered. The increase of published decisions and resolutions, therefore, only furnishes additional points for questions and disputes, and may be well omitted in the future.

An obituary note and memorial page are given to the memory of P. G. Chap., Rev. Bro. Wm. Purvis, and R. W. Bro. C. Rollin, P. D. G. Master.

Reports of Finance exhibit a good fund.

P. G. Master E. A. Guilbert, introduced a resolution relative to the establishment of a "Home for the Widows and Orphans of Indigent Masons." A grant of \$250 was made for the relief of

an eminent Brother reduced in circumstances from the results of protracted illness. A resolution to abolish the Board of Custodians and discontinue Schools of Instruction was brought forward—the clause abolishing the “Amended School of Instruction” only being adopted.

The degree of P. M. appears to be conferred in Grand Lodge upon Masters elect of Lodges there represented, and the following decision made: “That *Chapter Past Masters* have no recognition in a Lodge of *Actual Past Masters*, except that of a seat therein.” This is contrary to everything we ever heard of upon this subject, as it seems to us that the proper place for the *Chapter Past Master* is a seat, somewhere under the organizations of the Chapter, and not within an *Actual Past Master's* Lodge, even when it only amounts to the courtesy of a seat therein.

A resolution locating the Grand Lodge at Davenport for five years was adopted.

We find recorded a number of expulsions and other punishments for “keeping a dram shop and allowing card playing in his place of business;” for “swindling;” “defrauding creditors;” “adultery;” and other offences of a grave and criminal character, all of which are included under the vague charge of “gross unmasonic conduct.” We prefer to see the crime *put plainly*, as in the first named instances.

In the matter of reduction of dues, a committee think that to pay expenses of Lodges whilst reducing the dues, would bankrupt Grand Lodge in two or three years.

Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary, gives eleven excellent and well arranged statistical and other useful tables, particularly in their own jurisdiction, numbering 300 Lodges, with membership of 13,527. Receipts \$3289.65.

176 pages are occupied by the names of members. Brother U. D. Taylor gives us an excellent report as chairman on “Foreign Correspondence,” reviewing proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, extracting freely, and at the same time judiciously, with comments and remarks thereon pertinent to the subjects.

We quote:

We have had under consideration that portion of the Deputy Grand Master's address relating to the granting of dispensations to Coe and Pioneer Lodges to confer the second and third degrees the same night; and give it as our opinion that, while at certain times and under cer-

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tain emergencies it may be very desirable that such power should be exercised, the exercise thereof is of doubtful propriety and contrary to the true intent and spirit of our constitution and the standing resolution of this Grand Lodge.

Will that committee be kind enough to inform us when *anything* is "very desirable," when it is "contrary to the true intent and spirit of our constitutions?"

The Grand Lodge conferred "the third degree at the request of Temple Lodge," upon a Fellow Craft. The question with us is, is the newly raised brother a member of Grand Lodge?

The Grand Master also having held twenty-seven Grand Lodges of Instruction, dedicated four halls, and constituted eight Lodges;—a pretty busy year. Of the *work*, he says—well, no; we won't write our thoughts, nor will we quote Corson. We must be allowed, however, to give just *one* verse from Jo. Smith's BOOK OF MORMON: "Blow ye your own trumpet; for if ye blow not your own trumpet, your own trumpet will not be blown."

We notice that a brother—we omit his name—"appealed from the decision of the Grand Master." The Grand Secretary does not inform us whom he "appealed" to!

The reviews of "Foreign Grand Lodges comprise four proceedings, including ours for 1870." Bro. Blackie's (of Tennessee) report on thirty-two other Foreign Grand Bodies is also added. Brother Taylor embodies his own reviews with these. In Nova Scotia the fact of meeting is merely referred to, and also that M. W. Bro. Sircom had presented a group of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

We have perused with pleasure the review by Bro. Blackie, affording an insight into the state and position of very many of the European Grand Lodges, as we have not been placed in a position to obtain so much valuable information from other sources.

Bro. Taylor's report closes with a summary of the decisions upon the various points of Masonic Law given during the year by the different Grand Masters.

M. W., Bro. O. P. Waters, Grand Master. R. W., T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

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### KANSAS, 1871.

Sixteenth Annual Communication, 18th October, 1871.

M. W. John H. Brown, Grand Master; R. W. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary. 68 Lodges represented. Dispensations had been issued to form 19 new Lodges.

There are many interesting and eloquent passages in the address of the Grand Master from which we would like to quote freely. Speaking of the necessity of filling the offices of a Lodge with good men and true, he says:—

To each member of the fraternity is committed the sacred trust of seeing every office filled by men who come up to the standard prescribed by our ancient regulations. Every failure to accomplish so desirable an end, should attach—and justly so—to each and every member thereof. Need I, then, enlarge upon the necessity of punctuality in attending the Lodge, not only at the time of elections, but at all regular meetings, that evil may be repressed, good increased, and offices filled by those alone whose attainments and character are such as will challenge respect and insure a sound and healthy progress. May we ever bear in mind the place where we received our first most impressive lessons—before an altar consecrated to the Supreme Master—and under circumstances which ought never to fade from memory. May we not so far forget ourselves as to neglect the sacred volume ever upon our altars, for therein will be found our rule and guide, therein those precepts which Masons should emulate each other in endeavouring to illustrate by their lives. So long as that book remains in our Lodge rooms, so long as its sublime lessons are heeded, our Brethren may rest secure that their labors will be crowned with success and insure the approval of the Grand Master on high.

Thirteen decisions are given, among them the following:—

2. No Lodge has a right to demand that a sister Lodge confer degrees for them, even though they pay all the fees therefor. However, it is often done as a matter of courtesy, in cases where it is done to accommodate the applicant.

3. The W. M. cannot dismiss proceedings in a case wherein a Brother is arraigned for unmasonic conduct by reason of the failure of a committee appointed by W. M. to do their duty, and carry out the order of the Lodge.

Receipts during the year amounted to \$2191.66, and the disbursements \$2036.55.

Bro. E. T. Carr presents a review of the proceedings of 43 Grand Lodges, Nova Scotia receiving a fraternal notice.

One hundred and four Lodges on roll with a membership of 2425. Expended in charity \$3722.55.

M. W. John M. Price, Grand Master; R. W. John H. Brown, P. G. M., Grand Secretary.

### KENTUCKY.

The Seventy-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Louisville on the 16th October, 1871.

Sixty-two Lodges were represented.

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M. W. Charles Eginton, Grand Master ; R. W. John M. S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary

The address of Grand Master Eginton is unfortunately not in the report received by us, thirty-two pages of the opening ceremonies being missing. It must, however, have been a most able and exhaustive one, as by resolution of Grand Lodge 1500 copies were ordered to be printed and distributed ; and Masters of Lodges ordered to read it in open Lodge.

Thirteen Charters were granted during the year. Dispensations for thirteen Lodges granted ; and three applications rejected. One Charter revoked by request of the members of the Lodge, they desiring to affiliate in a body with another Lodge in the same town.

One Charter was arrested until the members of the Lodge manifested a *proper Masonic spirit towards each other*.

Committee on Finance, reported Grand Lodge assets \$104,162, and complimented the Grand Treasurer, Bro. Hodges, who has been re-elected twenty-seven years successively, on the good result, the Grand Lodge being in debt at the time he took office, to the amount of seven thousand dollars.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of 46 Lodges ; Nova Scotia included.

Grand Master elect delivered a short address thanking the Craft for the honor conferred on him and exhorting the brethren to the assiduous cultivation of those Grand essentials to Masonic worth, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth

Number of Lodges in Jurisdiction 512, under Dispensation 13.

Session of Grand Lodge lasted four days and was closed on the 12th in ample form according to ancient usage

M. W., E. B. Jones, Grand Master. G. Secretary re-elected.

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### LOUISIANA, 1872.

Sixtieth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, 12th February, 1872.

M. W. Samuel M. Todd, Grand Master ; R. W. James C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary. 111 Lodges represented.

From the address we select the following :—

The printed report of your Committee on Correspondence will show, as in former years, the condition of Masonry elsewhere ; tidings from home and abroad have been gathered and presented in a con-

densed form for your consideration; and from it, and former reports of the same committee, you will perceive that, with but few exceptions, all of the Grand Lodges of this country have adopted resolutions of non-intercourse with the Grand Orient of France on account of its recognition of the spurious association of men in New Orleans claiming to be a Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite.

The illegal organization attempted to be bolstered up by the Grand Orient of France is scarcely ever heard of in this jurisdiction, and its true character becoming better known to the people here, has been avoided as a leprous, unclean thing, and it may be said to be dead to all intents and purposes.

It must be a matter of deep surprise to you that our sister Grand Lodge of Alabama, so identified in interest with Louisiana, and liable to the same illegal encroachment of its jurisdiction, should not yet have taken a decided stand upon this vital question. I cannot doubt what its ultimate action will be, but it is full time that such action should be taken. Our cause must be their cause, and throughout the length and breadth of this great continent, one unbroken front should be presented against foreign interference with the rights and prerogatives of our Grand Lodges, according to what is known as the American doctrine. In this connection, I have the pleasure of informing you that the Grand Orient of Brazil, Valley of Lavradio, has adopted resolutions discontinuing all relations with the Grand Orient of France for violating the jurisdictional rights of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, and also, of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana. This is the course we hope to see taken by all good and true Masons in this country as well as abroad. To insure amicable fraternal relations with our brethren abroad, it will be necessary that the Masons of this country make common cause, and demand, that not only shall there be no interference with the recognized jurisdiction of American Grand Lodges, but that such attempted interference must be disclaimed and pronounced unmasonic by all Grand Bodies with whom we hold fraternal intercourse. The Grand Lodge of Hamburg, having years ago violated the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, and continued up to this time its unmasonic usurpation of its rights, has lately established a lodge within the state of New Jersey, in the city of Hoboken. Most, if not all, of the Grand Lodges of the United States have forbidden Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg or its subordinates; but it appears to me that we should demand of our European brethren that they denounce such unwarrantable interference with the affairs of the Grand Lodge of this Country.

I regret to state that the Grand Lodge of Canada has not yet decided whether she is for or against this Grand Lodge in its quarrel with the Grand Orient of France, although the new Grand Lodge of Quebec has come out boldly and decidedly in our favor, and declared non-intercourse with that offending body.

The reports of the Grand officers in charge of Districts, show the affairs of the Craft in Louisiana to be in a prosperous condition.

In referring to the question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the committee on Masonic law and Jurispru-

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dence enunciate their views with no uncertain sound : and as we have been rather brief in our reviews, for fear of exceeding the limited space allowed us in these proceedings, we conclude to present their views as expressing our ideas in a better style than we pretend to :

As stated by the Grand Master and the Committee on Correspondence, the facts in this case *pro* and *con.*, have been fully laid before the Grand Lodge in previous reports, and the question now is one of principle. We think the principle has been too well established to require further argument, and, therefore, we simply state it to be, that the Masons of every political State or nation having a legislature or government of its own, are entitled, whenever there exist therein three or more legally organized and regularly chartered lodges, to have its own Grand Lodge ; and that, when such Grand Lodge is regularly organized it should have exclusive control over all Masons and lodges within its territorial jurisdiction. To illustrate : we mean by political States or divisions, such as the States and organized Territories of the United States ; Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, in Canada ; Ireland, Scotland, and England, in Great Britain ; the various duchies of Germany ; but not the various arrondissements or departments of France, etc., because in these there is no separate legislature or government of its own. Conforming to the laws of the country in which we reside, we should make the extent of our Grand Lodge organization conform to the political divisions and changes which may from time to time be made. Grand Lodge organizations, as at present constituted, are principally for matters of convenience, and in order that harmony may prevail—in the community as well as in the Order—every Mason, whenever a change or division occurs in the political boundaries of States and nations, should take immediately the necessary steps to make the corresponding changes in their own Grand Lodge organizations. Nothing deleterious can possibly result from the adoption, in practice, of this principle, and many benefits would follow, if carried out in the proper spirit.

While we contend that the boundaries of Grand Lodge jurisdiction should always correspond with those of the State, we also contend that this jurisdiction should be absolute and exclusive. No allegiance, directly or indirectly, or however remote, should be allowed. All should be united under the same Grand Lodge banner, and this, too, both for the sake of peace and tranquility in the State itself, as also for Masonic peace and harmony ; for it need hardly be said that a community divided in its allegiance, either politically or Masonically, can remain for any considerable time free from discord and in peace.

We, then, conclude that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, having, under the principles as set forth above, been regularly organized by the delegates of a majority of the lodges within the province of Quebec, is entitled not only to be recognized as one among the sisterhood of Grand Lodges, and welcomed among us, but as also entitled to exclusive and absolute jurisdiction and control over all Masons and lodges within the province.



The Corner stone of a new Masonic Temple in New Orleans, was laid with full and appropriate ceremonies on February 15, 1872.

Brother James B. Scott, Joseph P. Hornor, and G. H. Braughn present a voluminous report on Foreign Correspondence, extending to 171 pages, carefully reviewing the proceedings of 40 Grand Lodges.

In noticing Nova Scotia for 1870 and 1871, they give Deputy Grand Master Taylor great credit for his excellent report upon the state of the Lodges visited by him, they say:—

In a brief address, the Deputy Grand Master, regrets the absence of the Grand Master, the Hon. Alex. Keith, who having unfortunately lost his sight, was then in New York submitting to a painful surgical operation in the hope of recovering it. Before the close of the Grand Lodge, however, the pleasing intelligence was received that the Grand Master was on his return home, the operation having been successfully performed, and a committee was appointed to prepare an address of welcome and give him a suitable reception on his arrival.

The blessings of peace had been enjoyed to an unlimited degree, and the Deputy Grand Master reports the subordinates in a prosperous and harmonious condition. During the year he had visited thirty lodges, and his quarterly reports bear testimony of the zeal and ability displayed in the performance of that duty—particularizing the proficiency in the work, the manner in which the records are kept, the state of the finances, charitable contributions, and condition of the lodge-rooms, and all other matters over which the Grand Lodge exercises supervision.

The Foreign Correspondence report is approvingly noticed. Thanks, Brother Scott, for your reference to the Chairman. 149 Lodges, 7577 members:

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

#### MAINE, 1871.

Fifty-second Annual Communication, Portland, May 2, 1872. 144 out of the 154 Lodges represented. Four Dispensations were also granted to new Lodges, and five others constituted. The "Masonic Apartments" at Bangor had been dedicated by the Grand Master with solemn and imposing ceremonies, over 2300 Masons being present, and taking part in the proceedings. M. W. J. H. Drummond gave a very full and interesting History of

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Masonry in Maine, from 1820 to 1870; shewing the origin of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from 1733 to 1820. This paper is valuable in itself, as presenting in a condensed form what may justly be called a History of the Establishment of Masonry on this Continent; and is prepared with that care and accuracy for which Bro. Drummond is proverbial.

We have an excellent address from Grand Master Lynde, detailing the official acts of the year. After referring to the value of the labors of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the various Grand Lodges, he pays a well deserved and timely compliment to Brother Drummond, and one we cordially endorse, and quote:

It may not be unwise to say that the comparison I have made between the reports from other jurisdictions and those made by the Chairman of our own Committee, has convinced me that we may reasonably indulge in a just and pardonable pride at the honor he has conferred upon our Grand Lodge by the faithfulness and distinguished ability which he has shown in this department.

Upon the question of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, after expressing his opinion that no new light had been thrown upon the subject, or that any cause existed for doubting the wisdom of previous action in recognizing that Grand Body, he says:

I deeply deplore the unfortunate and untenable position assumed and maintained by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and earnestly hope that she will not long delay the recognition which is inevitable. About one half of the Grand Lodges in the United States have already recognized and cordially support the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Several others, as we have good reason to believe, have only refrained from doing so at the personal solicitation of officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the hope that that Grand Lodge will, in that spirit of love and affection which has heretofore animated her, extend a mother's love to her newly born daughter. We expect this from Canada, not only because it is right, but because the good of the whole fraternity requires the sacrifice, if sacrifice she persists in considering it.

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The Grand Lodge of Canada, it is stated, has established lodges in territory claimed and occupied by Quebec; and if she persists in maintaining them, the result cannot be in doubt. It is earnestly to be hoped that the sober second thought of Canadian Masons will induce them to divest themselves of passion and prejudice, and that the Grand Lodge will take that course which justice and right clearly demand, and which will prevent unfriendly relations between herself and her sister Grand Lodges.

Informing the Grand Lodge of the death of M. W., Bro. French, of District of Columbia, who died August 12th, 1870, he bears testimony to his great worth and ability and to his unblemished and spotless reputation and character as a Mason, justly closing his remarks thus, "The fraternity has lost one of its brightest ornaments, and his place can hardly be supplied."

From his decisions we quote the following:

A Master may preside over a lodge under dispensation without having first received the Past Master's degree.

Members of a Lodge under dispensation must pay dues in a parent Lodge, until dimitted or constituted into a new Lodge.

A candidate was balloted for, and the Master announced the ballot *clear*. A member of the Lodge thought there must be a mistake. The Master passed the ballot again to remove the doubt, and the ballot was *not clear*. I instructed the Master that the last ballot was legal, and that he must declare the candidate rejected.

The applicant for degrees is the proper person to obtain the consent of the lodge holding jurisdiction, although the lodge, to which he intends to apply, may do so if they think proper.

Bro. DRUMMOND as usual, presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence (98 p.p.); and it is quite unnecessary to inform our brethren that it is *good*. Our proceedings of 1870 receive their share of notice, the review quoting part of G. M. KEITH's address, and noting our recognition by England and Scotland.

He quotes fully from our 1870 Report (recommending the full recognition of Quebec) especially those portions which appear to have roused the ire of Brother Mitchell of Canada, in his report of ours of that year.

The "Quebec" question is fully and ably discussed with those who defend the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada, especially Brother G. Frank Gouley of Missouri, against whom Brother Drummond "runs a tilt" and gives some hard blows, which from the Missouri report (to be hereafter referred to) appear to be returned with vigor. In reviewing Brother A. T. C. Person's report, (Minnesota) he quotes from it:—"Brother Bell (New Hampshire) presents a lengthy argument in favor of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec—which the Grand Lodge did. He cites as parallel instances the formation of the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Maine, and Iowa. If Quebec was within the United States, his argument would be unanswerable, but Quebec is within the British possessions, and we think the

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question should be subject to the customs and usages that obtain in European countries." Brother Drummond's comment upon this is so directly to the point that we quote it entire, as a complete answer to an argument so unreasonable as one that marks one Masonic law for the United States and another for the British possessions, and which would, if acknowledged, strike at the root of the legality of the formation of *every Grand Lodge in the British possessions*, as in no single instance has the previous consent of the Parent Grand Lodges been obtained until amongst the last. Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have been recognized almost universally by the Grand Lodges of the United States, irrespective of that consent, and by none more promptly than by those who now support the Grand Lodge of Canada in the enunciation of doctrines which, if applied in her own case, would make her legality, to say the least, doubtful:—

If Quebec was in the United States, then the Grand Lodge would be legal. Very well, in the Dominion of Canada the very principles, Bro. Bell advocates, have been applied every time the question has arisen. Canada claimed to have them applied in 1855 to herself, and they were applied. In the case of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick the same principles were applied, and Canada and Minnesota were among the first to do it.

Now, then, Bro. Pierson, has Canada any right to complain if the Masonic world apply to Quebec as against her, the very same principle which she insisted upon applying against her Parent Grand Lodge in her own case, and was the first to apply against the Parent Grand Lodges in the cases of her sister Provinces? In every case which has arisen in the British possessions has the American Rule (as it is called) been applied, and the Grand Lodge of Canada was the first, or among the first to recognize and enforce that rule.

We would be pleased to take advantage of many good things in this report, but we must refrain, having a limit to our space.

M. W. John H. Lynde, Grand Master; R. W. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

### MICHIGAN, 1871.

Annual Communication January 11, 1871. M. W., A. T. Metcalf, Grand Master; R. W. James Fenton, Grand Secretary. Two hundred and forty-seven Lodges represented. The address is an excellent one, recapitulating official acts, and

giving good and wholesome instruction to the Craft, for their labor. The article "The Dangers of Prosperity" is replete with a true and broad Masonic principle, studded with gems of thought throughout. We would willingly copy it entire, were it not for its great length, and are afraid to "cut it," for fear of not selecting judiciously, and thereby spoil it. We only wish that all of our members had an opportunity to "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it." Near the close of the paper he says:

1st. All Masons should study, more profoundly than they do, the principles, spirit and policy of the Craft.

2d. They should rigidly rule themselves by its teachings.

3d. The ballot should be used relentlessly towards all improper material; never, however, forgetting the other Masonic rules about its use.

4th. The discipline of offenders, non-affiliants and drones, provided by our laws must be enforced.

5th. There must be a return to our policy toward the world, of reticence, circumspection, and absolute silence in regard to Masonic affairs.

And under this head, allow me to repeat some suggestions already made. Of course it is not unlawful for Masons to wear Masonic emblems as jewelry; but if Masons would universally abandon the fashion, very many who now pass as Masons because of their jewelry, would cease to do us harm.

Masonic processions, except for occasions strictly Masonic, should be utterly forbidden and discarded. Finally, silence, silence, silence, should be the first, second and third degrees of every man's Masonry.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec was duly recognized.

Forty-three Grand Lodge proceedings are reviewed in good style by Bro. Fenton, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Nova Scotia receives a share of attention. The "Stand-point" that Bro. Mitchell of Canada does not like, being quoted.

The balance in Treasurer's hands is \$11,021.76.

A motion was passed allowing the sum of One Thousand Dollars to be "appropriated to pay the expenses of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the past year"—another way of paying a salary, a proposition to that effect being previously negatived as derogatory to the position of a Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. John W. Champlin, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary, re-elected.



## MICHIGAN, 1872.

Grand Lodge held its Annual Communication at the Opera House, Detroit, on the 9th day of January, 1872.

M. W. John M. Champlin, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary. 294 Lodges represented.

Grand Master's address is lengthy and interesting; he deprecates the haste generally manifested by Lodges to increase its membership, and says:

"The great source of danger is in the desire for numbers. Numerical strength is not Masonic strength—Masonic strength does not consist in numbers but in *unanimity*.

He approves of the appointment of Deputy Grand Masters, and considers it imperative that each Lodge should be instructed *once a year at least*.

The Grand Lecturer congratulates the Craft on its moral and intellectual improvement, and says that though *fewer* Masons are made, *better* ones are the result.

A Committee appointed to enquire concerning the losses consequent upon the great fires which ravaged the Northern portion of the State, reported that the damage and suffering in many hundreds of cases were extreme; that six Lodges had lost everything, and large donations had been granted to them; and three Charters had been granted to Lodges free of charge, etc.

The Committee further acknowledged the receipt of generous amounts from Grand and Subordinate Lodges all over the Union.

Twelve new Charters were granted during the year; and one Dispensation. One Charter was revoked and its jewels, &c., donated to another Lodge by request.

The duties of the Grand Master of Michigan are evidently not light ones, as the expenses attendant upon them necessitated a resolution tendering him the sum of one thousand dollars for expenses during the past year.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 44 Lodges—Nova Scotia included.

A large number of Masons were expelled for Unmasonic conduct. Number of Lodges under jurisdiction, 306. Membership 23,996.

M. W. Bro. Henry Chamberlain was elected Grand Master; R. W. Bro. James Fenton, re-elected Grand Secretary.

## MISSISSIPPI, 1871.

Fifty-third Annual Communication 16th January, 1871. M. W. George R. Fearn, Grand Master. 272 Lodges on the roll. 205 were represented.

The address is confined principally to the consideration of local affairs, and summary of duties performed. Infringements, by some subordinate Lodges of the Jurisdiction of the neighbouring state of Alabama, were complained of, and steps proposed to remedy the evil. Reference was made to the "Quebec" matter, and that Grand Lodge recognized—to the disputes between Louisiana and France, and intercourse with the latter interdicted on account of its infringement of the Jurisdiction of the former.

We observe that in this, as in many other Grand Bodies the Receipts \$12,588.27 barely cover the expenditure \$12,531.52. This, we presume, arises in consequence of the large amount of mileage and per diem expenses of the representatives, which appear to eat the bottom out of the Cash Box.

From Bro. A. H. Barkley we receive the report on Foreign Correspondence; he gives a valuable digest of the proceedings of 45 Grand Lodges. Nova Scotia, 1870, receives a notice.

M. W. George R. Fearn, Grand Master; R. W. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

## MISSISSIPPI, 1872.

Fifty-fourth Annual Communication, January 22, 1872; 116 Lodges represented.

Grand Master Fearn refers in feeling and eloquent words to the loss sustained by the Craft, by the death of their late Past Grand Master Giles M. Hillyer, a well known name in the Jurisdiction, and far beyond it. They had also to regret the loss of their venerable Bro. George. H. Gray, Senior Grand Treasurer, and whose name is familiar to us, in his capacity of Chairman of Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, for the many years he filled that important position, and upon which subject he was deemed an authority. The Grand Master says,—

In our own Jurisdiction, the evidences of the prosperity and progress of Freemasonry are not so cheering. From the reports of

the District Deputy Grand Master, it will be seen that in a majority of the Districts the Adopted Work has been more correctly and generally diffused; good order and harmony prevail; and what is still more gratifying, there is a manifest determination to enforce the penalties for infraction of the Masonic law, particularly with respect to profanity, drunkenness and gaming. In some of them, however, the condition of Masonry is anything but encouraging. In some localities, so great is the indifference to, or forgetfulness of Masonic obligations, that serious injury is being inflicted on our Ancient and Honorable Institution. Lodges which were once flourishing and prosperous, are now languishing, and the elements of peace, brotherly love and relief are giving place to the spirit of discord and selfishness.

Dispensations had been issued to form eight new Lodges. He recommends that the law be made to require

That in addition to what is now required, every petition for a new Lodge must be accompanied by the certificate of the District Deputy Grand Master or the Grand Lecturer, that the proposed Master is able to open and close a Lodge and confer the degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M. correctly and in full, with a plat and description of the Hall and ante-rooms to be occupied, and a statement in regard to the ownership and use of the same.

From a number of decisions we quote the following:—

A member is charged, pleads guilty, and promises amendment, "can the Lodge forgive him without some punishment?" Answer: No. If the offense were of so grave a character as to demand a trial, some punishment must be inflicted. The plea of guilty only dispenses with the necessity for proof, and does not shield the accused from such punishment as is adequate to the offense.

The usual number of inquiries, upon points of Masonic Law, were of course asked the Grand Master, which he justly says, "Should be as familiar to every Brother—or at least every Master—as household words;" and he very justly complains of the infiction. Upon the question of the financial state of the Grand Lodge, after referring to the large amounts received and the equally large amount expended in pay and allowances, he says, "The evils resulting from an embarrassed treasury are pressing, are daily increasing; the remedy is in your hands; duty admonishes that you apply it without delay."

In the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we find this:

We boast of our "great lights" in Masonry. We have had them; we have them now, and we trust we will have more of them. Error and ignorance must give way to light and truth. The contest which we witness from year to year, and which gives us so much trouble, is

between intelligence and light on the one hand, and ignorance and bigotry on the other. The body of our Craft do not read and investigate; you cannot get one in twenty to procure a Masonic periodical at a cost of one or two dollars a year; a large number of them do not even own a manual. They learn the ritual after a fashion, because any Mason who has memory can learn that; but how sad is the thought that some of our best ritualists and "brightest Masons" cannot give a reason for anything that is communicated, and certainly cannot explain the legendary history on which our degrees are founded. The "beauty and glory" of our time-honored Institution is to be found in the magnificence of its legendary history and its philosophy.

It were better, in the opinion of your Committee, that each Lodge in the State should have one dozen members intelligent and well informed than to boast of their hundred members without the necessary knowledge to enable them to pass as "workmen most rare," if they should happen to get out of their Lodge jurisdiction. The indulgence in the foregoing remarks is caused by the frivolous questions which were put to your Committee during the last year, many of which your Committee have not reported, and they are satisfied that your Grand Body would excuse them if they knew their character.

Brother A. H. Barkley again favors us with one of his valuable, and interesting reports on the doings of other Grand Lodges, Nova Scotia, *this time*, being reviewed from our proceedings of 1870.

Two hundred and eighty-nine Lodges, 14 under Dispensation. Membership, 11,488; dues of Lodges, &c., \$11,731.25.

M. W., W. H. Hardy, Grand Master; R. W., J. L. Power Grand Secretary.

### MISSOURI, 1871.

Forty-first Annual Communication. October 10, 1871. M. W. Grand Master, T. E. Garrett. 224 Lodges represented.

The hand of death had removed from them Past Grand Master, John F. Huston, of whom the Grand Master speaks in terms of fitting eulogy. In his address speaking of the present state of the Craft, he says:

We are making too many Masons, and are making them too fast. I would not exclude any good man from the Order; but it is better even to risk doing this, sometimes, than admit those who can never be either useful or ornamental, and may bring disgrace upon the Craft. We have three symbolical supports—WISDOM, STRENGTH and BEAUTY. The material we use to perpetuate our institution should

conform to at least one of these standards, and, if possible, be susceptible of such Masonic culture as will combine the three.

Masons are too much in the habit of recommending their friends simply because they *are* their friends, or perhaps only casual acquaintances, and bear the reputation of "good fellows." They do not ask themselves, "Will they make good Masons?" They do not reflect that their acquaintance would not warrant them in inviting these "good fellows" into their family circle as visitors; and yet they unhesitatingly recommend them to become members of their Masonic family. They commit a wrong, not intentionally, but from want of thought. We all may be more or less subject to such reproach, and all will do well to ponder over this abuse, which can be so easily corrected.

We get the "good fellows" into the Order, and what is often the result? What good do they do us, or we them? What becomes of them? Perhaps we never see them again; they did not find the gew-gaw they were looking for, and at once abandon the Lodge for more congenial associations. Perhaps, resolved to find a plaything, they make one of our solemn mysteries; or worse, use them for selfish and unholy purposes, thus bringing scandal on the Order—and then we have to get the "good fellows" out. That makes trouble in the family, and no good whatever has been accomplished. We have sown the seed on barren ground, lost both it and the labor, and have also suffered some in the opinion of the world. Let us acknowledge the truth, and face it. Freemasonry is becoming too popular, and this very popularity is a foe to its stability, to be feared, unless the current of favor is guided and controlled within legitimate bounds. It is threatened with a patronage that amounts to invasion. Its attractions are such that our doors are besieged with the popular impulse to become Masons—not Master Masons only, for many of these outside admirers have already fixed their eyes, as they suppose, on a point far above the basement story. They merely want to pass through, and go up stairs and climb the steeple, if there is a steeple to climb.

Forty-two decisions are given upon as many points, in a lucid and comprehensive style, each decision being carefully and critically argued and answered. They are generally so full that we cannot avail ourself of them in our limited space. Brother George Frank Gouley's name to the report on Foreign Correspondence is a sufficient guarantee of its thoroughness and excellence. Fifty-nine Grand Lodge proceedings (American and Foreign) are well and ably reviewed, covering 284 pages.

Nova Scotia, 1870, is fully reviewed. Noticing the resolution of that year "that a petition once placed before the Lodge becomes the property of the Lodge and cannot be withdrawn, whether reported upon favorably or not, *and must be submitted to the ballot*," the criticism is tersely represented by the single word—*Sensible*.



In our review of "France" the Committee are made to say something *they did not mean nor approve* in reference to a resolution of the Grand Orient—which we will reproduce in justification—here it is :

The following resolution was proposed for the consideration of the Grand Orient:

"That whenever an officer shall fail to be present at the meetings of his lodge for five consecutive sessions, without justifiable motives, he shall be considered as having resigned his office, (comme demissionaire), and that the Lodge shall proceed to a new election by means of the ballot."

The Grand Master said, "This resolution expresses a desire too reasonable not to be taken into serious consideration. I will add, also, that five meetings represent, for Lodges assembling only once a month, too long an absence. I am of opinion therefore, that any officer who shall absent himself from his Lodge for two consecutive months without giving a valid excuse, ought to be considered as having resigned his office, and that the Lodge should proceed to a new election by means of the ballot."—(Adopted.)

The above resolution, adopted by the Grand Orient of France, commends itself at once to the good sense of every zealous Mason, and is, no doubt, calculated to insure the best results, so far as the regular and punctual attendance of the officers of a Lodge is concerned. We hope to see a law similar to this introduced into the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for then, the practice of attending one's Lodge only once a year, and that simply for the purpose of getting re-elected, would cease to set an injurious example to the younger members of the Craft.

We get "touched up" in the following style for it, and think we deserve every word:

We must confess that we are not so much surprised at the action of the Grand Orient as we are at the endorsement of the committee. When it is taken into consideration that an installed officer is, or ought to be, prohibited by every Grand Lodge, from dimitting or resigning, and that no Worshipful Master can be elected and installed for less than one year, and furthermore, that no Mason should be deprived of any of his rights or privileges without a trial, we say we are greatly astonished at the approval of a resolution which crushes all these principles and usages, at one blow, to the earth.

Now to make a clean breast of it, this is the way it came about. The Chairman handed the proceedings to a Brother, not of the committee, to translate and review for him, and presuming that it would be in accordance with the *practice* of Nova Scotia it went into print with the others. Had the Chairman strictly performed his duties he would have seen to it himself, but mistakes *will* sometimes occur, and the lesson will be valuable in the future.

We may refer to the expression of surprise made by us in one of our previous reports, as to the practice of allowing a Master to resign when we found that it was allowed in some jurisdictions.

Our proceedings 1871 are also noted, we quote with thanks this reference to our "Father":

The Grand Secretary informed the members that owing to severe affliction, occasioned by loss of sight, the venerable Grand Master was unable to be present, or to prepare an annual address. We extend our sympathies in this deep affliction.

The report of the Grand Secretary is a good practical paper, and supplies the place of an annual address upon official transactions.

The following report was adopted:

*Whereas*, it is reported that the M. W. Grand Master is now on his return from New York, where he has been undergoing a painful surgical operation, for the purpose of recovering his sight; and whereas, the very cheering intelligence has been received by his friends here, of the success of said operation; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed by this Grand Lodge to make arrangements for a suitable reception of our venerable and highly esteemed Grand Master, and to prepare an address of welcome and congratulation on his arrival amongst us; and further, that as many of the members of Grand Lodge, as can possibly attend, be present on that occasion.

By way of letting the Chairman and all concerned, *down easily*, after *drubbing* us so sharply, Brother Gouley says:

Bro. Geo. T. Smithers submitted a very interesting and able report on correspondence, and, were it not for reasons stated, late reception of the report, we would gladly give many of his fine thoughts and just conclusions, a place in our report, but, rather than let the review go over for another year, we prefer making it short now, and hope that Nova Scotia will get to us in better time hereafter. The whole proceedings (covering nearly 200 pp.) bespeak the life and energy that should belong to a Grand Lodge. They look as if they were intended for business, and meant business, and such we congratulate our young sister, and wish her a long life of usefulness and prosperity.

Thanks!—and look out for us NEXT TIME.

Bro. Gouley throughout his reviews is earnest and consistent in his support of CANADA against QUEBEC and "runs a tilt" against all supporters of the latter. We always admire earnestness and pluck even if misdirected, but, the verdict added to verdict of Grand Lodge after Grand Lodge, ought to convince our talented Brother, that the ground is being rapidly cut from under him. Under the special head "CANADA AND QUEBEC" he fights the battle "o'er and o'er again", and waxing pathetic, erects a monu-

ment to the memory of "Departed Grand Lodge Sovereignty" murdered! by the "Rebellious Masons of the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, October 20, 1869." As a specimen of typography it is excellent—but that *apex* must soon sink and form the *Base*—alone.

We turn with relief from this mournful subject to the account of the "Reporters' Convention" in Baltimore when all the "shining lights" were on a Holiday. They appear to have had a "good time." We were left out in the cold—being so far *down East* as not to be asked "to the party." We know—we are sure—that it was enjoyable, that everything was lovely. We knew about it, heard about it, dreamed about it, and waited for an invite, until in the words of the Immortal Corson, we, in the longings of our "Reportorial" (that's the word) heart solaced ourselves with his soothing words.

"Even here I will put off my hope, and keep it no longer for my flatterer."

M. W., T. E. Garrett, Grand Master; R. W., G. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary.

### NEVADA, 1871.

Seventh Annual Communication, 19th September, 1871.—Thirteen out of Fourteen Lodges in the State being represented.

M. W. Geo. Robinson, Grand Master. The Grand Master says—relative to the suspension of a Brother for the non-payment of dues:

This regulation requires that whenever a brother shall be six months in arrears for dues he shall be notified that unless his dues be paid within a specified time, or sickness or inability to pay be shown as the cause of such refusal or neglect, he will be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry; and that if no payment be made, and no suitable response to the notification be offered, the brother shall be so suspended, unless for special reasons shown the Lodge may otherwise determine.

Differing from some eminent Masons, I fail to see wherein this regulation works hardship upon any individual Masons.

As Masons we have certain duties to perform; and among these, one of the most obligatory is a prompt acknowledgment and response to any notification from the Lodge. My experience has been, that in the majority of cases where suspension for non payment has occurred,

the brethren in arrears have taken no notice of the previous notification sent to them. Suspensions made under such circumstances are, in my opinion, perfectly just. A brother has only to make known to the Lodge his inability to pay; and if such is the clear showing, I apprehend that no Lodge within this jurisdiction will suspend him—on the contrary, he will doubtless be granted an unlimited time in which to square his account. A Lodge failing so to do would seemingly be wanting in that Charity which is the keystone to our mystic fabric. Should a brother die in the meantime, no penalties resulting from his poverty need follow. Should the brother apply to a Lodge for assistance under such circumstances, he should not be met with the question, "Have you squared your account with the Secretary of your Lodge?" If poverty, or inability to pay dues, be the only crime of which a brother is guilty, he should not be denied the last rites so prized by the appreciative Mason; nor should his widow, afterwards appealing to the Lodge of the deceased brother, in her sable robes, with famishing children at her side—spirit-broken, and sick at heart—appeal in vain, or be sent empty away. On the contrary, everything that the kindest sympathy can suggest should be done to soothe her sorrows and ameliorate her condition.

Among the decisions we quote:

*First*—The question was asked: "If a brother duly elected and installed as Worshipful Master of a Lodge should, at the end of the year, be reelected, is it necessary that he should be reinstalled?"

I decided that he *must*, for the reason that the election and covenant are for a specified term, and that with the expiration of the term the obligation ends. An election is for a new term of office, and therefore requires a new covenant, with the corresponding installation. In my opinion, such brother is his own successor to a new term, and stands as though he had not occupied the station before.

He informs the Grand Lodge, that one of the subordinates of the Grand Lodge of Canada had violated the Jurisdictional rights of Nevada, by making a Mason of a citizen of that state, who was only sojourning in Canada. The matter had been reported to the Grand Lodge, but no answer had been received. Upon the subject of Legislation we quote:

As to that part of my duty which requires me to recommend, at this time, such legislation as may be deemed necessary or expedient, it is easily done. I have no new legislation to recommend. My opinion is, that, as a general thing, there is too much legislation in Masonic Grand Lodges. Absolute necessity alone should lead to the enactment of new measures. Our Constitutions should not be changed unless upon the clearest showing of pressing need. Our Constitution, Standing Resolutions, and the By-Laws of our Lodges, together with the Ancient Landmarks, and the admonitions we have all received in working our way to the sublime degree of Master Mason, furnish ample guides to the conduct of business in Grand Lodge and in the constituent Lodges, as well as a constant rule of individual action. Only let our

existing laws be enforced, and the sublime teachings of our Fraternity be obeyed, and we shall have little need of additional legislation, leaving us ample time to properly attend to the executive and judicial business of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. R. H. Taylor presents an able and exhaustive Report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing 38 Grand Bodies, from whose reports, judicious selections are freely made, Nova Scotia receiving a notice for 1869-70. In addition to the report, there is given "A Digest of Decisions upon Masonic Jurisprudence, compiled from the proceedings received by the Committee on Correspondence" which is a very valuable contribution to Masonic Law, and extremely useful for reference at any time.

A lengthy report of a Committee on "Ancient Landmarks" is given, the Committee being divided in opinion. This resulted in their bringing in *Majority* and *Minority* reports, both of which show great and patient labor, re-search, and a thorough acquaintance with the Laws of Masonry.

Although small in number, the membership being only 1028, divided into 14 Lodges, their Grand Lodge in point of ability and the thorough conduct of business in every respect, ranks high in the scale, and we cordially wish them continued prosperity.

M. W. Geo. Robinson, Grand Master; R. W., J. C. Currie, Grand Secretary.

### NEBRASKA.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska held its Fourteenth Annual Communication in the city of Lincoln, 21st June, A. L., 5871.

M. W. Henry P. Dewell, Grand Master in the chair; R. W. Robert W. Furnas, Grand Secretary.

Thirty-one Lodges represented.

The Grand Master reports the Order in a most flourishing condition, their numbers rapidly increasing and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska taking a position of influence among her sister Grand Lodges. He makes some very pertinent remarks relative to those brethren who have by Dispensation received their Degrees in a shorter time than is prescribed by our Regulations. He says:

The Master applies, the Dispensation is granted, and what is the result? He goes forth into the world virtually no Mason at all, perfectly uninformed in regard to the lectures and teachings of our Order

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and nearly destitute of the means whereby to gain admission into a strange Lodge. Would it not have been far better for the brother, after he had left the jurisdiction, to have procured the permission, or a request for another Lodge to receive his application and confer his degrees upon him, in a proper time and after making due proficiency. For it is not in merely passing through our ceremonies that makes a man a Mason, but it is a proper appreciation and application of the principles taught by our mystic symbols and lectures which we require the neophyte to become conversant with before advancement, and which if he will but conform to, will raise him to the highest standard of true manhood, just, upright, virtuous, everything in fact that will tend to enable him and fit him to act his part in the great drama of life, and when taken hence, worthy to be admitted to the companionship of the great and good who have gone before.

They seem to labor under the same difficulty respecting uniformity of work that is experienced in our own jurisdiction; but measures have been adopted tending to secure this much desired object, and a salaried Grand Lecturer appointed to carry the same into effect.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence state that they have received and have in review proceedings of 39 Grand Bodies which will be published in a separate volume.

No. of Lodges 32, exclusive of 3 under Dispensation.

Initiated, 271; passed, 236; raised, 232. Number of Master Masons, 1579.

M. W. William E. Hill, Nebraska city, elected Grand Master; R. W. Robert W. Furnas, Brownville, re-elected Grand Secretary.

### NEW BRUNSWICK, 1871.

Fourth Annual Communication, 27th Sept. 1871. M. W. Wm. Wedderburn, Grand Master; R. W., W. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary.

Fifteen Lodges represented.

The address congratulates the brethren "That the Masonic Year in the history of our Jurisdiction, now drawing to a close, has been marked by many evidences of progress and prosperity, and that it will be found that Freemasonry in New Brunswick is increasing and advancing. And this is more an earnest of the high character of the institution, because our doors happily are not

thrown open to the world, and whoever seeks to pass the outer door of our Temple must come with a heart already prepared for its services and its sacrifices." Deputy Grand Master Ellis reports the satisfactory results of a visit to the "North Shore."

The Grand Master had very properly refused a dispensation to initiate a person who had lost his left arm. The Ritual Committee had reported up the *Work*, which was approved and sanctioned by Grand Lodge, as the only *Authorized Version* in the Jurisdiction.

A Board of "Custodians of the Work" composed of the Grand Master, Past Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Sec'y., and two Past Masters, were appointed to take charge of and preserve the Ritual.

Uniformity of work is of the first importance in every jurisdiction, and cannot be too strictly insisted upon when once adopted. Grand Lodges should exert their power to the utmost extent, to prevent itinerant lecturers from forcing their *improvements* upon brethren desiring knowledge, as these persons are, as a general rule, self sufficient enough in their wisdom to quietly ignore the recognized authority of those appointed for the purpose. Upon the question of the recognition of Quebec, the Grand Master refrains from considering the subject, as it had been remitted to a Committee to report upon; and as there was a disposition upon the part of Canada and Quebec to come to an amicable arrangement of the difficulty, thought it best to leave the matter in its present state, although he thinks it right to say, that he differs from the views of the subject held by many of his brethren (we presume those who do not wish to recognise the Grand Lodge of Quebec.) The Committee close their report as follows:

Finding, therefore, that the hope expressed by the Grand Master in his address referred to us—"that the differences unhappily existing might, within the body of the Grand Lodge of Canada itself, be reconciled and adjusted" is likely to be realized, and believing that a satisfactory settlement of all disputed questions will be speedily secured, your Committee are of opinion, and recommend to Grand Lodge that no action should be taken by this Grand Lodge with reference to the Quebec question at the present Communication.

Referring to the undue publicity of Masonic proceedings, the Grand Master says:

For many years I have noticed with pain and mortification, that every disturbance of the harmony of Masonry is published to the world

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in every form and by every means. And this, my Brethren, not "by cowans and eaves droppers,"—nor yet by unworthy and unfaithful Brethren; but often under the sign manual of high officials and the solemn seal of a Grand or Subordinate Lodge. In view of such facts, I wish to speak with becoming respect, but to my mind they are painful manifestations of the greatest indiscretion,—to use no harsher word. Edicts of suspension and expulsion, (sometimes against illustrious Brethren, and issued on a disputed basis,)—votes of censure and condemnation,—reports of internal discussions and dissensions,—proceedings which display bitterness and acrimony as if they were choice Masonic virtues,—and all the untoward and unfortunate attendants upon rupture, schism and dispute, are published to the world by Masons in Masonic and secular papers, to the scandal of Masonry and the gratification of the profane. All old and tender associations,—years of paternal fellowship,—and the past communion of the Brethren in the legitimate paths of the Craft, are forgotten in the general turmoil; and the pen of every writer seems prepared to chronicle deeds which should never transpire, or which, if unavoidable or necessary to the good discipline of the Institution, should be held sacred from the gaze and the contemptuous cavilling of those beyond our pale. Surely there are avenues of communication within the Craft by which its orders and decisions and proceedings can be communicated, without recourse to the public newspaper. And when the day of reconciliation comes,—as come, it always does in our Institution,—how all desire that many things said had not been said; and how soon would all be forgotten, as it has already been forgiven, but that the printed page preserves it to the memory even of those most truly sorrowful for the past.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland had not yet recognized the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, although requested to do so, and at the same time to withdraw the warrant of the *one* Scotch Lodge, as New Brunswick had asserted her Supreme Masonic Authority in the Province, and as the existence of Lodges therein not holding of the Grand Lodge ought no longer to be permitted.

The Grand Master refers in apt and eloquent terms to the death of R. W. Jas. Robertson, "P. S. G. W. ; V. W. Rev. Dr. Donald, Grand Chaplain, and Worshipful John Boyer, Grand Tyler, all old and eminent members of the Craft,—the last named having a record of *fifty-six years* as a Mason. Suitable memorial pages and obituaries find a place in these proceedings.

There is no Foreign Correspondence report given, but four hundred copies of their proceedings are published for distribution. The Board of General Purposes report favorably upon the condition of the Craft as regards Unity, Finances, &c.

They purpose erecting a Temple to cost \$30,000. The Board say :

The Lodges have been appealed to, to subscribe shares in a company to erect a building at a cost of about \$30,000. This appeal has been promptly, liberally and heartily met, and enough available cash has been placed at the disposal of the Board to cover an advance sufficient to secure the lot; and the subject, generally, has received such an impetus that longer delay is impossible. There is an absolute certainty that, at an early day, the Craft in the City of St. John will be in possession of a building to meet all its requirements, and creditable alike to the fraternity and to the city.

We observe that the authorized work of the Three Degrees was exemplified in Grand Lodge.

A Special Communication (28th Sept., 1870) was held to dedicate a new Masonic Hall in Carleton.

A warrant was granted to a Lodge working U. D. Membership 1751. 247 Initiated. Receipts \$1191.96. Funds in hands \$2231.35. 26 Lodges.

Wm. Wedderburn, (St. John) Grand Master. W. F. Bunting, (St. John) Grand Secretary,—both re-elected.

## NEW JERSEY.

Eighty-eighth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge held in Trenton, January 18, 1872. 110 Lodges represented. The Grand Master gives a good business like address, shewing attention to a supervision of the Craft in the State. Dispensations had been issued to form seven new Lodges. He complains of an infringement of Jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg in establishing a Lodge at Hoboken. As the matter is now engaging the attention of the Grand Lodges in the United States, it may be as well to place before our Brethren the facts, as given by the Grand Master. It appears that a number of brethren disappointed at the result of an election in their Lodge, applied to the Grand Master for power to open a new Lodge to work in Hoboken, and to use the German language. The Grand Master promised to consider the matter, when, being disappointed in their wishes, they at once applied for, and received a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. The Grand Master then appealed to the

various Grand Lodges for support against this palpable infringement of the rights of New Jersey. The Grand master goes on to say :

Over twenty years ago, this same Grand Lodge of Hamburg, planted in the cities of Brooklyn and New York, and within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, two subordinate bodies, known as Franklin and Pythagoras Lodges. The Grand Lodge of New York protested against this illegal and unwarranted invasion of the territory, and appealed for protection to the other Grand Lodges in the United States.

The result of this appeal was, that every Grand Lodge, I believe then in existence in the Republic, discontinued Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. Yet, notwithstanding this combined action, and notwithstanding the renewed and continued protests of the Grand Lodge of New York, the warrants of Franklin and Pythagoras Lodges have not been withdrawn, and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, by this renewed invasion of exclusive and acknowledged authority, equally as well established as that of the Grand Lodge of New York, has again flaunted the black flag of Masonic piracy and filibusterism in the face of the Masonic World. The doctrine of Grand Lodge supremacy and exclusive sovereignty within well defined and established territorial limits, is *sometimes* called an *American doctrine*. I do not regard it as an exclusively American doctrine. It is a *universal Masonic doctrine*. I do not believe there is a Grand Lodge in the world, which would not indignantly resent a similar illegal intrusion upon its jurisdiction. If the Grand Lodge of New Jersey were so base and unmindful of its Masonic duty and obligation, as to establish a subordinate Lodge within the jurisdiction of Hamburg, I have no doubt that that body would vehemently protest against the irregularity.

I regret to say, that I fear the Grand Lodge of New Jersey is powerless, alone and unaided, to protect itself in the premises. What the great State of New York, with its constant communication with Hamburg, has failed for twenty years to effect, New Jersey cannot expect to accomplish.

The History of the former conduct of Hamburg assures me, that the protest which I have issued, and any protest and remonstrance which this Grand Lodge may issue, will be received by Hamburg with sovereign contempt. I do expect, that the Masonic instincts of Amity and Fraternity, not to consider the less noble instincts of self-preservation, will induce the Grand Lodges of the United States to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in resisting this illegal invasion of territory exclusively masonically occupied.

I can see but one means of protection to ourselves, and at the same time to all the other Grand Lodges of the Union. The individual action of the Grand Lodges of the United States has been tried in defence of the Grand Lodge of New York, and has failed. I believe that the united and combined action of the entire Craft in the United States will alone abate the evil. How such united action is to be brought about I leave for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.



The receipts for the year amounted to \$7,112.13 ; expenditure \$4,781.81.

From the reports of the various Grand officers, we find the position of the Craft in the State to be prosperous.

One hundred and thirty-one Lodges on roll with 10,581 members.

A memorial page is inscribed to Past Grand Master, J. W. Scott.

Bro. J. H. Hough signs the report on Foreign Correspondence. Ours of 1871 receiving a fair share of notice.

M. W., W. E. Pine, Grand Master; Bro. J. H. Hough, Grand Secretary.

### NORTH CAROLINA, 1871.

Eighty-eighth Annual Communication, December 4th, 1871.  
M. W. Charles C. Clark, Grand Master; R. W. Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary.

One hundred and fifty-five Lodges represented.

R. W. Bro. Ellis Malone was cordially received as representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. The Grand Master in his address directs attention to the prevalence of Profanity and Drunkenness, and calls for strong power to abate the evil, adding,

The only real power that Masonry has, is her grand moral power. Take this from her and Masonry becomes a huge imposition—a sublime fraud—a magnificent cheat—a splendid statue, cold and lifeless—a galvanized corpse—in fine, Masonry ceases to be Masonry. Herein lies the true secret of her success. It is this which has erected around her altars a fortress of defence, that neither “the lapse of time, the ruthless hand of ignorance, the devastations of war, nor the unsparing ravages of barbarous force,” could capture and destroy. Her triumphs and achievements are to-day, as they have been from the “time immemorial” of her existence, commensurate with the exercise of this mighty energy, which controls the will, subdues the passions, and regulates the life. If we give up this, we give up all. If this be preserved, the most excellent tenets of our Institution which have been transmitted to us through the successive ages of the past, will be transmitted through the succeeding ages of the future, and “symbolic emblems, most expressive,” will continue “to imprint on the mind wise and serious truths,” which shall be beautifully exemplified in lives of moral greatness, of virtuous friendship, of true heroism.

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The question of the non-affiliation of Masons and the granting of Dimits are fully argued; the propositions laid down are,

1. Every Mason must be a member of a Lodge.

2. A Mason can dimit for three reasons only: 1st. When he is about to travel in foreign countries; 2nd. When about to remove beyond the jurisdiction of his Lodge; and 3rd, when his Lodge becomes too numerous, and it is necessary to join in forming a new Lodge.

3. When a Mason dimit for the above reasons, he does so *with the distinct understanding that he will speedily re-connect himself with another Lodge.*

Occupying then, brethren, the impregnable position here given to me, I earnestly recommend, that for all time to come, Subordinate Lodges be forbidden to grant a dimit, unless the application therefor, be based on, at least one of the reasons above enumerated.

The remedy proposed is certainly sharp,

From the imperfect data at our command, we can only approximate the number of non-affiliated Masons in this jurisdiction. It may be reasonably estimated, however, that about 500 of these domestic foes, are continually shooting us in the back, from their skulking places, as we are struggling to move onward to the achievement of renewed victories. Brethren, my voice is for short, sharp, decisive campaign against these troublesome deserters. Let us capture them, and compel them to renew their allegiance, or subject them to the penalty, which their treachery so richly deserves—death, masonic death.

The only *elective* officers are the Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer and Secretary; all others, among whom we notice the Deputy Grand Master are *appointed*.

Two hundred and twenty-one Lodges, with 11,148 masons.

The proceedings of other Grand Bodies are carefully reviewed by Brother. D. W. Bain. Our proceedings 1869-70-71 being fraternally noticed.

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

### OREGON.

Twenty-first Annual Communication, 19th June, 1871. M. W., D. G. Clark, Grand Master.

Thirty-eight Lodges represented. Dispensations granted to open two new Lodges, and *refused* to three other applications.

Speaking of dispensations for special purposes, the Grand Master says, "I have in all cases, except one, refused to grant

such favors," and we think properly, when applications are made for "Dispensation to Enter, Pass, and Raise a man who had been rejected by 'one black ball!'"

It is with unfeigned satisfaction we learn, that the fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory had been fully restored, and that they had resumed that intercourse which should naturally exist between them.

Nothing now remains to square up all the difficulties existing between the different Grand Lodges on this continent, except the trouble between Canada and Quebec; and we trust that this devoutly wished for consummation may be attained, and that harmony and Brotherly Love may prevail from East to West, from North to South.

Past Grand Master Evans, of Washington Territory, paid a visit to the Grand Lodge and received all the honors due.

Past Grand Master Chadwick, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence again gives a lengthy and exceedingly good review of 36 proceedings, but we are not favored with any notice, which is a source of regret to us.

The committee state their intention of offering a Resolution in favor of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but after a careful search we do not find any further reference thereto.

In the report of the Committee on Grievance we find that a Brother pleaded guilty to a charge of unmasonic conduct:

Whereupon, the W. M. of said Lodge required the ballot to be spread and required the Lodge to vote upon the question of the guilt or innocence of the accused. Notwithstanding the fact that said accused had pleaded and confessed himself guilty, yet, strange as it may appear, said Lodge decided by the ballot that said Brother was not guilty. From this action of the W. M. and said Lodge, certain of the brethren appeal.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the W. M. of said Lodge committed an error in allowing, much less directing, such a ballot to be had in his Lodge. The only question left for said Lodge to determine, after the plea of the defendant in this case, was as to the degree of punishment. It is not proper for your Committee to express an opinion as to what punishment should be inflicted in this case; but would take this opportunity to lay down these general propositions: That a Masonic Lodge, above all other associations of men of which your Committee have any knowledge, are bound, by *sacred obligations*, to pre-

*serve, protect and defend the morals of the community in which the Lodge is situated, by enforcing proper Masonic discipline against all members who shall in any way or manner be guilty of acts calculated in their nature to corrupt the public morals, and thereby bring a stain upon the good name of our excellent order.*

Upon appeal, the Lodge was ordered to fix a punishment upon the defendant, and the Worshipful Master directed to have the same carried into effect.

M. W. Brother W. D. Hare delivered an oration which was ordered to be published in the proceedings, but it does not appear.

A special Communication was held June 29, 1871, for the purpose of laying a Corner Stone for a Masonic Temple in the city of Portland, O. A full and detailed account of the interesting ceremonies upon that occasion, as well as an able and interesting address by Past Grand Master Evans of Washington Territory, are given.

Lodges 38, 2 Under Dispensation. Members, 1588; Grand Lodge dues, \$2799.50; Grand Lodge Fund, \$5,189.30. The Educational fund amounts to \$11,000.

M. W., W. D. Hare, Grand Master; R. W., J. E. Hurford Grand Secretary.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held in the city of Philadelphia on the 27th December, A. L. 5870.

M. W. Robert A. Lamberton, Grand Master; R. W. John Thompson, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is an able, highly interesting and instructive document, which should be read by every Mason in the land. He says, "At peace within, and at peace without, we take heart for the future, and bowing reverently before Him, in whose name we have come together to-day, we implore the Almighty Father, the protector of all that trust in him, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, to increase and multiply upon us His mercy, that He being our Ruler and Guide we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal."

Of the District Deputy Grand Masters he says, "the dignity, character, and usefulness of these officers are becoming year by

year more and better appreciated, as faithful officers visit the Lodges committed to their care and give that intelligent instruction which is required. \* \* \* Of all of them, who have so well aided in the supervision of the Craft and have done so much to promote uniformity in the work and harmony among the brethren, I now express my decided commendation."

Grand Lodges of Instruction were held at various localities in the State.

To applications for permission to have public processions in regalia upon other than strictly Masonic occasions, he has given an invariable refusal. We quote the following beautiful extracts :

"It is deeply to be regretted that there is a tendency to overstep this wise rule and to obtrude Masonry before the world and to give it notoriety. Restless Zealots, imported from other associations, whose principles and purposes are widely different from our own, seem determined to thrust our ancient brotherhood out upon the streets, at times most unseemly. Herein is a direct violation of one of the fundamental teachings of Free Masonry. She eschews notoriety, she seeks the shadow of silence, unless her work is to be done before men, and then she goes forth to perform her ceremonies and returns once more to her shelter. In the seclusion of her Lodges she imparts her truths, and forms and forges those links which bind us together as brothers and as members of that indestructible fraternity which exists wherever are the haunts of civilized men.

"In silence mighty things are wrought  
Silently builded, thought on thought,  
Truth's temple greets the sky,  
And like a Citadel with towers,  
The soul with her subservient powers,  
Is strengthened silently."

The statue of silence, with significant monition, gives her warning as we enter the vestibule of the Temple. She stands guard at the portals of our Lodge and frowns upon the idle and vain show of a Masonic display when there is no Masonic occasion."

The whole address is replete with beautiful thoughts expressed in the most chaste and elegant language. We are reluctantly compelled for want of space to omit many fine passages we had marked.

Grand Lodge of Quebec was not recognized.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence review proceedings of 40 Grand Lodges, Nova Scotia not included.

No. of Lodges, 310; No. of Masons made during the year, 3,800; Total membership, 32,598.



## PENNSYLVANIA, 1871.

Quarterly and Annual Communications were held during the year, at Philadelphia.

1st. June 7, 1871. Bro. R. A. Lamberton, Grand Master, who is styled R. W. in this jurisdiction. The matters principally entered into were detail business in reference to their Masonic Temple, Library, etc., and passages of resolutions relative to the death of Past Grand Master Barger.

The Worshipful Master of a Lodge was expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry for having made use of manuscript while conferring the degree of Master Mason upon an approved candidate in such Lodge.

2nd. Sept. 6, 1871. We find, by the returns given in this report, the net membership to be 33,228—Initiations 2,780—that Lodges pay \$2 per annum, Grand Lodge dues for each member, \$2; for each Initiation, with an additional ten per cent out of each Initiation in the Philadelphia Lodges, to the Building Fund for the new Masonic Temple.

3rd. Special Grand Communication, October 12, 1871. A grant of One Thousand Dollars was made to the brethren suffering by the great Chicago Fire.

4th. Quarterly Communication 218 Lodges represented by 580 members. By report of Finance Committee we ascertain the receipts for the year to have amounted to \$88,979.47, and the payments for expenses and appropriations to \$85,759.20. The "dispensing power" is worth something in this State, as it amounts to the snug sum of \$7,550.00, with an estimate for the next year, \$12,826.27. Balance of accounts of the Grand Lodge \$1,535,-602.51. The cost of Warrants, \$200; Dispensation, \$10 each to Enter, Pass, or Raise, \$10 for Dispensation to "*pass the Chair*."

The Charity Funds of the Grand Lodge have responded nobly to the calls made upon them during the year; amongst others we note, "*One from Nova Scotia*" \$50.00, out of eighty-six poor and respectable brethren relieved. Thanks, Pennsylvania, for your outstretched hand in aid of our unknown Brother.

The Library Committee are progressing well with their collection of Masonic Books and documents. The various contributions

from brethren abroad being duly acknowledged. Among others we note the name of R. W. Brother J. Gossip of Halifax. We have year after year in our report endeavored to lead up the Grand Lodge to the importance of procuring a Masonic Library, but with little avail. However, we do not intend to give it up yet, and will *hammer* at the subject, in every way, until we do.

Grand Master Lamberton's address is a good paper, referring fully to the performed duties of the year, and the recapitulation of the financial accounts of the various funds and charities,—with sound advice in regard to the conduct of the Craft generally. Were it not for the inexorable demand for "more copy," and the warnings of our Grand Secretary "to keep within bounds in the length of reviews," we would like to quote in full the able and judicious advice given in regard to the selection of the officers of a Lodge, feeling that every Brother reading them would be edified.

The new Grand Master also delivered an inaugural address, which contains very many valuable and wise counsels; but as we are limited, we must deprive ourselves of the pleasure of selecting.

The report of Foreign Correspondence is a well written document, from the pen of Brother Fisher, who gives Nova Scotia credit for an interesting report, but says that we do not allude to them in 1871. We would be pleased to have had the opportunity of doing so, but not having the report to hand, is of course our excuse.

R. W. Samuel C. Perkins, Grand Master.

R. W. John Thomson, Grand Secretary.

#### QUEBEC, 1871.

Special Communication, Danvil, 27th July, 1871, upon which occasion M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, L. L. D., Grand Master, laid the Corner Stone of a Town Hall at that place, the ceremonies being of an imposing character. A handsome Trowel was presented to the Grand Master who, in reply, gave an excellent address.

Annual Communication 27th and 28th September, 1871, Grand Master presiding. 34 Lodges represented, 3 under dispensation.

It is gratifying to note the presence, as visitors of M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harrington, Past Grand Master of Canada; J. H. Lynde, Grand Master of Maine; Hon. L. B. Englesty, Past Grand Master, Vermont; Parke Davis, Grand Master, Vermont, and R. W. Bro's, N. P. Bowman, D. G. M., and J. L. Mack, G. L. of Grand Lodge of Vermont; Ira Perry, Grand Secretary, Maine; F. G. Tisdale, G. L. of New York, and a number of other distinguished brethren.

From the Grand Secretary's report we find that during the year six Charters had been issued, and three Dispensations to form new Lodges, granted. The receipts had been \$1747.41, and the expenditure, which was necessarily heavy, \$1014.17.

The proceedings of 26 Grand Lodges are acknowledged, Nova Scotia included, but they were not reviewed, there being no Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Master's address is an excellent paper, from which we will make an extract or two. We observe that up to the time of the meeting twenty-two Grand Lodges had extended their recognition and support, for which the Grand Master returns due acknowledgements and thanks.

Representatives were duly appointed near 16 other Grand Lodges; and 16 distinguished brethren were received as Representatives of as many Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R. W. Bro., the Hon. Thomas Wood being named as Representative of Nova Scotia, and R. W. Bro. G. T. Smithers near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec and Three Rivers presented their magnificent Banners and Regalia to the Grand Lodge.

A number of official visits were paid, and a general supervision over the Craft given by the Grand Master. The calm tone of M. W. Brother Graham's remarks upon the Grand Lodge of Canada is worthy of Commendation:—

Although compassion dictates the exercise of the virtue of silence ament the doings for the past year, of the Grand Lodge of "Canada," yet candor compels me to say that most of the evils which have afflicted the craft in these two Provinces during the past twenty-two months have been almost wholly due to her unfraternal course. However, in

view of all the circumstances, the Grand Lodge of Quebec could well afford magnanimously to practice charity which suffereth long; and to trust in the Great Architect of the Universe so to order his good Providence that the day might not soon if ever dawn, on which, forbearance on our part would cease to be a virtue.

Fidelity to the principles of Freemasonry on which our action was based in forming this Grand Body, duty to the numerous Grand Lodges which have already recognized us,—and the maintenance of the doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction would soon *unless averted*, demand of us the vindication at all hazards, of our right and title to undivided supremacy within the Province of Quebec.

And few of you will be surprised to learn that the principal officers of some of the most influential Grand Lodges which have recognized the Grand Lodge of Quebec, have been seriously considering whether the Grand Lodge of "Canada" was longer entitled to fraternal recognition and support, in view of her repeated, unconstitutional invasions of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge by the establishment of private Lodges therein. Many Grand Lodges of the United States have withdrawn fraternal fellowship from the Grand Orient of France, for a like invasion only to a much lesser extent, of the jurisdiction of the G. L. of Louisiana. I need hardly assure you, my Brethren, that I have used my best endeavors to have any such action averted the Grand Lodge of "Canada" deferred a little longer at least (for with all her faults we love her still) in the hope and belief that she would ere long retrace her footsteps from the verge of the precipice to which she seemed to be inevitably drawing near.

Nor have our expectations been wholly vain. The dawnings of the spirit of conciliation seem to be appearing in that Grand East. Our repeated overtures to secure peace, harmony, and the constitutional adjustment of all existing difficulties, although repeatedly spurned have, nevertheless, borne some fruit, and there now seems reason to hope that at a very early day, all discordant circumstances will have passed away, and that the G. L. of "Canada" will be constitutionally re-constructed into the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and divine peace bear sway masonically over these two Provinces, between which should alone exist that generous rivalry of which can best work and best agree.

The articles under the headings "Temperance," "Masonic Literature," &c., are good and full of right thoughts.

Kindly words are used "In Memoriam" of Past Grand Master James Dean of the late Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec and Three Rivers.

"Peace negotiations" had been entered into between the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, and appointments of committees made, looking to an adjustment of the difficulties. We, in common with the whole Masonic world, sincerely trust the result

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will be—as it should be—in the interests of Brotherly love, and affection. Upon this subject the Grand Master says :

The whole subject is of vast importance, and I earnestly entreat you all to deliberate upon it in that truly fraternal and conciliatory spirit which has characterized all our doings hitherto,—to make all possible allowances and concessions consistent with honor,—with the Constitutions of the Fraternity,—and with the dignity and integrity of the Grand Lodge ; so that whatever action may be taken by us shall be promotive of the unity, harmony and prosperity of the Craft, both in this Province and in the sister Province of Ontario, and also throughout the world. Blessed indeed, are the Peacemakers.

The District Deputy Grand Masters report upon their doings for the past year.

Grand Lodge attended divine service in the Church of St. James the Apostle, where an eloquent sermon was preached by V. W. Grand Chaplain, Bro. C. P. Reid, M. A., from the text,

“ And they said let us arise and build.”  
*Nehemiah ii, 18.*

A lengthy correspondence is reported between the Joint Committees engaged in endeavouring to bring the differences to an amicable conclusion, in which appear all the letters and documents appertaining to the subject. After a series of Resolutions and Counter Resolutions the following were finally agreed to, to be submitted to their respective supreme authorities :

“ Whereas, unhappily, differences and disputes have arisen, and are now existing in masonry in the Province of Quebec, between the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., and her subordinates on the one part, and the several lodges in the said Province still holding under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada on the other part.

“ And, whereas, with the view to terminate and forever end said differences and to restore harmony throughout the Craft in the said Province, said lodges, to wit : the said party of the second part, are willing to amalgamate and join with the said party of the first part, to wit : the said the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the said party of the first part are willing to accept said lodges into their organization or Grand Body, the same as if they, the said lodges, had originally taken part in said organization.

“ And it is agreed by both said parties that all questions, viz., names of lodges, distribution of property in the case of duplicate lodges, and priority of number in the case of all lodges, shall be left entirely to a committee of six, three of whom shall be named from the party of the first part, and three from the party of the second part, with power to said committee to name an arbitrator, and the decision of said committee and umpire to be final.



"And the committee representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec, hereby agree to submit the above terms for the acceptance of their Grand Lodge. And the committee representing the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, hereby agree to recommend the above terms to the representatives of the lodges at a meeting to be held by such representatives for that purpose."

On the matter being brought up for final settlement in the Grand Lodge of Quebec the following resolutions were almost unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Quebec has been for the last two years the Supreme Masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec, and has been recognised as such by twenty-three Sovereign Masonic Bodies: and whereas the Grand Lodge of Canada, in violation of the well established principles of Grand Lodge supremacy, has persistently and repeatedly invaded and continues to invade the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge,—therefore be it

*Resolved*,—That this Grand Lodge re-assert her supremacy as the Sovereign Masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec.

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

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

That the Grand Master be authorized to proclaim at any time before the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, as may seem best to him, non-intercourse with any lodge or pretended lodge in this jurisdiction that persistently refuses to recognize the supremacy of this Grand Lodge.

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

That the Grand Master be authorized to order the foregoing to be communicated at such time as may seem expedient to him to those Grand Bodies that are already in fraternal correspondence with this Grand Lodge, and request their co-operation and assistance in maintaining the authority and supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in the Province of Quebec, and vindicating the sovereignty of Grand Lodges in their respective territories.

The question appears to us in a worse position than it was before the Committees met. It has, however, brought the matter down to the point that "QUEBEC has been forced to claim her

Sovereignty, and to shew that she will not acknowledge in any way the "duplicated & Warranted Lodges; and with our own past action in view, we cannot blame her in so doing, as it will be remembered that after the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in 1866, and her assertion of Supremacy, the M. W. Grand Lodge of England refused (although applied to) to grant a Warrant to a Lodge working under Dispensation from the Grand Master, knowing, that as she always supports Chartered Lodges holding under her, as being consistent with her dignity, it would be at any time easy to withdraw the dispensation of any Subordinate without compromising her own peculiar notions in this respect—the one, being a constituent of Grand Lodge, the other the creation of the Grand Master. When the union came, no Warrant had to be withdrawn, and the dispensation was not renewed.

We trust, however, that the Grand Lodge of Canada at its meeting in 1872, will endeavor to bring this unfortunate difficulty to a satisfactory conclusion; that Masonic peace and harmony may reign in the Dominion of Canada, from NOVA SCOTIA in the EAST, to our new sister BRITISH COLUMBIA in the WEST, "from the rising up of the Sun, unto the going down of the same"—from the shores of the Atlantic to the Pacific.

M. W. Grand Master—J. H. Graham, L. L. D.

R. W. Grand Secretary—John H. Isaacson.

### RHODE ISLAND.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was held in the City of Providence, May 15th, A. L. 5871. W. M., Thomas A. Doyle, Grand Master; R. W., Charles D. Green, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is confined strictly to matters of local interest. He congratulates the Craft upon the harmony and prosperity existing throughout the Jurisdiction.

A considerable portion of the report is given to a description of the ceremony of laying the corner stone of a monument to be erected to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of Rhode Island, who fell in the late war. The oration delivered on the occasion

by Brother Hon. Chas. C. Van Zandt is a beautiful piece of composition, and well worthy a careful perusal.

The G. M. objects to the low rate charged for the degrees by "What Cheer" Lodge, and makes some very reasonable comments thereon.

No report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Initiated 273. Passed 270. Raised 255. No. of Masons 3621.

M. W. Thomas A. Doyle, (Providence) re-elected G. Master.

R. W. Charles D. Green, (Pawtucket) Grand Secretary.

### SOUTH CAROLINA, 1871.

Annual Communication, 21st November, 1871. R. W. Bro. W. K. Blake, Grand Master. 128 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master says :

In entering upon this review will you pardon me for suggesting some reflections which I trust will be regarded as not only appropriate but profitable to us all. Another year of anxiety and labor, brethren, is numbered with the past. In what manner has its irrecoverable hours and blessings been improved, is a question which may well go home to the heart of every Mason. Have we been true to the Order, and lived up to the great principles we professed in the presence of Him who witnessed our vow of loyalty? Have we become wiser and better by following the rules and maxims so beautifully taught in a well governed Lodge? Have the emblems and lectures of the several Degrees left a lasting impression on our life and conduct; or have they been mere idle forms and dream-like amusements to while away the social hour? Be assured that a true knowledge of Masonry leads to the study of individual self-knowledge. It directs each and every brother to explore the depths of his own heart, correct errors, and cultivate whatsoever things are true, and pure and lovely, and of good report in the conduct of life. It brightens the chain of friendship, elevates the motives of action, and teaches us that we are not born for ourselves alone. Happy indeed is he who, in the inner chamber of the heart, has the Ark laid up with the Book of the Law therein, teaching ever to cultivate Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth—tenets which bind us together beyond all obligations, vows or mysteries. No man can array himself on the side of virtue against vice, of truth against error, of faith against infidelity, unless his mind and heart are enlightened and quickened by the rays of the great lights of Masonry—the Holy Bible, the Square and the Compasses.

A lovely group stood before the vision of the poet when he said:

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Humanity, the general friend, was there,  
And Pity, dropping the pathetic tear ;  
There, too, was order ; there with rosy mien,  
Blythe Temperance shone, and white-robed Truth was seen."

Receipts \$7,609.61. Expenditure \$7,552.44.

Regulations were made defining fully the duties and *status* of the District Deputy Grand Masters. The Grand Lodge of Quebec was fully recognized. The corner stone of a new Temple in the City of Charleston was laid in ample form and with proper ceremonies. Appropriate and eloquent addresses were delivered upon the occasion, with an oration by Brother Kershaw, P. M., which amply repays perusal.

Twenty-two pages suffice for a *very brief* notice of the proceedings of over forty Grand Lodges, by Bro. B. Rush Campbell, Grand Secretary—Nova Scotia not receiving any mention.

149 Lodges. Membership 6476.

M. W. R. S. Burns, Grand Master. R. W., B. Rush Campbell, Grand Secretary.

### TENNESSEE, 1871.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Nashville, commencing Novr. 13, 1871. M. W. John C. Brown, Grand Master ; R. W. John Frizzle, Grand Secretary.

336 Lodges in the Jurisdiction. 333 represented.

From the Grand Master's address we quote :

The Masonic step should not be made easier of ascent. Nothing is appreciated which is acquired without an effort. The fiercer the struggle the more valued is the prize. Every thorn in the pilgrim's path deepens the faith in his heart and renews his courage to surmount unexpected obstacles, and as he approaches his goal the reward is enhanced in value in proportion to the multiplication of his difficulties, and thus it is with the great moral virtues taught and exemplified within the mystic circle of our Temple. If its "Regular Steps" are divested of all obstacles and the hurrying multitude invited with unobstructed vision and uncalled steps to pass the portals and rush to its pure altars, very soon will their fires expire and their lights be extinguished. In the popularity of Masonry lies its chief danger. Now more than ever before should the pathway to its altars be made more rugged. Plant flowers of truth and virtue within the shrine, beautify and adorn the inner courts, but let the halls and corridors of the Temple be

strewn with thorns for the unworthy, and crowded with obstacles for the vicious, and above all at the very threshold plant a snare for the wily feet of unholy ambition.

Faithful admonition, and worthy of all acceptance.

Dispensations for the formation of seven new Lodges had been issued; but the opinion is expressed that great caution should be manifested by Grand Masters in the exercise of this prerogative; inasmuch as the information necessary to form an opinion as to the expediency of opening new Lodges is sometimes obtained with difficulty.

A very able report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. Geo. S. Blackie, Chairman, whose zeal and untiring industry in the discharge of his duties elicited from Grand Lodge a well merited vote of thanks.

A resolution was adopted, recommending Subordinate Lodges to exclude non-affiliates from participation in the public exercises of the Craft in that Jurisdiction

Members 19,401. Raised during the year, 1,427.

M. W. William M. Dunaway was re-elected Grand Master.

R. W. John Frizzle, of Nashville, was re-elected G. Secretary.

### TEXAS.

Thirty-fifth Annual Communication, Houston, June 12. 1872. M.W. Clinton W. Winkler, Grand Master, whose address appears to be simply upon matters of local interest and a recapitulation of the official acts of the thirty-five District Deputy Grand Masters. Dispensations had been issued for nine new Lodges. Referring to numerous letters received asking decisions, he remarks: "I beg leave to say, that a very large proportion of the letters I have been called upon to answer, would have been entirely unnecessary, if the writers had employed the time consumed in writing, in reading and examining for themselves the Constitutions, Resolutions and Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge"

In looking over the various proceedings, we particularly notice the number of decisions and answers given repeatedly, in answer to the same questions on Masonic law and practice. Either those seeking knowledge do not avail themselves of the advice given



above, or else Grand Masters must be a long-suffering generation, for, however laudable the desire for Masonic Light may be, there is in reality no excuse for ignorance, whilst there are now within the reach of every Mason, so many standard and valuable works of reference.

Judging from the Grievance and Appeal reports, there must be "unhewn stones" in some of the Texas Lodges. "Gross Unmasonic Conduct" in all its forms appears to have been punished to the utmost extent. In stating the charges we are glad to find that they call a "Spade, a Spade." We are only surprised at two things—the first, how such material was ever admitted into the Craft; and the second, how the delinquents could make up their minds to appeal from the decisions of their own Lodges to the Grand Lodge, with the certainty that their names and "little games" would most certainly be published. There are more ways of attaining fame than one. In Texas they apply the knife freely to these cases.

To protect the body of Masonry in their State, a resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The office of Grand Master of Masons being incompatible with that of W. Master of a subordinate Lodge, therefore

*Resolved*, That when the W. Master of a subordinate Lodge is elected Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, his office in the subordinate Lodge is thereupon vacated; and the duties of Master devolve upon the Senior Warden of said Lodge for the balance of the Masonic year.

Memorial pages are given to the names of R. W., M. W. Baker, P. G. W., and R. W. Rev. A. J. McGown, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. R. M. Elgin, for Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a good report, which we have perused with satisfaction, reviewing the proceedings of forty-two Grand Lodges, critically and to the point. Our proceedings of 1870 are fully and fraternally reviewed, noting particularly our recognition by England. The resolution relative to the work is referred to, approving also of the resolution to defer Grand Installation until the finish of Grand Lodge business.

M. W. Brother Thos. J. H. Anderson, Grand Master.

R. W. Brother Geo. H. Bringhurst, Grand Secretary.

## UTAH, 1872.

We have before us the proceedings of a convention of the three duly chartered Lodges in the Territory of Utah, held at Salt Lake City, on 16th January, 1872, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge. The Lodges held warrants respectively from the neighbouring Grand Lodges of Montana, Kansas, and Colorado.

On the seventeenth, the Grand Lodge was fully organized, and the Grand officers duly elected and installed.

On the following day, a Constitution and By-laws were adopted for the Government of the Grand Lodge, and circular issued, under seal, requesting "that Masonic recognition which has been granted to all Masonic Grand Lodges over the Globe, formed in a like manner."

As far as we can find, everything necessary to the legal formation of this new Grand Body, has been done "decently and in order," and we submit her claims for recognition to the favorable consideration of Grand Lodge.

M. W., O. F. Strickland, Grand Master; R. W. Joseph F. Nounnan, Grand Secretary.

## VERMONT, 1872.

Annual Communication held in Burlington, 14th June, 1871. M. W. George M. Hall, Grand Master; R. W. Henry Clarke, Grand Secretary. 93 Lodges, 84 represented.

The Grand Master presents a very interesting address. After referring to the "persistent efforts made by certain restless spirits, to bring the institution of Freemasonry into disrepute by arraying it as hostile to the spirit of Christianity, etc.," he says:

But I do not stand here to-day as a defender of those principles upon which our institution is founded; they indeed need not the feeble defence that I might afford them; they are the heart and life of the soul, and, when understood, are at once admitted by all, whether he be *initiate* or *profane*.

But the true philosopher and generous man, recognizing in our institution one of the designs of Providence for the advancement of the human race, extends to it an elevated rank, second to none but religion; in fact, regarding it rather as the hand-maid of that religion whose teachings are to love God with all the heart, and our neighbor

as we love ourselves. That we worship the same God, who has taught us that the brightest jewel in the crown of his faithful worshippers is *Charity*, "immortal charity, which extends beyond the grave through the boundless realms of eternity."

It surely, then, my brethren, becomes us, as members of an institution so exalted as that of Freemasonry, to extend to our enemies, or those who may ignorantly vilify us and impugn our motives, that true Masonic charity, "which knows no evil," but which "covers a multitude of sins," to so live that our practices may be in strict accordance with the principles by which we profess to be governed; to go on, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and binding up the wounds of the afflicted, to wipe away the tears from the eyes of the sorrowing, and assist them in bearing the burdens which it may have pleased Providence to heap upon them, to raise up the unfortunate, and it may be, fallen sons of earth, and to endeavor to assist them in their reformation. If we do this, should sorrow or calamity overtake us we can, with the assurance of duty faithfully performed, with becoming modesty bow the head to the impending blast, and which, having spent its fury, can injure no more, and we shall be enabled, through the blessing of our Supreme Grand Master, to continue our good work unto the end.

He also speaks, in terms of satisfaction, of the prosperity of the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction.

The remainder of the address refers to local official acts and decisions. We quote the following as a good precedent for our own jurisdiction:

I have been importuned in a few instances during the year, to use the prerogative of the Grand Master, to allow the lodges to act upon the petitions of candidates out of time, so called. Permission has, however, in no instance been granted. The reasons alleged for the necessity of such action have in no instances been deemed of sufficient importance to call for any especial interference on the part of the Grand Master.

After considerable discussion the Grand Lodge of Quebec was formally recognised, and R. W. Brother J. H. Isaacson appointed their representative near that Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Brother Henry Clarke, Chairman, review the proceedings of 27 Grand Lodges, (Nova Scotia not included) in a careful and fraternal summary, devoting the greater portion of their report to the Quebec question, giving as a preface a fair statement of the claims made by both Canada and Quebec, as set forth in the various documents issued by them to their sister jurisdictions, together with the arguments presented by the Committee on Foreign

Correspondence of the several Grand Lodges upon each side of the question. These are all submitted without comment, and from the arrangement, are valuable for reference. The Committee come to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge of Quebec should be recognized.

M. W. Park Davis, Grand Master; R. W. Henry Clark, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

### VIRGINIA, 1871.

The Grand Lodge met in Richmond, December 11th, 1871. M. W. Thomas J. Evans, Grand Master; R. W. John Dove, Grand Secretary. 127 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's address is a brief detail of his official acts for the year, with several decisions upon questions of Masonic Law. We note that the committee on the Grand Master's address do not concur in four cases out of the ten submitted, and that their report was adopted. If any value is to be attached to a Grand Master's decisions upon questions of Masonic Law, we think that they should be final; or else, let such decisions be made by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence; as it would certainly place an inquiring Master or Lodge in an awkward position, to receive a decision upon any point from a Grand Master, act upon it, and having done so, find that the whole proceedings are made irregular by the vote of the Grand Lodge.

Upon the question of Grand Lodge representatives, we quote:

2. *Resolved*, That while she would not restrict the power of Grand Lodges in the appointment of representatives to selections in all cases of representatives from their own Jurisdictions, she does not deem the policy of the appointment of brethren who come not fresh from the body of their constituency, consistent with the true theory of representation unless those brethren be commissioned for special purposes and a limited period; and that therefore such appointments of representatives near this body will hereafter be regarded as extinct after the expiration of one year from date, unless official information be communicated from the Grand Body which conferred it, of a continuance of the authority of the representative.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother R. B. Welford, Junior, reviewing proceedings of 45 Grand Lodges,

(some being for two years). These reviews are generally brief, except in the case of Canada, and other Grand Lodges inimical to the interests of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, when we find the various arguments are freely quoted. Under the heading "Maine" we find about one-fifth of the contents of the whole report devoted to an answer to Bro. Drummond's able arguments upon this "vexed question;" but as we do not find that any new point is developed, we deem it unnecessary to make any quotations therefrom.

Nova Scotia for 1870 and 1871 receive a brief review for the two years combined. The reviewer notices "a *singular* proposition to destroy the privilege of the ballot by requiring *two black balls* to reject a candidate — received twelve affirmative against 40 negative votes." We do not wonder that this proposition should be considered *singular* by our brother, and that it was very properly voted down in Grand Lodge, but not more singular than that twelve could be found to vote for it.

M. W. Robert E. Withers, Grand Master; R. W. John Dove, Grand Secretary.

### WASHINGTON TERRITORY, 1871.

Fourteenth Annual Communication in the city of Olympia, 21st September, 1871, M. W. John T. Jordan, Grand Master; R. W. Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary. 11 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's address recapitulates the official business of the year. He is happy to state that "our late controversy with Oregon has been finally settled, and that the most friendly and fraternal feelings exist between the two sister Grand Lodges. This difficulty or difference between Oregon and this Grand Lodge having thus been so happily terminated, I am pleased to say our relations are friendly with all Grand Lodges throughout the United States."

Two dispensations had been issued for the formation of new Lodges. The committee on Jurisprudence report in favor of restricting the votes in Grand Lodge to the W. M., S. W. and J. W., and depriving the Lodge of the Past Master's vote, believing that the vote was given in "the infancy of the Grand Lodge for



the purpose of securing larger representation, and probably also, that from Past Masters, a more experienced character of representatives was likely to result, and as having a tendency to give an undue influence to old Lodges and those located near the Grand Lodge." We find no trouble in this respect from the presence and influence of Past Masters, who appear just as able and willing to share in the work as either Masters or Wardens; besides giving the benefit of their continually increasing experience in the management of the affairs of the jurisdiction.

We quote a resolution relative to the *one* ballot for the three degrees. This practice has uniformly obtained with us in Nova Scotia since our formation in 1866, and to our knowledge no fault has been found with it, the initiatory ballot being understood with us to confer the right to receive the three degrees as proficiency is attained. If, *ad interim*, any legitimate cause arises to warrant the prevention of further advancement of the initiate, and such we contend can only be of such a nature as to demand charges to be preferred, the Lodge has the remedy in its own hands, and must then do, that which had better been done when the candidate was proposed for initiation, and not possibly put this power into the hands of some vindictive brother, who might be tempted to annoy by the use of the ballot for advancement of each degree, one, whom he might have debarred by his own *one* ballot from ever entering our degrees. Initiation does not necessarily imply advancement; nor, until suitable proficiency has been attained, can such be received. If any other cause exists, the matter must be brought before the brethren in a formal manner, and the preventing impediment ascertained and acted upon. We approvingly quote the resolution:

*Resolved*, That one ballot upon the petition of an applicant for the degrees of Masonry, if clear, shall entitle such applicant to the three degrees: *Provided*, that any officer or member of the Lodge, in which such application is made, may make objection to the conferring of either degree, or to the further advancement of the candidate. Such objection, if not withdrawn, shall be referred to a committee to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall, at the next stated meeting, report thereon, and if, upon the reception of such report, no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid Masonic one, the Lodge shall proceed to confer the degree, as though objection had not been made. It being the true intent of this Regulation that a favor-

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able ballot shall entitle the petitioner to all the Symbolic Degrees; the question of advancement to depend upon his proficiency, and an applicant not to be stopped after initiation, except for good and sufficient Masonic objection. By-Laws of subordinate Lodges throughout this jurisdiction shall conform to this Regulation.

The Deputy Grand Master was indefinitely suspended by his Lodge for gross unmasonic conduct, and again reinstated by them, after referring to the Grand Lodge to consider upon. The Lodge was censured for restoring the offender, and was notified that the indefinite suspension of the Brother continued in force.

We have an excellent report from Bro. S. M. Reed, Chairman Foreign Correspondence, fraternally reviewing the proceedings of forty-seven Grand Bodies, and extracting therefrom judiciously. Our efforts in 1870 are favorably noticed.

M. W. Granville O. Haller, Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas M. Reed, Olympia, Grand Secretary.

### WISCONSIN.

Annual Communication held at Milwaukee, June 13th, A. L. 5871. M. W. Gabriel Bouch, Grand Master. R. W. William T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is very practical and devoted mainly to matters of local interest. He urges economy in the expenditure of Grand Lodge monies—the expenditure during the past year having exceeded the receipts about \$2000. He takes exception to the increased cost of printing proceedings. In 1869 the cost was \$500; in 1870 \$1000. The printing of Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence alone costing \$400. He thinks these reports have become tediously voluminous. Proceedings of thirty-one Grand Lodges received, Nova Scotia included.

The Grand Lecturer has been holding Schools of Instruction at various places designated by Grand Lodge, with very beneficial results.

A digest of Masonic Law, upon questions which most frequently come in use in the government of a Lodge has been drawn up by the M. W. Grand Master and received the approval of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. With respect to the privi-

lèges of non-affiliated Masons he says: "The distinction that exists between a right and prohibition must not be lost sight of. Thus, while a non-affiliated Mason cannot claim the right to visit a Lodge, yet he may be permitted to do so; while a Lodge is not compelled to bury a deceased non-affiliated Mason with masonic honors, yet it may do so; while he has no right to join in a Lodge procession or festival, yet he may be permitted to do so. He or his widow or orphans have the same claim for aid or counsel upon individual Masons whensoever disposed. All his masonic obligations remain in full force and effect. While he is under no obligation to contribute to the Lodge funds of any Lodge, still, he is compelled to respond to all reasonable demands upon him by an individual brother, and for the benefit of Masonry in general, but not for the benefit of any Lodge in particular. In fine, he has all the rights and privileges of an affiliated Mason, except those which a Lodge affords, subject to all the obligations, except those due to a Lodge. A Lodge may make a demand upon all non-affiliated Masons, residents of its jurisdiction, for the general purposes of the Craft."

Initiated 623; Passed 574; Raised 589. Total number of Master Masons 9,203.

M. W., H. L. Palmer elected Grand Master. R. W., Wm. T. Palmer elected Grand Secretary.

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HON. ALEXANDER KEITH, P. L. C. .... HALIFAX.

### ADDRESS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

BENJAMIN CURREN, D. C. L. .... HALIFAX.

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON CREDENTIALS.—A. H. Crowe, T. A. Cossiman, T. V. Cooke.  
ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.—W. Taylor, J. Gossip, W. Richards.  
ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL.—J. K. Munnis, J. D. Nash, W. F. Chase.  
ON FINANCE AND AUDIT.—T. Mowbray, J. C. Cahill, A. H. Woodhill.  
ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—G. T. Smithers, R. C. Hamilton,  
F. W. Dakin.  
ON CHARTERS.—D. Pottinger, R. Brunton, R. C. Fraser.

### TRUSTEES OF MASONIC HALL PROPERTY.

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W. F. MACCOY, St. Andrew's Lodge.  
H. C. D. TWINING, St. John's Lodge.  
W. A. HESSON, Virgin Lodge.  
J. D. NASH, Union R. A. Chapter.  
W. A. HESSON, *Secretary*.

The next Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia, will be held at Masons' Hall in the City of Halifax, commencing on the first Wednesday in June, A. L. 5878, at 12 o'clock, M.

Secretaries of Lodges are particularly requested to have all returns made up and forwarded to the Grand Secretary immediately after the Installation of officers and before the 20th May.