Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, Belleville, on Thursday, the 12th of August, A. D. 1869, A. L. 5869.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master.
R. " " J. Seymour, Deputy Grand Master.
" " " E. J. Sisson, as Grand Senior Warden.
" " A. Diamond, as " Junior "
" Rev. G. A. Anderson, as " Chaplain.
" " Donald Bain, as " Treasurer.
" " " Thomas B. Harris, " Secretary.
" Robert Ramsay, as " Registrar.
" J. B. McGann, as " Senior Deacon.
" J. Northcott, as " Junior "
" " N. B. Falkiner, as " Supt. of Works.
V. " " John Taylor, as " Dir. of Cer.
" J. P. Thomas, as as't " Secretary.
" S. Stephens, as " " Dir. of Cer.
" R. Booth, as " Sword Bearer.
" St. G. B. Crozier, as " Organist.
" D. Price, as " " "
" H. Stephenson, as " Pursuivant.
" J. T. Watson,
" J. B. Fralick,
" Geo. D. Dickson,
" W. A. Shepard, } as " Stewards.
" Thomas Kelso,
" W. E. Thompson,

About two hundred Brethren, hailing from the following Lodges, viz.: Moria Lodge, No. 11; The Belleville Lodge, No. 123; Prince Edward's Lodge, No. 18; Stirling Lodge, No. 69; Trent Lodge, No. 38; Madoc Lodge, No. 48; and other Lodges.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in **ample form**, the Grand Master explained the object of this Special Communication, and regretted that it had not been possible for a larger number of the Grand Officers to be present, but was highly pleased at the good attendance of the Brethren. The acting Grand Director of Ceremonies was then instructed to form the procession, in the order laid down in the Book of Constitution. When the procession reached Pinnacle street, it was joined by the Firemen of Belleville and Oswego, accompanied by the Band of the Royal Canadian Rifles and the Band of the 15th Battalion.

On arriving at the site of the new building, the procession opened out, and the Grand Officers marched through to the spot where the stone was to be laid. The Grand Master and other Grand Officers then ascended the platform, when an ode suitable to the occasion was performed by the Band of the Royal Canadian Rifles.

The M. W. Grand Master addressed the assemblage as follows:

Men, women, and children, assembled here to behold this ceremony: Know all of you that we are lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country, and professing to fear God—who is the Great Architect of the Universe,—to honor the Queen: to confer benefits upon our brethren: and to practice universal benevolence towards all mankind. We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of all other men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but those secrets are lawful and honorable, and

are placed in the custody of Masons, who alone have the keeping of them to the end of time.

We admit into our Order only such as are reported to be good men and true: of a lawful age, good morals and sound judgment. We meet upon a level and are constantly instructed to square our conduct by the principles of Morality and Virtue. Men of every class and rank of life, without regard to race, religion or nationality are enrolled as members of our ancient and honorable fraternity, even monarchs, the most powerful and enlightened, have in all ages been active promoters of our art, and have not thought it derogatory from their dignity to join our assemblies and participate in our mysteries.

The lapse of time, the ruthless hand of ignorance, and the devastations of war have laid waste and destroyed many valuable monuments of antiquity on which the utmost exertions of human genius have been employed. Even the Temple of Solomon, so spacious and magnificent, and constructed by so many celebrated artists, escaped not the unsparing ravages of barbaric force. Freemasonry, notwithstanding, still survives. The attentive ear receives the sound from the instructive tongue, and the mysteries of Masonry are safely lodged in the sacred repository of faithful breasts. Tools and implements of architecture are selected by the fraternity to imprint on the memory wise and serious truths; and thus, through successive ages are transmitted pure and unimpaired, the excellent tenets of our institution.

The laws of Masonry are reason and equity; its principles, benevolence and love; its religion, purity and truth; its intention, peace on earth; and its disposition, good will towards all men.

Unless our Craft were good and our calling honorable we should not have existed for so many centuries; nor should we see to-day, as in all times past, so many distinguished

and illustrious brethren throughout the civilized world sanctioning our proceedings and contributing to our prosperity.

Ever since the building of King Solomon's Temple, our Order has rendered to the world the most signal service, in cultivating amongst its members, a taste for the liberal arts and sciences, and in promoting a desire for the more general diffusion of scientific knowledge. In former ages, many of the grandest monuments of architectural skill were wholly constructed by the Masonic fraternity, (then a practical operative body) and in later times our assistance is yet required for the performance of such duties as those which you have now solicited at our hands.

It affords us peculiar pleasure to comply with your request to lay with Masonic ceremonies the Foundation Stone of an asylum for that unfortunate class of our fellow creatures—the Deaf and Dumb of the Province of Ontario. The humane objects of such an institution are so thoroughly in unison with the aims and purposes of our Order, that it must be a source of rejoicing to every Freemason, whether present or absent, that the Lord hath inclined the hearts of those in authority to erect this building. Within its walls, hundreds, who have by the decree of an all-wise Providence, been denied the inestimable blessings of hearing and speech, will, we fervently hope, be enabled pleasantly to pass the time of their sojourn here on earth until they reach the other side of the dark river, when every ear will be unstopped, and every tongue unloosed, to unite in the celestial song, throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

The establishment of this institution is an evidence of the advanced civilization of the present age, and the recognition of Freemasonry in connection with the proceedings of to-day, is an indication of the enlightened and liberal sentiments which actuate those gentlemen to whom has been entrusted the government of this important portion of the Dominion of Canada.

We shall now lay the stone in accordance with the rites of our fraternity. But before proceeding, our Rev. Chaplain will implore a blessing from Heaven on the undertaking.

ACTING GRAND CHAPLAIN.—Almighty and Eternal God, Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made: We, the frail creatures of thy providence, do humbly beseech of thee to pour down on this convocation the continual dew of thy blessing. More especially we invoke thy blessing on this undertaking; ever remembering the object and aim of this institution—obedience to thy most holy laws. Grant, we beseech thee, that our Order may flourish in every part of the globe, become influential in the diffusion of the light of wisdom, aiding and strengthening reason and dissipating and lessening human vice. May it teach us to regulate our actions by the rule of unity, square our conduct by the principle of morality, and guide our thoughts and our conversation within the compass of propriety.

May the edifice which is this day commenced be carried forward to its completion prosperously. Do Thou protect the workmen; secure them from all injury; and when completed, may it be the means of strengthening our Order.

Finally, grant unto us the knowledge of Thy truth. Do Thou be our Ruler; and finally admit us into Thy kingdom, for thy great Name's sake. Amen.

Glory be to God on high.

RESPONSE.—As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Harris, then read the contents of the parchment to be deposited in the cavity of the stone, as follows:

By the favor of Almighty God.

On the Twelfth day of August, A. D. 1869,
Of the Era of Freemasonry, A. L. 5869,
And in the Thirty-third year of the reign of Our Beloved Sovereign,

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Dependencies of the British Empire in Europe, India, and Australasia,
The Right Hon. Sir JOHN YOUNG, K. C. B., &c., &c., &c., being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada,
AND
The Hon. WILLIAM PEARCE HOWLAND, C. B., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario,
ALEXANDER ALLAN STEVENSON, Esq., M. W. Grand Master.

The Foundation Stone of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum,

For the Province of Ontario,
Was laid with Masonic Ceremonies, by the Officers of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Canada,
And the Lodges and Brethren of Belleville and neighborhood,

Whom may God Prosper.

The above, together with copies of the Grand Lodge reports, a copy of the report of the Hamilton Asylum of Deaf and Dumb, a copy of Dr. Ryerson's report on Deaf and Dumb, copies of the Daily and Weekly *Intelligencer*, Weekly *Chronicle*, Daily *Globe* and *Telegraph*, and the various coins of Canada, were then placed in a box, properly sealed and deposited in the cavity of the stone.

The contractor, Mr. Kempster, then presented to the Grand Master a very handsome Silver Trowel, beautifully chased and inscribed as follows:

"Presented to A. A. STEVENSON, M. W. Grand Master of A. F. and A. Masons of Canada, by C. W. and T. L. KEMPSTER, Contractors, on the occasion of laying the Corner Stone of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, at Belleville, Ont., the 12th day of August, A. D. 1869."

On receiving which the Grand Master replied—

Accept my thanks for this beautiful Trowel which you have so kindly presented to me. It is one of the most useful and most highly-prized implements of our Craft. I shall preserve your gift, not only as a memento of the interesting proceedings of this day, but also on account of the surpassing beauty of its workmanship, which reflects great credit on the silversmith who made it.

After receiving the Trowel, and also a handsome Gavel, made for the occasion, the Grand Master spread the cement, and the upper stone was lowered by three regular stops, solemn music being played; after which the Grand Junior Warden applied the plumb, the Grand Senior Warden the level, and the Deputy Grand Master the square.

G. M.—Brother Grand Junior Warden, what is the proper jewel of your office?

G. J. W.—The plumb rule.

G. M.—Have you applied the plumb rule to the edges of the stone?

G. J. W.—I have, Most Worshipful Sir, and the Craftsmen have done their duty.

The same questions as to level and square, with a like response, were put to and given by the G. S. W. and D. G. Master.

G. M.—R. W. and W. Brethren, having full confidence in your skill in our royal art, it remains for me, as Grand Master, to finish the work. (Three knocks were then given upon the stone with the Gavel). *Well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.* I strew Corn upon the stone as the emblem of plenty; I pour Wine on it as the emblem of cheerfulness; and I anoint it with Oil as the emblem of comfort and consolation.

May Corn, Wine and Oil, and all the necessaries of life abound amongst men, and may the Great Architect of the Universe, who has so kindly blessed us in the proceedings of this day, enable those engaged in the erection of this building to complete it; may he protect the workmen from accident, and long preserve the structure from ruin or decay that it may serve for generations yet to come, the humane and benevolent purpose for which it is intended.

RESPONSE.—So mote it be.

The implements and plan of the building were then handed over to the Architect, whom the Grand Master thus addressed: Master Architect,—The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I present you with the implements applied to it, as also the plan, in full confidence that as a skilful and faithful workman you will use them in such a manner that the building may rise in order, harmony and beauty, and that when completed, it may establish your reputation as a skilful builder and reflect credit also upon those who have selected you for this undertaking.

A piece of music was then played. Some coin was placed upon the stone for the benefit of the workmen, by the Acting Grand Treasurer, after which a few speeches, were delivered appropriate to the occasion.

The ceremonies being concluded, the procession was reformed and returned to the Hall.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form with solemn prayer.

Thos. D. Harris

G. Sec'y.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at Montreal, in the room of St. Paul's Lodge, St. Lawrence Hall, commencing on Wednesday, the 1st day of December, A. L. 5869, A. D. 1869.

PRESENT:

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

R. W. Bro. James Seymour, Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Peter J. Brown, Grand Senior Warder.
" " " Daniel Thomas, " Junior Warden.
" " " Rev. H. Montgomery, " Chaplain.
V. " " James Bain, as " Treasurer.
R. " " Silas B. Fairbanks, " Registrar.
" " " Thomas B. Harris, " Secretary.
V. " " R. P. Stephens, " Senior Deacon.
" " John E. Harding, as " Junior Deacon.
" " " W. Chatfield, " Supt. of Works.
" " " Charles Sharpe, " Dir. of Cer.
" " " Thos. White, jr., as Asst. " Secretary.
" " E. P. Remon, as Asst. " Dir. of Cer.
" " " Robert Lewis, " Sword Bearer.
" " " William Nivin, as " Organist.
" " Robert Robinson, as " Pursuivant.

V. W. Bro. C. Boright,
" " " D. McLellan,
" " " A. Diamond,
" " " C. D. Macdonnell, as
" " " Allan McLean, as
" " " J. B. Bickell, as
} " Stewards.

" Wilson B. Allan, as " Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	David Curtis,	Wilson District.
" " "	Thomas Matheson,	Huron "
" " "	Otto Klotz,	Wellington "
" " "	Thomas Wilkinson,	St. Lawrence "
" " "	J. J. Gemmill,	Ottawa "
" " "	M. Gutman,	Montreal "

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro.	W. M. Wilson,	Past Grand Master.
" " "	T. Douglas Harington,	" " "
" " "	W. B. Simpson,	" " "
" " "	A. Bernard,	" " "
R. " "	C. D. Macdonnell,	P. D. D. G. M.
" " "	L. H. Henderson.	" "
" " "	J. Milne,	" "
" " "	John V. Noel,	" "
" " "	Charles Kahn,	" "
" " "	John Turner,	" "
" " "	S. D. Fowler,	P. G. Senior Warden.
" " "	A. S. Kirkpatrick,	" " "
" " "	Rev. V. Clementi,	" Chaplain.
" " "	Daniel Spry,	" Registrar.
V. " "	John Clarke,	" Senior Deacon.
" " "	E. M. Copeland,	P. G. Sup. of Works.
" " "	Wm. Angus,	P. Asst. G. Secretary
" " "	James Bain,	P. G. Sword Bearer.
" " "	F. C. Dettmers,	" Organist.
" " "	Thomas White, jr.,	P. Asst. G. Organist.
" " "	H. Waterman,	" " " "

V. W. Bro.	Phillip Henry,	P. G. Steward.
" " "	J. B. Bickell,	" "
" " "	J. Patterson,	" "
" " "	Allan McLean,	" "
" " "	George Billington,	" "
" " "	William Wilkinson,	" "

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce that he had appointed the following Brethren to be a Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies, viz.: R. W. Bros. M. Gutman and Charles D. Macdonnell, and V. W. Bro. Allan McLean.

A constitutional number of representatives from Lodges being present, the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon our proceedings.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada was opened in ample form at four o'clock p.m.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, viz.:

No.— *Antiquity Lodge, Montreal, Q.*

R. W. Bro. M. Gutman, W. M.
" John Urquhart, jr., J. W.
V. " " Philip Henry, P. G. S.
" " " F. C. Dettmers, P. G. O.

No. 2. *Niagara Lodge, Niagara, O.*

R. W. Bro. James Seymour, (Proxy.)

No. 3. *St. John's Lodge, Kingston, O.*

R. W. Bro. S. D. Fowler, (Proxy.)
" " " C. D. Macdonnell, P. M.
" " " Alex. S. Kirkpatrick, P. M.

No. 4. *Dorchester Lodge, St. Johns' P. Q.*

Bro. Geo. H. Wilkinson, S. W.
" James S. Allan, J. W.

No. 5. *Sussex Lodge, Brockville, O.*

R. W. Bro. Thomas Wilkinson, P. M., (Proxy.)
M. " " W. B. Simpson, P. M.

No. 6. *Barton Lodge, Hamilton, O.*

Bro. James Charlton, J. W.

No. 7. *Union Lodge, Grimsby, O.*

W. Bro. Seymour, (Proxy.)

No. 8. *Nelson Lodge, Phillipsburgh, Q.*

Bro. E. A. Bourrett, S. W.
R. W. " Rev. H. Montgomery, P. M.

No. 9. *Union Lodge, Napanee, O.*

W. Bro. F. Richardson, W. M.

No. 10. *Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe, O.*

M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, P. M. (Proxy.)
V. " " John Clarke, P. M.

No. 11. *Moria Lodge, Belleville, O.*

W. Bro. A. Diamond, W. M.
R. " " L. H. Henderson, P. M.

No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines, O.*

V. W. Bro. W. Chatfield, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, O.*

V. W. Bro. James Bain, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 18. *Prince Edward's Lodge, Picton, O.*

W. Bro. J. N. Carter, W. M.

No. 19. *St. George's Lodge, Montreal, Q.*

M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, W. M.
" " Arthur Sowdon, S. W.
" " " A. A. Stevenson, P. M.
R. " " Robert Irwin, P. M.
V. " " E. M. Copeland, P. M.
" " " W. Angus, P. M.

No. 20. *St. John's Lodge, London, O.*

Bro. M. D. Dawson, S. W.

No. 21. *Zetland Lodge, Montreal, Q.*

Bro. Jas. Henderson, S. W.
" J. G. A. LeBlanc, J. W.

No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, O.*

V. W. Bro. David McLellan, W. M.
R. " " Daniel Spry, P. M.

No. 23. *Richmond Lodge, Richmond Hill, O.*

R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, (Proxy.)

No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto, O.*

V. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, W. M.

No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, O.*

Bro. J. B. Trayes, J. W.

No. 27. *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton, O.*

R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, (Proxy.)

No. 28. *Mount Zion Lodge, Kemptville, O.*

M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, (Proxy.)

No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby, O.*

R. W. Bro. S. B. Fairbanks, (Proxy.)

No. 31. *Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville, O.*

R. W. Bro. J. Milne, W. M.

No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll, O.*

R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 38. *Trent Lodge, Trenton, O.*

W. Bro. G. E. Fraser, (Proxy.)

No. 39. *Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklin, O.*

V. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell, P. M.

No. 40. *St. John's Lodge, Hamilton, O.*

R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, W. M.

No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London, O.*
V. W. Bro. H. Waterman, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 43. *King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock, O.*
V. W. Bro. John Paterson, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 44. *St. Thomas' Lodge, St. Thomas, O.*
M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, (Proxy.)

No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford, O.*
Bro. H. McK. Wilson, S. W.
R. W. " D. Curtis, P. M.

No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, O.*
W. Bro. N. S. Gurd, (Proxy.)

No. 49. *Harington Lodge, Quebec.*
W. Bro. S. J. Burnstein, W. M.
" " A. McCallum, P. M.

No. 50. *Consecon Lodge, Consecon, O.*
W. Bro. A. Diamond, (Proxy.)

No. 53. *Shefford Lodge, Waterloo, Q.*
W. Bro. W. W. Taylor, P. M., (Proxy.)
" " W. G. Parmelee, P. M.

No. 54. *Vaughan Lodge, Maple, O.*
W. Bro. Joseph Jackes, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 55. *Mirickville Lodge, Mirickville, O.*
W. Bro. H. Merrick, P. M., (Proxy.)
" " Rev. Chas. Forest, P. M.

No. 56. *Victoria Lodge, Sarnia, O.*
W. Bro. R. S. Gurd, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa, O.*
R. W. Bro. J. J. Gemmill, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 59. *Corinthian Lodge, Ottawa, O.*
W. Bro. E. P. Remon, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 60. *Hoyle Lodge, LaColle, Q.*

W. Bro. Daniel Salt, W. M.
" " T. Featherstone, P. M.
" " W. H. Vanvliet, P. M.

No. 61. *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton, O.*

Bro. James Charlton, (Proxy.)

No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia, O.*

R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London, O.*

V. W. Bro. R. Lewis, P. M.

No. 66. *Durham Lodge, Newcastle, O.*

R. W. Bro. J. Milne, (Proxy.)

No. 68. *St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll, O.*

V. W. Bro. Allan McLean, P. M.

No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt, O.*

R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 73. *St. James' Lodge, St. Mary's, O.*

W. Bro. J. E. Harding, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 74. *St. James' Lodge, Maitland, O.*

W. Bro. James T. Culbert, W. M.

No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto, O.*

W. Bro. Fred. J. Menet, W. M.
" " Joseph Jackes, P. M.

No. 76. *Oxford Lodge, Woodstock, O.*

V. W. Bro. John Paterson, (Proxy.)

No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburgh, O.*

R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, (Proxy.)

No. 81. *St. John's Lodge, Mount Brydges, O.*

V. W. Bro. G. Billington, W. M.

No. 82. *St. John's Lodge, Paris, O.*
M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, (Proxy.)

No. 83. *Beaver Lodge, Strathroy, O.*
V. W. Bro. G. Billington, (Proxy.)

No. 84. *Clinton Lodge, Clinton, O.*
R. W. Bro. T. Matheson, (Proxy.)

No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto, O.*
W. Bro. R. Robinson, W. M.

No. 87. *Markham Union Lodge, Markham, O.*
W. Bro. R. Robinson, (Proxy.)

No. 88. *St. George's Lodge, Owen Sound, O.*
V. W. Bro. James Bain, (Proxy.)

No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood, O.*
V. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, (Proxy.)

No. 92. *Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston, O.*
R. W. Bro. J. V. Noel, P. M., (Proxy.)
" " " C. D. Macdonnell, P. M.

No. 93. *Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, O.*
W. Bro. R. L. Hunter, (Proxy.)

No. 95. *Ridout Lodge, Otterville, O.*
V. W. Bro. Allan McLean, (Proxy.)

No. 96. *Corinthian Lodge, Barrie, O.*
W. Bro. Robert King, W. M.

No. 97. *Sharon Lodge, Sharon, O.*
W. Bro. E. Jackson, (Proxy.)

No. 99. *Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket, O.*
W. Bro. E. Jackson, W. M.

No. 100. *Valley Lodge, Dundas, O.*
V. W. Bro. T. White, jr., (Proxy.)

No. 101. *Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro', O.*

Bro. J. T. Dennistoun, J. W.
R. W. " Rev. V. Clementi, P. M.

No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines, O.*

W. Bro. W. Chatfield, P. M.
R. " " J. Seymour, P. M.

No. 105. *St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, O.*

Bro. James McGarry, S. W.

No. 106. *Burford Lodge, Burford, O.*

R. W. Bro. D. Curtis, (Proxy.)

No. 108. *Blenheim Lodge, Drumbo, O.*

V. W. Bro. Thomas White, jr., (Proxy.)

No. 110. *Central Lodge, Prescott, O.*

W. Bro. Rev. E. W. Beaven, W. M.
" " Angus Grant, P. M.

No. 112. *Maitland Lodge, Goderich, O.*

R. W. Bro. Charles Kahn, (Proxy.)

No. 113. *Wilson Lodge, Waterford, O.*

V. W. Bro. John Clarke, (Proxy.)

No. 114. *Hope Lodge, Port Hope, O.*

R. W. Bro. S. B. Fairbanks, (Proxy.)

No. 116. *Cassia Lodge, Widder, Ont.*

R. W. Bro. Chas. Kahn, (Proxy.)

No. 118. *Union Lodge, Lloydtown, O.*

W. Bro. F. J. Menet, (Proxy.)

No. 121. *Doric Lodge, Brantford, O.*

Bro. H. McK. Wilson, (Proxy.)

No. 123. *The Belleville Lodge, Belleville, O.*

W. Bro. Donald Bain, W. M.

No. 125. *Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall, O.*
W. Bro. P. B. Martin, W. M.
" H. W. Weber, J. W.

No. 127. *Franck Lodge, Frankford, O.*
W. Bro. G. E. Fraser, W. M.

No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora, O.*
W. Bro. W. Ireland, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 133. *Lebanon Forest Lodge, Franceston, O.*
W. Bro. R. L. Hunter, (Proxy.)

No. 134. *Shawenegam Lodge, Three Rivers, Q.*
R. W. Bro. John Turner, P. M.
" " Thomas G. Farmer, P. M.

No. 135. *St Clair Lodge, Milton, O.*
R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, (Proxy.)

No. 136. *Richardson Lodge, Stouffville, O.*
V. W. Bro. James Bain, (Proxy.)

No. 138. *Aylmer Lodge, Aylmer, O.*
W. Bro. C. H. Church, W. M.

No. 139. *Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa, O.*
R. W. Bro. S. B. Fairbanks, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, O.*
R. W. Bro. T. Matheson, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, O.*
R. W. Bro. Chas. Kahn, W. M.

No. 145. *J. B. Hall Lodge, Millbrook, O.*
R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, (Proxy.)

No. 147. *Mississippi Lodge, Almonte, O.*
Bro. E. Watson, S. W.

No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa, O.*
M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, P. M.
" " E. P. Remon, W. M.

No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover, O.*
M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, (Proxy.)

No. 155. *Peterborough Lodge, Peterboro', O.*
W. Bro. D. S. Eastwood, W. M.

No. 156. *York Lodge, Eglinton, O.*
W. Bro. Joseph Jackes, W. M.

No. 157. *Simpson Lodge, Newboro', O.*
M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, (Proxy.)

No. 160. *Quebec Garrison Lodge, Quebec, Q.*
W. Bro. W. Wilkinson, W. M.
" " C. Staveley, P. M.

No. 163. *Browne Lodge, West Farnham, Q.*
W. Bro. G. H. Kemp, W. M.

No. 166. *Wentworth Lodge, Stoney Creek, O.*
R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, (Proxy.)

No. 170. *Britannia Lodge, Seaforth, O.*
R. W. Bro. T. Matheson, (Proxy.)

No. 172. *Ayr Lodge, Ayr, O.*
V. W. Bro. Charles Sharpe, (Proxy.)

No. 174. *Walsingham Lodge, Port Rowan, O.*
V. W. Bro. John Clarke, (Proxy.)

No. 176. *Spartan Lodge, Sparta, O.*
V. W. Bro. R. Lewis, (Proxy.)

No. 177. *The Builders' Lodge, Ottawa, O.*
W. Bro. C. Leggo, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 180. *Speed Lodge, Guelph, O.*

V. W. Bro. C. Sharpe, W. M.
" J. Cridiford, J. W.

No. 181. *Oriental Lodge, Port Burwell, O.*

R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, (Proxy.)

No. 184. *Old Light Lodge, Lucknow, O.*

W. Bro. R. L. Hunter, W. M.

No. 187. *Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetsburgh, Q.*

W. Bro. E. Racicot, W. M.
" C. K. Boright, S. W.
" " H. D. Pickel, P. M.

No. 188. *Ascot Lodge, Lennoxville, Q.*

R. W. Bro. Henry Stearns, P. M.

No. 189. *Filiæ Viduæ Lodge, Adolphustown, O.*

W. Bro. J. C. Chamberlain, W. M.

No. 192. *Orillia Lodge, Orillia, O.*

W. Bro. C. S. Elliot, W. M.

No. 193. *Scotland Lodge, Scotland, O.*

Bro. H. McK. Wilson, (Proxy.)

No. 195. *Tuscan Lodge, London, O.*

V. W. Bro. H. Waterman, P. M.

No. 196. *Madawaska Lodge, Arnprior, O.*

Bro. J. G. Cranston, S. W.

No. 198. *White Oak Lodge, Oakville, O.*

V. W. Bro. Thomas White, jr., (Proxy.)

No. 201. *Leeds Lodge, Gananoque, O.*

W. Bro. Wm. Byers, jun., W. M.

No. 203. *Irvine Lodge, Elora, O.*

R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, (Proxy.)

No. 205. *New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburgh, O.*

R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, (Proxy.)

No. 207 *Lancaster Lodge, Lancaster, O.*

W. Bro. A. McGregor, W. M,
" Thomas Ross, M. D., S. W.

No. 208. *Chateauguay Lodge, Huntingdon, Q*

W. Bro. Rev. W. C. Clarke, W. M.
" D. Boyd, S. W.
" Wm. Buckham,

No. 209. *Evergreen Lodge, Lanark, O.*

Bro. Thomas Watchorn, J. W.

No. 210. *Hawkesbury Lodge, Hawkesbury, O.*

W. Bro. C. S. Elliott, (Proxy.)

No. 211. *Brome Lake Lodge, Knowlton, Q.*

W. Bro. H. D. Pickel, W. M.

No. 212. *Elysian Lodge, Garden Island, O.*

Bro. Robert Nancollas, S. W.

No. 216. *Harris Lodge, Orangeville, O.*

W. Bro. R. Robinson, (Proxy.)

No. 218. *Stevenson Lodge, Toronto, O.*

W. Bro. W. C. Morrison, W. M.

The Grand Secretary read the following circular issued by command of the M. W. Grand Master convening this Special Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge:

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,
GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
HAMILTON, 10th November, 1869.

Dear Sir and W. Brother,—

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, I am to inform you that a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada will be held in the Masonic Hall, corner of Place d'Armes and Notre Dame Street, Montreal, P. Q.,

on Wednesday the 1st day of Dec. next, at the hour of High Twelve, for the purpose of adopting such measures as may be deemed necessary, in view of the recent rebellion and secession of certain Lodges and Brethren within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and for the transaction of all business that may arise in connection with this matter. I am to urge upon your Lodge, as also upon the officers of Grand Lodge, in view of the very great interest to the Craft of any decision to be arrived at, the importance of the meeting and the desirability of a full representation of the several Lodges.

In the event of the Lodge having held its regular meeting for the present month, you are requested to convene an Emergency Meeting immediately on the receipt of this circular, with the object of laying this important subject before it; and should circumstances preevnt the attendance at Grand Lodge of the regularly qualified officers, the Lodge is requested to avail itself of the provisions of the Constitution, Art. 8, by appointing some qualified Brother to represent it. (*See form of Proxy inside.*)

Arrangements similar to those made for the July meeting have been secured with the Grand Trunk, Buffalo and Lake Huron, Great Western, Northern, St. Lawrence and Ottawa, and the Stanstead, Shefford and Chambly Railways.

The necessary Certificates are enclosed herewith. A Memorandum of the arrangements is appended.

Believe me to remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

THOS. B. HARRIS,
Grand Secretary.

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

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to read the the following address to the Brethren in Grand Lodge assembled.

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA:

It is to me a source of deep regret, that circumstances should have arisen within this jurisdiction, to necessitate the summoning of an Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge at this unusual period of the year. Notwithstanding the difficulty and inconvenience, which, I am aware, many of you have experienced in assembling here at this season, it will, I think, be readily acknowledged that the events which have lately transpired in this Province are of such a nature as to require some action being taken on the part of Grand Lodge. The organization, on the 20th of October, of a so-called Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec, a territory embraced within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and over which it has exercised authority for the past fourteen years, and the repudiation of the allegiance due to the Grand Lodge of of Canada, by any number of Lodges or Brethren, however few or insignificant, were occurrences of too much importance to be allowed to pass unnoticed or unquestioned. It is true that I might have exercised the prerogatives which belong to the high and responsible position which I have now the honor to hold; but I deemed it to be a wiser course to convene Grand Lodge at the earliest practicable moment, and submit a record of the official action I had found it to be my duty to take in relation to the movement in question, submitting at the same time such facts as have come to my knowledge in regard to its extent, and also my own views on the legal aspect of the case. Its history, extent, and nature, being presented in that form, will, I trust, enable Grand Lodge to clearly comprehend the true condition of affairs.

Early in September last, it was rumored here that an effort would shortly be made to effect, if possible, the dismemberment of this Grand Lodge, and that meetings had been (or would shortly be) held, having that object in view. Nothing, however, transpired to afford me any definite information on the subject, until the morning of the 25th of September, when I received the following letter:

MONTREAL, 25TH SEPT., 1869.

ALEX. ALLAN STEVENSON, Esq.,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada:

MY DEAR SIR, AND MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the delegates from the various lodges in the Province of Quebec, held in this city last evening, the following Committee was named to wait upon you, and acquaint you with the action which at present it seemed desirable should be taken in regard to the interests of Masonry in this Province, viz.:—R. W. Bro. Graham, R. W. Bro. Isaacson, and W. Bro. Milton, together with the writer. As R. W. Bro. Graham proposes leaving town this afternoon, we would feel it an obligation if you would name an early hour this morning when the desired interview may take place.

Waiting your reply, I have the honor to be,
My dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,
ALEXANDER MURRAY.

To which I replied:

MONTREAL, SEPT. 25TH, 1869.

Alexander Murray, Esq.,

MY DEAR SIR AND R. W. BROTHER,—In reply to your favor of this date, informing me that a Committee consisting of R. W. Bros. Graham and Isaacson, W. Bro. Milton and yourself, had been named at a meeting of delegates of Lodges in the Province of Quebec to wait upon me and acquaint me with the action which it seemed desirable should be taken in regard to the interests of Masonry in this Province, and enquiring at what hour it would be convenient for me to meet those Brethren, I have to say that half-past 11 this forenoon would answer me, if that hour would be suitable for the Brethren named. It will, however be necessary that R. W. Brother Gutman, D. D. G. M. for this District, be also present at the proposed interview.

I remain, dear Sir and R. W. Bro.,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,
A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

The Brethren above-named waited upon me in accordance with this arrangement, but objected to introduce the subject on which they desired to consult me, if R. W. Bro. Gutman was to be permitted to be present. I called their attention to the express provision in my reply to R. W. Bro. Murray, that that officer should be present at the proposed interview and further stated that whatever might be the nature of their business, I must positively refuse hearing anything relating to Freemasonry, which it would not be proper for them to say in his presence. That as District Deputy Grand Master, he had an undoubted right to know everything which transpired within his District, &c., &c. The deputation, after consulting together, asked leave to withdraw for a short time, and on their return, presented the following document:

The undersigned Freemasons, in good standing, beg leave respectfully to submit to the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as follows:

That at a large and influential meeting of the Brethren from various Lodges in the Province of Quebec, held in this city last evening, they were requested and deputed to wait upon the M. W. the G. M. of the G. L. of Canada, and to inform him that the said meeting unanimously expressed itself in favor of the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec, to be constitutionally established at an early date, and to ascertain from him whether he, as M. W. G. M., would be willing, at the earliest practicable time, to summon an Emergent Communication of the G. L. of Canada, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the important object they have in view can be carried out in a manner mutually satisfactory to all concerned.

J. H. GRAHAM,
JOHN HELDER ISAACSON.
THOS. MILTON.
ALEX. MURRAY.

Montreal, 25th Sept. 1869.

I read it over carefully, and informed those Brethren that so far as I then saw, there could only be one answer given to such a request—that they did not place before me any

facts which would justify me in complying therewith—that the document itself, signed by four Past Masters, gave me no information whatever as to the reasons which attended them in making such a request, nor did it furnish any particulars relative to the meeting, whose delegation they purported to be, except that it was "*large and influential.*" I concluded by saying that I would give the subject most earnest consideration, and would answer them more formally in a day or two. I subsequently learned that the meeting held on 24th September, had, previously to appointing the deputation to wait upon me, resolved to call a convention to be held on the 20th October, for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec, and that it had been agreed, that it mattered not what the nature of the reply received might be, it would not in any way alter their determination. Under these circumstances I conceived it to be my duty to summon those four Brethren to appear before me, and accordingly on the 30th September I instructed Grand Secretary to issue summonses requiring them to appear on the 8th of October, to give an explanation of their conduct. Three of the Brethren fyled an appearance, viz: R. W. Bros. Isaacson and Murray, and W. Bro. Milton, the latter of whom raised the question as to whether I possessed the power to summon him, he being a Past Master under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. I replied that, in my judgment, he was attempting to subvert the authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the fact of his belonging to a Lodge, working in this Province, by permission, under another jurisdiction, did not debar me from exercising masonic authority over him, when he set himself up in opposition to the Supreme Masonic Government of the country. R. W. Bro. Graham did not comply with the summons, nor with the *peremptory* summons issued to him on the 11th October. The explanations given by the other three Brethren were most unsatisfactory. They admitted that they had no grievances to complain of, nor did they show any advantages which would result from a division of our Grand Lodge. I pointed out to these Brethren the impropriety of the step they were about

taking, and the evil consequences to Freemasonry which must inevitably follow. I called their attention to the obligations which they had voluntarily taken, to uphold and maintain that which they were now attempting to destroy, and urged upon them, in the strongest possible terms, to desist from the agitation of the question for the present at least, and if it should turn out that there existed so strong a feeling on the subject as they then pretended, the question might come up for discussion at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge. With this they professed to be satisfied, but asked time to consult with their friends, which was granted. On the 11th, the same three brethren re-appeared, and informed me that they positively declined to withdraw themselves from the movement.

On 12th October, the following circular was placed in my hands, viz.:

To the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Officers and other Brethren of the several Lodges of A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Quebec:

BRETHREN,—At a large and influential meeting of Brethren hailing from different Grand Lodge jurisdictions,—held in the City of Montreal, on the 12th day of August ult., and adjourned to, and held in the same place on the 24th day of September, inst., it was, after mature deliberation, unanimously resolved, that a circular be forwarded to all the Lodges in this Province, requesting them to be duly represented at a Convention to be held in the British Masonic Chambers, in the City of Montreal, on Wednesday the 20th day of October, at Seven o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of taking into consideration the present state of Free Masonry in this Province; and to proceed, if so decided, to the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec.

Therefore we, the undersigned, Free Masons in good standing, having been deputed by said meeting, do hereby request all the Lodges in this Province, to be duly and constitutionally represented at the Convention aforesaid, if

practicable by *all* their Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens, for the important object afore mentioned.

(Signed,)

J. H. GRAHAM, L.L.D., P.D.D.G.M., E.T.D.
J. H. ISAACSON, P.D.D.G.M., M.D.
G. H. BORLASE, P.D.D.G.M., E.T.D.
ALEX. MURRAY, P.D.D.G.M., M.D.
THOS. MILTON, P.M., St. Lawrence Lodge, 640 E.R.
THOS. WOOD, M.L.C., P.M., Prevost Lodge, 1 C. R.
EDSON KEMP, W.M. do do do do
M. R. MEIGS, P.M., Stanbridge Lodge, 117 C.R.
C. A. RICE, W.M., do do do
J. S. BOWEN, P.M., St. Andrew's Lodge, 356 R.S.
H. P. LEGGATT, P.M., St. John's Lodge, 182 E.R.
GEORGE VEASEY, Treas., do do do
H. J. PRATTEN, P.M., St. Andrew's, 356 R.S.
J. B. PEAVEY, P.M., Kilwinning, 124 C.R.
CHAS. STORER, W.M., Mount Royal, 202 C.R.
H. ALEXANDER, W.M., Royal Albert, 167 C.R.
W. B. COLBY, P.M., Golden Rule, 12 C. R.

Montreal, September 30th, 1869.

On its reception I lost no time in requesting the attendance of the Worshipful Masters of Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, No. 124, Royal Albert, No. 167, and Mount Royal, No, 202, whose names are appended to the above circular, (the only brethren from Montreal who had signed it, except three whom I have previously referred to,) in order to ascertain whether any authority had been given them by their Lodges to take such proceedings. I found that these Masters had taken upon themselves to sign the document, without any authority whatever from the Lodges, and that in two out of three Lodges the question had not even been mooted. They (the Worshipful Masters) had no grievances to complain of, which would render a change of jurisdiction necessary, nor could they adduce any reasons which could be considered satisfactory, or which would justify them in the course they were pursuing. I adopted a similar line of argument with them as I had previously done in the case of the others before referred to, and I regret to say, the result in both instances was nearly alike. Accordingly having

been satisfied that all attempts to induce those Brethren to place themselves in a proper position, would prove to be ineffectual, I was most reluctantly compelled to issue Edicts of Suspension against all the Brethren whose names are appended to the Circular calling the Convention, except one, W. Bro. Storer, who on the 14th wrote me to say that after the interview, for reasons given, he would refrain from active participation in the movement, but who, notwithstanding, on the 20th (which I received only on the 21st) wrote to say that for the reason assigned, he withdrew the promise he had made to me in his letter of the 14th. These suspensions, of which the following is a copy, are still in force:

To.....

SIR AND BROTHER,—Whereas your name appears, as having been signed to a Circular addressed to the Worshipful Masters, Past-Masters, Wardens, Officers, and other Brethren of the several Lodges of A. F. and A. M., in the Province of Quebec, "requesting them to be duly repre-"sented at a Convention to be held in the British Masonic "Chambers, in the City of Montreal, on Wednesday, the "20th day of October, at seven o'clock p. m., for the purpose "of taking into consideration the present state of Free "Masonry in this Province; and to proceed, if so decided, "to the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Province of "Quebec;" and whereas the calling of such convention is an attempt to subvert the authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada within the said Province of Quebec, and is detrimental to the best interests of Freemasonry, calculated to disturb the peace, harmony and unity of the Fraternity, and in utter violation of your Masonic obligation, and the requirements of the Constitution;

Therefore, take notice that the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Canada, has, by the power vested in him, suspended you from all the rights, benefits and privileges of the Order of Freemasonry, and the said suspension to continue in full force during his pleasure, or until the Grand Lodge of Canada shall have taken action thereon.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Grand Lodge, at the City of Hamilton, this Fifteenth day of October, A. D. 1869, A. L. 5869.

By command of the M. W. Grand Master.

THOS. B. HARRIS,
Grand Secretary.

I also issued the following Edict to all the Lodges in the Province of Quebec, and at the same time forwarded copies to all the Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, and District Deputy Grand Masters of the various Districts throughout our jurisdiction:

To the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Officers of Lodges, and all Masonic Brethren, to whom these presents may come,—

GREETING:

Whereas, it is within my knowledge, that certain brethren are agitating the question of the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec, (that Province being within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada,) and have held unauthorized and clandestine meetings for the purpose of promoting said object; at which meetings arrangements were made for calling what is termed "*a Convention*," to be held in Montreal, on the 20th inst.

And whereas, these meetings have been called and held, contrary to the known opinions and wishes of the existing Masonic Authorities, and inasmuch as the objects contemplated thereby are of a nature calculated to destroy the peace, harmony and unity of the Fraternity.

Therefore, by the authority vested in me, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. and A. M., having supreme Masonic Jurisdiction within the territory for which another Grand Lodge is sought to be established, I do, by these presents, hereby expressly *prohibit* any of the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens or Brethren connected with any Lodge hailing from and being under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, from attending such so-called "Convention," or taking any part whatever in any other meeting which may be hereafter called for a similar object; and I do further enjoin upon all the Brethren within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to abstain from further agitation of this question until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

Masters of Lodges will, on receipt hereof, summon a meeting of their respective Lodges, at the earliest possible date, for the purpose of reading this Edict, in open Lodge, so that all the brethren may govern themselves accordingly.

Given at the office of the Grand Master, in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, this Twelfth day of October, A. D. 1869, A. L. 5869.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

I had hoped that this would have had the effect of postponing any action being taken on the subject, but the following document which was placed in my hands three days afterwards, will shew to Grand Lodge, not only the spirit in which it was received, but also the temper manifested by the chief promoters of the scheme.

To the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Officers and other Brethren of the several Lodges of A. F. and A. M. in the Province of Quebec:

BRETHREN,—Whereas an instrument in writing, purporting to be an edict of the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, has been recently issued, with the view to prohibit and deter Masons from using and exercising their just and inherent rights, and to attend a certain meeting called to consider the present state of Masony in the Province of Quebec, &c., &c. (See Circular dated 30th September, 1869, and signed by the undersigned and others.)

Therefore we, the undersigned, hereby respectfully beg to warn you against said instrument, the said being informal, illegal, and unconstitutional, *not having the Grand Lodge Seal affixed thereto.*

The undersigned respectfully request that, notwithstanding any improper attempt to coerce, the Brethren of your Lodge will not be deterred from attending the meeting above referred to.

J. H. ISAACSON, P. D. D. G. M.
ALEX. MURRAY, P. D. D. G. M.
THOS. MILTON, P. M.

Montreal, October 15, 1869.

On the 14th October, R. W. Bro. M. Gutman, D. D. G. M. for Montreal District, attended in his official capacity, the regular communication of Zetland Lodge, No. 21, for the purpose of reading the above Edict and performing the work of the Lodge, (the W. M. being absent from the country,) and on that occasion was so grossly insulted, his right to occupy the chair called in question in the most insolent and defiant manner, the Edict of the Grand Master being sneered at, and pronounced illegal and worthless, and the conduct of the members present being generally so contumacious, that he felt it to be his duty to suspend the Lodge and take possession of its warrant. His report, delivered to me the following morning, is as under:

MONTREAL, October 15th, 1869.

A. A. STEVENSON, ESQ.,
M. W. Grand Master G. L., Canada,

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BRO.,—I hasten to inform you that at the Regular Communication of Zetland Lodge, No. 21, held last evening, at Masonic Hall, Place D'Armes, I had the honor of presiding—the W. M. being absent in the United States. After considerable delay, and repeated calls for the officers to take their respective stations, I succeeded in getting the Lodge opened. A series of indignities was offered to the high office which I have the honor to hold; my right to preside was questioned, &c., &c. I succeeded, however, in maintaining order until after reading your Edict, forbidding the brethren to attend the so-called "Convention," to be held on the 20th inst. R. W. Bro. Isaacson arose, and stated that said Edict was illegal, lacking the Grand Lodge Seal; that what that document characterised as illegal he stated to the Lodge was *perfectly legal*; that he trusted the members of "Zetland" would not be intimidated by such a worthless piece of paper, &c., &c. After he had finished a speech of a rebellious and unmasonic tenor, I was greatly surprised and pained to find the members present endorse these seditious remarks by a unanimous and uproarious applause. I therefore felt it my painful duty to suspend said Lodge, which I accordingly did, taking charge of the warrant; and shall be glad if you will kindly appoint an hour when you will be pleased to receive this document from me. I need scarcely dwell upon the dreadful scene of uproar and confusion that followed my action; some of the

members rushing at me with clenched fists, threatening personal violence, which, I am satisfied, was only prevented by the prompt and timely interposition of M. W. Bro. Bernard and one or two others who were present.

I have the honor to be, Dear Sir and M. W. Brother,

Very truly and fraternally yours,

M. GUTMAN,
D. D. G. M. Montreal District.

On the afternoon of Saturday, the 16th October, the Warrant of the Lodge of Antiquity (of which R. W. Bro. Gutman is W. M.) was stolen or abstracted from the Lodge-room, where it had been used at an Emergent Communication of the Lodge held on the previous evening. The connection between the suspension of Zetland Lodge and this act of larceny, is apparent from a document received by me on the 18th, of which the following is a copy:

MONTREAL, 18th Oct., 1869.

A. A. Stevenson, Esq.,

SIR,—Unless the Warrant of Zetland Lodge be replaced in the hands of its Senior Warden not later than Tuesday next at noon, an important (?) masonic DOCUMENT now missing, will be *non est inventus*. The missing document to be sent by post to any officer indicated at the time.

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I had no doubt as to the author of this production, but deemed it best, in view of the excited state of feeling which then existed, to allow the matter to lay over for a time, trusting that, on reflection, his own sense of duty and propriety would lead him to see the folly of the act, and induce a restitution of the document. So far, however, nothing has been heard from him on the subject. I authorised R. W. Bro. Gutman, the W.M., to continue the work of the Lodge of Antiquity as heretofore, and in case the Warrant should not be restored, a duplicate would be granted by this Grand Lodge.

On the 19th of October, having obtained evidence that Montreal Kilwinning Lodge had appointed delegates to the proposed Convention, I considered it to be my duty to suspend the Lodge, and accordingly issued the following Edict:

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY CONCERN, GREETING.

Whereas, it appears that at the last Regular Communication of Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, No. 124, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. and A. M., a resolution was duly proposed, seconded and adopted, appointing certain brethren, members of said Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, to represent that Lodge at a so-called "Convention," to be held in Montreal, on the 20th instant, for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec, which Province is situated and included within the Territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, under whose warrant and authority the said Montreal Kilwinning Lodge has heretofore existed; and

Whereas, the adoption of the aforesaid Resolution, instructing the representatives named therein, to use their best endeavors to organize a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec, is an overt act of rebellion against the authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada in this Province, and is a practical renunciation of, and withdrawal from, the allegiance due by the members of Montreal Kilwinning Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Canada;

Therefore, in virtue of the power vested in me, as Grand Master, I do hereby suspend the Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, No. 124, G. R. C., until the Grand Lodge of Canada shall have taken action thereon, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Master. In consequence of this suspension, I furthermore demand on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada, from W. Bro. John P. Peavey, heretofore Worshipful Master of Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, No. 124, R. C., the immediate surrender of the warrant, books, papers and other property of the aforesaid Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, to be disposed of as the M. W. the Grand Master of Canada may hereafter determine.

R. W. Bro. M. Gutman, D. D. G. M. for the District of Montreal, is hereby empowered and required to serve this Edict upon W. Bro. John P. Peavey aforesaid, and to make the demand aforesaid.

Thus done at the office of the Grand Master, in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, this Nineteenth day of October, 1869.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

The D. D. G. M. served the Edict upon W. Bro. Peavey, as appears from his report, which is as follows:

MONTREAL, October 22nd, 1869.

A. A. STEVENSON, Esq.,
M. W. Grand Master G. L. C.

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BRO.,—I have the honor to inform you that I duly served your Edict of Suspension on Bro. J. P. Peavey, late W. M. of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 124, R. C., which Edict likewise covered the suspension of said Lodge, and in obedience to your commands, did demand of Bro. J. P. Peavey a surrender of the warrant, books, papers, &c., formerly the property of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 124 R. C. In reply to my demand for said documents, he answered: "I decline to deliver them until the Lodge decides it has no further use for them."

I have the honor to remain, Dear Sir and M. W. Bro.

Very truly and fraternally, your obedient servant,

M. GUTMAN, D.D.G.M.
Montreal District.

I take this opportunity of correcting an error which I find prevails amongst our Brethren in the western portion of our jurisdiction. It appears to be understood there that the suspension of Brethren and Lodges took place *after* the organization of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. This, however, as will be seen from the foregoing, is not the case. These suspensions were all issued before the Convention was held,—the latest being the 19th of October. No official action of that nature has been taken by me since that date.

On the 20th of October, I had the pleasure of meeting in this city, M. W. Bro. Hall, the Grand Master of Vermont, who had been waited upon at his residence, Swanton, Vt., by a deputation from Montreal, who had strongly urged that M. W. Bro. to come here, to install the officers of the

so-called Grand Lodge, which they intended to form. Learning that a difference of opinion existed on the subject, he thought it advisable to pay us a visit, and inform himself fully upon the subject. In company with M. W. Bro. Bernard, P. G. M., the representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, near the Grand Lodge of Canada, we enjoyed an exceedingly pleasant and, I trust, profitable interview. M. W. Bro. Hall did not attend the Convention, but returned home early next day; a very favorable impression having been produced upon all with whom he came in contact during his brief sojourn among us.

The Convention met in the evening of the 20th October, in the British Masonic Chambers, one of its first acts being the setting aside the suspension of Zetland Lodge as null and void, declaring it yet in good standing, and entitled to representation at that convention. A so-called Grand Lodge, for the Province of Quebec, was subsequently formed, and officers elected and installed, as appeared from the following extract from the Montreal papers of the 22nd October:

"MASONIC.—We learn that the convention of the several lodges of A. F. and A. M., in the Province of Quebec, holden at the British Masonic Chambers, Montreal, on the 20th and 21st of October, inst., pursuant to the circulars in that behalf issued, has resulted in the formation of a Grand Lodge for the said Province of Quebec.

The convention was very largely attended, and the following Lodges were represented, viz.:

St. John's, No. 182, R. E., Quebec.
St. George, No. 440, R. E., Montreal.
St. Andrew's, No. 356, R. S., Quebec.
Prevost, No. 1, R. C., Dunham.
Golden Rule, No. 12, R. C., Stanstead.
St. Francis, No. 61, R. C., Richmond.
Stanbridge, No. 117, R. C., Stanbridge.
Victoria, No. 71, R. C., Sherbrooke.
Kilwinning, No. 124, R. C., Montreal.
Yamaska, No. 130, R. C., Granby.
Shawenegam, No. 134, R. C., Three Rivers.
Browne, No. 163, R. C., West Farnham.

Royal Albert, No. 167, R. C., Montreal.
Victoria, No. 173, R. C., Montreal.
Ascot, No. 188, R. C., Lennoxville.
Ashlar, No. 191, R. C., Coaticook.
Frelighsburgh, No. 199, R. C., Frelighsburgh.
Mount Royal, No. 202, R. C., Montreal.
Doric, No. 204, R. C., Danville.
Tuscan, No. 182, R. C., Levis.
Zetland, No. 21, R. C., Montreal.

The following Brethren were duly elected and installed officers of said Grand Lodge:

M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, L. L. D., P. D. G. M., E. T. D., (Richmond) G. M.
R. W. Bro. J. S. Bowen, P. M., (Quebec), D. G. M.
" " " M. R. Meigs, P. M., (Bedford), G. S. W.
" " " J. P. Peavey, W. M., (Montreal) G. J. W.
" " " Frank Edgar, (Montreal), D.D.G.M., M.D.
" " " W. B. Colby, (Stanstead), D.D.G.M., St. F. D.
" " " H. P. Leggett, (Quebec), D.D.G.M. Stadacona D.
" " " Hon. Thos. Wood, (Dunham), D.D.G.M. Bedford District.
" " " Rev. C. P. Reid, M. A., (Sherbrooke), G. Chap.
" " " S. McClung, (Three Rivers) G. Registrar.
" " " Edson Kemp, (Nelsonville), G. Secretary.
" " " W. B. Seeley, (Dunham), G. Tyler.
V. " " H. M. Alexander, (Montreal), G. S. D.
" " " John Breakey, (Quebec), G. J. D.
" " " Charles Storer (Montreal), G. S. B.
" " " A. W. Alexander, M. D., (Richmond), G. D. C.
" " " Charles McKenzie, (Quebec), Assistant do.
" " " Charles Alexander, (Montreal), G. Organist.
" " " James Reynor, (Three Rivers), Assistant do.
" " " R. C. Parsons, (Stanstead), Grand Steward.
" " " T. Leet, (Richmond), do.
" " " L. J. Foss, (Sherbrooke), do.
" " " James Eddie, (Lennoxville), do.
" " " Geo. Woods, M. D., (Coaticook) do.
" " " C. P. Tabor, (Farnham), do.
" " " Charles Rice, (Stanbridge), do.
" " " C. S. Rowe, (Clarenceville), do.
" " " R. Marvin, (Frelighsburgh), do.
" " " J. H. Bartlett, (Granby), do.
" " " Wm. Armstrong, (Montreal), do.

It will be observed that out of the first eleven names on this list, eight were at that time, and are still, suspended masons, and all the so-called officers were installed by a P. D. D. G. M. himself, also, both then and now, a suspended mason.

On the 21st October, I instructed Grand Secretary to issue a circular to all our sister Grand Lodges, of which the following is a copy:

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. AND A. MASONS OF CANADA,

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Hamilton, 25th October, 1869.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren, of the Grand Lodge of———

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor, by command of the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to bring to the notice of your Grand Lodge the existence of a rebellious and seditious movement by certain malcontent Brethren in the Province of Quebec, with the object and aim of establishing a *second* Grand Lodge within our territorial jurisdiction, the supreme control over which has been recognised and accorded to this Grand Lodge by every Grand Lodge in the world.

These rebellious Brethren, many of whom are under suspension, called a Convention, which met in the City of Montreal on the 20th instant, (at which the public prints report there were about twenty Lodges represented, less than one-half of the Lodges in that portion of our jurisdiction, and two of the Lodges mentioned had been suspended for the contumacious conduct of its members)—and formed a so-called Grand Lodge, electing officers, &c., &c. In the same report it is stated that Bro. J. H. Graham, of Richmond, was elected Grand Master, and Brother Edson Kemp, of Nelsonville, Grand Secretary, &c. Doubtless this pretended organization will shortly make application to your M. W. Grand Lodge for recognition, counsel, and support. The Grand Lodge of Canada is preparing a circular which it is intended shall be sent to all the Grand Lodges with which it is in friendly and fraternal correspondence, containing full and complete information in regard to this most unmasonic and unconstitutional movement; and pending its

reception, I am to express the hope that your Grand Lodge will in no manner accord a recognition to this irregular and clandestine organization.

I have the honor to remain,

Your obedient servant and Brother,

THOS. B. HARRIS,
G. Sec. Grand Lodge of Canada.

On the 23rd of October, I issued letters to each of the D. D. G. Masters in the Province of Quebec, requesting them to obtain at the earliest possible moment, a statement of the number of Lodges in their respective Districts which had taken action on this question, and to forward me a certified copy of the proceedings had in each case, so as to enable me to ascertain the exact position of every Lodge in the Province. From R. W. Bros. Walker and Gutman (Quebec and Montreal,) I received prompt and satisfactory replies. From R. W. Bro. Stearns I learn by his letter of November 25th, that the Lodges in his district, (six, I think, in number) have taken action "in favor of the Grand Lodge of Quebec," and he further informs me that "circumstances have prevented him from obtaining all the information I required." From R. W. Bro. Robinson, I have received a communication which I give entire, as it refers to the fact of his being about to leave Canada, a circumstance which, I feel certain, will be deeply regretted by every member of this Grand Lodge. That R. W. Brother was eminently distinguished for his zeal in the cause of Freemasonry, and labored most indefatigably to promote its interests. To this Grand Lodge he was a peculiarly valuable officer, cheerfully giving his time and talents whenever required, to further every measure calculated to promote its prosperity and advancement. Whilst regretting the removal from amongst us, of so worthy a brother in every respect, we can confidently assure him that the recollection of his labors here will not soon be forgotten, and that he carries with him our most sincere fraternal wishes for his increased prosperity and usefulness in the new sphere to which he is shortly to be called.

His letter is as follows:

WATERLOO, Quebec, 25th Nov., 1869.

MY DEAR SIR AND M.W. BRO.—Your telegram has just been handed me on my return home, and I regret very much to have troubled you in asking for a reply to your letter of the 23rd ult. It came just as I was leaving for the United States, and I had not time then to attend to your instructions, but have since done so, and had hoped for replies in time to write you by Saturday's mail. At any rate I should have written you then. I have not visited Prevost and Stanbridge Lodges, as directed in your letter of the 16th ult., as I was informed by one of them, through a Past Master, that I would not be received other than as a visiting brother. I wrote to the Secretaries of the Lodges that took part in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, asking them to send me certified copies of *all* the proceedings of their Lodges in reference thereto, which I will send you as soon as received.

The regalia is still in my possession. Efforts have been made to obtain it not at all creditable to the party who asked for it; but I will forward it to you.

I regret to say that I shall be unable to attend the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge next week, for I have to-day received a letter calling me to Baltimore on business.

I have also to add that I do not expect to return until about Christmas, and then only to remain a short time before finally leaving the country; so that I beg to tender you my resignation of the office of D. D. G. M. of the Bedford District.

I am very sorry not to have rendered more service to the Craft since my appointment, which I should not have accepted, had I, at the time, contemplated leaving the country.

I trust that the present difficulties may be amicably settled, and that the Brethren may all return to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Please accept my thanks for your regret at my leaving the country, and my assurance of esteem and regard for you as a friend as well as a Brother Mason.

Fraternally yours,

H. L. ROBINSON,
D. D. G. M. Bedford District.

A. A. STEVENSON, Esq., G. M. Grand Lodge of Canada.

On the 27th of October, I found it advisible to depute R. W. Bro. Gutman to proceed to Three Rivers, to investigate into a complaint which had been made by certain of the Brethren of Shawenegam Lodge, No. 134. That R. W. Bro. fulfilled the task assigned him in a manner which met my warmest approval, and, on his return, he reported that the Warrant of that Lodge had also been abstracted from its usual place of deposit. In this case I gave the same authority as in the case of Lodge of Antiquity. Should the Warrant be retained for any length of time, a duplicate will of course, be granted.

From the foregoing you will have learned something of the recent movement; a few words will now be in place regarding its extent.

In October last, there existed in the Province of Quebec 39 Lodges. Of these, 32 were under our jurisdiction; 5 under English jurisdiction (permitted by virtue of an arrangement entered into between the Grand Masters of England and Canada, in 1859); and 2 under Scotland. Total, 39.

Of this number, 21 were *reported* to have been represented at the Convention which organised the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, two of which were under suspension at the time. Many of these Lodges, however, never gave any authority to be so represented—or rather, I should say, *mis-represented*. This was principally done by Past Masters or Masters who attended the Convention, and took part in its proceedings, in the hope of getting their action afterwards endorsed by their respective Lodges. In other instances, a majority vote was considered sufficient to carry over the Lodge, and it was most assiduously instilled into the membership that it was the duty of every Mason to acquiesce in such a vote when duly passed; although the parties who taught such doctrine knew perfectly well that a majority, however large, cannot, and never could, transfer

the allegiance of a Masonic Lodge. Several of the Lodges reported to have been "*represented*" at the Convention, have since expressly repudiated all connection with the new movement, and remain true to their allegiance with this Grand Lodge. Of these, I may name Shawenegam, No. 134, Three Rivers, and Victoria, No. 173, Montreal. Mount Royal, No. 202, Montreal, I am positively assured, is now unanimous on the subject of remaining under the Grand Lodge of Canada, and will take action accordingly at its next meeting. St. George's, No. 440, E. R., Montreal, had only appointed a committee to watch the proceedings and report; but the members of the Lodge do not intend to commit themselves to the Quebec scheme. A number of the members of Zetland Lodge have presented me with the following petition:

MONTREAL, NOV. 15TH, 1869.

A. A. STEVENSON, ESQ.,

Most Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada,

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER.

The undersigned members of Zetland Lodge, No. 21, C. R., beg respectfully to represent, that at the regular communication of that Lodge, held on October 14th, the District Deputy Grand Master, on account of insulting and contumacious conduct of certain of the members, suspended the Lodge, and took possession of its Warrant.

They also avail themselves of this occasion to express their regret that any indignity or insult should have been offered to either the District Deputy Grand Master, or any other masonic authority.

They further state that at the time referred to, several Brethren, whose names are hereunto appended, held opinions favorable to the establishment of an Independent Grand Lodge for this Province; but after careful consideration, they are convinced that the proceedings adopted on the 20th ult., having that object in view, were of a precipitate and unmasonic character, and do not meet with their approval.

They therefore request that the aforesaid suspension, so far as it applies to them, may be removed, and that they may be permitted to continue the work of Zetland Lodge, as heretofore, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada; and inasmuch as the Worshipful Master is absent

from the Province, and both of the Wardens are ostensibly working under what they call another Masonic Jurisdiction, they have further to request that you will appoint such Brethren as you may think properly qualified to discharge the duties of Master and Wardens for the time being.

We remain, Most Worshipful Sir and Bro.,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ALEX. HOLMES.
JAMES HENDERSON, M. M.
J. G. A. LEBLANC, M. M.
J. S. MARCOU, M. M.
A. J. CAMPBELL, M. M.
C. BERGER, M. M.
GEO. FLETCHER, M. M.
HENRY MILLEN, M. M.
J. L. TETU, M. M.
A. H. LOWDEN, M. M.
F. A. SPAULDING, M. M.
C. P. NAIGLE, M. M.
JAMES H. WELSH, M. M.
GEO. BLACK, M. M.
A. BERNARD, P. G. M.

In regard to which I issued the following:—

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,—

GREETING:

Whereas a memorial has been presented to me, bearing the signature of a number of Brethren, members of Zetland Lodge, No. 21, C. R., setting forth the fact of that Lodge having been suspended on the 14th of October, by the District Deputy Grand Master for the Montreal District, expressing regret for the insulting and contumacious conduct which gave occasion for the suspension, and praying "that the aforesaid suspension, so far as it applies to the "memoralists, may be removed, and that they may be "permitted to continue the work of Zetland Lodge, as here- "tofore, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of "Canada," &c., &c., &c.; and having given the memorial due consideration, I do, by these presents, *exempt* and *release* from the operation, consequences, and effects of the suspension aforesaid, the following Brethren, namely: Brothers Alexander Holmes, James Henderson, Joseph G. A. LeBlanc, J. L. Marcou, A. S. Campbell, Charles Berger, George

Fletcher, Henry Millen, A. H. Lowden, Fred. A. Spaulding, James H. Welsh and Geo. Black, who, together with M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, P. G. M., R. W. Bro. Edwin Morris, P. D. D. G. M., Bros. J. L. Tetu and C. P. Naigle, formerly exempted and released from the suspension aforesaid, are hereby permitted and empowered to continue the work of Zetland Lodge, under the Warrant of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Furthermore, for the reasons stated by the memoalists, I hereby nominate and appoint R.W. Bro. M. Gutman, D. D. G. M., and Bros. James Henderson and Joseph G. A. LeBlanc, to act as Worshipful Master and Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, of Zetland Lodge, No. 21, R. C., until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed in their stead. The suspension is to continue in full force and effect towards all the members whose names are not mentioned in this Edict.

This done at the office of the Grand Master, in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, this Eighteenth day of November, 5869.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

As far as numbers are concerned at the present time, the case stands thus:

Lodges under our jurisdiction	18
do under English, as before explained	4
do do Scotland do do	1
Total	23

The others, so far as I know, are in sympathy with the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, but it ought to be mentioned that these Lodges are nearly all located in the Eastern Townships; a District presided over for several years by a D. D. G. M., who, I am informed, lost no opportunity during his official visits of urging upon the members of his Lodges the necessity and importance of withdrawing their allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and setting up an establishment of their own. It may also be stated that in nearly every Lodge adhering to that establishment, there are members who do not approve of the action taken by

their Lodges, but who have not yet felt themselves in a position to oppose it in the manner which it is very probable they will shortly attempt. Meantime the re-action is setting in strongly, scarcely a day passing without some application being made by Brethren for information on the subject, and whilst large numbers disapprove in toto of the idea of a separate Grand Lodge, a still greater number condemn the mode by which it has been attempted to be carried out.

The so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, has not yet, so far as I am aware, issued any manifesto to explain their position or to seek for recognition, but a document has been placed before me, which is addressed "*To the Brethren of the several Lodges of A. F. and A. M., of the Province of Ontario,*" bearing the signatures of 16 Brethren residing in the City of Montreal, (9 of whom are under suspension,) and although it purports to emanate from them, and to be circulated solely "on their own responsibility," it may, nevertheless, be taken as a statement of their case; these Brethren having, with a few others, been the chief promoters of the scheme. As its circulation has been confined, for the most part, to the Province of Ontario, I will be compelled, even at the risk of wearying your patience, to read the document, in order to make comments on such portions of it, as in my judgment require notice. Though issued as a "statement of facts," it yet contains many statements worthy of notice, but which are, however, not "facts," according to the usual and obvious meaning of that term. Its sections being numbered, are convenient for reference and comment, and will now be considered seriatim:

The introduction and first section read thus:

To the Brethren of the several Lodges of A. F. and A. M. of the Province of Ontario.

MONTREAL, November 18th, 1869.

We, the subscribers, Officers of Lodges in the City of Montreal, having reason to believe that untrue reports have been circulated among our Brethren in the Province of

Ontario, in reference to the recent action of the Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec, beg to submit the following statement of facts, for the consideration of the Masons of the Province of Ontario:

1. That at the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and afterwards, and at the time of the Confederation of the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, in the Dominion of Canada, the Lodges in the Province of Quebec were under four separate governments, viz.: the majority of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, two Lodges, one in Quebec and one in Montreal, under the jurisdiction and in direct correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Scotland; three Lodges in Montreal, under the jurisdiction and in direct correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England; and a Provincial Grand Lodge at the City of Quebec, under the Grand Lodge of England, with a Provincial Grand Master, Grand Wardens and other Grand Officers, having jurisdiction over several Lodges in the City and District of Quebec. These Lodges were all acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and all the efforts of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to induce the Lodges under foreign jurisdiction to unite under one common Government, have never been attended with success.

NOTE. No. 1.—This clause is speciously drawn, and is calculated to convey an incorrect impression. The idea of concurrent jurisdiction, though not expressly stated, is left to be inferred. Indeed, to any one unacquainted with the position occupied by the few Lodges working by permission under foreign jurisdiction, no other conclusion could be drawn than that this territory was *unoccupied*, that is to say, each of these Grand Lodges had an equal right to plant Lodges here and to exercise Masonic authority. The Lodges working under England and in direct connection therewith, and those working under England and corresponding through the Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec are set down in this paragraph as being separate Governments, whereas it is well known that these Lodges were under *one masonic government*, the Grand Lodge of England, by permission, as is explained below. The fact is beyond dispute that the Grand Lodge of Canada is, and has been, since its organization in 1855, the only supreme Masonic authority in

and over the territory formerly known as Upper and Lower Canada, now known as Ontario and Quebec. At the time of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada by the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Master of England stipulated with the Grand Master of Canada that the Lodges which still adhered to the Grand Lodge of England, (6 of which were located in Lower Canada, and 3 or 4 in Upper Canada) should be permitted to work under England, so long as the membership of there Lodges desired so to do. Under this permission they have continued to work. But the Grand Lodge of Canada, so far as I can discover, has never taken any action thereon, and no efforts having been made by that body in the direction indicated, the failure alluded to in the last sentence proves to be only a pleasant fiction.

2.—That the Act of Confederation in dissolving the Legislature Union which existed between Upper and Lower Canada, place the then created Provinces of Ontario and Quebec in the position of unoccupied territory in reference to Free Masonry; that this is acknowledged by the best Masonic authorities as in accordance with Masonic law on the subject, and in strict accordance with the precedents established in the United States.

NOTE, No. 2.—The point involved in the 1st part of this section will be taken up when considering the question of the legality of the position taken by these Brethren.

3.—That the fact stated in the last section was recognised by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, at their first meeting after the passing of the Act of Confederation, viz., at Kingston, in July, 1867, as will be seen from the following extracts from the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge at that Communication.

Copy of part of G. M. Wilson's address:

A GENERAL GRAND LODGE.

"The new state of political existence upon which we are now entering, necessarily brings up for our consideration, the effect which it must to some extent, have upon our position as a Grand Lodge. The name, by which, for many years, we have been known and recognised in the Masonic

world, becomes now, it is claimed a misnomer. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, which has supreme authority in that section of the new Dominion, is as much a Grand Lodge of Canada as we ourselves are. The distinguished Brother who presided at your last annual meeting approved of the idea of a General Grand Lodge, having Provincial Grand Lodges in each Province, and the Board of General Purposes to whom the subject was referred, also reported favorably upon the suggestion made by my Most Worshipful predecessor, but at the same time advised that no immediate action be taken in the matter. What at that time was only an anticipation, has become a reality; and while I readily admit that there is something peculiarly pleasing in the idea of uniting all the members of our fraternity, who reside in the various Provinces now confederated together, into one grand body; and while contemplating also the probability of important territorial additions still to be made to the new Dominion, I must confess that I entertain grave doubts whether a union, embracing such an immense extent of country, would have a tendency to promote the advancement of the best interests of Masonry on this continent. In Great Britain, as you are well aware, there is no General Grand Lodge; and in the neighbouring Republic, each State has a Grand Lodge which exercises supreme Masonic authority in her own jurisdiction. In the year 1859, the subject of a General Grand Lodge for the United States was brought before a Committee of Grand Officers for consideration, and by referring to my address of that year, you will find that I at that time expressed the opinion, that the creation of a General Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over the several States of the Union would neither be expedient nor desirable.

In submitting, however, the whole subject to your careful consideration, I do not wish it to be understood that I either decidedly oppose or approve of the suggestion which has been made. All I mean to convey to you is, that thus far I have not been able to satisfy my own mind, as to the wisest course to be pursued under our present circumstances. But I earnestly request for it, that thoughtful and calm investigation which the great importance of the matter imperatively requires at your hands; and I would suggest, that its consideration be referred to a special committee, who may be able to report during the present session.

Copy of resolution carried in Grand Lodge:

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson:

That so much of the M. W. the Grand Master's address as has reference to the present position of the Grand Lodge, and the establishment of a Grand Lodge for the Dominion of Canada, be referred to a Special Committee to be appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master,—the remaining portion thereof to the Board of General Purposes.

In amendment,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. DeGrassi:

That the whole of the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

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

A vote of Grand Lodge was taken on the original resolution, it was declared in the affirmative.

Copy of the report of Committee:

The Special Committee to whom had been referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address having reference to the position of the Grand Lodge, submitted the following

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled:

M. W. Sir, Officers and Brethren,—Your Committee, whom the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, in accordance with the vote of Grand Lodge, was pleased to appoint to take into consideration that portion of his address having reference to the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Dominion of Canada, beg leave to report, that having taken into their most careful and mature consideration that portion of the M. W. the G. M.'s address referred to them, have arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of Freemasonry require that the present position, standing, and name of this Grand Lodge be maintained; trusting that the love of union, and a sincere desire to promote the best interests of Masonry, will induce the members of our Fraternity residing in other parts of the New Dominion eventually to unite with us in securing a harmonious and

supreme Masonic government in the Dominion of Canada. And in order that this Grand Lodge may be perfectly cognizant of the mode in which your Committee arrived at this conclusion, they submit for the information of Grand Lodge, a transcript of their proceedings.

"It was moved by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, W. M. Wilson, and seconded by the Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, W. B. Simpson:

"That this Committee having anxiously and most carefully considered all the circumstances connected with the recently political change that has taken place, having arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of Masonry require that the present position, standing and name of this Grand Lodge be maintained; trusting that the love of union and a sincere desire to promote the best interests of Masonry, will induce the members of our Fraternity residing in other parts of the Dominion eventually to unite with us in securing a harmonious and supreme Masonic government in Canada."

"In amendment to the above, it was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, D. G. M., and seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, D. D. G. M., E. T. D., that all the words in the foregoing resolution after "require" be left out and the following words inserted, so that the whole would read thus:

"That this Committee, having anxiously and most carefully considered all the circumstances connected with the recent political change that has taken place, have arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of Masonry require the organization of a Grand Lodge in each of the four Provinces now constituting the Dominion of Canada, being satisfied that this course would be strictly in accordance with the laws and regulations of Freemasonry respecting the establishment of Grand Lodges, and believing that a more substantial union would thereby be secured; and also that the affairs of the Craft would be much more effectively and economically managed by this method than by any other."

"On division, the following vote was taken on the amendment:

"*Yeas*—M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, D. D. G. M.

"*Nays*—M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, G. M.; M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. James Moffat, P. D. D. G. M.

"The above vote having been declared, M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, P. G. M., Chairman of the Committee, voted 'nay.'

"On division, the following vote was then taken on the resolution:

"*Yeas*—Brothers Wilson, Simpson and Moffat.

"*Nays*—Brothers Bernard, Stevenson and Graham.

"The foregoing vote having been declared, M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington voted 'yea.' Thus the original motion was carried by a majority of one.

"Signed by all the members of the Committee.

J. H. GRAHAM, D.D.G.M., E.T.D.,
Sec. for Committee.

"It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Moffat:

"That the foregoing report be received and adopted."

NOTE, No. 3.—This section consists mainly of extracts from the proceedings from the Grand Lodge of Canada at the annual communication held in Kingston in 1867, which simply go to prove that the M. W. the then Grand Master, in his annual address, requested Grand Lodge to consider the effect which the then recent political changes would have upon our position as a Grand Lodge, expressly stating, that so far, he had not been able to satisfy his own mind as to the wisest course to be pursued. A special committee was named to consider the subject. The majority of the committee were in favor of the ultimate establishment of a Grand Lodge for the Dominion, the minority, if a change was to be made, preferred a Grand Lodge for each of the Provinces. It appears the whole committee signed the report, embodying the views of the majority. It should be explained in this connection that the question discussed in committee was simply this: a Dominion Grand Lodge, or a

Grand Lodge for each of the Provinces. It was also perfectly understood when the committee rose, that some alterations were to have been made in the wording of the amendment, previous to submitting it to Grand Lodge, but owing to the mover having been suddenly attacked with illness, he had not an opportunity of making the necessary corrections. Whatever changes were made therein were not made by him, and from the cause above stated, not being present in Grand Lodge when the report was submitted, the matter was overlooked until some time after the proceedings were published. It was not considered of sufficient importance to be specially alluded to at subsequent communications, the agitation for a Dominion Grand Lodge having been discontinued, and this is the first opportunity which has presented itself where the explanation could be made.

4. That the Masons from the Province of Quebec in the Grand Lodge of Canada; then consented to the postponement of the question for a time, at the urgent request of the Masons of the Province of Ontario, and G. M. Wilson, in consideration of their having done so, promised to a number of the Brethren from Quebec that, if at any time they had reason to believe that any of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland or England intended to form a Grand Lodge of Quebec (which they had a right to do,) that he would summon a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and arrange an amicable separation.

NOTE, No. 4. The postponement referred to, was accomplished by a distinct vote of Grand Lodge, as appears from the printed proceedings of that year, (1867). The promise said to have been given by our most distinguished Brother, P. G. M. Wilson, is so utterly at variance with the views which he has uniformly expressed, that I am morally certain that an injustice has been done him by the publication of the above sentence. I am convinced he has either been misunderstood or his remarks have been misinterpreted.

5. That no further action has been taken by the Masons of Quebec till just previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada in July, 1868, but that, in that month R. W. Bro. Borlase, P. D. D. G. M., E.T.D., invited the Brethren

of all the Lodges in the Province of Quebec to meet in the City of Montreal and discuss the question. The meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, and representatives attended from a large number of Lodges. It was then resolved that, as the action of the Masons of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in forming Grand Lodges for these Provinces had rendered the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Dominion impracticable, that it was advisable that immediate action should be taken to unite all the different jurisdictions in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario under two separate Grand Lodges, and the representatives to the Grand Lodge of Canada, from Quebec, were instructed to bring this matter before the Grand Lodge in London, and to take immediate action thereon. That when the representatives from the Province of Quebec to Grand Lodge met in London, it was stated to them that it was the earnest desire of the most prominent Masons of Ontario that the separation should still be delayed for a time, and further that, as a security, that their rights would be respected in the meantime, it was the intention of the Masons from Ontario to elect one of their number as Grand Master. That the representatives from Quebec again consented to delay the settlement of the question for a short time on this consideration.

NOTE, No. 5. The interest which must necessarily attach itself to the arrangement mentioned in the last two sentences of this section, would have been greatly intensified, if the names had been added of those "*most prominent Masons of Ontario,*" who could thus barter the Grand Mastership for the purpose of prolonging the existence of this Grand Lodge for the short space of even one other year. Had such an arrangement been made, it would in my judgment, have been most discreditable to both parties concerned.

6. That, during the ensuing year, neither the Grand Lodge of Canada nor the Grand Master took any action in the matter. The Masons from Quebec, feeling that the Grand Master was charged with their interests, let the matter rest till the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Montreal, when they expected that all would be arranged and were fully convinced that the Masons of the Province of Ontario would be then ready to arrange an amicable separation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, its properties and funds, between the Freemasons of Quebec and Ontario; but

on the first day of the Session of Grand Lodge, they were astonished and surprised to find that the Grand Master refused even to allow the matter to be brought forward and discussed. That if it had not been from the fact that the Grand Lodge met in Montreal at the request of the Masons from the Province of Quebec, and were then the guests of the Montreal Brethren, the representatives from Quebec would have taken immediate action, but it was deemed best, and in true masonic spirit, not to interfere with the proceedings of Grand Lodge, but to meet together after the communication had concluded its labors, and decide what course would be then best to pursue.

NOTE, No. 6. Referring to the second sentence of this section, it will be sufficient to observe, that on the occasion alluded to, the question was incidentally brought before Grand Lodge, in a discussion originated by a most distinguished Brother, whose views are not in unison with the authors of the document now under review; and I gave it as my opinion then, that it was not competent for any delegate to Grand Lodge, of his own mere motion, to bring forward a resolution either to dismember the Grand Lodge or to extend its jurisdiction. I adhere to that opinion still.

7. That as soon as possible a meeting of the officers of the different Lodges was called, and a Committee named to carry out the resolution of the meeting, that immediate action be taken by the Masons of Quebec to assert their rights. Before this Committee had decided on the action they would advise, it was reported to them that the Lodges forming the Provincial Grand Lodge, under R. E. in Quebec had decided to immediately form themselves into a Grand Lodge of Quebec. From further information the Committee were assured that such was the case, and deputations from the Committee and the Provincial Grand Lodge met for consultation, and the Committee being fully convinced from the result of this meeting, that the Lodges forming the Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec, R. E., were decided to take immediate action, it was resolved to issue a joint invitation to all the Lodges in the Province of Quebec, to meet in the City of Montreal, and discuss the question at issue.

The following invitation was then sent to all the Lodges in the Province of Quebec:

[CIRCULAR.]

To the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Officers and other Brethren of the several Lodges of A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Quebec:

BRETHREN,—At a large and influential meeting of Brethren hailing from different Grand Lodge jurisdictions, —held in the City of Montreal, on the 12th day of August ult., and adjourned to, and held in the same place on the 24th day of September, inst., it was, after mature deliberation, unanimously resolved, that a circular be forwarded to all the Lodges in this Province, requesting them to be duly represented at a Convention to be held in the British Masonic Chambers, in the City of Montreal, on Wednesday the 20th day of October, at Seven o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of taking into consideration the present state of Free Masonry in this Province; and to proceed, if so decided, to the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec.

Therefore we, the undersigned, Free Masons in good standing, having been deputed by said meeting, do hereby request all the Lodges in this Province, to be duly and constitutionally represented at the Convention aforesaid, if practicable by *all* their Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens, for the important object above mentioned.

(Signed,)

J. H. GRAHAM, L.L.D., P.D.D.G.M., E.T.D.
J. H. ISAACSON, P.D.D.G.M., M.D.
G. H. BORLASE, P.D.D.G.M., E.T.D.
ALEX. MURRAY, P.D.D.G.M., M.D.
THOS. MILTON, P.M., St. Lawrence Lodge, 640 E.R.
THOS. WOOD, M.L.C., P.M., Provost Lodge, 1 C. R.
EDSON KEMP, W.M. do do do do
M. R. MEIGS, P.M., Stanbridge Lodge, 117 C.R.
C. A. RICE, W.M., do do do
J. S. BOWEN, P.M., St. Andrew's Lodge, 356 R.S.
H. P. LEGGATT, P.M., St. John's Lodge, 182 E.R.
GEORGE VEASEY, Treas., do do do
H. J. PRATTEN, P.M., St. Andrew's, 356 R.S.
J. P. PEAVEY, P.M., Kilwinning, 124 C.R.
CHAS. STORER, W.M., Mount Royal, 202 C.R.
H. ALEXANDER, W.M., Royal Albert, 167 C.R.
W. B. COLBY, P.M., Golden Rule, 12 C. R.

Montreal, September 30th, 1869.

NOTE, No. 7. The statements contained in the first paragraph of this section are open to grave doubt, from the fact that at the time referred to, there were only two Lodges (the Albion and St. John's) working under the G. L. of England in Quebec, the Charter of the third (the Alma) having been surrendered about a year ago, consequently *no Grand Lodge could possibly have been formed by the remaining two*, nor could a Provincial Grand Lodge even exist with less than three. It is also a fact that *only one* of these two Lodges had given in its adhesion to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and even against that, a protest was lodged by one or more of its loyal members.

8. That when the action of the Committee was reported to the meeting of Officers of Lodges, the meeting approved of that action; but being desirous of arranging matters in a proper Masonic manner, and having in view the assurance of G. Master Wilson given them in 1867, they appointed a deputation, consisting of W. Past Master Milton, of St. Lawrence Lodge, R. of England, and R. W. Bros. Isaacson, Murray and Graham, P. D. D. G. M.'s, to wait on the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and acquaint him with what had been done, and to ask his assistance and that of the Grand Lodge of Canada in arranging matters amicably with the Masons of Ontario, and further to request him to call a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for the consideration of the position. The deputation reported that they had done their duty, but that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, much to their surprise, refused to recognise the position of affairs, and refused to report the matter to the Grand Lodge of Canada, in communication, but, at their urgent request, he consented to give them an answer in a few days. The answer came in the form of a summons to appear before him and shew cause why they should not be suspended for violating their obligations as Masons.

In the interim, the circular had been issued to all the Lodges, and the Lodges proceeded to appoint delegates to the Convention. On the second Thursday in October, at the meeting of Zetland Lodge, Montreal, (the W. M. of which Lodge was absent in the Southern States by reason of ill-health,) the D. D. G. M. for the Montreal District (R. W. Bro. Gutman) assumed the chair of the Lodge, and refused to allow the Past Master to take the chair. When the

circular came up for consideration, he refused to allow it to be read, and presented an Edict from the Grand Master on the subject, and on the Past Master of the Lodge protesting against the receipt of the Edict as it had not the seal of the Grand Lodge attached, he, without any action or resolution of the Lodge, and without even asking the opinion of the members of the Lodge on the subject before them, assumed the power to suspend the Lodge, and took possession of the Warrant of the Lodge, and took it away with him.

NOTE, No. 8. The want of knowledge displayed by the author of this section, in regard to the powers and prerogatives of a District Deputy Grand Master, is truly lamentable; even the constitutional provisions respecting that officer seem to have been wholly unknown or entirely overlooked.

9. That this Edict of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, read at Zetland Lodge, threatened with suspension any Mason attending the Convention called for the 20th October.

NOTE, No. 9. Grand Lodge will have noticed that this statement is made without the slightest foundation. The Edict makes no allusion whatever to suspension, and contains no threats of any kind.

10. That on the 20th October, at the British Masonic Chambers, Montreal, the Convention of Lodges was held. Twenty-one Lodges out of the thirty-seven Lodges, of all jurisdictions, existing in the Province of Quebec, were represented by delegates at that Convention, and then and there acting under precedent established, Masonic Law, and the unanimous verdict of all living authorities who had been consulted on the subject, and whose views were placed before the Convention, the Grand Lodge of Quebec was duly constituted, and its officers invested and installed.

The subscribers have deemed it best on their own responsibility, and without the advice and influence of others, to place these facts before the F. and A. M. of the Province of Ontario without comment, further than to say that they consider the suspension of Lodges and Masons, for the action they have taken in this matter, as unwarranted, illegal, and unmasonic. And they are fully convinced that the Masons of Ontario will at once, and without delay, take

such action as will tend to an amicable settlement of the present unfortunate state of affairs, as it is for the interest of the Craft that the Masons of Ontario and Quebec should work together in peace and harmony.

The different Lodges which have met since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, have in every instance confirmed the action of their delegates, and the subscribers beg to assure the Masons of Ontario, to a large number of whom they are personally known, that the Masons of the Province of Quebec are unanimous (with a few exceptions) in their approval of the action of the Convention which formed the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

(Signed,)

JNO. HELDER ISAACSON, P.D.D.G.M., P. M. Zetland Lodge.
JOHN RENSHAW, P.G.J.W., P. M. Montreal Kilwinning Lodge.
ALEX. MURRAY, P.D.D.G.M., P. M. Victoria Lodge.
FRANK EDGAR, D.D.G.M., Royal Albert Lodge.
HENRY J. GEAR, Worshipful Master Victoria Lodge.
JOHN P. PEAVEY, W.M. Montreal Kilwinning Lodge.
HENRY M. ALEXANDER, W.M. Royal Albert Lodge.
CHAS. STORER, W. M. Mount Royal Lodge.
MATTHEW DOYLE, Senior Warden Zetland Lodge.
JOHN S. BARRIE, S. W. Montreal Kilwinning Lodge.
WM. MILLAR, S. W. Royal Albert Lodge.
J. THOMPSON McMINN, S. W. Victoria Lodge.
HENRY McVITTIE, J. W. Zetland Lodge.
JAMES GIBSON, J. W. Montreal Kilwinning Lodge.
J. JOSEPH BERNARD, J. W. Royal Albert Lodge.
ALEXANDER WATSON, J. W. Mount Royal Lodge.

NOTE, No. 10. Regarding the two concluding paragraphs, it need only be observed, that if it be desirable, as it most unquestionably is, "that the Masons of Ontario and Quebec should work together in peace and harmony," these Brethren have adopted a most singular method of manifesting their attachment to, and affection for, their Ontario Brethren, by rudely, rashly, and recklessly attempting to sever the Grand Lodge of Canada, in which both are united, and which has proved of such incalculable benefit to the Fraternity in both Provinces. Respecting the averments of the last sentence of this most impotent production, Grand Lodge

will have already perceived that several Lodges named in a preceding portion of this address, have *not* "confirmed," but on the contrary have repudiated "the action of their delegates," and that several others also named have taken the necessary steps to maintain their allegiance to this Grand Lodge.

Having thus placed before you such facts as appeared to me to be necessary to a clear understanding of the true position of affairs, it yet remains for me to submit as briefly as possible the views I entertain, after most anxious and careful consideration, in reference to the legality or expediency of the recent secession. When the Confederation Act came into operation in 1867, a very general feeling prevailed among the Fraternity within this jurisdiction, that the political changes then made, would to a greater or less degree affect our position as a Grand Lodge, and that a corresponding change would be necessary to adapt ourselves to the new state of affairs. This feeling gave rise to the discussion at Kingston, which has already been sufficiently alluded to. Many Brethren, who, at that time, held the opinion that we ought to make some change, were yet unable to adduce reasons sufficient to satisfy their own minds, on what ground such changes were rendered necessary. There were no precedents, so far as known, either in the Old World or on this Continent, and thus the solution of the problem was rendered much more difficult than it would otherwise have been. Since that period, it is within my knowledge, that some Brethren of eminence who then entertained such views as those above indicated, have, on mature reflection and a closer study of the case, been led to the conclusion that the political changes which took place in connection with the Confederation scheme, did not, in any manner or degree, alter or affect the status or position of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The name may be anomalous,—(though there are good and sufficient reasons why even this should not be changed)—the jurisdiction and authority remain precisely as before. That this must be so will be manifest when we consider the self-evident truth, that an Act of Parliament can neither create or destroy a

Grand Lodge of Freemasons. If this be correct, and I maintain it is, then it follows, as a natural consequence, that the Confederation Act, passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, did not, in the most remote degree, interfere with the standing, position or operations of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the same may be said respecting other organizations existing in this country, apart from and wholly independent of Governmental support or control. The Canada Presbyterian Church, for instance, is still the Canada Presbyterian Church, notwithstanding that the territory, within which its operations are carried on, is now known as Ontario and Quebec, instead of as formerly, Upper and Lower Canada. The Canada Wesleyan Methodist Conference is another case in point, and many others could be added.

I am well aware that it is held as a general principle, by eminent authorities on this continent, that Masonic boundaries should be coterminous with political boundaries. This has been the rule in the establishment of Grand Lodges in the United States. But the United States furnishes no parallel to the case under consideration, and therefore comparison is entirely out of the question. The arguments which would be applicable to a number of separate, independent and sovereign States, claiming to exercise exclusive legislative authority and supreme governmental control in all matters, except such as they themselves reserve and depute to the general or United States Government, loose all their point and efficacy when applied to our subordinate Colonial or Provincial condition, where all the power is vested in the General or Dominion Government and Parliament—where only local matters (or such as are in the U. S. termed Municipal) are entrusted to the local governments and legislatures, the Lieut.-Governors of the various Provinces deriving their appointments from the Governor General of the Dominion. In our case, which would be the political boundary to which Masonic government would require to conform? The Dominion or the Provincial? If the former, we possess not the power, as there are two other

Grand Lodges established within the Dominion, whose existence could not be ignored, and whose co-operation we could not at present expect to obtain; if the latter, then every new division of territory, or change of name which might take place in either of the Provinces, would necessitate similar changes in the jurisdiction and names of the respective Grand Lodges. Would this be wise? Would it be expedient? Would it be common sense? Surely there are few to be found prepared to answer in the affirmative.

I can easily understand, that in the organization of a Grand Lodge for a particular Kingdom, State or Territory, it is well to conform to the name of the Kingdom, State or Territory over which that Grand Lodge intends to exercise Masonic jurisdiction and authority, but I most respectfully submit, that after a Grand Lodge is once established and recognised, its existence, jurisdiction and authority, can neither be destroyed, altered, or in any degree affected by either political or governmental action.

Entertaining these views regarding our position, I can see no ground for the opinion put forward by some, that the Province of Quebec is "vacant," or "unoccupied territory." That it was *occupied* from 1855 until Confederation took place, is admitted on all sides, how then can it be said to be *unoccupied* NOW? Has any one been able to demonstrate why it has become to be unoccupied *since*, when it is acknowledged that it was occupied *before* Confederation? If the Grand Lodge of Canada existed in and exercised authority over the Province of Quebec, as well as Ontario, *previous to Confederation*, by what process of reasoning can it be made to appear that she only exists in and exercises authority over *one* of these Provinces SUBSEQUENTLY to that event? When, and to whose care has she confided the other?

Investigate this subject as carefully and closely as you may, you will, I think, be irresistably led to this conclusion that if the Grand Lodge of Canada exists at all, (and surely no one will deny that) its existence, jurisdiction and authority extends now over every foot of the territory claimed and conceded at its establishment in 1855, and it is to-day

as much the Grand Lodge of the Masons of Quebec as it is of the Masons of Ontario; and that, therefore, *a second Grand Lodge cannot at present, be legally established in either one or the other of these two Provinces.*

But, were it otherwise, are the circumstances surrounding the Masons residing in the Province of Quebec such as would render it expedient or desirable that the present Grand Lodge should be dismembered? Is their position such as would warrant them in breaking off from us and setting up for themselves? Look at the number of Lodges —scarcely 40—including those working under English authority, with in most cases a comparatively limited membership. The population consisting largely of French Canadians, especially in the country parts, forbids the possibility of any very great increase for some time to come. Add to this the further fact—that legislation in that Province will doubtless be made to accord, more or less, with the views of a powerful Ecclesiastical Hierarchy, which places Freemasons in the same category with all other secret societies, of whatever nature; conscientiously regarding all alike as unmixed and unmitigated evils, which it is the duty of every good citizen to assist in exterminating. Under the Grand Lodge of Canada, all is secure; but, if a division took place, the Masons of Quebec would not only be shorn of the strength which their connection with the Masons of Ontario affords, but they would also be deprived of the protection which they now enjoy, and which they can only hope to enjoy while continuing to be part and parcel of the Grand Lodge of Canada. It becomes, then, every prudent Brother to consider well, before attempting to effect a change, which, in my humble opinion, would not only be most detrimental to, if not wholly destructive of, the best interests of Freemasonry; but would, in all probability, place in jeopardy its very existence in this Province. Yet it is a lamentable fact, that many Brethren, without the slightest consideration or forethought, should be found willing, nay, even eager, to assist in the pursuance of such a suicidal policy.

What could the Brethren of Quebec gain by a separation? Strength? Influence? Power? Dignity? Greater means of usefulness, or enlarged facilities for carrying on their charitable or benevolent operations? Nay, in all these respects they would be infinitely worse off than at present. They have always had their fair share, and more than their share of Grand Lodge offices and honors. Their grievances have, in every instance, been carefully considered and properly redressed. Every application to Grand Lodge, from any quarter, for assistance from its ample Fund of Benevolence, has been responded to in the most generous and liberal spirit. The utmost deference has at all times been paid to the views of the Eastern Brethren on all questions coming before Grand Lodge; and, through the magnanimity and fraternal consideration of their Western Brethren, they have been enabled to exercise an influence in Grand Lodge affairs, entirely disproportioned to either numbers, ability, or importance. What more could they possibly desire?

My Brethren, whilst on legal grounds, I have attempted to show that the late attempt to divide this Grand Lodge cannot be maintained, I also trust that on the score of expediency, I have been able to demonstrate to you that it is equally undesirable and unnecessary. In this busy, bustling, changing age, it would be well to remember often the quaint but cautionary proverb, "Let well alone."

Before concluding, it is fitting that I should gratefully acknowledge the obligations under which I am laid to M.W. Bro. Judge Wilson, P. G. M.; M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, P. G. M.; M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, P. G. M.; M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. James Seymour, Dep. G. M.; R. W. Bro. M. Gutman, D. D. G. M., Montreal District; R. W. Bro. Alex. Walker, D. D. G. M., Quebec District; and R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, our trusty and most efficient Grand Secretary, for the fraternal counsel and support which they extended to me, during the recent painful crisis in our Masonic history.

Having now fulfilled the duty which devolved upon me, I commit this subject to your most careful consideration, praying that the Great Architect of the Universe, will guide your deliberations, and lead you to adopt such measures as will tend to promote peace and harmony, preserve the integrity, and uphold the honor and dignity of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which may God greatly prosper, and evermore perpetuate. So mote it be.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Canada.

MONTREAL, December 1st, 1869.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, and

RESOLVED, that the address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to the following Committee, to report thereon at the session of this Grand Lodge to be held on to-morrow, Thursday, at 10 o'clock, a.m., viz.: M. W. Bros. W. M. Wilson, P. G. M.; T. Douglas Harington, P. G. M.; W. B. Simpson, P. G. M.; A. Bernard, P. G. M.; R. W. Bros. James Seymour, D. G. M.; Thos. B. Harris, D. Curtis, J. Milne, P. J. Brown, M. Gutman, Thos. Matheson, Thos. White, jr., E. P. Remon, S. D. Fowler, John Clarke, Rev. V. Clementi, James Bain, Rev. W. C. Clarke, Otto Klotz, R. P. Stephens, Daniel Spry, Thomas Wilkinson, A. S. Kirkpatrick, S. B. Fairbanks, J. J. Gemmill, E. Racicot, W. H. Vanvleet and the Rev. H. Montgomery; and that all documents referring to the subject of the formation of a so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, be referred to the same Committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at six o'clock, p. m., to meet on to-morrow, Thursday, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

THURSDAY, 2nd December, 1869.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 11 o'clock, a. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

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

R. W. Bro. the Rev. Vincent Clementi presented his credentials as the accredited representative from the Grand Lodge of Chili in the Grand Lodge of Canada, which were found most satisfactory. The Revd. Brother was greeted with the usual Masonic Honors, and invited to a seat on the dais.

V. W. Bro. Thomas White, jr., in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, R. W. Bro. Seymour, submitted the following as the report of the Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject embraced in the address of the M. W. Grand Master.

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada:

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, at the opening of this Grand Lodge, beg to report:

That they have carefully considered the subject referred to by the M. W. the Grand Master, and while deeply regretting the circumstances which have rendered necessary the calling of this emergent communication of Grand Lodge at this unusual period of the year, they at the same time

entirely concur with the Grand Master in his opinion, that the events which have lately transpired in the Province of Quebec are of such a nature as to require immediate action on the part of the Grand Lodge, and therefore as fully to justify the calling together of Grand Lodge.

They have read with great pain the narrative of facts connected with the organization of the so-called Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, so fully and clearly stated in the address; and after the most careful consideration, they have come to the following conclusions, which they respectfully recommend for adoption by Grand Lodge.

1. That the Province of Quebec has been fully occupied masonically, since 1855, and is still so occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

2. That the Province of Quebec, being fully occupied, masonically, by the Grand Lodge of Canada, the formation of a second Grand Lodge, within such territory, is illegal and unconstitutional, so long as such occupation continues.

3. That while unanimously and emphatically condemning the action of the Brethren who have presumed to form the so-called "Grand Lodge of Quebec," within the territory masonically occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada, this Grand Lodge at the same time expresses the hope that the seceding Brethren will see the propriety of returning to their allegiance to it, and assures them that in doing so they will be received with cordiality and brotherly good will; but at the same time it deems it due to its own dignity, and its duty to the loyal Masons and Lodges in the Province of Quebec, as well as to the Craft generally, to withhold any hope of recognition to the so-called "Grand Lodge of Quebec," and to express its opinion that on a proper presentation of the facts of the case, no recognition by other Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, ought to be accorded to it.

4. That all Masonic communication with the Brethren and Lodges acknowledging allegiance to the so-called "Grand Lodge of Quebec," be prohibited; and that all those who fail or neglect to comply with the provision of

the previous resolution, by returning to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, within a period of three months be summoned to appear before Grand Lodge at its next annual communication, to show cause why they should not be expelled from the privileges of Freemasonry.

5. That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the action taken by the M. W. the Grand Master, in the trying circumstances in which he has been placed owing to the contumaceous conduct of certain Brethren in the Province of Quebec, in seceding from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, merits the highest approbation of Grand Lodge, having been characterised by a strict regard for the Constitution of Freemasonry, and for the honor and dignity of the high position he occupies; and that all the acts, which, in the discharge of his high duties, he has done in this most painful emergency, be, and the same are hereby confirmed.

The Committee, in conclusion, expresses its earnest hope that the Brethren who have without due consideration, taken the unconstitutional step of organizing a Grand Lodge within masonically occupied territory, will, upon reflection, see the propriety of returning to their allegiance; and that the Grand Lodge of Canada may be permitted for many years to come, to exercise its high functions without opposition, throughout its entire territory, to the benefit of the Craft at large, and to the building up of those benign principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, which it is its high mission to promote.

Your Committee recommend that the address of the Grand Master, with this report, be printed with all convenient speed, and circulated among the members of the Craft at least ten copies being sent to each Lodge, and that three copies be sent to each Grand Lodge in communication with this grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. SEYMOUR,
Chairman.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, and seconded by M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington,

That the report of the Committee on the M. W. the Grand Master's address, just read, be received and adopted.

After some conversation, it was, on motion of W. Bro. E. Jackson, seconded by W. Bro. the Rev. W. C. Clarke,

Resolved, That the report of the Committee should be submitted to Grand Lodge clause by clause for adoption.

The first clause, which is as follows, was then submitted to Grand Lodge, and on motion was unanimously adopted.

1. That the Province of Quebec has been fully occupied, masonically, since 1855, and is still so occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Clause 2, as follows, was then submitted to Grand Lodge, and on motion unanimously adopted.

2. That the Province of Quebec, being fully occupied, masonically, by the Grand Lodge of Canada, the formation of a second Grand Lodge, within such territory, is illegal and unconstitutional, so long as such occupation continues.

Clause 3, as follows, was then submitted to Grand Lodge, and on motion was unanimously adopted.

3. That while unanimously and emphatically condemning the action of the Brethren who have presumed to form the so-called "Grand Lodge of Quebec," within the territory masonically occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada, this Grand Lodge at the same time expresses the hope that the seceding Brethren will see the propriety of returning to their allegiance to it, and assures them in doing so they will be received with cordiality and brotherly good will; but at the same time it deems it due to its own dignity, and its duty to the loyal Masons and Lodges in the Province of Quebec, as well as to the Craft generally, to withhold any hope of recognition to the so-called "Grand Lodge of Quebec," and to express its opinion that on a proper presentation of facts of the case, no recognition by other Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, ought to be accorded to it.

Clause 4, as follows, was submitted.

4. That all Masonic communication with the Brethren and Lodges acknowledging allegiance to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec," be prohibited; and that all those who fail or neglect to comply with the provision of the previous resolution, by returning to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, within a period of three months, be summoned to appear before the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication, to show cause why they should not be expelled from the privileges of Freemasonry.

[At this point of the proceedings, a question of order was raised as to whether the Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Bro. D. Thomas, was entitled to his seat in Grand Lodge, he being a member of Victoria Lodge, Sherbrooke, P. Q.; the said Lodge having been reported to have been represented at the Convention, held at Montreal on the 20th October last, and at a subsequent meeting, by a resolution of the Lodge, ratified the action of its representatives in forming a Grand Lodge: thus transferring its allegiance to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. The M.W. Grand Master desired R. W. Bro. Thomas to explain his position; and he having admitted that matters were precisely as represented, and further, that he concurred in the action the Victoria Lodge had taken; the M. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence of Grand Lodge, decided that the R. W. Brother had no seat in Grand Lodge, and appointed W. Bro. Irvine as Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.* R. W. Bro. Thomas resigned his collar, and retired amidst the regrets of the members of Grand Lodge.]

In amendment to clause 4,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. J. Billington, seconded by V. W. Bro. A. Diamond,

That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is expedient, in order to promote the best interests of Freemasonry in Canada, that the Brethren now under suspension for forming or attempting to form a Grand Lodge

of Masons for the Province of Quebec, and thereby injuriously, to a serious extent, impairing the usefulness of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in whose jurisdictiction the Province of Quebec now is, be summoned to appear before this Grand Lodge, and show cause why this Grand Lodge should not place them upon their trial for violation of their obligations.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken by ballot of Lodges, resulted as follows, viz.:

For the amendment 90
Against the amendment 330

The amendment was declared *lost*.

Clause 5, as follows, was then submitted to Grand Lodge, and, on motion, was unanimously adopted.

5. That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the action taken by the M. W. the Grand Master, in the trying circumstances in which he has been placed owing to the contumaceous conduct of certain Brethren in the Province of Quebec, in seceding from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, merits the highest approbation of Grand Lodge, having been characterised by strict regard for the Constitution of Freemasonry, and for the honor and dignity of the high position he occupies; and that all the acts, which, in the discharge of his high duties, he has done in this most painful emergency, be, and the same are hereby confirmed.

The main motion as proposed by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, for the adoption of the report of the Committee, as a whole, was then put and adopted unanimously.

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

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and the same are hereby most cordially tendered, to the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. H. Hutton, officers and members of St. Paul's Lodge, H. R., Montreal, for their courtesy in granting the use of their Hall for the holding of this Special Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, seconded by V. W. Bro. Abraham Diamond, and unanimously

RESOLVED, that the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Committee on Credentials, for the very satisfactory manner in which the duties devolving upon them have been discharged.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, and unanimously

RESOLVED, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Grand Trunk, Great Western, Buffalo and Lake Huron, St. Lawrence and Ottawa, Stanstead, Shefford and Chambly, and the Northern Railways, for the privilege of being permitted to attend this Special Communication at reduced fares.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thomas Wilkinson, and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board of General Purposes be authorised to defray all the incidental expenses in connection with this Special Communication.

The business of this Special Communication of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in ample form, with solemn prayer, at three o'clock, p. m.

ATTEST.

G. Sec'y.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the Village of Odessa, Ont., on Monday, the 16th day of May, A. D. 1870, A. L. 5870.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master.
R. " " John V. Noel, P. D. D. G. M., as Deputy G. M.
" " " H. W. Delany, D.D.G.M. Prince Edward Dist.
V. " " Robert Henry, jr., as Grand Senior Warden.
" " " E. H. Parker, as " Junior "
" Rev. L. A. Betts, as " Chaplain.
" James Greenfield, jr., as " Treasurer.
" " John Kerr, as " Registrar.
" B. A. Booth, as " Secretary.
" R. W. Barrow, as " Senior Deacon.
" W. R. Moore, as " Junior "
" T. Ashton, as " Supt. of Works.
" Robert Town, as " Dir. of Cer.
" Jas. Greenfield, sen., as " Pursuivant.
" F. R. Wycott, as " Tyler.
" Hiram Leonard,
" James Allen,
" J. K. Booth, } as " Stewards.
" Joseph Woodruff,

And the Masters, Wardens, and a large number of Brethren, hailing from the following Lodges, viz.: Prince Arthur Lodge, Odessa; St. John's Lodge, No. 4, Kingston; Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston; Union Lodge No. 9, Napanee; Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath; Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith; Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh.

M.W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master, announced to the Brethren that he had been invited by the Rev. Bro. Betts, Pastor, to lay the foundation stone of the new Methodist Episcopal Church, which was about to be erected in that Village, and having consented to do so, had instructed the Grand Secretary to summon a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge to assist him in performing the ceremonies.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at high twelve.

A procession was formed under the guidance of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, in the order as laid down in the Book of Constitution, headed by the band of the 47th Battalion, and proceeded to the site of the new building, where a large concourse of people had assembled to witness the ceremonies.

The procession halted and formed a double column facing inwards, when the M. W. Grand Master, preceded by his Sword Bearer, and followed by the Grand Officers, passed through the procession, and having taken their proper position around the foundation stone, the Brethren forming around them, the Grand Master commenced the ceremonies with the following address:

Men, women and children assembled to-day to behold this ceremony: Know all of you that we are lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country, and professing to fear God, who is the Great Architect of all things, to confer benefits on our Brethren, and to practice universal benevolence to all mankind. We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but these secrets are lawful and honorable, and are placed in the custody of Masons, who alone have the keeping of them to the end of time. Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honorable, we should not have existed for so many centuries, nor should we have had so many illustrious Brethren in our order ever ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our prosperity. To-day we are assembled, in the presence of you all, to lay the corner stone of this building according to the rules of Masonry, but before proceeding our Reverend Chaplain will implore a blessing from heaven on our undertaking.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.—Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all the worlds, deign from thy celestial temple, from realms of light and glory to help us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly pray Thee to give us at this and at all times wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, Oh! thou Author of life and light, great source of love and happiness to erect this building so that hereafter it may be useful and blessed for the all-important purposes for which it is intended, and the promotion of Thy glory.

The Brethren responded:

Glory to God in the highest. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The inscription on the parchment placed in the cavity was read by the Acting Grand Secretary as follows:

By the favor of Almighty God.

On the Sixteenth day of May, A. D. 1870,

And of the Era of Freemasonry, A. L. 5870,

And in the Thirty-fourth year of the reign of Our Gracious Majesty, Queen

Victoria,

His Excellency Sir JOHN YOUNG, K. C. B., C. G. M., being Governor General of the Dominion of Canada,

The Hon. WILLIAM PEARCE HOWLAND, C. B., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario,

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD, Attorney-General of the Dominion of Canada,

Hon. JOHN S. MACDONALD, Attorney-General of the Province of Ontario,

Reverend L. A. BETTS, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Odessa.

This Foundation Stone of the M. E. Church

Was laid by

ALEXANDER ALLAN STEVENSON, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in accordance with the ancient usages of Masonry,

WHICH MAY GOD PROSPER.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

George Metzler, Henry Henzy, N. M. Venton, Silas Vrooman, W. R. Moore.

CONTRACTORS:

Leonard & Sauls.

Copies of the *British Whig*, *Napanee Express*, *Addington Beaver*, *Christian Advocate*, Minutes of Bay of Quinte Annual Conference of 1869 and 1870, coins of the denomination of 20, 10, 5 and 1 cent pieces, were also placed in the box with the parchment.

The box having been placed in the cavity, Rev. Bro. Betts on behalf of the members of the M. E. Church, presented the M. W. Grand Master with a handsome Silver Trowel, bearing the following inscription:

Presented to A. A. Stevenson, Esq., Grand Master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Odessa, May 16th, 1870.

On receiving which, the Grand Master replied:

Accept my thanks for this handsome Trowel which you have so kindly presented to me. It is one of the most useful and highly prized instruments of our Craft. I shall preserve your gift as a memento of the interesting proceedings of this day.

The Grand Master then spread the cement, and the stone was lowered by three regular stops, solemn music being played.

The Grand Master then instructed the Grand Junior Warden to apply the Plumb, the Grand Senior Warden the Level, and the Deputy Grand Master the Square.

G. M.—Brother Grand Junior Warden, what is the proper jewel of your office?

G. J. W.—The plumb rule.

G. M.—Have you applied the plumb to the edges of the stone?

G J. W.—I have, Most Worshipful Sir, and the Craftsmen have done their duty.

The same questions as to the level and square, with a like response, were put to and given by the G. S. W. and the D. G. M.

The Grand Master said: Brethren, having full confidence in your skill in our Royal Art, it remains with me now to finish the work. He gave the stone three knocks with the gavel, and added: *Well made, well proved, truly laid, true and trusty.* And may this undertaking be completed by the Craftsmen, according to the grand plan, in Peace, Harmony, and Brotherly Love.

Corn, Wine and Oil were then handed to the Grand Master by the Deputy, who poured each upon the stone, and said:

I strew corn upon this stone as an emblem of Plenty; I pour wine upon it as an emblem of Cheerfulness; and I anoint it with oil as an emblem of Comfort and Consolation.

The Grand Master then pronounced the following Benediction:

May Corn, Wine and Oil, and all the necessaries of life abound among men throughout the world, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe be upon this edifice and all connected with it.

Response—So mote it be. Amen.

The Grand Master then handed the implements and plans to the Architect, saying:

The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I present you the implements applied to it, and also the plans, in full confidence that as a skilful and faithful workman you will use them in such a manner that the building may rise in order, harmony and beauty; and being perfected in strength, that it may answer every purpose for which it is intended, to your credit, and the satisfaction and honor of those who have selected you for the work.

The Grand Master, addressing the Pastor, said:

Rev. Sir, having completed our work according to the ancient usages of Freemasonry, we offer you our congratulations, and transfer the building to you for completion, having no doubt that as it has been happily begun, it will be carried on by God's will to a happy ending.

The Grand Treasurer here deposited some coin on the stone for the workmen.

Cheers were then given for the Queen, and the Grand Master, after which the procession re-formed and proceeded to the Drill Shed, where refreshments were provided for the Brethren, after partaking of which, several of the Brethren delivered short and appropriate addresses.

The Grand Master, also, was pleased to address the Brethren, which he did very eloquently, referring to the proceedings of the day, the duties of Masons, the benefits of Masonry, etc.

The procession was again formed and returned to Prince Arthur Lodge Room. After some remarks by the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form with solemn prayer.

Wm. R. Harris

G. Sec'y.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Fifteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the Music Hall, in the City of Toronto, on the 13th, 14th and 15th days of July, A. L., 5870, A. D., 1870.

PRESENT:

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

R. W. Bro. James Seymour, Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Peter J. Brown, Grand Senior Warder.
" " " William H. Weller, as " Junior Warden.
" " " Rev. Vincent Clementi, as " Chaplain.
" " " Henry Macpherson, as " Treasurer.
" " " Silas B. Fairbanks, " Registrar.
" " " Thos. Bird Harris, " Secretary.
V. " " " R. P. Stephens, " Senior Deacon.
" " " J. B. Futvoye, " Junior Deacon.
" " " Walter Chatfield, " Supt. of Works.
" " " Charles Sharpe, " Dir. of Cer.
" " " W. T. Munday, Asst. " Secretary.
" " " E. C. Barber, as Asst. " Dir. of Cer.
" " " Robert Lewis, " Sword Bearer.
" " " A. E. Fife, " Organist.
" " " Thos. White, Jr., as Asst. " Organist.
" " " James Might, as " Pursuivant.
" " " S. McGowan, as " Tyler.

V. W. Bro. Moses Betts,
" " " D. McLellan,
" " " C. R. Ford,
" " " D. McMurchy,
" " " A. Diamond,
" " " James Canfield.
} Grand Stewards.

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M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Vermont, and New Jersey and the Grand Orient of New Grenada.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Bird Harris, 33°, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Kansas, Tennessee, Missouri, and Oregon, and the Grand Orient of Portugal.

M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, 33°, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia, Louisiana and Pennsylvania.

R. W. Bro. James A. Henderson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York.

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R. W. Bro. James K. Kerr, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

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" " " John McLean.

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" " Joseph Hurssell.
" " " Isaac P. Willson. V.
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" " W. J. Simcoe Kerr
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" " M. Betts.
" " J. C. Karr.
" " John Edgcombe.
" " Cha'ncey Bennett
" " Robert Manson.
" " Alex. Fraser.
" " H. F. Smith.
" " " James M. Dusa.
" " Charles Sharpe.

R. W. Bro.	Otto Klotz.		W. Bro.	S. Leybourne.
" "	John E. Harding.		" "	James Emancy.
" "	John Morey.		" "	Jas. Somerville.
" "	A. Barrett		" "	A. W. Thompson.
R. " "	A. DeGrassi.		" "	Jas. B. Holden.
" " "	John Kerr.		" "	E. Racicot.
" "	Fred. J. Menet.		" "	E. H. Smith.
" "	Ed. H. Fauquier.		" "	J. C. Chamberlain
" "	Thomas B. Bain.		" "	John Tracy.
" "	L. A. Sinclair.	R.	" "	Thomps'n Wilson
" "	B. Barnard.		" "	H. B. O'Connor.
" "	Jno. W. H. Wilson		" "	G. K. Chisholm.
" "	George Mansfield.		" "	W. W. Winfield.
" "	W. D McGloghlon		" "	Sir Wm. Colles, Kt
V. " "	Geo. Billington.		" "	Charles Storer.
" "	W. S. Martin.		" "	John Smith.
" "	John Lanfesty, jr.		" "	A. B. Petrie.
" "	D. M. Malloch.		" "	A. McGregor.
" "	Robert Matheson.		" "	Ed. Roblin.
" "	T. F. Chamberlain		" "	W. C. Morrison.
" "	Robt. Robinson.		" "	Wm. Carrick.
R. " "	Kivas Tully.		" "	John Dawson.

A Constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada was opened in ample form at 2.30 o'clock, p. m.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, having appointed R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonell, W. Bro. John E. Harding and W. Bro. H. G. Summers, a Committee on Credentials of Representatives from Lodges, reported the following as being present and entitled to take part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge, viz.:

No. — *Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal, P. Q.*

W. Bro. John Urquhart, jr. W. M.
R. " " M. Gutman, P. M.
V. " " F. C. Dettmers, P. M.

No. 2. *Niagara Lodge, Niagara, Ont.*

W. Bro. Robert Best, W. M.
" " John M. Clement, P. M.

No. 3. *St. John's Lodge, Kingston, Ont.*

V. W. Bro. E. H. Parker, (Proxy.)
R. " " Jas. A. Henderson, P. M.
" " " C. D. Macdonnell, P. M.

No. 4. *Dorchester Lodge, St. Johns' P. Q.*

W. Bro. Geo. H. Wilkinson, W. M.
" E. R. Smith, J. W.
V. " " J. V. Futvoye, P. M.

No. 5. *Sussex Lodge, Brockville, O.*

W. Bro. McKechnie, W. M.
M. " " W. B. Simpson, P. M.

No. 6. *Barton Lodge, Hamilton, O.*

W. Bro. Richard Brierley, W. M.
" S. F. Lasier, J. W.
R. " " Richard Bull, P. M.
V. " " W. T. Munday, P. M.
R. " " J. W. Murton, P. M.

No. 7. *Union Lodge, Grimsby, O.*

W. Bro. Wm. Forbes, W. M.
" " Robert Kemp, P.M.

No. 8. *Nelson Lodge, Phillipsburgh, Q.*

W. Bro. L. W. Decker, W. M.

No. 9. *Union Lodge, Napanee, O.*

W. Bro. F. Richardson, W. M.
" E. S. D. Stevenson, J. W.

No. 10. *Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe, O.*

W. Bro. W. P. Kelley, W. M.
" W. H. Mallins, S. W.
" R. Thoroughgood, J. W.
M. " " Wm. Mercer Wilson, P. M.
V. " " John Wilson, P. M.
" " Daniel Matthews, P. M.
" " A. J. Donly, P. M.

No. 11. *Moira Lodge, Belleville, O.*

W. Bro. P. D. Conger, W. M.
" Smith Stephens, S. W.
" " Wm. Docter, P. M.
V. " " A. Diamond, P. M.
" " N. B. Falkiner, P. M.

No 14. *True Briton's Lodge, Perth, O.*

W. Bro. Thomas Brooke, J. W.
" " W. J. Morris, P. M.

No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines, O.*

Bro. D. W. Bixby, S. W.
V. W. " A. Chatfield, P. M.

No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, O.*

W. Bro. Geo. Hodgetts, W. M.
" Mark Bowman, S. W.
" Wm. N. Howland, J. W.
R. " " W. G. Storm, P. M.
" " " Æmilius Irving, P. M.
V. " " James Bain, P. M.
" " " John Paterson, P. M.

No. 17. *St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, O.*

W. Bro. R. Kincaid, (Proxy.)
R. " " W. H. Weller, P. M.

No. 18. *Prince Edward's Lodge, Picton, O*

W. Bro. John Terrill, W. M.

No. 19. *St. George's Lodge, Montreal, Q.*

W. Bro. W. MacKenzie, W. M.
" D. D. Mann, S. W.
" S. R. Parsons, J. W.
M. " " A. A. Stevenson, P. M.
" " " A. Bernard, P. M.

No. 20. *St. John's Lodge, London, O.*

W. Bro. M. D. Dawson, W. M.
" Wm. McBride, S. W.
R. " " James Moffat, P. M.

No. 21. *Zetland Lodge, Montreal, Q.*

W. Bro. John James Browne, W. M.
" James Henderson, S. W.

No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, O.*

V. W. Bro. David McLellan, W. M.
" Thomas Langton, J. W.
" " " Aug. J. Houel, P. M.
R. " " Daniel Spry, P. M.
" Chas. L. Roberts, S. W.

No. 23. *Richmond Lodge, Richmond Hill, O.*

W. Bro. A. M. Hood, W. M.
" Alfred M. Lafferty, J. W.

No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto, O.*

W. Bro. John F. Lash, W. M.
" J. Widmer Rolph, J. W.
V. " " R. P. Stephens, P. M.
" " W. T. O'Reilly, P. M.
" " " W. R. Harris, P. M.
R. " " J. K. Kerr, P. M.
" " " Marcellus Crombie, P. M.

No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, O.*

Bro. J. B. Trayes, S. W.
" Edward Peplow, jr., J. W.

No. 27. *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton, O.*

V. W. Bro. W. W. Pringle, W. M.
" J. J. Mason, S. W.
" " " James M. Rogerson, P. M.
" " John S. Henderson, P. M.

No. 28. *Mount Zion Lodge, Kemptville, O.*

W. Bro. R. Leslie, P. M. and Proxy.
" " Walter Kerr, P. M.
" " Wm. R. Anderson, P. M.

No. 29. *United Lodge, Brighton, O.*

V. W. Bro. Joseph Davey, W. M.
" " A. E. Fife, P. M.

No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby, O.*

W. Bro. C. A. Jones, W. M.
" John Stanton, S. W.
" Geo. Hopkins, J. W.

No. 31. *Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville, O.*

R. W. Bro. J. Milne, W. M.
" R. Armour, S. W.
" Wm. Wright, P. M.
V. " " B. Patterson, P. M.

No. 32. *Amity Lodge, Dunnville, O.*

R. W. Bro. John Parry, P. M., (Proxy.)
" " Wm. Braund, P. M.
" " L. J. Weatherby, P. M.

No. 33. *Goderich Lodge, Goderich, O.*

W. Bro. D. Ferguson, W. M.
" J. Beck, J. W.
" " Harry Reed, P. M.

No. 34. *Thistle Lodge, Amherstburgh, O.*

W. Bro. W. McGuire, W. M.
" Charles W. Thomas, S. W.

No. 35. *St. John's Lodge, Cayuga, O.*

W. Bro. J. Hoshal, W. M.
" " J. Hurssell, P. M.

No. 36. *Welland Lodge, Fonthill, O.*

W. Bro. A. K. Scholfield, P. M., (Proxy.)
R. " " I. P. Willson, P. M.

No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll, O.*

W. Bro. J. R. Walker, W. M.
R. " " P. J. Brown, P. M.
V. " " James Canfield, P. M.

No. 38. *Trent Lodge, Trenton, O.*

W. Bro. C. Francis, W. M.
" W. S. Barker, S. W.
R. " " J. W. Delany, P. M.
" " " H. W. Day, P. M.
" " Peter Begg, P. M.

No. 39. *Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklin, O.*

W. Bro. J. P. Campbell, W. M.
" " W. B. Bickell, P. M.

No. 40. *St. John's Lodge, Hamilton, O.*

R. W. Bro. Thos. B. Harris, W. M.
" C. R. Smith, S. W.
" Thos. Hill, J. W.

No. 41. *St. George's Lodge, Kingsville.*

R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke, (Proxy.)

No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London, O.*

W. Bro. W. Skinner, W. M.

No. 43. *King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock, O.*

V. W. Bro. John Paterson, W. M.
" " James S. Scarff, P. M.

No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford, O.*

W. Bro. H. McK. Wilson, W. M.
" Rob Morton, S. W.
R. " " D. Curtis, P. M.
V. " " Fred. Mudge, P. M.

No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, O.*

W. Bro. Wm. Carruthers, W. M.
" John H. Luscombe, S. W.
R. " " John E. Brooke, P. M.

No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor, O.*

W. Bro. P. A. Craig, W. M.
" James Radcliffe, S. W.
" Andrew Whittaker, J. W.
" " James Gibson, P. M.

No. 48. *Madoc Lodge, Madoc, O.*

W. Bro. N. B. Falkiner, (Proxy.)

No. 50. *Consecon Lodge, Consecon, O.*

R. W. Bro. H. W. Delany, (Proxy.)

No. 51. *Corinthian Lodge, Grahamville, O.*

W. Bro. Joseph Figg, W. M.
" John Orr, S. W.
" John Lamb, J. W.

No. 53. *Shefford Lodge, Waterloo, Q.*

Bro. J. P. Noyes, J. W.

No. 54. *Vaughan Lodge, Maple, O.*

W. Bro. A. P. Conger, W. M.
" Edward Pease, J. W.

No. 56. *Victoria Lodge, Sarnia, O.*

W. Bro. James F. Lister, W. M.
" William Taylor, J. W.
R. " " George Masson, P. M.
" " " W. M. Jamieson, P. M.

No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa, O.*

R. W. Bro. J. J. Gemmill, (Proxy.)
" Thos. Bishell, S. W.
" S. Rowe, J. W.

No. 59. *Corinthian Lodge, Ottawa, O.*

R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, W. M.
" " " W. J. B. McLeod Moore, P. M.
" " Fred. Marett, P. M.

No. 61. *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton, O.*

V. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, W. M.
" " " Thos. White, Jr., P. M.

No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia, O.*

W. Bro. Chas. Hunter, W. M.
" " D. E. Broderick, P. M.

No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London, O.*

W. Bro. John Peel, W. M.
" W. Carey, S. W.
" H. A. Baxter, J. W.
V. " " R. Lewis, P. M.
" " Thos. F. McMullen, P. M.

No. 66. *Durham Lodge, Newcastle, O.*

W. Bro. R. T. Wilkinson, W. M.
" Richard Hill, S. W.
" Wm. T. Lockhart, J. W.

No. 68. *St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll, O.*

V. W. Bro. Allan McLean, W. M.
" E. Lounsbury, S. W.

No. 69. *Stirling Lodge, Stirling, O.*

W. Bro. Chas. Craige, W. M.
V. " " George E. Bull, P. M.

No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt, O.*

W. Bro. W. S. Burnett, W. M.
R. " " Otto Klotz, P. M.

No. 73. *St. James' Lodge, St. Mary's, O.*

W. Bro. D. M. Connell, S. W.
" J. Thompson, J. W.
" " John E. Harding, P. M.

No. 74. *St. James' Lodge, Maitland, O.*

W. Bro. John Morey, P. M. and Proxy.
" " A. Burritt, P. M.

No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto, O.*

W. Bro. W. L. Steiner, W. M.
R. " " A. De Grassi, P. M.
" " " John Kerr, P. M.
" " Fred. J. Menet, P. M.

No. 76. *Oxford Lodge, Woodstock, O.*

W. Bro. E. A. H. Fauquier, W. M.

No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburgh, O.*

W. Bro. T. B. Bain, W. M.
" " L. A. Sinclair, P. M.

No. 79. *Simcoe Lodge, Bradford.*

W. Bro. H. S. Broughton, W. M.
" " B. Barnard, P. M.
" " John W. H. Wilson, P. M.

No. 80. *Albion Lodge, Newbury, O.*

W. Bro. Geo. Mansfield, W. M.
" " W. D. McGloghlon, P. M.

No. 81. *St. John's Lodge, Mount Brydges, O.*

V. W. Bro. Geo. Billington, W. M.

No. 82. *St. John's Lodge, Paris, O.*

W. Bro. W. Winter, W. M.
" " W. S. Martin, P. M.

No. 83. *Beaver Lodge, Strathroy, O.*

W. Bro. John Lenfesty, jr., P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 84. *Clinton Lodge, Clinton, O.*

W. Bro. D. M. Malloch, W. M.
" " Robert Matheson, S. W.

No. 85. *Rising Sun Lodge, Farmersville, O.*

W. Bro. T. F. Chamberlain, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto, O.*

W. Bro. R. Robinson, W. M.
" Fred Clark, S. W.
" F. Pearson, J. W.
R. " " Kivas Tully, P. M.
" " John Segsworth, P. M.

No. 87. *Markham Union Lodge, Markham, O.*

W. Bro. Robert Vardon, W. M.
V. " " D. McMurchy, P. M.
" " H. R. Corson, P. M.

No. 88. *St. George's Lodge, Owen Sound, O.*

W. Bro. D. A. Creasor, W. M.
R. " " Henry Macpherson, P. M.
" John Rutherford, S. W.

No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood, O.*

W. Bro. E. R. Carpenter, W. M.
" J. Jardine, S. W.
" " John Nettleton. P. M.
V. " " Hy. Robertson, P. M.

No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne, O.*

V. W. Bro. C. R. Ford, W. M.
" J. Campbell, S. W.
" T. W. Cumming, J. W.

No. 92. *Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston, O.*

Bro. Wm. Allen, J. W.
R. W. " J. V. Noel, P. M.

No. 93. *Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, O.*

W. Bro. Ross Robertson, W. M.
" " James LeGear, P. M.
" " Ben. Freer, P. M.
" " C. R. Barker, P. M.

No. 95. *Ridout Lodge, Otterville, O.*

W. Bro. A. L. Wilcox, W. M.
" Wm P. Conklin, S. W.

No. 96. *Corinthian Lodge, Barrie, O.*

W. Bro. R. King, W. M.
" Alex. Hamilton, S. W.
" T. E. Rawson, J. W.
R. " " M. H. Spencer, P. M.

No. 97. *Sharon Lodge, Sharon, O.*

W. Bro. Henry Mosier, W. M.

No. 98. *True Blue Lodge, Albion, O.*

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, (Proxy.)

No. 99. *Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket, O.*

W. Bro. Jas. Sykes, P. M.
V. " " N. A. Gamble, P. M.
" " " A. Boultbee, P. M.

No. 100. *Valley Lodge, Dundas, O.*

W. Bro. N. Greening, W. M.
" " F. H. L. Staunton, P. M.

No. 101. *Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro', O.*

W. Bro. R. Kincaid, W. M.
" " J. F. Dennistoun, S. W.
R. " " Vincent Clementi, P. M.

No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines, O.*

W. Bro. R. Struthers, W. M
" Peter McCarthy, J. W.
R. " " James Seymour, P. M.
" " Geo. Groves, P. M.
" " John Dale, P. M.

No. 104. *St. John's Lodge, Norwichville, O.*

W. Bro. James Haken, W. M.
" " John A. Tidey, P. M.

No. 105. *St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, O.*

W. Bro. George Collins, W. M.
" " B. Noble, P. M.
" " Jacob Hartman, P. M
" " John Bartle, P. M.

No. 106. *Burford Lodge, Burford, O.*

W. Bro. W. G. Nelles, W. M.
V. " " Fred. Mudge, P. M.

No. 107. *St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth, O.*

W. Bro. James O'Connor, P. M.
" " D. B. Burch, P. M.

No. 108. *Blenheim Lodge, Drumbo, O.*

Bro. Rev. Henry Bartlett, S. W.

No. 109. *Albion Lodge, Harrowsmith, O.*

W. Bro. Joseph Purdy, W. M.
" " N. F. Dupuis, P. M.

No. 110. *Central Lodge, Prescott, O.*

V. W. Bro. James Reynolds, W. M.
" A. W. Ferguson, S. W.

No. 112. *Maitland Lodge, Goderich, O.*

W. Bro. H. Gardiner, W. M.
" " Isaac F. Toms, P. M.
" " B. Trainer, P. M.
" " G. M. Trueman, P. M.

No. 113. *Wilson Lodge, Waterford, O.*

W. Bro. A. McMichael, W. M.
" Wm. Parney, S. W.
" L. Becker, J. W.

No. 114. *Hope Lodge, Port Hope, O.*

W. Bro. J. Wright, W. M.

No. 116. *Cassia Lodge, Widder, Ont.*

W. Bro. G. W. Holwell, W. M.
" " John Dawson, P. M.
" " A. L Proctor, P. M.

No. 118. *Union Lodge, Lloydtown, O.*

W. Bro. H. G. Summers, W. M.
" A. Armstrong, S. W.
" " W. R. Jamison, P. M.

No. 119. *Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath, O.*

Bro. J. J. Johnstone, J. W.

No. 120. *Warren Lodge, Fingal, O.*

W. Bro. Malcolm Cameron, W. M.

No. 121. *Doric Lodge, Brantford, O.*

Bro. Charles B. Heyd, S. W.

No. 123. *The Belleville Lodge, Belleville, O.*

W. Bro. D. Pitceathly, W. M.
" W. A. Shepard, J. W.
R. " " L. H. Henderson, P. M.

No. 125. *Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall, O.*

W. Bro. Henry W. Weber, W. M.

No. 126. *Golden Rule Lodge, Cambellsford, O.*

W. Bro. James Dinwoodie, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 127. *Franck Lodge, Frankford, O.*

W. Bro. John N. Lee, W. M.
" " G. E. Fraser, P. M.
" " Geo. S. Graham, P. M

No. 128. *Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke, O.*

W. Bro. S. E. Mitchell, W. M.
" W. R. White, S. W.
" " A. Forbes, P. M.

No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora, O.*

W. Bro. T. G. Ransom, W. M.
" " Thomas Todd, P. M.
" " Seth Ashton, P. M.
" " W. Ireland, P. M.
" " R. W. Hillary, P. M.

No. 130. *Yamaska Lodge, Granby, Q.*

W. Bro. H. D. Pickel, P. M., and Proxy.

No. 133. *Lebanon Forest Lodge, Frameston, O.*

W. Bro. M. Encrett, W. M.

No. 134. *Shawenegam Lodge, Three Rivers, Q.*

R. W. Bro. M. Gutman, (Proxy.)

No. 135. *St Clair Lodge, Milton, O.*

W. Bro. J. H. Street, W. M.
" J. A. Fraser, J. W.
" " W. L. P. Eager, P. M.
" " George Smith, P. M.
" " Henry Watson, P. M.

No. 136. *Richardson Lodge, Stouffville, O.*

W. Bro. Francis Bickford, W. M.
" G. R. Vanzant, S. W.
V. " " James Bowman, P. M.

No. 137. *Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford, O.*

W. Bro. A. Burritt, W. M.

No. 138. *Aylmer Lodge, Aylmer, Q.*

W. Bro. Thomas F. McMullen, (Proxy.)

No. 139. *Lebanon Lodge, Ashawa, O.*

W. Bro. John Boyd, W. M.
" George English, J. W.
R. " " William McCabe, P. M.
" " " S. B. Fairbanks, P. M.

No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, O.*

Bro. John Abbott, S. W.
R. W. " T. Matheson, P. M.

No. 142. *Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg, O.*

R. W. Bro. A. G. Macdonell, W. M.
" H. C. Kennedy, J. W.
" " T. F. Chamberlain, P. M.

No. 143. *Friendly Brothers' Lodge, Iroquois, O.*

W. Bro. James Stephenson, W. M.

No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, O.*

W. Bro. Thomas Winter, W. M.
R. " " Chas. Kahn, P. M.

No. 145. *J. B. Hall Lodge, Millbrook, O.*

Bro. J. W. Wallace, J. W.
V. W. " James Might, P. M.

No. 146. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Newburgh, O.*

W. Bro. H. W. Wright, W. M.

No. 147. *Mississippi Lodge, Almonte, O.*

W. Bro. B. Watson, W. M.

No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa, O.*

Bro. Henry J. Morgan, J. W.
M. W. " T. Douglas Harington, P. M.

No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover, O.*

W. Bro. Berkeley Powell, (Proxy.)

No. 150. *Hastings Lodge, Hastings, O.*

W. Bro. Wm. E. Roxburgh, P. M.

No. 151. *The Grand River Lodge, Berlin, O.*

W. Bro. Charles Hendry, W. M.
" J. A. Mackie, S. W.

No. 153. *Burn's Lodge, Wyoming, O.*

W. Bro. James McKay, W. M.
" " W. Oliver, P. M.

No. 154. *Irving Lodge, Lucan, O.*

W. Bro. E. Patching, P. M.

No. 155. *Peterborough Lodge, Peterboro', O.*

W. Bro. Wm. Cameron, W. M.
" Robert Taylor, S. W.
" T. G. Winship, J. W.

No. 156. *York Lodge, Eglinton, O.*

Bro. M. H. Keefler, S. W.
W. " Joseph Jackes, P. M.

No. 157. *Simpson Lodge, Newboro', O.*

V. W. Bro. Thomas Camm, W. M.

No. 158. *Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs, O.*

W. Bro. B. Smith, P. M.
" " T. Ellison, P. M.

No. 159. *Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, O.*

V. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, (Proxy.)

No. 160. *Quebec Garrison Lodge, Quebec, Q.*

R. W. Bro. Thos. B. Harris, (Proxy.)

No. 161. *Percy Lodge, Warkworth, O.*

Bro. C. A. Mallery, J. W.

No. 162. *Forest Lodge, Wrozeter, O.*

W. Bro. H. Gardiner, (Proxy.)

No. 163. *Browne Lodge, West Farnham, Q.*

W. Bro. G. H. Kemp, S. W.

No. 164. *Star in the East Lodge, Wellington, O.*

Bro. Edward Hill, S. W.

No. 165. *Burlington Lodge, Wellington Square, O.*

W. Bro. Wm. Kerns, W. M.
" G. A. Bastedo, J. W.
W. " W. B. Simcoe Kerr, P. M.

No. 166. *Wentworth Lodge, Stoney Creek, O.*

W. Bro. Walter McKay, W. M.

No. 168. *Merritt Lodge, Welland, O.*

V. W. Bro. Moses Betts, (Proxy.)

No. 169. *Macnab Lodge, Port Colborne, O.*

W. Bro. James R. Haun, W. M.
" " J. C. Karr, P. M.

No. 170. *Britannia Lodge, Seaforth, O.*

W. Bro. Wm. Ballantyne, W. M.

No. 171. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Iona, O.*

W. Bro. John Edgcombe, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 172. *Ayr Lodge, Ayr, O.*

W. Bro. Thomas M. Anderson, W. M.
" Jacob Shoemaker, S. W.
" " A. Watson, P. M.

No. 173. *Victoria Lodge, Montreal, Q.*

Bro. F. Craig, J. W.

No. 174. *Walsingham Lodge, Port Rowan, O.*

W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, W. M.

No. 175. *Saint John's Lodge, Mansonville, Q.*

W. Bro. Robert Manson, W. M.

No. 176. *Spartan Lodge, Sparta, O.*

W. Bro. Alexander Fraser, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 177. *The Builders' Lodge, Ottawa, O.*

W. Bro. David Wilson, W. M.
" G. Levin, J. W.

No. 178. *Plattsville Lodge, Plattsville, O.*

W. Bro. Frederic Butcher, W. M.

No. 179. *Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell, O.*

W. Bro. H. F. Smith, W. M.

No. 180. *Speed Lodge, Guelph. O.*

V. W. Bro. Charles Sharpe, W. M.
" Caleb Chase, S. W.
" " " J. M. Dunn, P. M.

No. 181. *Oriental Lodge, Port Burwell, O.*

W. Bro. S. Leybourne, W. M.

No. 183. *Prince Albert Lodge, Prince Albert, O.*

W. Bro. Abner Hurd, jr., W. M.
" John Currie, S. W.
" Arch. Sinclair, J. W.
" " James Emaney, P. M.

No. 184. *Old Light Lodge, Lucknow, O.*

W. Bro. Robert L. Hunter, W. M.
" Walter Treleavin, S. W.
" " James Somerville, P. M.

No. 185. *Enniskillen Lodge, York, O.*

W. Bro. A. W. Thompson, W. M.
" " J. B. Holden, P. M.

No. 186. *Plantagenet Lodge, Plantagenet, O.*

W. Bro. W. A. Chamberlain, W. M.

No. 187. *Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetsburgh, Q.*

W. Bro. C. H. Boright, W. M.
" James O'Halloran, J. W.
" " E. Racicot, P. M.
" " H. D. Pickel, P. M.

No. 189. *Filius Viduæ Lodge, Adolphustown, O.*

W. Bro. E. H. Smith, W. M.
" " J. C. Chamberlain, P. M.

No. 192. *Orillia Lodge, Orillia, O.*

W. Bro. Robt. Ramsay, W. M.
" Thos. S. Atkinson, J. W.

No. 193. *Scotland Lodge, Scotland, O.*

W. Bro. T. O. Prowse, W. M.
V. " " Fred. Mudge, P. M.

No. 194. *Petrolia Lodge, Petrolia, O.*

W. Bro. Daniel Trotter, W. M.
" " John Tracy, P. M.

No. 195. *The Tuscan Lodge, London, O.*

R. W. Bro. Thompson Wilson, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 196. *Madawaska Lodge, Arnprior, O.*

R. W. Bro. J. J. Gemmill, (Proxy.)

No. 197. *Saugeen Lodge, Walkerton, O.*

W. Bro. E. A. Healey, W. M.
" G. Landerkin, S. W.
" " H. B. O'Connor, P. M.

No. 198. *White Oak Lodge, Oakville, O.*

W. Bro. Geo. K. Chisholm, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 200. *St. Alban's Lodge, Mount Forest, O.*

W. Bro. W. W. Winfield, W. M.
" " Sir W. Colles, Kt., P. M.

No. 201. *Leeds Lodge, Gananoque, O.*

Bro. S. M. Cameron, S. W.

No. 202. *Mount Royal Lodge, Montreal, Q.*

W. Bro. Chas. Storer, W. M.

No. 203. *Irvine Lodge, Elora, O.*

W. Bro. John Smith, W. M.
" W. J. McElroy, S. W.
" " A. B. Petrie, P. M.

No. 205. *New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburgh, O.*

Bro. Andrew Heppler, S. W.

No. 207 *Lancaster Lodge, Lancaster, O.*

W. Bro. A. McGregor, W. M.
" J. W. MacEdward, J. W.

No. 209. *Evergreen Lodge, Lanark, O.*

W. Bro. Robert Pollock, W. M.
" Thos. Watchorn, S. W.

No. 210. *Hawkesbury Lodge, Hawkesbury, O.*

V. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, (Proxy.)

No. 211. *Brome Lake Lodge, Knowlton, Q.*

W. Bro. C. D. Smith, W. M.
" A. E. Kimball, J. W.
" " H. D. Pickel, P. M.

No. 212. *Elysian Lodge, Garden Island, O.*

W. Bro. Robert Nancollas, W. M.

No. 213. *Dominion Lodge, Ridgeway, O.*

W. Bro. J. N. Fullmer, W. M.

No. 214. *Craig Lodge, Ailsa Craig, O.*

W. Bro. E. A. Mumford, W. M.

No. 215. *Lake Lodge, Roblin's Mills, O.*

W. Bro. Edward Roblin, P. M., (Proxy.)
" N. A. Peterson, S. W.
" Wm. G. Stafford, J. W.

No. 216. *Harris Lodge, Orangeville, O.*

W. Bro. S. H. McKitrick, W. M.

No. 218. *Stevenson Lodge, Toronto, O.*

W. Bro. W. C. Morrison, W. M.
" Bro. E. Hollingshead, S. W.
" J. W. Burns, J. W.

UNDER DISPENSATION.

Credit Lodge, Georgetown, O.

V. W. Bro. J. M. Dunn, W. M.
" S. Page, S. W.

Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge, O.

W. Bro. George H. Dartnell, W. M.

Mountain Lodge, Thorold, O.

W. Bro. John Dale, W. M.

Marmora Lodge, Marmora, O.

V. W. George E. Bull, W. M.

Norwood Lodge, Norwood, O.

W. Bro. W. E. Roxburgh, W. M.
" George Mitchell, S. W.

Zurich Lodge, Zurich, O.

W. Bro. W. Carrick, W. M.

Bernard Lodge, Listowel, O.

Bro. Geo. Rodernich, S. W.

Mount Moriah Lodge, Montreal, Q.

Bro. Wm. McCoy, S. W.

Sutton Lodge, Sutton Flats, Q.

W. Bro. E. Racicot, W. M.

Prince Arthur Lodge, Odessa, O.

Bro. B. A. Booth, S. W.

Kerr Lodge, Bell Ewart, O.

V. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, W. M.

Ionic Lodge, Brampton, O.

W. Bro. Joseph A. Fife, W. M.
" Geo. Green, S. W.
" A. B. Scott, J. W.

Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa, O.

Bro. A. H. Matthewman, S. W.

Cameron Lodge, Wallacetown, O.

W. Bro. John Edgcombe, W. M.

Doric Lodge, Park Hill, O.

W. Bro. John Dawson, W. M.
" Wm. McKellar, S. W.

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

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

The Grand Secretary read the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the Minutes of the last Annual Communication when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Fourteenth Annual Communication held at the City of Montreal on the 14th, 15th and 16th days of July, A. D. 1869, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to the Lodges, the same be considered read and now confirmed.

And also were read the Minutes of a Special Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Belleville on the 12th day of August, A. D. 1869, convened for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Deaf and Dumb Asylum, which were, on motion, confirmed.

The Minutes of proceedings of a Special Communication of Grand Lodge, held at the City of Montreal, on the 1st and 2nd of December, A. D. 1869, convened for the purpose of adopting such measures as may be deemed necessary in view of the recent rebellion and secession of certain Lodges and Brethren, &c., were read, and

On motion of R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, confirmed.

As likewise were read the Minutes of a Special Communication of Grand Lodge held at Odessa, Ont., on the 16th May, A. D. 1870, convened for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a new Episcopal Methodist Church, which were, on motion, confirmed.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered the following address to the Brethren in Grand Lodge assembled:

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA:

Another year—a most important one in our history having passed away, we are assembled again in annual communication, to consider measures for the advancement and prosperity of our beloved institution. Let us, with becoming gratitude, recognise the goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe, who has so mercifully preserved us in life and health, bestowed upon us countless blessings, and given us a fair measure of prosperity. Let us also reverently look up to Him for wisdom to direct our deliberations at this communication, so that all we do may be conducive to the promotion of His glory and the well-being of our fellow-men.

I do not intend to occupy much of the time of the Grand Lodge with an opening address, which can be more profitably employed in the consideration of the various important questions that are to be brought forward. I will, therefore, only refer to certain official acts with which it is necessary you should be made acquainted, and perhaps advert briefly to one or two other matters requiring remark.

The number of new Lodges established by Dispensation during the past year was fifteen. Great care was taken to obtain reliable information as to the need for more Lodges in the respective Districts in which they were sought to be located, and the probability of their being able to work without detriment to the Lodges already existing in the immediate vicinity; and I am happy to say that in nearly every instance the replies were most satisfactory. The applications were all accompanied by the usual recommendations, and certificates were also furnished me that the Brethren selected for the position of Worshipful Masters were fully competent to confer the Degrees. It gives me great pleasure to state in this connection that, in March last, the members of "Goderich Union Lodge," No. 720, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, unanimously adopted a series of resolutions, resigning their English Warrant, and desiring, in exchange, a Warrant from the

Grand Lodge of Canada. The resolutions were carefully drawn, and all their proceedings being perfectly regular and constitutional, I felt it to be my duty to comply with their request and instructed Grand Secretary to accept their English Warrant, and forward it to the Grand Lodge of England, together with a certified copy of the resolutions adopted by the Lodge. In accordance with previous arrangement, they were to get the nearest vacant number to that which they would have received, had they originally affiliated with this Grand Lodge. The Lodge is therefore now known as Goderich Lodge, No. 33, on our Grand Register.

The following are the names of Lodges under dispensation with their location and date of organization, viz.:

1. Credit Lodge, Georgetown, O., 27th Sept., 1869.
2. Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge, O., 11th Oct., 1869.
3. Mountain Lodge, Thorold, O., 12th Oct., 1869.
4. Marmora Lodge, Marmora, O., 16th Oct., 1869.
5. Norwood Lodge, Norwood, O., 16th Nov., 1869.
6. Zurich Lodge, Zurich, O., 13th Dec., 1869.
7. Bernard Lodge, Listowel, O., 14th Dec., 1869.
8. Mount Moriah Lodge, Montreal, P. Q., 3rd March, '70.
9. Sutton Lodge, Sutton Flats, P. Q., 4th March, 1870.
10. Prince Arthur Lodge, Odessa, O., 18th March, 1870.
11. Ionic Lodge, Brampton, O., 14th April, 1870.
12. Kerr Lodge, Bell Ewart, O., 14th April, 1870.
13. Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa, O., 29th April, 1870.
14. Cameron Lodge, Walkerton, O., 28th April, 1870.
15. Doric Lodge, Park Hill, O., 4th July, 1870.

AFFILIATED.

16. Goderich Union, No. 720, English Register, and now known as "Goderich" Lodge, No. 33, Goderich, O.

Requests were received from several Grand Lodges for an exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge of Canada. The distinguished Brethren appointed to represent these Grand Bodies, near this Grand Lodge, will doubtless

in due time present their credentials. I have named and accredited the following Brethren to represent our Grand Lodge near their Grand Lodges, viz.:

R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Gouley, Grand Sec., near the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

M. W. Bro. Henry R. Cannon, P. G. M., near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

M. W. Bro. H. P. Deuel, G. M., near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

R. W. Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, G. S. W., near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

R. W. Bro. Samuel C. Fleming, (Bellows Falls) near the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

R. W. Bro. Col. Wm. S. Fish, of Mystic Bridge, near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

R. W. Bro. Thomas W. Chubbuck, near the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

R. W. Bro. William H. Fraser, near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

In consequence of the removal from this country of R. W. Bro. H. L. Robinson, D.D.G.M. for the Bedford District, it was found to be necessary to fill the vacancy thus caused. The Book of Constitution provides that "The Grand Master may, by a written document, direct the Grand Registrar to take charge of any District for which there is not a District Deputy Grand Master," but owing to the peculiar state of Masonic affairs in that District it was to be expected that questions would arise requiring the personal superintendence of the officer in charge. I therefore deemed it of essential importance that some competent Brother, resident in the District, should be selected. I communicated my views to the present Grand Registrar, R. W. Bro. Fairbanks who, in the most courteous manner, concurred therein, and having consulted some of the officers of Lodges in that District, I appointed W. Bro. Horace D. Pickel, P. M. of Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetsburg, who has since discharged the duties of D. D. G. M. in the District of Bedford, with great zeal and ability.

Emergent Communications of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of laying foundation stones, were held at the following times and places, viz.: On the 12th of August, 1869, at Belleville, Ont., foundation stone of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum; on the 16th of May, 1870, at Odessa, Ont., foundation stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On both occasions I had the honor of presiding and officiating.

On the 17th of May, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Seymour, D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Wilson, D. D. G. M. for the Hamilton District, R. W. Bro. Harris, Grand Secretary, and others, I had the pleasure of meeting a large number of the Hamilton Brethren, in the Lodge of Strict Observance, and of witnessing the presentation of a very beautiful address, and an elegant Past Master's Jewel, to V. W. Bro. Pringle, the able and talented W. M. of that Lodge. On the following evening, I enjoyed the privilege of meeting several hundred of the Toronto Brethren, assembled in their commodious Lodge Room, under the direction of R. W. Bro. Kerr, the D.D.G.M. for that District, Stevenson Lodge being in session. There were also a number of the officers and Past Grand officers of the Grand Lodge, amongst whom was R. W. Bro. Harman, the present Mayor of the city. On both these occasions the fraternal sentiments expressed afforded evidence of the harmony and good feeling prevailing amongst the members of their respective Lodges, and I deem it due to them to acknowledge thus publicly the friendly and fraternal consideration and the bounteous hospitality extended to me by the Brethren of Hamilton and Toronto.

In January, I had the great gratification of meeting with the Brethren of New Jersey, at the annual Communication of their Grand Lodge, held at the City of Trenton. This was the first Grand Lodge which I had the honor of visiting in the United States and I was greatly impressed with the strict order which characterised all their proceedings, and the high respect for authority manifested throughout the session. The reports presented gave unmistakable evidence of the prosperous condition of Freemasonry within the jurisdiction of that State. From M. W. Bros. Canning,

Rusling and Whitehead, and R. W. Bros. Pine, Corson, and others, I received the greatest fraternal courtesy.

In pursuance of an invitation extended to me by the Committee of Arrangements, I had the honor of being present at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York, held on the 7th of last month and following days, and of assisting at the laying of the foundation stone of the proposed Masonic Hall or Temple, now being erected at the corner of 6th Avenue and 23rd streets, in the City of New York. Representatives were present from about 600 Lodges, besides many distinguished visitors from sister Grand Lodges, amongst whom were two highly esteemed officers of our own Grand Lodge—R. W. Bro. Seymour, D. G. M., and R. W. Bro. McCabe, D. D. G. M. Ontario, M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M. of New Brunswick, and several of his Grand officers, were also present at that interesting ceremony. The procession was said to be the largest and most imposing Masonic demonstration ever witnessed in the City of New York. The numbers present in the ranks, were variously estimated at from 8,000 to 15,000. The marshalling of this vast number was accomplished with marvellous ease, the column being in motion promptly at the hour agreed upon, reflecting great credit upon the Committee of Arrangements, and especially upon R. W. Bro. Herrick, the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies. From the Grand Master downwards, the Brethren were all clothed alike—the regalia consisting of a white linen apron. white gloves, and the jewel attached to the left breast. No collars or other insignia were permitted to be worn in the procession. The foundation stone was laid by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James Gibson, of Salem, N. Y., ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Anthon, Dep. G. M., (now G. M.) and R. W. Bros. Fox and Judson, respectively G. S. W. and G. J. W. The visiting brethren were most courteously received by the Grand Officers just mentioned, and by M. W. Bro. Simons, and R. W. Bro. Dr. Austin, Grand Secretary, and others. The Banquet was held at the Apollo Hall, on the evening of the 8th, to which all visitors from abroad were invited.

During the year a great variety of questions have been submitted to me for opinion or decision, to all of which I gave such attention as the respective cases seemed to require; and it occurred to me, while performing this duty, that if it were possible to preserve and publish, in a condensed form, the various decisions of Grand Masters from year to year, and the action taken by Grand Lodge on subjects not embraced within the scope of the provisions of the Book of Constitution, it would form a very valuable Canadian Masonic Jurisprudence, which might be often referred to, and prove exceedingly useful alike to Grand Lodge officers and those of subordinate Lodges.

During the past two years, several *District Grand Lodges of Instruction* have been organised within this jurisdiction, which have been attended with most beneficial results. Two of these were held since our last Annual Communication—one in the District of Toronto and the other in the Ontario District. R. W. Bros. Kerr and McCabe, the D. D. G. Ms. for these Districts, conducted the business with great ability, and the marked success which crowned their efforts must have been extremely gratifying to these R. W. Brethren, and to all who had the good fortune to be present at those meetings. I trust that the good example set by these zealous brethren will be followed in every District throughout our jurisdiction. I regard such meetings as one of the most effective methods of imparting Masonic instruction, and under proper management they might be made conducive to the speedy accomplishment of what has long been a desideratum—*entire uniformity of work.*

The reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters on the state of Masonry, are on the whole satisfactory. But for the unhappy differences existing in the Province of Quebec, the Craft might be said to enjoy almost undisturbed harmony. Since the Emergent Communication of this Grand Lodge, held on the 1st December last, the members of several of our Lodges who had been deprived of their masonic rights and privileges by the action of some of their number, whose sympathies were in favor of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, made application to me to be

maintained in the rights guaranteed to them by our own Book of Constitution; and as my action in regard to these Lodges has been sadly misrepresented, I deem it necessary to give, in full, the documents I issued, so that the Grand Lodge may be placed in possession of the facts, and thereby be enabled to understand the true position of affairs. To prevent repetition, the applications are not given here, as the action taken indicates their purport. The following was issued in reference to Victoria Lodge, No. 173:

To all whom it may Concern,

GREETING:

Whereas, it has been represented to me, that the Warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of Canada to the Victoria Lodge, No. 173, Montreal, is now, and has been for a period of more than one month, held and retained by a Brother, who still declines to place it in possession of the loyal members of that Lodge, and whereas, it appears that W. Bro. Henry J. Gear, W. M., and Bro. J. T. McMinn, the Senior Warden, are not in accord with the membership of Victoria Lodge, twenty-seven of whom have declared their determination to remain true to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada:

Therefore, I do, by these presents, authorise Bro. Robert Murray, the Junior Warden, to summon the meetings of the aforesaid Victoria Lodge, No. 173, G. R. C., until the next election and installation of officers, in the same manner as if the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden were both absent, and in case the Warrant should not be forthcoming or available at the next or subsequent meetings of the aforesaid Victoria Lodge, I further authorise the business of said Lodge to be transacted, and its work performed as heretofore, under the Warrant of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

This done at the office of the Grand Master, in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this 6th day of December, 1869.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

Early in January, I received the following communication from R. W. Bro. Walker, D. D. G. M., for the District of Quebec:

QUEBEC, 2nd January, 1870.

A. A. STEVENSON, ESQ.,
M. W. Grand Master G. L., Canada,

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother,—I greet you with the compliments of this festive season, and trust that you may live to enjoy many returns of its cheering association; and that at the next advent of "New Year's Day" you will find yourself free from the many harassing cares and anxieties which beset you at the close of the year just past, and, I am afraid, beset you still.

In accordance with my promise, I now proceed to give you the details connected with the defalcation of Harington Lodge. It appears that at the meeting of Grand Lodge in Montreal, on the 1st December last, when the representative of the Lodge, W. Bro. Burnstein, W. M., went forward to sign his name in the register, it was found that "No. 49 Harington Lodge" had been omitted altogether; and the Grand Registrar then asked W. Bro. Burnstein "if his Lodge was still faithful to the Grand Lodge of Canada?" W. Bro. Burnstein's reply, as I have been informed, was "It is, as yet." After some further conversation at the Registrar's table, it was proposed to enter the Lodge in the register at the end of the list. To this W. Bro. McCallum, P. M., who was also present at the time demurred; and at his suggestion, the "No." and "name of the Lodge were interlined at the proper place. The omission and the question put to him—a question, he says, not put to any one but himself—seemed to have irritated W. Bro. Burnstein very much, it being, in his opinion, tantamount to a declaration that G. L. considered Harington Lodge as having gone over to the enemy; and on his return to Quebec, kept harping on this string continually and incessantly, and would not listen to any common-sense explanation, that the omission might merely have been a clerical error; while with regard to the question put to him, I myself considered it out of place. I may mention that W. Bro. Burnstein has all along been a sympathizer with the new movement; and dwelling upon what he termed an insult to the Lodge, he soon gathered the malcontents around him; and these Brethren aided and abetted by W. Bro. Bowen, late of St. Andrew's Lodge, E.S., worked strenously in the cause of rebellion; and worked so well that at the regular meeting, held on the 16th December, when I laid before them the resolution you wanted altered, W. Bro. Tweddell said that the motion was his, and that he would not make, or allow to be made, any alteration in it; that if it was indefinite, he was now prepared to make

another motion which he hoped would be definite enough. He then made a motion that Harington Lodge join the G. L. of Q. This motion I would not allow to be put; and ably assisted by W. Bro. McCallum and some few members who remained still true to their colors, the motion was modified to read as follows:

"That a Committee be appointed to consider the state of Freemasonry in Canada, and the advisability of forming a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec."

This much being accomplished, and having an important engagement, I retired, leaving W. Bro. McCallum to watch proceedings. Nothing further transpired, except the appointment of the Committee; and as a proof of W. Bro. Burnstein's Masonic knowledge, he actually appointed me as one of its members, even although apart from my position in the Craft, I was not present at the time. I received due notice of the meeting of the Committee, and attended at the appointed time and place, and found the Committee to consist of: V. W. Bro. Joncas, W. Bro. Tweddell, Bro. John Hunter, Bro. Nathan Burnstein, Bro. John Hurds, and W. Bro. S. J. Burnstein, W. M., *ex officio*. I then informed the W.M. that he had made a sad mistake, not only in naming me upon such a committee, but in appointing such a committee at all, before complying with the regulations laid down for guidance in our Constitution. I then told the Committee that, as a matter of course, I would not act with them, and pointed out the illegality and unconstitutionality of their meeting then at all. My arguments were quite unheeded; and knowing that all there present were ripe and ready for revolt, I thought it was throwing water on a drowned mouse to talk any longer, so left them to their own inventions. Previous to the Committee meeting, summonses had been issued for an emergent meeting for the 23rd December, in which the business was stated to be "to take into," &c., an exact copy of the resolution, leaving out the appointment of the Committee I have already quoted, but not a word about the reception of the Committee report. The Lodge room was crowded; partisans of malcontents had been gathered together from all conceivable quarters, and I saw at a glance that they would carry all before them, when it came to be a question of numbers. The Lodge having been duly opened, V. W. Bro. Joncas rose to read the report of the Committee. I at once protested against any such report being read or received; that the Committee and its proceedings were alike irregular and illegal; and that according to the summons no such business was to be enter-

tained that evening. I addressed them at some length on the manner in which the business of the Lodge had latterly been conducted; and the opposing party, finding that my remarks appeared to have taken some effect, even upon themselves, agreed to give up reading the report, and quashing the proceeding of the Committee. However, it was simply "out of the frying-pan into the fire," for the secessionists fell back upon the motion in the summons, and on that passed a resolution to join the so-called "G. L. of Q.," and to have the officers installed under its registry on St. John's day. To this resolution, we could only muster six dissentient voices; and on its being announced as carried I at once, in due form, declared Harington Lodge, No. 49, under the G. R. of C., its officers and members, with the exception of such officers and members as remained true in their allegiance to the G. L. of C., duly suspended from all Masonic powers and privileges until the decision of the M. W. the Grand Master of the G. L. of Canada, was made known in the matter. I then called all the Brethren, faithful to the G. L. of C., to retire with me, which we accordingly did.

On St. John's day, at half-past one, p.m., the Lodge again met; and after all the members had met together, with a whole host of the Quebec rebel elite, and just as they were about to open, I stood forth in the centre of the Lodge-room; and having informed all present that Harington Lodge having been duly suspended, its present meeting was illegal: and that it could hold no meetings until your decision on the subject had been known. I then read the document I have already forwarded to you; and in my own name and that of the Brethren whose names were appended thereto, I demanded, three separate times, the surrender into our keeping of the Warrant of Harington Lodge, No. 49, under the G. R. of C. The W. M. refused to deliver it up; and I then told him always to bear in mind that, no matter what he and his followers might do, he would never have it in his power to say that No. 49 had gone over to an illegal and irregular body of Masons. I left; and I understand that the officers were installed under a dispensation from our friend J. H. G. Of course, they have carried away all the books, jewels, &c., with the exception of those of the Treasurer, which are in the hands of W. Bro. McCallum; and I have given him orders not to deliver them up to any one, or obey any requisition from the rebels, until your pleasure is known. I have also heard it whispered, and I believe it is true, that as Bros. Bowen, Veasey, Bowles,

Leggatt and Thomson, are the managing men of the Masonic Hall Association, should you send us a Warrant, they will not allow us to meet in their rooms. Now, as we have no furniture, jewels, or anything in fact, I would like very much to get your advice on this subject; because to tell the truth, in all my Masonic reading or experience, circumstances similar to those we are now wading through never came under my observation.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Believe me to remain

Yours fraternally,

[Signed.] A. WALKER,
D. D. G. M., Quebec.

A protest has been served upon the W. Master, a copy of which follows:

QUEBEC, 27th December, 1869.

We, the undersigned, members of Harington Lodge, No. 49, on the Grand Registry of Canada, A. F. and A. M., after due deliberation and mature consideration on the action taken by W. Bro. Burnstein, W. M. of the Lodge, W. Bro. Jones and Tweddell, and others, members of said Lodge, in unlawfully and unconstitutionally forcing their opinions on us, also members of the said Lodge, and passing a resolution not in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as the by-laws of Harington Lodge, and the landmarks of the Order, having for its object the joining of an irregular and illegal body of Masons, styling itself the "Grand Lodge of Quebec," a body which we do not recognise as being in existence, the more especially as its aim is the dismemberment of the Grand Lodge of Canada; and the said Harington Lodge having, in consequence of such action, been duly suspended by the R. W. Bro. Alexander Walker, D. D. G. M. for the District of Quebec: We hereby affix our names to this document, pledging ourselves to discountenance all such unlawful proceedings, and to demand and keep the Warrant, &c., &c., of Harington Lodge, No. 49, Grand Registry of Canada, until the decision of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada is obtained; and we also pledge ourselves at all times to oppose any and all proceed-

ings which may be taken, or attempted to be taken, by seceding Brethren already referred to, under the Warrant of Harington Lodge, No. 49, Grand Registry of Canada.

ALEX. WALKER, D. D. G. M.
ARCH'D. McCALLUM, P. M.
RICHARD HUDSON.
HENRY SMITH.
JOHN DONALDSON.
PETER BROGAN.
JAMES GLEN JAMIESON.
T. H. McCUSKILL.

With reference to the forgoing, I may here state, that as the Warrant, furniture, &c., had been taken possession of by the seceding Brethren, and as it appeared that there was no prospect of their being permitted to meet in the room they formerly occupied, I preferred leaving the case to be dealt with by Grand Lodge. Our constitution on the question raised here, is very explicit. Under the head of "Private Lodges," Sec. 33, it is enacted: "As every Warranted Lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a Warrant; if, therefore, the majority of any Lodge shall determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution or power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, provided their number be not less than seven," &c., &c. Eight names are appended to the Harington Lodge protest and demand.

Next follows a copy of the action taken on the application of Browne Lodge, No. 163, viz.:

Whereas a memorial has been presented to me by a number of the members of Browne Lodge, No. 163, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, setting forth: "That in the month of November last past at a meeting of said Lodge, the Warrant was treacherously and falsely obtained from the Master, and then and there, without any regular vote of the members of said Lodge, certain members

of the Lodge did then and there rebel against the authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and did then transfer their allegiance to the would-be Grand Lodge of Quebec, together with the Warrant, Books, Jewels, &c., belonging to said Lodge, and that since that time the memorialists, members of said Lodge, remaining loyal to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and refusing to recognise the authority of the would-be Grand Lodge of Quebec, have, in consequence, been deprived from meeting in their said Lodge." Wherefore, the memorialists "pray that a duplicate Warrant of said Browne Lodge be granted to them, free of charge, authorising them to meet at the Village of Adamsville, County of Brome and the District of Bedford, in the Province of Quebec,' &c., &c., &c.

And, whereas, after due deliberation, I deem it to be my duty to comply with the prayer of the memorialists—Therefore, by virtue of the power vested in me as Grand Master, I do by these presents authorise and empower the Brethren, whose names are appended to the memorial, viz.: W. Bros. G. H. Kemp, W. M.; Chas. Browne, P. M.; E. H. Higgins, P. M.; E. Racicot, P. M.; and Bros. Ira Scott, Thomas Ferguson, David Goddard, Elias Clow, John W. Knight, Peter A. Martin, and William Rider, to continue as heretofore the work and business of Browne Lodge, No. 163 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the meetings of said Lodge to be held at the Village of Adamsville, aforesaid.

And inasmuch as the election of officers for the present year could not, for obvious reasons, be held at the time provided for in the By-laws, I further authorise the members of Browne Lodge to proceed forthwith to the election and installation of a Worshipful Master, Wardens and other officers, who shall continue in office for the balance of the present year, or until the period fixed by the by-laws for holding such election.

And for the performance of the acts hereinbefore enumerated, this shall be sufficient authority, until the Lodge be placed in possession of the original warrant, or a duplicate thereof be granted.

This done at the office of the Grand Master, in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

Certain members of Nelson Lodge also forwarded a Memorial, a purport of which may be gathered from the following:

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,—

GREETING:

Whereas, it appears from a Memorial presented to me, signed by certain Brethren, members of Nelson Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 8 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, that at the regular communication of that Lodge held on the 17th of March last, the Worshipful Master and certain other Brethren, constituting a majority of the members present on that evening adopted without previous notice, a resolution renouncing their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and recognizing the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. That the Warrant of the Lodge was taken possession of by these seceding Brethren, and is yet retained by them. That the Memorialists remain true to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and are desirous of carrying on the work of the Lodge as heretofore under that jurisdiction, and they now pray that a duplicate Warrant or Dispensation be granted to enable them to do so.

Therefore, having duly considered the Memorial aforesaid and conceiving it to be my duty to comply with the prayer of the Memorialists, I do, by these presents, authorize and empower R. W. Bro. H. Montgomery, P. M. and Grand Chaplain, V. W. Bro. L. W. Decker, P. M. and Grand Pursuivant, W. Bro. P. E. Luke, P. M. and Secretary, Bro. J. Q. Carr, Senior Warden, Bro. L. Strite, Treasurer, Bro. D. T. R. Nye, Inner Guard, and Bro. F. A. Hogle, with such others as may be associated with them, to continue the work of Nelson Lodge, No. 8, as heretofore, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and for so doing this shall be sufficient authority until the original Warrant shall be restored, or a duplicate thereof granted.

This done at the office of the Grand Master, in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, this second day of May, 1870.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

These presents are also to give authority to Nelson Lodge to elect a Worshipful Master and Junior Warden (if found to be necessary) who may serve in these capacities until the period prescribed in the By-laws for the election of officers.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

From the foregoing, Grand Lodge will be able to perceive the difficult position in which many Brethren have been placed by the unconstitutional action of those members of Lodges favouring the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and I entertain no doubt that the Grand Lodge will not only extend its sympathy, but its active support, to maintain these Lodges in the exercise of their Masonic rights and privileges.

A further application was made in the month of April, by W. Bro. Dr. Campbell, the W. M. of Victoria Lodge, No. 173, which I subjoin:

MONTREAL, 26th April, 1870.

A. A. STEVENSON, ESQ., G. M.

MY DEAR SIR AND BRO.—As you are already aware, early last fall, at the time of the attempted formation of the so-called G. Lodge of Quebec, one or two members of Victoria Lodge, 173, G. R. C., who attempted to transfer the allegiance of the Lodge, took possession of its Charter, and had it endorsed by the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, with a view of the Lodge being continued under the new register. A very large majority of the members of Victoria Lodge, however, desiring to continue under the G. R. C., applied to you for authority so to do, which you kindly granted, and under this it has worked ever since.

The Lodge is now in a flourishing condition, and finding that there is no probability of regaining their old Charter they are desirous of obtaining the favor of a duplicate from the G. L. of Canada, and I have been requested to ask your kind offices in the matter.

The persecution which Victoria Lodge has had to sustain in consequence of its adhesion to its mother Grand Lodge

leads me to hope that you, as well as the Grand Lodge of Canada, will look favorably upon this request.

I am, dear Sir and Bro.,

Fraternally yours,

FRANCIS W. CAMPBELL, M. D., &c.,

W. M. Victoria, 173, G.R.C.

There is no question whatever in my mind that the Brethren of those Lodges are entitled to duplicate Warrants; yet, after mature deliberation, I concluded it would be the proper course to defer taking any action until the meeting of the Grand Lodge. My reasons for this decision were simply these: That in the meantime they were in possession of sufficient authority to continue their work as heretofore; and 2nd, That possibly, in some cases, the originals might have been forthcoming or available previous to that date. The Lodge of Antiquity, and Shawenegam Lodge, No. 134 (whose Warrants were abstracted last fall), are also entitled to be furnished with duplicates.

The Lodges at present working in the Province of Quebec under our jurisdiction, are eighteen (18) in number, viz.:

Lodge of Antiquity	Montreal.
Dorchester, No. 4	St. Johns.
Nelson, No. 8	Phillipsburgh.
St. George's, No. 19	Montreal.
Zetland, No. 21	do.
Shefford, No. 53	Waterloo.
Yamaska, No. 130	Granby.
Shawenegam, No. 134	Three Rivers.
Aylmer, No. 138	Aylmer.
Quebec Garrison, No. 160	Quebec.
Browne, No. 163	Adamsville.
Victoria, No. 173	Montreal.
St. John's, No. 175	Mansonville.
Royal Canadian, No. 187	Sweetsburgh.
Mount Royal, No. 202	Montreal.
Brome Lake, No. 211	Knowlton.
Mount Moriah, U. D.	Montreal.
Sutton, U. D.	Sutton Flats.

There are still other matters to which I would have adverted, had time permitted, but I have already occupied much more space than I contemplated at the outset. There remains, however, this vitally important question to be considered—What is to be done in the present position of affairs? The question is one which is more easily asked than answered, and its consideration may well occasion anxiety in the mind of every member of Grand Lodge. The determination arrived at in this case will be viewed with interest throughout both continents, and its influence will be felt far and wide. Grand Lodge sovereignty is in reality upon its trial, and the masonic world are looking on with deep concern. The line of action adopted now will not only be fraught with momentous consequences to ourselves, but will exercise an immense influence, for good or for evil, upon the future of Freemasonry in other countries. It becomes us, then, to consider well what that action should be, so that no false step may be taken which might prove injurious to Freemasonry, and be a source of regret to us for years to come. Entertaining, as I do, a firm conviction that the conclusions arrived at in December last were based upon correct Masonic principle, I cannot be expected to concur with those who are ready to yield everything for the sake of peace, or even a questionable expediency; nor can I bring my mind to believe that Grand Lodge organizations ought to be tossed about, swept away, or destroyed, at the whim or caprice of statesmen or politicians, whenever they may find it convenient or necessary to make even such alterations as were made here about three years ago. This would, in my humble opinion, be placing the fate and destiny of Grand Lodges in the hands of men who may not even be members of our order. Look at the question in another point of view. Suppose the Local Governments and Legislatures of these four Provinces to be abolished, and the business of the Dominion to be entrusted to only one Government—a mere Legislative Union in fact—would it be necessary, then, (or possible, if necessary,) to disorganize the Grand Lodges existing at that time within the Dominion, and form only one Grand

Lodge for the entire territory? Certainly not. Yet this is the exact converse of the proposition so boldly advanced, and so strenuously urged by many well-intentioned, though in my judgment, mistaken Brethren.

A retrospect of the two years during which I have had the high honor of presiding over the Grand Lodge of Canada calls up in my mind mingled feelings of joy and sadness. The calm sunshine, which for a time shed its hallowed influence upon our peaceful path, was, at a later period, followed by a pelting storm, which yet darkens the horizon. Yet, under every variety of circumstances, I have had the kindly counsel and earnest support of many true Brethren, and to their credit be it said, that the labors and responsibilities of office have often been lightened and lessoned by the active assistance so readily rendered, and the cheering sympathy so opportunely offered, by many of those whom I have now the privilege of addressing.

In resigning into your hands the Gavel, with which I was entrusted at the last annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, I can truly say, that although conscious of much unworthiness, and deeply sensible of numerous imperfections, yet I have always endeavored to discharge the duties of my position faithfully and conscientiously, whether those duties were of a pleasant or of a painful nature; and in divesting myself of the clothing appertaining to the office of Grand Master, permit me to indulge the hope, that in time to come I may be ever encompassed with the broad mantle of your masonic charity.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Charles Kahn, seconded by W. Bro. John E. Harding,

That the address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes, except that portion referring to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, which portion should be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of M. W. Bros. Wilson, Harington and Bernard, R.

W. Bros. Otto Klotz, A. DeGrassi and Thompson Wilson, V. W. Bros. John Clark, D. Spry, J. E. Harding, C. D. Macdonnell, J. Bowman, J. F. Toms, A. Diamond, J. M. Dunn, John V. Noel, Thos. White, C. S. Elliot, J. Billington, R. Kincaid, J. Wright and the mover.

In amendment

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Hy. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. Masson,

That so much of the address as had reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec be referred to a Special Committee to be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master.

In amendment to the amendment

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Thos. White, junr., seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi,

That the address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes, with instructions to report upon that part referring to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, at the session of Grand Lodge on to-morrow, it being understood that the Board have their report printed for the use of members on its presentation to Grand Lodge.

The amendment to the amendment having been submitted to Grand Lodge it was adopted with but one dissentient.

The following Brethren visiting from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York were announced and introduced to the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge, viz.: R. W. Bros. C. E. Young, G. J. D., W. J. McCredie, P. D. D. G. M., and John A. Lockwood, P. D. D. G. M., W. Bros. W. H. Dee, H. Kleim, John H. Andrews, H. B. McCullough, S. L. Watson, and J. B. King. The Brethren were welcomed by the M. W. Grand Master and saluted with Grand Honors.

W. Bro. R. Ramsay, presented his Credentials as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, which were received.

M. W. Bro. A. Bernard presented his Credentials as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which were received.

V. W. Bro. Thomas White, junr., presented his Credentials as the accredited Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, which were also received.

These Brethren were welcomed in their representative character, and were severally saluted with Grand Honors, and invited to seats on the Dais.

R. W. Bro. D. Spry gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move, That the Board of General Purposes be instructed to lay before the Grand Lodge, during the present Communication, a detailed statement of all amounts paid to officers and members of Grand Lodge for travelling or incidental expenses since last annual Communication, such statement to contain the name of the officer or member to whom such payments were made, the reason for making such payments, and the authority for such expenditure.

V. W. Bro. F. C. Dettmers gave notice for the next Annual Communication, To amend that portion of the Constitution relating to the representation of Lodges by Proxy.

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

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—As District Deputy Grand Master for the London District, I have the honor of submitting the following report:

When I accepted the office of D. D. G. M. for the London District at the last regular Communication of Grand Lodge I then purposed holding, during the year, at least one Lodge of Instruction in a central part of the District, but on consulting with some of the Brethren, they thought little instruction would be imparted to those most in need of it—that is, Brethren belonging to Lodges in remote parts of the District. I therefore concluded to devote my attention and time to those Lodges, and as I had received several letters from the Brethren of St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville, informing me that not being fully conversant with the Ritual of the Grand Lodge of Canada they were unable to work the Lodge in a satisfactory manner. In January last, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Thomas C. Macnabb to assist me, I visited the Brethren and spent about ten days instructing them, and am happy to say they are now in good working order.

I instructed my Secretary, V. W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb, to write the W. M. of Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg, that I would visit their Lodge and instruct them at any time it would be convenient for them to meet me, but received no answer from the W. M. When I visited the Lodge I found the W. M. unwell and unable to attend the Lodge, so I was prevented from instructing them as I had intended.

I have visited, during the year, twenty-five Lodges in the District and find them all working the Ritual of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Here I would beg to take the opportunity of returning thanks to the officers and Brethren of the different Lodges I have visited, for the very fraternal manner in which they received me on those occasions.

During the year the M. W. Grand Master has been pleased to cause the issuing of his Dispensations for the establishment of two new Lodges, the first at Wallacetown, to be named the "Cameron" Lodge and the other at Park Hill, to be called "Doric" Lodge, both of which have been regularly opened and are applicants for Warrants—which I recommend being granted.

I granted two dispensations to Wellington Lodge, No. 46, for steamboat excursions, the one last year to Detroit, the other on July 1st, 1870, to Slocum's Island. Also, a Dispensation to Bothwell Lodge, No. 179, for a Masonic Concert; and to The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, for a dinner. All the entertainments, I have been informed, passed off very well.

I have to report that it has pleased the G. A. O. T. U. to remove by death from our midst, Bro. Joseph Sewell and Bro. Jas. Sheriff, both members of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Bro. McDonald, a member of G. Western Lodge, No. 47, and Bro. Richard Tidbull, of Cassia Lodge, No. 116, all of whom were buried with Masonic ceremonies.

In December last, I had an invitation from the Brethren of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, to visit them and dedicate, on St. John the Evangelist's day, a new Masonic Hall, which they had erected; unable to attend, I deputed V. W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb, who proceeded to Port Stanley and dedicated the Hall according to Masonic custom, and installed the newly-elected officers for the ensuing year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. E. BROOKE,
D. D. G. M., L. D.

CHATHAM, 6th July, 1870.

WILSON DISTRICT.

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

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,—In reporting upon the condition of masonry in the Wilson District, I shall, of necessity, be very brief, as I have not had the pleasure and satisfaction of visiting all the Lodges under my superintendence during the past year. Those I have met, however, continue to progress, and I can see no diminution of that efficiency and zeal that has been so manifest in former years.

I have had no complaints of any kind arising amongst the Brethren, and as I have had to report hitherto, my labors have been comparatively light, and thanks to the influence of our excellent institution, very agreeable.

I have given dispensations to three Lodges to attend Masonic lectures clothed as Masons, and I hope the good of the Order and the pleasure of the Brethren was promoted thereby.

Death has invaded our circle and taken from us several of our beloved ones, and those who had gained for themselves positions high in the estimation of the world as well as of their Brethren. These deaths have all been duly returned to the Grand Secretary.

We have had two incidents of a Masonic nature, which were possessed of a good deal of interest, as well as having contributed largely to pleasure and enjoyment of the Brethren of the Lodges attending them. The first was the dedication of a Lodge-room at Ingersoll, by our Eminent and distinguished Brother, Judge Wilson, and the other the laying of the corner stone of a new church at Drumbo, by the same distinguished Brother, both of which was largely attended by the Craft, who were entertained in a most sumptuous manner by the Brethren at the places named. I regret very much that I was not permitted to join in these very interesting and instructive ceremonies, which I would have esteemed a great privilege.

In closing this brief report I would mention a source of very great annoyance to some of our Lodges—that is, the unmasonic course pursued by the W. M. and Brethren of Lodge 209, under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in initiating persons who had been rejected by our Lodges, and they then go to the Lodge where rejected and demand admission as Masons. Such conduct on the part of Lodge 209 is annoying and productive of much harm to the Order, and I trust such steps will be taken by Grand Lodge as will effectually abate the evil.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

D. CURTIS,
D. D. G. M., Wilson District.

HURON DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to present to Grand Lodge this second annual report:

Last year there was twenty-one Lodges in this District. The District being so large, on representation made by myself and others, Grand Lodge was pleased to divide it, forming a new one out of the Counties of Waterloo and Wellington—there then remained thirteen Lodges. Two have since been added by dispensation, and one by affiliation.

The Lodges under dispensation are Zurich Lodge, presided over by the late W. M. of Lebanon Forest Lodge, which is working according to the Ritual prescribed by Grand Lodge, and Bernard Lodge, Listowel, by a P. M. highly recommended by W. Bro. Worthington, P. M. of Wroxeter Lodge. The books of these Lodges will be laid before you, and I hope the record therein will be such as will induce you to grant them Warrants,

The affiliated Lodge, previously known as "Goderich Union" Lodge, Goderich, No. 720, E. R., who, by a unanimous vote of its members, surrendered its English Charter and memoralised the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for a Warrant of affiliation, which has been granted, and is now numbered 33 on the Grand Registry of Canada. Thus has been accomplished, that which was long desired by all good and true Masons within this jurisdiction, and although I was unable to accept their kind invitation to be present at the celebration of their first meeting under the Warrant of the Grand Lodge of Canada, they had my hearty wishes, and my desire is, that the Brethren of Goderich Lodge, No. 33, will never regret (which I am sure they will not) the step which they have taken, and although old in years may it be young in vigor and vitality, shedding its light and influence all around until the reflection of its rays are seen and felt, not only within, but beyond the bounds of the District of which it now forms a part, to the latest generation.

On the 24th June, R. W. Bro. Kahn and myself attended after the installation of the two Goderich Lodges, a celebration held to celebrate the union of the two Lodges under the one jurisdiction, when a happy time was spent.

Two cases of unmasonic conduct were reported to me; the papers in connection therewith will be laid before you.

A petition from Tudor Lodge, No. 141, praying for aid for Bro. John Davidson, a member of that Lodge, who is in destitute circumstances, will be laid before you, and I hope its prayer will be granted, as the Brethren of that Lodge deserves a great deal of credit for their efforts to relieve the distressed. They built a house for this poor Brother, in which he now resides free of rent, this has been a heavy drain on the funds of the Lodge not numerous in members, or wealthy in this world's goods. An application has also been made by Clinton Lodge, Clinton, for aid for Bro. John Maguire, to the extent of $80. It appears that Grand Lodge assisted this poor Bro. in previous years, and now when old age increases it is the more necessary that he should be assisted now.

On the 18th February, I received from St. James' Lodge, St. Mary's, an application for a dispensation to wear their regalia at a ball and social to be held on February 24th, under the auspices of St. James' Lodge, A.F. and A.M., and St. Mary's Lodge of I. O. O. F. I did not think I had the power to grant their request for such a purpose, consequently I answered them accordingly.

Thanking the Brethren for past favors, I now resign into their hands the trust committed to me, hoping my successor will be better able to give more of his attention to this large District than I have been enabled to do.

Respectfully submitted by

THOMAS MATHESON,
D. D. G. M.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, I hereby beg to submit my annual Report of the proceedings and state of Masonry in the Wellington District:

The Lodges within this District, being eight in number, are:

1. Alma Lodge No. 72, at Galt.
2. The Grand River " " 151, " Berlin.
3. Ayr " " 172, " Ayr.
4. Speed " " 180, " Guelph.
5. St. Albans " " 200, " Mount Forest.
6. Irvine " " 203, " Elora.
7. New Dominion, " " 205, " New Hamburg.
8. Harris " " 215, " Orangeville.

During the course of my year of office I paid two official visits to each of said Lodges, and visited several of the Lodges oftener. I have much pleasure in stating that I have been most cordially received by the Brethren, that I found Masonry satisfactorily progressing and nearly all the officers well acquainted with the established Ritual, so that I had little occasion for making corrections.

I notice, however, that the explanations of the symbolism of our Order, are more or less omitted and that but rarely the lectures pertaining to the several degrees are given. This omission appears to be one of the primary causes of the great apathy exhibited by many of the Brethren in regard to Lodge matters; as by an imperfect illustration of the degrees. the principles of our Order and its symbolism, they must of necessity fail to understand the beautiful teachings of our Order; adequately to appreciate our noble system and its principles and perfectly to comprehend the duties and obligations they have engaged to perform. The reason assigned for this omission being the want of time, as also the want of means of acquiring a full knowledge of those teachings in order to properly communicate the same. I would, therefore, recommend that Grand Lodge devise some practical plan whereby the latter want may be speedily removed, and I have great confidence that then many, if not every W. M. will devise means to find time for communicating the same.

In five of said Lodges I have had the pleasure of installing the officers and in so doing was ably assisted by several P. Ms. I also had the honor of assisting the D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Seymour, in conjunction with R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, and other members of G. L., in consecrating Harris Lodge, No. 216.

The duties in respect to Masonic complaints have been very light and speak favorably of the harmony which appears to prevail in this District.

Our obituary list has been increased by two in number, though one will probably be reported by the D.D.G.M. of the Hamilton District. It has pleased the G. A. O. T. U. to call off from their earthly toils, Bro. Robert Menzies of Burlington Lodge, No. 165, and Bro. John Jackson, of Speed Lodge, No. 180, both died at Guelph, and were buried with Masonic ceremonies.

The Lodges in this District, following the recommendation of G. L., purchased a very handsome and costly regalia for the D. D. G. M., at London, England, at a cost of about $100, which was presented me at Alma Lodge, and will be transferred to my successor in office.

Charity, that bright gem in our Masonic diadem, has been liberally dispensed by the Brethren to those who from unforeseen misfortunes, have been thrown into distress; and the Brethren have thus evinced that they are ever ready to practice the sacred tenets which they are taught within the precincts of their Lodge.

All of which is most fraternally submitted.

OTTO KLOTZ,
D. D. G. M., Wellington District.

PRESTON, 27th June, 1870.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

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

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit herewith "a circumstantial account" of my proceedings as D. D. G. M. for the Hamilton District, and of the state of Masonry within said District, during the past twelve months, in pursuance of the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have had correspondence or other communications with all the Lodges within the District, and have officially visited most of them—some several times—and it gives me great pleasure to be able to say that *generally* great harmony prevails among the Lodges and Brethren, *an earnest desire for knowledge*, and a steady perseverance in the discharge of Masonic duty. Although I accepted the high trust with great diffidence, no difficulty has been experienced, for I have been happy in having served my Brethren in almost *millenial times* for Masonry in this District.

Whenever I have felt it to be my duty to correct or admonish, in such slight irregularities as have come to my notice, the discipline has been received with such courtesy and genuine Brotherly feeling and ready obedience, that a discharge of duty has given pleasure rather than pain.

My chief business has been to impart a more thorough knowledge of our Ritual, and everywhere I have found the greatest anxiety to prevail for exact information in this respect—and I feel it to be my duty to urge Grand Lodge to encourage and promote every proper facility by which the Brethren generally may be gratified in a reception of such needful knowledge.

COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS.

Very few complaints have been made to me, and in every case I have found, upon examination, that a simple misapprehension was the cause of difficulty, which being fully and candidly explained, was happily removed, leaving the bonds of Brotherly love rather strengthened than otherwise by the exercise of fraternal forbearance.

Only one appeal has been received, and that was from the decision of Lodge No. 168, but the question involved being of a nature requiring great caution in discussion, and although not reputable in one or two Brethren most concerned, I deemed it best for the interest of Masonry and

the Lodge in particular, not to disturb the decision of the Lodge, and being strengthened in that opinion by the counsel of several distinguished Brethren, I allowed the matter to drop—and am happy to say that subsequent events appear to confirm the wisdom of such conclusion.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted two Dispensations for festivals—one to Merritt Lodge, No. 168, which was held on the 28th January last, and which I had the pleasure of attending. Great harmony prevailed and must have been profitable, as it certainly proved pleasurable, and one to St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, which was held on the 4th February last, to which I was honored with an invitation and attended. A very large number of the Brethren from neighboring Lodges honored St. Mark's by being present—as well as considerable numbers from American Lodges, which made a very large gathering, and great harmony prevailed throughout the festivities, and I am very glad to be able to add, incidentally, that the Brethren on the borders are upon the most fraternal terms with our American Brethren, and that Masonic courtesies of this kind are very frequently interchanged.

NEW LODGES.

With respect to my predecessor's report of last year in reference to the application of certain Brethren of George-town for a Dispensation to open a Lodge at that place, I have to say, that R. W. Bro. Parry placed such application into my hands, together with all the correspondence on the subject in his possession, and I opened a fresh correspond-ence on the subject with the petitioners, which eventually resulted in the withdrawal of the first petition and the sub-mission of a new one, with the name of V. W. Bro. J. M. Gunn, of Guelph, as first W. M., which application I had pleasure in recommending, and the M. W. the Grand Master graciously granted a Dispensation to the Brethren at

Georgetown to open a Lodge there, to be called "Credit Lodge." Having great confidence in the zeal and ability of V. W. Bro. Dunn, and the minute book and records being in a satisfactory condition, I would respectfully recommend that a Warrant be granted.

I have also to report the formation of a new Lodge at Thorold, under the name of "Mountain Lodge," to which a Dispensation has been granted by the M. W. the Grand Master. I have the utmost pleasure in favourably recommending this Lodge, W. Bro. John Dale, the first W. M., being well qualified for the high trust, and a thorough Ritualist, and has taken great pains to instruct his officers in the proper discharge of their duty. The Lodge was formally opened on the 27th December last, by R. W. Bro. Seymour, D. G. M., at which ceremonies I had the honor of assisting. A very large number of Brethren from Lodges in the neighborhood, especially from St. Catharines, were present and took part in the exercises. The Brethren have been liberal in their expenditure of fitting up their Lodge Room comfortably and tastefully, and they enjoy the warmest good wishes of the several Lodges in the vicinity.

I have great satisfaction in recommending that a Warrant be granted.

OBITUARY.

The Brethren have had a merciful immunity from the visitations of that pale and dreaded messenger whom we must all one day meet—only *four deaths*, so far as reported to me, having occurred among the Craft in this large populous District—all of whom were buried with Masonic ceremonies, except one, Bro. Willey, a member of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, who was drowned in Niagara River, near Fort Erie, and whose body has not been recovered. He was a protective officer in the customs department, and some unpleasant feelings have been felt, fearing that his death might not have been accidental. He was greatly respected, and has at different periods held high Municipal, as well as other official trusts. May we meet him in the Great Grand Lodge above.

THE WORK.

It will be satisfactory to Grand Lodge to know that in most of the Lodges in this District, the Ritual recognised is very closely followed. A few of the Country Lodges require considerable instruction in this respect, but great desire is felt everywhere to comply with the requirements of Grand Lodge in that behalf—and as a means to that end, I have strictly enjoined that candidates should not be advanced faster than the work is thoroughly understood.

STATISTICS.

I had hoped to be able to present herewith a complete tabular statement of work and business in all the Lodges in the District, but, from causes yet unexplained, I have not received the statistical report asked for from several Lodges. Although incomplete, the statement appended will be interesting as a comparative record, and not devoid in other respects.

It will be observed, that among the Lodges who have reported, "old Barton," No. 6, preserves her traditional superiority in numbers, and has dispensed her charities with a liberal hand; yet, that the youngest chartered Lodge has exceeded her in the latter respect, while Maple Leaf, No. 103, has a treasury the most replete.

The statement also shows that a large accession of membership has obtained during the past year, yet, at the same time, the number of propositions very far exceeds the number received, demonstrating the gratifying fact that the ballot has been judiciously guarded. I may, however, be justified in stating in this connection, that in one Lodge in this District, an unfortunate party spirit has been instrumental in excluding good material in the opinion of some of the Brethren, but it is pleasurable to add that the feeling alluded to has, it is hoped, been allayed.

It is also gratifying to find that the G. L. Dues and Fees have been generally promptly paid.

It will probably not be denied by any, that a perfect tabular statement for each year cannot be otherwise than most valuable, if published and open to the perusal of the officers and members of the several Lodges, thereby serving to stimulate an exertion to attain comparative merit and honorable mention. To facilitate this desirable result, and preserve invaluable statistical information in each Lodge, that enlightened and indefatigable Brother, the present R. W. D. G. M., has, at great labor, perfected and published in suitable divisions, a Record Book for the use of Lodges, which, if carefully filled up as the work and business of the Lodge takes place, will, in time, be referred to with pleasure and pride, and really be beyond price. If carefully and acurately transcribed, will materially lighten the labors of the Grand Secretary, as it will prevent most of those mistakes frequently occurring in returns, and necessitating a very considerable correspondence. It will so regulate the affairs of the Lodge that discrepencies will be very easily discovered and rectified, and the officers spared much vexatious search and difficulty. I am very happy to be able to report that many of the Lodges have for considerable periods preserved valuable records of this kind, and that a considerable number have availed themselves of the opportunity now afforded to preserve uniform statistical records. The Secretary of any Lodge, in possession of such a record, would be able to furnish the data for the appended statement instantly. I have recommended their adoption generally.

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NAME.	No.	LOCATION.	No. of Members on the Roll.	No. Propositions for Initiation.	No. Rejected.	No. Initiated.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	Joined.	Resigned.	Restored.	Susp. N. P. D.	Susp. U. M. C.	Deceased.	R. Meeting.	R. Meeting.	Amount received in Fees.	Amount received in Dues.	Cash on hand or invested.	Amount paid for Relief.	Are Grand Lodge Fees and Dues paid to date?	Remarks.
Niagara	2	Niagara	43	7	4	4	5	3	1	2						1	$300 00	$109 94	$344 65	$5 60	Yes.	
Hamilton	6	Hamilton	114	15	4	7	5	3		1						1	300 00	178 87	300 70	15 00	"	
Grimsby	7	Grimsby	30	12	3	7	4	2									145 00	42 75	74 15	3 00	"	
St. Catharines	10	St. Catharines	59	19	7	17	11	6								1	295 00	145	168 60	16 00	Not answered.	
Hamilton	26	Hamilton	98	30	2	16	15	17								1	300 00	157 75	370 50	16 00	Yes.	
Dunnville	29	Dunnville	36	14	3	10	10	9								1	300 00	159 75	418 88	35 60	"	
Port Hill	30	Port Hill	44	6	2	5	5	3													"	
Hamilton	31	Hamilton	88	21	2	20	17	15	5	4						1	300 00	159 75	40 00	10 00	Yes.	
Blakbrook	34	Blakbrook	19														75 00	49 75	40 00	10 00	"	
Hamilton	35	Hamilton	84	30	1	13	12	11	1	1						1	100 00	75 00	81 85	12 00	"	
Caledonia	36	Caledonia	63	18	2	11	11	11								1	300 00	161 63	800 00	33 83	"	
St. Andrew's	37	Hamilton	57	9	4	9	5	3														
Ancient Landmarks	38	Hamilton	68	10	4	7	7	4														
Wentworth	39	Dundas	98	14	3	10	7	7	1							1	300 00	196 71	50 00		Yes.	
Barton	40	Hamilton	98	15	3	10	10	8														
Cataract	41	Stoney Creek	36	8	2	8	5	4														
Dundas	42	Dundas	88	24	2	15	10	8														
Wilson	43	Hamilton	37	5	1	5	5	3														
Wellington Square	44	Wellington Square	54	12	2	8	8	5														
Erin	45	Erin	37	7	1	5	5	3														
Lake Ontario	46	Port Colborne	37	13	2	8	8	5														
Mount Hamilton	47	Mount Hamilton	14	1		1	1	1														
Cayuga	48	Cayuga	56	15	2	8	8	5														
Ivanhoe	49	Caledonia	25	5	1	5	5	3														
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Corinthian	296	Hamilton	25	5	1	5	5	3														
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Corinthian	300	Hamilton	25	5	1	5	5	3														
Tuscan	301	Hamilton	25	5	1	5	5	3														
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Ionic	303	Hamilton

PRESENTATIONS.

The high respect and esteem entertained by the Brethren of several Lodges for their presiding officers has been manifested in the presentation of valuable testimonials and most complimentary addresses; two of which interesting ceremonies I have had the honor and pleasure of witnessing.

On the occasion of my official visit to St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton, on the 21st of April last, the Brethren of that Lodge improved the occasion by presenting their R. W. M., R. W. Bro. Harris, with a very valuable P. Z. Jewel, and a suitable address, which the R. W. Bro. received and acknowledged in feeling terms. After the close of the Lodge, the Brethren repaired to a banqueting room in the vicinity, where the Stewards had provided a most sumptuous repast. After the removal of the cloth, the usual masonic toasts were proposed and responded to in a right loyal and fraternal manner. The festivities closed in good season, all feeling that it was good to have been present.

I visited Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, Hamilton, on 27th May last, and had the honor and gratification of meeting the M. W. the Grand Master and also the R. W. the D. G. M., on that occasion—and the Lodge seized on that auspicious opportunity to present their V. W. M., V. W. Bro. Pringle, with a very elaborate P. Ms. Jewel, and complimentary address, which was received and acknowledged in pleasing terms. A banquet was spread in honor of the event, which did great credit to the good taste of the members of the Lodge; and the subsequent intellectual feast proved a season of pleasure and profit to all present.

DIVISION OF DISTRICTS.

So far as I have been able to ascertain, I believe that it is almost the unanimous opinion of the members of the several Lodges that the District is too large, and as the required

notice of motion for a division of the District was given at the last communication of G. L. by V. W. Bro. Pringle, it is to be desired that action will be taken thereupon at the present session. Having consulted a very large number of the Lodges in the District, I feel at liberty to respectfully recommend that the division may be so made that the old Niagara District, (being composed of the Counties of Lincoln Welland and Haldimand) form one District, to be called "The Niagara District," and that the remaining portion of the District may be so adjusted with the Wilson District as may prove satisfactory to all concerned. To properly discharge the duties of D. D. G. M. in a District so large, as at present constituted, requires more time, greater expense and exertion than a private individual can reasonably be expected to devote, and, as a consequence, the several Lodges do not receive the advantages of the presence of that officer which they have a right to expect. And further, it may be observed that a compliance with the recommendation of G. Lodge, in reference to that officer's expenses, becomes burdensome, when he is obliged to travel long distances and incur hotel expenses unavoidably; especially to young or otherwise weak Lodges, and who really require more attention and encouragement than older and more prosperous ones. I hope V. W. Bro. Pringle will press his motion.

B. OF G. P.

I regret that circumstances over which I had no control, prevented my attendance at the meeting of the Board of G. P., in February last, as it has been my desire to discharge all the duties devolving upon me faithfully.

DISTURBING CAUSES.

With respect to the causes which have unhappily disturbed the harmony heretofore existing within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, I have urged upon the Brethren and Lodges in this District to carefully abstain from expressing

too strong opinions, and quietly await the approaching meeting of Grand Lodge, when wise counsels would undoubtedly prevail. The highest respect and warmest feeling has eminently prevailed towards the M. W. the Grand Master, under the trying circumstances in which he has been placed. It cannot be denied that great anxiety is felt respecting the important business likely to press upon the attention of G. L., and I have reason to think that Hamilton District will be fully represented.

LODGES NOT VISITED.

Owing to circumstances entirely beyond my control, I have not been able to visit a few Lodges in remote parts of the District, yet I have not been unmindful of their interests and hope that Grand Lodge, and the private Lodges concerned, will excuse any want of compliance with the Constitution under the circumstances.

I cannot close my report without recording my sincere thanks to that distinguished Mason, the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master of the G. L. of Canada, for his valuable counsel on many occasions during the past, and especially during the past year—and also to the R. W. the Grand Secretary, who is ever ready to oblige—and to the several Lodges throughout the District for their marked courtesy and fraternal kindness upon every occasion; and I humbly pray that it may please the G. A. O. T. U. to long preserve the present prevailing concord among the Brethren throughout the District.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

I. P. WILLSON,
D. D. G. M., Hamilton District.

WELLAND, 26th June, 1870.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

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

Allow me, in the name of the Brethren of Toronto, to bid you welcome to the City, and to express the great pleasure it affords them to meet you here. In their name I venture the hope that your sojourn may be pleasant—your duties agreeable—and your deliberations productive of much good to the cause of Masonry.

In submitting my report for the past twelve months, during which I have presided over the Toronto District I have great satisfaction in informing you that the Craft throughout this District is progressing—the officers diligent in the discharge of their duties—the members generally attentive and faithful—working together in "the good cause" with that love and harmony which should at all times characterize Freemasons.

I have made several trips through the District, and have made myself acquainted with the working as well as the requirements of every Lodge. The two Lodges which I have not officially visited were unable to meet me at the time I had appointed—but competent authorities who have visited these Lodges for me give favorable accounts of their position and work.

In September last, I had the pleasure of constituting and consecrating "Stevenson Lodge, No. 218," and installing the officers thereof, when I had the assistance of about two hundred Brethren. I am glad to inform you that the Lodge is prospering and gives promise of being conducted in a manner worthy of the name it has the honor to bear.

After visiting a large number of the Lodges in this District, I deemed it advisable to hold a General Lodge of Instruction, at Newmarket, commencing on the 23rd of February last—and for that purpose I notified the Lodges throughout the District of such an intention.

A large number of Brethren attended the meeting, over one hundred and fifty being present at one time. The Lodge remained in session for two days, and I have reason to know from the official visits since made to the Lodges, that much good resulted from the meeting, and that many of the Brethren derived the instruction which they had required.

On behalf of the Brethren there assembled, as well as on my part, I would take this opportunity of thanking R. W. Bro. J. Seymour, D. G. M., and R. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe, D. D. G. M., Ontario District, for their attendance and for the assistance and instruction rendered by them. I would also acknowledge the services rendered by many other able and zealous Brethren who took part in the proceedings.

Without going further into detail, I may state that the Ritual was exemplified, including the opening and closing of Lodges and conferring the three established Degrees as recognized by Grand Lodge, in such a manner as to give every Brother present an opportunity of acquiring the correct work. The preparation of candidates—the examination of visitors—the reception of distinguished visitors—the disposal of ordinary business, work and instruction not so frequently engaging the attention of Lodges, and many such matters were illustrated and explained.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Brethren present received an invitation to a Ball, at Newmarket, the same evening, by the members of Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Sharon Lodge, No. 97, and Simcoe Lodge, No. 79. The invitation was accepted and proved a most enjoyable and hospitable entertainment.

On the 18th of May last, the Brethren of Toronto were honored with a visit from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, which was highly appreciated by them. They rejoice to find that he has recovered from the illness under

which he was then laboring, and desire to express the hope that he may long continue to enjoy the blessing of restored health.

During the year I have paid 38 official visits; granted 8 dispensations for festivals and public processions, and disposed of 20 complaints. The dispensations have been duly reported to the M. W. the G. M. None of the complaints deserve especial mention. In nearly every instance I was enabled to restore harmony and good feeling; one case I deemed of such a graver character that I have referred it to the Board of General Purposes; and one case I have been obliged to hand over to my successor to be dealt with by him.

Dispensations have been granted, upon my recommendation, for the following new Lodges, viz.: "Ionic" Lodge, at Brampton, "Kerr" Lodge, at Belle Ewart. Both of these are situate in populous sections of the country; they are in the hands of expert craftsmen, who will no doubt do credit to the craft. I, therefore, cordially recommend Grand Lodge to confirm them by Warrants.

Applications have been just received by me for the following new Lodges, viz.: "Manitoba" Lodge, at Bond Head, "St. Tammany" Lodge, at Clarksburg. Both of these places are prosperous and are so far distant from Lodges, that I feel justified in recommending their petitions. I have had no opportunity of examining the Brethren nominated for the W. Master's chair in these two Lodges. I would therefore suggest that Grand Lodge might authorize the issue of the Warrants upon the M. W. the Grand Master being satisfied that those officers are capable of conferring the three Degrees of Craft Masonry in the manner recognized by Grand Lodge.

Upon the application of Union Lodge, No. 118, of Lloyd town. I consented to the removal of that Lodge to the Village of Schomberg, less than a mile distant from Lloydtown, being satisfied that such removal would prove a convenience to the members of the Lodge.

It would be unpardonable in me to overlook the deference which has been paid to my suggestions, and the courtesy everywhere extended to me by the Brethren throughout the District—I am deeply sensible of this.

I would fain close my report without adverting to any occasion for sorrow or regret—but sorrow there is and regret abounds! The angel of death has been busy in our midst—and "many an aching heart and lonely hearthstone" mourns the departure of loved ones during the past year. Neither youth nor strength; neither bright intellect nor lovely form; neither high character or modest worth have sufficed to ward off the fatal shaft. At the summons of the mysterious but inevitable messenger of mortality all earthly distinctions fail and to dust we all return. The names of those who have fallen from our ranks have been reported to the Grand Secretary. Amongst those will be found the name of W. Bro. Thos. Gundry, who for many years presided over St. John's Lodge, No. 75, with great ability. Of modest and retiring demeanor—as a neighbor, a citizen, and a mason, he was highly and justly esteemed. Under a deep conviction of moral accountability and that all his actions were under the inspections of the "all-seeing eye," it was his aim "to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with his God." There also appears the name of Bro. Thomas Willing, the Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Canada—for many years a faithful and respected servant of the Craft in Toronto. His death was sudden. In health and vigor of body and mind, he was violently and suddenly seized with an attack of illness which unexpectedly extinguished the lamp of life. May his sudden death remind us of the uncertainty of all earthly things and warn us to prepare for our own inevitable departure, that we may then be found "worthy and well qualified" for admission into that "glorious temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. KERR,
D. D. G. M., Toronto District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, I have the honor to present this my third annual report of the condition of Freemasonry in the Ontario District.

Owing to my temporary removal from the Province, which I hope will be ended at an early day, I have not been able to visit all the Lodges in my District this year.

In December last, a very pleasant and satisfactory Lodge of Instruction was held at Port Hope, and remained in session four days. On its termination, several of those present visited Colborne and took part in dedicating a very beautiful hall, purchased and well furnished by the Brethren of that place. The greatest credit is due to the Rev. Bro. Wm. A. Sills, who has exhibited so much taste and artistic ability in the well executed paintings of the symbols of the Order, with which he has decorated the walls of this his mother Lodge. Too much praise cannot be awarded to the Brethren of this excellent Lodge, for their enterprise in securing such a suitable and commodious place of meeting.

The M. W. the G. M. has issued Dispensations for the establishment of two new Lodges since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, one held at Uxbridge, and presided over by W. Bro. George H. Dartnell, and the other at Norwood, with W. Bro. Dr. Roxburgh as W. M.

So far as my knowledge extends, the utmost harmony and good fellowship prevails throughout the Ontario District.

In withdrawing from an official connection with the Brethren of this large and influential constituency, I tender them, one and all, my most hearty thanks for the fraternal kindness and courtesy which they have at all times manifested towards me.

JULY, 1870.

WILLIAM McCABE,
D. D. G. M., Ontario District.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

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

M. W. Sir and Brethren,—In compliance with the Constitution, and discharge of the duty devolving upon me, in closing my official duties for the past year, I beg to submit a brief report of the same.

During the past year, upon proper petitions duly recommended, I applied to the M. W. the Grand Master for Dispensations to open new Lodges at the following places, viz.: one at Marmora, in the County of Hastings, and one at Odessa, in the Counties Lennox and Addington, and that the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased most willingly to grant the same, and that by virtue and under the authority thereof, I duly opened a new Lodge at Marmora, aforesaid, called the "Marmora" Lodge, and also a new Lodge at Odessa, called the "Prince Arthur" Lodge. The former Lodge presided over by V. W. Bro. Geo. E. Bull, and the latter by the Rev. W. Bro. Anthony J. A. Loughlin. That on subsequently visiting said Lodges I found them ably presided over by their respective Masters, and properly and regularly worked, and I therefore recommend that the said Dispensations be confirmed by Warrants.

During the year I visited nearly all the Lodges in the District (and had intended to have visited them all) but owing to an accident by which I was unable to travel for some time, I was prevented from visiting some of them, and from such crave the indulgence of the Brethren and trust they will accept the above reason as an apology.

I congratulate the Brethren of my District on the good feeling and harmony that prevails among them generally, evidenced by the fact that during the year no complaints have been made which called for official interference on my part, and also that the Lodges of the District (with one or two exceptions) are well and properly worked, according to the Ritual of Grand Lodge.

The usual dipensations for wearing Masonic regalia have been granted to the Brethren on proper occasions, and in one instance a dispensation to hold a Lodge of Instruction.

The Brethren of Odessa having requested permission to have the corner stone of a new church in course of erection there laid with Masonic ceremonies, the M. W. the Grand Master, in compliance therewith, called a special communication of Grand Lodge for that purpose, a report of which will appear in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. W. DELANY,
D. D. G. M., P. E. D.

TRENTON, 13th July, 1870.

OTTAWA DISTRICT

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

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I beg to present this my brief report on the State of Masonry in the Ottawa District during the year which is now drawing to a close.

I regret, that owing to business avocations, and also to other circumstances which I could not foresee at the time I accepted the office of District Deputy Grand Master, I have been unable to visit all the Lodges in this extensive District. I have, however, visited all but a very few, and I can safely report that our ancient institution is in a healthy and flourishing condition in general throughout this District. The work, so far as I have been able to observe or ascertain, is in accordance with the established Ritual of Grand Lodge, and in most instances tolerably correct. In several of the country Lodges, as might be expected, I have found the work a little loose, and the officers not quite as well skilled as is desirable, but on the whole the state of the country

Lodges is satisfactory and creditable. In the City of Ottawa the condition of Masonry is most encouraging. The Lodges, five in number, under one registry, (which includes a new Lodge at present under Dispensation) are all flourishing and working in strict accordance with the Ritual, and the officers of all, I may say, are thoroughly competent. In addition to the five Lodges on the Grand Registry of Canada there is also a Lodge—the Dalhousie—(the oldest in the city) under the Grand Lodge of England; and I have much pleasure in calling attention to the cordial and fraternal manner in which this body has co-operated with the Lodges under our jurisdiction, as well in the city as in the surrounding district, in mutually endeavoring to keep the portals of the Lodges well guarded, so that I have heard no complaint from either jurisdiction, of candidates rejected by the one being received by the other. I mention this pleasing and gratifying state of affairs here, specially, as complaints have been heard in Grand Lodge from other parts, of candidates rejected in our Lodges being received and initiated in Lodges working under foreign jurisdiction, a practice which besides being hardly fraternal or courteous, must work great evil to the Craft.

I have granted no dispensations for Masonic festivals or other ceremonies during the past year.

On St. John's day, the 27th of December last, I installed and invested the W. Master and officers of Doric Lodge, No. 58, and Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, at Ottawa, and on the evening of the same day I installed and invested the W. Master and officers of Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond, Ont. On a subsequent evening, I installed and invested the W. Master and officers of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59, at Ottawa; circumstances having prevented the installation on St. John's day.

On the 24th June last, at the special request of the Master of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 571, Grand Registry of England, I installed and invested the W. Master and officers of that Lodge. I had much pleasure in complying with

that request, as I felt it to be intended as a mark of respect to the Grand Lodge of Canada, whose representative I am, and also as an indication of the good-will and friendly and fraternal feeling existing between that Lodge and the Lodges under Canadian Jurisdiction, I have before alluded to. In the evening of the same day, I attended and installed and invested the W. Master and officers of Builders' Lodge, No. 117. On that occasion, after the installation ceremony was completed, I had the pleasing duty imposed on me of presenting, in open Lodge, a valuable and handsome Past Master's Jewel, in gold, to W. Bro. T. W. Currier, the retiring Master, on behalf of the Brethren of the Lodge as a mark of their approbation of the able manner in which he had conducted their affairs during his year of office. I was afterwards entertained at an elegant supper provided by the Brethren of Builders' Lodge, which was numerously attended and which passed off in the most fraternal and happy manner.

At the last annual Communication of Grand Lodge, a Warrant of confirmation was granted by that Grand Body to Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark, which had been for some time previously working under dispensation, and I fully intended to have visited the Lodge and installed their officers; circumstances, however, put it entirely out of my power to do so, and the Master having been installed by R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, D. D. G. M., St. Lawrence District, at my request, the yearly election of officers for the next year, regularly took place at the June meeting of the Lodge. As it was impossible for me to attend at Lanark on the 24th June last, past, much to my regret, as I was kindly and urgently pressed by the Brethren to do. I requested R. W. Bro. Mostyn, my immediate predecessor in office, to attend Evergreen Lodge on the 24th June and consecrate the Lodge and install and invest its officers. R. W. Bro. Mostyn kindly acceded to my request, and I have now his report and also the report of the Secretary of the Lodge, of the due celebration of these ceremonies. I may say that although I have not been able to visit the Lodge, I have

had several opportunities of meeting their late Master, and from all I can learn the Lodge is in a healthy and flourishing state.

A short time ago the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to grant a dispensation for the purpose of constituting a new Lodge in Ottawa, under the name of "The Lodge of Fidelity." I have visited the Lodge since its institution, and, from my own observation and from personal acquaintance with its Worshipful Master and officers, I can feel no doubt but that it will prove an ornament to Masonry in this city, and have no hesitation in recommending that a Warrant should be granted to it by your Grand Body.

During the past year no Masonic funerals have been reported to me. The only deaths among the Fraternity, of which I am aware, are those of Bro. Joseph T. McCuaig, of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, and Bro. William Duck, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59.

I have to remark, as did my predecessor in his report of last year, that this District has never provided a proper suit of regalia for their District Deputy Grand Master. Indeed, I may say, there is no regalia for the District at all, as the suit now in my possession has the name of the old Central District upon it, and besides being incomplete, is not the property of the District, but belongs to one of the former holders of my office. It would be well, I think, for the District to follow the example of other Masonic Districts in Canada, and provide a fit and proper suit of regalia for their representative at Grand Lodge, to be the property of the District, and to be surrendered by the District Deputy Grand Master to his successor at the close of his term of office.

It speaks well for Masonry that in this extensive and populous District no Masonic complaint has been laid before me during the past year for adjudication, and I may congratulate the Brethren of the Ottawa District upon the peace, harmony and good will which prevails amongst them and express a heartfelt hope that our Order may increase in

strength, beauty and usefulness, and under the blessing of the G. A. O. T. U., spread and increase throughout the land.

I cannot conclude without expressing my heartfelt gratitude to the Masters, Officers, and Brethren of all the Lodges in this District which I have visited or communicated with for the uniform, kind, courteous and considerate treatment I have ever met with in the course of my visits or official communication.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. GEMMELL,
D. D. G. M., Ottawa District.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT.

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

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit the following brief report on the condition of Masonry in the St. Lawrence District for the year 1869 and '70.

After visiting nearly all the Lodges in the District, I have great pleasure in reporting to Grand Lodge that Masonry is in a flourishing condition.

There has been no Masonic complaints of any kind made to me during the year. I find that the books in the various Lodges are well kept, and that Grand Lodge dues are all paid up.

There has been one death, and Masonic funeral reported to me, viz.: Bro. Samuel Pomroy, of Albion Lodge, No. 109, who died January 2, 1870.

I granted the following Dispensations, viz.: To Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, to walk in procession to church, to attend

divine service on the 24th June, 1870; and to Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, to attend divine worship, and to present a resolution of condolence to the family of the late Bro. John McLaren, from Cariboo Lodge, No. 469, Barkerville, British Columbia. I also granted a dispensation to Leeds Lodge, No. 201, for a steamboat excursion on the river St. Lawrence, on 24th June, 1870.

In conclusion, I beg to thank the Brethren of this District for their many kindnesses extended to me during my term of office.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. WILKINSON,
D. D. G. M., St. Lawrence District.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

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

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—In presenting this report, in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge, I regret not being able to use the pleasing stereotyped phrase of my predecessors when speaking of the condition of Masonry in my District "that it is in a satisfactory condition." I have discovered that the seeds of discord were sown before I had the honor of being installed in my present office, and to what extent they have been developed was made known to you at a special meeting of Grand Lodge, held in Montreal on December 1st last.

On the 14th October, after returning from Huntingdon, where I had been to install the officers of Chateauguay Lodge, it was made known to me that it was the intention of some of the members of Zetland Lodge, No. 21, to recommend and endeavor to carry out certain measures of an irregular and unconstitutional nature on that evening—it

being their regular monthly meeting. The W. M. was absent on a trip to the United States, and a P. M. was expected to preside, who had for some time passed ceased to take an active interest in the affairs of said Lodge, but who, at this time, was busy (in consort with some few others) in endeavoring to subvert the authority of this Grand Lodge, in consequence of which, there was an edict of suspension issued against him, which I knew was on that evening on its way to Montreal; in view of all these circumstances, I considered it my duty, for the sake of the law-abiding and order-loving members of that Lodge, and for the honor and dignity of this G. L., to attend in my official capacity to conduct the usual routine business and work of the evening. That I found it necessary to suspend this Lodge on that evening, has already been reported and the particulars laid before you. It is gratifying for me to know that my action and conduct has met with your approval, and I am confident that it will be equally gratifying for you to know that a large number of the members of this Lodge have petitioned the M. W. G. M. to be released from the suspension, expressing their regrets on account of insulting and contumacious conduct evinced on that occasion by certain of the members, and praying to be allowed to go on with the work of the Lodge. The M. W. G. M. was pleased to grant the prayer of the petitioners and the Lodge has since been working harmoniously, and with careful attention to the requirements of this Grand Lodge. At this time last year there were nine Lodges in the Montreal District, seven in the City of Montreal, one at Lacolle, and one in Huntingdon, since which time Kilwinning, No. 124, has been suspended, Royal Albert, Hoyle and Chateauguay Lodges have suspended themselves by refusing to acknowledge the authority and jurisdiction of the G. L. of Canada; thus at present there are five Warranted Lodges in my District, all in the city of Montreal, and one under dispensation.

Lodge of Antiquity.
St. George's Lodge, ...No. 19.
Zetland Lodge, ... " 21.
Victoria Lodge,..... " 173.
Mount Royal Lodge, ... " 202.
Mount Moriah Lodge..... (U. D.)

From the very able manner with which the affairs of this last named Lodge have been conducted, I freely recommend that a Warrant be granted, and at the same time a duplicate Warrant be furnished to Lodge of Antiquity, their former one having been abstracted from the Lodge-room. The five Lodges above referred to are all working in a constitutional and satisfactory manner and with uniformity as required by Grand Lodge.

With reference to those misguided Brethren of the suspended Lodges in my District, I would state that I refrain from going into the question through this medium, as the subject will doubtless come before Grand Lodge in another form, and doubt not such action will be taken as will teach them, and all others who have attempted to usurp its territory and defy its authority, that such conduct cannot be tolerated, and that they must suffer the severest penalty in the power of this Grand Lodge to inflict.

There are several Lodges working in Montreal under Warrants from sister Grand Lodges, which I have visited and have been welcomed in a most fraternal and cordial manner.

Several Brethren have been removed from our midst by death, but in no instance were they interred with Masonic ceremonies by Lodges under my jurisdiction. Zetland Lodge, No. 21, has had to deplore the loss of two Past Masters, W. Bro. Monk and W. Bro. Armstrong, the last named Brother left a few months since for Florida,

hoping to find relief from that terrible disease, consumption, in a more genial climate, but it was otherwise ordained. Finding that he was growing weaker, he started homeward to rejoin his family in Montreal, arriving at Savannah, Ga., he paused for the purpose of gaining strength, but continued to grow weaker and weaker until death ended his sufferings. I have heard by the newspapers that he was cared for by our Brethren of that city, who buried him with Masonic ceremonies.

In conclusion, I have only to state that I have visited all the Lodges in my District as often as possible, and have to acknowledge the hearty reception extended to me by all the Brethren. The harmony which characterizes their meetings and the unanimity of the members in all matters advanced for the good of our Order has contributed to make the high and responsible position in which they and you, M. W. Sir, have placed me a "labor of love," and whilst I have now to take leave of them as their D. D. G. M., and hope to be useful to them and to our Order in a more humble position, ever cherishing the happy hours spent together with them with gratitude and pleasure.

Respectfully submitted.

M. GUTMAN,
D. D. G. M., Montreal District.

MONTREAL, July 6th, 1870.

P. S.—On the 11th July, buried with Masonic ceremonies our esteemed Brother, Fred. Spaulding, of Zetland Lodge No. 21.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

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

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—In conformity with the constitutional requirements of Grand Lodge, I beg herewith to

submit for the consideration of that body a condensed report with respect to the Craft, as well as of its operations in the District of Bedford since the month of March last, at which time I received my appointment as acting District Deputy Grand Master, during the unexpired time of R. W. Bro. H. L. Robinson.

It may not perhaps be necessary for me to say that previous to the month of March last, the number of Lodges was 12, to wit: Dorchester, No. 4, Nelson, No. 8, Shefford, No. 53, Yamaska, No. 130, Clarenceville, No. 152, Stanbridge, No. 117, Prevost, No. 1, Royal Canadian, No. 187, Brome Lake, No. 211, St. John's, No. 175, Browne, No. 163, and Frelighsburgh, No. 199.

Working as follows under the Grand Lodge of Canada: Royal Canadian, Brome Lake, Shefford, St. John's and Dorchester.

The others had given their allegiance to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. I may say that in nearly every Lodge adhering to the so-called G. L. of Q., there are members who say they were never consulted in the matter, and who disapprove of the action taken by their Lodges, but are waiting the action to be taken by Grand Lodge and have not confidence in their ultimate success. Lately, however, re-action is setting in, Browne and Nelson Lodges have, under authority from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master empowering them to continue the work as under their original Warrant, re-organized under the Grand Lodge of Canada. While Yamaska Lodge has, by resolution, returned to her old allegiance and mother G. L., and I am confident that other Lodges will soon follow their example.

I was present at the re-organization of Browne and Nelson Lodges and installed their officers, in whose skill and ability I have perfect confidence, and I am happy to say they are going on under very favorable auspices.

I had much pleasure in recommending and obtaining a dispensation for the establishment of a new Lodge at the village of Sutton Flatt, in the township of Sutton, and was present at the ceremony of organizing this new Lodge—which is presided over by an able and experienced Past Master, assisted by efficient officers. Commencing under the most favorable auspices for success, I have much pleasure in recommending this new and thriving Lodge to the favorable consideration of Grand Lodge, and pray for it a Warrant of Constitution.

Official and private duties have prevented me from visiting Dorchester Lodge, No. 4, Shefford Lodge, No. 53, and St. John's Lodge, No. 175, but from correspondence I have had with their Masters and the information I have obtained from the Brethren whom I have occasionally met, I feel satisfied that they are all in a very prosperous condition and are constitutionally governed by competent workmen.

I have visited Yamaska Lodge once and regret to say that from all the information I could gain, this Lodge, from some cause which the members attribute to its connection with the so-called G. L. of Q., does not seem to possess sufficient vitality to keep it in a healthy and prosperous condition; yet now that it has shaken off its secession under the direction of a zealous Master, it may be restored to the respectable position it once occupied.

I have visited Brome Lake, Browne, Sutton, and Royal Canadian Lodges several times, and, as usual, they are steadily gaining in members and all matters are going on prosperously—having efficient Masters and good assistant officers.

With the exception of one instance, no suspension of members for unmasonic conduct has been reported to me—the case referred to is that of Bro. George Downing, who was a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 175, Potton, the action of which Lodge has been forwarded to the Grand

Secretary. And from all I can learn, I believe that in justice to the Craft and that Lodge in particular, it is a proper case for suspension from the privileges of Freemasonry.

On last St. John's day, after I had installed the officers of Brome Lake Lodge, the Brethren were pleased to present me with a pleasing address and a beautiful ring as a testimonial for services I had rendered their Lodge—being its Past Master, an honor of which I justly feel proud, in consequence of the efficiency of which the affairs of the Lodge had been conducted and the brotherly friendship and harmony which characterize the relations of the Brethren composing it.

It is perhaps unnecessary for me to allude to the present distracted and unhappy state of Masonry in this District, caused by the secession of certain Lodges whose unmasonic proceedings must be familiar with most of the members of Grand Lodge, they have been made so public that it precludes the necessity of a particular enumeration of them. They have, however, resorted to all possible means in endeavoring to entice and persuade loyal Masons to join them in forming bands, called Lodges, like the recent creations in this Dtstrict, called Abercorn and Corner Stone Lodges, the former within a short distance from the thriving Lodge at Sutton, and composed of members from Frelighsburgh and other Lodges, and the latter situated at Cowansville, distant from Royal Canadian Lodge at Sweetsburgh about one mile, and composed entirely of members of Prevost Lodge, imported specially for the occasion; its officers, after canvassing the county for weeks, could not prevail upon any Masons to join them in their illegal and clandestine proceedings, but members of Prevost Lodge.

So far, I have not been able to learn that they have attempted to do any business beyond publishing a long list of names, purporting to be officers installed; it evidently

being their object to report that they are forming Lodges, notwithstanding what Masonic obligations and principles they may violate.

It is only fair to say that with one or two exceptions of those Lodges who have given their allegiance to the so-called G.L. of Q., they entirely disapprove of their conduct, well knowing, as many of their members have informed me, that such proceedings can do their cause no good—will not advance their interest in the slightest degree—but on the contrary will have a tendency to bring our time-honored society into disrepute.

In most of their Lodges the members are divided, and some are only prevented from returning to their old allegiance by the continued interference and attendance at their meetings of some of the most prominent officials of the so-called G. L. of Q.

I will not attempt to dictate what course would be the most advisable to pursue in adjusting those difficulties, but I am of opinion that Grand Lodge owes it to the Craft in general to her own dignity and position as well as to the loyal Masons in the Province of Quebec, to take immediate and decided action, such as will tend if possible to an amicable settlement of the present unfortunate state of affairs.

I may add that the nine loyal Lodges in the District of Bedford over whom I have had the honor to preside for the last few months, have repeatedly expressed an earnest desire to remain connected with their Ontario Brethren under the Grand Lodge of Canada.

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

All which is most respectfully submitted.

JULY 13th, 1870.

H. D. PICKEL,
Acting D. D. G. M., Bedford District.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada in Session assembled.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit my annual report for the year 1869-70, and in doing so, regret very much, indeed, that circumstances have occurred during that period which render their record far from being either a pleasant or agreeable task.

With the exception of a good deal of outside discussion on the subject of independent Grand Lodges for each Province and all the other *et ceteras* connected therewith, Masonic affairs in this District proceeded quietly and harmoniously enough, until a body of Masons styling themselves the Grand Lodge of Quebec sprang into existence, and from the seed so sown grew a plentiful harvest of dissensions, secessions and rebellion. The first in the city of Quebec to embrace the doctrines of secession were the Lodges hailing under the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, who, casting aside their allegiance to, and the grand old banners of, the ancient and time honored parents from whom they, and all that is great, good and honorable throughout the Masonic world, derived their birth, ranged themselves under the petty pennon of a spurious and illegal body, which, being under the ban of the Grand Lodge of Canada, had not even the shadow of a claim to existence or recognition.

Acting upon the united influence of fealty to your most Most Worshipful body, and my own well-founded convictions that the action taken was unmasonic and illegal, I opposed to the utmost extent of my poor ability all co-operation with or acknowledgment of, the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec; for a time my representations and arguments were successful, and up to the month of December the Lodges of the District proved loyal and true. But in the meantime other influences were at work, not openly

and in the light of day as Masonic work ought always to be done, but in the dark, covertly and secretly, the result of which was at an emergent meeting of Harington Lodge, No. 49, held a week previous to St. John's day, despite every remonstrance and every argument, the Lodge passed a resolution by which it declared its secession from the Grand Lodge of Canada and its joining the so-called G. L. of Quebec. Immediately on the resolution being passed, I declared the Lodge suspended from all Masonic privileges, with the exception of seven Brethren and myself, who still remained true to their allegiance, and accompanied by these Brethren retired from the Lodge.

All these circumstances and many others concommitant upon them were duly reported by me to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who no doubt has the various documents on this matter ready for your perusal.

The Shawenegam and Garrison Lodges still remain true to duty and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In concluding this report I most sincerely trust that some decided action will be taken by the Grand Lodge of Canada in reference to this matter of secession. The condition of Masonry in this District is most anomalous and inconsistent, and calculated only to inspire feelings altogether at variance with the principles and teachings of our noble Order. The question is narrowed now to one or two things—expulsion of the secessionists or independent Grand Lodges for Ontario and Quebec—and whatever decision the Grand Lodge of Canada may come to, it will be welcomed as a boon to all good Masons, and it is to be hoped will put an end to the unmasonic bickerings and feelings which at present overshadow us with their influence.

The whole respectfully submitted.

ALEX. WALKER,
D. D. G. M., Quebec District.

QUEBEC, 1870.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Jas. Seymour, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. W. Pringle, and

RESOLVED, That the reports of the D. D. G. Ms. be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, D. D. G. M., on behalf of the Lodges and Brethren of Toronto, tendered to the officers of Grand Lodge, its members and Representatives, a cordial invitation to a Banquet to be given on Thursday, to-morrow evening.

R. W. Bro. Kerr likewise stated that the Board of Directors of the Mechanics' Institute, had kindly placed the use of its library and news-room at the service of the members attending Grand Lodge.

A letter was read from R. W. Bro. H. Montgomery, Grand Chaplain, expressing regret for his unavoidable absence from this annual Communication.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr gave notice that at the evening session of Grand Lodge he will move, that it be an instruction to the Board of General Purposes annually to appoint a Committee to report upon all decisions of the M. W. Grand Master upon Constitutional and other Masonic questions during the year then preceeding, and to select for publication, as an appendix to the proceedings of Grand Lodge, such as are of general importance to the Craft.

V. W. Bro. E. C. Barber gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that the next annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Ottawa.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that the next annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Hamilton.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr also gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that one or more Grand Lecturers be appointed.

M.W. Bro. A. Bernard gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that the sum of $500 of the General Fund of Grand Lodge be transferred to the Benevolent Fund.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet on to-morrow, Thursday, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

THURSDAY, 14th July, 1870.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 11.30 o'clock a. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, and unanimously

RESOLVED, That the Grand Lodge of Canada hastens to convey to the M. W., and Right Honorable, the Earl de Grey and Ripon, its warmest congratulations on his elevation to the high and dignified position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England: this Grand Lodge retaining a grateful recollection of the valuable services rendered by Lord de Grey, when acting as its Representative in the Grand Lodge of England, confidently anticipates that his ackowledged ability, coupled with the great zeal which he has ever evinced in the cultivation and promotion of our divine art, will insure a continuance of that Masonic progress and prosperity which has so eminently distinguished the government of his illustrious predecessor, the Most Worshipful the Earl of Zetland.

It was moved M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, and unanimously

RESOLVED, That the retirement of the M. W. the Earl of Zetland from the exalted position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, affords an opportunity of which the Grand Lodge of Canada hasten to avail themselves—to express the regret which they, in common with Masons everywhere, feel on his resigning a position, the duties of which he has ever ably and impartially discharged, and at the same time to express their admiration and appreciation of the great ability and unwearied zeal displayed by his Lordship, during the twenty-six years in which he so worthily occupied the Masonic throne, and also to assure our Most Worshipful Brother that, in retiring from the chair, he carries with him not only the profound esteem and fraternal regards of this Grand Lodge, and of the Craft generally, but also their earnest aspirations that the Great Architect of the Universe may crown his declining years with peace, happiness and prosperity.

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

RESOLVED, That engrossed copies of these resolutions, under the Seal of this Grand Lodge, be now prepared, and that the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to forward them to the distinguished Brethren referred to therein.

In accordance with notice given,

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

RESOLVED, That the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1,500) of the General Fund of Grand Lodge be transferred to the Benevolent Fund.

R. W. Bro. Manning, D. D. G. M., 22nd District of the State of New York, and

R. W. Bro. W. A. Holwell, P.G.J.W., of Upper Canada, were introduced, saluted, and invited to seats on the Dais.

The President of the Board of General Purposes submitted the following

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes has the honor to report for the information of Grand Lodge that the semi-annual meeting of the Board was held in the town of Cobourg, on the 1st and 2nd February, 1869. The books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, together with the accounts, statements and vouchers, submitted for the financial year ending the 31st day of December, 1869, were carefully examined, and found correct; and it has pleasure in stating that the uniform, neat and accurate condition in which they are kept calls for the highest commendation.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

During the year the receipts from all sources were $9,683.48, showing an increase of $1,070.75 over the previous year, of which the following is a recapitulation:

Certificates	$2,627 00	
Dues	4,420 40	
Fees	1,585 50	
Dispensations	431 00	
Warrants	140 00	
Constitutions	430 97	
Proceedings	48 61	
		$9,683 48

The Grand Treasurer's statements show the following to be the position of Grand Lodge funds at the close of the year, viz.:

General Fund account	$24,936 47	
Benevolent Fund Investment account	9,486 41	
do do Current do	878 68	
		$35,301 56
Asylum Trust Fund	5,081 01	
Total		$40,382 57

Which are invested as shown below:

Dominion Stock controlled by G. Lodge,	$24,000 00
do do do do Asylum Trust	4,800 00
Middlesex Debentures, at 6 per cent	1,600 00
Bank Montreal, Toronto, for Asylum account	281 01
Bank Commerce, Simcoe, general acc't, at 5 per cent	9,701 56
	$40,382 57

The Masonic Asylum Trust Fund now amounts to $5,081.01, and is thus invested:

Dominion Stock at 6 per cent	$4,800 00
In Bank of Montreal	281 01
	$5,081 01

The year's expenditure for all purposes was $5,950.84 being $2,463.28 over that of the previous year. This increase is made up as follows:

Expenses of Board at February meeting per res. G. L.	$288 80
Expenses of Board at July meeting	553 46
Amount voted to Benevolent Fund	500 00
Increase, Benevolence	1,016 10
Sundries	104 92
	$2,463 28

ACCOUNTS PASSED.

The Board carefully examined the following accounts, which, being found correct, were ordered to be paid, viz.:

Messrs. T. & R. White, printing, &c.	$666 80
" Copp, Clark & Co., certificates	173 83
" Buntin, Gillies & Co., stationery	12 87

A. A. Stevenson, printing in 1866	$47 13
Tyling Grand Lodge at Special Com.	12 00
Henry Groff, contingent expenses, G. Treas.	5 20
Murray & Co., Grand Lodge photograph and Key	4 25
R. Haigh, binding	15 00
Toronto Printing Committee, circulars, tenders	4 00
John Lovell, advertising meeting G. Lodge	4 78
President Board of General Purposes, postage account	5 00
Grand Secretary, assistant in office	150 00
G. Secretary, expenses at An. Communication	31 60
do do Special do	31 45
Freemasons' Magazine	4 33
Expenses G. Sec. and T. White, as deputation to Detroit	30 00
" R. W. Bro. Gutman, Three Rivers	5 00
	$1,203 24

BENEVOLENCE.

The Board had before it numerous deserving applications for relief, which were authorized to be met by the following appropriations, viz.:

R.W. Bro. W.,	through W. M. Oxford Lodge, No. 76,	$25 00
Bro. M.,	" W. M. King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43,	30 00
Bro. I.,	" D. D. G. M. Wellington Dist.	50 00
Bro. B.,	" W. M. Plattsville Lodge, No. 178	20 00
Mrs. S.,	" M. W. Bro. A. Bernard	40 00
Bro. C.,	" W. M. United Lodge, No. 29	25 00
Bro. M.,	" " " " "	30 00
Mrs. B.,	" " Sussex Lodge, No. 5	20 00
Bro. G.,	" " Vaughan Lodge, No. 46	20 00
Bro. C.,	" " St. Andrew's " " 62	25 00
Mrs. A.,	" M. W. Bro. A. Bernard	25 00
Mrs. F.,	" W. M. Speed Lodge, No. 180	20 00

Mrs. W.,	through W. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 40.	$20 00
Mrs. T.,	" " " " "	20 00
Mrs. D.,	" " " " "	20 00
Mrs. B.,	" " " " "	20 00
Bro. C.,	" " " " "	20 00
Mrs. F.,	" " Gt. Western Lodge, No. 47	25 00
Mrs. B.,	" " St. John's Lodge, No. 17.	20 00
Mrs. P.,	" " " " "	20 00
Mrs. M.,	" M. W. Bro. Simpson	20 00
Mrs. C.,	" R. W. Bro. J. Milne	40 00
Toronto Board of Relief		100 00
Montreal " "		100 00
		$755 00

GRAND LODGE REGALIA.

Pursuant to the resolution of Grand Lodge, passed at its last Annual Communication, (see Proceedings, pp. 93) the Board applied to several respectable dealers in Regalia for estimates of the terms upon which a new set would be supplied by them respectively, and received tenders from the following, viz.:

Henry Grant, Montreal	$2,067 00
Joseph & Co., Toronto	1,958 00
W. C. Morrison, do	1,922 00
Geo. Kenning, London, England	1,389 90 or (£282 11s. 0d.)

After careful comparison of these tenders, and taking into consideration the quality of the goods and known reliability of the house of George Kenning, of London, England, it was resolved that his tender as above be accepted; and the Grand Secretary was authorized and empowered to order the same at once, so as to be ready for use at the present Communication of Grand Lodge.

PROVISION FOR SPECIAL EXPENSES.

In view of the fact that certain outlays have been, and will of necessity required to be incurred in order to place the actual position of the Grand Lodge in reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec fairly before our sister Grand Lodges of the world, the Board unanimously

RESOLVED, That any expense the M. W. Grand Master has incurred, or may see fit to incur, by either visiting personally, or by delegation, any sister Grand Lodge, or any other outlay that he considers necessary to maintain the integrity of the Grand Lodge of Canada, this Board will cheerfully sanction.

RE-DIVISION OF DISTRICTS.

The Board took into consideration the various resolutions passed by Grand Lodge from time to time, having reference to a re-division of the Masonic Districts of its jurisdiction, and appointed a special committee, consisting of R. W. Bros. J. K. Kerr, P. J. Brown, Otto Klotz, M. Gutman, and the Grand Secretary, to deal with the question, and report to Grand Lodge at the present Annual Communication.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board took action upon the cases of Grievances and Appeals, detailed below, viz.:

Bro. Lewis Clement, of Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford, having been summoned to show cause why the recommendation of said Lodge for his expulsion for unmasonic conduct should not be carried out; and said Brother having failed to appear in response to said summons, the Grand Secretary was directed to issue a peremptory summons, requiring said Brother to show cause at the ensuing Annual Communication of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled.

R. W. Bro. Franck, of Antiquity Lodge, Montreal, having failed to appear in response to a summons requiring him to show cause why he should not be expelled for unmasonic conduct, as recommended by Antiquity Lodge; and having

put in a letter with the view of staying proceedings, it was resolved that the consideration of the charges against said R. W. Bro. be deferred till the next annual meeting of this Board, and that G. Secretary summon him to appear before Grand Lodge to answer said charges and show cause why Antiquity Lodge recommendation should not be carried out. Also, that Antiquity Lodge be summoned to produce all books and papers having reference to the charges against R. W. Bro. Franck, at Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. B. C. Davy's appeal against the action of Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee, was referred to the D. D. G. M. of the Prince Edward District, to examine into, and if possible effect an amicable adjustment of all the difficulties; failing which, the Grand Secretary was directed to summon all the parties concerned to appear before the Board at its annual meeting in July.

An application was read from Mr. Chas. Scott, of Millford, asking reimbursement of certain expenses incurred in relieving the wants of Bro. John Sheriff, represented as destitute of means to support himself; when it was ordered that Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, be enquired of by the Grand Secretary concerning the matter.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

The Board having had before it a circular letter from the Grand Orient of France, announcing a declaration agreed to at the general assembly held 8th July, 1869, "that neither color, race, nor religion, is a barrier to the entrance of a profane into the Masonic family." The Grand Secretary was directed to acknowledge the receipt of the circular, and to reply that no distinction of race, color or religion has ever been recognized as a qualification for initiates by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The action of the special committee charged at the last semi-annual meeting of the Board with arranging terms of rent, &c., of Grand Secretary's office, was approved; said rent being fixed at $120 per annum, in full of fuel, taxes, and all other charges. The Grand Secretary was also authorized to procure the necessary fixtures and furniture to make the office suitable for Grand Lodge purposes.

EXPENSES OF BOARD.

The Board, having in view the resolutions of Grand Lodge requiring that payment only be made of actual expenses incurred by its members in attending the semi-annual meetings, has ascertained the same for this meeting to be $187.94, which amount was paid accordingly, when the business was finished.

HOSPITALITIES AND COURTESIES.

The Board cannot close its report without bearing testimony to the courteous attention shown it by R. W. Bro. Weller and the Cobourg Brethren, whose fraternal hospitality did much to render the semi-annual meeting pleasant and profitable to all concerned. The visit of the M. W. Grand Master to St. John's Lodge, No. 17, during the stay in Cobourg, was also a feature attended with beneficial results and well deserves special mention.

The whole respectfully and fraternally submitted.

JAS. SEYMOUR,
P.B.G.P.

BOARD ROOM, TORONTO,
11th July, 5870.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, and

RESOLVED, That the Annual Report of the Board be received.

The President, on behalf of the Board, submitted the following

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the financial statements of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the half year ending June 30th, 1870, with the books and vouchers submitted and find the same correct.

The receipts for the past half year amount to $4,346.74, which were derived from the following sources, viz.:

Certificates	$1,120 00
Dues	2,180 84
Fees	662 50
Dispensations	132 00
Warrants	20 00
Constitutions	224 83
Proceedings	6 57
Total	$4,346 74

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

General Fund	$24,519 28
Benevolent Fund Investment account	10,454 76
do do Current do	970 92
Asylum Fund	5,232 31
Total	$41,177 27

Which are invested as follows:

Dominion Stock (6 per cent)	$28,800 00
Middlesex Debentures (6 per cent)	1,600 00
(Asylum Fund) Bank of Toronto (4 per cent)	432 31
Bank of Commerce (5 per cent)	10,344 96
Total	$41,177 27

The Board have also examined the following documents and recommend the payment of the same, viz.:

T. & R. White, printing	$65 25
Buntin, Gillies & Co., stationery	8 53
Charles Magill, oil cloth, &c	39 50
Robt. Beatty, duties on regalia	218 15
George Kenning, freight and insurance do.	35 00
Richard Haigh, binding	93 35
Assistance in G. Secretary's office	175 00
W. W. Summers, book case	35 00
Copp, Clark & Co., certificates	144 03
	$813 81

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, and

RESOLVED, That the Semi-Annual Report of Board on Audit and Finance be received.

The President, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following Report on so much of the address of the M. W. Grand Master as had reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec.

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, having carefully considered that portion of it relating to the unhappy differences existing in a portion of the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, beg to submit the following resolutions for the adoption of Grand Lodge:

1. That, in the opinion of Grand Lodge, nothing has occurred to justify a departure from the principles unanimously adopted by it at its special communication, held at Montreal on the 1st December last, affirming the full Masonic occupation of the Territory over which it has exercised jurisdiction since its formation.

2. That, instead of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec attracting to itself the Lodges working in that Province, the number of Lodges remaining loyal to the Grand Lodge of Canada is the same as in December.

3. That, in justice to these loyal Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Canada ought not to withdraw that protection over them which was guaranteed when their formation was warranted, and which protection can only be made permanent and assured by a continued assertion by the Grand Lodge of Canada of its jurisdiction over every part of its Territory.

4. That in view of the large number of Lodges in that part of the territory of Grand Lodge, in which exclusive jurisdiction is claimed by the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, who still desire to maintain their allegiance to Grand Lodge, it is not desirable on grounds of expediency to withdraw from the exercise of jurisdiction in the usurped Province.

5. That Grand Lodge trusts that more full discussion and consideration will remove the difficulties which now unhappily prevail, and restore the full authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada over all Masonic Lodges within its jurisdiction.

6. That Grand Lodge regrets that certain Grand Lodges, upon imperfect knowledge as it assumes, have extended a recognition to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec.

7. That in abstaining for the present, from the exercise of its right of expulsion of Brethren who have been sum-

moned to show cause at this annual communication why they should not be expelled, Grand Lodge is influenced only by a desire to avoid any step which might possibly retard the restoration of Masonic harmony within its jurisdiction.

And with reference to that part of the Grand Master's address referring to the issue of duplicate Warrants to certain Lodges, the Board is of opinion that the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master be concurred in, and that duplicate Warrants be issued accordingly.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. SEYMOUR,
Pres. B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, and

RESOLVED, That the foregoing report be received.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Thomas White, jun., seconded by R. W. Bro. M. Gutman, and

RESOLVED, That the various clauses of the report be considered *seriatim*.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, and seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Milne,

That clause 1 of the report of the Board be adopted.

A lengthy discussion arose upon the advisability of requiring the attendance of the suspended Brethren, for the purpose of hearing any explanations of their proceedings they might desire to offer, before the consideration of the report of the Board of General Purposes.

It was moved in amendment by V. W. Bro. A. Diamond, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington,

That the vote be deferred until after the Brethren from Quebec, now under suspension, should be allowed to be heard in explanation of their conduct in withdrawing from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for the space of one hour.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 3.20 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

R. W. Bro. Chas. Kahn gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that a special grant of $120 be made to Bro. Illing, of New Dominion Lodge, No. 205.

The President, on behalf of the Board submitted the following report on Constitution and Regulations.

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes to whom were referred all matters connected with "Constitution and Regulations," begs leave to report the pleasing fact that there is not one case of unconstitutionality in the work of any of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The Board having carefully considered and examined with due care the several applications for Warrants, from fifteen Lodges now working under Dispensations, and being satisfied with the regularity and efficiency of their work, and with the manner in which it is recorded, respectfully

recommend that Warrants of Constitution be granted by Grand Lodge, namely: Credit Lodge, Georgetown; Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge; Mountain Lodge, Thorold; Marmora Lodge, Marmora; Norwood Lodge, Norwood; Zurich Lodge, Zurich; Bernard Lodge, Listowel: Mount Moriah Lodge, Montreal; Sutton Lodge, Sutton Flatt; Prince Arthur Lodge, Odessa; Kerr Lodge, Belle Ewart; Ionic Lodge, Brampton; Cameron Lodge, Wallacetown; Lodge of Fidelity Ottawa; Doric Lodge, Park Hill.

The Board has much pleasure in calling attention to the perfect manner in which the books of the above Lodges have been kept. In this connection, Mountain Lodge, Thorold, Ionic Lodge, Brampton, and Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa, are deserving of especial commendation.

The Board has also had under consideration the petitions for the following new Lodges, viz.: Manitoba Lodge, Bondhead; *St. Tammany Lodge, Clarksburg; Aldworth Lodge, Paisley; Havelock Lodge, Watford; Vienna Lodge, Vienna; all of which have been recommended by the District Deputy Grand Masters for the respective Districts; but there are no certificates from them, as to the efficiency of the persons nominated for the Worshipful Master's chair in the above Lodges. The Board would therefore recommend that Warrants of Constitution be granted by Grand Lodge, to be issued upon the M. W. the Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master, for the respective Districts, being satisfied in the usual manner that the proposed Masters are capable of conferring the three degrees of Craft Masonry as recognized by Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and

RESOLVED, That the report of the Board on Constitution and Warrants be received and adopted.

*Name subsequently changed to "Beaver."—G. SEC.

R. W. Bro. James M. Austin, M. D., Grand Secretary of the State of New York was announced and introduced to the Grand Lodge, and was saluted with the Masonic Grand Honors. The M. W. Grand Master invited the R. W. Brother to a seat on the Dais.

The debate upon the report of the Board on so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as had reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, was resumed.

A remark having been made that the R. W. Grand Secretary had in his possession a communication from one of the suspended Brethren in reply to the summons sent him to appear and show cause,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Thomas White, jun., seconded by V. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, and

RESOLVED, That the Grand Secretary be requested to read any letters in his possession from Brethren who have been summoned to show cause at this Communication of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the resolution passed at the Emergent Communication in December last.

In compliance with the tenor of the foregoing resolution of Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary read the following letter:

MONTREAL, 30TH JUNE, 1870.

TO THOS. B. HARRIS, ESQ.,
G. Sec. Grand Lodge of Canada.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BRO.—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of an official communication from you, under date 13th June, inst., summoning me to appear before the G. L. of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, at its annual Communication, to be held in the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, on Thursday, the 14th day of July next, to "show cause why I should not be expelled from the privileges of Free Masonry.

In reply, I have to state that in view of what I conceive to be the illegal, unjust, and arbitrary conduct of the Grand Master and G. L. of Canada towards me by my suspension, subsequent proceedings, and the issue of the above summons I consider it my duty to decline so to appear and for the reasons:

1st. That being a mason of good standing, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and being amenable to that body alone for my unmasonic acts, and owing and admitting no allegiance to the G. L. of C., this latter body has no legal right whatever to summon me to appear before it, or in any way to adjudicate on my actions.

2nd. That even if the G. L. of C. held jurisdiction over me, it could not call upon me "to show cause why I should not be expelled," *i. e.*, punished, until *after* I had been accused, furnished with a copy of the specific charges against me, tried and declared guilty—not one of which proceedings has ever yet been adopted.

3rd. That the G. L. of C. has already, at its last special communication, in my absence, on the *ex parte* statements of the G. M. and others, and without giving me any chance of defence, or opportunity to refute such statements, and contrary to all precedents of justice, prejudged my cause "unanimously and emphatically condemned (my alleged) actions." *Vide* report of Special Committee, clause 3, adopted by G. L. of C.

In conclusion, I desire to state that I make this reply to your communication, and take exceptions to the acts of your G. L. on the grounds above given, from no spirit of disrespect to your G. L., or from any desire to increase or complicate the present difficulties unhappily existing throughout the Craft in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario. And, as an evidence of my sincerity, I hereby declare that I am ready and willing at any time to give to

your Grand Lodge, or to any of its officers or members, the fullest information and explanation of my Masonic acts, if invited in a fraternal spirit to do so.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours respectfully,

JOHN H. ISAACSON.

In amendment to the amendment,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Thos. White, junr., seconded by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, and

RESOLVED, That the Brethren who have been summoned to appear before Grand Lodge to show cause, in accordance with the resolution of the Emergent Communication at Montreal, in December last, at this Annual Communication, be now called to offer any explanations they may have to make of their conduct.

The amendment having been submitted to a vote of Grand Lodge it was declared in the affirmative with but very few dissentients.

The names of the suspended Brethren who had been summoned to appear at this Communication of Grand to show cause were formally called, without any response.

It having been suggested that R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson was at the Rossin House, it was determined by Grand Lodge that a copy of the foregoing resolution should be prepared and sent to R. W. Bro. Isaacson, and the debate adjourned until his reply was received.

In accordance with notice given at the last annual Communication, R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi moved the following.

That the Constitution be so amended as to vest the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters in the M. W. Grand Master.

On a vote of Grand Lodge the motion was declared *lost.*

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, seconded by V. W. Bro. Thos. White, jun., and

RESOLVED, That the Board of General Purposes be instructed to lay before the Grand Lodge, during the present Communication, a detailed statement of all amounts paid to officers and members of Grand Lodge from funds of Grand Lodge, for travelling or incidental expenses, since last Annual Communication, such statement to contain the name of the officers or members to whom such payments were made, the reason for making such payments, and the authority for such expediture.

R. W. Bro. J. Seymour, on behalf of the Board, having anticipated the foregoing resolution, had prepared the return called for which he read.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Allan McLean, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson,

That Section 7 "of Proposing Members" in the Constitution, be so amended that no candidate for initiation be accepted unless he receive the unanimous vote of the members present.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the resolution, it was declared *lost.*

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, seconded by W. Bro. J. F. Chamberlain and

RESOLVED, That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Ottawa.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr gave notice that at the next annual Communication he will move to amend the Con-

stitution by striking out clause 3 under the head "of Proposing Members" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

CLAUSE 3. No Lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another Lodge, unless at the request of that Lodge by resolution, which shall be signified in writing under the hand of the Master and Secretary, and the Seal of the Lodge, or by dispensation of the Grand Master, and in case of any initiation by a Lodge at the request of another Lodge as aforesaid, the ballot must be taken in the Lodge making such request, and the fees be paid over to that Lodge immediately after the initiation. The jurisdiction extends in every direction half way to the nearest Lodge—provided always that in a city or town where there is more than one Lodge, each Lodge shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, seconded by W. Bro. B. Patterson, and

RESOLVED, That the sum of $40 be paid to V. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the year 1869, as a slight acknowledgment of the services rendered in the preparation of said report.

W. Bro. John E. Harding gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that Article 1, of Deputy Grand Master, Book of Constitution, which requires that the Deputy Grand Master shall not be elected for that portion of the province in which the Grand Master resides, be suspended for the present time.

At this point of the proceedings the Grand Pursuivant announced that V. W. Bros. R. P. Stephens, G. S. D., and Charles Sharpe, G. Dir. of Cer., who had been entrusted with the duty of delivering to R. W. Bro. Isaacson a copy of the resolution of Grand Lodge to appear and offer any explanation he might desire to make of his conduct, had returned, and they handed to the Grand Secretary a letter containing the following reply:

ROSSIN HOUSE, 14th July, 1870.

T. B. HARRIS, ESQ.,

Grand Sec. G. L. of Canada, A. F. and A. M., &c., &c.

SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to acknowlege receipt of your communication of to-day's date, enclosing copy of resolution passed in your Grand Lodge, and in reply beg respectfully to state, that I cannot but consider the said resolution to be a repetition of the summons already sent to me, to appear before Grand Lodge and show cause why I should not be expelled, and to which I have already replied; and so am obliged to respectfully decline to appear under said summons. If, however, your Grand Lodge will give me any opportunity of appearing before it without compromising my position as laid down in my reply to the original summons, I shall be happy to do so.

I have the honor to be,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN H. ISAACSON.

The consideration of the report of the Board was again resumed.

Clause 1 of the report of the Board on address was submitted to Grand Lodge and adopted.

V. W. Bro. Thomas White, jr., moved the adoption of clause 2.

In amendment,

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington,

That the Grand Lodge of Canada, although still adhering to the conclusions contained in the first and second clauses of the Report adopted at the special Emergent Meeting held at the City of Montreal, on the 1st of December last, but having no desire to assert sovereignty over a province in which the majority of the Lodges, and so large a majority of the Brethren have already declared their desire for separa-

tion, and actuated by the true spirit of Masonry, hereby recognises the Grand Lodge of Quebec as a sister Grand Lodge, and cordially extends to her the right hand of fellowship; reserving, however, full control and authority over those Lodges in the Province of Quebec which still desire to continue their connection with the Grand Lodge, and requiring also on their behalf a full recognition of all their rights and Masonic privileges.

Several members of Grand Lodge spoke in favor of and others against the amendment, and the question having been fully and maturely considered,

The amendment was submitted to a vote of Grand Lodge, and was declared *lost* by a very large majority.

The remaining clauses of the Report were then severally submitted and adopted without opposition.

The Report of the Board as a whole was submitted to Grand Lodge and adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 10.30 o'clock, p. m., to attend a Banquet to be given by the Brethren of Toronto, to the Grand Officers, and Representatives in attendance at this Annual Communication.

FRIDAY, 15th July, 1870.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 11.30 a. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

V. W. Bro. T. White, jun., on behalf of the Board, submitted a report on so much of the address of the M.W. Grand Master as had reference to general matters.

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, in reference to the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, begs to report as follows:

The Board learns with pleasure the continued prosperity of the Craft, as evidenced by the formation of new Lodges, and is especially pleased to know that great care has been exercised to obtain reliable information as to the need for more Lodges in the respective Districts in which they were sought to be located, before the issue of Dispensations.

The Board also regards with satisfaction the action of Goderich Lodge, No. 720, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, in resigning their English Warrant, and taking a Canadian Warrant instead. It welcomes the Brethren of Goderich Lodge into the fraternity of Canadian Masons, and trusts that it may be but the advance guard in a general adhesion of Lodges of other jurisdictions, within the territory of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to this Grand Lodge.

The Board approves of the action of the Grand Master in appointing representatives of Grand Lodge near a number of foreign Grand Lodges, and hopes that the friendly correspondence thus established may long uninterruptedly continue.

The appointment by the Grand Master of a D. D. G. M. for the Bedford District, in the place of R.W. Bro. Robinson, who removed from this country, is recommended for confirmation by Grand Lodge.

With regard to the suggestion having reference to the preservation and publication of decisions on questions of Masonic law given by Grand Masters during their term of

office, the Board highly approves of the suggestion and recommends it for the adoption of Grand Lodge. In order to give it affect the Board is of opinion that the Grand Master should be requested to submit, as a supplement to his address at the opening of each Annual Communication, all the decisions given by him during the year; that these be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, whose duty it will be to select such as they may deem of sufficient general importance, for publication in the annual report of the proceedings.

The Board approves highly of the establishment of District Grand Lodges of Instruction, and recommends that the special thanks of Grand Lodge be given to those District Deputy Grand Masters, who have, at so much sacrifice of time, established Lodges. They concur with the Grand Master in his opinion that such meetings are among the most effective methods of imparting Masonic instruction, and securing entire uniformity of work.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SEYMOUR,
P. B. G. P.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. T. White, jr., seconded by R. W. Bro. A. DeGrassi, and

RESOLVED, That the foregoing report on the M. W. Grand Master's address be received.

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

BENEVOLENCE.

The Board of General Purposes has had under consideration the very large number of applications for relief which have been handed in or made on behalf of Brethren or of their widows and orphans, and after a careful inquiry recommend that the following sums be applied from the fund of Benevolence:

1.	Bro. G.,	to be paid through	W. Bro. Pitceathly.	$25 00
2.	" O'C.,	" " " "	"	25 00
3.	Mrs. M. S.,	" " R. "	" Otto Klotz.	20 00
4.	Bro. O. I.,	" " " "	"	80 00
5.	Mrs. W. H.,	" " W. M. Sharon Lodge, No. 97		25 00
6.	Mrs. C.,	" " R.W. Bro. A. DeGrassi,		20 00
7.	" E.W.G.,	" " " "	J. E. Brooke,	25 00
8.	" J. T.,	" " " "	"	25 00
9.	" W.,	" " " "	"	20 00
10.	Bro. S.,	" " W. M. Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18		30 00
11.	Mrs. B.,	" " W. Bro. R. Kemp, Lodge No. 7		30 00
12.	Bro. D.,	" " D.D.G.M., Huron Dist.		40 00
13.	Mrs. G.W. A.,	" " R.W. Bro. P. J. Brown		50 00
14.	Bro. H.,	" " " "	M. H. Spencer	50 00
15.	Bro. J. M.,	" " " "	J. K. Kerr...	30 00
16.	" I. R.,	" " " "	" ...	30 00
17.	" I. G.,	" " " "	" ...	30 00
18.	Mrs. W. W.	" " " "	Wm. McCabe.	50 00
19.	Bro. H. C.	" " " "	" .	30 00
20.	Mrs. S.	" " M. "	A. Bernard...	50 00
21.	Mrs. McV.,	" " " "	" ...	40 00
22.	Bro. G.,	" " " "	" ...	25 00
23.	" I. K. M.,	" " R. "	J. E. Brooke .	40 00
24.	Mrs. F.,	" " V. "	J. Bowman ..	25 00
25.	Mrs. B.,	" " R. "	W. H. Weller,	25 00
26.	" I. McG.,	" " " "	T. Matheson..	30 00
27.	" G. H.,	" " " "	J. K. Kerr...	25 00
28.	" Fitz. K.,	" " " "	J. E. Brooke,.	50 00
29.	" J. F. Q.,	" " W. M. Valley Lodge, No. 100		30 00
30.	Mrs. J. P.,	" " R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr		25 00
31.	" I. C.,	" " M. "	W. M. Wilson	20 00
32.	" F.,	" " W. M. Speed Lodge No. 180		25 00
33.	Bro. C. M.,	" " R.W. Bro. Wm. McCabe		30 00

34.	Bro. G.	"	"	W. M. Albion Lodge, No. 80 ..... $60 00
35.	Bro. R. B.	"	"	R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr 40 00
36.	Miss M. D.,	"	"	" " Alex. Walker 30 00
37.	Bro. C. B.,	"	"	" " Otto Klotz... 25 00
38.	Mrs. W. J. B.,	"	"	" " J. K. Kerr .. 30 00
39.	" B. S.,	"	"	" " Jno. V. Noel, 30 00
40.	" N. McD.,	"	"	M.W. " W. B. Simpson 80 00
41.	" L.,	"	"	R. W. " John Parry.. 25 00
42.	" W. C. C.,	"	"	" " Jas. Clealand 20 00
43.	" E.,	"	"	" " Rev. Hy. Bartlett 30 00
44.	" W. I.,	"	"	W. M. Union Lodge No. 118..... 25 00
45.	" T. T.,	"	"	" " " " 25 00
46.	" T.,	"	"	V. W. Bro. W. W. Pringle 20 00
47	" C.,	"	"	" " " " " 20 00
48	" B.,	"	"	" " " " " 20 00
49.	Hamilt'n B. F.	"	"	" " " " " 50 00
50.	Bro. C.,	"	"	R. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe 25 00
51.	" A. McC.,	"	"	M.W. " A. Bernard. 10 00
52.	Mrs. T.,	"	"	W. M. Union Lodge, No. 9..... 25 00
53.	Bro. I. C.,	"	"	V. W. Bro. J. Bain... 40 00
54.	" R. B.,	"	"	R. W. " J. K. Korr, 25 00
55.	G. W. Lodge, No. 47,	"	"	W. M. G. W. Lodge, No. 47..... 100 00
56.	Mrs. D. S.,	"	"	" Brome Lake Lodge, No. 211 .... 25 00
57.	Mrs. W.,	"	"	R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke 30 00
58.	Thistle Lodge, No. 34,	"	"	W. M. Thistle Lodge, No. 34 ..... 16 00
59.	Mrs P.,	"	"	W. Bro. Patterson, Lodge, No. 119 .... 25 00
60.	" S.,	"	"	W. M. Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39 ..... 25 00

61. Montreal B. F.	through	M. W. Bro. A. Bernard	$100	00
62. Toronto B. F.,	"	R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr	100	00
63. Mrs. F.,	"	M. W. " W. M. Wilson	50	00
64. Bro. R.,	"	" " " "	25	00
65. Mrs. F. I.,	"	W. M. Durham Lodge, No. 66	25	00
66. Bro. M.,	"	W. M. King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43	40	00
67. Mrs. P.,	"	M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	50	00
68. Orphan T. T.,	"	W. M. Albion Lodge, No. 80	15	00
69. Mrs. J. T.,	"	W. M. Niagara Lodge, No. 2	25	00
70. Bro. S. C.,	"	" " "	25	00
71. Mr. P.,	"	" Corinthian Lodge No. 69	25	00
72. Mrs. S.,	"	" Leeds Lodge, No. 201	25	00
			$2,456	00

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. Chas. Kahn, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board on Benevolence be received.

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

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to report upon the several cases of Grievances and Appeals, which have been brought before it, as follows:

1. In the case of Bro. Henry Brecker, who has been suspended by Tudor Lodge, No. 141, it is recommended that the suspension do stand until the next half-yearly meeting of the Board.

2. In the case of W. Bro. Joseph T. Carson, who has been suspended by Union Lodge, No. 118, it is recommended that the suspension be confirmed.

3. The suspension of Bro. John Bosanko by Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, it is also recommended should be confirmed.

4. On the 4th Sept., 1869, W. Bro. Thomas Ellison was suspended by Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, for embezzling part of the proceeds of a ball held in aid of the building fund of the Lodge, against this action W. Bro. Ellison has appealed. It appears that the W. Bro. was not tried for the alleged offence nor indeed summoned for that purpose. It is therefore recommended that the suspension be at once removed and the W. Bro. restored. Upon the merits of the case, which have been investigated as fully as the materials and evidence produced would allow, the Board is of opinion that no advantage to the Lodge will be gained by further prosecution of the matter.

5. W. Bro. William Given has been suspended by Burn's Lodge, No. 153, for exercising his right as landlord to distrain for non-payment of rent due by his Lodge, and has appealed. In the absence of any regulation similar to that which obtains in England, declaring that a landlord shall not have a lien upon Lodge property, the Board thinks that the Lodge was not justified in suspending W. Bro. Given under the circumstances. It is therefore recommended that the suspension be removed.

6. Bro. Lewis Clement having been summoned peremptorily for this Communication to show cause why he should not be expelled. Having failed to appear, it is recommended that he be expelled from the Craft.

7. Bro. John Burns having been, on the 29th March last, suspended by Tudor Lodge, No. 141, for unmasonic conduct. It is recommended that his suspension be confirmed, and that he be summoned to show cause why he should not be expelled.

8. It is also recommended that Bro. William Purdy, suspended by King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, should be summoned to show cause why he should not be expelled.

9. The complaint made by W. Bro. W. C. Morrison, of Stevenson Lodge, against W. Bro. Joseph Adams, of St. Andrew's Lodge, for slander, has been referred to the Board by the D. D. G. M. of the Toronto District. Both parties have been heard, and such evidence as was adduced has been considered. The Board finds that there is no evidence that W. Bro. Morrison has been guilty of any offence which would justify W. Bro. Adams in making the statements with respect to the character of the former, which he admits having made. The statements made must therefore be held to have been slanderous and unmasonic and W. Bro. Adams should be severely reprimanded.

10. A complaint has been made by the W. M. of Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby, against Richardson Lodge, No. 139, for having initiated W. A. Law into Freemasonry within a year after his removal from Whitby to Stouffville without consultation with Composite Lodge. This is a very grave Masonic offence, and there were especial reasons why the regulations of Grand Lodge in this case should have been carefully followed. This action of Richardson Lodge seems to have been taken through ignorance or forgetfulness for which the W. M. has expressed his regret. It appears, however, that Bro. Law was passed after the attention of the Lodge had been called to the facts. This, of course, increases the offence, but as the peacemaker does not desire that the full penalty should be imposed in this instance, the Board recommends that Richardson Lodge be severely reprimanded.

In the case of the appeal of R. W. Bro. B. C. Davy against the action of Union Lodge, Napanee, in dismissing his complaint against Bros. Robert and Arthur Downey, the Board is of opinion that the matter should be referred back to the Lodge for further investigation.

In the case of the appeal of R. W. Bro. Davy against the decision of the same Lodge, sustaining the complaint made by Bro. Robert Downey against him. It is recommended that the appeal be allowed.

In the case of R. W. Bro. I. C. Franck, it is recommended that inasmuch as he did not appear to answer the charge preferred against him by certain members of Antiquity Lodge, owing to his having supposed that his appeal, or protest to the D. D. G. M. was sufficient to stay proceedings, pending the decision of that officer; and, whereas, such appeal, or protest was made known to Antiquity Lodge; and whereas the decision of the D. D. G. M. upon such appeal, or protest, was not communicated to R. W. Bro. Franck in time to enable him to appear on the evening fixed by the Lodge for investigating the charge against him; and whereas the Lodge did then proceed with his trial, in his absence, although his desire and expressed intention to defend himself, either in person or by counsel, was made known to the Lodge previous to the trial; and whereas the Lodge did nevertheless proceed without having given him an opportunity of defending himself—now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That without attaching any blame to Antiquity Lodge in the premises, the whole matter be referred back to the Lodge, with an instruction to summon R. W. Bro. Franck to answer the said charge and to proceed with his trial thereupon, in order that the accused Brother may have an opportunity of defending himself, and obtain that justice which is a fundamental principle of our time-honored institution, and which every Brother may justly claim as a right.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SEYMOUR,
P. B. G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Matheson, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Charles Kahn, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Matheson,

That a special grant of Fifty Dollars be appropriated from the funds of Grand Lodge to Bro. Illing.

On a vote of Grand Lodge being taken the motion was declared *lost*.

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

That 1,000 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge from its formation to the present time be re-printed. That a full index of the same be prepared and also printed. That they then be bound together in the most convenient form, and sold to Lodges and the members thereof, at the cost of printing and binding, and that the whole be ready if possible, on or before the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary to notify all Lodges, by circular, when ready.

On a vote of Grand Lodge being taken the motion was declared *lost*.

R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, on behalf of the Board, submitted the following report on the

RE-DIVISION OF MASONIC DISTRICTS.

The Board of General Purposes begs to recommend that the following re-division of Masonic Districts be adopted:

1. St. Clair District, to consist of the Counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton.

2. London District, to consist of the city of London, the Counties of Middlesex and Elgin, except the Township of Bayham.

3. Wilson District, the same as before, including the Township of Bayham.

4. Huron District, as before.

5. WELLINGTON DISTRICT, as before.

6. HAMILTON DISTRICT, to consist of the city of Hamilton, and the Counties of Wentworth and Halton.

7. NIAGARA DISTRICT, to consist of the Counties of Lincoln, Haldimand and Welland.

8. TORONTO DISTRICT, as before.

9. ONTARIO DISTRICT, as before.

10. PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, as before.

11. ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, as before.

12. OTTAWA DISTRICT, as before.

And that any Lodge opened in the Territories lying north of the present Districts to be added by the Grand Master to such District as he shall consider the most convenient.

13. MONTREAL DISTRICT, as before.

14. ST. FRANCIS DISTRICT, to consist of that portion of the late Eastern Townships District, comprising the Judicial District of the Eastern Townships and all the Territory east of the District, and all the Territory east of the river St. Francis, and south of the river St. Lawrence.

15. BEDFORD DISTRICT, to consist of that portion of the late Eastern Townships District west of the St. Francis District.

16. QUEBEC DISTRICT, to consist of the city of Quebec and the Lodge at Point Levis, and the Territory lying to the north and south sides of the St. Lawrence river below the city of Quebec.

JAMES SEYMOUR,
P. B. G. P.

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

That the report of the Board on the Re-division of Districts be received.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. T. White, jr., seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

RESOLVED, that the election of Grand Officers be the first order of business for the afternoon Session of Grand Lodge.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Charles Sharpe, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. W. Pringle,

That Clause 1 "of D. D. Grand Masters" of the Constitution be so amended as to allow *Immediate Past Masters* of Lodges to vote in the nomination of the D. D. G. Ms. for their respective Districts.

In amendment,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. M. Crombie, seconded by R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson,

That the word *Immediate* be struck out and the resolution as amended be adopted.

On a vote of Grand Lodge being taken the amendment was declared *lost.*

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the resolution it was declared *lost.*

V. W. Bro. J. Bain, on behalf of the Masonic Asylum Trust, submitted the following

REPORT.

To the Board of General Purposes.

The Masonic Asylum Trust beg leave to submit the following Report:

The Trust regret to state that since the last Annual Report the munificent offer of the Niagara Lodge of a site, containing two acres of land, on which a three-story brick building had been erected, together with $3,000 in cash, exclusive of $40 subscribed by the Lodge, has been withdrawn, the building having been sold to other parties.

Communications were forwarded to the Secretary of Alma Lodge, Galt, making enquiries respecting the offer from that locality, but no answer has been received.

Every enquiry has also been made as to other offers, but no satisfactory information has been procured, all offers being practically withdrawn. The Trust therefore, have only to submit the above for the information of the M. W. the Grand Lodge, with the hope that the earnestly expressed desires of the members, at former Communications of the Grand Lodge, may be speedily and successfully carried out, and that the Grand Lodge of Canada may soon boast of an institution which will reflect credit on the Masonic Order in the Dominion, and exemplify to the outer world our cherished maxims of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

The Trust have to report the following addition to the Fund, which consists of interest on Dominion Stock, and the small balances on deposit in the Bank of Montreal.

STATEMENT.

Dr.—Balance last Annual Statement		$4,937 01
Interest on Dom. Stock to March 31		288 00
do on deposits		7 30
Total		$5,232 31
Cr.—By Dominion Stock (cost $4,836)	$4,800 00	
Balance in Bank	432 31	
Total	$5,232 31	

As the Manager of the Bank of Montreal here refuses to allow interest for the future, the Trust have made arrangements to transfer the account to the Bank of Toronto, who will allow four per cent. interest on deposits.

The Trust regret that they have been deprived of the advice and assistance of one of its members, who is also solicitor, R. W. Bro. Harman, who recently sailed for

land on business connected with civic affairs; on his return it is their intention to make arrangements for investing the balance in Bank.

KIVAS TULLY, Chairman.
JAMES BAIN.
A. DEGRASSI.

TORONTO, July 11th, 1870.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. James Bain, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. DeGrassi, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Masonic Asylum Trust be received and adopted.

Letters were submitted from the Grand Lodge of Ireland refusing recognition to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and from the Yamaska Lodge, No. 130, Granby, P. Q., to the effect that it had, by an unanimous vote, returned in its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and also a lengthy report from our Representative, R. W. Bro. Wm. S. Fish, at the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet at 2.30 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 4.45 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren as scrutineers of the Ballot for Grand

Officers, and for members of the Board of General Purposes, viz.: R. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe, W. Bro. F. J. Menet, and W. Bro. E. R. Smith.

The Ballots having been distributed, the election was proceeded with, and the following Brethren were declared elected, viz.:

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Montreal, re-elected Grand Master.
R. " " James Seymour, St. Catharines, " Deputy Grand Master.
V. " " Thos. White, jr., Montreal, Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Hy. Robertson, Collingwood, " Junior "
R. " " Rev. V. Clementi, North Druro, Grand Chaplain.
" " " Henry Groff, Simcoe, unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer.
V. " " David McLellan, Toronto, Grand Registrar.
R. " " Thos. Bird Harris, unanimously re-elected Grand Secretary.
" John Sweetman, Ottawa, Grand Tyler.

By an open vote of Grand Lodge,

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	John E. Brooke,	Chatham	St. Clair	District.
" " "	G. Billington,	Strathroy,	London	"
" " "	Peter J. Brown,	Ingersoll,	Wilson	"
" " "	Isaac F. Toms,	Goderich,	Huron	"
" " "	Charles Hendry,	Conestogo,	Wellington	"
" " "	E. Mitchell,	Hamilton,	Hamilton	"
" " "	Isaac P. Willson,	Welland,	Niagara	"
" " "	J. K. Kerr,	Toronto,	Toronto	"
" " "	R. Kincaid,	Peterboro',	Ontario	"
" " "	E. H. Smith,	Conway P. O.,	Prince Edward	"
" " "	J. F. Chamberlain,	Morrisburgh,	St. Lawrence	"
" " "	E. C. Barber,	Ottawa,	Ottawa	"
" " "	M. Gutman,	Montreal,	Montreal	"
" " "	H. D. Pickel,	Sweetsburg,	Bedford	"
" " "	Alex. Walker,	Quebec,	Quebec	"

ELECTED MEMBERS OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bros. Charles D. Macdonell, Henry Macpherson, V. W. Bro. James Bain, M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and M. W. Bro. A. Bernard.

The President, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following Report

ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to present the following report on the condition of Masonry:

The Board has examined the reports of the D. D. G. Ms. for the London, Huron, Wellington, Hamilton, Toronto, Ontario and Ottawa Districts.

It is gratifying to find that Masonry continues to flourish in all these Districts, and that the D. D. G. Ms. are becoming so thoroughly energetic in fulfilling the great duty of visiting and instructing the Lodges in their several Districts and that they report so favourably of the condition of the Lodges under their jurisdiction. A few years ago the general commencement of the report of a D.D.G.M. was that he had been unable to visit more than a few Lodges in his District. Now that very few Lodges have been left unvisited, that many have been visited more frequently, and that the greatest attention has been paid to those Lodges which were most remote from the leading places in the District, and consequently most in need of advice and instruction.

In the Toronto and Ontario Districts, Lodges of Instruction have been held, attended by large numbers of officers and members of the Lodges of their respective Districts, and the effect will unquestionably be seen in the more thorough and efficient working of the Lodges in these Districts.

In the London District the D. D. G. M. intended to have held a Lodge of Instruction, but after consultation with other Brethren of the District, determined to give his attention to the more remote Lodges, and those that were most in need of Instruction; one Lodge he spent no less than ten days in instructing, and he reports having visited 24 Lodges besides. It would be well if all the D. D. G. Ms. would see that the Lodges reported as unvisited in previous years, or

as not working correctly, were attended to, even if they were not able to visit so large a number of the Lodges as did the R. W. Bro. of this District.

A number of Dispensations have been granted for the formation of new Lodges in the different Districts, and are spoken of as working well by the D. D. G. M. of their Districts.

It is gratifying to find that "Goderich Union Lodge, No. 720, E. R.," has affiliated with the G. L. of C., and been registered as No. 33 on our Grand Registry, and also to learn from the D. D. G. M. that the greatest harmony and good feeling prevails between that Lodge and Maitland Lodge, No. 112, held also in Goderich.

It is also pleasing to see the good feeling existing in the Ottawa District between our Lodges and the Dalhousie Lodge, held under the G. R. of E., which was shown by their requesting the D. D. G. M. of the Ottawa District to install their W. M. and officers, which ceremony took place on St. John's day (24th June) last.

A number of Dispensations for Masonic festivals are reported to have been granted by different D. D. G. Ms., and all are said to have passed off pleasantly and harmoniously.

One Dispensation was asked for to hold a Ball. The D. D. G. M. refused to grant it, as not being within his power. On application to the proper authority, the M. W. G. M., the Board understands the request was granted.

A D. D. G. M. reports having deputed a V. W. Bro. to consecrate and constitute a new Lodge. According to the Constitution of Grand Lodge, although a D. D. G. M. may himself constitute a Lodge, the power to depute another Brother to do so is the prerogative of the M. W. the G. M. only.

The D. D. G. Ms. all report the harmonious working of

the Lodges in their respective Districts; that the complaints brought before them have not been numerous, have usually been of an unimportant nature and have in most instances been easily settled, and good feeling between the disputing Brethren restored.

A number of presentations have been made by different Lodges to Brethren as an acknowledgment of services rendered by them. Amongst the recipients may be mentioned R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, V. W. Bro. Pringle, of Hamilton, and W. Bro. Currier, of Ottawa.

Amongst the many valuable suggestions made by the District Deputy Grand Masters, one that means should be devised to have all the lectures of the degrees given and the symbolism of our Order thoroughly explained is of great importance. It would prevent much of the apathy found to exist amongst the older members of the Lodges, enable them better to understand their duties and render the meetings much more instructive and interesting.

The statistical abstract given by the District Deputy Grand Master of the Hamilton District is very valuable, enabling you to see at a glance the condition of every Lodge and the progress it has made during the year. It is again recommended as well worthy of imitation by the Lodges in the other Districts.

We have also great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt by the Grand Secretary of re-prints of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota from 1853 to 1869, the Grand Lodge of Colorado from 1861 to 1869, the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire from 1842 to 1856, severally bound in cloth, and beg to tender those Grand Lodges the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge for so valuable documents; and we sincerely hope this Grand Lodge will shortly be in a position to return the compliment.

Again it is our melancholy duty to record in our obituary list the names of many valued and trusty Masons at rest.

Showing that the fell-destroyer, death, grants no favors to the rich or poor, the high or low. We sincerely hope our departed Brethren have attained the summit of human aspirations; may we also be prepared to meet them in the Grand Lodge above, where T. G. A. O. T. U. alone presides.

Prominent among those whose earthly labors are ended, the name of R. W. Bro. G. W. Whitehead will recall to the recollection of the elder members of the Craft, his urbanity of manners, and untiring energy and devotedness to Masonry. Also, that of W. Bro. Thos. Gundry, many years Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto, who, with a deep conviction that all his actions were under the inspection of the "all-seeing eye," always aimed "to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before his God." The Brethren of his Lodge, to evince their estimation of his worth, have erected a hand some monument to mark his earthly resting place.

Bro. Thomas Willing, Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge was struck down by apoplexy in the vigor of life and manhood.

Among those in humbler life, the name of Bro. Thomas Blaney, who had attained the extraordinary age of 100 years and 4 months, 42 years of which he spent in the service of his country, 21 years as a soldier in H. M. Life Guards and the same time in H. M. 83rd regiment of foot. He was also a Mason for more than seventy years; and we are happy to add that his declining years were soothed by the sympathetic hand of benevolence.

In regard to the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the Montreal, Bedford and Quebec Districts, the Board considering that the report on the address of the M.W. the Grand Master covers the whole ground of the difficulties in these Districts, and there being no circumstances of Masonic importance otherwise requiring notice, the Board refrain from again repeating their remarks on the address of the M. W. Grand Master.

JAMES SEYMOUR,
P. R. G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board on Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the Reports of the Board.

On Benevolence see pages 442, 443, 444 and 445.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Matheson, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

On the Grand Master's address (general topics) see pages 441 and 442.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Thomas White, junr., seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of Board on the Grand Master's address be adopted.

On Annual Report—Audit, Finance, &c., see pages 421, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

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

RESOLVED, That the Annual Report of the Board on Audit, Finance, &c., &c., be adopted.

On Grievances and Appeals, see pages 445, 6, 7 and 8.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Matheson, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be adopted.

Semi-Annual Report—Audit and Finance, see pages 428 and 429.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi, and

RESOLVED, That the Semi-Annual Report of the Board on Audit and Finance be adopted.

On Re-division of the Districts, see pages 449 and 450.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board on Re-division of the Masonic Districts be adopted.

R. W. Bro. Jas. K. Kerr, presented his Credentials as the accredited Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

R. W. Bro. Thos. Bird Harris, presented his Credentials and Warrants of appointment as the Representative of the Grand Lodges of the States of Missouri and Oregon.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson announced his appointment and produced his Credentials as the Representative of the Grand Lodges of the States of Connecticut and Minnesota.

The Grand Lodge was pleased to accept and respectively welcome the Brethren in their representative character, who were individually saluted with Grand Honors. The compliment was suitably acknowledged by the Representatives on behalf of their various Grand Lodges. The Brethren took seats on the Dais.

In accordance with notice given at the last annual Communication,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Jas. M. Dunn, seconded by W. Bro. J. E. Harding

That Article 1 of the Constitution, relating to the Board of General Purposes, be so amended as to read as follows: That the Board of General Purposes shall consist of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master, who shall be *ex-officio* President of the Board, the District Deputy Grand Masters, the two Grand Wardens and one member to be selected from among the actual Masters and Past Masters in each District. These members shall be elected by Ballot by the Representatives and Past Masters in attendance at each Annual Communication, immediately after the nomination of the D. D. G. Masters, and shall hold office until the close of the next Annual Communication after the election.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the foregoing resolution of amendment to the Constitution it was declared *lost*.

W. Bro. J. F. Chamberlain gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will propose alterations in the Book of Constitution, clauses 1 and 3, pages 36 and 37, relating to the Board of General Purposes, and to that end will move amendments to the various clauses providing for the selection and appointing of the said Board.

V. W. Bro. Thos. White, junr., on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report on the question of the restoration of Brethren by Grand Lodge.

RESTORATIONS.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report:

That at its semi-annual meeting in February last, an important question was brought before the Board, having reference to the effect of a removal of suspension by Grand Lodge, in restoring the Brother suspended, in relation to the Lodge which suspended him.

It appears that W. Bro. Cascaden having been suspended by Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Grand Lodge on appeal removed the suspension; but the W. M. of the Lodge

refused him admission to the Lodge. Against this conduct he appealed to Grand Lodge, and upon consideration of the question, it was declared by the Board that removal of suspension by Grand Lodge, did not restore to membership in a private Lodge.

At the present meeting of the Board this decision was reconsidered, and reversed, and the Board now recommends that it be declared a ruling of Grand Lodge that removal of suspension restores the Brother to all his rights and privileges as a Mason, including membership in the Lodge suspending him.

In reference to the same subject, this ruling is recommended to apply to the case of V. W. Bro. Dettmers, and referred to this Board by the M. W. Grand Master.

JAMES SEYMOUR,
P. B. G. P.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Thomas White, junr., seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board on Restorations be received.

It was moved by W. Bro. W. S. Martin, seconded by V. W. Bro. Allan McLean, and

RESOLVED, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to appoint a Committee to obtain a suitable testimonial to be presented to M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, P. G. M.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint R. W. Bro. Thomas White, junr., and R. W. Bro. M. Gutman, the Committee on Testimonial to be presented to M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Thomas White, junr., seconded by R. W. Bro. Isaac P. Willson, and

RESOLVED, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to take such steps as he may deem necessary, either by the appointment of a Committee to draft a statement setting forth the position of Grand Lodge

or in any other way, to place the position of the Grand Lodge in relation to that portion of its Territory known as the Province of Quebec, before the Grand Lodges of the world.

V. W. Bro. Charles Sharpe gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move to amend clause 1 of the Constitution in relation to District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for the space of one hour.

FRIDAY, 15th July, 1870.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 8 o'clock, p. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master, proceeded with the investiture of the newly-elected Grand Officers, as follows:

R. W. Bro. James Seymour, St. Catharines, Deputy Grand Master.
V. " " Thos. White, jr., Montreal, Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Hy. Robertson, Collingwood, " Junior "
R. " " Rev. V. Clementi, North Druro, Grand Chaplain.
" " " Henry Groff, Simcoe, Grand Treasurer.
V. " " David McLellan, Toronto, Grand Registrar.
R. " " Thos. Bird Harris, Grand Secretary.
" John Sweetman, Ottawa, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	John E. Brooke,	Chatham	St. Clair	District.
" " "	G. Billington,	Strathroy,	London	"
" " "	Peter J. Brown,	Ingersoll,	Wilson	"
" " "	Isaac F. Toms,	Goderich,	Huron	"
" " "	Charles Hendry,	Conestogo,	Wellington	"
" " "	E. Mitchell,	Hamilton,	Hamilton	"
" " "	Isaac P. Willson,	Welland,	Niagara	"
" " "	J. K. Kerr,	Toronto,	Toronto	"
" " "	R. Kincaid,	Peterboro',	Ontario	"
" " "	E. H. Smith,	Conway P. O.,	Prince Edward	"
" " "	J. F. Chamberlain,	Morrisburgh,	St. Lawrence	"
" " "	E. C. Barber,	Ottawa,	Ottawa	"
" " "	M. Gutman,	Montreal,	Montreal	"
" " "	H. D. Pickel,	Sweetsburg,	Bedford	"
" " "	Alex. Walker,	Quebec,	Quebec	"

The M. W. Grand Master has been pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz.:

V. W. Bro.	N. B. Falkiner, Belleville,	Grand Senior Deacon.
" " "	Charles Storer, Montreal,	" Junior "
" " "	John Kerr, Kingston,	" Supt. of Works.
" " "	J. F. Dennistoun, Peterboro',	" Dir. of Cer.
" " "	Richard Brierley, Hamilton,	Ass't " Secretary.
" " "	J. S. Bartlett, Granby, P. Q.,	" " Dir. of Cer.
" " "	Robert Robinson, Toronto,	" Sword Bearer.
" " "	Wm. Nevin, Montreal,	" Organist.
" " "	Frederick Mudge, Guelph,	Ass't " "
" " "	John Urquhart, Montreal	" Pursuivant.
" " "	J. B. Bickell, Brooklin,	Grand Stewards.
" " "	George Hodgetts, Toronto,	
" " "	Wm. McKenzie, Montreal,	
" " "	Geo. H. Wilkinson, St. John, P. Q.,	
" " "	John Nettleton, Collingwood,	
" " "	Donald Sutherland, Peterboro,'	
" " "	Joseph Davy, Brighton,	
" " "	John Boyd, Oshawa,	
" " "	Robert Kemp, Grimsby,	
" " "	W. C. Morrison, Toronto,	
" " "	W. S. Martin, Paris,	
" " "	C. S. Elliot, Orillia,	

ELECTED MEMBERS OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Scrutineers of the Ballot for members to serve on the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, reported the following named Brethren as having received the highest number of votes, and who were declared duly elected:

R. W. Bro,	Charles D. Macdonnell,	Peterboro',	St. John's Lodge,	No.	3
" " "	Henry Macpherson,	Owen Sound,	St. George's "	"	88
V. " "	James Bain,	Toronto,	St. Andrew's "	"	16
M. " "	W. B. Simpson,	Kingston,	Sussex "	"	5
R. " "	Otto Klotz,	Preston,	Alma "	"	72
M. " "	A. Bernard,	Montreal,	St. George's "	"	19

The M. W. Grand Master has been pleased to make the following appointments as members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz.:

M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, R. W. Bro. Æmilius Irving, R. W. Bro. James Milne; R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi, V. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, R.W. Bro. Daniel Spry, W. Bro. E. Racicot and W. Bro. John E. Harding.

W. Bro. R. Nancollas gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move that all business in private Lodges in connection with this Grand Lodge be conducted in the third Degree.

R. W. Bro. J. F. Chamberlain gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move that the expenses, or a certain amount of the expenses of D. D. G. Ms. be paid by this Grand Lodge.

Several communications from the Grand Orients of France and Mexico were submitted to Grand Lodge and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the Report of Board on Restorations.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Milne, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board on Restorations by Grand Lodge be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, and unanimously

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby most cordially tendered to the Brethren of the City of Toronto for the ample and most satisfactory arrangements made for the holding of this Annual Communication, as also for the munificent Banquet extended to all the Grand Officers and Representatives of Lodges in attendance.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Milne, and

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Board of Scrutineers for the very satisfactory discharge of their important duties.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Milne, and

RESOLVED, That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the Committee on Credentials for the satisfactory manner in which they have fulfilled the very onerous duties devolving upon them.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Isaac P. Willson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Charles Hendry, and

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Grand Trunk, Great Western, Buffalo and Lake Huron, St. Lawrence and Ottawa, Northern, and Port Hope and Peterboro' Railways, and to the Richelieu, and the Canadian Inland Steam Navigation Companies for having reduced their fares to delegates attending this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, and

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of Canada are due and the same are hereby tendered to the President and Directors of Mechanics' Institute for their kindness and courtesy in extending to the members of this Grand Lodge the use of the News Room and Library.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in **ample form**, at Low Twelve.

ATTEST.

G. Sec.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report that they have received from the Grand Secretary the proceedings of forty-six Grand Lodges, which they have examined with some care, and although much that is valuable and interesting is unavoidably crushed out in order to keep our report within prescribed limits, we trust that what follows will meet with the approbation of Grand Lodge.

The following is a list of the proceedings of Grand Lodges received by your Committee and the years to which they respectively refer:

1.	Alabama 1869	24.	Minnesota 1870
2.	Arkansas 1869	25.	Mississippi 1869
3.	British Columbia. 1869	26.	" 1870
4.	California 1869	27.	Maryland 1869
5.	Colorado 1868	28.	Michigan 1870
6.	" 1869	29.	Nebraska 1868
7.	Columbia 1869	30.	" 1869
8.	Delaware 1869	31.	New Brunswick .. 1869
9.	Florida 1869	32.	Nevada 1869
10.	" 1870	33.	New Jersey 1869
11.	Georgia 1869	34.	North Carolina ... 1869
12.	Idaho 1869	35.	Nova Scotia 1869
13.	Iowa 1869	36.	Oregon 1869
14.	Indiana 1869	37.	Pennsylvania 1869
15.	Kansas 1869	38.	Rhode Island 1869
16.	Louisiana 1869	39.	South Carolina ... 1869
17.	" 1870	40.	Tennessee 1869
18.	Montana 1868	42.	Texas 1869
19.	" 1869	42.	Vermont 1869
20.	Massachussets ... 1869	43.	Virginia 1869
21.	Maine 1869	44.	West Virginia 1869
22.	" 1870	45.	Wisconsin 1869
23.	Minnesota 1869	46.	Washingt'n Terr'y 1869.

ALABAMA.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Alabama assembled in the city of Montgomery, Dec. 6th,

A. D. 1869, M. W. Bro. George Norris, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. D. Sayre, Grand Secretary. The opening part of the G. Master's address is a production of more than ordinary merit for its high tone of sentiment and sublimity of style. He notices in an appropriate manner the death of Bro. Samuel H. Dixon, P. S. G. W., and Bro. Thomas McDougal, for nearly 20 years Grand Tyler, and some others now or formerly intimately connected with Grand Lodge. He next alludes to a communication from Grand Lodge of Louisiana, protesting against the action of the Grand Orient of France for having ignored her territorial jurisdiction by recognizing an illegitimate body working the symbolic Degrees in New Orleans within that jurisdiction.

We see in the volumes before us that hundreds of pages are devoted to this subject, our limits will not allow us to reproduce them, and we decline making any remark on the merits of the case, the substance of which is contained in the above few lines. Nearly all the American Grand Lodges sympathise with that of Louisiana, and although a few—inspired perhaps by that charity which "still hopes the best"—have deferred action for the present, many have *Resolved* that all fraternal relations between them respectively and the Grand Orient of France shall cease until the latter retrace her steps.

The Grand Master also brings up the subject of Dimits, and holds it established by the ancient Landmarks, Codes and Regulations that a Mason can only Dimit for one of two reasons—leaving the jurisdiction or forming a new Lodge. On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom this was referred, it was

Resolved "That the subordinate Lodges shall hereafter "grant no dimits, unless a member asking a dimit is about "to remove without the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, "or for the purpose of forming a new Lodge, or joining "another Lodge."

The G. M. states that in one case where a member had

applied for a dimit because he had joined the Roman Catholic church, whose regulations forbid belonging to the Order, recommended that the Lodge remit his dues from year to year, but refuse the dimit. He had also decided that a non-affiliated Brother CANNOT be interred with Masonic ceremonies; neither one that has been suspended for non-payment of dues, even although his friends offer to pay his arrears.

We believe that Masonic societies must have rules for their guidance similar to those of other benevolent institutions, but there is this difference, that the by-laws of other societies contain the whole obligations of the contracting parties, and these parties alone are interested, while Masons —independent of their soicety rules—have a code of *unalterable* laws in which the *Masonic world* is interested, hence Masons have to be guarded lest the by-laws of any special Lodge should conflict with the fixed laws. We think the decision anent burials is a case in point as requiring that vigilance. We think the case of the Roman Catholic is rather unmasonic. It compels the man to continue a member of a society of which he conscientiously disapproves, although he was assured *in limine* that nothing would interfere with his religious opinions; and on the part of the Lodge it is putting a *fiction* in the room of TRUTH. The G. M. had given a great number of decisions, but they seem to contain nothing out of the "common run." He gives a graphic account of his official acts; he has granted 17 Dispensations for new Lodges; had travelled months and hundreds of miles by all the modern modes of locomotion, in all kinds of weather and at all hours, working for the good of the Craft; had appointed representatives at many home and foreign Grand Lodges, and having been a member of Grand Lodge for nearly 30 years, he lays down the Gavel and bids them an affectionate farewell. Grand Lodge passed a resolution that a P. G. M's. Jewel be procured and presented to him as a mark of respect and esteem.

The Committee appointed to report on Canadian Jurisdiction repudiated the claims of the Grand Lodge of Quebec

an invasion of Canada's Jurisdictional rights, and deeply sympathises with Canada in this—her hour of trouble.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was recognized. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported on 47 Grand Lodges—Canada included for 1868. The review proves itself the work of a masterly hand, and we congratulate the Lodges of Alabama on the fund of general information they will receive.

Subordinate Lodges, 360; members reported, 10,729. M.W. Bro. W.P. Chilton, elected Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. D. Sayre, re-elected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

The Grand Lodge of Arkansas commenced its 31st Annual Communication at the city of Little Rock, 1st November, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. E. H. English, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. W. D. Blocher, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address, if it had no other recommendation—so far as the opening part of it is concerned—is not stereotyped. He says:

"If I did not know how strongly men are attached to Masonry, I should be surprised to see so many representatives of Lodges assembled here at this time, a time when *Dollar-making* is the prevailing passion of the American people. The *Dollar* is now *King*, nay more, the *Dollar* is the IDOL of our country. Palaces and castles abounding in luxury fill the imaginations of men, and silks and diamonds and splendid equipages dazzle the visions of women; all to be reared and purchased with bushels of gold, and reams of greenbacks; acquired, not by toil, but by trade, moving under the pressure of steam, and speculation flying upon the wings of lightning. In this all-absorbing rush after the DOLLAR, religious and moral institutions are neglected; patriotism has become an empty sound; men seek public places merely to fill their pockets; and governments are converted into mere combinations to gather money from the multitudes and distribute it to favorites. How is it, therefore, that you

during the reign of the *Dollar* concluded to spend money in attending Grand Lodge? It is because you feel that there are Jewels of greater value, and more imperishable than gold and silver and greenbacks—you are laboring for the promotion of an institution which has lived to see the hoardings of misers scattered to the winds, the palaces of the rich crumble into dust and the wealth of empires perish. You are serving humanity and charity, and laying up treasures that will never waste."

He then gives an epitome of his official transactions during the year. Nineteen dispensations had been granted for new Lodges, and various excursions undertaken by land and water for the benefit of Grand Lodge. His paths had been interspersed with many coincidences, and amongst others, an Indian legend in Minnesota; we understand him to mean that he gained much by *secret signs*, &c., &c. It may be remembered, that in 1868 he got a resolution passed condemnatory of any one who used Masonic symbols—but "the case being altered, alters the case." He now says—

"By some the wearing of Masonic symbols is condemned, because now and then an unworthy Mason is seen parading them, but the logic that would persuade us to forego the wearing of the beautiful symbols of our Order because bad men desecrate them, would strip us of all ornaments, and, indeed, of all clothing. Bad men clothe themselves in the livery of heaven to serve the devil in; but the innocent lamb need not abandon his fleece because the sly wolf covers his deformity with a similar but stolen garb. Masonic symbols often serve as a means of introduction and lead Masons to be agreeable travelling companions, who might, without them, fail to recognize each other, and remain indifferent strangers."

He notices the departure from earthly scenes of Brother Nathaniel Smith, a P. G. M. of Grand Lodge, and Brother William Hicks, a P. G. W.

In common with others he denounces the action of the Grand Orient of France for her recognition of what he calls "the bastard body" in Louisiana.

Reference is made to St. John's College, and also to the

reports of the several D. D. G. Masters, whose reports as a whole are favorable.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of 37 Grand Lodges, Canada (for 1868) amongst others. The review is from the pen of Bro. O. C. Gray, his tender regard for the dignity of the Order is wounded by our allowing such frivolous matters as the attempt on the life of the Duke of Edinburgh and the murder of D'Arcy McGee to come within the precincts of Grand Lodge. He says—

"We have no objection to see Bro. Wilson *interested* in 'public events,' but we *do* object to the expression of that interest in a Masonic address; political conventions and 'indignation meetings' are the proper places for Grand Master Wilson to '*spread* himself' and it is a great pity that failing perhaps to be *sufficiently indignant* at such gatherings he saw fit to bring his excessive loyalty into a Grand Lodge of Masons."

After quoting (with a sneer) the remarks of the Committee on that part of the G. Master's address, he says—

"We trust our Canadian Brethren and Grand Master Wilson, will take our remarks in this connection just as they are intended, that is "*to whisper good counsel in the ear.*"

Now, while we hope Bro. Gray will accept our thanks for his counsel to the full extent of his *good intentions* in giving it, we look upon it as the "counsel of Ahithophel" and pray that it "may be turned to foolishness;" we fondly hope the day will never dawn when Mason Lodges will throw loyalty among the "rubbish." We assure our Bro. that whatever political partizanship may have been in his eye in making his remarks, there is nothing of the kind with us, and we farther assure him that the remarks of G. M. Wilson met with a hearty *so mote it be* by every Mason represented on the floor of Grand Lodge. In fact we did not suppose that there was any Lodge who would not feel *indignant* at assassination under *any circumstances*, and much more so, when these assassinations eminated from an organi-

zation of lawless ruffians and cut-throats. Be all this as it may, we are sorry to find that Bro. Gray has so far forgotten the "Golden Rule" as not to accord to us what he claims himself for his *pet scheme* of St. John's College, viz.: If *he does not approve let us alone.*

The chartered Lodges reported are 211; U. D. 27; members 8,187. Assets of the year $4,713.91; disbursements the same.

M. W. Bro. W. D. Blocher, elected Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. L. E. Barber, elected Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of British Columbia commenced its second Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, at V. I., B. C., May 1st, A. D. 1869. Present: the R. W. Bro. I. W Powell, M. D., Provincial Grand Master, and other Provincial Grand Officers, with the representatives of four Lodges.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and there is in the Colonoy besides, a District Grand Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England.

By a series of good and sound resolutions, passed at the above communication, it is designed to have an *Independent Grand Lodge of British Columbia*, uniting the brethren of both jurisdictions under one authority. The District Grand Lodge (of England) has not favored us with any report, but we gather from the report we have, that the two Lodges are in mutual friendship. From the little pamphlet before us, we can observe that as much *business tact* is displayed as in most of our Sister Lodges, with hundreds of subordinates. The proceedings convince us, that the Brethren of British Columbia ar quite as competent to manage their own affairs.

We scarcely think our worthy Grandmothers will attempt to throw any obstacle in their way. We wish them GOD SPEED, and rejoice to anticipate the day not far distant when we shall receive them as a Sister, crying "Hail, (British) Columbia."

R. W. Bro. J. W. Powell, M.D., Victoria, is Provincial Grand Master; and V. W. Bro. H. F. Heisterman, Victoria, Provincial Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Lodge of California commenced its Annual Communication at San Francisco, Oct. 12, A.D. 1869.

The Grand Master's address is a model for its brevity, while at the same time it is to the point: after recommending that their deliberations be conducted with harmony and toleration, he says:—

"We have no antagonism with any organization whose object is the promotion of good-will among men; we claim no right of dictation beyond that which pertains to morality; we recognize charity in whatever form it comes to ameliorate the condition of mankind; we are governed by ethic rules, so perfectly adapted to the purpose to which they were formed, that they have remained unchanged for successive ages, faithful guides to all who observe them through this life, and giving assured hope of happiness in the life to come."

He refers to the general prosperity of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction, and the friendly nature of their relations with Grand Bodies throughout the world. During the year, he had granted 12 Dispensations for new Lodges, and had, by deputy, dedicated 3 Masonic Halls, and laid the corner-stone of a Methodist Episcopal Church, and many other things of only local interest. He proposes the abolishing of dues for affiliation, believing that membership of a Lodge was a duty of every Mason, and wishing to throw no obstacle in their way—of this the committee approved and Grand Lodge sustained. The Grand Secretary presented his report, he says:—

"No surrender of charters has been made during the year; that the country was being settled with agriculturalists instead of miners, as formerly, and would be more permanent than hitherto; that there are now in active existence within the jurisdiction 158 chartered Lodges, besides the 12 U. D., making in all 170; that the total receipts for the year had been $20,096 50, and that no Lodge was $1 in arrears, that the Masonic Board of relief had assets during the year $8,558 26, and had expended $6,479.25, the participants from which fund had been in all 109, hailing from all parts of the world, and amongst others three from Canada."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $7,428 16.

The oration by the Grand Orator would well repay perusal; should we begin to quote, we would only mar it, as it is a document that to be appreciated, must be read as a whole.

Grand Lodge took up the matter of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana against the Grand Orient of France, and finally passed the following resolution:—

Resolved, "That all Masonic intercourse between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient of France is hereby suspended, and that the Lodges AND MASONS of this jurisdiction are forbidden to recognize, or hold communication with any Brother who hails from, or acknowledges allegiance to the Grand Orient of France, so long as that body continues its unlawful and reprehensible invasion of the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana."

We have elsewhere said that we offer no opinion on the merits of the case, as to who is right or who is wrong, we leave that matter for Grand Lodge to decide. If any Grand Lodge finds that in their political or corporate capacity, they cannot associate with some other Grand Lodge, we have no objections, but we hold that it is *ultra vires* of any Lodge, Grand or Subordinate, to interfere with our Masonic jurisdiction, which extends from the centre to the circumference of the Globe, or to tell us who we are to love and who to hate, as their caprice may dictate. There

may have been—and we know there were—good reasons why the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans in their political or corporate capacity, but *that* is quite different from shutting up the bowels of compassion, tying the hands and tightening the pocket-strings of the good Samaritan. If we get the *true sign*, there is a bond registered far away above the cloudy canopy, binding us to answer without waiting to enquire if it hails from France or Louisiana or California or from some region unknown. We repeat,—instruct and prohibit Lodges as you please, but keep out the words "AND MASONS."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 42 Grand Lodges—Canada (for 1868) among the number. The work is by Bro. Wm. H. Hill, extends to 80 pages small type, and reflects great credit on the author, notwithstanding his apologies.

On three different evenings during the session the work was exemplified in the three degrees.—Lodges 170, members 8,853.

Resolutions were passed, tendering thanks to M. W. Bro. Charles March, retiring Grand Master,—That a suitable testimonial be procured and presented to him at the next Annual Communication, and that he be requested to sit for his portrait.

The M. W. Bro. Leonidas E. Pratt was elected Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. Alexander G. Abell unanimously re-elected Grand Secretary.

COLORADO, 1868.

The eighth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Colorado met at Central City, 6th Oct., A. D. 1868. M. W. Bro. Henry M. Teller, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Edward C. Parmalee, Grand Secretary.

After an eloquent and beautiful oration by the grand orator, the Grand Master delivered his address, which, as well as

the report of the Grand Lecturer, refers to matters purely local.

The Grand Lodges of Idaho and New Brunswick were recognized.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence give a review from the pen of Bro. Frank Hall, of 38 Grand Lodges, without comment; Canada for 1867 included.

The mileage allowance for members is 12½ cents, and per diem $2.

There are 14 chartered Lodges and 5 U. D.; members 717.

There is published along with the proceedings of Grand Lodge a copy of Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Regulations, and also By-Laws pertaining to subordinate Lodges. We think this is as it ought to be, because we believe that uniformity ought to exist in these things as well as in the *work*.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

COLORADO, 1869.

The ninth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Colorado commenced in Denver, 28th Sept., A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. Henry M. Teller, Grand Master, delivered his address, giving a succinct report of his official acts during the year. He notices in appropriate terms the demise of P. G. M. Allyn Weston, who, at the time of his death, was a permanent member of Grand Lodge.

Amongst the resolutions passed at this Communication we observe the following:

"That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that whenever the admission of a visiting Brother is objected to by a member of a subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, the Master shall refuse to admit such visiting Brother."

"That all subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction be instructed not to receive a petition for affiliation from any Brother holding membership outside of this jurisdiction, unless accompanied by a Dimit or Certificate of good standing from the Lodge of which the petitioner was last a member."

We think the certificate of good standing very proper, but we can see no necessity for the *dimit*; besides, the petitioner might be *black-balled*, and then he is thrown on the world an unaffiliated Mason in spite of himself. It is wise to "keep the old shoes until we see if the new fit."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report on 41 Grand Lodges. The review is by Bro. Hall Sayre, and is, in general, brief. Canada for 1868 is included.

There are 17 subordinate Lodges, and 768 members.

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We have in the Fifty-ninth Annual Report, (1869) the account of *nine* Grand Lodge Communications :—

1. Special at hall of Potomac Lodge, Jan'y 14, 1869, for the purpose of *instituting* "George C. Whiting Lodge."

2. Special at Union Town, D.C., March 8, 1869, "instituting" Anacostia Lodge.

3. Semi-Annual Communication at Washington, May 4, 1869.

4. Special at Washington, May 7, 1869, for the purpose of instituting Pentalpha Lodge.

5. Special at Washington, May 31, 1869, for making the necessary arrangements for the interment of M. W. Bro. W. B. Magruder, Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge.

6. *Resumed* Communication, for attending Funeral of above.

7. Special at Washington, Sept. 22, 1869, for the purpose of revising the Lecture of the Third Degree.

8. Resumed Communication Sept. 29, 1969, receiving Report of Committee on Revision of Third Degree.

9. Annual Communication, Washington, Nov. 2, 1869.

At all these Communications M. W. Bro. R. B. Donaldson presided; and R. W. Bro. N. D. Larner, Grand Secretary.

The addresses of the Grand Master, although the subject matters of them are almost entirely local, breathe a spirit of that charity which

> "Glows with social tenderness,
> And feels for all mankind."

The review of Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of P. G. M. Stansbury; it embraces 29 Continental Grand Lodges—(Canada for 1868, included), and 13 European Grand Lodges. It is an elaborate work and would well repay perusal by any one wishing to be posted in general information, the review of the European Lodges is pre-eminently so, more full of historical facts than of passing events; the matter extracted is the *pith* not the *sapwood* of the subject brought forward, and as a crowning characteristic, the work is not interspersed with *egotisms*, nor any *nose-poking propensities* on the the part of the writer, as if *he* were to be looked to as the *ne plus ultra* in saying what Lodges should do and what they should not, in fact we feel sorry that Bro. Stansbury does not sometimes express an opinion, because we believe if he did, it would be about right.

Hitherto they had 17 (now 23) Subordinate Lodges, and 2,407 members. One peculiarity of this Grand Lodge is, that the Grand Master has personally visited and executed *the work*, so that in every case the meetings of the Subordinate Lodges may be called Communications (practically) of Grand Lodge. As they are now increasing in number, he (the G. M.) begins to think that the institution of D. D. G. Masters will be necessary.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

DELAWARE.

The sixty-third Annual Communication of Grand Lodge commenced in the City of Wilmington, 28th June, A. D. 1869. M. W. Bro. Edwin I. Horner, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. P. Allmond, Grand Secretary.

The address of the G. M. is a business-like document. He first refers in a feeling manner to the demise of Bro. Wm. Graves, D. D. G. M. of Grand Lodge, followed by a succinct account of his official acts for the Masonic year just ended, consisting chiefly of decisions given in accordance with the By-laws, and in accordance with common sense when there was no By-law to guide.

The financial matters of G. Lodge seem complicated, we do not profess to understand them and we let them alone.

Amongst the proceedings of the session we find the following:

"Whereas a resolution passed at the session of this Grand Lodge, holden 1867, reading thus: *Resolved*, That Lodges under this jurisdiction are positively prohibited from initiating, passing, raising, or admitting to membership, or the right of visitation any negro, mulatto, or colored person of the United States, this prohibition shall be an obligation and so taught in the third degree; and whereas, this resolution is in contra-distinction to the Rules, Regulations, Edicts and Ancient Landmarks of Free and Accepted Masonry; and whereas, our obligations cover the whole ground of clandestiny, and do most positively and conclusively punish every member for a violation of any of them; and whereas we must acknowledge the universality of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry so that in every nation a Mason finds friends and in every climate a home: Therefore, resolved, that the foregoing resolution be declared null and void, and be treated the same as though it had never passed."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report that they have received the proceedings of 36 Grand Lodges—Canada included—but no reviews excepting some general remarks on

1st. Jurisdictional rights, on the misconduct of one jurisdiction conferring degrees on a party belonging (by residence) to another jurisdiction.

2nd. Lodges of one jurisdiction under affiliation seeking aid from another jurisdiction; Committee thinks should be regulated by Grand Lodge.

3rd. The case of G. Lodge of Louisiana with the Grand Orient of France, with the usual detail of circumstances and the usual resolution prohibiting fraternal intercourse.

There are in this jurisdiction 18 subordinate Lodges, and 930 members.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at date of Communication, $392.23.

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

FLORIDA, 1869.

The Grand Annual Communication commenced at Tallahassee, January, A.D. 1869, M. W. Bro. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Edward Bradford, Jr., as Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is short, neat and business-like. He gives an account of his official proceedings, and also refers to some points of general interest. On the subject of Dimits, he is clearly of opinion that a mason's membership in the Lodge granting his Dimit should only cease when notified of his affiliation with some regular Lodge; he believes that this would soon abate all the existing trouble about non-affiliation. He does not believe in the practise of requiring masons to sign the By-Laws *as an act constituting membership.*

1. It engenders the idea that he is not a member until he signs these laws.

2. It tends to weaken the the moral force of the injunctions which attach to his primitive masonic character.

3. It gives rise to a diversity of opinions as to when membership begins.

He observes that the By-Laws of some of the Lodges conflict with the regulations of Grand Lodge.

We heartily endorse the Grand Master's opinion as to Dimits, under all circumstances; a certificate of good standing ought to satisfy any party to whom application is made for admission. There is much force in his reasons as to signing the By-Laws; thousands go into the order, who never after devote much study to its principles, and are apt to come to the conclusion that the By-Laws contain the whole of their duty, unless it were fully impressed on the mind that the moral and legal obligations are two distinct things. We think By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges should have the sanction of Grand Lodge, but whether or not, we hold that By-Laws conflicting with Grand Lodge orders, or Grand Lodge orders conflicting with the Landmarks are both unlawful, and, therefore, not binding.

Dispensations had been granted for three New Lodges.

From Reports of Masters, Wardens and Representatives, it appears that the Financial affairs of the Craft in Florida are in a very depressed condition.

Brother Dawkins presented a Report on Foreign Correspondence, which was ordered to be printed, and being voluminous, was to be printed by itself—we have not got it.

There are 50 Subordinate Lodges and 1,988 members.

M. W. Bro. Samuel B. Stephens was elected Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. DeWitt C. Dawkins, elected Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA, 1870.

The fortieth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge commenced in the City of Jackson, January 12, A. D. 1870.

R.W. Bro. S. Pasco, D. G. M., presiding, read a short address. He regrets the absence of the G. Master and apologises for his own unprepared state, that inasmuch as the G. M. had not been able to forward the record of his official acts, and he (the D. G. M.) did not know what designs the G. M. had drawn on his "Trestle Board" to guide the Craft during this period of labour; but although he had no new work prepared they were not to remain idle, there was old work unfinished, they had rough work that needs polish, stones that did not closely fit the square.. He then refers to the new Constitution adopted last year, that they had to report if any changes could be made in it for the benefit of the Craft, to attend to the revision of the past rulings of Grand Lodge, and to see if anything more could be done to establish a uniform code of By-laws for the particular Lodges and several other matters.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present an interesting review—by Bro. Dawkins—of the proceedings of 39 Grand Lodges; Canada for 1868-9 comes in for a full share of notice.

The Committee to whom the matter of Quebec was referred, *Resolved*, "That this Grand Lodge will take no action with reference to that matter at the present Grand Communication."

At different sittings during the Session the work was exemplified in the three degrees.

The Committee on Accounts submitted that Grand Treasurer had received $3,329.56; had paid $1,540.56; leaving on hand $1,789, and recommended that each member of Grand Lodge be paid $3.50 per day and 5c. per mile. Lodges 50; members 1,988.

There is appended the code of Regulations adopted for the guidance of Lodges, many of which we would like to transcribe, were it not for the prohibitions of that old fellow—*space*—who continually stands at our elbow.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Pasco was elected Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. DeWitt C. Dawkins re-elected Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia met in Annual Communication in the City of Macon, Oct. 26th, A.L. 5869.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Lawrence, Grand Master delivered his address, which abounds in solemn reflection and sound advice. He impresses upon his audience that "Faith without works is dead"; that we have work to do for God, "that in His universal family we have ample field for work for Him, and with Him; to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to revive the drooping, to console the unfortunate and suffering, to shed light on the benighted ones of this world, is our duty and our privilege." "There is an apathy among the Craft much to be deplored; our trouble is, we make too many *members* of Lodges, and too few *Masons*." He complains that the use of the ballot is too much neglected, and that Lodges are too lax in their teachings; he says—

"To take a candidate and pass him hurriedly through the ceremonies of the degrees, with the bare recital of the Ritual Lectures, and too often with a modicum only of these, will serve to make a member of a Lodge, but can hardly be expected to make a Mason. You place in his hands a key of a lock of a most intricate contrivance, but do not teach him the use of the key, what marvel that he never opens the door? The *open sesame* has never been imparted to him: something more than this is required; you must enlighten him on the principles of Masonry, its great moral beauty and final saving object; you must clothe the body of Masonry with its garments of beauty; you must make it inviting to the eye and refreshing to the soul; this cannot be done by unaided human genius. Genius may array it in the most graceful, or the most gorgeous habiliments, but without the light from within their hues will remain leaden and dull. And *that* light must be caught from the source opened in our first great light itself, the rays of divinity must shine in, and out of it, and over it, or it will be darkness and not light."

The few extracts given above, will serve as a specimen of the whole, more than a page is devoted to the matter between the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge

of Louisiana, condemnatory of the action of the former, but in the same spirit of meekness that pervades the whole address—of 18 pages. General harmony seems to prevail within the jurisdiction.

The G. M. notices with fraternal feelings, the death, within the year, of their Grand Lecturer and Deputy Grand Master, Bro. George L. Barry, and their Venerable Brother Simri Rose, Grand Secretary for the long term of 24 years.

In the course of the year, the G. M. had delivered about 16 Lectures, at many places, on various subjects connected with the Craft; and also had made several visits; had granted two Dispensations for New Lodges, and numerous other Dispensations for Elections, &c.; had wrought the degrees, attended funerals, laid a corner stone; had given many decisions on points of law,—all of which shows him to be a hard working man. The disputed cases submitted to him, are chiefly the result of parties being unacquainted with their by-laws, and settled by a reference thereto. There is one decision worthy of notice, namely:—

"A Brother attaching himself to a church, which forbids his connection with Masonry, removes without the jurisdiction, and if in good standing, is entitled to a Dimit."

We think this is far more sensible than the decision of another Grand Lodge, who agrees to remit the annual dues, but refuses the *Dimit*.

The Jurisdiction seems to be divided into four Districts. The D. D. G. Ms. of each make a report; R. W. Bro. D. N. Austin, of the First District, seems to think (as he ought) that in one part of the Jurisdiction, at least, the women are better Masons than the men. He says:—

"The future success and healthy advancement of the principles of our beloved Order was manifested in the beautiful decorations of the Hall, by the delicate hands of the fair daughters of Americans,—may the God of Masonry bless them."

So mote it be, say we, and may each of them soon become one flesh with a (true) Mason.

By the reports of the four D. D. G. Masters, it seems tney have faithfully discharged their duties, and done much good.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, review the proceedings of 40 Grand Lodges,—Canada included. The review is from the able hand and wise head of a well-known Brother in Masonic circles, Bro. J. Emmett Blackshear. The report is good, notwithstanding some crude opinions as to *maims*. In his review of California, on the question of physical qualifications, that Grand Lodge had decided that a candidate must be *hale* and *sound*, and so on. Brother Blackshear asks:—

"Is there any greater bar to the initiation of one who has anchylosis of one of the phalangeal articulations of the Ring Finger, than to one who is in the last stage of Consumption?"

We answer, No, we think the bar is about equal in both; anchylosis in a phalangeal articulation of any finger would be a great annoyance to an operative mason or any other artist; far better for him to have it amputated, out of his way. As to F. and A. Masons, Anchylosis of any of the phalangeal articulations of the *Recti Manus* would render his admission impossible. Just let Bro. Blackshear *scub* his thumb to a *splint* and try. As to a person in the last stage of Consumption, we think no Mason in his *sound mind* would present him for admission.

In Financial matters, the income and expenditure are about $15,000. Lodges 268, members 16,469.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Lawrence, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. Emmett Blackshear, Grand Secretary, were both re-elected.

IDAHO.

The second Annual Communication commenced in Idaho City, October 4th, A. D. 1869. M. W. Bro. George H. Cos, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. P. E. Edmondson, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master notices in his address that they had generally been recognized as a Grand Lodge, and that their future prosperity was in their own hands. He had granted two dispensations for new Lodges. The good feeling and harmony so prevailed in the jurisdiction that it had not been necessary to give any decisions except what were of a general character, and settled by reference to the By-laws. In visiting the different Lodges he regrets a difference in the *work*, scarcely two Lodges alike, recommends that a committee on *work* be chosen, and a Grand Lecturer appointed. He refers to the abuse of one of the ancient Landmarks, which he finds prevalent, namely, when a candidate is rejected, a desire to find who cast the Black Ball? A course much to be condemned. Some matters of encroachment on their jurisdiction is mentioned, and the address is closed by recommending due care in the adoption of a Constitution and By-laws.

The total receipts of the Grand Treasurer were $1,189, which had been paid out less balance on hand, $593.87.

Chartered Lodges six and one U. D.; members 279.

M. W. Bro. Jonas W. Brown, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. P. E. Edmondson, re-elected Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The twenty-sixth Annual Grand Communication commenced in the City of Davenport, June 1st, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. Reuben Mickel, Grand Master, delivered his his address, which—without disparagement to others—we consider it possesses more than ordinary merit, full of sound words and good counsel. The following is a short specimen,

"Masonry, to be other than a shame and reproach, must be a living, vital principle, pervading our character, and influencing our daily lives in all our intercourse with each other and with the world. It is so far interwoven with religion, and partakes so much of its character, that to profess its sublime principles, and at the same time to live in

practical disregard and contempt of them, can only be followed by a starvation of our better natures—a sinking into a dismal depth of practical infidelity and self-contempt. As it has been said that no man can serve two opposing masters, yielding to them both an equal obedience, and an equally faithful service, so no man can take upon himself the vows of a mason and afterward yield himself the willing servant to falsehood, vice and treachery, either in act or word, without bringing down upon his own head the bitter fruits of his own duplicity. I would therefore urge upon you, my brethren, 'in the most friendly manner,' the necessity of so living that you can feel at all times that you are in heart and soul 'worthy masons,' remembering that no man can be a FREE-mason who is the bondman of vice or immorality."

Coming to the business part, he has granted 23 dispensations for new Lodges, and had refused a number of others where he did not consider them necessary. He had visited a number of the Lodges, although not so many as he could have wished; believes that, with two or three exceptions, the Lodges are not only prosperous in the highest degree and increasing in numbers from the best material, but are working harmoniously in building up the walls of our glorious Temple, dedicated to the glory of God and the good of man; he mentions a great amount of business done that is only of local interest; he reports some of his decisions, while he had given, besides, many others which he does not think worthy of notice; those reported are in the form of Question and Answer, and lengthy, but we give the substance of a few of them:

The W. M., even with a majority vote of the Lodge, cannot remove the Lodge from one village to another without authority from the G. M.

The W. Master can in case of serious insubordination declare his Lodge closed for the remainder of his term of office, but not to gratify whim or caprice.

An applicant for affiliation depositing his dimit, is entitled to have it restored if rejected.

The W. M. can take the charter to another place and open his Lodge for a funeral; to hold otherwise, would be to deprive members of Masonic burial, when at a distance from the Lodge.

The Wardens cannot call a meeting of the Lodge unless the W. M. is either sick or out of the jurisdiction.

A chartered Lodge can try a brother for unmasonic conduct while the Lodge was under dispensation.

A Brother charged with crime, and to be tried, cannot change the venue. If he is aggrieved, he can only appeal to Grand Lodge.

When the vote of a Lodge grants a dimit, they cannot re-consider their vote, although the document may not have been issued. So far as they are concerned, the document is only the evidence of the vote.

The Committee on Jurisprudence (contrary to the decision of the G. M.) find that although charges are preferred against a brother, and he is found guilty, they have no right to retain his dimit.

There are 261 Lodges enrolled, and one under dispensation. and 11,463 members.

Grand Treasurer's assets, $14,141.81. Paid out, $9,141.27. On hand, $5,000.54.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 37 Grand Lodges—Canada for 1868 amongst others.

M. W. Bro. John Scott was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin re-elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana, assembled in the City of Indianapolis, 25th May, A. D. 1869.

After preliminary business, M. W. Bro. Martin H. Rice, Grand Master, delivered his annual address. Having briefly set forth the duties devolving upon them as a Grand Lodge, he refers at length to the death of R. W. Brother Andrew J. Holmes, J. G. W., and M. W. Bro. Philip Mason, Past Grand Master, after which he proceeds to give a statement of his official acts during the recess; he acknow-

ledges receipt of printed proceedings of 36 Grand Lodges, which he names, (Canada not amongst them), which he had examined as carefully as his time would permit, and finds as a whole, that they present Masonry throughout the world to be in a healthy condition; that the several Lodges to whom charters were granted at last communication were all duly instituted, and the officers installed either by himself, personally, or by deputy; that he had granted Dispensations for 21 New Lodges, which, with five U. D. continued and five granted at last communication, made, in all, 31 now working U. D.; had also granted many Dispensations for electing officers, and so on, and had received charges and communications innumerable of unmasonic conduct, violations of By-laws and the like. One Lodge had its charter withdrawn for admitting a member with only one leg. One of the many communications was from the G. M. of New York, in regard to the action of Webb Lodge, in refusing to pay the funeral expenses of one of its members, who died in the jurisdiction of, and was buried by Lockport Lodge, New York. The Committee to whom this case was referred, gave the following verdict:—

1. That the rights and benefits of Masonry attach to all Master Masons in good standing, wherever they travel or go, regardless of the country or clime from whence they come.

2. That among these inalienable rights, is that of the honor of Masonic burial, which he has the privilege of choosing while alive, or his next friend for him when dead.

3. That this claim is not made upon a special Lodge, but upon Master Masons.

4. That should he be destitute or sick when stricken down, all the expenses connected with his sickness and funeral, should be borne by the Master Masons individually, or the Lodge having jurisdiction in the premises, and that it is not in accordance with Masonic law or precedent to ask the Lodge of his affiliation to pay the expenses; all which Grand Lodge sustained.

The Grand Lodge held its Fifty-third Grand Annual Communication at the City of Indianapolis, 26th May, A. D. 1870, the proceedings of which we have not been favored with, but they send us a small pamphlet, containing the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, given in to the Grand Communication last mentioned, on the dispute between Louisiana and France. The narrative is long, and concludes by showing that the Body recognized by France, is clandestine, and drives them to the conclusion of *Resolving* that all intercourse between the two Grand Lodges must cease, and with the addition, to the effect that no Indiana Mason is to hold Masonic intercourse with any other Mason owing allegiance to the Grand Orient of France.

We simply refer to our remarks under the caption of *California*, and here hold them as repeated.

The Chartered Lodges in this Jurisdiction are 381, besides 31 working U. D. Total membership 21,205.

The assets for the year are $19,816.14, disbursements $20,749.43, making a balance on the wrong side of $933.29.

M. W. Bro. Martin H. Rice, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary, were both re-elected.

KANSAS.

The fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas convened at Leavenworth, October 20th, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. Jno. H. Brown, G. Master, delivered his annual address. He is happy to say that, with rare exceptions, peace and harmony prevail in the jurisdiction.

Dispensations for twelve new Lodges had been granted during the year.

He strongly recommends that in authorising new Lodges, Grand Lodge ought to see that the applicants have a proper place for a Lodge Room; he had visited a number of Lodges

and done many other things of a local character. Great good is believed to have resulted from Masonic Schools of Instruction, as appears from the Reports of the Custodians. But while engaged persistently pushing forward the work of the Rituals, we must not ignore, or deem of secondary importance, the great principles which are the primary foundations of Freemasonry.

On the 24th of June he (the G. M.) had been present at the dedication of a new Hall for Washington Lodge, in the City of Atchison, and on the 17th of June he had granted a dispensation to dedicate another at Fort Scott. He is glad to say that there are a number of good Halls in the State, but yet had found rooms occupied wholly unfit for Masonic purposes, if not positively dangerous. He draws attention to the vexing question of multiplication of Lodges, and gives it as his own opinion that no new Lodge should be organized at less than seven miles from one existing, except in towns and cities where the population exceeds 3,500.

Reference is made to the case of Louisiana vs. France, and great care recommended in coming to a conclusion.

Allusion is made to certain parties whose attention Masonry had attracted during the past year, and who had severely denounced it. But he says such need not disturb their equanimity—that ever since the foundation of our glorious institution, in every decade, some one has attempted to blacken our fair fame. Our order has stood the shock of forty centuries, and yet, though rudely buffeted, is stronger than ever. Masonry has lived to verify the prediction of its founders—"That it will live while man endures, and die only when he ceases to behold the sun." Then follows many valuable admonitions "to progress in the right path, to beware of the enemies—not *without*, but *within*, to rule and control our passions, and to guard our portals."

We have endeavored thus briefly to notice a few of the leading topics in this excellent address, which we thought of general interest, but to give any adequate idea of the beauty

of language or the sublimity of sentiment it contains, we would require to transcribe it in full, which our space will not permit. Coming to physical qualifications, he says:—

"According to the ancient constitution, and the constitution of our Grand Lodge, a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry must be *without blemish, and have the full and perfect use of his limbs.* From the Holy Law we learn that the qualifications of one for the services in the Holy Temple were written as follows: 'For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach; a blind man or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose or anything superfluous, or a man that is broken-footed or broken-handed, or crook-backed, or a dwarf, or he that hath a blemish in his eye.' A candidate for the mysteries of Masonry who has but one eye is undoubtedly physically disqualified, and should not be permitted to enter into our Order. This rule does not apply to those applying for affiliations."

On referring to the 21st Chapter of Leviticus, from which the above is quoted, we find it requires further qualifications, viz.: not to have scurvy, or scab, or bald-head, or the corners of the beard cut."

If the Levitical Law is to be taken for one part, it must be taken in full, but the standard is rather high. "Hale and sound, not deformed or dismembered," is all that need be required—a profane has neither the right nor the power to force admission, and we believe that every Lodge has absolute power to make her qualifications as high as she chooses, but we deny that any Lodge has the right to bring them below the landmark—admitting a candidate incapable of *doing* the required work, is a gross inconsistency. A man with bodily defects or ailments, which clearly shows would render him impotent or sickly, or bring premature death, such a one would not only be a "useless member," but a pauper on the Fraternity, and it is much to be feared that many of the "halt and lame" *knock at the door* from the selfish motive of pecuniary advantage to themselves or families, which motive is, in itself, a proper ground for rejection, if it can be known.

The committee on Foreign correspondence review the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges, Canada for 1868 included.

The work is from the pen of R. W. Bro. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary. The review is neat and to the point.

Louisiana vs. France comes in for a large share of notice.

There are in the jurisdiction eighty lodges and four under dispensation. Members, 3,122.

Grand Treasurer's assets for the year, $2,564.36. Balance on hand, $546,76.

A copy of constitution and by-laws is appended, of which course we approve, as we have elsewhere mentioned, it being a means for introducing uniformity.

M. W. Bro. John H. Brown, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

LOUISIANA, 1869.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana commenced in the City of New Orleans, Feb. 8, A.D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. Henry M. Swasey, Grand Master, delivered his address. He congratulates the assembled brethren upon the increase and prosperity of the several Lodges within the State.

"The dark clouds which have for so long a time obscured our pathway, are fast passing away, it is hoped never to return. The evidences are many and flattering, of the renewed energy and good will with which the brethren are laboring to select the *perfect ashlars*, with which to continue the building of the Masonic edifice. With few and trivial exceptions, peace and harmony prevail throughout our borders, and as a general thing, much more care has been bestowed on the investigation of applicants, and a much larger number of rejections than ever before, and as it is now a numbers that the strength of Masonry consists, let us

continue to exclude all those who cannot aid by their position and character in strengthening the Temple."

He then notices three who had been "gathered to their fathers," during the year, Past Deputy Grand Master, G. W. Catlett, Past Senior Grand Warden, Willis P. Coleman, and Past Junior Grand Warden, Henry Regenburg. In accordance with resolution of last year, he had re-districted the State, and the D. D. G. Masters had represented (with very few exceptions) that Masonry was in a flourishing condition in their several Districts. He had granted eight Dispensations for New Lodges, and two to replace Charters which had been lost; he narrates personal visits to Subordinate Lodges, consecrating a cemetry, and laying of corner-stones; also to correspondence opened with Grand Bodies in Germany and Prussia; he refers (as his painful duty) to the matter of the Grand Orient of France, in recognizing a clandestine body, within their Jurisdiction. The Committee to whom this part of the address was referred, gives a minute history of the case, too long for insertion here, and more suitable for a pamphlet by itself.

After adverting to many questions which had been asked and answered, and a more extensive correspondence, all on local matters, he adds in conclusion:—

"Let us invoke harmony in all our deliberations, conciliation and kindness in expressing our differences, and extend to each other that brotherly love, which is the crowning glory of our ancient fraternity. LET BROTHERLY LOVE FLOURISH."

The Grand Lodge cordially extends the right hand of fellowship to the Grand Lodges of Montana, New Brunswick and Idaho.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of 39 American Lodges, (Canada for 1868 amongst the number), and 11 European Lodges. These reviews are long, (138 pages small type), but well and fraternally written, signed by J. B. Scott, J. P. Horner and A. Goldmann.

There are 123 Lodges in the Jurisdiction and 6,099 members.

The Grand Treasurer's assets, including a balance from last year of $1,634.50, $29,541.18. Disbursements $25,925.29 on hand $3,615.89, and the Auditing Committee find moneys due, from all sources, value of property and above balance $260,142.43, and total Liabilities $79,119.86, leaving balance of assets over liabilities $181,022.27.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Manning Todd was elected Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. James C. Batchelor, M.D., re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA, 1870.

The fifty-eighth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge commenced at the City of New Orleans, February 14, A. D. 1870.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Manning Todd, Grand Master, delivered his annual address, commencing with the usual fraternal greetings, and reminding his audience of their duty in perpetuating those great and glorious principles which admonish us to have "Faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind." He remarks, that with a very few exceptions, the Order is in a healthy and prosperous condition in the State, which he attributes chiefly to he great discrimination which is being exercised in the admission of new members. He notices the death of six worthy brethren who in "their day and generation" had been ornaments to the Craft; also, the death of Bro. Stephen S. Selleck, who had died in the City *that day* (the third day of the session), and who had been a Mason fifty-five years, the funeral to take place next day, when members of the Grand Lodge were invited to attend. He had appointed several representatives to foreign Grand Lodges—this Grand Lodge approving of sending to, and receiving from, every Grand Lodge, representatives. Prominent notice is given to the recognition of the clandestine body in the State by

the Grand Orient of France. The same paragraph recognizes the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, and alludes to the Quebec dispute, and to the credit of the Grand Master, be it said, his remarks on all these are the breathings of true benevolence and charity. He had granted dispensations for six new Lodges, and also to several subordinate Lodges to have public processions for laying corner-stones, etc.

Applications innumerable had been made regarding questions of Masonic Law, but the greater number have arisen from ignorance, or a misunderstanding of by-laws, and therefore not of general interest. We notice a few that does not come within this category. One is—to express it in few words—have Lodges the right of using their own funds as they please? or, are the funds paid *in*, the private property of the Lodges receiving them? The Grand Master says:—

"I contend that all moneys paid by the recipient of Masonic degrees, are paid to and received by the Lodges in trust, and as a sacred deposit to be applied only in support of those principles upon which our institution is based, and in carrying out the great objects of its existence.

"And that the Lodges have no right, either in fact or on principle, to appropriate or make use of the smallest portion for their own purposes, or to expend one particle for any other object."

"That the funds derived from the conferring of Masonic degrees should only be expended in purposes of charity; that it should be a fund sacred to that purpose; that if not used in relieving the immediate wants of our brethren in distress, it should be allowed to accumulate so as to be used ultimately in the founding of asylums, hospitals, schools, etc.; so, how very improper it is that the funds of a Lodge, so derived, should be used for costly entertainments, or for any other purpose not strictly Masonic."

We contend for the right to subordinate Lodges to do what they please, and rather agree with the Committee on Jurisprudence, from whom we quote as follows:—

"We must differ from the remarks of the Grand Master

as to the possible disposition of these funds belonging to the Fraternity. We do not believe in the policy of accumulating large funds, or as a general thing, in making endowments for the future. Each generation is, or should be, sufficient for its own necessities; at least, the next generation of men or Masons are, or ought to be better able to take care of its own widows and orphans, than this is to take care even of its own. We can much better administer our own charity than those who come after us. Distributed now, we can know that it is doing its good work, and can see to it, that there is no diversion or squandering. Many would, by a little timely assistance now, be enabled to prosper in the future, and do away with the necessity of making provision for their children. The funds which we could now judiciously distribute, would have an increase of a hundred fold in the happy homes and hearts of the recipients, over any investment that could be made in stocks or bonds, or mortgage. It is as mistaken a notion among Masons as it is among the people, that it is for the advantage of our children to heap up riches for them to squander after we are gone. Imbued with proper principles and with the additional advantages which the next generation may have over this one, there is no reason why our children should not make their living and accumulate property, as well as ourselves. Let us be our own executors, distribute our own charity, and those who come after us can accumulate and distribute their own. There is present need for all we can do.

Held that a Mason has not the inherent right of visiting, and may be refused admission by the W. M. or any of the brethren.

The striking off members from the roll of Lodges for non-payment of dues had been frequently brought to his notice; his opposition to this he had given ten years ago, and had seen no reason to change. This point turns on the question whether a brother is *able* to pay!! The by-law was never intended to enable Lodges to throw out their poor and needy, but to enable them to purge their rolls of those who could and would not pay. We quote from the above-named Committee's remarks as follows:

"The practice of striking off the roll the names of members in arrears for dues, is only an attempt to remedy an evil by the use of partial and extraneous means. The disease

lies deeper. It is in the departure from the old custom of having no dues, and in making our institution a sort of health or life insurance company. As just before stated on another question, the great principle of our order is Charity and Universal Benevolence. There is nothing of this, in the system of paying dues, as being that which alone will entitle one to receive a benefit. This practice of requiring the payment of dues, in order to entitle one to benefits instead of inculcating in the heart the virtue of charity, tends to destroy it altogether. The old rule was (and is so still in Rhode Island), once a Mason, always a Mason—although for unmasonic conduct he may be an expelled one. The teachings inculcated at our initiation are there kept alive in practice. Whenever you see any one in a like penniless condition, and more especially a brother, be ready to assist him to the extent of your ability; not send him to the Lodge, unless his needs are greater than your means, saying to yourself, if not aloud, "I have paid my dues; the Treasurer has the funds." We know there was charged in former times what was called a quarterage, but it was a charge made and collected on the spot, to pay for the refreshments given on the occasion. If work was to be done, the necessary expenses of the Communication was paid out of the fees—the remainder went for Charity. If more was collected from the quarterage at the quarterly festivals than was necessary to pay the expenses of the feast, it was distributed to those in immediate want. When we return to the good old customs of our fathers, make a Mason for all time or during good behaviour to be a member of the whole fraternity when made, and of the particular Lodge which made him till he shall join another, free from those exactions called dues, but in every case of necessity subject to a call so far as the necessities of the Brother may require and his means permit, then and then only shall we be rid of the cancer preying upon the vitals of the order, and unaffiliated Masons, would be saved from the troublesome question of trying to be rid of the evils resulting from the non payment of dues. The evil is in the system, and all the cauterization and use of the knife that is possible will never free the body from the evils of what is now, with us at least, a constitutional disease.

The practice of striking from the roll the names of members in arrears for non-payment of dues, your Committee do not consider Masonic. If a Brother voluntarily connects himself with a Lodge which has a By-Law providing for the payment of dues, he is a party to that obligation, and to omit or refuse to pay his dues, if able to do so, would be a

wrong to his Lodge and to his Brethren associated with him in it, and such a violation of Masonic engagement and duty would be a fair subject for Masonic discipline. We hold that a Brother cannot be deprived of any of his Masonic privileges without due trial, and after conviction of a violation of Masonic engagement; and that if any punishment is to be inflicted for non-payment of dues, it should be regular Masonic punishment, such as reprimand, deprival or indefinite suspension, or expulsion. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the striking out of that portion of the Grand Lodge By-Laws providing for dropping from the roll the names of those who do not pay their dues."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 44 American Grand Lodges, and 15 foreign Grand Bodies--Canada for 1869 amongst the number. The review is long, (144 pages) minute and interesting.

Assets, including $3,615.89 balance on hand, $102,838.59; disbursements, $103,473.35; balance due Treasurer, $634.76. Chartered Lodges, 137; members, over 7,000.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Manning Todd, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

MONTANA, 1868.

The fourth Communication of Grand Lodge of Montana commenced at Virginia City, October 5th, A. D. 1868.

M. W. Bro, Leander W. Frary, Grand Master, delivered his annual address. He rejoices that through the year death has not thinned their ranks, nor visited their households. The Craft has been prosperous, and a great many other things showing their progressive course. The improvement in Lodge rooms and paraphernalias are in the same course of progression. On St. John's day he had opened a special Communication for the dedication of the Masonic Temple in this City. He had only granted one dispensation for a new Lodge during the year. Then follows a great number of *doings*, which are only of local interest.

In the proceedings of Grand Lodge, we have the report of

a Committee who had been appointed to define the extent of *maims* which should exclude applicants. The Committee seem to have given the matter full consideration, but have been unable to give any definite decision, but refer Lodges to the Ancient Rules.

There is appended what purports to be a review of Grand Lodges, but it is so jumbled that we are quite sure there is some mistake about it, and we therefore let it alone. Following this there is an article lovelled at those who think such reviews unnecessary, even innovations. The style of the article is somewhat sarcastic, but it advances many valuable truths—perhaps the *sarcasm* is justifiable when the little narrow minds of the objectors are taken into account.

The Treasurer has received $1,425; paid out less $195. They give their Lodges in detail but no tabular statement.

M. W. Bro. W. F. Sanders was elected Grand Master and R. W. Bro. Sol. Star, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA, 1869.

The fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana commenced in the City of Helena, October 4th, A.D. 1869.

The address of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Wilbur F. Sanders, refers chiefly to local matters. There is one thing in the address which is worthy of *public* notice, it appears he had been during the year troubled, if not molested, by *individual masons*, sending him questions on Masonic Law and usage, we are happy to find that our M. W. Brother declined answering any such. We can scarcely suppose anything more contemptable than an individual member passing by the W. M. of his own Lodge and asking information from the G. M. Answers in such cases would be a work of supererogation, and we hope will never be countenanced.

It was resolved that a suitable *Honorarium* be presented to

M. W. Bro. Sanders, as a token of regard for his character, and appreciation of his services to the Craft in Montana. The Grand Lecturer, in his report, recommends that the Masters of the several Lodges in the jurisdiction open schools of instruction, and also the reading of Masonic Law in the Lodges.

A neat and fraternal review of thirty Grand Lodges is given by Bro. Cornelius Hedges, Canada for 1868 is included, and treated with the greatest respect.

We have the report of 13 subordinate Lodges, they have not summed up their columns and we *waive* the task. They append a Copy of Constitution and By-Laws, we wish all Grand Lodges would do the same, it would be a step in the right direction toward coming to uniformity.

The Grand Treasurer has received $1,157 00 and paid it all out exeept $93 00 on hand.

M. W. Bro. N. P. Langford, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Solomon Star, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

We are favored with reports from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of three Quarterly Communications and the Annual Communication of 8th December, A. D. 1869. All held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, and all well attended by Grand Officers and representatives. M. W. Bro. William Sewall Gardner, Grand Master, and R. W. Solon Thornton, Recording Grand Secretary.

There is also reported a "stated communication" held on the 28th December, 1869. Besides embarrasment with the debt of the Masonic Temple, the Charity Fund, Sinking Fund and other matters have got mixed up and confused, and is causing much trouble to get rectified. The Grand Master in one of his addresses says that notwithstanding the vast amount of money expended on the Temple, the Board of Directors have never furnished to Grand Lodge a

detailed statement. Instead of a tax of $1 00 *per Capitum* on the members for about ten years to come, it was agreed to *commute* for an immediate payment of $8 00, afterwards reduced to $7 00 if commuted before the 1st of July, 1870, the commutation was not going on very successfully in some districts, but pretty fair in others. Anent the grievance of G. L. of Louisiana vs. the G. Orient of France, the committee thereon give an elaborate report of over ten pages, worthy of perusal by those who desire to be fully posted with the history of the case, in their conclusion they do not in the meantime recommend the discontinuance of intercourse with the Grand Orient, perceiving that *that* body may have been misled in some important particulars, and cherishing the hope that she will reconsider and alter the course she has adopted. Receipt is acknowledged of communications from the Grand Orient of France, the Grand Lodge of Canada and Quebec, all referred to a select committee but not reported on at the time of closing the proceedings.

The Jurisdiction is divided into sixteen districts, 170 chartered Lodges and eleven U.D. Total membership 19,581, Initiates for the year ending 1st September, 1869, 1,804. Each D.D.G.M. brings in a favorable, in most cases a flattering, report of the state of the Lodges in his district; with two or three exceptions, concord and harmony and a lively interest in Masonry prevails. Three Grand Lecturers also give a favorable report of the state of the *work*.

The assets of Grand Treasurer for the year, (including a balance from last year of $3,517 94) $220,118 12, Disbursements $218,947 48, leaving balance $1,947 48; liabilities of Grand Lodge $363,500 00 less the balance on hand.

M. W. Bro. William Sewall Gardner, was unanimously re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Solon Thornton, re-elected Grand Secretary.

At the stated communication of 28th December, the Grand Officers elected and appointed, were installed in due

form, and the M. W. Grand Master delivered his inagural address. The Rule in this G. Lodge is, that the D. G. M. is an *appointed* officer.

Along with this volume we have a separate pamphlet of 38 pages, by Grand Master Bro. Gardner, giving an interesting historical account of Masonry in Massachusetts, but which we cannot copy in full and short extracts would make our readers no wiser; and it is not of vital importance to us *when* Masons began to work or our symbolism began in Massachussets. We go for the beginning of ours away back to the time

"When Adam ruled the world by an order from the Grand,
And with his beauteous spouse traversed o'er Eden's happy land,
To form a bower he spent an hour to shield them frae the weathers evil,
And his worship planned it out wi' his square, gauge, plumb and level."

MAINE, 1869.

The Grand Lodge of Maine assembled at Portland, May 4th, A. D., 1869. M. W. Bro. Timothy J. Murray delivered his address, in which he alludes in feeling terms to the demise of two worthies, Bros. Fessenden and True, both P. G. Ms. of Grand Lodge, both of whom had been interred with Masonic ceremonies. The account of his official acts is prefaced by the usual stereotyped apologies—ill health, press of business, unforescen circumstances, &c.,—the things he had done are of the usual kind; he is much pleased with the improvement of Masonic Halls, but says Bangor had eclipsed all others, and that $15,000 had been contributed towards it. (We hope the provision for the sick, the maimed, the widow and the orphan has been equally liberal.) The G. M. says the increase of Lodges has been the same as last year, and then refers to a number of local matters. His last recommendation is one, the novelty of which startles us, he proposes that the office of D. D. G. M. (over the 19 Districts into which the State is divided) be anihilated, and that the Grand Master be paid a salary and perform the duties personally, urging, as a reason, that the Constitution does not give power to D. D. G. Ms. to enforce

their orders. This matter has been referred to a Committee to report at next Annual Communication.

We have numerous and grave objections to the scheme, but need not mention them, as we doubt not but the Committee will have objections too.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review at length (about 80 pages) the proceedings of 44 Grand Bodies —some for 1867 but mostly for 1868—Canada for the last mentioned year amongst the number. The work is from the pen of Bro. Josiah H. Drummond; we deeply sympathise with him under the trying circumstances in which it was prepared, "the most exacting of professions" during the day compelled him to do the work during the night, and deprived Mrs. Drummond of "the time that belonged to her," to such an extent as wrung from him the soliloquy of Burns—

> "Ah! gentle dames it gars me greet,
> To think how mony counsels sweet,
> How mony lengthened sage advices
> The husband frae the wife despises."

Well, what costs much should be highly appreciated, the work is well done, and we congratulate the subordinate Lodges of Maine on having such a fund of valuable information brought within their reach.

Chartered Lodges, 146; U. D. 4; membership, 14,121. Assets $6,297.01; paid $5,538.22; on hand, $758.79.

M. W. Bro. John H. Lynde, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Ira Berry, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1870.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, assembled at Portland, 3rd May, A.D. 1870.

M. W. Bro. John Lynde, G. Master, delivered his address, which is almost entirely devoted to matters of local interest. He is annoyed at what he calls side degrees, and

thinks Lodge rooms should not be devoted to the conferring of them. A matter which we think does not lie much in his way, the rooms of subordinate Lodges are in general their own property. He is puzzled about the great number of non-affiliated Masons, and suggests a remedy. We do not know how far his plan would succeed, as we do not profess to understand it, but we agree with him as regards kindly treatment, being convinced that there is more hope of *drawing* them in by the cords of love, than *driving* them in by the hangman's whip. He urges the recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and an anathema on the Grand Orient of France, both of which G. Lodge sustained. How about the *consistency* in this matter? Finding fault with France for doing to Louisiana exactly that which you are doing to Canada. He had given a number of decisions, but they were common place and require no remark. The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Josiah H. Drummond. In a methodical way he reviews all of 1868 that has reached him, after closing his report for *that* year, and then reviews a great number for 1869, Canada among others. The work is carefully done, showing good taste in his selections, and great zeal in imparting useful information, and is all right until he comes to the Grand Orient of France, and then "He tynes his reason a' the gither," he is no longer a reviewer, but assumes to be the Grand Lodge of Maine. He works out a case showing that the body in the state of Louisiana recognized by the G. O. of France is *irregular and clandestine*, that by such recognition the G. O. of France is *irregular and clandestine*, and as a logical conclusion that all Masons, collectively and individually, who recognize the G. O. of France, will be *irregular and clandestine* also. We do not say whether we believe him or not, but we consider it equivalent to saying that the recognition of a Lodge of colored Masons would make us all *niggers*. But setting that aside, and allowing Bro. Drummond to have his hobby like other folks, he is a good worthy brother, as his review clearly shows.

At the expense of much care and labor he subjoins to his

review a statistical table of 41 Lodges he had examined, and also a synopsis of statistics for the three years 1868-9 and '70, which would be valuable if they could be made correctly, but that is impossible under the present system of making returns. While the 41 Lodges return the number of their members, only 40 give the number of their initiations, 37 their admissions, 33 their suspensions, 25 their rejections, and so on; and if we add the fact that these returns are made at different dates, the statistics at any given time can only be guess work. From the synopsis it appears that in said three years initiations have decreased about 5,000 and rejections increased about 1,400, which looks as if more care were exercised in selecting, suspensions for non-payment of dues is greatly on the increase. Bro. Drummond says that in all the Jurisdictions there are at least 25,000 suspended for this cause during the three years, and who remain suspended. The committee to whom was referred last year the question of abolishing the office of D. D. G. Master and paying a salary to the Grand Master, recommend deferring of action to a *future period*. Just as we anticipated.

Chartered Lodges 149, U. D. 5; members 14,726; Treasurer's assets $5,937 60; balance on hand $1,412 17.

M. W. Bro. John H. Lynde, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

MINNESOTA, 1869.

The sixteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota commenced in the City of St. Paul, 12th Jan'y, A.D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. C. W. Nash, Grand Master, delivered his address, in which he announces that the Order is prosperous in the Jurisdiction; that it is in a more flourishing and healthy condition than at any former period of their history; that peace, harmony and kind fraternal feelings prevail in their Subordinate Lodges, and no difficulties of a serious nature have come to his notice, since the last communication;

he says Masons are made too fast, and commends vigilance at the doors; that nothing can be said against an applicant is not enough, he must be worthy and well qualified. Seven Dispensations had been granted for New Lodges. He says they now number 78 Lodges with a membership of upwards of 5,000. The death of the Hon. Moses Sherburne is referred to in feeling terms.

Grand Lodge passed a resolution that all non-affiliated Masons, who are permament residents within the jurisdiction be notified by the oldest Lodge within whose jurisdiction they reside, to apply for membership within one month after notice, under certain pains and penalties mentioned in said resolution.

We fear the edict will be looked upon as a "*Brutum Fulmen*," but we will see.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence *Resolved* that the granting of a charter to open a New Lodge does not dimit the members thereof from the Lodge to which they formerly belonged.

We give them hearty thanks for their opinion.

A Committee on *Ancient Landmarks*, to whom the following resolution had been referred:—"That no charter shall be issued to any Lodge U. D., until the W. M. shall certify that he has definite information that every chartered member thereof, has been regularly dimitted from the Lodge with which he was formerly affiliated—Committee recommends that this be indefinitely *postponed*, (we hope *for ever*.)

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report on 36 Grand Lodges,—Canada, for 1868, amongst others. The report is written by Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, P. G. M., and gives ample evidence of extensive information, long experience, sound judgment and a truly benevolent spirit.

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

MINNESOTA, 1870.

The seventeenth Grand Annual Communication commenced in the City of St. Paul, Jan'y 11th, A.D. 1870.

M. W. Bro. C. W. Nash sets forth in his address that the past year has been a prosperous one, peace and harmony have prevailed in the Subordinate Lodges; they have rapidly increased in numbers; no schisms have arisen to alienate one portion of the fraternity from the other, and nothing occurred, requiring *executive interference*. The reports of the D. D. G. Masters shows that although much imperfection exists, there prevails a "*willing mind*" in the right course. His official acts are given in full, which exhibit nothing out of the common order. Five Dispensations for New Lodges, and Dispensations for ordinary purposes, in accordance with the proceedings of other G. Masters; he then alludes to the *history*, the *end*, and the *objects* of Masonry in *true blue* style, from these we snatch a few sentences that may come out to the *Craft*, as "light shining in a dark place." The great end in view is to make men better and happier, contributing to the wants, and alleviating the sufferings of humanity, administering to the necessities of the distressed widow and helpless orphan, enlightening the understanding, cultivating the mental faculties, and improving the moral virtues of men. Putting on badges and adhering to ancient rights and usages alone, will never constitute the true and upright Mason, but stifling unhallowed desires and vicious propensities, banishing from our bosoms pride, ill-will, hatred, malace and revenge, and cultivating humility and charity. Masonry needs nothing new to add to her *wisdom*, *strength* and *beauty*. The more closely, in this day of change and professed reform, we adhere to the ancient landmarks, the more successful shall we be in accomplishing the design of our Order; she needs nothing new; her ritual is simple, impressive, unique and sublime; her inculcations are immortal truths, that must exist until wrong is banished from the world, and virtue re-instated on her ancient throne; until suffering has no want to relieve and no tear to dry, Masonry needs nothing new, for that which has survived

the mutations of time, the vandalism of war, the fires of persecution, the edicts of Kings, the bulls of Popes and the anathemas of the fanatical in all ages, possesses in itself alone, elements of perpetuity and success that must command the respect of its opponents, and the love of its adherents, elements that it would be fatally unwise to cast aside for anything novel and untried, no matter how beautiful it may appear. Man as he is by nature—the rough ashler, is the material Masonry designs to work upon; man as he should be—the perfect ashler—is the result she designs to produce.

On looking over the proceedings of the session, we find that Grand Masters' addresses are not entirely to be relied upon for the "*peace and harmony*" prevailing in Subordinate Lodges, and should be received with caution; for

> "Even ministers they hae' been knn'd in holy rapture,
> A rousin' whid at times to vend an' nail't wi' scripture."

The matters before the Committee of greviences seem to be in common with other folks, and some of them pretty stiff cases, but we hope their differences can all be settled amicably amongst themselves, hence we leave them alone.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports on the proceedings of 40 Grand Lodges—Canada, for 1869 included. The review is from the steady old quill of P. G. M., A. T. C. Pierson; his own remarks are not so numerous as last year, but when they occur, they are equally judicious.

Number of Lodges on the Roll 83, list of members not summed up. Receipts, $3,501.30, balance on hand, $1,253.60

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

MISSISSIPPI, 1869.

The fifty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missisippi, commenced in the City of Jackson, 18th January, A.D. 1869,

M. W. Bro. Thomas S. Gathright, Grand Master, delivered his annual address. The document is plain, honest and decided, yet unassuming and unostentatious. He commences by referring to the ordeal through which they had passed in consequence of the war, "which had draped all their door posts with mourning, and planted *weeds* upon their hearth-stones," but congratulates the brethren on their present re-union, and trusts that their deliberations may be seasoned with that wisdom which adversity teaches. Mention is made of some of his official acts during the year, and others are withheld in as much as they are unimportant, and would tend to no good beyond swelling the printing bill, but he had brought them along to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, some of which we quote as follows, at least in substance:

"When one Mason buys goods of another Mason, fails to pay at the proper time, and afterwards takes the benefit of the Bankrupt Act, held, that he is not guilty of un-masonic conduct, *unless* there is fraud, or unless the goods were obtained on a pledge of faith as a Master Mason."

"That a subordinate Lodge cannot lay any tax on its members unwillingly, except the ordinary annual dues."

"When a non-affiliated Mason, or profane, applies for admission, when the report is unfavorable, *held* that the Master was in error to rule that the party is rejected, held that application can be decided only by secret ballot."

"Where Lodges elect brethren to the office of Master who have never served as Wardens, *held* that the Grand Master may, by special edict, upon all past Wardens declining to serve, declare such officers lawful"

Dispensations for ten new Lodges had been issued and two former dispensations renewed, at first he thought he had no election but to grant dispensations to all whose petitions were regular but had changed his mind, and believed he had the right of judging if the new Lodge applied for, was necessary. Contrary to his intentions, he had been unable to visit every Lodge in the jurisdiction, and was therefore unable to furnish precise *data* upon which to proceed in

establishing new Lodges. He thinks the rapid increase of chartered Lodges is making it difficult to adopt a financial system in harmony with the impoverished condition of subordinate Lodges, the whole accumulation of Grand Lodge funds being dissipated in payment of unnecessary *mileage* and *per diem*, leaving no margin for any general scheme of organized philanthropy, and farther, that carrying Masonry to every one's door makes it to common and cheap, that in times gone by when Masons would go from *five* to *ten* miles every month to attend Lodge, Masonry was to them a reality, they could hear the cry of distress and feel for another's woes. That in the present state of things some Lodges could scarcely get a quorum, although the sound of the *Lodge horn* might reach the ears, it awakened no sense of duty in the mind, and it was to be feared the widow's appeal, or the brother's sorrow would be equally powerless. He says there are a great many Lodges in the state and a goodly number of members, but can not say that Masonry is prosperous in Mississippi, seemingly little zeal for improvement. The desire to get *into* the body in many instances have grown out of an impression that some personal advancement would accrue, and that such (to his grievance) had constituted a large element in the membership for the last five years. Every safeguard that caution could suggest had been used by appointing committees to investigate the character of applicants, but how often is it the case that the members of such committees never give the matter a thought, or exchange half a dozen words until they are called upon to report? and how often do they report favorably, trusting to the ballot, or some one more scrupulous than themselves to avert the evil?

"It is vain to boast of a *Stand still Benevolence.* It may do for the Rocks to say 'we have done no harm,' but the questions to be propounded and answered are 'are you improving your mind by the acquisition of useful knowledge? Are you relieving distress? Are you subduing your passions?'" In conclusion he admonishes them to trust in God—*He* paints the autumn leaf, He wanes the sunshine, He

plumes the raven, He vocalizes the laughing waters, He restraines the waves of the sea, He sends the rain, the storm and the whirlwind, He dashes millions of worlds with mathematical precision through their stupendous orbits, and He is TRUTH. If we can trust *Him* we should practice the tenets of our order. Then laughing and sounds of joy will cleave the air from one end of our country to the other, and sadness, despondency and fear would be with us no more.

Under the caption of Foreign Correspondence, 31 Grand Lodges are reviewed by Bro. Charles T. Murphy, their style is lively, interspersed with many *trite* but truthful remarks, the whole pervaded by a sarcastic vein of humour, which gives them double piquancy. Canada for 1867, is favored with a brief notice. The principal topics alluded to are the G. Master's proposal as to non-affiliates, and his application to sister Lodges regarding the *Fenians*. That Bro. Ferguson's digestion had been much disturbed in reviewing 35 Grand Lodges, and his *admiration* of the multifarious work of our "Board of General Purposes." Well might he admire this last institution, for we find that our worthy sister of Mississippi requires *ten* or a dozen committees to do the same work.

He says Bro. A. A. Stevenson was elected Grand Master. We hope he has been more careful in giving other elections, for, in as far as we are concerned, this is not the fact.

Lodges whose returns are published 255, total Masons in jurisdiction 12,308.

M. W. Bro. Thos. S. Gathright, re-elected, and R. W. Bro. J. L. Powers, elected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1870.

The fifty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the City of Jackson, commencing August 17th, 1870.

The M. W Bro. Thomas S. Gathright, delivered his

address, much of which bears upon local matters, the specialty of their own By-Laws and the peculiarities of their present condition in the State; but it is a docment abounding in sound wisdom, serious reflection, salutary advice and fraternal kindness. In commencing he expresses gratitude that the condition of the country since last year was much improved financially and otherwise, and recommends that they covenant anew to trust in God, and that all will be well if they cling to the horns of their Masonic altar. He remarks that his eye had searched in vain for the form of Bro. George D. Fee, and that he had heard no one salute Bro. E. A. Miller, they were both asleep and the Acacia blooming at the head of their graves; he had also heard, since coming to town, of the death of P. G. J. W., J. S. Fatheree, and P. G. M. Perkins—recommends devoting a memorial page to their memories. Nine dispensations for new Lodges had been granted, several visits made, and some corner-stones laid. A number of decisions had been given, but chiefly on points arising out of the complicated nature of their By-Laws—a revision of which he recommends—it having been declared by some of their ablest lawyers that they would rather prepare the pleadings for a case in Chancery than attempt to conduct a case through one of their subordinate Lodges. Speaking of the progress of Masonry in the State, he says the increase of their Lodges last year in numerical strength is great as is desired, unless they could believe that the new material is better than some of the old. "In morals, in purity, in sobriety, and in personal and masonic integrity there has been no progress since I addressed you last;" there are various solutions of this state of things and he submits four reasons as the result of his own investigation.

1. The war demoralized our whole people, male and female, including within its influence the children of the country.

2. Subsequent to the war, a system of oaths, test oaths, oaths of allegiance and other kinds, were inaugurated, which has had the effect to lessen the sanctity of moral obligations.

3. The peculiar condition of our people, politically, has had a tendency to render our white citizens desperate.

4. Last but not least, the inefficiency and ignorance of Masonic officers are fruitful sources of immorality and wantonness.

On the third point, the Grand Master devotes a page headed "Masonry versus politics," in which he urges submission to the laws of Congress, as regards the colored population, and on the four points above-mentioned, he says:—

"None of the above causes authorize the brethren in forsaking the landmarks our fathers had set, we should remember that God lives and rules. The same sun that smiled on *Adam* and lighted up all the paths of Methusaleh, by his rising in the east and setting in the unknown west; the moon with her waxings and wanings, all teach us lessons of uniformity, regularity and constancy in good works, and to go forward under clouds and in brightest day, in the discharge of every duty."

One other topic in this address, which we cannot omit, is headed OBJECTS OF THIS GRAND LODGE, which we hold should be the objects of every Grand Lodge. The burden of the article is what *outsiders* expect of us, and with all our pretentions, wherein do we differ from other men, which from the state of things as they exist, it is not easy for us to answer. He says, if we were better men, wiser men, among whom charges of lying and swindling did not exist, we might declare that our objective point had been gained. Masons, however, are constantly accusing each other of bad faith and of every wrong forbidden by the laws of God and man; Masons are heard profaning the name of God as often as other men; Masons are no more intelligent than other men in the same community; Masons devote as little time to the study of art and science as other men; Masons can be found not able to define an angle or a circle; Masons gather in as much and dispense as little as other men. My brethren, (says the G. M.) these things ought not to be thus.

We are sorry to leave out the many beautiful remarks of this address, but we must submit.

The proceedings of 44 Grand Lodges are reviewed by Bro. Charles T. Murphy, in his usual *facetious* style. In the proceedings of Canada for 1868, the first thing that tickles his curiosity is "why we call our seat in the *E* a throne," but by the time he gets to the end of his article, he discovers Bro. White's answer to Bro. Sanders, of Montana, who advised us to "give our thrones to fools, to whom they rightly belong," he (Bro. Murphy) says, "seeing how Bro. Sanders has fared, I am sorry I made the remark."

This reminds us of an anecdote of an old gentleman, "all of the olden style, (away back at a period when Doctors were not so thickly planted as now) who had domiciled with him a friend who got very sick. The gentleman determined to get him advice, and wrote a long letter to a medical friend stating the case and requiring his immediate presence. His pen was not that of a "ready writer" and by the time he was about to close (lock, as it was called in those days) his letter, a menial informed him that his friend was *dead*; he added a *postscript* to his letter saying, "My dear friend is dead now, *you need not come*," and sent an express with it to the doctor, a distance of 20 miles. If Brother Murphy saw cause for sorrow for putting his questions before it left his desk, he might have cancelled it. As to his second query —"what we mean by V," we know ourselves and believe it to be our *own* matter. His third query—"holding the minutes as read," as he says four-fifths of the American Lodges do the same thing, he might have got his information nearer home, but we answer that no man or body of men could be held bound by any document which he had neither read nor heard read. If the parties interested hold the matter *as having been read* they are as firmly bound by it, as if it had been read by each and all of them *word* by *word*, and when they know every word before hand, the acknowledgment is made *breviatus causa*. Viewing the matter from this stand point, Bro. Murphy's proposal of abolishing the practice is erronous.

There are in the jurisdiction 270 Lodges reporting, and 8 not reporting, in all 278; membership, 11,882.

M. W. Bro. George R. Fearn, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. L. Power, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

The semi-annual Meeting of Grand Lodge of Maryland, convened at the City of Baltimore, May 10th, 1869.

In the absence of the Grand Master, Bro. Francis Burns, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, called the Lodge to order, and requested past Master John S. Berry, to take the chair, who opened the Lodge in due form.

A communication was read from the M. W. Bro. John Coates, G. M., who was prevented by bad health from being present.

In consideration of the heavy debt incurred in the erection of their Masonic Temple, he recommends that the dedication thereof be without any public demonstration, and that they should husband every dollar until the debt was paid off. All their proceedings were of a local character, and their financial affairs of private interest. They acknowledge receipt of fraternal Correspondence from 49 Grand Lodges, Canada amongst the number, but no review.

They have 71 subordinate Lodges, and 4,791 members.

M. W. Bro. John Coates, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Jacob H. Medairy, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

MICHIGAN.

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, State of Michigan, convened in the City of Detroit, 12th January, A. D. 1870.

M. W. Bro. A. T. Metcalf, Grand Master, delivered his address, which he introduced in a cheerful and felicitous style. He remarks that they are now entered upon another

decade, when census statistics will cause numberless comparisons to be instituted between 1860 and 1870, and give occasion for many reviews of the great events of intervening years. He then refers to the progress of Masonry in their own jurisdiction. In 1860 they had 115 Lodges and 5,816 members, in 1870 there are 257 Lodges and over 20,000 members or Master Masons in good standing. Our wealth and our capacity for accomplishing the charitable purposes of our order have proportionately increased with our numbers. During the year thirteen dispensations had been granted for new Lodges, and in some cases petitions had been refused in consequence of non-compliance with regulations. Had attended five dedications of new Masonic Halls, had laid the corner-stone of a Methodist Church, at Neguanee, by proxy, and the corner-stone of a Court House, at Muskegon, in person. He mentions some Lodges who had made efforts to surrender their charters for the purpose of paving the way for the formation of a new Lodge, which should exclude a certain element which it was supposed could not be eliminated by charges and trial; the surrender of the charter and dispensation had both been refused.

We hear from almost every G. M. the warning, "Guard your portals," but we have not met with anything that cries more loudly than this. There are many men to be found who it is impossible to "eliminate by charges and trial," who are yet a nuisance to society. The attempt of surrendering the charter as above proposed is mean and selfish, the bad element has got *in* and is thrown on the fraternity at large by their remissness, and the only proper course to pursue is to strain every nerve to reclaim, and inprove and polish the rough material that has fallen into their hands.

The G. Master refers to the subject of a new code of By-Laws, the erection of a Masonic Temple, and many other things of a local character. In referring to the troubles of the Grand Lodge of Canada he views the case from an American stand-point, but recommends that Grand Lodge,

for the present should refrain from all interference in the matter at issue, adding that "our relations with our Canadian brethren have always been—and I hope they may always continue to be—most harmonious and fraternal." He acknowledges the receipt of a communication from the Grand Lodge of Italy, extending to them fraternal greetings, and remarks that she has but recently emerged from embarrassment, and "we most cordially grasp the hand extended to us from beneath the shadow of St. Peter's, and bid them a hearty God speed."

R. W. Bro. Thomas N. Lee, Jun., who had been appointed D. D. G. M. for what is called the upper peninsula, reports favourably on the state of the Lodges in these parts, and so also does R. W. Bro. Henry M. Look, Grand Visitor and Lecturer.

The committee to whom had been referred the matter of dispute between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the Grand Orient of France, arrived at the conclusion to dissolve all existing intercourse between them.

On the question of granting a dimit, the G. M. gave his decision "That a dimit should not be given unless removing from the jurisdiction, or, to form a new Lodge." The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom this item was referred, could not agree, a portion of them sustaining the decision of the G. M., the other holding that a brother in good standing is entitled to a dimit as a matter of right on payment of all dues.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 40 Grand Lodges, the review is by R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Fenton, and the most we can gather from it is the fact that these Lodges exist. Mention is made of a communication of G. Lodge of Canada, in *January* 1869. Bro. Fenton signs himself chairman *ex-officio*. We were not aware that any Grand Officer was chairman of any committee ex-officio, and would consider it a bad practice.

Lodges 279, Members 20,346, Treasurer's assets $18,988.22, balance on hand $10,361 08.

M. W. Bro. A. T. Metcalf, G. Master, and R. W. Bro. Jas. Fenton, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

NEBRASKA, 1868.

The eleventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska commenced at Bellevue, June 24th, A. D. 1868.

M. W. Bro. O. H. Irish, Grand Master, in his address says—

"The great number of letters received and answered by me during the past year, not only from Lodges, but from private individuals, propounding questions of great importance to our Order, and the able manner in which many of them are discussed, is most flattering to the general Masonic intelligence diffusing itself throughout the jurisdiction."

He submits some of the most important of his decisions in response to those letters. We give the import of a few of them:

A Lodge U. D. only pay Grand Lodge dues accruing from initiation, all other dues payable to the Chartered Lodge of the jurisdiction, and that the authority of the Chartered Lodge over its members or non-affiliated Masons is not restricted by the dispensation.

Dimitted Masons, although working a Lodge U. D. are, strictly speaking, non-affiliated Masons.

A Warden who has only served as such by virtue of an appointment of the Grand Master in a Lodge U. D., is not eligible to be elected a W. M. Officers cannot be installed by proxy.

Six dispensations had been granted for new Lodges. All applications for dispensations for conferring degrees had been refused.

The proceedings of 36 Grand Lodges are reviewed—Canada for 1867 included. The review is by R. W. Bro. J. N. Wise, Grand Secretary, and is a production of which

he need not be ashamed. He acknowledges our notice of Nebraska for 1865; but wonders why 1866 is omitted, as, he says, their proceedings were forwarded in October of that year.

There are fifteen Chartered Lodges, (less one Charter surrendered) and six U. D.; members, 784.

There are appended to the proceedings, copy of Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order of Grand Lodge, Rules and Regulation for government of Subordinate Lodges, standing Resolutions, and a long list of decisions given by the Grand Master. Also, installation ceremony of Grand Officers, with chargo to each; the programme at laying corner-stones; the ceremony of Masonic burial, and a complete set of forms, hence we think this little volume might be called the "Mason's *Vade Mecum*." We have elsewhere said that we would like to see uniformity in these matters as well as in the *lex non scripta*, and we think the publishing of Constitutions, By-Laws, &c., would be the best means to bring it about.

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

NEBRASKA, 1869.

The twelfth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, of the State of Nebraska, commenced at Nebraska City, Oct. 26th, A. D. 1869.

The Grand Master being absent from the state, the East was occupied by the Deputy G. M. Several dispensations for new Lodges had been granted during the year. Some by the G. M. before leaving the country, and some by the Deputy G. M. Some of those by the latter had been granted before his superior had actually left the country, although his being about to leave was well understood, and the legality of those so granted was disputed.

The committee on Jurisprudence found that the D. G. M.

could not grant dispensations unless the G. M. was absent from the state, or sick, or had delegated his authority.

The proceedings of the Communications are nearly all of a local kind and have little in them of general interest.

The proceedings of 24 Grand Lodges are reviewed minutely and at considerable length (72 pages,) by R. W. Bro. J. N. Wise. Canada is not amongst them.

They have 25 subordinate lodges, and 893 members. Treasurer received $2,214 50, paid $1,991 50, on hand $223.

M. W. Bro. H. P. Deuel, elected Grand Master, and R. W. R. W. Bro. Furnas, elected Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick commenced at the City of St. John, 22nd September, A.D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, Grand Master, says in his address, that Grand Lodge is prospering in the jurisdiction, foreign relations have increased, and returns from Lodges are encouraging. They are negotiating with the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, for the establishment of fraternal communications between them. There are only two Lodges within the Province who have not affiliated with them; they have 25 Lodges and 1,419 members; the Treasurer has received $1,600, and paid all out less $66.

Proposals were made at the Communication for the erection of a Masonic Temple at St. John; for the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, and for a Festival at next Annual Communication.

They manage their affairs as we do here—by a "Board of General Purposes." Their Grand Secretary is an *appointed* officer, with the prefix of V. W., while only W., alone, is accorded to the other appointed officers. We think this arrangement is peculiarly their own—but we suppose they have a right to do in the premises as they please.

M. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters was re-elected Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, *appointed* Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

The fifth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Nevada commenced in the City of Virginia, Sept. 21st, 1869.

M. W. Bro. George W. Hopkins, Grand Master, delivered his annual address, concise, but well packed with good sense and true Masonic spirit. He says, outward appearances show Masonry in America to be in a more prosperous state than ever before; but has doubts if these outward appearances are to be depended on; he refers to fears that are entertained about the rapid increase of membership; he urges the necessity of guarding well the *outer door*. Alluding to his official acts, he refers to various matters affecting their jurisdiction by subordinate Lodges under Grand Lodge of New York, in all which cases the G. L. of New York has acted in the most fraternal manner.

A circular from Grand Lodge of North Carolina had been received asking the opinion of this G. Lodge as to the propriety of the use of *cypher* for the preservation of the esoteric work. The G. M. repudiates the idea on the principle of "attending to our obligations."

During the preceding year, the Lodges in this jurisdiction had been subjected to great annoyance, by the influx of parties to the mining districts in the State from all quarters of the globe; and being Masons, in full standing, they did not know very well how to exclude them, and yet not satisfied that they were of the right material.

The proceedings of 40 Grand Lodges are ably reviewed by the Grand Secretary, Bro. William A. M. Van Bokkelen; Canada for 1868 included.

Treasurer's amount of assets, $2,633.28; all paid out less on hand $603.05. There are 13 Lodges; members, 979.

M. W. Bro. G. W. Hopkins, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Wm. A. M. Van Bokkelen, Grand Secretary, were both re-elected.

NEW JERSEY.

The eighty-third Annual Convocation of Grand Lodge, commenced at Trenton, 19th January, A. D. 1870.

M. W. Bro. Henry R. Cannon, delivered his address, the preamble to which is as follows:

"Since our last assembling peace has prevailed over the length and breadth of our extended and rapidly growing country. No signal of war's alarms to engage in foreign or fraternal strife has fallen upon our ears. The brethren have been permitted to pursue their usual avocations in peace aud quietness. The labors of the husbandman have been blessed and our storehouses are overflowing with the abundant proceeds of the harvests. Pestilence has not stalked among us and caused the land to mourn over the devastations of disease and death. The same kind Providence has watched over and blessed us as a fraternity with a steady and judicious increase in the membership of our Lodges, with still stronger attachment to the principles and teachings of our ancient institution, and a greater disposition to exemplify by precept and example the tenets of our beloved order,"

Reference is made to three veterans who had bid them adieu since last assembled. Sickness and business engagements had prevented him from making so many personal visits as he could have wished. He had been present at the dedication of two Lodge rooms. Five delegates to Grand Lodges had been appointed, and he was anxious that stronger efforts were made to unite more closely with the Lodges of the country.

He presents communications from France and Italy, and also from Quebec seeking recognition. The committee in the case of France and Louisiana deferred any positive decision in the hope that France would reconsider her actions, and also deferred action in the case of Quebec until further information. Attention is called to an application of colored

Masons for recognition, referred to committee to be reported on next Annual Communication. A large proportion of the decisions rendered during the year had been a reiteration of those formerly given. A report is furnished of such as are new.

1. "Charges of unmasonic conduct can only be presented by a member of the Lodge with which the accused is connected, or in whose jurisdiction he resides.

2. An officer of a Lodge duly elected and installed cannot resign.

3. The election of officers in a subordinate Lodge must be by ballot.

4. The examination of a visiting brother may be made by the Master at such time and place as he may select. It need not take place in the Lodge or ante-room.

5. A committee of investigation of charges of unmasonic conduct are not obliged to express an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused. In most cases it is advisable to report the evidence alone.

6. It is not the duty of a Lodge to procure counsel for an accused brother; should he neglect or be unable so to do, care should be taken that no injustice is done.

7. A petition for the degrees of Masonry must be signed by the candidate, and any action that a Lodge may take upon a petition by other than the applicant, is null and void."

The Committee on Jurisprudence objected to the first, and held that any affiliated Mason may prefer charges in a Lodge of which the brother preferring the charge is a member.

Held in regard to 9th that the *Dimit* takes effect when the vote is given, whether the document is issued or not.

The Grand Master closes his address with a short and salutary lecture on the teachings of Masonry, summed up as follows;

"Everywhere in Masonry, whether in lecture or in symbolism, are found the breathings of virtue, of honesty, of self denial, of justice, of charity, of true manliness. By precept and example it is your parts and duties to inculcate these lessons among those over whom you are placed, that the members of our fraternity may be looked up to as patterns of these inestimable virtues, and so our beloved order be everywhere, by its members, and by the outside world, to whom the veil of the temple of mystery has never been drawn aside, respected and honored. Endeavour then to impress upon the minds and hearts of the brethren that their lives should be in accordance with these instructions, and that influenced by these principles of our noble institutions they will best discharge the duties that each and all owe to God and to their neighbors, and do this by the exemplification of such principles in your own walk in life."

The deputy Grand Master and Senior and Junior Grand Wardens gave reports that speak well for the healthy state of Masonry in the jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge publishes a well arranged digest of all her decisions, a production valuable to her own Lodges, and might be valuable to all, if uniformity of By-Laws should ever be attempted.

Among the resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge was one to present a Past Master's jewel to Grand Master Henry R. Cannon, and another for a suitable jewel to the Grand Secretary, as an expression of regard for him who has filled the office for nearly thirty-two years.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 44 Grand Lodges besides France and Italy. The work is from the pen of the Grand Secretary J. H. Hough, and gives good evidence of a qualified workman. Canada for 1869, comes in for a respectful notice.

The Treasurer's report shows assets $6,744 15, paid out $4,552 42, balance on hand $2,191 73.

Subordinate Lodges 109, members 8,343.

M. W. Bro. Robert Rusling, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The eighty-third Annual Communication commenced in the City of Raleigh, December 6th, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. Robert B. Vance, Grand Master, delivered his annual adddress, arranged, or divided, into a preface, twenty heads of discourse, and a conclusion. Our space will not allow us to give only a cursory glance at some of the principal topics. The preface is in the usual style, gratitude for past favors, and trust in the G. A. O. T. U. for the future.

DEATH.—During the year Bro. James Banks, Grand Historian, and Bro. W. A. Jenkins, Grand Orator, had gone to the land of spirits.

CORRESPONDENCE had been unusually voluminous, caused by Lodges not paying proper attention to the Constitution, By-laws and Resolutions of Grand Lodge.

HARMONY, with one or two exceptions, prevailed in the jurisdiction.

LODGES, U. D.,—fifteen in all,—six continued last year, and nine granted this year.

DECISIONS.—A great number not mentioned, being of only local interest, and some are brought forward for the purpose of being corrected by Grand Lodge. We select a few which seem to be of general import, leaving out those not sustained by Grand Lodge:—

1st. The Daughter of an expelled Mason loses her Masonic right with her father.

We question this. We are under obligations to a Mason's daughter which no act of her father can annull.

2nd. It is as improper to disclose the ballot on a dimit, as on the petition of a profane.

3rd. Exclusion from a particular Lodge does not impair the standing of a Brother with the fraternity at large.

4th. An officer in a chartered Lodge may hold an office in a Lodge U. D. until the charter is granted.

5th. A member cannot be justly or lawfully expelled for non-payment of dues.

6th. A Lodge may remit dues for *cause*—say poverty or distress.

7th. An installed officer cannot resign until his successor is installed.

8th. A petition for membership, etc., cannot be withdrawn less by consent.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.—Recommends severance of connection with her, until she ceases to countenance spurious and clandestine Masonry.

SISTER GRAND LODGES.—The Grand Lodge of North Carolina is at peace and harmony with all her sisters.

OUR MISSION.—Brethren! There is much for us to do in the world; there are those who hunger to be fed, there are those who die for knowledge to be educated, and there are wounds to be molified with ointment, and see what a vast field we have in which to labor. Our Lodge is the world, our mother is the universe, and our Father is GOD.

The following resolution was brought before Grand Lodge:

1st. That this Grand Lodge cannot recognize any other mode of making Masons than the one sanctioned by the immemorial usage of the Craft—namely—in a regular Lodge, after previous notice, and due enquiry into character.

2nd. That this Grand Lodge cannot and does not recognize any inherent right or power or prerogative in Grand Masters to make Masons at sight or will, out of a regular Lodge, and must regard the exercise of such power not only as arbitrary, but in violation of the plain and unmistakeable provisions of the ancient charges and constitutions of Masonry, and must consider all such makings as irregular and illegal."

After some discussion and amendments, the resolution as above was adopted—adding a clause, however, that all Masons hitherto made in the above way would be recognized, but none hereafter.

We have 125 pages of a review of 39 Grand Lodges, by D. W. Bain, R. W. York, and R. C. Badger. Canada is not amongst the number. The review gives long and well-chosen extracts from the many excellent addresses of Grand Masters. The proceedings are narrated without comment.

The assets of Treasurer, $3,029.50; disbursements, $2,944.77. Balance on hand, $84.73. Number of Lodges, 218. Masons, 10,715.

M. W. Bro. Robert B. Vance, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

There is appended to the volume, the ceremony of installation of all the Grand Officers, by Bro. F. C. Roberts, Sen., Grand Deacon.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held at Halifax, 23rd June, 1869.

In the volume before us we have the proceedings of one emergency and four quarterly meetings. The principal topics referred to at the five communications last mentioned are remoddelings of Constitution, and standing orders, admitting new Lodges—or rather receiving old Lodges seeking admission; and effecting a union with the District Grand Lodge.

At the Annual Communication, M. W. Bro. Stephen R. Sircom, Grand Master, delivered his address, which may be said to consist of two parts:

1st. A brief narrative of proceedings in adjusting matters between Grand Lodge and the different bodies holding under Scotland and England, which had resulted in a happy union.

2nd. An account of his own transactions during the year in visiting, granting dispensations, giving decisions, and correspondence.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review proceedings of 21 Grand Lodges—Canada not amongst them.

After the election, appointment and installation of Grand Officers, the Grand Lodge went in procession to St. Paul's church, where they listened to an excellent sermon by the R. W. Grand Chaplain, from Heb. 13th and 1st, "*Let brotherly love flourish.*" After which the proclamation of the act of union between the several Masonic bodies was made, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

There are 52 subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction; names of members given but not summed up.

The Finance Committee reported balance in hands of Treasurer, $152.83, and due by subordinate Lodges $450.

M. W. Bro. the Hon. Alexander Keith, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. W. C. D. Tining, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

The nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oregon commenced in the City of Portland, 21st June, 1869.

M. W. Bro. Avery A. Smith, Grand Master, delivered his address. He makes the pleasing announcement that at no time since the organization of Grand Lodge had there been more perfect harmony or better feeling among the members than at present. In his account of his *doings*, it appears that no less than six dispensations had been granted for conferring degrees out of "due time." A question had been put to him whether a member could have further degrees conferred on him, having become maimed after receiving the first or second; he answers in the affirmative, which is surely right provided the maiming is not such as renders it *impossible* to communicate them. We are sorry to see

so much *fuss* about the physical qualifications, while the moral qualifications of *sound mind* and *good report* are all but ignored. It is *choking on a gnat* and *swallowing a camel.* He takes up another of the all-absorbing questions of the day, that of non-affiliation. He shows at some length—what no Lodge denies—that every Mason *should* be affiliated; he suggests as a remedy the dispensing with affiliation dues which Grand Lodge adopted. Perhaps this may be all right although we do not see why a member should be admitted without paying a registration fee, and we are not sure that it does not look something like offering a premium for members; be that as it may, we scarcely think that an attachment to dollars and cents is a primary cause of non-affiliation, on the contrary, a member having his eye fixed on pecuniary advantages, would be most likely to keep affiliated. We think—and we find we are not alone in our opinion—the *disinterestedness*, or rather the absence of anything to *interest*, is the principal cause. Hundreds who go through, whose minds are not expanded so as to comprehend the moral beauties of the teachings, and no painstaking to expand them, soon become indifferent, and even intelligent minds get tired of sitting three hours like *mutes*, listening for the *fiftieth time*, to the bare repetition of the *A. B. C.* and nothing more, they will prefer spending the evening in the bosom of their family, or in some place of more intelligent entertainment, and may ultimately arrive at the conclusion that affiliation is of no importance. If this is a cause, the remedy is obvious.

The M. W. G. M. suggests, on the subject of *dimits*, that they should only be held as a certificate of good standing and a permission to join another Lodge, the Brother retaining his membership until his Lodge has been notified that he has been accepted a member of another Lodge.

This we call good common sense, no one is injured by it. The party, if he takes a Dimit, is objected to perhaps, at the Lodge to which he applies; no matter, he is a member of the Lodge he left, and so he ought to be until another

Lodge receives him, and after *that* he can get his dimit on paying all dues up to the time of his new affiliation.

He (the G.M.) is tickled by a party who are peddling side degrees. He says:—

"I was both amused and chagrined, a short time ago, to find in one of the newspapers in the City of Portland, under the head of Masonic Election of Officers, an account of an election, held in a Lodge called the *Eastern Star*, where ladies were elected to offices of high sounding names, but offices new in Masonry. I say nothing of the character of these so-called side degrees; they are undoubtedly good in themselves, but I do say they are no part of Free-masonry, and should have no connection whatever with it; *that the name* of side degrees of Masonry is entirely unauthorized, and should be discountenanced by Masons."

Now, we suppose that the so-called side degrees (or outside degrees if you like) are generally esteemed as no part of Masonry, neither will they ever be recognized by Masons as a body, but if a few Masons choose to entertain and amuse their fair sisters, by giving them degrees, "*Good in themselves*," and "elect officers with high sounding names," but *new in* (or rather *not in*) Masonry, we are inclined to think the matter beneath the notice of a Grand Lodge.

A beautiful address was delivered by the Grand Orator; we dare not begin to quote, as we can find no stopping-place except at the end.

Thirty-six Grand Lodges are ably reviewed by Bro. S. F. Chadwick,—Canada for 1868 is included.

Number of Subordinate Lodges at work in 1869, 33, members, 1,343.

Total resources of Grand Lodge for the year, $7,435.35.

A copy of Standing Orders and Resolutions appended.

M. W. Bro. D. G. Clark was elected, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. E. Hurford, re-elected Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

We have in this volume the Quarterly Communication held December 1st, A. D. 1869, and Annual Communication December 27th, A. D. 1869, both at Philadelphia.

The business of the first Communication seems to be all connected with their local financial affairs, the erection of a new Masonic Temple and the election of Officers for installation at Annual Communication.

At the Annual Communication we have 26 pages containing the valedictory address of the retiring G. M. Bro. Richard Vaux, and the inaugural address of his successor, Bro. Robert H. Lamberton, of 11 pages.

These addresses, long as they are, and good as they are, do not present anything more extraordinary than other Grand Masters who do not go so far "*about the bush.*"

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review 42 Grand Lodges. Canada for 1868 comes in for a just share of notice. The work is from the pen of Bro. Robert Fisher. He commences his report by telling us that "brevity is the soul of wit," be that as it may the brevity of his remarks covers 144 pages; but while we make this remark on his brevity we highly prize the selections he has made, and congratulate the Lodges within the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania of having such a fund of valuable matter brought to their door, hoping they will highly prize and dilligently improve the many good things that their worthy brother has brought within their reach.

There are 279 subordinate lodges, and about 31,300 members.

M. W. Bro. Robert a Lamberton, elected Grand Master; and R.W. Bro. John R. Thomson, re-elected Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

We have proceedings of Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

First, at Pawtucket, August 6th, A. D. 1868, where work and Lectures of E. A. Degree were fully exemplified.

Second, at Providence, October 26th, A. D. 1868, for installing Grand officers and to hear the report of Grand Lodge of instruction.

Third, at Providence, October 27th, A. D. 1868, for dedication of Corinthian Lodge, and installing officers.

Fourth, Semi-Annual Communication, November 16th, A. D. 1868, general business.

Fifth, special meeting, April 30th, A. D. 1869, local business.

Sixth, Annual Communication, May 17th, A. D. 1869.

The M. W. Bro. Thomas A. Doyle, delivered his annual address. He says the subordinates are in a healthy condition, although less work had been done than in the preceding year, he is inclined to think that the falling off in the number of candidates will be beneficial in its results, he does not believe that the evidence of a strong Lodge is to be found in a long list of new members, but rather in a small body of good and true men.

The financial condition of the G. Lodge is much improved, in place of the indebtedness of last year, they had now a balance of $794 09.

Notice is taken of the decease of W. Bro. Daniel A. Smith, and W. Bro. Joseph Coit.

He had given several decisions during the year.

He had last year given two decisions:

1st. That an affirmation can be taken instead of an oath when the party refuses to take an oath on conscientious grounds.

2nd. A man who has lost one foot which has been replaced by an artificial one, can be admitted.

Several of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence had dissented from these.

He stoutly defends himself—on grounds which we think rather untenable—we are aware that the two points at issue have been noticed by those who are older and wiser than we, but we claim right to an opinion. As regards an affirmation instead of an oath, although the Courts of Law have made such an arrangement, with *that* we have nothing to do, our answer should be, WE DID NOT SO RECEIVE IT, AND CANNOT SO IMPART IT. No one will allege that a man who has lost a foot is *sound in members*, and we do not see that an artificial foot alters the fact, apart from landmarks altogether we see no necessity for taking in the *halt* or the *lame* or the *maimed* so long as there is plenty of sound materials to be got.

The Grand Master informs us that cases of discipline had been more numerous than formerly, which he takes as an indication there was a determination to cast aside such bad material as had found its way into the fraternity.

We hope his view is correct, but it might be an indication of increased delinquency.

There is no review of Foreign Correspondence.

Statistics show 27 Lodges and 3,013 members.

M. W. Bro. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Charles D. Green, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Communication commenced at the City of Charleston, 16th November, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. James Conner, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. R. S. Bruns, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his address, sets forth that Masonry in the jurisdiction for the past year had been characterized by continued harmony and increased progress. The differ

ences between the Grand Lodge of Virginia and that of West Virginia had been adjusted; he recommends the recognition of the latter. No question of any importance had been presented from subordinate Lodges, neither had any conflict of jurisdiction arisen amongst them. Dispensations had been granted to thirteen new Lodges. He goes at great length into the matter of Grand Lodge of Louisiana *vs.* Grand Orient of France, and finally recommends that all fraternal relations with the latter cease until she retraces her steps.

The proceedings of Grand Lodge are all of local interest.

The proceedings of thirty Grand Lodges are reviewed in a masterly style by R. W. Bro. R. S. Bruns, Grand Secretary. Canada for 1868 is included.

Assets for the year, $9,976.77. Lodges, 143. Members about 6,000.

M. W. Bro. James Conner, re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. B. Rush Campbell, elected Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

From the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, we have only received a pamphlet containing the review of Grand Lodges, by Bro. George S. Blackie, M. D., assistant Grand Secretary, reported to Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, October, A. D. 1869. To which is appended a table of Grand Lodges in the United States, and another of Foreign Grand Lodges in correspondence with Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and an almanac of full moons from October, 1869, to December, 1883, prepared by R. W. Bro. Langridge, of Muscatine, Iowa, and copied from their proceedings.

Forty-two American and 35 Foreign Lodges are noticed, some largely and some shortly. Canada for 1868, comes in for a share.

The review is full without any personal remarks, but it is chiefly for 1868, the *Res gesta* of which is already in the hands, or upon the shelves, of our readers. We feel

sorry they did not favor us with the proceedings of their Grand Lodge for 1869.

There is one peculiarity in this review that strikes our notice, viz.: Our Dominion Lodges are all classed as *Foreigners*. We do not say that Tennessee is wrong, far from it; nationally we are under another flag, and woe to us the day we will disown it—but the arrangement looks so *uncouth*: we are placed far away down south, between *Buenos Ayres* and *Chili*, we have never recognized,—nor been recognized by—our dear sister of America as foreigners, and we think it is a pity that any attempt should be made to divide the North American continent MASONICALLY—perhaps Dr. Blackie thought it right to stick to the "Letter of the law"—but we do not think our American sisters will bear him out in his nice national distinction.

TEXAS.

The thirty-third Annual Communication commenced in the City of Houston, June 14th, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. Peter W. Gray, Grand Master, delivered his address, in the opening part of which he gratefully acknowledges that general health has prevailed, a large measure of peace has predominated among our people and harmony has shed her benign light with steady and peaceful rays upon the labor of the Craft. The few instances of discord that have appeared are as spots upon the Sun making the surrounding light more brilliant. In passing he cannot omit mention of the fraternal greetings given him on St. John's Day, in December last, by the brethren in Toronto, Canada, true Masonic spirit prevailed among them, and he found them given to hospitality to strangers.

The Grand Lodge of West Virginia is recognized. The conduct of ihe Grand Orient of France is denounced. A detail is given of his transactions during the year, among others four dispensations for new Lodges had been granted and others refused

Reports from D. D. G. Masters had been received. In the chapter of his address headed *admissions* and *rejections* after urging the necessity of rejecting bad materials he comes to notice that good measures may be carried too far, and supposes cases that might be called malicious rejections, "suppose that a member persistently perverts his right of "ballot by rejecting the best material a community affords, "to the manifest injury of the order, is there no power to "correct the evil? In my judgment there is no evil without "a remedy. Power must exist somewhere, from the very "necessity of the case. When a right granted is manifestly "perverted to the injury of that which it was designed and "given to protect, it should be taken away. In such case it "seems to me that the Master of the Lodge should have the "power to exclude the member who so debases his privilege, "subject, of course, to responsibility for arbitrary or wrong-"ful exercise of the power, on complaint of the member. "When done in the spirit of moderation on satisfactory "grounds, no evil could result. I admit that it is a remedy "liable to abuse, but so are all powers. It is an extreme "case of wrong only, that requires its exercise, but the "extremity of the case justifies it." The committee to whom this point was referred do not concur, on the ground that it would utterly destroy the right of the ballot. But they say a mason who AVOWS A PURPOSE to use his right of ballot improperly, may be dealt with for unmasonic conduct. We do not think a mason has any right to *avow his purpose*, to use his right of ballot in any way, and we wonder how the G. M. supposed the W. M. was to know the offending member. The G. M. had received intelligence of the death of D. D. G. M., Wm. H. Cooper. The conclusion of his address is sublime, but our space will not permit us to copy.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 39 Grand Bodies, Canada not in the number.

Assets by Grand Treasurer, $14,379; Charity Fund, $1,050 60; Fees and Dues, $11,450 65; Lodges 317, and 4 U. D.

A copy of Resolutions and Edicts appended.

M. W. Bro. Philip C. Tucker, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Bringhurst, re-elected Grand Secretary.

After the installation, the retiring G. Master, Bro. Peter M. Gray was presented in name of Grand Lodge with a Past Grand Master's Jewel.

VERMONT.

The Annual Communication convened in the City of Burlington, 9th June, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. George M. Hall, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, Grand Secretary.

The G. M. in his address, sets forth in glowing colors, their duty as a Grand Lodge; panegyrizes his predecessors, to whom Grand Lodge owes so much of its present prosperity and influence, if not its existence; eulogizes the beauty and glory of the institution, and congratulates on the continued prosperity of the order in Vermont—he brings to mind that the popularity of the order may be its greatest danger, that many may be *with* us who are not *of* us, and (like many of his worthy contemporaries) cautions watching of the outposts. In his report of his official acts he had—amongst other things—granted three dispensations for new Lodges, and had refused others, believing that they would curtail the boundaries of Lodges already existing. That the Lodges to whom charters were granted last year had all been constituted either by himself or by commisioners, and a great many other things of local import.

He alludes feelingly and encomiastically to four worthies who had "shuffled off this mortal coil," Bro. Gamaliel Washburne, Bro. Seth R. Day, M. D., Samuel S. Butler, and Henry J. Ruggles, all of whom had been bright luminaries either in Grand Lodge or in its jurisdiction, mourning pages are devoted to each of them.

36 decisions are given, many of them in accordance with By-Laws—these we let alone, but notice a few in which the By-Laws do not guide.

1st. A brother dimitting for the purpose of joining another Lodge but has failed to do so, cannot be re-affiliated except by petition, &c.

We have elsewhere said that no brother should dimit until he see if another Lodge will receive him, it is a fruitful source of non-affiliation in spite of himself, and if rejected on his first application it raises in his bosom a contempt for the order—let any mason in good standing look into his own heart and see how he would feel, by being rejected—would he not say,—let your By-laws go to the "moles and the bats" —I am a mason in spite of *your teeth* and no arrangement of yours can throw me out of the universal fraternity.

2nd. A candidate who has made a false statement as to age would be a subject of masonic discipline.

We think you are to blame, you had no more right to take the *ipsi dixit* of the candidate as to age, than for any other qualification, it is certain that no man on earth has less personal recollection of his advent than the man himself, and he may have been mis-informed; besides, we have yet to learn that certain *years* of age is a *landmark*, and you may find that a *good chip* of 16 may be as useful to the building as a block of 26, and if you have let him *in*, you will better let him alone.

3rd. A brother against whom charges have been preferred cannot prefer charges against another brother so long as he himself is under charges.

We wish some recognized authority would tell us why? If this is law, it certainly is not justice.

4th. There are two decisions which may be put in one, the substance of them being,—"That a Lodge cannot be congregated, nor regalia worn except for the *legitimate purposes of*

masonry, thence are excluded balls, levees or any such kindred amusements.

The great question involved here is,—*what are the legitimate purposes of masonry?* What is the laying of a corner-stone, but a mere fantastic affair, a piece of amusement? The corner-stones of gorgeous buildings have been laid by profanes and by women, and as well done, and by parties who—practically—knew as much about it as do speculative masons, *as such*, but waiving all that, we cannot see great difference between a ball or a levee, and a feast at the tail of laying a corner stone, or a champaigne lunch at the dedication of a hall, we are inclined to hold that *no work* is illegitimate so long as the dignity of the order is preserved—the jewels untarnished by vice, and the gloves and aprons unstained by sin.

P. G. M. Engelsby had a P. G. Master's jewel presented to him, with an address, to which he made a suitable reply.

Twelve D. D. G. Ms. brought in their reports, which as a whole gave a favourable account of masonry in the jurisdiction. Like all other flocks there are a few *black sheep*, but they are by far outnumbered by the *white* and *well-favoured*.

The review of Foreign Correspondence is lengthy and contains a great amount of valuable information, 46 Grand Bodies are taken notice of, and prominently amongst others, Canada for 1868.

No tabular statistics of Lodges given.

Treasurer's assets for the year, $4,824.20; on hand, $3,107.39; Charity Fund on hand, $420.35.

Appended to the volume is a copy of Constitution and By-Laws.

M. W. Bro. George M. Hall, Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

VIRGINIA.

A Grand Annual Communication was held in the City of Richmond, 13th December, A. D. 1869. M. W. Bro. Wm. Terry, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Dove, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is short, but full of kindly feeling and sound judgment. Amongst other things he says:

"In this utilitarian age, progress is the boast of the outside world. In the arts and sciences, in material developement, in the science of government, the genius of man has accomplished much; and in these, as living men of the age, we take a lively interest and greatly rejoice; we participate in their benefits and enjoy their rewards, but as Masons it is our pride to follow the well-beaten track of our fathers—we seek no change or reforms, but give to those who follow us the moss-covered landmarks as we received them. It behooves us in those days of change, to see that we do not, in Masonry, fall into the spirit of the times, and be drifted upon the dangers which changes involve. It is our prerogative to confer favors, governed by the rules we establish for our own guidance. Masonry has the inherent right to protect itself not only against the introduction of new theories, but also against the admission of new elements which may disturb the peace and harmony of our Order."

He then alludes to the subject of recognizing colored organizations claiming to be Masons. He says:—

"I am induced to refer to this matter at this time, because it was mentioned to me during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and the enquiry made whether I was willing as Grand Master to receive and consider a petition from colored persons, claiming to be Masons, to allow their Lodges representation upon the floor of this Grand Lodge, provided that their representatives were duly recognized white brethren. I neither felt at liberty so far to commit this Grand Lodge as even to take the matter into consideration, nor was I willing in any manner to forestal your action. * * * To grant the right of representation in any form, or upon any conditions, is a clear recognition of their legal Masonic existence, and would be the entering wedge to a complete and final breaking down of all distinctions of race and color.

The Committee to which this was referred, say that a memorial had been presented by a committee claiming to act in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Virginia (colored), seeking recognition by this Grand Lodge. But the Committee rules, that if Masons at all, they are *illegally made Masons*, and cannot be recognized; and also that the feverish and excited condition of the public mind in reference to this subject was an additional reason why this Grand Lodge should carefully avoid any action which might tend to introduce confusion and disorder, where all is now harmony and peace.

There are yet five Lodges in West Virginia who still make returns to this Grand Lodge.

Amongst the resolutions passed during the session were the following:—

1. A candidate whose leg is amputated below the knee is not eligible, though replaced by an artificial one, however perfect.

2. That E. A.'s and F. C.'s are triable by the Lodge in which they were initiated or passed, the Lodge to be open in the degree to which they belong, but the M. M. Lodge to be resumed for deliberation and decision.

3. The Grand Lodge has not power to levy a tax for any purpose, other than to defray the expense of an economical administration; nor can it determine in what manner subordinate Lodges shall invest their funds.

The Grand Secretary reports receipt of proceedings of a great number of Grand Lodges—Canada amongst others—but there is no review.

M. W. Bro. Thomas F. Owens was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Dove, re-elected Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

A special Communication of Grand Lodge was held at the Hall of Western Star Lodge in Guyandotte, Cabell County,

June 24th, 1869, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the State Normal School at Marshall College, as requested by the authorities thereof.

The Fifth Grand Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Wheeling, 9th November, A. D. 1869. M. W. Bro. Wm. J. Bates, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Thomas H. Logan, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his address—after fraternal greetings, and expatiating on the beauties and excellencies of the Order—gives a succinct statement of his actings. Dispensations for five new Lodges had been granted, and several dispensations for other things. A number of applications had been received for dispensations to admit candidates less or more maimed, all which he had refused. The attention of Grand Lodge is specially called to the matter of Grand Lodge of Louisiana *vs.* Grand Orient of France—also to the question of balloting for the 2nd and 3rd degrees, and to give an explicit interpretation of "eligibility"—whether *moral* standing and *proficiency* both were meant, or if *proficiency* only. He notices in a feeling manner the death of two prominent members of Grand Lodge, P. M. Bro. John Goshorn and P. M. Bro. William G. Battelle.

The Reports of the Grand Lecturer and D. D. G. Masters, give evidence of a fervent zeal to communicate, and an ardent desire to receive instructions in the *work*.

The Committee on Jurisprudence held that the ballot for the 2nd and 3rd degrees should refer only to *proficiency*—if objection taken to moral character, the matter to be tried.

In the case of Louisiana *vs.* France,—

"*Resolved*, That in common with our sister Grand Lodges in the United States, all correspondence and fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of West Virginia and the Grand Orient of France cease and be discontinued until the said Grand Orient of France shall withdraw its recognition of the body styling itself 'The Supreme Council for the Sovereign and Independent State of Louisiana.'"

The receipts for the year, $1,279; paid out, $1,038.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 39 Grand Lodges. Canada for 1869 receives fraternal notice. The report is from the pen of Bro. O. S. Long.

There are 36 subordinate Lodges, and 1,845 members.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

WISCONSIN.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin, convened in the city of Milwaukee, June 8th, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. Harlow Pease, Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. William T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address, after a short preamble, announced the demise of P. G. M. and P. G. Secretary, Bro. William Smith who died August, 1868, at the advanced age of 83, "like a shock of corn fully ripe, he was gathered to his fathers in the harvest of eternity." He was Master of the first Lodge chartered in the territory of Wisconsin, had been two years G. M., and ten years Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge. On retiring from office in 1858 he wrote the Grand Lodge a farewell letter, in his official capacity; at the age of 72. He says,—"Never will I forget the body of "men whose companionship has rendered verdant so many "of the days of the winter of my life, nor while I have "health will I ever cease to implore the common Father to "have you in his tenderest keeping." He then quotes a stanza sung in St. James' Lodge, Tarbolton, Scotland, nearly 100 years ago:—

"A last request permit me here when yearly ye assemble a'
"One round—I ask it with a tear—to him *your friend* that's far awa'."

Grand Lodge adopted resolutions of respect, and appropriated $300 for the erection of a suitable monument over his remains. The other parts of the address are devoted to

the consideration of local matters and an account of his own official acts.

By a memorial presented to Grand Lodge we find Wisconsin claims having the oldest mason living, namely, Bro. David Stiles, aged 103, he was made a mason in Toronto, Canada, December, 27th, 1797. The memorial was an application for pecuniary assistance and was responded to by the appropriation of $200 from the Grand Lodge funds.

With regard to the matter of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana *vs.* Grand Orient of France, it was—

"*Resolved*, That all masonic correspondence and fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of the state of Wisconsin and the Grand Orient of France cease and be discontinued, and no mason owing allegiance to that Grand Body, or to any branch thereof within the state of Louisiana or elsewhere, be recognized as such in this jurisdiction, during the continuance of their interference with the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, or while they shall claim any rights of jurisdiction over any matter pertaining to the symbolic degrees of masonry in this country."

We have elsewhere noticed that individual masons have to be aware of this unwarrantable edict.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence acknowledge to have received and carefully examined the proceedings of forty Grand Lodges, Canada included. They do not review these proceedings, but they offer some remarks on a few of those matters which are amongst the leading topics of the day. They refer to the threatened disruption in the state of Kentucky, by a party attempting to form a new Grand Lodge, which they (the committee) justly (we think) condemn.

They observe an itching disposition among restless brethren to get up something like masonic assurance companies or mutual protection companies. On this they say :—

"The necessity does not exist to add to, or subtract anything from the institution—the ancient landmarks define its

purposes, they have been immutable for ages, and adherence and obedience thereto will accomplish all the purposes of the order."

They also advert to the subject of incorporation of Lodges, the discipline and increase of the order and physical disqualifications.

There are 176 chartered Lodges, their statistic columns are not added up but we think their M. M's. are about 8,500.

Funds in treasury besides receipts at the present communication, $8,453.29.

M. W. Bro. Gabriel Bouck, was elected Grand Master and R. W. Bro. William T. Palmer, re-elected Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The twelfth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Washington commenced in the City of Olympia, Sept. 16th, A. D. 1869. M. W. Bro. E. B. Lombard, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is chiefly devoted to local affairs. He notices in feeling terms the death of the W. and Rev. Bro. Charles Byles, to whose memory Grand Lodge devotes a memorial page.

The Grand Secretary gives in his report, which also refers to much that is only of local interest. He acknowledges receipt of the proceedings of a number of Grand Lodges, but says that no Committee on Foreign Correspondence was appointed last year, he does not know (?) whether it was to save expenses or not, but concludes that Grand Lodge is not unfortunate in the omission. We are sorry Bro. Secretary Reed has not explained himself better on this point, expressing himself so dubiously might give rise to many curious queries. Why did he let the Grand Lodge forget the appointment last year? What misfortune has she evaded by the omission? What expense would have attended the *appoint-*

ing of a Committee? He has got the correspondence himself, but how are his subordinate Lodges to get them? Or does he hold to the old axiom that "ignorance is the mother of devotion?" and so on, perhaps he will explain himself at some future period. He (the Grand Secretary) refers to the late trouble in Kentucky and says that from present indications it was likely to fall *still-born*. He also alludes to the Louisiana affair, and adheres to the decision of the G. Lodge of New York. He says a dispute between New York and Hamburgh Lodge is still unsettled.

There are 15 Chartered Lodges, and 351 members. Receipts $1,945.20; balance on hand, $141.50.

M. W. Bro. William H. Troup, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

Our labors have come to a close, and our review, with all its faults, is before you. In passing your criticism, if you bear in mind that the short summary now in your hands is culled from *eight thousand pages*, you will not be surprised if you find much imperfection. In the many sublime addresses, beautiful orations, wise decisions, harmonious meetings, and sound deliberations which it has been our privilege to read in the volumes we have gone over, our whole trouble has been *keeping out* rather than *putting in*, and if we have succeeded in extracting anything good and useful, we know we have left as good behind.

Where we have introduced any remarks of our own, we beg leave to assure those who may differ from us that they are made in a fraternal spirit, and that we accord the same freedom of thought to them which we claim for ourselves. In the volumes we have perused, we find much that proclaims —at first sight—that Masons are no better than other men, but when we reflect that we have been reading a year's history of half a million of the fallen sons of Adam, and they under the strict surveillance of six thousand vigilance committees, each committee the executive of a stringent code of

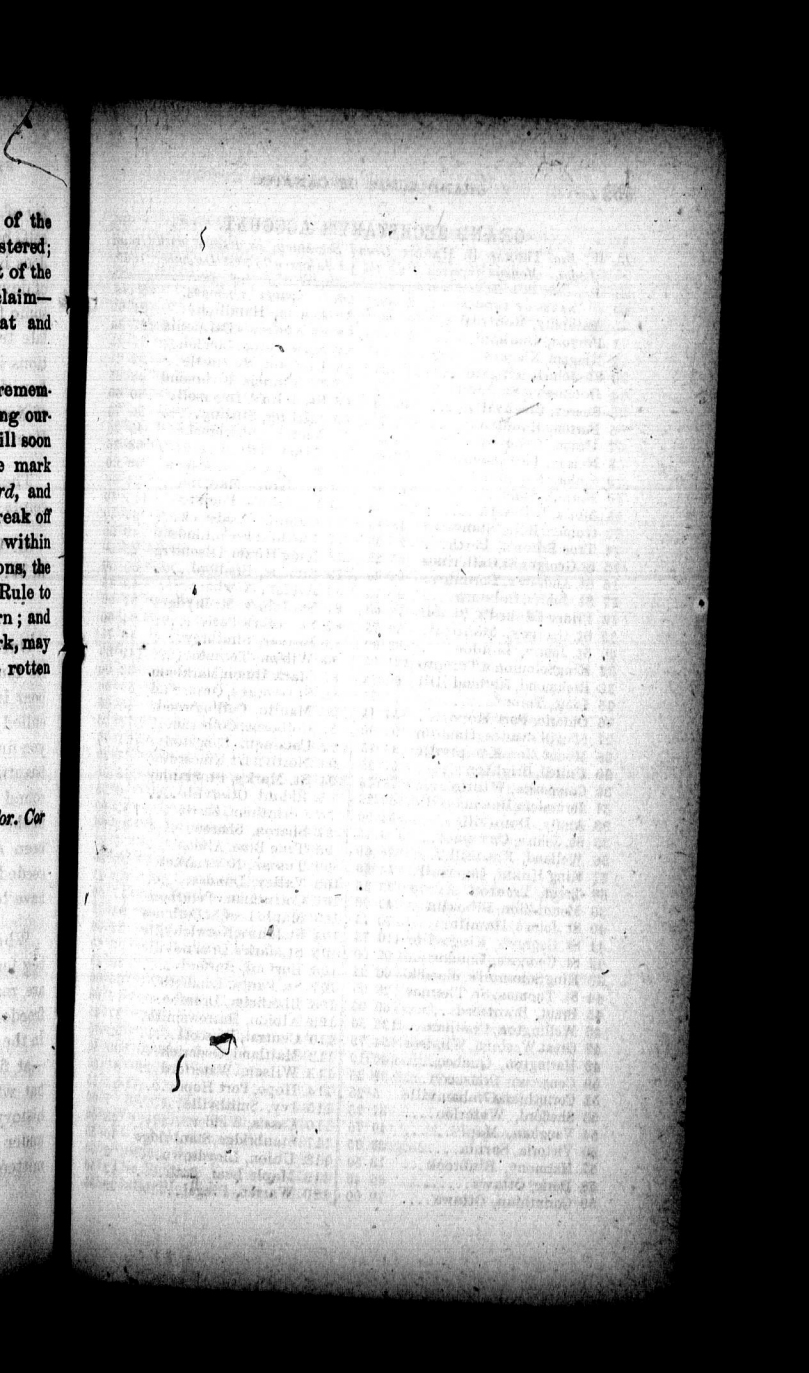
laws, founded on stern justice, with precious little of the element of mercy, and every *false step* carefully registered; if we had the same chance of examining the conduct of the *same number* of other men, we would be forced to exclaim—"Hail! glorious Masonry, that ever makes us great and free!!"

Let us nevertheless still press onward and upward, remembering that each of us are now in the quarry preparing ourselves as living stones for the spiritual Temple, and will soon have to present our stone with our own distinctive mark upon it. Let us carefully attend to our *trestle-board*, and apply our tools; we have our chisel and mallet to break off the rough corners, our compass to keep our passions within due bounds, the square of virtue to square our actions, the plumb-line of sincerity to balance them, the Golden Rule to measure them, and the *chief corner stone* for our pattern; and when, on the Level of time, we go home with our work, may stone answer stone, and joint answer joint, and no rotten stone be thrown over the wall. *So mote it be.*

Yours fraternally,

EDWARD MITCHELL,

Chairman Committee For. Cor



GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

R. W. Bro. THOMAS B. HARRIS, *Grand Secretary, in account with Grand Lodge. Moneys received from the* 1st *January to* 31st *December*, 1869.

NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	$ cts.
—	Antiquity, Montreal...	48 00
1	Prevost, Dunham.....	59 00
2	Niagara, Niagara.....	36 25
3	St. John's, Kingston...	119 25
4	Dorchester, St. Johns'..	35 75
5	Sussex, Brockville.....	40 00
6	Barton, Hamilton.....	101 75
7	Union, Grimsby.....	29 50
8	Nelson, Philipsburg...	42 00
9	Union, Napanee.....	83 25
10	Norfolk, Simcoe.....	114 25
11	Moira, Belleville.....	27 50
12	Golden Rule, Stanstead	48 35
14	True Briton's, Perth...	20 00
15	St.Georges,St.Cath'rines	85 25
16	St. Andrew's, Toronto..	52 00
17	St. John's, Cobourg....	25 75
18	Prince Edward's, Picton	72 00
19	St. George's, Montreal.	59 75
20	St. John's, London....	53 00
22	KingSolomon's,Toronto	131 75
23	Richmond, Rich'nd Hill	60 75
25	Ionic, Toronto.....	27 75
26	Ontario, Port Hope....	54 45
27	St'ct Ot's'vance, Hamil'n	93 00
28	Mount Zion,Kemptville	23 75
29	United, Brighton.....	51 25
30	Composite, Whitby....	78 75
31	Jerusalem,Bowmanville	65 25
32	Amity, Dunnville.....	54 00
35	St. John's, Cayuga.....	6 75
36	Welland, Fonthill.....	26 60
37	King Hiram, Ingersoll.	54 50
38	Trent, Trenton.....	33 25
39	Mount Zion, Brooklin..	43 00
40	St. John's, Hamilton...	70 75
41	St. George's, Kingsville	110 75
42	St. George's, London...	67 00
43	King Solomon's, Wood'k	66 25
44	St. Thomas, St. Thomas	28 00
45	Brant, Brantford.....	63 00
46	Wellington, Chatham..	123 50
47	Great Western, Windsor	54 75
49	Harington, Quebec....	40 19
50	Consecon, Consecon...	52 25
51	Corinthian,Grahamville	5 25
53	Shefford, Waterloo....	37 25
54	Vaughan, Maple.....	40 75
56	Victoria, Sarnia.....	33 25
57	Harmony, Binbrook...	13 50
58	Doric, Ottawa.....	86 48
59	Corinthian, Ottawa....	10 00
61	Acacia, Hamilton....	94 00
62	St. Andrew's,Caledonia	127 50
64	Kilwinning, London..	75 25
66	Durham, Newcastle...	32 21
67	St. Francis, Richmond	48 25
68	St. John's, Ingersoll..	60 00
69	Stirling, Stirling.....	56 75
71	Victoria, Sherbrooke..	45 25
72	Alma, Galt.....	68 25
73	St. James', St. Mary's.	58 00
74	St. James, Maitland...	24 00
75	St. John's, Toronto...	115 50
76	Oxford, Woodstock...	35 50
77	Faithful Bre'n, Lindsay	43 50
78	King Hiram,Tilsonb'rg	25 50
79	Simcoe, Bradford.....	35 50
80	Albion, Newbury.....	49 66
81	St. John's, Mt.Brydges	37 00
82	St. John's, Paris	64 60
83	Beaver, Strathroy....	48 75
86	Wilson, Toronto.....	149 00
87	Mark.Union,Markham	32 00
88	St.George's, Owen S'nd	53 50
90	Manito, Collingwood.	45 25
91	Colborne, Colborne...	73 33
92	Cataraqui, Kingston..	121 75
93	North'n L't, Kincardine	37 49
94	St. Mark's, Pt. Stanley	55 50
95	Ridout, Otterville....	6 25
96	Corinthian, Barrie ...	53 00
97	Sharon, Sharon.....	22 00
98	True Blue, Albion.....	7 25
99	Tuscan, Newmarket..	39 50
100	Valley, Dundas.....	32 25
101	Corinthian, Peterboro'	17 50
103	Maple Leaf,St.Cath'nes	94 75
104	St John's,Norwichville	22 00
105	St.Mark's,Dr'm'ndville	53 00
106	Burford, Burford.....	29 25
107	St. Paul's, Lambeth...	35 00
108	Blenheim, Drumbo...	17 00
109	Albion, Harrowsmith.	27 25
110	Central, Prescott.....	52 75
112	Maitland, Goderich...	100 50
113	Wilson, Waterford...	81 00
114	Hope, Port Hope.....	82 25
115	Ivy, Smithville.....	7 00
116	Cassia, Widder.....	23 00
117	Stanbridge, Stanbridge	40 50
118	Union, Lloydtown....	2 50
119	Maple Leaf, Bath....	12 50
120	Warren, Fingal.....	29 55

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121	Doric, Brantford	79 75
122	Renfrew, Renfrew	13 00
123	TheBelleville,Belleville	34 75
124	Montreal Kilwinning	138 00
125	Cornwall, Cornwall	57 00
126	Golden Rule,Cam'b'lsf'd	24 50
127	Franck, Frankford	28 50
128	Pembroke, Pembroke	3 50
129	The Rising Sun, Aurora	22 00
130	Yamaska, Granby	21 25
131	St.Lawrence, Southm't'n	22 00
133	Leban. For., Franceston	32 00
134	Shawenegam, Th.Rivers	41 06
135	St. Clair, Milton	54 50
136	Richardson, Stouffville	33 25
137	Pythagoras, Meaford	20 75
138	Aylmer, Aylmer, P.Q.	48 75
139	Lebanon, Oshawa	55 50
140	Malahide, Aylmer, Ont.	30 25
141	Tudor, Mitchell	26 25
142	Excelsior, Morrisburgh	30 00
143	Friendly Brothers, Iroq.	88 50
144	Tecumseh, Stratford	44 50
145	J. B. Hall, Milbrook	42 25
146	Prince of Wales, Newb'g	53 25
147	Mississippi, Almonte	43 00
148	Civil Service, Ottawa	71 50
149	Erie, Port Dover	68 75
150	Hastings, Hastings	25 25
151	TheGrand River,Berlin	101 23
152	Clarenceville, Clar'ville	24 90
153	Burns, Wyoming	30 00
154	Irving, Lucan	9 50
155	Peterborough,Peterboro'	41 25
156	York, Eglinton	35 00
157	Simpson,, Newboro'	48 75
158	Alexandra, Oil Springs	26 00
160	Quebec Garrison,Quebec	73 10
161	Percy, Warkworth	37 00
162	Forest, Wroxeter	29 60
163	Browne, West Farnham	42 75
164	Star in the East,Well'ton	24 50
165	Burlington, Wel. Square	28 50
166	Wentworth, Stoney Cr'k	13 25
167	Royal Albert, Montreal	37 75
168	Merritt, Welland	24 50
169	Macnab, Port Colborne	45 35
170	Britannia Seaforth	60 75
171	Prince of Wales, Iona	10 75
172	Ayr, Ayr	22 00
173	Victoria, Montreal	34 50
174	Walsingham, Pt. Rowan	86 50
175	St. John's, Mansonville	79 86
176	Spartan, Sparta	22 50
177	The Builders', Ottawa	53 00
178	Plattsville, Plattsville	65 00
179	Bothwell, Bothwell	45 50
180	Speed, Guelph	85 50
181	Oriental, Port Burwell	42 00
182	Tuscan, Levis	38 00
183	Prince Albert, Prin. Alb.	34 75
184	Old Light, Lucknow	55 00
185	Enniskillen, York	30 41
186	Plantagenet, Plantag'n't	12 50
187	RoyalCanad'n,Sweetsb'g	32 50
188	Ascot, Lennoxville	41 50
189	FiliusViduæ, Ad'lphus'n	28 50
190	Belmont, Belmont	24 75
191	Ashlar, Coaticook	50 75
192	Orillia, Orillia	20 00
193	Scotland, Scotland	27 25
194	Petrolia, Petrolia	53 50
195	The Tuscan, London	9 50
196	Madawaska, Arnprior	16 50
197	Saugeen, Walkerton	23 00
198	White Oak, Oakville	89 25
199	Frelighsburgh,Frel'b'gh	10 00
200	St.Albans, Mount Forest	62 41
201	Leeds, Gananoque	29 50
202	Mount Royal, Montreal	19 75
203	Irvine, Elora	70 75
204	Doric, Danville	102 25
205	NewDomin.,New Ham'g	49 50
207	Lancaster, Lancaster	12 00
208	Chateauguay, Hunting'n	72 00
209	Evergreen, Lanark	52 31
210	Hawkesbury,Hawkesb'y	33 00
211	Brome Lake, Knowlton	45 25
212	Elysian, Garden Island	66 75
213	Dominian, Ridgeway	30 00
214	Craig, Ailsa Craig	99 25
215	Lake, Roblin's Mills	33 00
216	Harris, Orangeville	86 75
217	Frederick,Fredericksb'g	30 00
218	Stevenson, Toronto	30 00
U. D.	Credit, Georgetown	20 00
U. D.	Zeredatha, Uxbridge	20 00
U. D.	Mountain, Thorold	20 00
U. D.	Marmora, Marmora	30 00
U. D.	Norwood, Norwood	20 00
U. D.	Zurich, Zurich	20 00
U. D.	Bernard, Listowel	20 00
	Constitutions	5 90
	Proceedings	1 25
R. W.	Bro. Wm. McCabe	1 00
"	" G. M. Wilkinson	1 00
"	" J. K. Kerr	1 00
"	" M. H. Spencer	6 00
	Certificate	1 00
		$9,683 48

CASH STATEMENT.

Moneys received by Grand Secretary from Lodges, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, from 1st Jan 1869, to 31st Dec., 1869.

1869.	Dr.	
Dec. 31.—Amount rec'vd from Lodges as per Cash Book		$9,666 33
" — " "	Constitutions	5 90
" — " "	Proceedings	1 25
" — " "	R. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe	1 00
" — " "	R. W. Bro. G M. Wilkinson	1 00
" — " "	R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr	1 00
" — " "	R. W. Bro. M. H. Spencer	6 00
" — " "	Certificate	1 00
		$9,683 48

1869.	Cr.	
January 6.—By Paid Grand Treasurer,		$650 00
" 9.— " " "		380 00
" 15.— " " "		400 00
Feb'y 17.— " " "		300 00
" 27.— " " "		513 30
March 4.— " " "		110 50
" 15.— " " "		92 35
" 23.— " " "		138 00
April 3.— " " "		235 00
" 7.— " " "		82 00
" 30.— " " "		184 50
June 4.— " " "		200 00
" 19.— " " "		210 00
" 24.— " " "		179 00
" 28.— " " "		400 00
" 30.— " " "		317 00
" 30.— " " "		511 75
July 24.— " " "		1,850 00
August 13.— " " "		400 00
Sept. 3.— " " "		300 00
October 5.— " " "		200 00
" 9.— " " "		150 00
" 30.— " " "		154 00
Dec'ber 16.— " " "		242 00
" 22.— " " "		306 00
" 30.— " " "		600 00
" 31.— " " "		577 99
		$9,683 48

RECAPITULATION.

For Certificates

					$9,683 48

1869.					
July	30.—	"	"	"	..... 600 00
"	31.—	"	"	"	..... 577 99
					$9,683 48

RECAPITULATION.

For Certificates	.....	$2,627 00
" Dues	.....	4,420 40
" Fees	.....	1,585 50
" Dispensations	.....	431 00
" Warrants	.....	140 00
" Constitutions	.....	430 97
" Proceedings	.....	48 61
		$9,683 48

Audited and found correct.

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman Sub Committee.*

BENEVOLENT INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Dr. *The Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada in account with* HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1869.		$ cts.	1869.		$ cts.
To balance	.....	9,486 41	Jan'y 2—	By balance per account rendered.....	8,625 14
			July 24—	" 10 per cent. of Receipts for 1868.....	861 27
		$9,486 41			$9,486 41

SIMCOE, 29th January, 1870.

E. E.

HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in account current with the Gore Bank, Simcoe Branch

DR.

1869.		Am't.	Days.	Int.
July 18	To Check No. 54	$288 80	88	2 79
19	" " " 49	40 00		
19	" " " 50	50 00		
19	" " " 51	20 00	87	1 04
25	" " " 60	7 31		
25	" " " 61	7 63		
25	" " " 62	56 48		
25	" " " 63	150 00		
25	" " " 64	19 95		
25	" " " 65	100 00	81	5 24
27	" " " 58	14 74	79	0 13
Mar. 1	" " " 37	20 00		
1	" " " 52	20 00		
1	" " " 57	190 00	77	1 95
4	" " " 40	30 00		
4	" " " 47	20 00		
4	" " " 48	20 00		
4	" " " 56	555 00		
4	" " " 67	135 00	73	6 10
5	" " " 55	500 00	72	3 96
9	" " " 43	25 00		
9	" " " 44	20 00		
9	" " " 46	30 00	68	0 56
10	" " " 42	20 00	67	0 14
11	" " " 59	12 65	66	0 12
17	" " " 35	50 00		
17	" " " 53	50 00	64	0 70
18	" " " 41	30 00	63	0 22
30	" " " 36	100 00		
30	" " " 45	25 00	51	0 70
April 5	" " " 68	300 00	46	1 51
14	" " " 38	30 00	37	0 12
19	" " " 66	150 00	32	0 53
21	" " " 69	25 00	25	0 07
28	" " " 70	25 00	19	0 96
May 5	" " " 71	20 00	11	0 02
	Balance of Interest			80 70
				$106 65
	Balance	$5,674 88		
	Total	$8,836 04		

Gore Bank, Simcoe, 13th May, 1869. E. E.

Audited and found correct.

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in account current with the Gore Bank, Simcoe Branch.

CR.

1869.		Am't.	Days.	Int
Jan.	5—By Balance of account rendered 4th January, 1869.....	$4,949 70	136	73 74
	7— " Deposited by H. Groff, G. Tr.	650 00	129	8 12
	12— " " " "	380 00	124	5 17
	16— " " " "	400 00	120	5 28
Feb.	18— " " " "	300 00	88	2 90
Mar.	1— " " " "	513 30	77	4 12
	5— " " " "	110 50	72	0 88
	16— " " " "	92 35	65	0 66
	24— " " " "	138 00	57	0 89
April	5— " " " "	235 00	46	1 21
	6— " " " "	720 00	45	3 28
	8— " " " "	82 00	43	0 40
May	13— " " " "	184 49		
	Balance of Interest.....	80 70		
				$106 65

	$8,836 04
By Balance brought down.....	$5,674 88

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, *Manager.*

JAMES SEYMOUR, *P. B. G. P.*

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The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in account current with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Simcoe.

1869.	DR.		Am't.	Days.	Interest.
July 9	To Check No.	73	$ 25 00		$
9	" " "	76	40 00	175	1 55
21	" " "	77	500 00	163	11 16
26	" " "	80	25 00		
26	" " "	74	25 90	158	0 90
Aug. 4	" " "	101	25 00		
4	" " "	119	30 00	149	1 11
5	" " "	114	40 00	148	0 81
6	" " "	108	20 00		
6	" " "	115	25 00		
6	" " "	116	20 00		
7	" " "	102	20 00		
7	" " "	103	20 00		
7	" " "	124	15 00	146	2 19
9	" " "	104	50 00		
9	" " "	99	30 00		
9	" " "	79	200 00		
9	" " "	106	40 00		
9	" " "	121	50 00		
9	" " "	129	100 00		
9	" " "	130	8 15		
10	" " "	89	25 00		
11	" " "	105	100 00		
11	" " "	127	25 00	142	12 21
18	" " "	95	40 00		
18	" " "	96	50 00		
18	" " "	97	50 00		
18	" " "	100	30 00		
18	" " "	109	20 00		
18	" " "	122	20 00	140	4 03
18	" " "	90	25 00		
18	" " "	118	20 00		
18	" " "	110	100 00		
18	" " "	107	25 00		
18	" " "	117	25 90	135	3 58
19	" " "	123	25 00		
20	" " "	80	7 00		
20	" " "	126	30 00		
24	" " "	93	20 00		
24	" " "	99	20 00		
27	" " "	98	25 00	127	2 20
Sept. 2	" " "	81	3 50		
2	" " "	82	24 85		
2	" " "	84	50 00		
2	" " "	87	20 00		
2	" " "	88	100 00		
2	" " "	120	50 00		
2	" " "	131	23 20	119	4 41
13	" " "	125	25 00		
15	" " "	128	25 00		
17	" " "	83	40 00		
18	" " "	91	30 00		
30	" " "	85	11 65		
30	" " "	86	7 10	104	1 93
Oct. 12	" " "	111	25 00		
12	" " "	133	300 00	78	3 16
20	" " "		25 00	61	0 20
Nov. 20	" " "		40 00	40	0 21
27	" " "		25 00	33	0 11
Dec. 23	" " "		40 00	8	0 05
Jan. 3	" " "		53 46		
3	" " "		300 00		
3	" " "		110 00		
	Balance of Interest				197 51
					$247 46
	Balance		9,701 56		
			$18,019 97		

SIMCOE, Jan'y 29th, 1870.

T. G. GROFF, *Ledger Keeper.* E. E.
Audited and found correct.

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in account current with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Simcoe.

1869.	CR.	Am't.	Days.	Interest.
July 9—	By bal. per acct. rendered	$7,274 47	181	$183 70
26—	" deposited by H. Groff, G. Treas.	1,850 00	158	39 86
Sept. 2—	" " " "	400 00	119	6 54
4—	" " " "	300 00	117	4 82
Oct. 7—	" " " "	200 00	84	2 31
11—	" " " "	150 00	80	1 65
16—	" " " "	720 00	75	7 44
Nov. 1—	" " " "	154 00	59	1 25
Dec. 17—	" " " "	242 00	14	0 47
23—	" " " "	306 00	8	0 36
31—	" " " "	648 00		
31—	" Balance of interest	197 51		
1870.				
Jan. 3—	" Deposited by H. Groff	577 99		
				$247 46

	$18,019 97
By Balance	$9,701 56

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman Sub-Committee.*

Dr. *The Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada in account current with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Simcoe.* *Cr.*

1869.		Am't.	Days.	Int't.
July 2	To Check No. 75	$300 00		
	Balance	7,274 47		
		$7,574 47		

		Am't.	Days.	Int't.
May 17	By Gore Bank	$5,674 88	44	32 83
June 7	" Dep. H. Groff	200 00	23	0 60
21	" " "	210 00	9	0 23
26	" " "	179 00	4	0 08
29	" " "	400 00		
30	" " "	48 00		
	" Interest on account	33 74		
July 2	" Dep. H. Groff	317 00		
3	" " "	511 85		
				$33 74
		$7,574 47		
	By balance bearing interest at 5 per cent	$7,274 47		

HENRY GROFF, *Agent.*

E. E.

Audited and found correct. JAMES SEYMOUR, *P. B. G. P.*

Canadian Bank of Commerce, Simcoe, 3rd July, 1869.

...ONIC ASYLUM TRUST FUND.

...ylum Trust Fund Committee in account with the Bank of Montreal, Toronto.

1869.		$ cts.
July 3	To balance per account rendered	
Oct.	" Dept. by Asylum Committee	137 01

Cr.

1869.

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Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Simcoe, 3rd July, 1869.

...ONIC ASYLUM TRUST FUND.

...sylum Trust Fund Committee in account with the Bank of Montreal, Toronto.

Dr.			Cr.		
1869.		$ cts.	1869.		$ cts.
July 3	—To balance per account rendered	137 01		—By balance	281 01
Oct.	— " Dept. by Asylum Committee	144 00			
		$281 01			$281 01

Simcoe, 29th January, 1870.

E. E.

Audited and found correct

HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

MASONIC ASYLUM TRUST FUND.

Dr. *The Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada in account with the Asylum Trust Fund Committee.* *Cr.*

1869.		$ cts.	1869.		$ cts.
	—To balance	5,081 01	Jan'y 2	—By balance per account rendered	4,793 01
			April 7	— " 6 mos. interest on $4,800, Dom. Stock..	144 00
			Oct. 18	— " " " " " " " "	144 00
		$5,081 01			$5,081 01

Simcoe, 29th January, 1870.

E. E.

Audited and found correct.

HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

GENERAL FUND.

The Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada in account with HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer.

1869.		Dr.	$ cts.
		To paid orders of the President Board of General Purposes on Grand Treasurer, as follows, viz.:	
Feb.	18—No.	54, Expenses and mileage Board of General Purposes, 9th and 10th February	288 80
	25— "	60, Grand Treasurer, Postages, &c	7 31
	25— "	61, G. Secretary, for Freemasons Magazine..	7 83
	25— "	62, " " Bal. of Con't. Expenses.	56 48
	25— "	63, " " Assistant Secretary	150 00
	25— "	64, " " Travelling ex. at B.G.P.	19 95
	25— "	65, " " Contingent expenses ..	100 00
	27— "	58, W. Brown & Co., for stationery, &c.....	14 74
March	1— "	57, R. Haigh, binding	190 00
	4— "	56, T. & R. White, printing	555 00
	4— "	67, T. & R. White, printing	135 00
	5— "	55, W. C. Chewitt & Co., " certificates, &c.,	500 00
	11— "	59, W. Reid & Co., coal	16 25
April	5— "	68, Grand Secretary for quarter's salary	300 00
	13— "	66, R. Haigh, binding Constitutions.....	150 00
July	2— "	75, Grand Secretary, for quarter's salary....	300 00
Aug.	3—Transferred to Ben. In. Acc't, 10 p. c. of repts, 1868		861 21
	3— "	Benevolent Fund (current account)	500 00
	3—Members of Board expenses B. M.		500 00
	9—No.	79, W. C. Chewitt & Co., Certificates.....	200 00
	9— "	130, Buntin, Gillies & Co., stationery	8 15
	20— "	80, R. Haigh, binding	7 00
Sept.	2— "	81, Phillips & Robertson, packing case	3 00
	2— "	82, G. Sec., travelling expenses to B. meet'gs	24 85
	2— "	84, " " donation Palestine Explorat'n fund	50 00
	2— "	88, " " contingent expenses of office	100 00
	2— "	131, " " sundry contingent expenses.....	23 20
	2— "	87, A. DeGrassi, expenses of special visits to Lodges No. 13 and 98	20 00
	17— "	83, W. M. Aylmer Lodge, expenses of funerals of deceased Brethren.....	40 00
	30— "	85, R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, expenses of special visit to Lodge No. 117	11 65
	30— "	86, R. W. Bro. M. H. Spencer, special visits to Lodge No. 13	7 10
Oct.	6— "	132, Grand Secretary, one quarter's salary	300 00
1870.			
Jan.	3— "	136, " " " " "	300 00
	3— "	78, Pres. of Board, bal. expenses B. meetings	53 45
	3— "	137, G. Sec., contingent expenses of 1869	110 00
1869.			
July	8— "	76, T. & R. White, rent	40 00
		Balance	24,936 41
			$30,887 50

SIMCOE, 2nd January, 1870.

Audited and found correct.

GENERAL FUND.

The Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada in account with HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer.

1869.		Cr.	$ cts.
Jan.	3	By balance at credit of this account as rendered and audited	
	7	" dep'ted in B'k Com. by G. Sec. to credit G. Treas.	21,203 83
	9	" " " " " "	650 00
	15	" " " " " "	380 00
	17	" " " " " "	400 00
	27	" " " " " "	300 00
March	4	" " " " " "	513 30
	13	" " " " " "	110 50
	23	" " " " " "	92 35
April	3	" " " " " "	138 00
	8	" " " " " "	235 00
May	13	" " " " " "	82 00
June	4	" " " " " "	184 59
	19	" " " " " "	200 70
	24	" " " " " "	210 00
	28	" " " " " "	179 00
	30	" " " " " "	400 00
July	2	" " " " " "	317 00
	24	" " " " " "	511 75
Aug.	30	" " " " " "	1,850 00
Sept.	3	" " " " " "	400 00
Oct.	5	" " " " " "	300 00
	7	" " " " " "	200 00
	30	" " " " " "	150 00
Dec.	16	" " " " " "	154 00
	22	" " " " " "	242 00
	30	" " " " " "	306 00
	31	" " " " " "	609 00
			577 99
			$30,887 31
		By balance	$24,936 47

E. HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman Sub Com.*

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—(Current Fund.)

Dr. The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in account with HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1869.	To paid orders of the President Board of General Purposes on the Grand Treasurer as follows:	$ cts.
Jan. 9—	" 73 Mrs. H. W	25 00
Feb. 18—No.	51 Mrs. F	20 00
18—	" 49 Miss S	40 00
18—	" 50 Mrs. P	50 00
Mar. 1—	" 37 Mrs. W	20 00
1—	" 52 Mrs. D	20 00
4—	" 40 Mrs. G	30 00
4—	" 47 Mrs. F	20 00
4—	" 48 Mrs. C	20 00
9—	" 42 Mrs. P	20 00
9—	" 43 Bro. J. G	25 00
9—	" 44 Mrs. C	20 00
9—	" 46 Mrs. H	30 00
9—	" 53 Bro. W	50 00
17—	" 35 Mrs. S	50 00
18—	" 41 Mrs. B	30 00
30—	" 36 Mrs. MacD	100 00
30—	" 45 Bro. C	25 00
Apr. 18—	" 38 Mrs. B	30 00
May 5—	" 71 Bro. C. G. B	20 00
5—	" 70 Mrs. C	25 00
5—	" 69 Mrs. G	25 00
Aug. 3—	" 39 Mrs. M	25 00
3—	" 74 Mrs. H. D	25 00
4—	" 101 Mrs. L	25 00
4—	" 119 Mrs. Q	30 00
5—	" 114 Bro. J. R	40 00
6—	" 108 Bro. C. B	20 00
6—	" 115 Bro. J. G	25 00
6—	" 116 Mrs. C	20 00
7—	" 102 Mrs. F	20 00
7—	" 108 Mrs. C	20 00
7—	" 124 Orphans of late Bro. T	15 00
9—	" 98 Mrs. B	20 00
9—	" 104 Mrs. FinK	50 00
9—	" 106 Bro. J. D	40 00
9—	" 111 Bro. G. W	50 00
9—	" 129 Mrs. T. G. R	100 00
10—	" 89 Mrs. W	

1869.		$ cts.
Jan. 2—	By Balance as per account rendered	720 73
Apr. 6—	" 6 months' interest on Dominion Stock	720 00
May 17—	" interest to date on Gore Bank deposit	80 70
30—	" 6 months' interest on Co. Middlesex Debentures	48 00
30—	" int. from 17th May on Can. Bank of Commerce acct.	33 74
July 24—	" from General Fund	500 00
Oct. 18—	" Receiver General, on Dominion Stock	720 00
Dec. 31—	" 6 months' interest on Co. Middlesex Debentures	48 00
31—	" interest on Canadian Bank of Commerce acct	197 51

6—	"	108 Bro. C. B.	20 00
6—	"	115 Bro. J. G.	25 00
6—	"	116 Mrs. C.	20 00
7—	"	102 Mrs. F.	20 00
7—	"	108 Mrs. C.	20 00
7—	"	124 Orphans of late Bro. T.	15 00
9—	"	93 Mrs. B.	20 00
9—	"	104 Mrs. FitzK.	50 00
9—	"	106 Bro. J. D.	40 00
9—	"	121 Bro. G. W.	50 00
9—	"	129 Mrs. T. G. R.	100 00
10—	"	89 Mrs. W.	25 00
10—	"	127 Mrs. A.	25 00
11—	"	105 Montreal Board of Relief.	100 00
13—	"	95 Mrs. F.	40 00
13—	"	96 Mrs. A.	50 00
13—	"	97 Mrs. W.	50 00
13—	"	100 Mrs. N.	30 00
13—	"	109 Bro. J. B.	20 00
13—	"	122 Mrs. S.	20 00
18—	"	90 Mrs. T.	25 00
18—	"	107 Mrs. T.	25 00
18—	"	110 Toronto Benevolent Committee.	100 00
18—	"	117 Mrs. T.	25 00
18—	"	118 Mrs. I.	20 00
19—	"	123 Mrs. E.	25 00
20—	"	126 Mrs. J.	30 00
24—	"	98 Mrs. D.	20 00
24—	"	99 Mrs. P.	20 00
27—	"	88 Mrs. B.	25 00
Sept. 2—	"	120 Hamilton United Masonic Benevolent Fund.	50 00
13—	"	125 Mrs. B.	25 00
15—	"	128 Mrs. P.	25 00
18—	"	91 Miss S.	30 00
Oct. 13—	"	111 Bro. W. C.	25 00
20—	"	94 Mrs. G.	25 00
Nov. 20—	"	134 Mrs. G.	40 00
27—	"	112 Bro. J. K. M.	25 00
Dec. 22—	"	135 Bro. M.	40 00
		Balance	578 68
			$3,068 68

SIMCOE, 2nd January, 1870.

E. E.

Audited and found correct.

	$3,068 68
By Balance	$878 68

HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman Sub-Committee.*

BALANCE SHEET.

Dr. *The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.* *Cr.*

1869.	$ cts.	1869.	$ cts.
—Stocks under control of Grand Lodge	24,000 00	—General Fund	24,936 47
—" " " Asylum T. F. Com.	4,800 00	—Benevolent Fund (Current Account)	878 68
—Debentures	1,600 00	—Benevolent Fund (Investment Account)	9,486 41
—Bank of Montreal, Toronto	281 01	—Asylum Trust Fund Committee	5,081 01
—Bank of Commerce, Simcoe	9,701 56		
	$40,382 57		$40,382 57

SIMCOE, 29th January, 1870. E. E. HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct. HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman Sub Committee.*

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, RENDERED 24th JUNE, 1870.

Lodges marked (*) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

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NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
—	*Antiquity Lodge..	Montreal....	First Thursday.....of every month	W. Br. J. Urquhart.	Bro. Richard Rowe.
1	*Prevost.....	Dunham	Tuesday on or preceding full moon "	*No return.*	
2	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	Wednesday on or before full moon "	" Robert Best....	" John Best.
3	*St. John's.....	Kingston	First Thursday..... "	" John Kerr.....	" John M. Horsey.
4	*Dorchester.....	St. Johns'...	First Tuesday..... "	" G. H. Wilkinson	" W. A. Osgood.
5	*Sussex.....	Brockville...	Wednesday on or preceding f. m. "	" W. McKechnie.	" W. A. Schofield.
6	Barton.....	Hamilton....	Second Wednesday..... "	" RichardBrierley	" R. Kennedy.
7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	Thursday on or before full moon.. "	" William Forbes	" J. N. Kitchen.
8	*Nelson.....	Phillipsburgh	Thursday on or before full moon.. "	" L. W. Decker..	" P. E. Luke.
9	*Union.....	Napanee	Friday on or before full moon.... "	" F. Richardson.	" Charles James.
10	*Norfolk.....	Simcoe	Tuesday on or before full moon... "	" Wm. P. Kelly..	" Amos A. Merrill.
11	*Moira.....	Belleville....	Wednesday on or preceding f. m.. "	" A. Diamond...	" James Peard.
12	*Golden Rule.....	Stanstead....	Tuesday on or before full moon.. "	" R. C. Parsons..	" H. C. Hyatt.
13	*True Briton's.....	Perth	First Monday..... "	(*No returns.*)	
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines	Tuesday on or before full moon... "	" A. Chatfield....	" Thos. E. Dudley.
16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto. ...	Second Tuesday..... "	" Geo. Hodgetts..	" J. H. Hickman.
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg	Monday on or before full moon... "	" A. J. VanIngen	" George Pringle.
18	*Prince Edward's...	Picton	Thursday on or preceding f. m.... "	" John Terrill...	" Thos. Shannon.
19	*St. George's.....	Montreal....	Third Tuesday..... "	" Wm. Mackenzie	" Thos. J. Barrett.
20	*St. John's.....	London	Second Tuesday..... "	" M. D. Dawson.	" John H. Bell.
21	*Zetland	Montreal....	Second Thursday..... "	" J. J. Browne...	" George Black.
22	King Solomon's....	Toronto.....	Second Thursday..... "	" D. McLellan...	" R. W. Purvis.
23	Richmond.....	Richm'ndHill	Monday on or before full moon... "	" And. M. Hood..	" R. E. Law.
25	*Ionic.....	Toronto.....	First Tuesday..... "	" J. F. Lash.....	" W M. Ross.
26	*Ontario.....	Port Hope...	Third Thursday..... "	" Robert Nicholls	" S. C B. Dean.
27	*Strict Observance.	Hamilton....	Third Tuesday..... "	" W. W. Pringle.	" J. M. Gibson.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
28	*Mount Zion	Kemptville	Wednesday preceding full moon of every month	W. Br. Murdoch Gair	Bro. W. R. Anderson
29	*United	Brighton	Thursday on or before full moon	" Joseph Davy	" W. A. Mayhew
30	*Composite	Whitby	First Thursday	" C. A. Jones	" A. Borrowman
31	*Jerusalem	Bowmanville	Wednesday on or before f. m	" John Milne	" Richard Reid
32	*Amity	Dunnville	Wednesday on or after f. m	" M. C. Upper	" C. S. E. Black
33	Goderich	Goderich	First Wednesday	" D. Ferguson	" Wm. Dickson
34	*Thistle	Amherstburg	Tuesday before full moon	" Wm. McGuire	" John Conroy
35	St. John's	Cayuga	Thursday on or after full moon	" John Hoshal	" Joseph Hurssell
36	Welland	Fonthill	Thursday on or before full moon	" N. C. Holcomb	" J. C. Page
37	*King Hiram	Ingersoll	Tuesday on or before full moon	" J. R. Walker	" Alex. Reid
38	*Trent	Trenton	Tuesday before full moon	" Chas. Francis	" A. H. Wright
39	*Mount Zion	Brooklin	Tuesday on or preceding f. m	" J. P. Campbell	" Jas. A. Maybee
40	*St. John's	Hamilton	Third Thursday	" T. B. Harris	" A. Rutherford
41	*St. George's	Kingsville	Thursday on or before full moon	" W. J. Malott	" Jas. Greaves
42	*St George's	London	First Wednesday	" W. Skinner	" J. M. Longan
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	Tuesday on or before full moon	" J. Paterson	" R. McWhinnie
44	*St. Thomas	St. Thomas	First Thursday	" James Carrie	" Albert Hutson
45	Brant	Brantford	Tuesday on or before full moon	" H. M'K. Wilson	" W. C. Trimble
46	*Wellington	Chatham	Second Monday	" W. Carruthers	" Chas. Dunlop
47	*Great Western	Windsor	Thursday on or before full moon	" P. A. Craig	" Thos. Burnie
48	*Madoc	Madoc	Tuesday on or before full moon	" B. H. Maybee	" Jas. O'Hara, jr
49	*Harington	Quebec	Third Thursday	(*No returns.*)	
50	*Consecon	Consecon	Friday on or before full moon	" J. M'G. Young	" Levi C. Bailey
51	*Corinthian	Grahamville	Tuesday on or before full moon	" Joseph Figg	" C. Burrell
53	*Shefford	Waterloo	First Monday	" John Erskine	" Jno. Blackwood
54	*Vaughan	Maple	Tuesday on or before full moon	" A. P. Conyer	" Henry Hurst
55	*Mirickville	Mirickville	Tuesday after full moon	" D. Gwynne	" P. Y. Merrich
56	Victoria	Sarnia	Tuesday on or before full moon	" J. F. Lister	" Wm. Taylor
57	*Harmony	Binbrook	Monday after full moon	" J. Brown, jr	" Robt. H. Biggar
58	*Doric	Ottawa	First Wednesday	" Jno. Sweetland	" D. P Williams
59	*Corinthian	Ottawa	Third Thursday	" E. C. Barber	" Geo. L. Orme
60	*Hoyle	La Colle	Second Tuesday		

51	*Corinthian	Grahamville	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	"	John Erskine.	" Jno. Blackwood
53	*Shefford	Waterloo	First Monday	"	"	A. P. Conyer	" Henry Hurst
54	*Vaughan	Maple	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	"	D. Gwynne	" P. Y. Merrich
55	*Mirickville	Mirickville	Tuesday after full moon	"			
56	Victoria	Sarnia	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	"	J. F. Lister	" Wm. Taylor
57	*Harmony	Binbrook	Monday after full moon	"	"	J. Brown, jr	" Robt. H. Biggar
58	*Doric	Ottawa	First Wednesday	"	"	Jno. Sweetland	" D. P Williams
59	*Corinthian	Ottawa	Third Thursday	"	"	E. C. Barber	" Geo. L. Orme
60	*Hoyle	La Colle	Second Tuesday	"	"	T. Featherston	" Jas. A. Hume
61	*Acacia	Hamilton	Fourth Friday	"	"	E. Mitchell	" R. M'N. Smith
62	*St. Andrew's	Caledonia	Wednesday on or before full moon.	"	"	C. Hunter	" Thos. B. Howell
64	*Kilwinning	London	Third Thursday	"	"	J. R. Peel	" C. T. Campbell
66	*Durham	Newcastle	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	"	R. T. Wilkins'n	" M. W. Bayly
67	*St. Francis	Richmond	First Thursday	"		*No returns.*	
68	*St. John's	Ingersoll	Thursday on or before full moon	"	"	Allan McLean.	" I. B. Crawford
69	Stirling	Stirling	Thursday after full moon	"	"	Chas. Craige	" R. Finch
71	*Victoria	Sherbrooke	Second Tuesday	"		(*No returns.*)	
72	Alma	Galt	Thursday on or before full moon	"	"	W. S. Burnett.	" John Cavers
73	*St. James'	St. Mary's	First Monday	"	"	G. H. Marlatt.	" C. L. VonGunt'n
74	*St. James'	Maitland	Monday nearest full moon	"	"	Wm. Dobbin	" S. A. Horton
75	St. John's	Toronto	First Monday	"	"	N. L. Steiner	" John Erskine
76	*Oxford	Woodstock	Second Wednesday	"	"	E.A.R Fauqu'r	" Chas. L. Beard
77	*Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	First Thursday	"	"	A. Hudspeth	" Thos. Beall
78	*King Hiram	Tilsonburgh	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	"	Thos. B. Bain	" Thos. Leduc
79	Simcoe	Bradford	Thursday after full moon	"	"	H.S. Brought'n	" S. H. Dewart
80	Albion	Newbury	First Tuesday	"	"	G. Mansfield	" Andrew Wilson
81	*St. John's	Mt. Brydges	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	"	G. Billington.	" E. Handy
82	St. John's	Paris	First Tuesday	"	"	W. Winter	" D. N. Mitchell
83	*Beaver	Strathroy	Friday on or after f. m.	"	"	W G.V'nStad'n	" Richard Baker
84	Clinton	Clinton	Friday on or after f. m.	"	"	D. M. Malloch	" Geo. Chidley
85	Rising Sun	Farmersville	Thursday nearest f. m	"	"	D. Mansell	" J. H. Blackburn
86	*Wilson	Toronto	Third Tuesday	"	"	R. Robinson	" Jas B. Nixon
87	Markham Union	Markham	Friday on or before f. m	"	"	Robt. Vardon	" H. R. Corson
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	Wednesday on or before f. m	"	"	D. A. Creasor	" Jas. Caton
90	*Manito	Collingwood	Wednesday on or after f. m	"	"	E. R. Carpenter	" Arthur Moberly
91	*Colborne	Colborne	Friday on or before f. m	"	"	C. R. Ford	" A. Vars

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NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
92	*Cataraqui	Kingston	Second Wednesday of every month.	" R. Hendry, Jun.	Bro. H. S. Minnes
93	*Northern Light	Kincardine	Thursday on or after full moon	" Ross Robertson	" Jas. LeGear
94	*St. Mark's	Port Stanley	Second Tuesday	" Sam'l Shepard	" Wm. Hemphill
95	Ridout	Otterville	Thursday on or before full moon	" A. L. Wilcox	" M. Durkee
96	*Corinthian	Barrie	Thursday on or before full moon	" Robert King	" A. B. McPhee
97	*Sharon	Sharon	Tuesday on or before full moon	" Henry Mosier	" A. H. Willson
98	True Blue	Albion	Friday on or before full moon	" R. H. Booth	" James Roberts
99	*Tuscan	Newmarket	Wednesday on or before full moon	" E. Jackson	" P. S. Caldwell
100	Valley	Dundas	Friday on or before full moon	" N Greening	" J. S. Baillie
101	*Corinthian	Peterboro'	Wednesday after full moon	" R Kincaid	" W. N. Kennedy
103	*Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	Thursday on or after full moon	" Robt. Struthers	" J. A. Alexander.
104	St. John's	Norwichville	Wednesday after full moon	" J. Haken	" William Topham
105	St. Mark's	Drum'ndville	Tuesday on or before full moon	" George Collins	" T. W. Woodruff
106	*Burford	Burford	Wednesday on or before full moon	" W. G. Nelles	" John Findlay
107	St Paul's	Lambeth	Second Wednesday	" J M. Banghart	" D. B. Burch
108	Blenheim	Drumbo	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Jas. McKenzie	" Robt. J. Mann
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	Tuesday on or before full moon	" Joseph Purdy	" Schuyler Shibley
110	*Central	Prescott	First Tuesday	" Jas Reynolds	" C. Moore
112	Maitland	Goderich	Second Tuesday	" Hugh Gardiner	" Horace Horton
113	*Wilson	Waterford	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Aaron McMichael	" J. W. Green
114	*Hope	Port Hope	First Thursday	" John Wright	" A. W Pringle
115	*Ivy	Smithville	Tuesday on or after full moon	" Edward Irvine	" Robt. Thompson
116	*Cassia	Widder	Monday on or before full moon	" A. S. Proctor	" Thomas Caulan
117	*Stanbridge	Stanbridge	Wednesday on or before full moon	(*No returns.*)	
118	Union	Schomberg	Monday on or before full moon	" H. G. Summers	" John R. Bond
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	Monday before full moon	" W. F. Peterson	" John Belfour
120	Tuscan	Tingal	Second Thursday	" M. Campbell	" George Glasgow
124	The Belleville	Belleville	First Thursday	" T. B. Muir	" John Burns
125	*Montreal Kilwin'ng	Montreal	Second Monday	" D. Pitceathly	" John P. Thomas
126	*Cornwall	Cornwall	First Tuesday	(*No returns.*)	
127	*Golden Rule	Campbellsford	Tuesday on or after full moon	" Henry W. Weber	" Chas. Pool
128	Franck	Frankford	Monday before full moon	" H. A. Neil	" James Archer
129	*Pembroke	Pembroke	Tuesday before full moon	" John N. Lee	" Reuben W. Scott

117	*Stanbridge	Stanbridge	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" A. S. Proctor	" Thomas Caulan
					(*No returns.*)	
118	Union	Schomberg	Monday on or before full moon	"	" H. G. Summers	" John R. Bond
119	*Maple Leaf	Bath	Monday before full moon	"	" W. F. Peterson	" John Belfour
120	*Craven	Fingal	Second Thursday	"	" M. Campbell	" George Glasgow
121	*The Belleville	Belleville	First Thursday	"	" T. B. Muir	" John Burns
122	*Montreal Kilwin'ng	Montreal	Second Monday	"	" D. Fitzgerald	" John P. Thomas
125	*Cornwall	Cornwall	First Tuesday	"	(*No returns.*)	
126	*Golden Rule	Campbellsfrd	Tuesday on or after full moon	"	" Henry W. Weber	" Chas. Pool
127	Franck	Frankford	Monday before full moon	"	" H. A. Neil	" James Archer
128	*Pembroke	Pembroke	Tuesday before full moon	"	" John N. Lee	" Reuben W. Scott
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora	Friday on or after full moon	"	" S. E. Mitchell	" Asher Ansell
130	*Yamaska	Granby	First Wednesday	"	" T. G. Ransom	" James Watson
131	*St. Lawrence	Southampton	Second Tuesday	"	" T. Amyrauld	" George Vittie
133	*Lebanon Forest	Franceston	Monday on or before full moon	"	" R. A. Drake	" John Eastwood
134	*Shawenegam	Three Rivers	Second Wednesday	"	" M. Eacrett	" A. D. Freeman
135	*St. Clair	Milton	Thursday on or before full moon	"	" W. T. Rickaby	" John Godwin
136	Richardson	Stouffville	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" W. H. Street	" J. D. Matheson
137	*Pythagoras	Meaford	Friday on or after full moon	"	" Froncis Bickford	" G. Pingle
138	*Aylmer	Aylmer, P. Q.	Second Tuesday	"	" AdoniramBurritt	" Robert R. Fulton
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	Second Tuesday	"	" C. H. Church	" C. W. Deegan
140	*Malahide	Aylmer, Ont.	Wednesday on or after full moon	"	" John Boyd	" C. W. Smith
141	*Tudor	Mitchell	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	" S S. Clutton	" Wm. Campbell
142	*Excelsior	Morrisburgh	Thursday on or before full moon	"	" Ed. Hornibrook	" D. H. Stewart
143	*Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	Wednesday before full moon	"	" A. G. Macdonell	" Hiram Carman
144	*Tecumseh	Stratford	Thursday on or before full moon	"	" Jas. Stephenson	" John N. Tuttle
145	*J. B. Hall	Millbrook	Second Thursday	"	" Thos. Winter	" A. R. Macfarlane
146	*Prince of Wales	Newburgh	Wednesday before full moon	"	" Henry Turner	" Jacob Atkins
147	Mississippi	Almonte	Friday on or before full moon	"	" H. M. Wright	" W. A. Hope
148	*Civil Service	Seat of Gov't.	Second Tuesday	"	" R. Watson	" O. E. Henderson
149	Erie	Port Dover	Monday on or before full moon	"	" Edwd. P. Remon	" John Walsh
150	*Hastings	Hastings	Thursday on or before full moon	"	" J. V. Hoover	" H. H. Sovereign
151	The Grand River	Berlin	Tuesday on or before full moon	"		" John Peters
152	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Third Thursday	"	Charles Hendry	" J. S. Hoffman
153	*Burns	Wyoming	Thursday on or before full moon	"	(*No returns.*)	(*No returns.*)
					" James McKay	" H. G. Taylor

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154	*Irving	Lucan	Thursday on or before full moon of every month	W. Br. James Sutton	Br Wm. Frank
155	*Peterborough	Peterboro'	First Friday "	" Wm. Cameron	" Geo Burnham, jr
156	*York	Eglinton	Friday on or before f. m "	" John Fisher	" J. Fitzallen Ellis
157	Simpson	Newboro'	Tuesday on or after f. m "	" Thomas Camm	" A. W. Bell
158	*Alexandra	Oil Springs	Thursday on or after f. m "	" Wm. Smith	" Henry Brown
159	Goodwood	Richmond, O	First Tuesday "	"	" John McLaren
160	*Quebec Garrison	Quebec	First Monday "	" Martin Winn	" H. G. Mead
161	*Percy	Warkworth	Wednesday before f. m "	" Isr'el Humphries	" R. P. Hurlbut
162	Forest	Wroxeter	Friday on or before f. m "	" Ralph Hodgson	" A. Worthington.
163	*Browne	Adamsville	Friday on or before f m "	" G. H. Kemp	" H. Bowker
164	*Star in the East	Wellington	Tuesday on or before f. m "	" H. McCullough	" Nathan'l Gordon
165	*Burlington	Wellingt'n Sq	Wednesday on or before f. m "	" Wm. Kerns	" Robert Halson
166	*Wentworth	Stoney Creek	Monday on or before f. m "	" Walter McKay	" E. B. Smith
167	*Royal Albert	Montreal	First Wednesday "	(*No returns.*)	
168	*Merritt	Welland	Monday on or before f. m "	" Sam. E. Hopkins	" John J. Sidey
169	*Macnab	Port Colborne	Tuesday on or before f. m "	" James R. Haun	" C. B Nimmo
170	*Britannia	Seaforth	Monday on or after f. m "	" W. Ballantyne	" W. R. Counter
171	*Prince of Wales	Iona	Friday on or after f. m "	" Æ. S. K. Barclay	" Duncan Sinclair
172	*Ayr	Ayr	Tuesday on or before f. m "	" T. M. Anderson	" J. M'K. Anderson
173	*Victoria	Montreal	First Monday "	" F. W. Campbell	" John H. Menzies
174	*Walsingham	Port Rowan	First Thursday "	" Chauncy Bennett	" Wm. Ross
175	*St. John's	Mansonville	Wednesday before f. m "	" L. C. Moor	
176	Spartan	Sparta	Monday on or before f. m "	" Henry Kirkland	" F. A. Henderson
177	The Builders'	Ottawa	Second Friday "	" David Wilson	" Wm. Rea
178	*Plattsville	Plattsville	Friday on or before f. m "	" Fred. Butcher	" R. J. Bourchier
179	*Bothwell	Bothwell	Wednesday on or before f. m "	" H. F. Smith	" N. H. Avery
180	*Speed	Guelph	Second Tuesday "	" Chas. Sharpe	" J. B. Thornton
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	Tuesday on or before f. m of every month.		
182	*Tuscan	Levis	First Thursday "	" S. Leybourne	" G. W. Hare
183	Prince Albert	Prince Albert	Friday on or before f. m "	(*No returns.*)	
184	*Old Light	Lucknow	Thursday on or before f. m "	" Abner Hurd, jr	" W. H. Browne
185	*Enniskillen	York	Monday on or before f. m "	" Robert L Hunter	" Wm. Kennedy
186	*Plantagenet	Plantagenet	Monday on or before f. m "		

177	The Builders'	Ottawa	Second Friday	"	" David Wilson	"	Wm. Rea
178	*Plattsville	Plattsville	Friday on or before f. m	"	" Fred. Butcher	"	R. J. Bourchier
179	*Bothwell	Bothwell	Wednesday on or before f. m	"	" H. F. Smith	"	N. H. Avery
180	*Speed	Guelph	Second Tuesday	"	" Chas. Sharpe	"	J. B. Thornton

181	Oriental	Port Burwell	Tuesday on or before f. m.	of every month.	" S. Leybourne	"	G. W. Hare
182	*Tuscan	Levis	First Thursday	"	(*No returns.*)		
183	Prince Albert	Prince Albert	Friday on or before f. m	"	" Abner Hurd, jr.	"	W. H. Browne
184	*Old Light	Lucknow	Thursday on or before f. m	"	" Robert L Hunter	"	Wm. Kennedy
185	*Enniskillen	York	Monday on or before f. m	"	" A. W. Thompson	"	Asa R Atkinson
186	*Plantagenet	Plantagenet	Monday on or before f. m	"	" W.Chamberlain	"	J. Vanbridger
187	*Royal Canadian	Sweetsburgh	Second Wednesday	"	" C. H. Boright	"	Curtis S. Boright
188	*Ascot	Lennoxville	Monday on or before f. m	"	(*No returns.*)		
189	*Filius Viduæ	Adolphusto'n	Wednesday on or before f. m	"	" E. H Smith	"	J. J. Watson
190	Belmont	Belmont	Friday on or before f. m	"	" A J. Thomson	"	Wm D Eckert
191	*Ashlar	Coaticook	First Wednesday	"	" Wright Sleeper	"	N. W. Thomas
192	*Orillia	Orillia	Friday on or after f. m	"	" Robert Ramsay	"	G. M. Wilson
193	*Scotland	Scotland	Monday on or before f. m	"	" T. O. Prouse	"	J D. Eddy
194	*Petrolia	Petrolia	Second Wednesday	"	" David Trotter	"	Octavius Prince
195	The Tuscan	London	First Monday	"	" Alfred G. Smyth	"	S Blackburn
196	*Madawaska	Arnprior	Thursday on or before f. m.	"	" J. G Cranston	"	A. Garrioch
197	*Saugeen	Walkerton	Second Tuesday	"	" E. A. Healey	"	Hugh Davidson
198	White Oak	Oakville	Tuesday on or before f. m	"	" Wm. Robertson	"	E. R. Skelley
199	*Frelighsburg	Frelighsb'rgh	Monday on or before f. m	"	" G. R. Marvin	"	E E. Spencer
200	St. Albans	Mount Forest	Friday on or before f. m	"	" W. W. Winfield	"	John McLaren
201	*Leeds	Gananoque	Tuesday on or before f. m	"	" William Byers	"	W. B. Carroll
202	*Mount Royal	Montreal	Second Tuesday	"	" Charles Storer	"	John Robson
203	Irvine	Elora	Friday on or before f. m	"	" John Smith	"	Andrew Connell
204	*Doric	Danville	Wednesday on or before f. m	"	(*No returns.*)		
205	New Dominion	New Hamb'rg	Monday on or after full moon	"	" G. B. Phillips	"	Jacob Leyler
206	*North Gower	North Gower	First Monday	"	" Rev D.P. Merritt		
207	*Lancaster	Lancaster	Second Wednesday	"	" Alex. McGregor	"	John S Bowden
208	Chateauguay	Huntingdon	Second Tuesday	"	(*No returns.*)		(*No returns.*)
209	Evergreen	Lanark	First Tuesday	"	" R Pollock	"	A G Dobbie
210	*Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	First Wednesday	"	" James W Crate	"	W. Earl Hayes
211	*Brome Lake	Knowlton	First Wednesday	"	" C. D Smith	"	W H. O'Regan
212	*Elysian	Garden Island	First Monday	"	" Robert Nancollas	"	G. F. Charles

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213	Dominion	Ridgeway	Wednesday on or before f. moon of every month	W. Bro. J. N. Fulmer	Bro. Robert Balfour
214	Craig	Ailsa Craig	Monday on or after full moon	" E. A. Mumford	" Wm. McIntosh
215	Lake	Ameliasb'rgh	Monday on or after full moon	" I. Johnston	" John N. Sprague
216	Harris	Orangeville	First Tuesday	" S. H. McKitrick	" R. J. McKitrick
217	Frederick	Delhi	Monday on or before full moon	" Luke Cook	" G. W. Wood.
218	*Stevenson	Toronto	Second Monday	" W. C. Morrison.	" Thomas Drewry
219	Credit	Georgetown	Friday on or before full moon	" James M. Dunn.	" J. S. Harley
220	Zoredatha	Uxbridge	Monday on or before full moon	" G. H. Dartnell	" .....
221	Mountain	Thorold	Wednesday on or before full moon	" John Dale	" Hugh James
222	Marmora	Marmora	Tuesday before every full moon	" G. E. Bull	" David Fitchett
223	Norwood	Norwood	Monday on or before full moon	" W. E. Roxburgh.	" J. A. Butterfield
224	Zurich	Zurich	Friday on or before full moon	" William Carrick	" Robert Brown
225	Bernard	Listowel	Wednesday on or before full moon.	" George Towner.	" J. H. Halstead
226	Mount Moriah	Montreal	First Friday	" P. B. Martin	" James Reid
227	Sutton	Sutton Flatt.	Third Wednesday	" Earnest Racicot.	" E. A. Dyer
228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	Monday after full moon	" A. J. O'Loughlin	" John K. Booth
229	Ionic	Brampton	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Joseph A. Fife	" J. B. Magurn
230	Kerr	Bell Ewart	Tuesday on or before full moon	" J. W. H. Wilson	" G. P. McKay
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	Second Wednesday	" D. S. Eastwood	" G. Levin
232	Cameron	Wallacetown.	Wednesday on or before full moon	" John Edgcombe	" .....
233	Doric	Park Hill	Tuesday on or before full moon	" John Dawson	" .....
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	Tuesday on or before full moon	" A. Mitchell	" .....
235	Aldworth	Paisley	Friday on or before full moon	" Robert Dick	" .....
236	Manitoba	Bondhead	Tuesday on or after full moon	" T. C Scholfield	" .....
237	Vienna	Vienna	Friday on or before full moon	" S. Leybourne	" John Dean
238	Havelock	Watford	Tuesday before full moon	" J.A. Sommerville	

AT REST.

NAMES.	No. LODGE.	DATE.
John Savage	3 St. John's	November 19.....1869
W. J. Bain	5 Sussex	July 7..... "
C. E. B. Haight		August 6.....1870
George Smith	6 Barton	Jan. 2..... "
John Chamberlain	9 Union	July 5.....1869
G. Jackson	10 Norfolk	February 18.....1870
M. H. Foley		April 8..... "
James Forneri	16 St. Andrew's	September 5.....1869
Thomas Willing		May 31.....1870
Henry Ingersoll Thorp		November 30.....1869
Thomas Moore	18 Prince Edward's	December 2..... "
Samuel H. Barton		August 19.....1870
Charles Smith		August 22..... "
Emanuel Pavey	20 St. John's	July 16.....1869
John Jackson		April 3.....1870
James Scott	22 King Solomon's	November 17.....1869
Joseph McConnell	23 Richmond	October 3.....1870
James Bain	30 Composite	September 20.....1869
Amos Yager	32 Amity	February 11.....1870
Barton Farr		March 28..... "
William Darrach		July 17..... "
George Brown	34 Thistle	December 18.....1869
P. J. Hindall	37 King Hiram	
Hugh Lamb		
Joseph Walton		
Charles E. Washburn	40 St. John's	
W. Hutchinson		May 14.....1870
G. F. Malcolmson		August 5..... "
John Bruce	43 King Solomon's	January 2..... "
James Sewell	46 Wellington	September 11.....1869
James Sheriff		December 31..... "
W. L. Williamson		November 4..... "
W. S. Lanspeary	47 Great Western	July 21.....1870
John Macdonald		January 16..... "
James Reid	57 Harmony	May 30..... "
Matthew Avid	58 Doric	August 21..... 1869
W. Duck	59 Corinthian	March 1.....1870
A. McIntyre	64 Kilwinning	November 18.....1869
Charles McCue	68 St. John's	May 5.....1870
Robert McRory	69 Stirling	February 27..... "
Joshua Lowe		July 17.....1869
W. Gibson		August 9..... "
D. A. Sampson	75 St. John's	August 27..... "
Thomas Gundry		October 2..... "
Thomas Willing		May 31.....1870
C. R. Turquand		February 15..... "
George W. Whitehead	76 Oxford	March 6..... "
William Butcher	84 Clinton	
Lorenzo D. Phillips		
Jonas J. Cole	85 Rising Sun	1869
E. Sowden		June 8.....1870
W. H. Mandeville	86 Wilson	October 14.....1869
Lachlin Sutherland	94 St. Mark's	January 31.....1870
Alvenes H. Hamilton		March 3..... "
John Atkinson	95 Ridout	August 3.....1869
Frederick A. Lermitte	96 Corinthian	December 6..... "
William Willis	100 Valley	April 25.....1870
H. H. James	105 St. Mark's	August 26.....1869
Samuel Pomeroy	108 Blenheim	January 2.....1870
R. Gladden	109 Albion	March 31..... "
James Blacklock	121 Doric	July 31..... "
Barton S. Gilbert	126 The Belleville	September 18..... "

Vienna ..... Friday on or before full moon ..... " S. Leybourne ..... " John Dean
Vienna ..... Friday on or before full moon ..... " J. A. Sommerville
Havelock ..... Tuesday before full moon .....
Watford .....

AT REST.

NAMES.	No.	LODGE.	DATE.
Robert Bissett	133	Lebanon Forest	June 23 1870
R. H. Foster	137	Pythagoras	September 27 1869
Peter Gray	139	Lebanon	September 16 1870
John P. Lewis	146	Prince of Wales	January ..... "
Worsley Ebbs	148	Civil Service	August 1869
Joseph T. McCuaig			December 12 ..... "
Albert G. Cummer			
Elisha B. Wilson	149	Erie	
Axford Bowlby			December 15 ..... "
James Elliott	157	Simpson	December 22 ..... "
Robert Menzies	165	Burlington	December 7 ..... "
John Jackson	180	Speed	April 22 1870
George Ault	181	Oriental	August 11 1869
John H. Archer	183	Prince Albert	April 15 1870
J. G. Clute	189	Filius Viduæ	January 20 ..... "
Matthias Smith	193	Scotland	August 16 ..... "
John Orchard	194	Petrolia	June 21 ..... "
Charles F. Wilkins	213	Dominion	October 23 1869
Thomas Flad	216	Harris	April 2 1870
George Wright	239	Ionic.	

SUSPENSIONS.—Unmasonic Conduct.

No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines, O.*
Charles P. Camp.

No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, O.*
William Purdy.

No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor, O.*
I. I. Maurer.

No. 50. *Consecon Lodge, Consecon, O.*
S. B. Nethery.

No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood, O.*
Thomas Flesher.

No. 92. *Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston, O.*
James J. Whitehead.

No. 94. *St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley, O.*
Samuel Kerr.

No. 116. *Cassia Lodge, Widder, Ont.*
William Dimond.

No. 118. *Union Lodge, Lloydtown, O.*
Joseph T. Carson.

No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora, O.*
John Bosanko.

No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, O.*
John Burns, Henry Bricker.

No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover, O.*
James L. Thompson.

No. 172. *Ayr Lodge, Ayr, O.*
George Fach.

SUSPENSIONS.—Non-Payment of Dues.

No. 1. *Prevost Lodge, Dunham.*
H. A. McGowan.

No. 4. *Dorchester Lodge, St. John's, P. Q.*
Alfred L. Nash, Rollo Marvin, Henry Chillingsworth, J. Creah, J. H. Warnington, John Hungerford.

No. 6. *Barton Lodge, Hamilton, O.*
J. C. McLaughlin, John Hart, J. M. McKenzie, Ethelbert Servos.

No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, O.*
William Melborne, E. Synge, D. McK. Cameron.

No. 19. *St. George's Lodge, Montreal, Q.*
W. B. Bowie, Job. C. Thompson, J. B. Cowan, David Douglass, A. Galway.

No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto, O.*
F. I. Lapenotier.

No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, O.*
Thomas Lowrie, Robert Grant, J. T. Burnett.

No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby, O.*
J. M. Lowes, J. B. Powell, T. M. Clegg, J. A. Campbell.

No. 34. *Thistle Lodge, Amherstburgh, O.*
A. Jones, G. Gott, C. G. Fortier, John Gostage, Edw. Shay, G. Brown, Henry J. Brown, William Wilkinson, Thomas Germain, John Dall.

No. 36. *Welland Lodge, Fonthill, O.*
George Gamble.

No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London, O.*
T. D. Mahan, G. Ellis, R. S. P. Davidson.

No. 44. *St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas, O.*
H. H. Hunt.

No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford, O.*
D. McK. Creyk, W. B. Moffat, L. R. Smith, A. Marlatt.

No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, O.*
R. J. Earl, Edward Dicken.

No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor, O.*
R. Caldwell, W. E. Randall, John Taylor.

No. 48. *Madoc Lodge, Madoc, O.*
Mark Running, William J. Massey.

No. 50. *Consecon Lodge, Consecon, O.*
Henry M. Hicks, A. Benson, R. Young.

No. 56. *Victoria Lodge, Sarnia, O.*
George Mathieson, Robert Jamieson, Jas. W. Leonard.

No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa, O.*
Robert Bell, G. A. Hawkins, H. Porter.

No. 60. *Hoyle Lodge, La Colle, Q.*
John T. Stokes, T. Corduke, Robt. H. Whitman, Geo. Wagnor.

No. 61. *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton, O.*
J. W. Ferguson, Matt. Howie, Ferdinand Strauss.

No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London, O.*
John Crabb, J. Salker, D. McFie.

No. 66. *Durham Lodge, Newcastle, O.*
Robert Fairbairn.

No. 73. *St. James' Lodge, St. Mary's, O.*
L. A. McIntyre, Thomas Conlan.

No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto, O.*
Alexander Monroe, G. T. Berthon.

No. 77. *Faithful Brethren Lodge, Lindsay, O.*
Charles Tiers, Duncan McNaughton, Daniel McDonald.

No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tolsonburgh, O.*
Jacob Glover, Walter H. Brown, Enoch B. Brown.

No. 84. *Clinton Lodge, Clinton, O.*
Daniel L. Sills.

No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood, O.*
William Crone, Herman J. Beyer.

No. 100. *Valley Lodge, Dundas, O.*
A. R. Wardell, W. F. Parsons, David Watson, J. J. Flynn, James Chegwin, Robert Murray.

No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines, O.*
Henry Hudson, Robert Widdicombe.

No. 110. *Central Lodge, Prescott, O.*
Alvin C. Tupper.

No. 121. *Doric Lodge, Brantford, O.*
J. C. Marsland, James Barker, Henry Holding.

No. 128. *Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke, O.*
James Graham.

No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora, O.*
John Main, Geo. Reed, Fred'k Long, Nathaniel Pearson.

No. 130. *Yamaska Lodge, Granby, Q.*
Charles T. Miner.

No. 139. *Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa, O.*
J. D. Hall, J. P. Sparrow, Geo. W. Colston, John Leask, C. Warren, F. Keller.

No. 142. *Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg, O.*
William Hollister, William M. Smith.

No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, O.*
A. H. Thompson.

No. 146. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Newburgh, O.*
Calvin Miller.

No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa, O.*
G. G. Dunlevie.

No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover, O.*
Richard Turner, James Crossland, James L. Thompson.

No. 155. *Peterborough Lodge, Peterboro', O.*
Alexander Graham.

No. 156. *York Lodge, Eglinton, O.*
Josiah Lukes, O. S. Winstanley, Jas. Rowell, T. Robinson, J. C. Davis, S. Crystal.

No. 160. *Quebec Garrison Lodge, Quebec Q.*
Francis Villiers, James Stuart, Thomas Kelly.

No. 167. *Royal Albert Lodge, Montreal, Q.*
John McPherson, Charles S. Brush, William J. Morrice.

No. 179. *Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell, O.*
A. M. Fleming, Samuel R. St. Nicholas, E. B. Ward.

No. 187. *Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetsburgh, Q.*
William S. Abbott.

No. 190. *Belmont Lodge, Belmont, O.*
Thomas Goulding, Maitland Wright.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 6. *Barton Lodge, Hamilton, O.*
Charles Cumber.

No. 20. *St. John's Lodge, London, O.*
J. D. Sharman.

No. 21. *Zetland Lodge, Montreal, Q.*
John J. Browne, Jacob Samuels, Isaac Lee.
Robert Rimmington

No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto, O.*
E. R. O'Brien.

No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, O.*
G. M. Furby, James Leverick.

No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby, O.*
A. Logan.

No. 31. *Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville, O.*
Edward Silver, William Williams.

No. 34. *Thistle Lodge, Amherstburg, O.*
Franck Brown.

No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll, O.*
W. G. Wonham.

No. 40. *St. John's Lodge, Hamilton, O.*
William Hutchinson.

No. 43. *King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock, O.*
Alexander McCleneghan.

No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, O.*
A. P. Salter.

No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa, O.*
James Clarke, Charles Esplin, W. J. Mills.

No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia, O.*
James Clark.

No. 66. *Durham Lodge, Newcastle, O.*
Baldwin L. Bradley.

No. 69. *Stirling Lodge, Stirling, O.*
B. L. Wilson, J. F. Carlton.

No. 73. *St. James' Lodge, St Mary's, Q.*
Justus Ingersoll.

No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto, O.*
H. C Westby

No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburgh, O.*
Andrew Hunter, T. S. Brown, William Moulton, George Eaton, Adamyn Brown.

No. 80. *Albion Lodge, Newbury, O.*
William R. Hunter.

No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto, O.*
Thomas B. Dack.

No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood, O.*
T. C. Prosser.

No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne, O.*
Joseph Doolittle, R. N. Howell.

No. 92. *Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston, O.*
John S. Smyth.

No. 93. *Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, O.*
William A. Young.

No. 94. *St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley, O.*
John Batt.

No. 95. *Ridout Lodge, Otterville, O.*
William A. McLim.

No. 105. *St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, O.*
Peter Renner.

No. 107. *St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth, O.*
James Clinklaw.

No. 114. *Hope Lodge, Port Hope, O.*
Richard Fogarty.

No. 116. *Cassia Lodge, Widder, O.*
John Scoon.

No. 118. *Union Lodge, Lloydtown, O.*
John S. Roper, W. H Porter.

No. 130. *Yamaska Lodge, Granby, Q.*
James Chalmers, Elias Ross.

No. 137. *Pythagoras Lodge Meaford, O.*
Alexander Corley.

No. 150. *Hastings Lodge, Hastings, O.*
David S. Nelson.

No. 158. *Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs, O.*
Russell H. Read.

No. 174. *Walsingham Lodge, Port Rowan, O.*
Charles Bingham, Charles Raymond.

No. 179. *Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell, O.*
Elisha P. Summer.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURN OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 24th JUNE, 1870.

LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdra'ls.	Died.	Susp. A.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
— Antiquity	Montreal	13	4	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
1 Prevost	Dunham	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	54
2 Niagara	Niagara	4	5	5	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	51
3 St. John's	Kingston	1	1	5	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	43
4 Dorchester	St. Johns'	2	2	2	8	3	..	6	..	..	..	126
5 Sussex	Brockville	6	4	2	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	21
6 Barton	Hamilton	13	13	12	11	4	1	6	..	..	1	61
7 Union	Grimsby	7	7	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	113
8 Nelson	Phillipsburgh	..	..	1	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	30
9 Union	Napanee	7	8	11	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	12
10 Norfolk	Simcoe	5	5	2	1	6	2	..	..	..	..	84
11 Moira	Belleville	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64
12 Golden Rule	Stanstead	2	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	58
14 True Briton's	Perth	5	5	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	127
15 St. George's	St. Catharines	16	13	14	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	35
16 St. Andrew's	Toronto	18	11	10	2	2	2	3	..	1	..	90
17 St. John's	Cobourg	9	6	6	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	97
18 Prince Edward's	Picton	7	6	5	2	6	1	..	..	..	..	93
19 St. George's	Montreal	4	4	3	2	9	..	5	..	..	..	83
20 St. John's	London	11	12	11	2	8	2	..	..	..	..	57
21 Zetland	Montreal	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	70
22 King Solomon's	Toronto	8	8	11	10	9	1	..	1	..	4	30
23 Richmond	Richmond Hill	14	11	8	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	142
25 Ionic	Toronto	5	3	1	6	1	1	1	..	..	1	40
26 Ontario	Port Hope	6	4	4	8	1	..	..	..	..	1	90
27 Strict Observance	Hamilton	18	15	16	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	84
28 Mount Zion	Kemptville	1	3	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	99
29 United	Brighton	3	4	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
30 Composite	Whitby	9	8	9	2	7	1	4	..	..	1	39
31 Jerusalem	Bowmanville	4	4	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	49
32 Amity	Dunnville	10	8	2	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	40
33 Goderich	Goderich	2	3	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	84
34 Thistle	Amherstburg	2	3	2	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	19
35 St. John's	Cayuga	10	9	9	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	25
36 Welland	Ponthill	..	1	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	26
37 King Hiram	Ingersoll	11	8	8	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	40
38 Trent	Trenton	4	4	2	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	64
39 Mount Zion	Brooklin	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
40 St. John's	Hamilton	19	14	6	2	4	4	..	..	..	1	29
41 St. George's	Kingsville	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
42 St. George's	London	4	3	4	2	3	..	3	..	..	..	68
43 King Solomon's	Woodstock	8	7	8	4	4	1	..	..	..	1	50
44 St. Thomas	St. Thomas	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	64
45 Brant	Brantford	7	2	4	5	2	..	4	..	..	..	49
46 Wellington	Chatham	11	12	7	2	4	3	3	..	..	1	77
47 Great Western	Windsor	8	10	9	3	5	1	3	..	..	..	79
48 Madoc	Madoc	5	6	7	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	78
49 Harington	Quebec	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	53
50 Consecon	Consecon	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	47
51 Corinthian	Grahamville	9	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
53 Shefford	Waterloo	2	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	19
54 Vaughan	Maple	8	7	9	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	56
55 Mirickville	Mirickville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53
56 Victoria	Sarnia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
57 Harmony	Binbrook	4	4	2	2	4	..	3	..	..	..	30
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58 Doric	Ottawa	6	3		4	14	1	3		3	84
59 Corinthian	Ottawa	3	3	5		5	1				49
60 Hoyle	La Colle	1	1	2		6		4			10
61 Acacia	Hamilton	11	10	10	6	5					84
62 St. Andrew's	Caledonia	9	5	3		3				1	53
64 Kilwinning	London	8	4	3	6	4	1	3			70
66 Durham	Newcastle	7	5	1		2				1	39
67 St. Francis	Richmond										36
68 St. John's	Ingersoll	9	10	9	1	1					67
69 Stirling	Stirling	10	9	10		4	1			1	62
71 Victoria	Sherbrooke	3	2		1	1					66
72 Alma	Galt	3	4	5	1	6					68
73 St. James'	St. Mary's	9	5	4	3	7		2		1	54
74 St. James'	Maitland	2	2	1	3						33
75 St. John's	Toronto	14	13	15	5	7	5	2		1	129
76 Oxford	Woodstock	4	4	5		3	2				39
77 Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	7	3	4	1	2		3			28
78 King Hiram	Tilsonburgh	4	3	3	1	2		4		5	47
79 Simcoe	Bradford	19	19	19		6			1		37
80 Albion	Newbury	4	4	6	2	7				1	39
81 St. John's	Mt. Brydges	8	9	7	1	5					44
82 St. John's	Paris	4	6	11		7					60
83 Beaver	Strathroy	1	2	1	1	2					54
84 Clinton	Clinton	1	1	1	8		1	1			30
85 Rising Sun	Farmersville	1		1	4		2				30
86 Wilson	Toronto	7	11	7	5	8	1			1	122
87 Markham Union	Markham										30
88 St. George's	Owen Sound	8	8	4	2						55
90 Manito	Collingwood	10	10	7	1	1		1		1	74
91 Colborne	Colborne	11	10	9							59
93 Cataraqui	Kingston	8	9	12	1	11		1	1	1	104
98 Northern Light	Kincardine	7	7	6		3				1	40
94 St. Mark's	Port Stanley	5	6	9	2	2	2	1	1	1	32
95 Ridout	Otterville					1					26
96 Corinthian	Barrie	4	2	3	3	2	1				48
97 Sharon	Sharon	5	1								40
98 True Blue	Albion	3	2	1	2	2					21
99 Tuscan	Newmarket	2	3	4	1	2					35
100 Valley	Dundas	4	2	4	1	8	1	6			37
101 Corinthian	Peterboro'	9	5	10	1	3					41
103 Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	8	6	11	7	16		3	1		98
104 St. John's	Norwichville	3	2	1		2					28
105 St. Mark's	Drummondville	9	8	10		1				1	65
106 Burford	Burford	6	6	6	3	1					28
107 St. Paul's	Lambeth	3	5	3	5					1	34
108 Bienheim	Drumbo	4	4	2	1	1					29
109 Albion	Harrowsmith	2	2		2	1					30
110 Central	Prescott	8	12	12	2	1	1				79
112 Maitland	Goderich	13	12	10	2	5					72
113 Wilson	Waterford	3	3	3	2	7					36
114 Hope	Port Hope	11	11	15	3	4				1	44
115 Ivy	Smithville										26
116 Cassia	Widder		3	3					1		43
117 Stanbridge	Stanbridge	3	3	3		3					59
118 Union	Schomberg	11	8	6	1	4			1	2	20
119 Maple Leaf	Bath	9	8	6	1	2					30
120 Warren	Fingal	6	7	7							34
121 Doric	Brantford	1	1	1		2					60
123 Renfrew	Renfrew										14
123 The Belleville	Belleville	6	6	6	2	1					76
124 Montreal Kilwin'ng	Montreal										152
125 Cornwall	Cornwall	13	15	14	2	1			1	1	43
126 Golden Rule	Campbellsford										33
127 Franck	Frankford	15	14	8		1					56

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LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawls.	Died.	Susp. N.P.D	Susp. U.M.C	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
128 Pembroke	Pembroke	11	7	6	4	3	..	1	..	..	..	27
129 The Rising Sun	Aurora	6	3	1	1	4	..	..	1	..	..	35
130 Yamaska	Granby	2	3	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	2	19
131 St. Lawrence	Southampton	5	4	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	25
132 Lebanon Forest	Franceston	2	2	2	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	52
133 Shawenegam	Three Rivers	2	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
134 St. Clair	Milton	7	6	4	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	54
135 Richardson	Stouffville	9	6	6	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	67
137 Pythagoras	Meaford	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	34
138 Aylmer	Aylmer, P. Q.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
139 Lebanon	Oshawa	13	11	10	1	8	..	6	..	..	..	65
140 Malahide	Aylmer, Ont.	14	12	11	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	59
141 Tudor	Mitchell	6	5	1	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	35
142 Excelsior	Morrisburgh	4	2	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	64
143 Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	1	1	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	48
144 Tecumseh	Stratford	8	11	13	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	71
145 J. B. Hall	Millbrook	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
146 Prince of Wales	Newburgh	4	4	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	64
147 Mississippi	Almonte	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	24
148 Civil Service	Seat of Government	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	..	..	..	37
149 Erie	Port Dover	5	6	5	1	3	3	2	1	..	..	57
150 Hastings	Hastings	3	3	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	50
151 The Grand River	Berlin	6	6	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	29
152 Clarenceville	Clarenceville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
153 Burns	Wyoming	5	5	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
154 Irving	Lucan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
155 Peterborough	Peterboro'	4	4	4	3	5	..	1	..	..	..	38
156 York	Eglinton	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
157 Simpson	Newboro'	3	3	7	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	39
158 Alexandra	Oil Springs	7	6	7	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	37
159 Goodwood	Richmond, O.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
160 Quebec Garrison	Quebec	3	3	3	4	18	..	3	..	..	..	30
161 Percy	Warkworth	7	6	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	33
162 Forest	Wroxeter	2	4	5	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	31
163 Browne	Adamsville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
164 Star in the East	Wellington	3	3	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	30
165 Burlington	Wellington Square	3	2	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	40
166 Wentworth	Stoney Creek	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
167 Royal Albert	Montreal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
168 Merritt	Welland	5	5	6	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	55
169 Macnab	Port Colborne	..	..	..	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	39
170 Britannia	Seaforth	5	4	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	45
171 Prince of Wales	Iona	6	7	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	41
172 Ayr	Ayr	8	4	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	55
173 Victoria	Montreal	2	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
174 Walsingham	Port Rowan	3	3	3	6	9	..	1	..	..	..	46
175 St. John's	Mansonville	12	10	9	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	59
176 Spartan	Sparta	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
177 The Builders'	Ottawa	5	4	5	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	26
178 Plattsville	Plattsville	6	6	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	63
179 Bothwell	Bothwell	6	5	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	35
180 Speed	Guelph	5	3	3	1	3	..	4	..	..	1	41
181 Oriental	Port Burwell	9	9	8	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	65
182 Tuscan	Levis	8	10	9	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	55
183 Prince Albert	Prince Albert	..	1	1	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	30
184 Old Light	Lucknow	2	1	2	2	6	1	..	..	..	..	40
185 Enniskillen	York	4	3	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
186 Plantagenet	Plantagenet	10	10	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	28
187 Royal Canadian	Sweetsburgh	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
188 Ascot	Lennoxville	8	8	5	2	7	1	..	..	..	..	38
189 Filius Viduæ	Adolphustown	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
190 Belmont	Belmont	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	21
191 Ashlar	Coaticook	7	7	7	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	38
192 Orillia	Orillia	4	4	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	28
		4	2	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	41

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	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdra'ls.	Died.	Susp. N. P. D.	Susp. U. M. C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
193	Scotland	Scotland	1	9	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	27
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	11	13	6	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	44
195	The Tuscan	London	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
196	Madawaska	Arnprior	3	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	21
197	Saugeen	Walkerton	9	13	9	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	42
198	White Oak	Oakville	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
199	Freilighsburg	Freilighsburgh	..	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	20
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	7	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
201	Leeds	Gananoque	14	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
202	Mount Royal	Montreal	11	13	12	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	35
203	Irvine	Elora	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
204	Doric	Danville	4	5	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	1	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	39
206	North Gower	North Gower	3	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
207	Lancaster	Lancaster	5	6	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	26
208	Chataunguay	Huntingdon	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
209	Evergreen	Lanark	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
210	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	3	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
211	Brome Lake	Knowlton	6	7	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	17
212	Elysian	Garden Island	9	9	12	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
213	Dominion	Ridgeway	13	11	9	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	26
214	Craig	Alisa Craig	6	11	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
215	Lake	Amelíasburgh	5	5	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
216	Harris	Orangeville	27	19	21	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	88
217	Frederick	Delhi	4	5	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	19
218	Stevenson	Toronto	21	18	12	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	37
219	Credit	Georgetown	24	21	21	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
221	Mountain	Thorold	7	6	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
222	Marmora	Marmora	4	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
223	Norwood	Norwood	11	11	11	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
224	Zurich	Zurich	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
225	Bernard	Listowel	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
226	Mt. Moriah	Montreal	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
227	Sutton	Sutton Flatt	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
229	Ionic	Brampton	2	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	18
230	Kerr	Bell Ewart	7	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
232	Cameron	Wallacetown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
233	Doric	Park Hill	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
235	Aldworth	Paisley	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
236	Manitoba	Bondhead	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
237	Vienna	Vienna	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
238	Havelock	Watford	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
		TOTALS	1208	1056	908	331	519	69	117	16	1	148	9091

RECAPITULATION

Of the Returns of Lodges for the year ending 24th June, 1870, as far as heard from

Lodges working under warrants	229
" represented in Grand Lodge	195
" organized	239
" extinct and dormant	10
" affiliated	1
" working	229
Initiations reported	1,248
Passings "	1,056
Raisings "	998
Joinings "	331
Resignations "	519
Deaths "	69
Suspensions for non-payment of dues	117
" " unmasonic conduct	16
Expulsions	3
Restorations	48
Members in good standing	9,991
Receipts from Lodges for the fiscal year ending 31st December, 1869, for fees, dues, etc	$6,683 48
Assets of Grand Lodge, as per Grand Treasurer's Statement to 30th June, 1870	$35,044 96
Masonic Asylum Fund, as reported 30th June, 1870	$ 5,232 31
	$41,177 27

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BY THE GRAND LODGE FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

LEWIS CLEMENT, Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford, C.

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