

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

AT THE

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT THE

CITY OF MONTREAL,

On the 27th and 28th days of January, A.D. 1886,  
A.L. 5886.

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ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

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J. FRED. WALKER, Montreal, P.Q., Grand Master.  
JOHN H. ISAACSON, Montreal, P.Q., Grand Secretary.

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**A. F. & A. M.**  
 AT ITS  
**Sixteenth Annual Communication.**

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On Wednesday the 27th day of January, A. D. 1886, A. L. 5886, and following day, at the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, was held the Sixteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Antient Free and Accepted Masons, the following named brethren being present :

M. Wor.	Bro. E. R. Johnson	Grand Master, on the Throne.
R.	" " J. Fred. Walker	Deputy Grand Master.
" "	" " William H. Whyte	D. D. G. M. Montreal District.
" "	" " H. E. Channell	" " St. Francis "
" "	" " E. R. Rowell, M.D.	" " Bedford "
" "	" " W. H. O'Regan	" " Shefford & Brome.
" "	" " H. J. Miller	Grand Senior Warden.
" "	" " Rev. H. W. Nye	" Junior "
" "	" " Rev. Robert Kerr	" Chaplain.
" "	" " L. H. Stearns	" Treasurer.
" "	" " John H. Isaacson	" Secretary.
V.	" " Chas. Byrd, as	Senior Deacon.
" "	" " L. G. Burnell	Junior "
" "	" " James S. Evans, as	Director of Ceremonies.
" "	" " David Seath,	" Organist.
" "	" " H. Dunne, as	" Pursuivant.
" "	" " James Mitchell	" Steward.
" "	" " Joseph Rodrigue	" "
" "	" " Isaac Richardson	" Tyler.



No. 1—LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.

Wor. Bro. Charles S. Aspinall, W. M.  
R.: " " Alexander Chisholm, P. M., P. G. R.  
" " " W. M. LeMessurier, " and P. D. D. G. M.  
V.: " " James Mitchell,  
" " " George C. Bown, "  
" " " Peter White, "  
" " " Andrew Baile, "  
" " " John Fernie, S. W.

No. 2—ALBION.

R.: W.: Bro. Kerr, W. M., and G. Chaplain.  
" " " H. Griffith, P. M.  
" " " James Barrington, S. W.

No. 3—ST. JOHN.

R. Wor. Bro. H. Miller, P. M., and G. S. W.  
" " " John Shaw, " and P. G. J. W.  
M. " " J. H. Graham, P. M., and P. G. M.

No. 4—DORCHESTER.

Wor. Bro. H. G. Perchard, W. M.  
" " " E. R. Smith, P. M.  
" " " R. Douglas, "  
R.: " " Geo. H. Wilkinson, P. M. and P. D. D. G. M.

No. 5—GOLDEN RULE.

Wor. Bro. A. N. Thompson, W. M.  
M.: " " E. R. Johnson, P. M. and G. M.  
R.: " " H. E. Channell, " and D. D. G. M.

No. 6—ST. ANDREW.

Wor. Bro. J. Langlois Eell, W. M.  
V.: " " E. T. D. Chambers, P. M.  
" " " Henry Russell, P. M.

No. 7—ELGIN.

Wor. Bro. James P. Griffin, W. M.  
M.: " " J. H. Graham, P. M. and P. G. M.  
R.: " " J. H. Isaacson, " and G. S.  
V.: " " W. M. Briggs, "  
" " " Joseph Briggs, "

No. 8—PREVOST.

Wor. Bro. Selby Laroway, W. M.  
" " Edwin Hall, P. M.  
R.: " C. A. Hill, " and P. D. D. G. M.

No. 9—NELSON.

Wor. Bro. B. Mullin, W. M.  
" C. E. Titmore, S. W.  
" James M. Hill, J. W.  
" " J. M. Ferris, P. M.  
V.: " " L. G. Burnell, "  
" " " H. D. Moore, "

No. 10—ST. GEORGE.

Wor. Bro. D. D. Mann, P. M.  
" " George Wait, "  
" Thomas Ryan, S. W.  
" R. D. Greet, J. W.

No. 11—ST. GEORGE.

Wor. Bro. R. J. Latimer, W. M.  
" S. R. Clendinning, S. W.  
" " John Wilson, P. M.  
" " James Fyfe, "  
" " John A. Peard, "

No. 12—ZETLAND.

Wor. Bro. Samuel S. Grant, W. M.  
" R. Cochrane, S. W.  
" T. Worboise, J. W.  
R.: " " J. H. Isaacson, P. M.  
V.: " " Henry Dunne, "  
M.: " " J. H. Graham, " and P. G. M.  
R.: " " P. A. Crosby, "  
" " W. Brewster, "  
" " T. Simpson, "  
R.: " " Joseph Mitchell, " and P. D. D. G. M.  
" " E. Higginbottom "  
" " John Beckingham "

No. 15—ST. FRANCIS.

M.: Wor. Bro. John H. Graham, P. M. and P. G. M.  
R.: " " Timothy Leet, " and P. D. D. G. M.

No. 16—VICTORIA.

R. Wor. Bro. S. J. Foss, W. M. and P. D. D. G. M.  
“ W. H. Morehouse, S. W.  
“ H. Davidson, J. W.  
“ “ M. Schofield, P. M.  
“ “ S. Lebourveau, “

No. 18—SHEFFORD.

Wor. Bro. E. J. Raymond, W. M.  
“ “ John P. Noyes, P. M.  
R. “ “ H. L. Robinson, “ and P. D. D. G. M.

No. 19—STANBRIDGE.

Wor. Bro. E. J. Scagel, W. M.  
“ “ A. M. Stone, P. M.

No. 20—MONTREAL KILWINNING.

Wor. Bro. E. Neve, W. M.  
R. “ “ I. H. Stearns, P. M. and G. Treas.  
V. “ “ W. Foster, “  
“ “ J. Smilhe, “

No. 21—YAMASKA.

Wor. Bro. A. Herbert, W. M.  
“ F. B. Farnsworth, P. M.

No. 24—BROWN.

Wor. Bro. W. H. Hubbard, W. M.

No. 25—ROYAL ALBERT.

Wor. Bro. R. C. Simpson, W. M.  
“ J. L. Lamplough, S. W.  
“ “ Geo. W. Lovejoy, P. M.  
M. “ “ M. M. Tait, P. M. and P. G. M.  
R. “ “ F. Edgar, P. M. and P. D. D. G. M.

No. 27—ST. JOHN.

Wor. Bro. C. C. Perkins, P. M.

No. 28—TUSCAN.

Wor. Bro. F. Farmer, W. M.  
R. “ “ Edson Fitch, P. M. and P. D. G. M.

No. 29—ROYAL CANADIAN.

R.: Wor. Bro. J. H. Isaacson (proxy.)

No. 30—ASCOT.

Wor. Bro. George R. White, P. M.

“ “ Jas. Addie, P. M. and P. D. D. G. M.

R.: “ “ A. F. Simpson, P. M. and P. D. D. G. M.

“ “ “ I. H. Stearns, P. M. and G. Treas.

M.: “ “ J. H. Graham, “ and P. G. M.

No. 31—ASHLAR.

Wor. Bro. E. S. Buckland, W. M.

No. 32—MOUNT ROYAL.

Wor. Bro. Wm. Hill, W. M.

“ “ J. B. Tresidder, S. W.

“ “ W. F. Anderson, J. W.

R.: “ “ J. W. Newnham, P. M. and P. G. C.

V.: “ “ W. Simpson Walker, P. M.

“ “ “ David Seath, “

“ “ “ Geo. V. Stanton, “

R.: “ “ Fred. Massey, P. M. and P. D. D. G. M.

“ “ “ P. McTavish, P. M.

R.: “ “ I. H. Stearns, “ and G. Treas.

No. 33—FRELIGHSBURG.

R.: Wor. Bro. E. Rowell, P. M. and D. D. G. M.

No. 34—DORIC.

Wor. Bro. James Riddle, W. M.

“ “ H. J. Beaman, P. M.

R.: “ “ Timothy Leet, “ and P. D. D. G. M.

M.: “ “ J. H. Graham, “ and P. G. M.

R.: “ “ I. H. Stearns, “ and G. Treas.

No. 35—BROME LAKE.

Wor. Bro. A. W. Pettes, W. M.

“ “ C. H. Tarbill, P. M.

“ “ A. E. Mills, “

No. 36—CHATEAUGUAY.

Wor. Bro. Charles Marshall, W. M.

“ “ Peter McFarlane, P. M.

R.: “ “ Daniel Boyd, P. M. and P. G. R.

No. 38—MOUNT MORIAH.

Wor. Bro. Joseph Martin, W. M.  
" W. M. Campbell, S. W.  
" John S. Cluny, J. W.  
R.: " " A. G. Adams, P. M. and P. G. S. W.  
" " Alex. Kyle, "  
" " G. R. Dewar, "

No. 39—SUTTON.

R.: Wor. Bro. W. H. O'Regan, P. M. and D. D. G. M.  
" R. Curley, S. W.

No. 41—EDDY.

Wor. Bro. W. H. G. Garrioch, W. M.

No. 44—ST. CHARLES.

Wor. Bro. William Emo, jr., W. M.  
" B. A. Cox, J. W.  
" Thomas Highmore, P. M.

No. 45—CŒURS UNIS.

Wor. Bro. Chas. Maisonneuve, W. M.  
" G. Couture, S. W.  
" D. S. Robichaud, J. W.  
V.: " " Joseph Rodrique, P. M.  
" " A. Meunier, "  
" " A. Felix, "

No. 48—MOUNT ORFORD.

Wor. Bro. W. Shephard, P. M.

No. 49—SHAWENEGAM.

M.: Wor. Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, P. M. and P. G. M.  
" " " J. H. Graham, " "  
R.: " " R. W. Williams, " and P. D. D. G. M.

No. 52—PRINCE CONSORT.

Wor. Bro. Wm. Bowden, W. M.  
" David Tuff, S. W.  
" J. Laing, J. W.  
R.: " " William H. Whyte, P. M. and D. D. G. M.  
V.: " " W. D. B. Janes, "  
" " Thomas Sonne, "  
" " H. Gooderich, "  
" " J. T. Gladston, "

No. 53—ST. ANDREWS.

V. : Wor. Bro. W. S. Evans, P. M.

No. 54—IONIC.

Wor. Bro. Joseph Luttrell, W. M.

“ J. J. Ulley, S. W.

“ J. McDiarmid, J. W.

“ “ James Walker, P. M.

“ “ John Stewart, “

“ “ J. E. Hersey, “

R. : “ “ Rev. John Scrimger, P. M. and P. G. C.

“ “ C. A. Humphrey, P. M.

No. 57—HOHELAGA.

Wor. Bro. J. W. Anderson, W. M.

V. : “ “ D. Anderson, P. M.

R. : “ “ J. Fred. Walker, P. M. and D. G. M.

No. 58—MONTARVILLE.

Wor. Bro. T. A. Adkins, W. M.

“ John Walker, S. W.

“ T. L. Sait, J. W.

R. : “ “ J. Fred. Walker, P. M. and D. G. M.

“ “ C. P. O'Connor, “

“ “ E. Lusher, “

“ “ E. Foster, “

No. 59—BEDFORD.

Wor. Bro. Henry White, P. M.

“ “ Samuel Coslett, “

“ James Cassel, J. W.

No. 62—CORINTHIAN.

Wor. Bro. C. B. Greaves, W. M.

“ John B. Terry, S. W.

V. : “ “ Henry Dunne, P. M.

“ “ I. A. Richardson, “

“ “ John Weldon, “

“ “ T. J. Howard, “

“ “ Charles Willis, “

“ “ William Lane, “

M. : “ “ J. H. Graham, “ and P. G. M.

No. 63—PRINCE OF WALES.

Wor. Bro. A. F. Simpson, P. M.

“ J. Fales, S. W.

No. 64—KING SOLOMON.

Wor. Bro. Geo. S. Wheatley, W. M.

V. “ “ Charles Byrd, P. M.

No. 65—ARGYLE.

Wor. Bro. Thomas Cocker, W. M.

“ E. J. Williams, S. W.

No. 66—FRIENDSHIP.

R. Wor. Bro. A. F. Simpson, P. M. and P. D. D. G. M.

No. 67—ARGENTEUIL.

Wor. Bro. John Hope, W. M.

“ “ R. Patenaude, P. M.

“ “ W. J. Simpson, “

No. 68—GOOD SAMARITAN.

R. Wor. Bro. Rev. Robert Kerr, proxy.

A large number of Master Masons, all in good standing, having solicited to be permitted to visit Grand Lodge were by the instruction of the M. W. Grand Master, allowed to enter, taking their seats apart from the members, and at or near the west entrance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The following order of business was adopted.

Grand Lodge will be opened at 10 a. m., and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business will be read.

1. Report of Committee on Credentials and Reception will be received.
2. Minutes of last annual meeting read.
3. Representatives of sister Grand Lodges received.
4. Grand Master will deliver his address.
5. Grand Secretary will present his report.
6. Grand Treasurer will present his report.
7. District Deputy Grand Masters will present their several reports.
8. Grand Chaplain will deliver his discourse.
9. Reports from the different Standing Committees will be received.
10. Election and appointment of Grand Officers at 8.00 p. m. on first day of the meeting.

11. Reports from Special Committees.

12. Motion of R. W. Bro. Gustavus Lucke, postponed from last annual meeting.

"That Art. 13, page 8, of the Book of the Constitution be amended by erasing therefrom the word 'last' in the second line of said Article, and substituting therefor the word 'second.'"

13. Motion of W. Bro. James Fyfe, of which three months previous notice has been given, as required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, sec. 33, page 11, of Book of Constitution :

"That that part of the Constitution on page 23, sec. 95, relating to members' fees payable for Grand Lodge purposes be amended to read as follows : 'Every member of each lodge shall pay towards the fund for Grand Lodge purposes the sum of fifty cents per annum ; also an additional sum of fifty cents per annum for Benevolence and Charity, 50 per cent of said benevolent fee to be applied for the purchase and maintenance of a Masonic Home, said proceeds to be placed in the hands of three trustees elected by and subject to the will of the Grand Lodge ; and the remaining 50 per cent of said benevolent fee shall be applied for the support of a Board of Relief in each district ; said Boards of Relief to be composed of one representative from each lodge, and governed by by-laws to be adopted at a joint meeting of all the Boards of Relief ; 50 per cent of any unexpended balance of the annual income of each Board of Relief to be paid over to the Trustees of the Home Fund annually.'"

14. Installation of Officers.

15. Unfinished business.

16. Closing Grand Lodge.

A letter from V. W. Bro. W. Bickerton Smith, Grand Senior Deacon, was read by the Grand Secretary, stating his inability to attend the meeting of Grand Lodge, and asking to be excused therefrom.

Bro. Smith was excused.

The Grand Secretary explained to Grand Lodge that R. W. Bro. Charles Knowles, District Deputy Grand Master for Quebec and Three Rivers would be unable to be present owing to a death in his family, the R. W. Bro. was excused.

MINUTES.

Pursuant to custom the Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of the last annual communication, when R. W. Bro. Alex. Chisholm rose from his seat and offered the following motion, seconded by W. Bro. Simpson :

"That the minutes of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at its fifteenth annual communication having been printed and distributed amongst the different subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, the same shall be considered as having been read, and they are hereby confirmed."

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FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

R.: W.: Bro. Wm. H. Whyte presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and was duly received as such with the usual honors.

The following sister Grand Lodges were represented by their duly accredited representatives :—

British Columbia .....	By R.: W.:	Bro. D. Anderson.
California .....	“ “	“ Edson Fitch.
Colorado .....	“ V.: W.:	“ D. Seath.
Delaware .....	“ R.: W.:	W. Bickerton Smith.
Georgia .....	“ “	“ James Addie.
Illinois .....	“ “	“ Alex. Chisholm.
Indiana .....	“ M.: W.:	“ E. R. Johnson.
Indian Territory .....	“ R.: W.:	“ Peter Crossby.
Iowa .....	“ “	“ H. E. Channell.
Ireland .....	“ “	“ Ben. Burland.
Kentucky .....	“ “	“ Joseph Mitchell.
Maine .....	“ “	“ J. H. Isaacson.
Manitoba .....	“ “	“ W. H. Whyte.
Maryland .....	“ “	“ J. Fred. Walker.
Minnesota .....	“ “	“ J. P. Noyes.
Mississippi .....	“ “	“ S. J. Foss.
Missouri .....	“ “	“ H. L. Robinson.
New Hampshire .....	“ “	“ I. H. Stearns.
New York .....	“ M.: W.:	“ M. M. Tait.
Oregon .....	“ V.: W.:	“ W. S. Evans.
Peru .....	“ R.: W.:	“ H. W. Nye.
Rhode Island .....	“ “	“ F. Massey.
Spain .....	“ “	“ A. G. Adams.
Utah .....	“ “	“ T. Leet.
Virginia .....	“ V.: W.:	“ W. Simpson Walker
Wisconsin .....	“ R.: W.:	“ A. F. Simpson.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M.: W.: Grand Master E. R. Johnson delivered the following address :

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN IN GRAND LODGE ASSEMBLED :

The rapidly revolving wheel of time have brought us to the close of another Masonic year, with its joys and sorrows, triumphs and victories, defeats and adversities, it has terminated. Fortune has smiled on some, on others she has frowned. The past is accomplished. The miles in life's journey can never be re-travelled. We may review, we may turn over the pages ; we cannot re-expe-

rience or re-write. To ourselves, the record is intelligible, to our brethren and the world it may be mysterious. Let each inquire of himself: Is it satisfactory? If so, well; if not, there is work for the future. Individual conscience is a sure and certain crucible,—a tribunal before which all are arraigned, and one whose rulings should receive every attention.

For the favors we have enjoyed, for the life that has been spared, for our hopes of the future, we are indebted to Him who doeth all things well. Then let us join with our esteemed Chaplain in thanking the Divine Being for the blessings showered upon us thus far, and implore His aid in the conflict that lies before us. Grateful are we to know that although the claxon notes of war have rung out loud and shrill in our land; that although our citizen soldier has been called upon to leave his ordinary pursuits and march to the front, peace and quietness now prevail, law and order have been vindicated, the rebel flag floats nowhere over our domain. Some of our brethren from this province, many from Ontario, shared in the long marches, endured the toils, labors, and privations of a soldier's life. A Freemason in defence of his country, his home and liberty, should ever prove a valiant man. More recently a cloud has rested over this city. A loathsome disease has breathed its pestilential breath, and occasioned much uneasiness and anxiety. The mist has cleared away, and to-day the bright sunshine of peace, health and happiness is filling the land with songs of praise and thanksgiving.

I welcome you to the scene of your annual duties. It is a great pleasure to see so many familiar faces, and also to observe that our ranks are being replenished by new material. With this sentiment there comes a pang of grief. Some cherished forms are missing. The loss is felt here, in the constituent Lodge far more. Each has its own sorrow.

“NOT LOST BUT GONE BEFORE.”

In August last, R. W. Bro. H. J. Martin died at St. Leon Springs, where he was staying for his health. Our deceased brother was made a Mason in 1849 in Golden Rule Lodge. He was also a member of Golden Rule Chapter and of Sussex Preceptory and Priory. Residing in Washington, D. C., he was, in 1873, appointed Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge in that district. A more earnest, faithful and zealous Mason it would be extremely difficult to find. By his will a very considerable legacy is left his Mother Lodge.

The death of R. W. Bro. James Bowen, jr., occurred in July last. He was a member of St. Andrews Lodge and of St. John Chapter. He was present at the formation of this Grand Lodge in 1869, and at that meeting was elected Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Samuel Kennedy, P. D. D. G. M. for Quebec and Three Rivers district, departed this life on the 19th December last. He was a member of St. John's Lodge, of Stadacona Chapter, and of William de la More Preceptory and Priory. As a Mason and as a man our deceased brother was esteemed and respected. By his death the Craft in the Ancient City have sustained a great loss. His bereaved family has our sympathy in this their hour of deep affliction.

I have to announce the death of M. W. Bro. H. E. Puckett, P. G. M. of Grand Lodge of Idaho, and our Grand Representative near that Grand Lodge.

During the present month, the sad intelligence has reached us of the sudden demise of R. W. Bro. Robert Ramsay, of Orillia, Ont. He was Past Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, near ourselves. One of our most pronounced friends and advocates. His pen and voice were ever ready in our defence. He had advanced to the higher walks of Masonic life. His death will be widely felt.

M. W. Bro. Col. W. R. Kennedy, P. G. M. of Manitoba, died in London, England, on the 3rd May last, on his return from Egypt, where he had been on service. He was buried in the city of London with distinguished honors. Representatives of the Queen, the Prince of Wales, Duke of Cambridge, and Col. Wolsley being present.

I would suggest that memorial pages be set apart in memory of these esteemed brethren.

#### NEW LODGES.

I have issued Letters of Dispensation to constitute Lodges at Aylmer, to be called "King Solomon," and at Portage du Fort, to be called "Portage du Fort" Lodge. The petitions were favorably endorsed by R. W. Bro. C. D. Chitty, D. D. G. M. for Ottawa District, and also by the Lodge nearest each. I trust they have made such progress as will entitle them to Warrants at this Communication of Grand Lodge.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

In keeping with a resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, whereby fifty dollars was granted to the Montreal Masonic Board of Relief, conditioned that a representative be named, of this G. L., on that Board, I have appointed R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, Grand Treasurer, as such representative.

I have issued a commission to R. W. Bro. E. R. Rowell, D. D. G. M., for Bedford District; R. W. Bro. H. E. Channell, D. D. G. M. for St Francis District; and R. W. Bro. W. H. O'Regan, D. D. G. M. for Shefford and Brome District, authorizing them to investigate into all causes of difference now or heretofore existing between Prevost Lodge No. 8, and late Prevost Lodge No. 7, and to report thereon to this Grand Lodge. The same will be laid before you, and I earnestly hope such action will be taken as will be in the interests of the Craft; and satisfactory to the highly esteemed brethren interested.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

Requests therefor have not been numerous I am happy to say. While the prerogative of the Grand Master is ever to be exercised with caution, Lodges should consider well before asking for it. A little delay is often better than undue haste. I have felt that a strong case ought to be made out before granting permission to pass and raise within less time than that prescribed by the Constitution.

The wearing of regalia on public occasions must not become so frequent as to be in any way considered common. A mason should be known by the life he leads and not by his apron or scarf pin.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M. W. Bro. George O. Tyler having resigned the office of Grand Representative of the G. L. of Delaware near this Grand Lodge, R. W. Bro. W. Bickerton Smith has been appointed to that important and honorable position, and has received his credentials. By the death of M. W. Bro. Puckett our representation near the G. L. of Idaho became vacant. I have named and appointed M. W. Bro. G. H. Davis, to fill the same, and am in receipt of a letter of acceptance from him. I ask for confirmation of this action. This office is, I fear in many instances, considered merely honorary, without portfolio. Such is not the case, there is work to be done. The efficient Representative can make himself exceedingly useful. Brethren should not accept this position unless they are prepared to undertake the duties attached to it.

ANOTHER ROYAL BROTHER.

The initiation of H. R. H. Prince Albert Victor into the mysteries of Freemasonry is a matter of deep rejoicing to the whole Anglo-Saxon fraternity. On the 6th day of March last, in Royal Alpha Lodge, which dates back to 1722, the "Royal Neophyte" bowed before the Altar and received at the hands of his Royal father as W. M. of the Lodge, the degrees in Masonry. The Throne is closely allied to the craft. Our beloved Queen is patroness of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in London, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, and now is extended to another generation this union and sympathy. We point to this ceremony performed by England's and our own future king, in the presence of her nobility, her staunchest conservative element, as an answer to those who style us levelers, or destroyers of established usages, theories and truths. English Freemasonry stands upon a firm basis, the foundation elements of which are, belief in God, the acceptance of the Holy Bible as His revealed will, obedience to law and order, fraternal love and goodwill to all mankind. Thus built, this ancient edifice will resist the billows that may roll against it.

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

Too great care cannot be exercised in this particular. Worshipful Masters are directly responsible that all who enter the Lodge room are entitled so to do. Besides the production of Grand Lodge certificate—which is absolutely necessary—strangers should undergo a most searching examination. This must be observed.

IMPOSTORS AND ADVENTURERS.

I presume there is not a Lodge, and perhaps not a member, who has not been at some time solicited to aid a seemingly unfortunate brother. When confident of the genuineness of the applicant the request has been met with cordiality. At other times with hesitation. Better be imposed upon than to turn a needy, suffering brother away empty.

During the past year, individuals, tramps, have been travelling over this and the adjacent country in masonic garb, who were in no way entitled to succor. Such success had these imposters met with that the craft in the States proposed to organize a National Board of Relief for the purpose of detecting and bringing

the guilty parties to justice. We were invited to join in the movement and send a delegate to the meeting in Baltimore. Believing that the benefits to be derived from such an organization would far exceed the expense I appointed Bro. James Fyfe, President of the Montreal Masonic Board of Relief such delegate. At the last moment, he found himself unable to leave home, I consequently named W. Bro. Mitchell in his stead. From the report of the Convention, I see that a General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada was organized. Among the office-holders I find W. Bro. James Mitchell of Montreal second Vice-President. I trust this action will meet with your approval and that the benefits resulting therefrom will be satisfactory.

#### AT HOME.

The year has been one of prosperity and unusual harmony. The ordinary amount of work has been done. The annual festivals have been observed. The brethren with their wives and lady friends have had many enjoyable, and I trust, profitable re-unions. In several instances, Lodges have attended Divine service, which custom I hope to see more fully adopted. No notes of discord have reached me. The edict issued last year against three Lodges in this city; on English Register—has been, so far as I know, rigorously observed. It is well understood that while they are with us in our midst, they are not of us. There having been no Masonic intercourse, there has been no altercation.

#### FOREIGN RELATIONS.

These remain unchanged. The most friendly feeling exists between this G. L. and the various Masonic Grand Bodies of the world, saving, of course, England. Her occupancy of our territory is maintained, though no feeling of hostility has been expressed, and certainly no overt act has been committed. A large number of prominent brethren in the United States have, in various ways, fully endorsed the action taken by me last year against the three Lodges in this city of foreign jurisdiction. Several Grand Lodges have issued edicts thereanent, and all Masonic intercourse have been severed with the members of St. Paul, St. Lawrence, and St. George No. 440 Lodges. Correspondence on this subject has been voluminous; but one opinion has been expressed as to the action taken. The situation is grave and calls for the united wisdom of Grand Lodge. Let me ask you to approach this important subject with all the thoughtfulness, prudence and sagacity at your command. Our sovereignty must be maintained at any cost. My hopes for the future are far in excess of my fears.

#### INVITATIONS.

It has been a matter of deep regret to me that I have been unable to accept the many kind invitations that have been extended to me by different Lodges. Business matters, over which I have had little or no control, have prevented. I have, during my occupancy of this chair, enjoyed many pleasant occasions with the brethren, and fondly hope and trust that the associations and friendships formed will not be forgotten with passing years, but they will grow and ripen, and the memory thereof be cherished.

CONCLUSION.

I now surrender to you the emblem of authority with which you have entrusted me for the past three years. The honor and responsibility thus conferred have been very great. To the best of my judgment and ability I have discharged the duties of this high trust. During this period I have received valuable aid and counsel from my predecessors. From my associate officers, assistance at all times when required; from the brethren at large, courtesy and forbearance. From abroad, many kind tokens of recognition. All this places me under a deep debt of gratitude which I can never repay, except by earnestly imploring kind Heaven to shower upon you and the Craft everywhere, her choicest blessings. Let fraternal love and forbearance be your watchwords in the future. Let all labor with an eye single to the accomplishment of a noble destiny for himself and for the honor of this Grand Lodge. I had fondly hoped that ere this, we should have found a quiet haven of rest, and been at peace with all the world. Such, unfortunately, is not the case. What I have done, and what I have refrained from doing, in connection with our position towards England, has been with the sole desire to serve your best interests. Personally, I would have assumed any responsibility could I have been confident of the results. Our future will be in the hands of skilled, prudent Craftsmen. And may He, the supreme Grand Master, who has led us safely thus far through many trials, dangers and difficulties, still continue to be our strength and support, is my fervent prayer.

E. R. JOHNSON,

*G. M. G. L. of Q.*

STANSTEAD. 26th January, 1886.

It was moved by M. : W. : Bro. John Hamilton Graham, P. G. M., seconded by Rev. Bro. Robert Kerr, Grand Chaplain, and resolved,

“That the address of the M. : W. : Grand Master be forthwith referred to the Committee on the State of Masonry, with instructions to report thereon as soon as possible during the present session of this Grand Lodge.”

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.*

I have the honor to submit the following my report :

During the last past year terminating on the 23rd January inst., no matter of unusual interest has transpired in connection with the affairs and business of this office, my report therefore will of necessity be brief, I trust, however, it will be found satisfactory, as showing that the Craft in this province continues to progress notwithstanding the impediments of a hostile population, and a divided jurisdiction.

Since our last meeting, two dispensations have been issued for the erection of new lodges, one at Aylmer, the other at Portage du Fort, both in the Ottawa district, each has complied with the requirements of the Constitution, and has

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received the recommendation from R. W. Bro. Chas. D. Chitty, D.D.G.M., that a regular warrant be granted, should it be decided to act on Bro. Chitty's advice, I venture to suggest that the No. 22 on the roll of Lodges now vacant by the return of the warrant of former Aylmer Lodge be granted to the new body now created in that town, and that No. 61, the number formerly held by Onslow Lodge, now extinct, be given to Portage du Fort Lodge, thus filling up two of the blank numbers on our roll.

I am happy to be enabled to direct your attention to evidence of the continued success of this Grand Lodge in its financial position, notwithstanding the fact that the year just completed has been one of considerable depression in trade; our income from usual resources which under the circumstances might be supposed to be less, is larger than it was for the previous year, whilst our expenditure is about the same.

I am pleased also to be able to state for your information that since my last report our numbers have increased, in January, 1885, we had 58 Lodges on our roll, now we have 60, then we had a total membership of 2,728, our aggregate now is 2822, and this notwithstanding the effect of the change in our Constitution made last year in virtue of which quite a large number of our brethren have been cut off for non-payment of dues.

I desire to announce that a greater degree of promptness has been exhibited by our Lodges this year in their returns and payments of dues, the following named only were in arrears for twelve months at the closing up of the books, Antiquity No. 1, St. Francis No. 15, Frelighsburg No. 33, Doric No. 34, Excelsior No. 46, Mount Orford No. 48, Olive Branch No. 50, Lake Magog No. 55; of these, Antiquity No. 1, and Mount Orford No. 48 have since handed in the required reports and paid dues. Excelsior No. 46 has failed to make returns or pay dues since March 1881.

There has been received during the year just closed, the sum of \$1,937.25, which amount has been by me duly paid over to the R. W. Grand Treasurer, for annual dues of members, initiations, affiliations, Grand Lodge certificates, dispensation, life membership and arrears, a detailed statement of which is hereto annexed.

The lodges being in arrears of dues for one year or upwards, are under the operation of the Constitution, debarred from attending the present meeting of Grand Lodge, or taking part in its proceedings.

The additions to our Library consist only of the annual reports received during the year from sister Grand Lodges.

I ask to be permitted to add to the Library Bro. Rob Morris' recently published book of Masonic poems.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,  
*Grand Secretary.*

MONTREAL, 27th January, 1886.

On the motion of V. W. Bro. W. Simpson Walker, seconded by W. Bro. John Shaw, the Grand Secretary's report was referred to the Committee on the State of Masonry.



GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer presented his report as follows :

*I. H. STEARNS, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Quebec.*

1885.	GENERAL FUND.	DR.
Jan. 28.	To balance on hand.....	\$1619 11
Dec. 31.	" Quebec Bank, interest on deposit .....	7 52
1886.		
Jan. 25.	" Grand Secretary.....	1937 25
		\$3563 88
1885.	CONTRA.	CR.
Jan. 31.	By I. A. Richardson, Grand Tyler, and assistant	10 00
" 31.	" Do. cleaning rooms, &c.....	2 50
Feb. 5.	" William Millar, Stationery.....	24 50
" 9.	" Larkin, Mason & Co., Envelopes.....	7 00
" 9.	" George Horne, Stationery.....	5 25
" 9.	" William Stanley, do.....	3 40
" 9.	" J. J. Foote, <i>Quebec Chronicle</i> advertisement..	6 48
" 12.	" <i>Gazette</i> Printing Company.....	131 50
" 12.	" <i>The Times</i> Publishing Company.....	2 00
" 13.	" J. B. Traves Printing, &c.....	50 00
" 14.	" John H. Isaacson, Foreign Correspondence Report.....	25 00
" 17.	" The Burland Lithograph Co. Certificates....	173 00
" 17.	" <i>The Witness</i> , Advertising.....	1 65
" 20.	" <i>The Herald</i> , do.....	5 00
" 20.	" Grant to Montreal Masonic Board of Relief, vote of Grand Lodge.....	50 00
" 20.	" Transferred to Benevolent Fund account for investment, by vote of Grand Lodge 29th January, 1885.....	800 00
Aug. 28.	" Expenses to Baltimore of Delegate to Board of Relief.....	50 00
Nov. 20.	" E. R. Johnson, Grand Master, expenses....	53 39
1886.		
Jan. 25.	" Insurance Premium on Grand Lodge Regalia	3 75
" 25.	" <i>The Star</i> , Advertising.....	3 60
" 25.	" <i>The Witness</i> , do.....	3 00
" 25.	" Grand Secretary's expenses Annual Commu- nication, 1885.....	10 00
" 25.	" Grand Secretary, Postages, Custom charges, &c., twelve months.....	40 00

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Jan. 25.	By J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, Salary for one year.....	600 00	
" 25.	" J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, Office rent one year. ....	120 00	
" 26.	" Balance on hand.....	1382 86	
			\$3563 88

1885.		BENEVOLENT FUND.	
Jan. 28.	To Balance on hand.....	302 80	
May.	" Six months interest on forty shares of the city of Montreal Consolidated Fund to 1st May, 1885.....	120 00	
Nov. 14.	" Six months interest on forty shares of the city of Montreal Consolidated Fund to 1st November, 1885 .....	120 00	
" 14.	" Transferred from General Fund account for "investment".....	800 00	
" 14.	" Quebec Bank interest on above.....	21 33	
" 14.	" do special deposit.....	506 90	
" 14.	" do interest on special deposit....	22 50	
			\$1893 53

1885.		CONTRA.	
Feb. 9.	By relief to Mrs. S., per R. W. Bro. Knowles..	25 00	
" 9.	" do Mrs. K., do do	25 00	
" 9.	" do V. W. Bro. N., per R. W. Bro. Fyfe	75 00	
" 12.	" do Mrs. W., per R. W. Bro. Stearns..	25 00	
June 16.	" do Mrs. H., do do	25 00	
Sept. 25.	" do Widow H., per W. Bro. Hart, ...	25 00	
" 25.	" Invested in ten shares Consolidated Fund of the city of Montreal.....	1000 00	
" 25.	" Paid eighty-five days interest on same.....	9 31	
" 25.	" Special deposit in Molson Bank.....	300 00	
Jan. 26.	" Balance .....	384 22	
			\$1893 53

RECAPITULATION.

1886.		BENEVOLENT FUND.	
Jan. 26.	Forty Shares of the Consolidated Fund of the city of Montreal at 6 per cent.....	\$4000 00	
" 26.	Ten Shares of the Consolidated Fund of the city of Montreal at 4 per cent.....	1000 00	
" 26.	Special deposit in Molson Bank at 3 per cent...	300 00	
" 26.	Deposited Quebec Bank current account.....	384 22	

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GENERAL FUND.

Jan. 26.	Cash deposited Quebec Bank.....	\$1297 52
" 26.	Cash in hands Grand Treasurer.....	85 34
		\$1382 86

Respectfully submitted,

I. H. STEARNS,

*Grand Treasurer.*

MONTREAL, 26th January, 1886.

Audited and found correct.

F. EDGAR,

*Chairman Finance Committee.*

On the motion of R.: W.: Bro. I. H. Stearns, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. H. L. Robinson, the report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to that Committee to report thereon during the present communication of this Grand Lodge.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

QUEBEC AND THREE RIVERS DISTRICT.

R.: W.: Grand Secretary in the absence of R.: W.: Bro. Chas. Knowles, District Deputy Grand Master for Quebec and Three Rivers, presented the following, his report :

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg to submit my report on the state of Masonry in the district of Quebec and Three Rivers, over which for the past year I have had the honor to preside.

I regret that circumstances beyond my control have prevented me from visiting lodges other than those in the city and immediate neighbourhood of Quebec ; but those I have visited very frequently during my term of office, and am glad to report them as being in a fairly prosperous condition.

Upon receipt of a communication from the Grand Secretary in reference to Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 68, New Carlisle, and finding that distance combined with pressure of private business rendered it impossible for me to make a personal visit, I wrote to the secretary of that Lodge, from whom I subsequently heard, and he informed me very fully about the isolation of their position, and I sympathise so deeply with them, that I should be glad if this Grand Lodge could devise some method of reaching them in the peculiar position in which they are placed. He states, " they are 82 miles from the nearest railroad, and distant from Gaspé Village 100 " miles (land travel) and at times a very bad road, and have reason to believe that " parties from there would wish to join the Lodge where they able to obtain two " degrees the same evening." He also reports the addition of two members to

the lodge during the year 1885, and although prospering slowly, it is still doing good work, they trust Grand Lodge will take their peculiar position into consideration at this communication.

M. · W. · Bro. Geo. Otis Tyler informed me that at a special communication of Shawenegan Lodge, No. 49, held on the 1st of April last, he had the pleasure of installing W. · Bro. Wm. Bickerton Smith, P. M. of said Lodge, as Grand Senior Deacon of this Grand Lodge, it affords me great pleasure to say that from my personal knowledge of Bro. Smith's ability and his attachment to masonry, that he will perform the duties of the office with credit to himself and satisfaction to this Grand Lodge.

I am happy to say Shawenegan Lodge continues to enjoy a large degree of prosperity under its able and well skilled officers. I have been informed that the building they hold their meetings in is now their own property, and is valued at about \$2,000; the Lodge has also increased in membership considerably during the past year.

On the 24th of June last, I had the pleasure of installing the Wor. Master and officers elect of Tuscan Lodge, No. 28, Levis, on which occasion there were several prominent members of Quebec Lodges present, amongst others M. · W. · Bro. Jas. Dunbar, P. G. M., R. · W. · Bro. H. J. Miller, Grand Senior Warden, R. · W. · Bro. Rev. Robert Kerr, Grand Chaplain, and V. · W. · Bro. Henry Higgins, P. M. of Albion Lodge. After the ceremony of installation of officers, M. · W. · Bro. Dunbar delivered a very suitable address to the members of the Lodge, congratulating them on the success of their meeting, on the large numbers present, and dwelling upon several matters of interest to the craft.

After labor all present were entertained at an excellent supper provided by the members of the Lodge.

At a subsequent visit, I had the satisfaction of seeing two degrees conferred, and as a result felt called upon to warmly congratulate the W. · M. · Wardens and other officers on the very creditable manner each had performed his duty as prescribed by the ritual.

On the 28th of December, I had the honor of installing the Wor. Masters and officers of Albion Lodge, No. 2, St. Johns, No. 3, and St. Andrew, No. 6; if the enthusiastic zeal of the present officers of the above Lodges may be taken as a criterion, the meetings cannot fail to be otherwise than pleasant and profitable to all.

I may here mention that all the Lodges I have visited are working the ritual in a very satisfactory manner. I am very favorably impressed with the neatness and constitutional manner in which the Secretary's and Treasurer's books are kept.

With sincere regret I have to report that death has taken from our midst on the 31st of January last, V. · W. · Bro. John Tweedell, of Albion Lodge, No. 2, aged 61 years. He was an earnest and hard working mason, conscientious in the discharge of every duty, was highly respected by the brethren and public, and deeply regretted by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 6, has had to mourn the loss of one of its oldest members in the person of R. · W. · Bro. John Soles Bowen, who was called to rest on the 31st of July, aged 49 years, at Glen's Falls, New York. His remains

were brought to Quebec, and were followed to Mount Hermon Cemetery by a large and highly influential concourse of citizens.

Bro. Bowen was Past Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and was always most enthusiastic in promoting its interests. At the trying time of its formation he rendered valuable service, and was throughout noted for his regular attendance at its meetings, as well as for the earnest and zealous interest which he evinced in all its struggles. By the members of the craft in this province, Bro. Bowen will be long and gratefully remembered.

It is with feelings of deepest sorrow I have to report the sudden death of our esteemed and much respected R. W. Bro. Samuel Kennedy, of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, P. D. D. G. M. of Quebec and Three Rivers district, and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near this Grand Lodge, he was called from labor to rest on the 19th of December last, and was buried with military and masonic honors on the 22nd. The remains of our deceased brother were followed to Mount Hermon Cemetery by a large body of the 8th Royal Rifles, the members of the masonic fraternity turned out in large numbers, and a numerous body of our most prominent citizens, making in all one of the largest and most respectable funerals seen in this city for many years. His presence will be deeply missed by the members of the craft in Quebec for a long time. He was a worthy man, a conscientious and earnest mason, and was universally esteemed by his fellow citizens, he was justly looked upon as a living example of what an honest and true hearted mason ought to be.

I would most respectfully recommend that in all the above cases, memorial pages in the proceedings of Grand Lodge be inscribed to the memory of our deceased and lamented brethren.

I am pleased to state there has been no masonic complaint reported to me during the past year, on the contrary, peace and harmony prevailed throughout the whole district.

In conclusion, I beg to thank the brethren of the various Lodges for their uniform kindness to me on all occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. KNOWLES,

*D. D. G. M. Quebec and Three Rivers District.*

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

R. W. Bro. William H. Whyte, District Deputy Grand Master for the Montreal District, read and presented the following report :

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

I have much pleasure in reporting a continued interest and prosperity in Masonry in the Montreal District.

During the year I have visited, officially, twenty-one out of the twenty-three Lodges under my immediate jurisdiction, and with few exceptions have found them working well. Many of the officers have been zealous in their endeavors to have their Lodges bear a reputation for correct and proper work, a number of

the Minute Books which I have inspected were models of neatness and care. My only cause of complaint with many of the Lodges being the want of promptness in the assembling of the brethren at the hour named in the summons, a few of the officers showing a poor example in this respect. Late hours also are not conducive to a very exalted opinion of the order being held by those in the outer world, especially the fair sex.

With few exceptions the various Lodges were not aware of my intended visits, consequently I was enabled to inspect their usual mode of carrying out the work and business of the Lodge, and not work specially brushed up for the inspection of the D. : D. : G. : M. :

In the month of November I visited Richelieu Lodge No. 60, at Sorel, accompanied by a few of the brethren from Montreal, and received a hearty welcome. I was much pleased at the able manner the Worshipful Master conferred the degrees and conducted the work of his Lodge.

Early in this year, accompanied by the R. : W. : the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, and a number of Worshipful Brethren from Montreal, I paid an official visit to Dorchester Lodge No. 4, at St. Johns, and received as usual a courteous and fraternal welcome. This historic Lodge is endeavoring to trace their history which goes back into the last century. Unfortunately many evidences of their age and other valuable documents have been lost by fire. I have no doubt, should it be required, Grand Lodge would be only too happy to assist them in their researches.

The brethren of this Lodge have been frequently asked for permission to allow Canadians in their jurisdiction to join Lodges over the border in the United States, some of the American Lodges being located nearer the domiciles of the applicants than Dorchester Lodge. I think this waiving of our rights over Masons resident in this Province, from information I have received, could perhaps be obviated by the reviving of Hoyle Lodge at Lacolle.

The two Lodges which I was unfortunately unable to visit are Chateaugay No. 36, at Huntingdon, and Argenteuil, No. 67, at Lachute; from different sources I have received information that both are in a prosperous way.

The year has been one of peace and harmony, no complaints having been laid officially before me. I received five applications for dispensations, all of which were duly transmitted to the M. : W. : the Grand Master.

In August last I granted a dispensation to Hochelaga Lodge No. 57, to confer the degrees in less time than one month on two seagoing Master Mariners. Numerous appeals for charity have been promptly met, the Lodges in this city again exemplifying that great cardinal virtue of the fraternity by continuing to contribute to the support of R. : W. : Bro. J. T. McMinn, P. : D. : D. : G. : M. :

During the year the Lodges united in the purchase of a Regalia for the use of the D. : D. : G. : M. : of this district. The district is now in possession, the first time for many years, of a handsome regalia composed of apron, chain and gaultlets.

In August the brethren joined the brethren of Bedford District in an excursion to Highgate Springs, Vermont. A large attendance of the craft was present,

including many of our esteemed Brethren from the Green Mountain State, and with whom many pleasant courtesies were interchanged.

Mount Royal and Prince Consort Lodges held their annual socials or reunions, which were as usual quite successful.

I have had the pleasure of installing the officers of the following Lodges : King Solomon, Prince Consort, Cœurs-Unis, Elgin, St. George 10, St. George 11, Zetland, Kilwinning, Mount Moriah, St. Andrews, St. Charles, Corinthian, Richelieu and Dorchester.

I have to express my sincere thanks to the R. W. : the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer for valuable assistance rendered me, and to the brethren of the district for the very fraternal and courteous reception I have received from them during my term of office, and also for the enthusiastic and unwavering loyalty and attachment expressed at all times for our beloved Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Four Brethren have been reported to me as having joined the " Silent Majority " during the year — Montreal Kilwinning held a funeral emergent on the 18th of March for Bro. W. Breakwell, and on the 14th of November for Bro. John Anderson. The Lodge of Antiquity on the 6th of August for W. : B. : Walter B. Williams, and Prince Consort Lodge on the 1st of September, for V. : W. : Bro. Geo. F. Durey. W. Bro. Durey was a charter member and the first Master of Prince Consort Lodge, and well and ably filled that important position.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WILL. H. WHYTE,

*D. : D. : G. : M. :*

ST. FRANCIS DISTRICT.

R. W. : Bro. : H. E. Channell, District Deputy Grand Master for St. Francis District, read and presented the following report :

*To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.*

I beg to submit my report upon the state of Masonry in the District of St. Francis.

I regret exceedingly that sickness and other unforeseen circumstances have prevented me from visiting all the Lodges in this district during the past year, but I have communicated with those I was unable to visit and am pleased to say that with the exception of one or two Lodges, there is a marked improvement and healthy growth in Masonry in this district and that peace and prosperity prevail throughout.

It would give me much pleasure to particularize each Lodge upon its work, but space and the fear of jealousy arising therefrom forbid. Suffice it to say that several of the Lodges have attained to a most remarkable proficiency in their work and manner of conferring degrees, which is a source of great satisfaction to all interested in our Order.

No complaint has been laid before me during the year, which is pleasing to mention and indicates a friendly and fraternal feeling existing among the Brethren in this District.

I am glad to report that applications for dispensations during the year have been few, and that the Lodges are endeavoring to conform to the well established law of the Order as laid down by our Constitution. The dispensations asked for and which the M. . W. . the Grand Master has been pleased to grant, have been mostly for festivals, and attending Divine Worship, which latter practice, I am glad to say, is becoming quite universal and, I fully believe, beneficial.

It is also pleasing to me to report the removal of Ashlar Lodge, No. 31, to their new and spacious hall, which has been fitted up very neatly and tastily.

This is now one of our best Lodges, thanks to the untiring zeal and energy of some of the Brethren in that locality.

I beg also to report that in several of my visitations I have had the honor of the company of the M. . W. . the Grand Master, and I have no doubt that it was equally as pleasant for the Lodges as it was for myself.

I beg most respectfully to recommend that Excelsior Lodge, No. 46, Acton Vale, be changed from St. Francis District to Shefford and Brome.

My reason for this recommendation is because Acton Vale is more in the vicinity of Shefford and Brome and easier of access, now that the Railway has opened up that section of the country, and also because this new district has not a very large area as compared with St. Francis, which occupies a large territory, and no doubt before long will have to take up the eastern part of Compton County, as that section is rapidly developing since the opening up of it by the railway.

While it is my pleasing duty to report progress and prosperity, it is also my painful duty to allude to the many deaths which have occurred during the year in this district. Perhaps at no time in the history of this Grand Lodge have so many distinguished and eminent brethren gone to their long and final rest as during the year just closed. It certainly should awaken in each of our hearts that sense of duty we owe to ourselves and our Maker, for death is sure to visit us all, and at a time when least expected. The following are those I have personally known of, and I think there are others of which I have not been notified :

- V. . W. . Bro. Jas. W. Wiggett.
- R. . W. . Bro. Henry J. Martin.
- “ Edward Lothrop.
- “ John J. Christie.
- “ W. R. Philbrick.
- “ J. M. Chapman.

No doubt the Grand Master will more ably refer to their many virtues and the great loss which the craft will sustain by their death. May their good deeds ever remain fresh in our memory.

In closing my report, allow me to thank the brethren for their kindness and the courtesies extended to me while I have had the honor to preside over their district, an honor which in after life I can look back upon with pride and pleasure to the new acquaintances formed and pleasant hours spent in our social gatherings.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

H. E. CHANNELL,

*D. . D. . G. . M. . St. Francis District.*

STANSTEAD, January 11th, 1886.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

R. W. Bro. E. R. Rowell, District Deputy Grand Master for Bedford District, read and presented the following report :

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

According to the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit to Grand Lodge my report on the state of Masonry in the District of Bedford.

During my term of office I have visited all the Lodges in my District, and some of them several times. With the exception of Corner Stone Lodge at Cowansville No. 37, the meetings have been held regularly, with good attendance and with increased interest among the members of the craft. Corner Stone Lodge is in good condition financially, and has many able and influential members. They have not, however, elected their officers for the year. I believe if proper care were exercised in selecting the officers the Lodge would soon be in a prosperous and good working condition.

Brown Lodge No. 24 is in a more flourishing state than for many years past.

During the year two applications were received for dispensations to assemble on Sunday and march in procession to attend Divine worship. They were referred to the Grand Master, and cheerfully granted. One was by Stanbridge Lodge No. 19, the other by Bedford Lodge No. 59.

On February 28th a Lodge of instruction was held in the Masonic Hall at Stanbridge, under the auspices of Stanbridge Lodge. In response to an invitation, there were present R. W. Bro. J. Fred. Walker, D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Alex. Chisholm, W. Bros. Ed. Foster and W. B. Foster. The Lodges of the District were well represented, and a very pleasant and profitable time was spent. Our brethren received much valuable instruction from the Montreal brethren.

A Masonic picnic was held at Missisquoi Park, Highgate Springs, Vermont, when the Brethren of Bedford, Shefford and Brome Districts, with many of the Brethren of Montreal, met a large number of Brethren from Vermont. Addresses were delivered by M. W. Bro. John H. Graham, P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. John H. Isaacson, G. S.; R. W. Bro. A. A. Hall, D. G. M. of Vermont; R. W. Bro. F. W. Baxter, Highgate, Vermont, and several others. The day was delightful, the attendance large, and the best feeling prevailed between the brethren of Quebec and Vermont. Too much praise cannot be given to Bedford Lodge for originating and carrying out the arrangements of the day.

By invitation of the Worthy Masters I have installed the officers of the following Lodges:—Brown Lodge No. 24, Frelighsburg Lodge No. 33, Stanbridge Lodge No. 19, Royal Canadian Lodge No. 29, and Bedford Lodge No. 59.

The Grand Architect of the Universe has seen fit, in His goodness to remove from amongst us:—W. Bro. Wm. Elder, late W. M. Browne, Lodge No. 24; Bro. L. N. Collier, late of Farnham; Bro. T. R. Reid, late of Stanbridge Lodge No. 19; W. Bro. Dr. Charles Edward Cotton, late of Prevost Lodge, No. 7, Dunham; Bro. C. Browne, late of Corner Stone Lodge No. 37. They were all buried with Masonic honors, with the exception of Bro. C. Browne.

I am glad to say that, so far as my knowledge extends, no grievances have arisen among the Brethren of this District during the past year.

It is my pleasing duty to acknowledge the many acts of courtesy extended by the Brethren of this District, which have tended to make my duties light and pleasant.

The whole is respectfully submitted,

E. ROWELL,  
*D.: D.: G.: M.: Bedford District.*

FRELIGHSBURG, 20th January, 1886.

SHEFFORD AND BROME DISTRICT.

R.: W.: Bro. W. H. O'Regan, District Deputy Grand Master for Shefford and Brome District, read and presented the following report :

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.*

According to the requirements of the constitution, I beg to submit my report on the state of Masonry in the District of Shefford and Brome.

I have been unable to visit all the Lodges in the District ; those that I have visited I have found presided over by officers well qualified to fulfill their duties, and a fair measure of prosperity has attended their efforts ; and from those that I have been unable to visit, I have received very favorable reports.

All Lodges in this District, except two, have applied for dispensations to appear publicly in regalia for the purpose of attending Divine Service. These applications were duly granted by the M.: W.: the Grand Master. Brome Lake Lodge No. 38 also applied for a dispensation for the purpose of holding their annual festival, which was also kindly granted.

On the 2nd January I had the pleasure of assisting at the installation of the officers of Sutton Lodge No. 39, and I may add that this Lodge, which was practically dead for a number of years, has, during the last few years, taken a new lease of life, and now ranks as one of the most prosperous Lodges in the Townships.

In conclusion, I am happy to state that the utmost harmony and good will prevail among the Craft in this District.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

W. H. O'REGAN,  
*D.: D.: G.: M.: Shefford and Brome District.*

ABCORN, January 22, 1886.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

R.: W.: Grand Secretary for R.: W.: Bro. C. D. Chitty, District Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report :

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

It affords me great pleasure to report masonry, in the district of Ottawa, in a more prosperous condition than it has been since I have had the honor to preside over it.

I have established two new Lodges, one in the town of Aylmer, and the other at Portage du Fort. Regarding the former, I am happy to state they are progressing very well, as will be seen by books, &c., in hands of Grand Secretary. I trust the M. W. the Grand Master, will grant them a warrant, with same number as the late Aylmer Lodge.

The Portage du Fort Lodge has had a good deal of trouble about the room, but at present I can say they have as neat a lodge, and as well furnished, as could possibly be desired. They have only held two regular meetings since receiving the dispensation, and have (4) four applications before the board, and two more to present. I do not hesitate to say this will be one of the largest and finest lodges in this district in a very short time, and I would respectfully suggest that their dispensation be continued until the next regular meeting of Grand Lodge. The Pontiac Lodge has not prospered as I should have liked, but as R. W. Bro. Lyon has been elected to preside in the East for the next twelve months, new vigor and life will be infused, and a happy change manifested. The Eddy Lodge is still in a flourishing condition and the work has been conducted correctly and as perfectly as could be desired.

It is with feelings of sorrow I have to report the death of our esteemed and respected Bro. Joseph Tye Flatters, Secretary of Aylmer Lodge, who was buried with masonic honors on the 3rd day of July last at Aylmer.

The Eddy and Aylmer Lodges attended a special service in St. George church, Ottawa, on the eve of St. John the Evangelist, in company with the members of the city lodges. The sermon was delivered by R. W. Bro. C. B. Petit, rural dean of Cornwall, and was both able and appropriate. The full turn out of the masonic body was favorably commented upon, being one of the largest ever seen in Ottawa. The collection was taken up for the benefit of the Burial Plot Committee, and a very handsome amount realized.

On the 28th December I had the honor of installing the officers of Eddy Lodge.

During the year I have had many petitions for dispensation, which I referred to the M. W. the Grand Master, who has always very courteously acceded to the request.

I must not close without thanking R. W. Bro. Isaacson, with whom I have had large correspondence, owing to the opening of two lodges, for the many acts of kindness, punctuality in replying, and good advice, so cheerfully given.

Fraternally submitted,

C. D. CHITTY,  
*D. D. G. M.*

It was moved by R.: W.: Bro. Rev. J. A. Newnham, seconded by V.: W.: Bro. H. D. Moore,—

“That the reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters, now presented, be referred to the Committee on the State of Masonry, to report thereon to this Grand Lodge as soon as practicable.”

The motion was carried.

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S DISCOURSE.

R.: W.: Bro. Revd. Robert Kerr delivered the following discourse :—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN,—

In resigning into your hands the insignia of the high office with which at the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge you were good enough to invest me, I believe it is expected that I should follow the laudable example set me by my eminent predecessors, and address you on some point bearing upon the welfare of the craft ; more particularly as it appears in relation to the all-important questions of religion and morality. The Right Worshipful Brethren who have preceded me in the high office of Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge have been, as you are aware, craftsmen of profound experience, wide Masonic culture, and zealously interested in promoting the principles of our Order ; and, therefore, while I should greatly like to emulate their devotion to your interests, I can only hope to follow at a distance the wise and well-balanced lessons which their wisdom has from time to time imparted since the foundation of this Grand Lodge. At our last annual communication we had the advantage of hearing from the retiring Grand Chaplain a very earnest and eloquent address on one of the great lights of Masonry, and I am sure we shall all remember with gratitude the helpful teaching contained in that discourse. For my own part I shall, perhaps, best contribute my mite towards promoting the interests of the craft if I venture to examine briefly the value of certain important truths when placed under the illuminating influences of Masonic lights. This will involve a limited discussion of our relationship to the non-Masonic world, and more particularly to that part of it in avowed hostility to our Order. It appears an almost unnecessary repetition to affirm that we have over and over again demonstrated the purity of our motives, and that we have more or less successfully produced a conviction in the minds of unprejudiced men of the absolute beneficence of our objects. Nevertheless, we will repeat that we have pledged ourselves in the most solemn manner possible that we only seek to co-operate with all the influences that work for good ; and yet we are still compelled to say that “those who hate us wrongfully are many in number.”

IGNORANCE AND MALICE HAVE ASSAILED US

with equal virulence, but fortunately with an equal lack of success. Calumny and misrepresentation—those twin children of the vicious and evil-minded—have taken up their parable against us and cried, “Down with it, down with it, even

to the ground." What matters it to these people that an honest and true-hearted Mason must ever be on the side of right ; or what care they for the good Masonry has accomplished ! The tide of Masonic charity has no ebb within the craft, nor ought it to have ; but our opponents judge without knowledge and condemn without trial ; and although many outsiders profess to know a great deal more about Masonry than we do, they somehow fail to count in our Masoric orphan houses, homes for aged brethren, and Masonic charity written on every instrument of the craft. Believe our calumniators, and for once the world can gather grapes from thorns and figs from thistles. If we have declined to reply to our assailants, or if we have refused, under great provocation, to return " railing for railing," it is simply because we have faith in the omnipotence of truth and the consciousness that the essential principles of our Order have an immutable basis. Truth will prevail sooner or later, and in the meantime we can afford to wait. The enemies of Masonry never weary of representing it as a cosmopolitan society of evil-doers—an association whose ramifications extend through every grade of society, and everywhere working out its deadly purposes against the social and religious interests of the community ; while some wise men—very wise men if you will—are more than satisfied that our relationship to the Prince of Darkness is at least one of intimate cordiality, if, indeed, it does not reach the length of a very close community of interest or even an identity of purpose. (Laughter.) I am ready to admit that in these days such extravagant ideas

DO NOT PREVAIL VERY GENERALLY,

but even the qualified charges to which reputable writers attach their names are not in any respect more remarkable for truthfulness. Now, to condense the substance of many charges made against Freemasonry and present them in the shape of two propositions, they would read somewhat as follows :—

1st. Freemasonry is dangerous to the State.

2nd. Freemasonry is antagonistic to religion and morality.

In the main, it will, I think, be found that the objections most frequently urged against the craft lie close to one or other of the above propositions. Of course it is not to be supposed that all our opponents hold to both propositions or to either as it stands, but substantially I say the above propositions cover what may be termed the anti-Masonic case. Now, before applying the principles of the craft to the charges in question, let me convince you by reputable evidence that I am not placing before you a " man of straw " for the purpose of knocking it down, nor shall I trespass upon your time by making anything like long extracts. Sir Christopher Bellew said :—" Lord Palmerston is much more than a hostile statesman. He would never have such influence on the continent if he were only an English Cabinet Minister. But he is a Freemason and one of the highest and greatest of Freemasons. It is he who sends what is called the Patriarchal voice through the lodges of Europe." So that after all, if we are to believe Sir Christopher, it is " Freemasonry " that moves the secret springs of European politics. But the late Major-General Burnaby is given as the authority for the following extraordinary story :—" It is alleged that the General was commissioned to obtain and preserve the names and addresses of all the Italian members of the Foreign Legion enlisted for the British service in the Crimean war. This was in

1855 and 1856. After the war these men, mostly reckless and unscrupulous characters—'fearful scoundrels,' General Burnaby called them—dispersed to

THEIR NATIVE PROVINCES,

but the clue to find them again was in General Burnaby's hands, and when a couple of years later Cavour and Palmerston, in conjunction with the Masonic lodges, considered the moment opportune to let loose the Italian revolution the list of the Italian Foreign Legion was communicated to the Sardinian Government and by it placed in the hands of the Garibaldian Directory, who at once sought out most of the men." In this way several hundreds of "fearful scoundrels" (laughter) who had learned military skill and discipline under the British flag were supplied to Garibaldi to form the corps of his celebrated Army of Emancipation in the Roman States and the two Sicilies, while the British diplomatists at Turin and Naples carried on, under the cover of their character as envoys, the dangerous portion of the "Carbonarist conspiracy." It is quite beside my present purpose to point out the absurdity of the above statements, most of them being self-contradictory, and all of them strongly impregnated with the perfume of the fabulous; and yet it is out of just such stories that the enemies of Freemasonry manufacture the barefaced calumnies which are placed before the non-Masonic world as veritable and well-authenticated facts. Mr. F. Hugh O'Donnell, lately a member of the British House of Commons—perhaps he is so still—finds "the key to modern history" in the secret intrigues of Freemasons, whose ubiquity is hardly less remarkable than the way in which they make shuttlecocks of kings and obedient tools of princes, and it will not surprise Mr. O'Donnell, or those possessed of this remarkable "key," if they should ~~one~~ ~~some~~ fine morning to find that with our far-reaching influence we had succeeded in making our esteemed Grand Master President of the United States or King of the Cannibal Isles—the latter would probably be more in our line than the former. (Loud laughter.) We wish our opponents joy of their valuable "key," but we beseech them not to speak of us as Freemasons and then, without a word of "by your leave," talk of us in the very next sentence as "the Carbonarist conspiracy." This is precisely what Mr. O'Donnell does, and I stigmatize it as

A FLAGRANT OUTRAGE

upon the principles of honest and straightforward discussion, as well as a violation of the moral code which forbids men "to bear false witness against their neighbors." (Applause.) We have no sympathy with political or religious revolutionists, and we repudiate, as strongly as language will permit us, any and every connection with the sinister aims and unlawful methods of the Carbonari or similar societies. To countenance any such proceedings would be to obliterate every landmark of our order. Political despotism and ecclesiastical tyranny give birth by laws of natural generation to such societies as the Carbonari, and it is quite true that secret societies, many of them dangerous to the effete despotisms of the Old World, flourish, but we have nothing to say to them. However, we might venture to make the suggestion that to render them innocuous let the nations which complain most proclaim a Jubilee of Freedom, not the godless and licentious thing misnamed "freedom" which deluged France in blood, but the freedom

which rests on two strong pillars—namely the right relation of man to his fellow-man, and the relation of both to the great Architect of the Universe. (Applause.) We rigidly prohibit politics in every shape from entering our lodges, and this ancient landmark of the order can never be dispensed with. I am not betraying any secret to the outside world when I say that every newly initiated candidate is pledged in the following language, which is, I apprehend, a sufficient answer to the first charge, namely, that "Freemasonry is dangerous to the state":—"As a citizen of the world I am next to enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties, by never proposing or at all countenancing any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws of any state, which may for a time become the place of your residence or afford you its protection; and above all, by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of your native land, ever remembering that nature has implanted in your breast a sacred and indissoluble attachment to that country from which you derived your birth and infant nurture." I will only add that I challenge the production, from any source, political or ecclesiastical, of a clearer, more comprehensive, or more philosophic definition of the duties and obligation of citizenship than that contained in the above Masonic charge. In other words it is

THE LUMINOUS POINT

of the masonic compass marking our civil obligations, and directing all honest Masons "to render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's." (Applause.)

But on the second proposition we have been no less virulently assailed, and that, too, by men who ought to know better. We are credited with having made Voltaire an infidel, and are held responsible for the horrors of the French Revolution. Our religious views, so far as we can be said to have religious views at all, are thus deduced by our opponents, who say that "we hold that all creeds are equally true, and therefore they must be all equally false. \* \* \* Religion is superstition. There is no God. Nature is God and reason is Nature's only priest. Men are the divine and equal children of Nature. All means are good to destroy superstition." In a word, "the ultimate purpose of the masonic sect is the utter overthrow of that whole religious and political order of the world which the christian teacher has produced, and the substitution of a new state of things in accordance with their ideas, of which the foundations and laws shall be drawn from mere naturalism." Now, I pause to say that if men honestly believe we have such objects in view, it is not surprising that they should look upon us with suspicion and cast out our names as evil; nay, I will say more, that the best interests of society are served by a rigid and uncompromising resistance to every form of association having an irreligious or communistic basis, and this view the Grand Lodge of Quebec has adopted as a fundamental element of its progressive life by refusing in the most formal and distinct manner to hold communication with the Grand Orient of France, because of its action in eliminating an article of masonic faith without which no man can honestly retain his position in the craft. Let us examine for a moment the opinions put forth in the ancient charges on the all-important topics of "God and Religion." A Mason is obliged by his tenure

TO OBEY THE MORAL LAW,

and if he rightly understands the art he will never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine." I appeal to all thoughtful men, and I ask them is not this quotation from the ancient charges sufficiently explicit? The craft does not permit any discussion on this landmark, and if any one within the portals of the masonic temple is foolish enough to imagine that this is an open question, he errs very seriously, and has *per se* ceased to be a Mason. "As a Mason," so runs the charge to the newly initiated, "I would first recommend to your most serious contemplation the volume of the sacred law, charging you to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the Divine precepts which it contains. Therein you will be taught the important duties you owe to God, to your neighbour and to yourself. To God, by never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to his Creator, by imploring His aid on all your lawful undertakings, and by looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support." Now, it would not, be difficult to show that the above statement contains all essential elements of religious life, but the Mason wisely stops short at the line of creed and dogmatism, for his object is to unite men on certain common and fundamental truths which, if honestly accepted, can hardly fail to produce among them a fraternal moderation on questions where conflicting opinion is almost inevitable, and the clearly expressed aim of the order is that Masonry may become "a centre of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance." (*Old Charges, 1,722.*) It appears, therefore, that both charges preferred against masonry are conclusively answered by the above and other similar quotations from our accepted standards. But we are living in

DAYS OF RIGID HISTORICAL ENQUIRY,

and I make free to say that if we would see the craft progress on its all-inclusive mission it must pursue its course on the old and well recognized landmarks, and pronounce without hesitation, equivocation, or mental reservation of any kind in favor of FAITH and REVELATION. To permit Freemasonry to fall under the guidance of the shallow minds that retail second-hand infidelity would be to seal its doom for all time. These men, where they exist, are not half as wise as they think themselves to be, and they are not by any means the reliable guides in the domain of morals and ethics which their admirers try to make out. The "Ancient Charges" look upon the man capable of reasoning God out of His created works as a "stupid atheist," and a charge more ancient still has written him in larger characters—A FOOL.

I have heard some well-intentioned masons talk about the beauty of the craft as a non-religious organization, but these excellent brethren can hardly be accused of any very intimate acquaintance with our history or any undue familiarity with the teachings of the craft. When they say "non-religious" they simply mean non-denominational." But this loose method of speaking frequently creates a wrong impression on the masonic as well as the non-masonic hearer, and helps to give countenance to some of the calumnies which have been uttered against us. To be non-religious would require us first of all to extinguish one of our three great

lights, namely, the volume of the sacred law, and to attempt anything of that sort would be to divorce ourselves from the

ESSENTIAL LIFE OF GENUINE FREEMASONRY,

which, if seriously attempted, would rend the craft from floor to ceiling, and if any of the fragments survived the disruption it would survive as a chaotic mass, without principle and without cohesive force of any kind. Extinguish "the Lamp of God" and you have at once a darkness that may be felt—a morality that rests upon no basis and that cannot be illustrated by any symbol. (Loud applause.) The world has never been, and we have no reason to suppose that it ever will be, without its doubters, its unbelievers and its sceptics. They exist with regard to all progress, they combat every movement for moral or social reform. In regard to Masonry the non-believers and the sceptics are as legion; they outnumber us on all sides, and yet their unbelief and their scepticism prove nothing. Divine revelation fares no better, and those who are waiting for the sceptic to put away his scepticism, or the fool to put away his folly, are likely to leave the world very little better than they found it, and themselves not improved in any respect. What is needed, therefore, is not a ceaseless wrangle about our conceptions of the Infinite and the Eternal, the natural and the supernatural, but a principle of love and hope that shall help us by regular steps along life's rugged pathway until such a time as the "lower lights" on the earthly altar shall have merged into the dazzling glories of that Eternal light which hath no shadows. (Applause.) We are not called upon, as some foolishly imagine, to explain every difficulty or to solve every riddle; this indeed were a task very much beyond the powers of all earthly intellect; ours is the simpler duty of performing our appointed work as true craftsmen under the consciousness of God's presence, for

"In the elder days of art,  
Builders wrought with greatest care  
Each minute and unseen part,  
For the gods I see everywhere.  
Let us do our work as well,  
Both the unseen and the seen,  
Make the house where gods may dwell,  
Beautiful, entire and clean."

This is a worthy object—

WORTHY OF THE HIGHEST MANHOOD,

and is according to masonic tradition and teaching inseparably linked with the spiritual and supernatural. Within the points of the compass therefore—that third Great Masonic Light—there lies the fountain and pearl of all doctrine, namely, the "resurrection of the dead." We are cheered by the thought that our solemn ceremonies do not leave us standing by the darksome grave mournfully contemplating only the emblems of mortality; we can raise our eyes to the sprig of acacia, blooming in evergreen beauty above the silent grave. It is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By it we are reminded of our high and glorious destiny beyond the world of shadows, and that there dwells within our tabernacle of clay an imperishable and immortal spirit which the grave shall

never receive, and over which death has no dominion. Who then will dare to affirm that Freemasonry is in any sense opposed to religion? The Mason with this hope will purify himself even as He is pure, and with unflinching faith in the resurrection of the dead we may go on in humble confidence fulfilling our separate tasks until the Supreme Grand Junior Warden Death shall call us from labour to the refreshment of "the rest that remains for the people of God." Surely I might appeal to the better judgment of our opponents and ask them—Are these the teachings of an irreligious society, or a society making war on religion in any shape? If any one joins our order in the hope that he can use the craft for political or selfish purposes he will find himself doomed to grave disappointments; or if any one imagines that we are going to sanction public or private hostility to religion, or to any particular form of religion, he will do well to keep outside of our portals, or if he should accidentally happen to be within them, he will act the part of an honest man by getting out with all convenient speed. (Applause.) Let me conclude by slightly changing words which I find in the R. A. C. report for 1885. Brethren, we have been taught that as we advance in Masonry our duties and obligations to ourselves and to our brethren correspondingly increase, hence as Master Masons we should be particularly careful both

BY PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE,

to maintain before the outside world as well as before the brethren, a character above reproach. I do not say that perfection—never yet attained by mortals—should be looked for in a Master Mason, but I do say that we should abandon and eschew every vice, which can in the remotest degree bring our order into disrepute, and I repeat what is set forth so fully in our rituals and ceremonies, that the blasphemers, the drunkard, the dishonest, the immoral, and the unbeliever, are very much out of place in any Masonic Lodge. Brethren of this Grand Lodge, you are building a noble edifice, may you have power to cement your work at all times, with fraternal goodwill and forbearance, so that unitedly we can ever pray—"Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces." For my brethren and companions sake I will now say "PEACE BE WITHIN THEE."

R.: W.: Bro. H. L. Robinson moved, seconded by V.: W.: Bro. W. S. Evans,—

"That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to R.: W.: Bro. Rev. R. Kerr, Grand Chaplain, for the able and interesting discourse which he has now delivered, and the Grand Lodge now directs that the same be entered *in extenso* in the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and be printed with said proceedings."

The motion was carried.

The R.: W.: Grand Chaplain returned his thanks to the Grand Lodge for the compliment paid him by the motion, and expressed the pleasure he felt in fulfilling his duty in preparing the discourse."

A communication from M.: W.: Bro. M. O. Perkins, of Windsor, Vt., the M.: W.: Grand Master of Vermont, who had been invited to attend the present meeting of the Grand Lodge, was read, expressing his thanks for the invitation, and his regret that from other Masonic engagements previously made he was unable to avail himself of it, and desiring to have conveyed to the Grand Lodge his fraternal greeting and good wishes, and those of the whole craft under his jurisdiction.

The letter was received with manifestations of satisfaction and ordered to be placed on fyle. The Grand Secretary was instructed to reply thereto.

The hour of one p.m. having been reached, the Grand Lodge was called from "labor to refreshment," to resume its duties at 2.30 p.m.

*John B. Leachon*  
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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.30 p.m. this day, the M.: W.: Grand Master presiding.

### REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEES—FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R.: W.: Bro. A. F. Simpson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, explained that his business avocations had prevented him during the past year from giving to the duties of the office, the time and attention they required. He had, therefore, at a somewhat late period requested the Grand Secretary to prepare the report. This had been done, and he now begged to present the report, and moved, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. James Mitchell,—

“That the report on Foreign Correspondence, now presented, be received, but as the same presents no new feature of especial interest, this Grand Lodge deems it inexpedient to publish the same *in extenso*. The Grand Lodge, however, recommends that the sum of forty dollars be paid to the writer and compiler of said report as remuneration for his labor.”

In amendment it was moved by R.: W.: Bro. Noyes, seconded by W.: Bro. Joseph Martin,—

“That all the words in the motion now before the Grand Lodge after the words ‘be received’ be struck out, and the following substituted therefor: ‘and be printed as an *Appendix* to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.’”

The amendment was carried.

The main motion as so amended was then put to the Grand Lodge and carried.

R.: W.: Bro. A. F. Simpson, for the same committee, made the following report on applications from other Grand Lodges for recognition:—

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., in Council assembled.*

Your Committee on Correspondence beg to report,—

They have reviewed the proceedings of six Grand Lodges of this Dominion, three of the mother countries, and forty-one of the United States. From the whole they have endeavored to extract, and now produce, such information as may be instructive and of use to the craft here.

They have purposely avoided touching upon many subjects being largely discussed in other jurisdictions, and in which considerable diversity of opinion seems to exist, for the reason that until by some method yet to be devised, all these matters can be harmonized, governed and regulated by legislation and made as universal as the ancient landmarks, it will be unwise to "fish in troubled waters." So far our constitution has been found sufficient to regulate all matters with the craft here, and we do not, therefore, propose to look up or into nice points of law or procedure, until there is a necessity to do so.

With these few words of introduction, we submit the following, our report:—

REPORT ON APPLICATIONS FOR RECOGNITION OF GRAND LODGES.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg to report—

That there have been submitted for their investigation applications for recognition of Sister Grand Lodges, and they have had under consideration the following, viz. :—That of the Grand Lodge of South Australia; that of the Independent Symbolic Grand Lodge of Spain; and that of the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of the United States of Mexico.

Your Committee have carefully perused and examined the proceedings followed by our brethren in South Australia in the establishing their Grand Lodge, and have ascertained that of the twenty lodges holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, seven holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and six holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, all but three have cast in their lot with the Grand Lodge of South Australia. Throughout the whole proceedings great care seems to have been taken to comply with the recognized methods to erect a Grand Lodge. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that Grand Lodge do now adopt the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of South Australia having been duly and properly constituted, the Grand Lodge of Quebec now hereby extends to her fraternal recognition, and heartily welcomes her within the sisterhood of Grand Lodges."

Your Committee regret that they cannot yet see their way clear to recommend a like course with respect to the other two applications. Much confusion seems to exist in Masonic circles both in Spain and Mexico. Various organizations appear to be striving for mastery in both countries. Under these circumstances, your Committee suggest the following resolution for adoption:—

"*Resolved*, That the application for recognition by this Grand Lodge from the Independent Symbolic Grand Lodge of Spain, and from the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of the United States of Mexico, be received and considered. tion thereof be deferred."

A. F. SIMPSON,

*Chairman.*

On motion of R.: W.: Bro. Grand Secretary, seconded by M.: W.: Bro. J. H. Graham, the report was received and adopted.

R.: W.: Bro. Rev. Robert Kerr, the proxy at the present meeting for Good Samaritan Lodge No. 68, laid before Grand Lodge the following letter, requesting action of Grand Lodge thereanent:—

NEW CARLISLE, Que., 7th January, 1886.

REV. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER,—

I beg to enclose the present proxy sheet, appointing you as our delegate to represent Good Samaritan Lodge No. 68, A. F. & A. M., at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, to be held at Montreal on the 27th January instant.

I would wish to draw your attention to our isolated position, 82 miles from the nearest railroad, and about 400 to the nearest lodge, viz.: Tuscan, of Point Levis, Quebec. Gaspé Basin is over 100 miles from this place, and parties would join from there, if it were possible for them to get two degrees in one night, and it is very much the wish of this lodge that Grand Lodge would specially grant us that dispensation.

Our lodge now numbers seventeen members, and will grow very slowly; still, I have every reason to believe that it will grow surely.

I remain fraternally yours,

Reverend Sir and Dear Brother,

W. M. SHEPPARD,

*Acting-Secretary.*

Rev. ROBERT KERR, Quebec, P. Q.

It was moved by M.: W.: P. G. M. J. H. Graham, seconded by W.: Bro. Williams,—

“That the communication from Good Samaritan Lodge, just read, be received, and the Grand Secretary be instructed to acknowledge the receipt thereof, and to convey to the officers of that lodge, as speedily as possible, such information and suggestions, in regard to their application, as the Grand Master to be elected shall in his wisdom direct.”

The motion was carried.

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

The Committee on the State of Masonry made the following report :

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.*

Your Committee are convinced that no dissentient voice will be found in Grand Lodge from the patriotic remarks so eloquently made by the M.: W.: Grand Master in alluding to our citizen soldiers during the late trouble in the Dominion, nor to the feeling of thanksgiving that the unwelcome guest who has visited Montreal is now bidding us a farewell.

Your Committee note with sorrow the distinguished names mentioned by the M.: W.: Grand Master as “Not lost but gone before” and are sure that the members of Grand Lodge will endorse the suggestion “that memorial pages be set apart in memory of these brethren.”

Your Committee note with pleasure that dispensations have been issued for the formation of two new lodges in the Ottawa District; that the Grand Treasurer has been appointed to represent this Grand Lodge on the Montreal Board of

Relief; and that a commission has been issued to the three distinguished brethren mentioned, to report upon the difficulty with reference to Prevost Lodge No. 8, and members of the late Prevost Lodge No. 7.

Your Committee agree with the M. W. Grand Master that great caution should be used by lodges applying for dispensations, and that the wearing of regalia in public should not become too common.

Your Committee feel assured that the members of Grand Lodge will confirm the action of the M. W. Grand Master in the appointment of Grand Representatives.

Your Committee are confident of the unanimity with which all will join in welcoming another Royal Brother into our craft; and that all will endorse the necessity of strict examination of visitors, and also that all will agree with the action of the M. W. Grand Master in sending a delegate to the National Board of Relief meeting at Baltimore.

Your Committee congratulate Grand Lodge on the peace, harmony and progress evinced by the lodges under this jurisdiction.

Your Committee regret that the three lodges under English jurisdiction still continue to adhere to that Grand Body, and refuse to affiliate with this Grand Lodge. It is undoubtedly the duty of this Grand Lodge to maintain its sovereignty, and the grave question devolves upon it now, to say what further, if any, action will be taken to conduce to that desired end.

J. F. WALKER, *Chairman.*

It was moved by V. W. Bro. W. Simpson Walker, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. E. Channell:

“That the report on the Grand Master’s address be received and adopted.”

The motion was carried.

GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

It was moved by W. Bro. John P. Noyes, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Addie:

“That, whereas the issue of the edict by the M. W. the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge forbidding intercourse between the Master Masons of this jurisdiction and the three lodges in Montreal warranted by the English Grand Lodge, has produced no perceptible effect in the settlement of the difficulty as to the supreme jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, in the territory of this Province. And whereas this Grand Lodge cannot honorably recede from its rightful claim to supremacy in Masonic matters in this Province, or leave its future chances for success to the chapter of accidents; And whereas the Grand Lodge of England has refused to withdraw the warrants of its said three lodges, therefore be it

“Resolved, That the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge be, and he is hereby instructed to issue an edict in the name and on behalf of this Grand Lodge, severing all intercourse between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges and members on the one hand, and the Grand Lodge of England, its subordinate lodges and members thereof on the other hand, unless the warrants of said three lodges be withdrawn, and unless they affiliate with this Grand Lodge on or before the first day of July next.”

The motion was carried.

REPORT ON GRAND SECRETARY'S AND DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND  
MASTER'S REPORTS.

The Committee on the State of Masonry made the following report :

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, of Ancient Free and Accepted  
Masons.*

The reports of the Grand Secretary and District Deputy Grand Masters shew a favorable progress in Masonry in this jurisdiction.

No Masonic complaints have been made during the year, shewing that thorough harmony prevails throughout the Craft in this jurisdiction.

A general disposition has been evinced in the different districts to attend Divine Service in regalia once during the year, your committee are confident this practice if carried into effect will be approved by this Grand Lodge.

The District Deputy Grand Master of Quebec and Three Rivers refers to the isolated position of Good Samaritan Lodge, and makes suggestions thereanent ; it is a matter entirely in the hands of the M. . W. . Grand Master, any application for a dispensation to confer the two degrees under the circumstances would no doubt be granted.

Your Committee are pleased to note that Shawenegam Lodge, No. 49, at Three Rivers, owns the building where the Lodge meets, and hope that other lodges may, by prudent management of their financial affairs, arrive at a similar state of success.

The request of the District Deputy Grand Master of Montreal, that this Grand Lodge should assist Dorchester Lodge in procuring material for their history will no doubt be cheerfully complied with.

The resuscitation of Hoyle Lodge as suggested would prevent to a certain extent the application of material in this province to be received by New York Lodges. The incoming District Deputy Grand Master of Montreal District is recommended to see if there is sufficient material at Lacolle and vicinity to ensure the success of the lodge if revived there.

Your Committee congratulate Bedford District on the progress of the Craft there, and on the success of their festivities ; they are glad to hear from the District Deputy Grand Master of Shefford and Brome of the revival of Sutton Lodge.

The request of the District Deputy of St. Francis District for the removal of Excelsior Lodge from St. Francis to Shefford and Brome districts should be complied with, if the lodge so desires.

Your Committee recommend that a warrant be granted to King Solomon Lodge at Aylmer to be numbered last on the list, and that the dispensation of Portage du Fort Lodge be continued for another year, as recommended by the District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District.

J. F. WALKER, *Chairman.*

It was moved by V. . W. . Bro. W. Simpson Walker, seconded by W. . Bro. Dickson Anderson :

“ That the report on the Grand Secretary and District Deputy Grand Master's reports be received and adopted.”

The motion was carried.

At six o'clock p.m., Grand Lodge was called from labor.

## EVENING SESSION.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 7.30 p. m. The Grand Master presided.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, P. G. M. ; R. W. Bro. W. H. Whyte, D. D. G. M. ; and R. W. Bro. S. J. Foss, P. D. D. G. M. were appointed scrutineers.

At 8 p.m. the election of officers of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year was held, with the following result :—

R. W. Bro. J. Fred. Walker, Montreal,	was chosen	M. W. Grand Master.
“ “ “ Arthur F. Simpson, Sherbrooke,	“ R. “ Dep. “	
“ “ “ Henry Russell, M. D., Quebec, Dis.	Dep. Grand Master	Quebec and Three Rivers District.
“ “ “ Dickson Anderson, Montreal,	D. D. G. M.	Montreal District.
“ “ “ M. Schofield, Sherbrooke,	D. D. G. M.	St. Francis District
“ “ “ L. G. Burnell, St. Armand Station,	D. D. G. M.	Bedford Dist.
“ “ “ John H. Shaw, Shawville,	D. D. G. M.	Ottawa District.
“ “ “ W. H. O'Regan, Abercorn,	“ “	Shefford & Brome. Dist.
“ “ “ E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec.....	Grand Senior	Warden.
“ “ “ Albert E. Mills, Knowlton.....	“ Junior	“
“ “ “ I. H. Stearns, Montreal.....	“ Treasurer.	“
“ “ “ John H. Isaacson, Montreal.....	“ Secretary.	“
“ “ “ Geo. W. Lovejoy, M. D., Montreal....	“ Registrar.	“
“ “ “ Rev. Robert Kerr, Quebec.....	“ Chaplain.	“
“ “ “ Jervois A. Newnham, Montreal.....	“	“
“ “ “ Isaac Richardson, Montreal.....	“ Tyler.	“

The Grand Master elect notified Grand Lodge that he would, as soon as possible after his installation, appoint the other officers to complete the staff of Grand Lodge.

A vote of thanks was given to the scrutineers, who were then released from further duty.

In accordance with the provisions of the constitution, a ballot was taken for the

ELECTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE,

and the following brethren were found to have been chosen :—

- R. . W. . Bro. I. H. Stearns, Montreal, Chairman.  
“ “ “ Edson Fitch, Quebec.  
“ “ “ John P. Noyes, Waterloo.  
“ “ “ John Shaw, Shawville.  
M. . W. . “ George O. Tyler, Yamachiche.  
R. . “ “ W. M. LeMessurier, Montreal.  
“ “ “ A. M. Stone, Stanbridge.  
“ “ “ James Fyfe, Montreal.  
“ “ “ P. M. McTavish, Montreal.

REPORTS.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

named during the past year by the M. . W. . Grand Master to investigate and report on matters regarding Prevost Lodge No. 7 and Prevost Lodge No. 8, presented their report referring thereto, and to matters connected therewith, R. . W. . Bro. E. R. Rowell gave sundry explanations, and moved seconded by W. . Bro. A. M. Stone,—

“ That the report of the Special Committee, now presented, be received and adopted.”

In amendment it was moved by R. . W. . Bro. W. H. Whyte, seconded by V. . W. . Bro. W. Simpson Walker :

“ That the report just read be referred to the Committee on the State of Masonry, with instruction to report further thereon.”

The amendment was carried.

THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

made the following report :—

MONTREAL, January 27th, 1886.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M. :*

The Committee on Jurisprudence have the honor to report, that they have duly considered the papers submitted by Chateaugay Lodge No. 36, in the matter of the complaint made by Brother Peter Macfarlane, Acting Junior Warden, against Brother John H. Gilmore, and of the trial on such complaint ; and that as said lodge has, after due trial, recommended that Brother Gilmore shall be expelled from the order ; and has reported such judgment to this Grand Lodge, in accordance with article 124, page 32, of the constitution, it remains for this Grand Lodge to say whether Brother Gilmore shall be expelled, inasmuch as by article 110, page 30, of the constitution, this grand body alone has the power of expelling a member from Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. TAIT, *Chairman.*  
W. SIMPSON WALKER.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. Simpson Walker,—

“That the report just presented be received and referred for consideration to a special sub-committee, to be comprised of the following named brethren:— V. W. Bro. W. Simpson Walker, R. W. Bro. A. F. Simpson, and R. W. Bro. John H. Shaw.”

The motion was carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee, by its Chairman, R. W. Bro. Frank Edgar, presented the following report :

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec.*

The Committee report that they have examined and audited the Grand Treasurer's accounts, books and vouchers, and found them all correct and in order.

GENERAL FUND.

The receipts by the Grand Treasurer from 25th Jan., 1885,	
to 25th Jan., 1886 amount to.....	\$1944 77
The amount paid out by him during the same period.....	1381 02
Leaving a balance of.....	\$563 75

The amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer at the time of the last annual report was \$1,619.11, of which amount \$800 was by resolution of Grand Lodge transferred to the Charitable Fund, leaving the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer on the 25th inst. \$1,382.86, at the credit of the General Fund.

The Grand Secretary reports unpaid accounts as follows:

Burland, Lafricain & Co., certificates.....	\$166 60
Wm. Miller, stationery.....	5 15
Grand Master balance of expenses.....	20 00
Gazette Printing Company, advertising.....	3 00
Geo. Horne, stationery.....	38 80
Herald, advertising account.....	3 00
Gazette Printing Company, printing.....	\$303 75
Less amount received from R. W. Bro. Edson Fitch.....	25 00
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Colby grant.....	50 00
R. W. Bro. Rowell, Expenses deputation visiting Prevost Lodge.....	10 00
R. W. Bro. Channell “ “ “ “.....	7 00
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At the last annual communication the Finance Committee reported unpaid accounts (which were ordered to be immediately settled) amounting to \$403.88, and appropriations were voted for the ensuing year, (1885) amounting to \$1,175,

and special votes were granted of \$50, \$25 and \$50, making the total expenditure authorized by Grand Lodge for the past year \$1,703.88, as follows :

1 Grand Secretary, salary, rent, &c .....	\$720 00
2 Expenses Annual Communication .....	30 00
3 Printing.....	289 50
4 Grand Master, for stationery and expenses .....	75 00
5 Grand Secretary " " .....	50 00
6 Grand Lodge Certificates.....	323 00
7 Stationery and advertising accounts, &c.....	41 38
8 Special grants .....	175 00
	\$1,703 88

The amount paid by the Grand Treasurer during the past year was \$1,381.02 and the amount of the unpaid accounts is \$582.30, making a total of \$1,963.32, as follows :

1 Grand Secretary, salary, rent &c.....	\$720 00
2 Expenses Annual Communication.....	20 00
3 Printing.....	410 25
4 Grand Master, stationery and expenses .....	73 39
5 Grand Secretary " " .....	40 00
6 Grand Lodge Certificates.....	339 60
7 Stationery and advertising accounts, &c.....	118 00
8 Special Grants.....	175 00
R. W. Bro. James Mitchell.....	50 00
" " Rowell.....	10 00
" " Chandler.....	7 00
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The net revenue of the Grand Lodge for the past year being..	1944 77
And the expenses for the same period.....	1559 44
Excess of revenue over expenses, being.....	\$385 33

CHARITABLE FUND.

The amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer last annual report was.....	\$302 80
Received for interests on deposits and investment to 14th November, 1885.....	1590 73
Total.....	\$1893 53
Paid charitable grants made by Grand Lodge and orders of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity to 25th Jan. 1886.....	\$1509 31
Present amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.....	\$384 22

The investments for the Permanent Fund was, at time of last annual report, \$4,506.90, to which was added by vote of Grand Lodge from the General Fund \$800, making the amount at the present time at the credit of the Charitable Fund \$5,691 12, invested as follows :

City of Montreal Consolidated Fund, 6 per cent.....	\$4000 00
“ “ “ 4 per cent.....	1000 00
Accrued interest .....	6 90
Deposit Molson's Bank.....	300 00
“ Quebec Bank.....	384 <del>00</del>
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REMARKS.

The Committee find the following expenditures have been made over and above the amounts authorized by Grand Lodge :

Printing.....	\$120 75
Certificates.....	16 60
Stationery.....	66 62

The Committee find the following expenditures have been made without any authority whatever from Grand Lodge :

Amount paid R. W. Bro. Jas. Mitchell.....	\$50 00
“ “ “ Rowell.....	10 00
“ “ “ Chandler.....	7 00

The sanction of this Committee was not asked for any of the above expenditures.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Committee recommend that the unpaid accounts be promptly discharged.

The Committee recommend that it be an instruction to the Grand Secretary to confine the expenditure under his control strictly within the limits fixed by the appropriations voted by Grand Lodge.

The Committee recommend that it be an instruction to the Grand Treasurer not to pay any amounts over the appropriations, or for any other purpose not covered by them, without the sanction of the Finance Committee.

The Committee further recommend that the sum of five hundred dollars be transferred from the General Fund to the Charitable Fund of Grand Lodge.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee recommend that Grand Lodge make the following appropriations to defray the expenses for the current year, the same to be taken from the General Fund :

1 Grand Secretary salary.....	\$600 00
2 “ “ office rent, taxes, &c.....	120 00
3 “ “ stationery and traveling expenses.....	50 00
4 Grand Master “ “ .....	75 00
5 Expense of annual communication.....	20 00
6 Printing.....	200 00
7 Certificates.....	150 00
8 Advertising and petty accounts.....	85 00
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The Committee bear witness to the zeal, fidelity and ability of the Grand Treasurer in the performance of the duties of his important office.

F. EDGAR,

GEO. O. TYLER,

*For Committee on Finance.*

It was moved by R.: W.: Bro. Frank Edgar, seconded by M.: W.: Bro. M. M. Tait,

“That the report of the Finance Committee now presented be received and adopted.”

The motion was carried.

THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY

made the following report :—

The Committee on Benevolence and Charity beg to report—

That they have, during the interim since last session, granted the following amounts for charitable purposes :—

Widow H. . . . . \$25 00

and recommend the following amounts to be granted :—

Mrs. W. . . . . \$25 00

Bro. J. A. . . . . 25 00

Widow W. . . . . 25 00

Noxon fund . . . . . 75 00

Miss C. . . . . 25 00

That the money for Bro. J. A. be paid for him to R.: W.: Bro. Foss.

The application from the Montreal Board of Relief for fifty dollars the committee do not feel justified in recommending.

The question of a Masonic Home having been brought before Grand Lodge, and referred to special committee, your committee feel themselves relieved of the responsibility of further reporting upon it; nevertheless, they have much pleasure in stating, that their recommendation for voluntary subscription for this purpose has been acted upon by several lodges in the jurisdiction, and believe nothing but good can ensue from a universal adoption of the same principle.

EDSON FITCH, *Chairman.*

S. LEBOURVEAU.

It was moved by R.: W.: Bro. Edson Fitch, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. John Shaw,—

“That the report now submitted be received and adopted.”

The motion was carried.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

R. : W. : Bro. Edson Fitch gave notice that he would, on the  
morrow, offer the following motion :—

“ That the various amounts recommended to be given by the Committee on  
Benevolence and Charity be paid as therein directed.”

R. : W. : Grand Secretary gave notice that he would, to-morrow,  
offer the following motion :—

“ That the sum of twenty dollars be paid to St. George Lodge No. 10 for the  
use of its rooms for the present meeting.”

At 11 o'clock p.m. Grand Lodge was called from labor.

*John B. Seacron*  
*Grand Secy*  
*G. L. of L.*

## SECOND DAY.

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Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9.30 a.m. this 29th day of January A.D. 1886—A. L. 5886, M. W. Grand Master E. R. Johnson presiding.

R. W. Bro. John P. Noyes moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Addie,—

“That whereas R. W. Bro. Frank W. Baxter, of Highgate, Vermont, since the formation of this Grand Lodge, has rendered it highly valuable services, whereby this Grand Lodge is under deep obligations to him, therefore, be it

“*Resolved*, That, in recognition thereof, and as in some measure a fraternal appreciation of such services, he be, and hereby is, made an honorary member of this Grand Lodge.”

The motion was carried.

The M. W. Grand Master called for the motion, of which R. W. Bro. Gustavus Lucke had at the last meeting of Grand Lodge given notice of his intention to move, which, if carried, would change part of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, and which notice of motion was as follows:—

“That Art. 13, page 8 of the Book of Constitution be amended by erasing therefrom the word “last” in the second line of said article and substituting therefor the word “second.”

R. W. Bro. Lucke having failed to attend the present meeting, and no member of Grand Lodge having undertaken to offer said motion, and no instruction having been received thereanent by the Grand Secretary, the motion was dropped.

The M. W. Grand Master called for the motion, which appeared in the “Order of Business,” and of which W. Bro. James Fyfe had, as required by the constitution, given three months' previous notice in writing of his intention to move at the present communication, and which notice of motion had been printed and sent to all concerned on the summons calling the present meeting.

Thereupon W. Bro. James Mitchell stated that W. Bro. Fyfe was unavoidably temporarily absent from Grand Lodge, but that W. Bro. had requested him to present the motion, should it be

called for in his absence. W.: Bro. Mitchell asked to be permitted to lay the motion before Grand Lodge, and leave having been given, he submitted, for W.: Bro. Fyfe, seconded by W.: Bro. Dewar, the following motion :

“ That that part of the Constitution on page 23, sec. 95, relating to members' fees payable for Grand Lodge purposes be amended to read as follows : ‘ Every member of each lodge shall pay towards the fund for Grand Lodge purposes the sum of fifty cents per annum ; also an additional sum of fifty cents per annum for Benevolence and Charity ; fifty per cent. of said benevolent fee to be applied for the purchase and maintenance of a Masonic Home, said proceeds to be placed in the hands of three trustees elected by and subject to the will of the Grand Lodge ; and the remaining fifty per cent. of said benevolent fee shall be applied for the support of a Board of Relief in each district ; said Boards of Relief to be composed of one representative from each lodge, and governed by by-laws to be adopted at a joint meeting of all the Boards of Relief ; fifty per cent. of any unexpended balance of the annual income of each Board of Relief to be paid over to the trustees of the Home Fund annually.’ ”

In amendment, it was moved by R.: W.: Bro. John P. Noyes, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. Rev. H. W. Nye,—

“ That the motion of W.: Bro. James Fyfe, and matters therein contained, be referred to a special committee, to be composed of one from each Masonic district of this jurisdiction, to be appointed by the M.: W.: Grand Master elect, with instructions to report next year.”

A long and interesting debate on the subject referred to in the amendment and main motion followed, and a vote having been taken, the amendment was carried.

#### THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

made the following report :—

The Nominating Committee beg to report that they have made the following selection of committees :—

#### JURISPRUDENCE.

M.: W.: Bro. M. M. Tait, *Chairman*.  
“ “ “ J. H. Graham.  
“ “ “ James Dunbar.  
“ “ “ E. R. Johnson.  
R.: “ “ T. P. Butler.

#### STATE OF MASONRY.

R.: W.: Bro. A. F. Simpson, *Chairman*.  
“ “ “ H. L. Robinson.  
“ “ “ W. M. LeMessurier.  
“ “ “ E. Rowell.  
“ “ “ John Shaw.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

- R.: W.: Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, *Chairman*.  
“ “ “ W. H. Whyte.  
V.: “ “ W. Simpson Walker.  
“ “ E. R. Smith.  
“ “ H. R. Fraser.

BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

- R.: W.: Bro. Edson Fitch, *Chairman*.  
“ “ “ I. H. Stearns.  
“ “ James Fyfe.  
“ “ McTavish.  
“ “ Lebourveau.

FINANCE.

- R.: W.: Bro. Frank Edgar, *Chairman*.  
M.: “ “ George O. Tyler.  
R.: “ “ I. H. Stearns.  
“ “ H. J. Miller.  
“ “ “ S. J. Foss.

CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

- R.: W.: Bro. H. E. Channell, *Chairman*.  
“ “ James Mitchell.  
“ “ H. Griffith.  
“ “ E. C. Perkins.  
“ “ Cassells.

The Report was received and adopted.

The sub-committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence relating to the action of Chateauguay Lodge, No. 36, *vs* Bro. John Gilmore, through V.: W.: Bro. W. Simpson Walker, made the following report :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Quebec.*

Your special committee nominated to investigate the case of Chateauguay Lodge *vs* Bro. John H. Gilmore, beg to report, that they have fully examined all documents and evidence connected with the case, and recommend Grand Lodge to put into effect the recommendation of Chateauguay Lodge by the expulsion of the said Bro. John H. Gilmore. Your committee also report that the notices, charges and all the papers connected with this case have been most carefully prepared and are regular in every particular.

W. SIMPSON WALKER.  
A. F. SIMPSON.  
JOHN SHAW.

MONTREAL, 28th January, 1886.

It was moved by V.: W.: Bro. W. Simpson Walker, seconded by V.: W.: Bro. A. G. Adams,

“ That the report of the sub-committee be received and adopted.”

The motion was carried.

Pursuant to notice, given yesterday R.: W.: Grand Secretary moved, seconded by V.: W.: Bro. Simpson Walker,—

“ That the sum of twenty dollars be paid to St. George Lodge, No. 10, for the use of its rooms for the purposes of the present meeting.”

The motion was carried.

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

R.: W.: Bro. J. Fred. Walker, Grand Master elect. was presented for installation, and, having been duly obligated and formally installed by M.: W.: Bro. E. R. Johnston, was proclaimed at the E.: W.: and S.:

The newly elected Grand Master, after taking his position on the throne was saluted with grand honors.

R.: W.: Bro. Arthur F. Simpson, Deputy Grand Master elect, was presented, obligated, proclaimed, and saluted.

W.: Bros. Dickson Anderson and L. G. Burnell were presented, obligated, and installed as District Deputy Grand Masters; the former for the Montreal District, the latter for the Bedford District.

W.: Bro. E. T. D. Chambers was presented, obligated and installed as Grand Senior Warden.

W.: Bro. Albert E. Mills was presented, obligated, and installed as Grand Junior Warden.

It was moved by R.: W.: Bro. H. E. Channell, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. L. G. Burnell,

“ That the next annual Meeting of this Grand Lodge shall be held at the City of Montreal.”

The motion was carried.

It was moved by W.: Bro. James Mitchell, seconded by W.: Bro. James Fyfe,

“ That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the following railway companies for granting reduced fares to delegates attending

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the present meeting, viz :—The Grand Trunk Railway Co. of Canada ; the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. ; the Central Vermont Railway Co. ; and the South Eastern Railway Co.”

The motion was carried.

All business before Grand Lodge having been disposed of, prayer was offered and Grand Lodge was closed in *ample form*.



*John B. Isaacson*  
*Grand Secy*  
*G. L. of Q.*

MEM.—Since the session of Grand Lodge, the M. : Wor. : the Grand Master has been pleased to appoint the following officers of Grand Lodge :—

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| V. : Wor. : | Bro. S. LEBOURVEAU, Sherbrooke... | <i>Grand Director of Ceremonies.</i> |
| “ “ “       | A. M. STONE, Stanbridge.....      | “ <i>Organist.</i>                   |
| “ “ “       | GEORGE WAIT, Montreal.....        | “ <i>Senior Deacon.</i>              |
| “ “ “       | W. J. FRASER, Quebec.....         | “ <i>Junior</i> “                    |
| “ “ “       | A. N. THOMPSON, Stanstead..       | “ <i>Steward.</i>                    |
| “ “ “       | J. W. HANNAH, Montreal.....       | “ “                                  |
| “ “ “       | E. J. RAYMOND, Waterloo....       | “ “                                  |
| “ “ “       | H. J. COOPER, Louiseville.....    | “ “                                  |
| “ “ “       | JOHN BECKINGHAM, Montreal..       | “ <i>Pursuivant.</i>                 |
| “ “ “       | ISAAC RICHARDSON, “ ..            | “ <i>Tyler.</i>                      |

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## LIST OF GRAND LODGES

IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,  
WITH THE NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF THEIR  
GRAND SECRETARIES.

Alabama	D. Sayre	Montgomery.
Arizona	George J. Roskruege	Tucson, A. T.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Argentine Republic	Carlos Urien	Buenos Ayres.
Belgium	Gustav Washer	Brussels.
Brazil	Dr. A. Freire de Amaral	Rio Janeiro.
British Columbia	Edward Newfelder	Victoria.
California	Alex. G. Abel	San Francisco.
Canada	J. J. Mason	Hamilton.
Columbia, District of	W. R. Singleton	Washington.
Colorado	Edward C. Pamelee	Georgetown.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Dakota	Charles T. McCoy	Bonhomme.
Delaware	Wm. S. Hayes	Wilmington.
Florida	DeWit C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	J. Emmett Blackshear, M. D.	Macon.
Hungary	Henry Iby	
Idaho	Jonas W. Brown	Boise City.
Illinois	L. L. Munn	Freeport.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka, Choctaw Nat'n.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Iowa City.
Ireland	S. B. Oldham, Dy. G. Sec.	Dublin.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Hiram Bassett	Millersburg.
Louisiana	James C. Bachelor, M.D.	New Orleans.
Manitoba	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Jacob Medairy	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Seren D. Nickerson	Boston.
Michigan	Wm. P. Innis	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pearson	St. Paul.
Missouri	Rev. John D. Vincil, D.D.	St. Louis.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Montana	C. Hedge	Helena.
Nebraska	W. R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson.

New Brunswick	Edwin J. Wetmore	St. John.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Joseph H. Hough	Trenton.
New Mexico	A. A. Keen	Las Vegas.
New South Wales	Nicholas Weeks	Sydney.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York.
Nova Scotia	Benjamin Curren, B.C.L.	Halifax.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	F. J. Babcock	Salem.
Peru	J. Arturo Ego-Aguirre	Lima.
Pennsylvania	Michael Nisbet	Philadelphia.
Portugal	Jayne Larche	Lisbon.
Prince Edward Island	B. Wilson Higgs	Charlottetown.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
Scotland	D. Murray Lyon	Edinburg.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
South Australia	J. H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
Spain	Rubio-y Pineda	Seville.
Texas	George H. Bringhurst	Houston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Lavant M. Read	Burlington.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	O. S. Long	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming Territory	J. R. Symonds	Laramie.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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1. Alabama—R. W. Bro. D. Sayre, Montgomery, Ala.  
R. W. Bro. D. Thomas, Sherbrooke, Que.
2. Arizona—George J. Roskrue, Tucson, A. T.
3. Arkansas—R. W. Bro. W. H. Howes.  
W. Bro. P. McDiarmid MacTavish, Montreal, Que.
4. Belgium—R. W. Bro. C. P. Reid, Sherbrooke, Que.
5. British Columbia—R. W. Bro. James Reid.  
V. W. Bro. Dickson Anderson, Montreal, Que.
6. California—R. W. Bro. A. G. Abell, San Francisco, Cal.  
R. W. Bro. Edson Fitch, Quebec, Que.
7. Canada—R. W. Bro. Robert McKay, St. Thomas, Ont.  
R. W. Bro. A. Murray, Montreal, Que.
8. Colorado—M. W. Bro. Andrew Sacerdorf, Denver.  
V. W. Bro. David Seath, Montreal, Que.
9. Columbia, District of—R. W. Bro. George B. Clark, Washington, D. C.  
R. W. Bro. Edward Holton, Montreal, Que.
10. Connecticut—R. W. Bro. J. K. Wheeler, Hartford, Conn.  
R. W. Bro. E. M. Copeland, Berthier (en haut), Que.
11. Dakota—R. W. Bro. Calvin G. Shaw.  
V. W. Bro. George Crawford, Montreal, Que.
12. Delaware—R. W. Bro. W. J. Stewart.  
R. W. Bro. W. Bickerton Smith, Yamachiche, Que.
13. Florida—R. W. Bro. William Taylor.  
R. W. Bro. Thomas Allan, Montreal, Que.
14. Georgia—R. W. Bro. J. E. Blackshear, Macon, Ga.  
R. W. Bro. James Addie, Lennoxville.
15. Hungary—R. W. Bro. Jules Kleinrath.  
Rev. Bro. R. W. No. man, Montreal, Que.
16. Idaho—M. W. Bro. George Henry Davis, Boise City, Id.  
R. W. Bro. John Renshaw, Montreal, Que.
17. Illinois—R. W. Bro. D. C. Cregier, Chicago, Ill.  
R. W. Bro. Alexander Chisholm, Montreal, Que.
18. Indiana—M. W. Bro. C. Fetta, Indianapolis, Ind.  
M. W. Bro. E. R. Johnson, Stanstead, Que.
19. Indian Territory—R. W. Bro. William A. Welsh, Caddo.  
R. W. Bro. P. A. Crosby, Montreal, Que.
20. Iowa—M. W. Bro. E. A. Guilbert, Dubuque, Iowa.  
R. W. Bro. H. E. Channell, Stanstead, Que.
21. Ireland—R. W. Bro. George Hill Major, Dublin.  
R. W. Bro. Benjamin Burland, Stottsville, Que.

22. Kansas—M. W. Bro. J. H. Brown.  
R. W. Bro. C. Judge, Quebec, Que.
23. Kentucky—R. W. Bro. A. J. Turpin.  
R. W. Bro. Joseph Mitchell, Montreal, Que.
24. Louisiana—R. W. Bro. Joseph P. Horner, New Orleans, La.  
R. W. Bro. Thomas Wood, Dunham, Que.
25. Maine—M. W. Bro. J. H. Drummond, Portland, Maine.  
R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, Montreal, Que.
26. Manitoba—W. Bro. Samuel L. Bedson, Winnipeg, Man.  
R. W. Bro. William H. Whyte, Montreal, Que.
27. Maryland—R. W. Bro. John S. Tysen, Baltimore.  
M. W. Bro. J. Fred. Walker, Montreal, Que.
28. Michigan—R. W. Bro. D. Burnham Tracy, Detroit, Mich.  
R. W. Bro. Alexander Murray, Montreal, Que.
29. Minnesota—R. W. Bro. James N. Castle, St. Paul, Minn.  
R. W. Bro. John P. Noyes, Shefford.
30. Mississippi—R. W. Bro. Hon. George G. Dillard, Macon.  
R. W. Bro. S. J. Foss, Sherbrooke, Que.
31. Missouri—Rev. Bro. Charles C. Woods, D. D., Kansas City.  
R. W. Bro. H. L. Robinson, Waterloo, Que.
32. Montana—R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Pomroy, Missoula, Mon.  
R. W. Bro. William McWood, Point St. Charles, Montreal, Que.
33. Nebraska—R. W. Bro. Milton J. Hull, Edgar, Neb.  
R. W. Bro. H. P. Leggat, Quebec, Que.
34. Nevada—R. W. Bro. W. S. McClellan.  
R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, Montreal, Que.
35. New Brunswick—R. W. Bro. E. Willis, St. John, N. B.  
R. W. Bro. T. P. Butler, Montreal, Que.
36. New Hampshire—R. W. Bro. Alpheus Gay, Manchester, N. H.  
R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, Montreal, Que.
37. New Jersey—R. W. Bro. George B. Edwards, Jersey City Heights.  
R. W. Bro. J. P. Martin, Upper Bedford, Que.
38. New Mexico—R. W. Bro. Simon B. Newcomb.  
W. Bro. James Fyfe, Montreal, Que.
39. New York—R. W. Bro. D. W. Tallcott, West Troy, N. Y.  
M. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, Montreal, Que.
40. New South Wales—R. W. Bro. Colonel Alfred Morris.  
R. W. Bro. Gustavus Lucke, Sherbrooke, Que.
41. North Carolina—R. W. Bro. D. W. Bain, Raleigh, N. C.  
R. W. Bro. J. H. Pratt, Quebec, Que.
42. Nova Scotia—R. W. Bro. George T. Smithers, Halifax, N. S.  
R. W. Bro. E. L. Foster, Montreal, Que.
43. Ohio—R. W. Bro. C. A. Woodward, Cleveland, O.  
M. W. Bro. James Dunbar, Quebec, Que.
44. Oregon—W. Bro. J. C. Moreland, Portland, Oregon.  
V. W. Bro. W. S. Evans, Montreal, Que.

45. Peru—R. W. Bro. Ricardo H. Hartley, Lima, Peru.  
R. W. Bro. Rev. H. W. Nye, Bedford, Que.
46. Portugal—V. W. Bro. A. Boisseau, Montreal, Que.
47. Prince Edward Island—R. W. Bro. Neil McKelvie.  
V. W. Bro. D. A. Manson, Mansonville, Que.
48. Rhode Island—R. W. Bro. E. W. Brunsden, Bristol, R. I.  
R. W. Bro. Frederick Massey, Montreal, Que.
49. South Carolina—R. W. Bro. Charles Inglesby, Laurens, S. C.  
R. W. Bro. Charles Knowles, Quebec, Que.
50. Spain—R. W. Bro. Richard Etheidge, Seville.  
R. W. Bro. A. G. Adams, Montreal, Que.
51. Tennessee—M. W. Bro. G. C. Connor.  
R. W. Bro. J. B. Charleson, Quebec, Que.
52. Texas—M. W. Bro. J. H. McLeary, San Antonio.  
R. W. Bro. Charles D. Hanson, Montreal, Que.
53. Utah—R. W. Bro. Christopher Deihl, Salt Lake City.  
R. W. Bro. T. Leet, Danville, Que.
54. Vermont—R. W. Bro. A. A. Hall, St. Albans, Vt.  
R. W. Bro. Hobart Butler, Bedford, Que.
55. Virginia—R. W. Bro. James G. Bain.  
V. W. Bro. W. Simpson Walker, Montreal, Que.
56. Washington Territory—R. W. Bro. Rev. A. S. Nicholson, Vancouver.  
R. W. Bro. T. P. Prentiss, Aylmer.
57. West Virginia—R. W. Bro. O. S. Long, Wheeling, W. V.  
R. W. Bro. H. W. Wood, Knowlton, Que.
58. Wisconsin—R. W. Bro. S. Cadwallader, Milwaukee, Wis.  
R. W. Bro. Arthur F. Simpson, Lennoxville, Que.
59. Wyoming—R. W. Bro. James H. Hayfield.  
R. W. Bro. J. C. Wilson, Montreal, Que.

# GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULAR STATEMENT.

*Compiled from Returns to January 1886.*

No.	LODGE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	MASTER.	SECRETARY.	ADDRESS OF SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
1	Antiquity.	Montreal.	Chas. S. Aspinall.	W. H. Morrison.	108 Peel Street, Montreal.	Second Wednesday.
2	St. John.	Quebec City.	Wm. Robert Kerr.	Andrew Sward.	278 Frontal Street, Quebec.	Second Wednesday.
3	St. John.	St. John's.	H. G. Poirard.	A. J. M. Tenny.	St. Johns, Quebec.	Second Wednesday.
4	Dorchester.	St. John's.	A. N. Thompson.	Chas. M. Thomas.	Sinanstead.	Tuesday on or before Full Moon.
5	Golden Rule.	Quebec City.	J. Langlois Bell.	Jesse Joseph, Jr.	109 St. Peter Street, Quebec.	First Wednesday.
6	St. Andrew.	Montreal.	Joseph Briggs.	A. N. Boardman.	P. O. Box 180, Montreal.	First Monday.
7	Elgin.	Dunham.	Selby Laraway.	A. S. Laraway.	Dunham.	Tuesday before Full Moon.
8	Prevost.	St. Armand Station.	Barney Mullin.	F. H. Throop.	St. Armand Station.	Thursday on or before Full Moon.
9	Nelson.	Montreal.	Duncan McCormick.	R. D. Greet.	69 Plymouth Grove, Montreal.	Third Tuesday.
10	St. George.	Montreal.	R. J. Latimer.	W. Andrews.	81 McGill Street, Montreal.	Third Tuesday.
11	St. George.	Montreal.	Samuel S. Grant.	E. T. Perry.	P. O. Box 187, Montreal.	Second Thursday.
12	Zeland.	Richmond.	T. J. Brown, M.D.	C. Wares Carpenter.	Richmond.	Thursday on or before Full Moon.
13	St. Francis.	Waterloo.	E. J. Raymond.	C. A. Nutting.	Waterloo, Quebec.	First Monday.
14	Shefford.	Waterloo.	Edward J. Scagel.	A. T. Bryan.	Waterloo, Quebec.	Wednesday on or before Full Moon.
15	St. John.	Montreal.	Edmund Neve.	Frank Maille.	P. O. Box 768, Montreal.	Second Monday.
16	Montreal Kilwinning.	Granby.	Wm. Herp.	D. A. Rowley, M.D.	Granby.	First Wednesday.
17	Barnack.	Waterloo.	Wm. Herp.	D. A. Rowley, M.D.	Waterloo.	Friday on or before Full Moon.
18	Royal Albert.	Montreal.	Rollo D. Simpson.	Edward M. Renouf.	1338 St. Catharine Street, Montreal.	Second Monday.
19	St. John.	Mansenville.	Francis W. Perkins.	David A. Manson.	Mansenville.	Wednesday before Full Moon.
20	Busset.	St. John's.	W. E. Fisher.	H. J. Mountain.	Point Levi.	First Thursday.
21	Royal Canadian.	Sewsburg.	Wm. E. Clark.	C. N. Gies.	St. John's.	Monday on or before Full Moon.
22	Ascot.	Lennoxville.	C. R. Clark.	G. H. Rawlins.	Lennoxville.	Monday on or before Full Moon.
23	Ashlar.	Coaticooke.	E. S. Buckland.	I. W. Tibbits.	Coaticooke.	First Wednesday.
24	Mount Royal.	Montreal.	Wm. Hill.	S. R. Sprigins.	17 Victoria Square, Montreal.	Second Tuesday.
25	Freiligsburg.	Freiligsburg.	N. A. Smith, M.D.	Home Ingalls.	Freiligsburg.	Monday before Full Moon.
26	Doric.	Danville.	James Riddle.	John S. Riddell.	Danville.	Wednesday before Full Moon.
27	Brome Lake.	Knowlton.	A. W. Pettes.	J. E. Fay.	Knowlton.	First Wednesday.

33	Fredsburg.....	Freilsgburg.....	N. A. Smith, M.D.....	Chas. Marshall, M.D.....	Huntingdon.....	Huntingdon.....	Edwin S. Ellsworth.....	Second Tuesday, Wednesday on or before Full Moon.
34	Dorc.....	Knowlton.....	James Riddle.....	Joseph Doherty.....	Cowanville.....	Cowanville.....	C. S. Browne.....	First Tuesday, Saturday before Full Moon.
35	Bronze Lake.....	Knowlton.....	A. W. Pettes.....	Robt. T. McDonald, M.D.....	Sutton Flats.....	Sutton Flats.....	Chas. W. Sheppard.....	Tuesday on or before Full Moon.
36	Chateaugay.....	Huntingdon.....		Wm. H. G. Garrinoh.....	Hull.....	Hull.....	Alex. D. McCallum.....	Second Thursday.
37	Corner Stone.....	Cowanville.....		Wm. Enns, Jr.....	St. Charles, Montreal.....	St. Charles, Montreal.....	Henry H. Ferns.....	Fourth Tuesday.
38	Mount Moriah.....	Actonville.....		Chas. D. Maisonneuve.....	Montreal.....	Montreal.....	H. Trepanier.....	Fourth Wednesday, [Moon Wednesday after Full Moon.
39	Sutton.....	Bolton Centre.....		Chas. E. Traver.....	Montreal.....	Montreal.....	Aylmer Place.....	Tuesday after Full Moon.
40	Pontiac.....	Georgville.....		Erastus Lee.....	Georgville.....	Georgville.....	R. L. Ayer.....	Second Wednesday.
41	Eddy.....	Three Rivers.....		H. J. Cooper.....	Three Rivers.....	Three Rivers.....	Alex. McKeivie.....	First Wednesday after Full Moon.
42	St. Charles.....	West Sheffield.....		Ashley Kilburn.....	West Sheffield.....	West Sheffield.....	Roswell Richardson.....	
43	Ceuns Unis.....	Montreal.....		Wm. Bowden.....	Montreal.....	Montreal.....	S. H. Stone.....	Fourth Tuesday.
44	Excelsior.....	Montreal.....		C. Wellstead.....	Montreal.....	Montreal.....	Henry Evans.....	Second Tuesday.
45	Graham.....	Montreal.....		Joseph W. Mitchell.....	Montreal.....	Montreal.....	Wm. G. Leiders.....	First Thursday.
46	Mount Orford.....	Montreal.....		Joseph W. Mitchell, Jr.....	Montreal.....	Montreal.....	Wm. G. Leiders.....	First Tuesday.
47	Shawenegan.....	Longueuil.....		J. W. Anderson.....	Longueuil.....	Longueuil.....	James Call.....	Monday on or before Full Moon.
48	Olive Branch.....	Bedford.....		T. A. Adkins.....	Bedford.....	Bedford.....	W. H. Kirby.....	First Wednesday.
49	Prince Consort.....	Sorel.....		James Colett.....	Sorel.....	Sorel.....	M. S. Rice.....	Monday on or before Full Moon.
50	St. Andrew.....	Montreal.....		James Fish.....	Sorel.....	Sorel.....	E. C. Wuerle, Jr.....	First Thursday from Dec. to June to Nov.
51	Ionic.....	Montreal.....		G. B. Graves.....	Montreal.....	Montreal.....	Geo. J. Richardson.....	First Wednesday.
52	Magog.....	Sherbrooke.....		H. R. Fraser.....	Sherbrooke.....	Sherbrooke.....	J. A. Wiggatt.....	Third Wednesday.
53	Hochalaga.....	St. Charles, Montreal.....		Geo. S. Gentry.....	St. Charles, Montreal.....	St. Charles, Montreal.....	Geo. S. Gentry.....	First Tuesday.
54	Montarville.....	Cookshire.....		Thos. Cocker.....	Cookshire.....	Cookshire.....	Henry E. Holt.....	First Tuesday.
55	Bedford.....	Montreal.....		W. C. Willford.....	Montreal.....	Montreal.....	Samuel Cooper.....	Second Wednesday.
56	Richelieu.....	Montreal.....		Wm. C. Willford.....	Montreal.....	Montreal.....	Samuel Cooper.....	Third Monday.
57	Prince of Wales.....	Sherbrooke.....		John Hope.....	Sherbrooke.....	Sherbrooke.....	W. M. Shilton.....	Second Tuesday.
58	Anglo-Solomon.....	St. Charles, Montreal.....		J. N. Wright.....	St. Charles, Montreal.....	St. Charles, Montreal.....	John Pushman.....	Second Tuesday.
59	Friendship.....	Cookshire.....		D. M. Rattray.....	Cookshire.....	Cookshire.....	S. A. Mackay.....	
60	Anglo-Solomon.....	Portage du Fort.....			Portage du Fort.....	Portage du Fort.....		
61	King Solomon.....	Portage du Fort.....			Portage du Fort.....	Portage du Fort.....		
62	Corinthian.....	Portage du Fort.....			Portage du Fort.....	Portage du Fort.....		
63	Prince of Wales.....	Portage du Fort.....			Portage du Fort.....	Portage du Fort.....		
64	Anglo-Solomon.....	Portage du Fort.....			Portage du Fort.....	Portage du Fort.....		
65	Argyle.....	Portage du Fort.....			Portage du Fort.....	Portage du Fort.....		
66	Friendship.....	Portage du Fort.....			Portage du Fort.....	Portage du Fort.....		
67	Anglo-Solomon.....	Portage du Fort.....			Portage du Fort.....	Portage du Fort.....		
68	King Solomon.....	Portage du Fort.....			Portage du Fort.....	Portage du Fort.....		
69	Friendship.....	Portage du Fort.....			Portage du Fort.....	Portage du Fort.....		
70	Anglo-Solomon.....	Portage du Fort.....			Portage du Fort.....	Portage du Fort.....		

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## OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE FOR 1886.

M. W. Bro.	J. FRED. WALKER . . .	Montreal . . .	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R. "	" ARTHUR F. SIMPSON . .	Sherbrooke . .	<i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" "	" H. RUSSELL, M.D. . . . .	Quebec . . . .	} <i>D. D. G. M. Quebec and Three Rivers District.</i>
" "	" DICKSON ANDERSON . . . .	Montreal . . . .	
" "	" M. B. SCHOFIELD . . . .	Sherbrooke . .	" <i>St. Francis</i> "
" "	" L. G. BURNELL . . . . .	St. Armand . .	" <i>Bedford</i> "
" "	" W. H. O'REGAN . . . . .	Abercorn . . .	" <i>Shefford &amp; Brome do</i>
" "	" J. H. SHAW. . . . .	Shawville . . .	" <i>Ottawa District.</i>
" "	" E. T. D. CHAMBERS . . . .	Quebec . . . . .	<i>Grand Senior Warden.</i>
" "	" ALBERT E. MILLS . . . . .	Knowlton . . .	" <i>Junior</i> "
" "	" I. H. STEARNS, Montreal, re-elected . .		" <i>Treasurer.</i>
" "	" J. H. ISAACSON, Montreal, re-elected . .		" <i>Secretary.</i>
" "	" GEO. W. LOVEJOY, M.D. Montreal . . . .		" <i>Registrar.</i>
" "	" REV. ROBERT KERR . . . .	Quebec . . . . .	" <i>Chaplain.</i>
" "	" REV. J. NEWNHAM . . . .	Montreal . . . .	" "
" "	" S. LEBOURVEAU . . . . .	Sherbrooke . .	" <i>Director of Cer.</i>
" "	" A. M. STONE . . . . .	Stanbridge . .	" <i>Organist.</i>
" "	" GEORGE WAIT . . . . .	Montreal . . . .	" <i>Senior Deacon.</i>
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" "	" H. J. COOPER . . . . .	Louiseville . .	" "
" "	" JOHN BECKINGHAM . . . .	Montreal . . . .	" <i>Pursuivant.</i>
" "	" ISAAC RICHARDSON . . . .	Montreal . . . .	" <i>Tyler.</i>

RE-INSTATED.

ALBION No. 2.

William H. Whitely, William G. Pennington.

GOLDEN RULE No. 5.

Rufus L. Ayer.

ELGIN No. 7.

A. B. Duncan.

ST. GEORGE No. 11.

Robert Hall.

ZETLAND No. 12.

Robert W. Oliver, William Middleton, J. Jansen.

VICTORIA No. 16.

Mark W. Ellis.

ASHLAR No. 33.

A. K. Fox, Thomas Picketts, Mead Blake, W. R. Cleaveland, David Young,  
George Vandyke.

MOUNT MORIAH No. 38.

Robert Dougall, John McKenzie.

PONTIAC No. 40.

George B. Murphy.

MOUNT ORFORD No. 48.

John J. Carr.

ST. ANDREW No. 53.

C. L. Freeson, Peter Morris, William Coffey, L. F. Jackson, M. Heynes,  
Joseph Desjardins, R. McEwan.

IONIC No. 54.

James Symme.

RICHELIEU No. 60.

Thomas Physic.

## RESIGNATIONS.

### ANTIQUITY No. 1.

John A. Glassford, J. F. Scriver, Dr. M. H. Utley, J. Theo. Robinson, Stewart  
Munn, Bernard Levin, sr., Bernard Levin, jr.

### ALBION No. 2.

William H. Whitely, William G. Pennington.

### ST. JOHN, No. 3.

William Lee, John Sears, John R. Webb, Charles Gareau, S. Wilson Dunn.

### DORCHESTER No. 4.

E. S. Bangs.

### GOLDEN RULE No. 5.

F. E. Healey, Andrew J. Gordon, J. G. Stickney, Rufus L. Ayer.

### ELGIN No. 7.

W. F. Salsbury, C. L. Bossé, F. X. Cusson, James Marshall.

### ST. ANDREW No. 6.

Henderson Clarke, H. Grumbach, David Kerr, C. T. S. A. Peverley.

### PREVOST No. 8.

John Dougall.

### NELSON No. 9.

Henry W. Dyke, Peter S. McKenney.

### ST. GEORGE No. 10.

W. C. Cruikshank, Robert Hall.

### ZETLAND No. 12.

Patrick Donnelly, Robert W. Oliver, William Middleton, William Close.

### ST. FRANCIS No. 15.

James Lyster, William T. Shepard, T. F. Penfold.

### VICTORIA No. 16.

George H. Bradford, Donald A. Smith.

### YAMASKA No. 21.

James Whitten, Thomas Graham.

### BROWN No. 24.

Joseph Amerth.

ROYAL ALBERT No. 25.

Percival W. St. George, William Cassells, George F. Hart, James W. Anderson,  
Sidney G. Brush, W. C. Towers, Albert D. Nelson,  
Henry Bulmer, jr., Jas. Sutherland.

ST. JOHN No. 27.

W. C. Jones.

TUSCAN No. 28,

George Atkinson, William McConnell, Louis Levasseur, D'Amour Wilfred  
Augstot.

ROYAL CANADIAN No. 29.

Charles H. Boright.

ASHLAR No. 31.

W. R. Cleaveland, George Vandyke, Thomas Pickett.

MOUNT ROYAL No. 32.

John Browning.

FRELIGHSBURG No. 33.

Austin Clelan.

DORIC No. 34.

William Robertson, Duncan McDonald.

BROME LAKE No. 35.

R. E. Phelps, Archie McDonald, Richard Tibbetts, John Feltus.

CHATEAUGUAY No. 36.

Charles Kinneburg, Edmund H. P. McCoy.

MOUNT MORIAH No. 38.

Joseph James, Robert Dougall, John Gouldthorpe.

SUTTON No. 39.

E. L. Brown, M. G. Longeway.

PONTIAC No. 40.

Andrew Telfer, Rev. Thomas Everett, Richard McC. Ritchie, John McLean,  
Fred. Purvis, William Thomson, David McFarlane.

EDDY No. 41.

George White, Edwin T. W. Fowler.

ST. CHARLES No. 44.

John Stryde.

SHAWENEGAN No. 49.

Alexander Black, William Peverley, W. C. Pentland.

ST. ANDREW No. 53.

R. McEwan.

IONIC No. 50.

George Richmond, James Kerr, James Symme.

HOHELAGA No. 57.

John A. Kennie, Samuel A. Gould, J. Arthur Painchaud, John Bramley,  
J. A. M. Pitts.

MONTARVILLE No. 58.

Gregory Glassford, A. R. Hodgson, A. W. Smith.

CORINTHIAN No. 62.

John Matheson.

KING SOLOMON No. 64.

A. N. Greig, Christopher Sonne, O. T. Dewhurst, J. A. Anderson.

ARGYLE No. 65.

Samuel Clelland, Donald McKay.

ARGENTEUIL No. 67.

Robert A. Campbell.

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SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

ANTIQUITY No. 1.

Thomas Brady, D. R. B. Coffin, D. L. Coffin, Henry Herrick, J. J. Newport,  
James L. Turner.

GOLDEN RULE No. 5.

Rufus L. Ayer, J. S. Hurlbut, John Tinker, Joseph L. Terrill, Wesley Carter,  
J. C. Goodwin, N. R. Otis.

PREVOST No. 8.

James B. Cullen.

ST. GEORGE No. 10.

George Bowie, A. Forbes, G. J. Joseph, Joseph Sissons, Alfred Forrest, William  
Strachan, Richard Ferguson, H. A. Lapham, Moses Sternberg,  
W. G. Blinks, S. S. Reed, J. D. Bennett, A. G. Nish,  
William Caine, Robert Wiseman.

ZETLAND No. 12.

Albert C. Williams.

SHEFFORD No. 18.

G. W. Prest, C. Skinner, Charles Whitcomb, H. N. Whitcomb, M. H. Standish,  
Wm. Fessenden.

YAMASKA No. 21.

Thomas Stavely, W. C. Harrington, W. T. O. Lewis, M. Snay, John Elkins.

BROWN No. 24.

G. B. Hall, Joseph Massie, David Baudron, David Kirk, Joseph Longtin,  
C. M. Router, Edw. Pendleton, W. Jette, D. B. Meigs,  
D. H. Martin, Albert Jenne.

MOUNT ROYAL No. 32.

Wolfréd Nelson, W. F. Adams, E. B. Black, C. E. Furlong.

FRELIGHSBURG No. 33.

E. B. Macey, S. P. Hope, Joseph Landsberg, James D. Kavanagh, S. E. Salls,  
E. A. Holden, L. K. Palmer, M. F. Sager, James H. Mosgrove,  
A. S. Kemp, A. W. Miner.

MOUNT MORIAH No. 38.

Robt. Evans, J. S. Bullick, Robt. Farquhar, Wm. Mann, H. J. Wayland, Thos.  
Walker, S. G. McConnell, John Stewart.

ST. CHARLES No. 44.

T. P. Hunt, John Nelson, J. A. Fuller, George Fountain, Wm. Montgomery,  
William Newmarsh, W. B. More.

MOUNT ORFORD No. 48.

Louis N. Gardine, Howard A. Conklin, George H. Reynolds, John B. Jones.

SHAWENEGAN No. 49.

Alexander S. Adams, Henry Hetherington, A. G. Hart, Robert Kiernan,  
N. Lymburner, J. C. Michaelson, John Richardson, Thomas Roberts,  
John Turner, F. G. Wotherspoon, George McKenzie,  
Zeph. Bernier, M. C. Dunn.

GRAHAM No. 47.

William Parsons, J. H. Coons, A. A. Mooney, J. C. Hall.

ST. ANDREW No. 53.

C. S. Freeson, William Coffey, J. Desjardins.

CORINTHIAN No. 62.

A. Blumenthal, R. H. Brand, T. Borcholdt, T. Burdett, R. Miller,  
E. Cochenthaler.

PRINCE OF WALES No. 63.

J. H. Bennett, Richard Smith, Charles W. Fiddler, William J. Hunt.

EXPELLED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

CHATEAUGUAY No. 36.

John H. Gilmore.

## DEATHS.

### ANTIQUITY No. 1.

James F. Wright, Walter B. Williams.

### ALBION No. 2.

John Tweddell, John Campbell.

### ST. JOHN No. 3.

Wm. Darling Campbell, Samuel Kennedy.

### GOLDEN RULE No. 5.

John M. Potter, Henry J. Martin, John G. Christie.

### ST. ANDREW No. 6.

John Soles Bowen, Wm. Darling Campbell.

### ST. GEORGE No. 11.

James T. S. Webb.

### ZETLAND No. 12.

Joséph P. Rondeau.

### VICTORIA No. 16.

Joseph W. Wiggett, Edward Lothrop.

### SHEFFORD No. 18.

T. M. Johnston.

### STANBRIDGE No. 19.

Robert Thomas Reed.

### MONTREAL KILWINNING No. 20.

John Anderson.

### BROWN No. 24.

Peter Elder.

### DORIC No. 34.

W. R. Philbrick.

### SUTTON No. 39.

John Sanborn.

### GRAHAM No. 47.

S. L. Greene.

### PRINCE CONSORT No. 52.

George F. Durey.

### ST. ANDREW No. 53.

M. Heynes, Archibald McCallum.

### PRINCE OF WALES No. 63.

S. B. Sanborn, James W. Wiggett.

### FRIENDSHIP No. 66.

John Angus McLeod.





RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR  
THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JANUARY, 1886.

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Lodges working under Warrants .....	59
“ “ “ Dispensation .....	1
Initiations reported .....	203
Passings “ .....	168
Raisings “ .....	141
Joinings “ .....	39
Resignations “ .....	110
Reinstated “ .....	28
Deaths “ .....	30
Suspended for non-payment of dues .....	116
“ un-masonic conduct .....	1
<b>Total members .....</b>	<b>2822</b>

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## APPENDIX.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg respectfully to present this their report :—

### ALABAMA—1884.

This Grand Lodge held its sixty-fourth annual communication in the city of Montgomery on 1st December, 1884, under the presidency of its Grand Master, M. V. Bro. John Hollis Bankhead.

The Grand Master offers able remarks on the subject of Freemasons. His expressions thereon will be acceptable to those under whose notice they may fall. Referring to the duties of the delegates from lodges, he says :—

“ What is the habit of too many of the delegates when they reach Montgomery? They hand in their reports, pay the Grand Secretary the dues, attend the first sitting of the Grand Lodge, and are never seen in this Hall any more ; but spend the remainder of the time in loitering about the city and attending the theatres, or other places of amusement. Is this the purpose for which his Lodge sent him, and robbed their charity fund to pay his expenses? I apprehend not. Our Grand Communications are held for the transaction of business in which every individual member, and each subordinate lodge, is interested ; and when the Master or his proxy, comes here, as the representative of his lodge, he has a duty to perform. His business is to attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge, watch the proceedings, listen to the reports of all committees, and especially the report of the committee on work ; so as to be able to instruct his lodge when he returns home. This is the business for which he comes, and if he fails to attend to it, he is guilty of conduct unbecoming a Mason, to say the least of it. If the conduct of one of these drones, should be made known to the lodge he misrepresents, and injures to the extent of his influence and the money he receives, I apprehend he would not have the honor to appear here again, hand in his report, and go on a lark ; but you would see, as you ought to see, written opposite his name :—*Suspended for unmasonic conduct.*”

### ARIZONA—1884

The Grand Lodge for this territory held its third annual communication in the city of Tucson on the 11th November, 1884, under the presidency of its M. V. Grand Master, Bro. Alonzo Bailey.

As yet our fraternal relations with Arizona are incomplete, no representative from either Grand Lodge to the other having been named. We hope that ere

this report is issued, the omission will be remedied to the satisfaction of both grand bodies.

The Grand Master laid before his Grand Lodge a statement of his official acts during his period of office.

On the recommendation of the committee on the Grand Master's address, the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico at Vera Cruz was recognized; not so with the Grand Lodges of New South Wales and South Australia, action in each of their cases was deferred, for what appears to us an insufficient reason, viz. : although the number of subordinate lodges had given their adherence, yet it appeared that a conflict of jurisdiction existed between these bodies seeking recognition and the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland.

Bro. Morris Goldwater, chairman for the Committee on Correspondence, presented a report which reviews the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges; in which number Quebec is included.

Alluding to Grand Master Johnson's address, delivered at Sherbrooke, the report pronounces it "able and eloquent," then observes, "although we have seen only one side of the case, Grand Master Johnson has set forth his views with so much clearness and force, and without any malice or venom, that we are of opinion that great injustice has been done the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

Our habit of attending Divine service as Masons in regalia is unfavorably commented on, the writer observing "there is no good reason for the practice." *Wz* believe that offering up adoration to the Most High is a Masonic practice, an excellent one, and quite in accord with the example set by that Grand Master who worked at the erection of King Solomon's temple; so thinking, we hope ever to continue to follow it, trusting it may bring to our fraternity many blessings from Him whom we desire to honor by the observance.

Relative to this question, we observe that amongst the appointed officers of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, as well as all other Grand Lodges, there is one styled "Grand Chaplain," and would ask, is there any inconsistency in the brethren requiring from that official other duties than merely to "open" and "close" Grand Lodge with prayer, viz. : to preach to us, and pray with us, in God's temple? The matter, perhaps, is merely one of taste; if so, it suits ours, and as the proceeding accords with our view and does not hurt others, we shall venture to persist.

Total number of M. M., 350; total number of F. C., 3; total number E. A., 12; initiations for the year, 14.

M. W. Bro. Merrill P. Freeman, Tucson, Grand Master.

R. " " George J. Roskrige, " Grand Secretary.

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#### ARKANSAS—1884.

An emergent communication of this Grand Lodge was held on 7th September, 1884, at the city of Little Rock, for the purpose of attending the funeral obsequies of its Past Grand Master, E. H. English, a brother who, during his Masonic

career, was evidently much esteemed and revered by the craft throughout the State. The occasion of his death evoked from R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary, a poem, or epithalamum, of considerable merit, which is published with the printed proceedings.

The annual meeting, being the forty-fifth, commenced on 25th November, 1884, and was held at Little Rock, our Grand Representative, Bro. W. H. Howes, being present thereat, M. W. Bro. John J. Sumpter presiding. His address is replete with good practical teachings. It notes the progress of Masonry in his jurisdiction as steady and satisfactory.

Referring to the proposed Masonic college (St. Johns), to establish which, for educational purposes, the Grand Lodge has been struggling for some time past, he says:—"It seems to have signally failed to fulfil the wishes and expectations of its liberal-minded and enlightened founders, and to have become only a burden, laden with sad and painful memories and associations, rather than an ornament inspiring bright and cheerful hopes and expectations." Such a state of things is deplorable and much to be regretted; an institution under Masonic control and management, having in view such objects as those contemplated by the originators of St. Johns College, is much to be desired. Its failure is discouraging to similar attempts elsewhere.

In view of the amount of work performed by the Grand Secretary, he advises an increase of salary to that officer. This suggestion was endorsed by the committee to whom it was referred, and accepted by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of South Australia was duly recognized. Applications from the Gran Loegia Simbolica Independiente Mexicana at Vera Cruz, from the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico, from the Grand Lodge of Daxcala of Mexico, and from the Grand Lodge of Peru and Venezuela, for recognition, were laid over until the next annual communication, in consequence of insufficiency of time to investigate each case.

Report of Finance Committee shows the year's receipts to have been ..	\$10,757 39
Estimated expenditure for same period .....	10,000 00
Net surplus .....	\$ 757 39

The chairman for Committee on Foreign Correspondence thus reports in explanation of the absence of a review of proceedings of other Grand Lodges:—

"It has grown to be a custom in this jurisdiction, one which lightens the labors of the reviewer, and seems to satisfy the brethren, to omit the review every other year. We see no good reason to vary the custom this year, and so surrender the space to the Grand Secretary for the insertion of other matter."

Number of chartered lodges .....	359
“ lodges under dispensation .....	13
“ initiations .....	699
“ passings .....	612
“ raisings .....	588
Total number of members .....	10,361

M. W. Bro. W. H. H. Clayton, of Fort Smith, is Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, of Little Rock, is Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1885.

Our brethren at the other extreme of the Dominion met in Grand Lodge at the City of Victoria, on the 20th June 1885, being their 14th annual communication.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Edgar Crow Baker being detained at Ottawa, there to attend to parliamentary duties, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master Bro. Thomas Trounce presided.

The representative of Quebec, W. Bro. James Reed was not present, but by letter explained his absence which was occasioned by pressing business engagements.

Grand Master Baker, though so far away from the brethren committed to his charge, was not unmindful of them, this is evidenced by his address sent from Ottawa, which contains, sound and sensible remarks on the origin of Freemasonry; on this subject he says:

"The history of Freemasonry long veiled in mystery, interwoven with legends, purposely distorted by misrepresentations, has, through the profound and conscientious researches of some few solitary and unprejudiced brethren, acquired of late years a sure foundation upon scientific principles. I refer more especially to the origin of the Fraternity, concerning which, even to this day, the most confused, ridiculous and discordant opinions prevail, blended by absurd self-conceit and an eccentric desire to prove the extreme antiquity of the institution. Many Masons have combated most strenuously the idea that the Fraternity originated in the "Operative Masons," or seeing that the ancient symbolical marks and ceremonials in our lodges bear a very striking resemblance to those of the "Mysteries of the Ancients," have allowed themselves to be deceived and led astray, imagining they can trace back the history of the "Craft" into the cloudy mists of antiquity; they have, in fact, allowed their zeal to over-ride their discretion which not unfrequently involves entanglement in unessential particulars and the main object is lost. The actual idea of Freemasonry is unquestionably as old as human civilization, having its source in the human heart, as language has its in the spirits, and therefore it is, that we find the idea of Freemasonry already existing in the remotest ages as a shadowy presentment: Rev. Bro. Oliver, in his "Antiquities of Freemasonry," with all gravity, places the origin of Masonry even prior to the Creation, tracing its germs back to the very honeymoon of Paradise, and also informs us that Moses was Grand Master and Joshua his Deputy. Another Masonic writer attributes it to the followers of Pythagoras, another to the Essenes and first Christians; many to the building of King Solomon's Temple. Thomas Payne and others ascribe it to the Druids, others again to the time of the Crusades, and so on, down to the seventeenth century. In comparing the social organization, customs and doctrines of Freemasonry with those of the "Medieval Building Associations," we find many indications of a close historical connection existing between the two institutions, taking the various surrounding circumstances into consideration, and combining with them the results of historical investigation already arrived at, it appears to me to be now placed beyond successful contra-

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dition that our modern society is the direct descendent and successor, in an unbroken line, of the Operative Fraternity of Masons of the Middle Ages; the present form of constitution which we at present enjoy, is evidently the outcome of the four London Lodges in the year 1717, at which time they bestowed upon the Fraternity of Freemasons (Operative and Accepted) the legal statutes forming the base of our establishment. We have every reason to know that Masonry was originally a secret society and was governed by laws known only to its members; we read of old manuscript being in the hands of private members, at an early day, but we have no evidence tending to show that they had reference alone to the fundamental laws; in 1719, however, they were all (or nearly all) gathered in and sent to Grand Lodge.

An eminent American writer tells us that Freemasonry was strictly a secret society for more than two thousand years; that its members were forbidden to publish anything either in relation to its origin or teachings, and yet throughout all that period, its history was transmitted from generation to generation, unspotted by time, and unadulterated by the sacrilegious hand of the innovator. The distinguished Chester says: "From the commencement of the world we may trace the foundation of Masonry; ever since symmetry began and harmony displayed her charms, our Order has had a being." May it, brethren, be our pride and pleasure to guard with zealous care this ancient history, and hand it down to the generations that are to follow us without a blot upon its pages of our individual or collective creation.

The Grand Lodge of Peru was recognized, the Independent Grand Lodge of Mexico was not.

During the session the members of Grand Lodge proceeded to church, in accordance with an ancient and honorable custom of the Craft which we trust will ever long be continued, the sermon on the occasion was preached by Rev. Bro. Canon Dwyer, Grand Chaplain, from the text "Charity never faileth." It was an excellent and appropriate discourse and richly merited the vote of thanks given for its delivery.

From the reports of subordinate lodges and other sources of information we judge that if the Craft in British Columbia is not numerous, yet it is in a healthy and prosperous state.

M. W. Bro. Thomas Trounce, Victoria, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Edward C. Neufelder, Victoria, Grand Secretary.

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#### CALIFORNIA—1884.

Assuredly, one of the most influential Grand Lodges on this continent is the Grand Lodge of California. It has a large number of lodges, and a very considerable membership under its jurisdiction. The thirty-fifth annual communication was held at San Francisco, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. D. Hines, presiding.

Quebec was ably represented.

The address of the Grand Master is somewhat lengthy, necessarily so, perhaps, considering the amount of business he has to report on; he is evidently a hard worker. We observe amongst his rulings one to the effect that a Past Master, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, cannot open a lodge and transact its business. With us the practice is different. If the Master be not present, the immediate Past Master, or, if he be not present, the Senior Past Master of the lodge present shall take the chair. If no Past Master of the lodge be present, then the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, the Junior Warden may rule the lodge, but not confer degrees.

The report on correspondence is a very elaborate one, instructive in its remarks and interesting in detail, and covers over 150 pages of very closely printed matter. Quebec receives a favorable notice. The references to our trouble with England are to the point, but no positive opinion of the writer on the merits is given. He says, however: "As we have not the slightest idea that England will back down from her position, we shall look for the edict of non-intercourse within a year,—it may have been already issued,—and then will come up the question, What will those Grand Lodges (our own among the number) which have recognized Quebec as an independent Grand Lodge do in the premises? Will they espouse the cause of Quebec, or stand wholly aloof?"

Grand Secretary Abell gives, as usual, a very comprehensive report, a striking feature of which, and to which we desire to call the attention of our lodges, is as follows: "The dues of all lodges have been paid in full; there is not a lodge in the jurisdiction which owes a dollar to Grand Lodge."

The Masonic Board of Relief expended quite a large sum in charities—\$9,914.80.

Number of lodges.....	220
"    " Master Masons.....	14,016

Jonathan Doan Hines, Nordhoff, is Grand Master.

Alexander G. Abell, San Francisco, is Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT—1885.

This Grand Lodge held its ninety-seventh annual communication in the city of New Haven, commencing on 21st January, 1885, its M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Dwight Waugh, presiding; our esteemed representative, R. W. Bro. J. K. Wheeler, its Grand Secretary, of course being present.

Grand Lodge was opened, as customary, with prayer, after which an ode apropos to the occasion was sung. We like the introduction of music, and again here recommend its use more frequently in our own Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master in his address lays before Grand Lodge a record of his official doings for the year then just closed. He commends his district deputies for their faithful and efficient services; refers to his visit to the re-union of the Masonic Veteran Association, which he highly commends; reports a complaint from

the Grand Lodge of Canada, that one of his lodges had conferred the M. M. degree upon a candidate who had received the E. A. and F. C. in a body chartered by the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, for which, it having been established on enquiry was well founded, reparation was promptly made; and gives his decisions on various matters submitted to him during the year.

A report from each of the Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Senior Warden, and Grand Junior Warden, goes to demonstrate the fact, that those several officers have not been ornamental alone, but industrious and useful ones, assiduously working in their respective positions.

The Grand Lodge of Arizona was recognized.

Amount received during the year for dues was \$2,537.50.

The Grand Secretary for the Committee on Masonic Correspondence for the year 1884 presented a report, of which we cannot speak too highly. It contains much information, and directs with great discrimination the attention of the reader to the chief subjects of interest touched on by the proceedings and reports from other Grand Lodges.

We are much gratified at the lengthy and favorable notice of Quebec at its meeting in 1884, but differ *in toto* from his conclusion that our habit to attend Divine service, at least once in each year, clothed with the regalia of the fraternity, is indicative of a love of display, or subjects us to a charge of hypocrisy. On such occasions we assemble as craftsmen desirous to publicly testify our thankful appreciation of the many blessings we have already received, and to supplicate the continuation of His aid on the work on which we are about to engage. Our experience goes to show that the practice is good, and productive of excellent results.

Referring to the advice of Grand Master Johnson, given at the annual communication in 1884, anent the trouble with England and her lodges in our midst, the report says:—

“We can offer no stronger proof of our fidelity to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and to the principle of exclusive sovereignty of Grand Lodges, than this—that the Grand Lodge of Connecticut recognizes none as regular Freemasons who have received degrees in lodges not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge over the territory in which said lodges are situated. This legislation prohibits us from recognizing these Masons under English register, and is a long stride in advance of any action yet taken by Quebec. Horace Greeley once said, on the question of the resumption of specie payment, that ‘the way to resume was to resume.’ We repeat, that the first step towards Masonic independence and jurisdictional control is, in the first place, to assert it; in the second place, maintain it.”

This strong approval of the course since followed by Quebec is most encouraging. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut may rest assured that its approbation will have the effect of strengthening Quebec in the determination to uphold and practise the principle of exclusive sovereignty in her jurisdiction, “come weal, come woe.”

Statistics :—Number of lodges.....	111
“ “ initiations.....	504
“ “ affiliations.....	108
“ “ members of lodges.....	14,921

M. : W. : Bro. Dwight Waugh, Stamford, is Grand Master.

R. : “ “ Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford, is Grand Secretary.

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CANADA (ONTARIO)—1885.

Our oldest sister appears to have had a fairly busy time during the past year, having held four special communications, on each occasion to lay with Masonic ceremonies the corner stone of a building to be erected for public good, one at North Augusta on the 3rd of August last, M. : W. : Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, P. : G. : M. :., presiding ; one at the town of Ridgetown, in the county of Kent, on the 29th October last ; R. : W. : Bro. Wm. F. Miller, D. : D. : G. : M. :. of St. Clair District, presiding ; one at the City of Toronto, on the 30th June last, M. : W. : Bro. Hugh Murray, G. : M. :., presiding ; and one at the town of Lindsay, on the 1st July last, the M. : W. : Grand Master again presiding.

The meetings at North Augusta, Ridgetown and Lindsay were to aid in the erection of churches ; and yet in view of such proceedings, there are those to be found so stupid or so bigoted, as to persist in asserting that Freemasonry is an institution having as one of its objects the destruction of religion.

The 30th annual communication was held at the City of Hamilton, commencing on the 8th July last, terminating on the following day. M. : W. : Grand Master Hugh Murray presided in the Grand East ; our Grand Representative R. : W. : Bro. Robert McKay, does not appear to have been present, we note his absence on former occasions, as the interests of our Grand Lodge are so identical with those of the sister Grand Lodges of the Dominion, more particularly so at the present time when unanimity of action is so desirable on matters touching territorial jurisdiction, we cannot but express our regret that our esteemed brother has been conspicuous by his absence on the two last meetings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, his services and influence were much required, and a good deal of disappointment was felt by the brethren attending the session from Quebec at not being able to avail themselves of his advice and co-operation in matters introduced wherein their Grand Lodge was interested.

Quite a large number of delegates and members are reported as having been present.

The address of M. : W. : Bro. Murray covers 20 pages, is a very able and interesting one, shewing the amount of work performed by him during the past year, giving his decisions on questions submitted, presenting the general financial position of his Grand Lodge and touching on other subjects of interest ; his remarks referring to “the North West rebellion” were very apropos, reminding his hearers and the craft under his guidance “that a Mason is a peaceful subject to the civil powers, wherever he resides or works.”

In fairness, we give *in extenso* his utterances on the subject of our relations with England, they are endorsed by the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge.

"The Grand Master of Quebec has issued a proclamation to all brethren in obedience to his Grand Lodge, declaring all lodges in that province working under any foreign Grand Lodge, to be illegally and irregularly existing, and prohibiting all brethren acknowledging his authority, from holding Masonic intercourse with any of the members of such lodges, in so far as Ancient Craft Masonry is concerned.

"The brethren affected by this edict are the members of St. Paul's Lodge No. 374, St. George's Lodge No. 440 and St. Lawrence Lodge No. 640, all in the City of Montreal, and on the register of the United Grand Lodge of England.

"I consider it my duty to place before you the relationship which this Grand Lodge bears to these lodges.

"Prior to 1855 Canada was masonically unoccupied territory. The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland claimed concurrent jurisdiction, and each had lodges of their obedience in the province."

"In that year a convention of delegates from the lodges in Upper and Lower Canada was called to meet at Hamilton, when the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed and its officers installed.

"Several of the lodges refused to join in this movement and continued to work under their original warrants.

"Three years later, the Provincial Grand Lodge, which had continued working under England, was dissolved, and the lodges hitherto working under it, declared themselves an independent Grand Lodge under the title of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada, of which Sir Allan McNab was the Grand Master.

"In the same year terms of union were agreed upon by representatives of the two Grand Bodies, and in accordance with those terms the Ancient Grand Lodge was dissolved, and its members and lodges united with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and were enrolled upon its register.

"In the following year, the United Grand Lodge of England, which up to that time had refused to recognize the legitimacy of our Grand Lodge, intimated a willingness to acknowledge it, as having jurisdiction over Canada West.

"This limited territorial recognition was not accepted, it being claimed that as Upper and Lower Canada had been united into one province in 1843, this Grand Lodge had jurisdiction over Canada East as well as Canada West.

"The correspondence which ensued resulted in recognition, on condition that the lodges which refused to join us, should be permitted to continue working under their original obedience, the Grand Lodge of England agreeing in the future to establish no more lodges in any part of Canada. Our Grand Lodge accepted recognition on these terms, and assured the Grand Lodge of England that as long as those lodges preferred continuing under that Grand Lodge, they would not be interfered with in any way, and that their members would ever receive a hearty and fraternal welcome among us.

"In 1860, there were working in Montreal the three lodges already referred to. The D. D. G. M. of that district reported that two of them, namely: St. George and St. Lawrence, were irregular, they having by the surrender of their warrants ceased to exist. The warrants, it was asserted, had, after their

surrender, been handed back to certain brethren, without the cognizance of the Grand Lodge of England. On the following year, notwithstanding the protest of the representative of England, Grand Lodge declared them to be irregular, and instructed the Grand Master to give immediate effect to that resolution.

"Accordingly, an edict was issued, forbidding communication with the members of these lodges. At the next meeting of Grand Lodge the Grand Master was requested to hear any further evidence the Grand Lodge of England might offer in reference to St. Lawrence Lodge, and to such final action as he might see fit. Upon the production of the evidence he was satisfied as to the legitimacy of that lodge and revoked his edict, in so far as it applied to St. Lawrence Lodge, and enjoined the brethren to exchange friendly intercourse.

"In 1864, in his address, the Grand Master referred to the edict still in force against St. George's Lodge, and justified the action in that connection, referring to the terms of agreement with England, he said: "It was a great mistake we made in not determining a fixed date, when there must be exclusive jurisdiction throughout Canada," pointing out that we were not absolutely the Grand Lodge of Canada, though declared and acknowledged to be such, while lodges existed in our territory refusing to acknowledge our authority, and that in his opinion no dishonor could attach to our Grand Lodge, if considering the trouble we had to encounter, we were even then to issue a notification, such as we should have done, when we took our place among the Grand Lodges of Freemasonry.

"Grand Lodge differed from him on both those points and passed a resolution that as the Grand Lodge of England must necessarily be the proper judge of its relations towards its subordinate lodges, and as it claimed that the St. George's Lodge had been working regularly under it since 1856, previous to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada by the Grand Lodge of England, we must now most cheerfully recognize it, notwithstanding the grounds we had previously understood as existing against such recognition. "And that mindful as we are that the recognition by the Grand Lodge of England was, accepted on terms providing for the continuance of its authority, in certain specified cases, and notwithstanding the objections inherent to that system, we cannot at present see any course which, with honor, is now open to this Grand Lodge to change the well understood arrangement."

"The dispute in reference to these lodges working under English warrants was thus settled, and they were acknowledged to be regular, with charters dating anterior to the establishment and recognition of this Grand Lodge.

"In 1867 the Imperial Parliament, by the passage of the British North America Act, provided for the voluntary union of the different British provinces of America, into one legislative confederation. In this Act Canada West was designated as the Province of Ontario, and Canada East as the Province of Quebec.

"In accordance with the terms of that Act, the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were united under the name of the Dominion of Canada.

"In 1869 brethren in Quebec claiming that the political changes made by that Act entitled them to form a Grand Lodge for that province, met at Montreal and established the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

" This Grand Lodge refused recognition, and not until 1874 did it cede to the New Grand Lodge all the rights and privileges previously claimed in that territory, and recognized and welcomed it as a sister Grand Lodge.

" The Grand Lodge of England which up to that time had refused recognition, then expressed a willingness to recognize it on the same terms in reference to the three English Lodges in Montreal, as had been agreed to by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

" This recognition was refused by Quebec, which declared it would accept nothing short of recognition of supreme authority in the province. Correspondence was carried on between the Grand Lodges up to the issuing of the edict.

" The Grand Lodge of Quebec contended for undivided sovereignty, and demanded that the Grand Lodge of England should withdraw the warrants of these lodges. The Grand Lodge of England refused to withdraw the warrants contrary to the expressed wish of the lodges, but intimated that it would offer no obstacle to the transference by the members of their allegiance.

" It is cause for regret that the brethren of St. Paul's, St. George's and St. Lawrence lodges have not seen it to be their duty to remove all occasion for contention, by surrendering their warrants and affiliating with the Grand Lodge of the Province.

" I sympathize strongly with the Grand Lodge of Quebec in the struggle for what I believe to be a correct principle, and I admit that from her standpoint she is not bound by the conditions that applied to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Further than this, however, I think our Grand Lodge cannot go; for though we may regret that conditional recognition was accepted by our predecessors, who acted, no doubt, under circumstances peculiarly adverse, and at a time when the question of Grand Lodge sovereignty was not so prominent as in the present day, yet we are, I believe, bound honorably to carry out the agreement entered into by them, and which has remained undisturbed for nearly twenty-six years."

We think the above view is a fair one from the Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario) standpoint, that body having accepted recognition on the basis of certain clearly defined covenants, cannot repudiate them. Its subsequent history and actions, as well as the openly expressed opinion of some of its most prominent officials goes to show that it was in early life too eager to obtain the recognition of England, and in order to ensure it, at a weak moment consented to sacrifice a most important masonic principle, that of sole and exclusive jurisdiction for every Grand Lodge over and throughout the territory where it exists. The Grand Lodge of Quebec, from the date of its formation, accepted that dogma, and has persistently and faithfully adhered to it; will ever continue to do so. No temporary advantages or conciliations will induce her to waive one iota from the stand taken. She is confident as to its correctness, as to her ultimate success, and with assurances of active and effectual support from foreign Grand Lodges, with the sympathy of her sister Grand Lodges in the Dominion, and with the firm belief and expectation that, notwithstanding past events, the Grand Lodge of England and the brethren here claiming to be under that jurisdiction will yet, sooner or later, see the propriety of her cause and yield their private views for the benefit of the whole, she will

continue the struggle with patience, yet with persistency, until she governs alone and undisturbed the whole craft throughout her territory.

We observe and regret that dissensions still exist in Ontario between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the body styling itself the Grand Lodge of Ontario. This Grand Lodge has already given its opinion on the matter and sees no cause to change its views. Your committee, however, knowing how greatly this Grand Lodge deplors this unhappy state of things, respectfully suggests to Grand Lodge to offer its mediation to both parties, with the earnest hope that it may, with the help of T. : G. : A. : O. : T. : U. : be the medium of terminating the trouble on a basis honorable and acceptable to all concerned. To that end we suggest the action of Grand Lodge should opportunity present itself.

The reports from the several District Deputy Grand Masters are, on the whole, very encouraging, as showing that Freemasonry throughout the Province is in a very satisfactory state. We find the following in that of R. : W. : Bro. F. F. Blackwood, Toronto District:—

“On April 9th, 1885, Bro. John Harrison, a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 22 was placed on trial before his lodge charged with being an Agnostic, Secularist, and Freethinker, and, being such, had religious views and opinions not consistent with the doctrines and principles of Freemasonry.”

Upon a vote of the lodge he was declared guilty, and the punishment inflicted was indefinite suspension. From this an appeal was taken to Grand Lodge.

The whole matter was submitted to the Board of General Purposes and Committee on Grievances and Appeals, who reported :—

W. : BRO. WILLIAM GRANT  
vs.  
BRO. JOHN HARRISON,  
King Solomon's Lodge No. 22. }

“The subject matter of this complaint was a charge preferred by W. : Bro. Grant against Bro. John Harrison, of King Solomon's Lodge No. 22, of being a person unfit to retain his connection with his lodge or with the Masonic fraternity of Canada; and the ground of unfitness alleged was that Bro. Harrison is an Agnostic, Secularist and Freethinker, and, being such, has religious views and opinions not consistent with the doctrines and principles of Freemasonry.

“On this charge Bro. Harrison was tried by King Solomon's Lodge, was found guilty on the 9th April, 1885, and indefinitely suspended by the lodge.

“From this finding and sentence Bro. Harrison appealed to the M. : W. : the Grand Master, who referred the appeal to the Board of General Purposes.

“On his trial before the lodge Bro. Harrison admitted that he was an Agnostic, a Freethinker, and a Secularist. He explained to the Board, and as he alleges, on his trial before the lodge, that he was an Agnostic only in the sense of the word as used by Professor Huxley, who, he says, defines an Agnostic to be “one who is honest enough to admit that he does not know what, under the present condition of human knowledge, is impossible to be known. Bro. Harrison further stated that the Secularist's manual put in at the trial, and that he does not approve of all of the ten secular demands mentioned in the evidence as having been brought before a Freethought convention held in Toronto, and that those demands were not adopted by any convention of the Secularists

held in that city. Bro. Harrison also stated his belief in God, the Great Architect of the Universe; that God had revealed His will to man in the volume of the sacred law, and that He would punish vice and reward virtue. He further stated that he had not the slightest contempt for God and religion.

"The Board believing that Bro. Harrison honestly entertains the views and opinions which he expressed to them, recommend that his suspension be removed, and that he be restored to good standing in his lodge. The report was received and adopted."

The report on audit and finance gives a most satisfactory exhibit, the funds of Grand Lodge on 31st May, 1885, being \$68,394.49; gross receipts for the year, \$16,742.83.

There was expended for benevolent purposes during the year, \$10,625.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Klotto, the sum of \$7,000 was taken from the General Fund and placed to the credit of the Benevolent Fund.

The special committee named to select and present to M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, P. G. M., a suitable testimonial, as a token of respect and esteem in which he is held by the members of Grand Lodge, and of the able manner in which he presided over the craft, made their report, which included the address delivered on the occasion. It was as follows:—

#### ADDRESS.

*"To Most Worshipful Bro. Daniel Spry, P. G. M.:"*

"DEAR SIR AND M. W. BRO.,—One of the earliest lessons taught to the neophyte in Freemasonry is that merit alone is the best title to Masonic privileges; and our ancient charges declare that "all preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, so that the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the Royal Craft despised."

"Since the time when you first became a member of the Grand Lodge, in 1861, you have held many and various positions in the government of the craft in Canada, and during the past two years you have filled the important and honorable office of Grand Master.

"The craft in general are greatly indebted to you for the zeal, energy and perseverance with which you have devoted your talents and abilities to the service of our beloved order. You have ever been found punctual in the discharge of your duties; just and impartial in all your rulings, and thoroughly conversant and familiar with the great landmarks and customs of the fraternity.

"The self-sacrifice necessarily involved in the prompt and proper discharge of the duties of the various stations you have been called upon to fill, and your zeal and devotion to the interests of the brotherhood were from time to time recognized and acknowledged, until, finally, your brethren conferred upon you the highest honor in their power, by placing you at the head of the craft as their Most Worshipful Grand Master.

"Your brethren can confer upon you no greater distinction. The annals of Masonry contain no higher triumph.

"With marked ability you wielded the gavel of executive authority, and at your retirement from office in July last the Grand Lodge unanimously ordered that a

committee should be appointed, charged with the agreeable duty which we are now about to perform.

"We have very great pleasure, then, Most Worshipful Sir, in the name of, and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in offering for your acceptance this regalia and other articles, as a slight testimonial of the respect and esteem in which you are held by the members of the Grand Lodge, and of the able manner in which you have presided over the craft during the past two years.

"With the best wishes for your continued happiness and prosperity,

"We beg to remain, Most Worshipful Sir,

"Yours fraternally,

"HENRY ROBERTSON,

"J. M. GIBSON,

"THOS. SARGENT,

} *Committee.*

"December, A. L., 5884."

Your committee are confident that Grand Lodge will join with them in tendering, as they do now, their united hearty congratulations to M. W. Bro. Spry, on the recognition of his services and merits as above.

No report on Correspondence was presented.

Statistics :—Number of lodges on roll . . . . .	356
"    represented in Grand Lodge..	253
"    initiations . . . . .	1,113
"    passings . . . . .	1,068
"    raisings . . . . .	1,009
"    members in good standing . . . . .	18,983

M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, Grand Master.

R. " " J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO—1885.

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held in Denver City on the 15th September, 1885, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James H. Peabody, presiding.

Our representative, M. W. Bro. Andrew Sagendorff, being present, brought under the notice of the Grand Lodge the matter of the controversy between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the three English lodges working in her territory; also certain correspondence relating thereto. The matter was referred to the Committee on Correspondence, who thus reported.

"Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report that they have had under consideration the correspondence received by the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec near this Grand Lodge, and beg leave to report that we find it a somewhat delicate matter to properly determine. Your committee are clearly of the opinion that the best interests of Masonry in the Province of

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Quebec would be largely benefitted if the three Lodges holding and working under charters from the Grand Lodge of England would sever their allegiance to the mother Grand Lodge and unite with the Grand Lodge of Quebec in making that jurisdiction what it fails to be—a harmonious and ultimately a more prosperous Grand Body. Your committee beg leave to state further, that they believe universal sovereignty to be the American doctrine and best calculated to advance and encourage harmony and prosperity.”

The report was adopted.

Number of lodges working.. . . . .	55
Membership .....	3,756

M. : W. : Bro. George Wyman, Longmont, is Grand Master.

R. : “ “ Edward C. Parmelee, Georgetown, is Grand Secretary.

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DAKOTA—1885.

Annual communication at the City of Fargo on the 9th June 1885.

The Grand Master, M. : W. : Bro. Jno. F. Schrader, delivered his address on the second day of the session having been unavoidably detained from being present on the first day, it presents a clear record of his official acts and decisions during the year.

On careful examination of the names given of those present we do not find that of our representative, R. : W. : Bro. Calvin G. Shaw.

We note with pleasure the courteous and fraternal action of this Grand Lodge in voting the sum of \$100 to be expended in the purchase of a piece of furniture to be presented to M. : W. : Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa, in testimony of fraternal regard.

R. : W. : Bro. Wm. Blatt, for the Committee on Correspondence, presented their report, it reviews proceedings of 45 American Grand Lodges, Quebec not being included.

Grand Secretary's tabular statement gives number of members at 2,644.

M. : W. : Bro. Wm. Blatt, Yankton, Grand Master; R. : W. : Bro. Chas. T. McCoy, Aberdeen, Grand Secretary.

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DELAWARE—1885.

The Grand Lodge of Delaware met at Wilmington, on the 1st and 2nd of October last; being the 71st annual communication. M. : W. : Bro. John F. Salsbury in the Grand East. Amongst those present we find the name of Bro. Wm. J. Stewart, our Grand Representative.

The Grand Master in his address reports that peace and harmony continue to dwell within his jurisdiction, and that the fraternity throughout had enjoyed a year of unusual prosperity.

The Grand Secretary shews the financial condition of Grand Lodge to be healthy and prosperous.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported that he had been unable to prepare an elaborate report of the proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges, and had so informed the Grand Master, asking that some other brother be substituted in his place, the G. . M. ., however, not having acceded to the request, no sufficient report was produced.

But little business seems to have been transacted, and that of a local interest only.

Number of members in the jurisdiction 1448.

M. . W. . Bro. Thos. Davidson, Wilmington, Grand Master ; R. . W. . Bro. Wm. S. Hayes, Delaware, Grand Secretary.

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#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1884.

This Grand Lodge was the very first, if we mistake not, to extend fraternal recognition to Quebec ; at that time Grand Lodge organization had not been so fully discussed as now, then to some extent a certain amount of hesitancy was exhibited by some Grand Bodies as to the course they would adopt ; it was not so with the District of Columbia, she investigated our position under the guidance, we believe, of M. . W. . Bro. Noble D. Larner, acknowledged its legitimacy, and without waiting to see "how the cat jumped," at once passed resolutions admitting Quebec into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges ; since then she has been a steady ally, "offensive" and "defensive," and we value her support accordingly.

During the year, special and "semi annual" communications of the Grand Lodge were held at which routine business was transacted, the annual "assemblée" was held at the City of Washington on the 12th November, 1884. Bro. Myron M. Parker, M. . W. . Grand Master, in the Grand East.

We do not observe the name of our Grand Representative, R. . W. . Bro. Geo. B. Clark, as being present, but our old friend, "true as steel," M. . W. . Bro. N. D. Larner was. If any matter had transpired in which the interests of Quebec were concerned, we are satisfied it would have been by him well looked into.

The Grand Master's address gives a narrative of his official acts, his remarks therein on the subject of "The Spirit of Masonry" are so apropos that, although our space is limited, we cannot refrain from reproducing them ; he says :

"On what crooked hinges our checkered lives are hung." Tossed about on the tempestuous sea of life, we oftimes lose our reckoning and become wrecked in the whirlpool of adversity. The world looks with un pitying eye upon the ills of life, and in its administration of justice demands its "pound of flesh." Of

us, as Masons, more and better things are expected. Scarcely a year passes that does not witness the misfortunes of some one or more of our brethren. To us they turn for confidence, sympathy, advice and encouragement. To us they stretch out their weak and trembling hands, moist with the tears of mother, wife and helpless children, appealing for aid until such time as they can again successfully grapple with life, or until the processes of the profanes shall have been determined. What shall be our course? Shall we turn our backs upon their appeals? Shall we magnify their offenses by being first to arraign them at the bar of justice, or shall we throw around them the mantle of charity, meting out that even justice that always results from calm, deliberate action? Let the spirit of Masonry prevail. Let us be merciful. Let us be just."

The record of business transacted shews nothing of especial interest to the craft here.

The financial position of Grand Lodge is improved on former years.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented an interesting report of just over 100 pages of closely printed matter, it reviews the proceedings of Grand Lodges, Quebec receiving a short but encouraging notice.

Statistics of this Grand Lodge shew number of M. M's. at close of year 3,005.

Number of initiations during the year, 158.

Amount paid during the year to Grand Lodge, \$2,266.50.

M. W. Bro. Myron M. Parker, Washington City, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Wm. R. Singleton, Washington City, Grand Secretary.

#### FLORIDA—1885.

The Grand Lodge of Florida held its 56th annual communication at Jacksonville on 20th January, 1885; Grand Master Robert J. Perry presided, he delivered an admirable address from which we cannot refrain from giving the following extract depicting the character of a Freemason:

"The real Freemason is eminently distinguished from the rest of mankind, by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offence intentionally, either by implication or direct expression. He contracts no debt which he is not certain that he can discharge, because he is honest upon principle. He would be just, fair and frank in all his dealings, business or otherwise, with his brothers and the rest of mankind, even if there were no written laws, human or divine, except those which are written on his heart by the finger of his Creator. He would never endeavor to exalt himself or enhance his interests at the expense of some one else, for he constantly bears in mind that noble injunction: "Be careful, my brother, that thou receive no wages here or elsewhere not thy due, for if thou dost, thou wrongest some one" by taking that which in God's chancery belongs to him, and whether that which "thou takest thus be wealth or rank, or influence or reputation." With millions at his command, a Mason's word should be as good as his bond; if this be not so,

he would accord protection to neither the one nor the other, if a selfish interest demanded a forfeiture. What response can be made by each one of us to these pertinent and unexaggerated exactions of our profession as Masons? "Do unto others as thou would that others should do unto you."

Nothing of special general interest presents itself in the record, excepting that there is shewn evidence of returning prosperity.

The Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized.

Number of members 2,873.

M. W. Bro. J. Perry, Key West, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Dewitt E. Dawkins, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

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### GEORGIA—1884.

Annual meeting held at the City of Macon on 20th October, 1884.

The Grand Master's address relates mainly to local matters and reports the condition of the craft throughout his jurisdiction as generally satisfactory.

The business of Grand Lodge was altogether of a local nature.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Blackshear, and notices the action of our Grand Lodge at its meeting in 1884 approvingly, declaring that the Grand Lodge of Quebec will doubtless be sustained by all American Grand Lodges.—So mote it be!

Bro. Blackshear is our representative near Georgia, we expect from him as such/all the aid he can give us when his Grand Lodge next meets.

Lodges on the roll, 274.

Membership, 11,024.

Jno. S. Davidson, Augusta, Grand Master; J. Emmett Blackshear, Macon, Grand Secretary.

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### IDAHO—1884.

Seventeenth annual communication at Boise City, on 9th September 1884; M. W. Bro. C. P. Coburn presiding.

R. W. Bro. H. E. Prickett, Grand Representative of Quebec, was present.

The address of the Grand Master was brief, and the business of Grand Lodge unimportant except to its own locality.

The reports from Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer exhibit a satisfactory financial position.

Statistics:—Number of lodges . . . . . 11  
" Members . . . . . 456

M. W. Bro. John A. Port, Boise City, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. James W. Brown, Boise City, Grand Secretary.

IOWA—1885.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of this State are before us, gotten up in superb style. It would seem that everything in connection with work to which our esteemed Bro. Parvin sets his hand is well and artistically done.

M. : W. : Grand Master, Charles T. Granger, presided.

M. : W. : Bro. E. A. Guilbert, our representative, was present.

The Grand Master presented an eloquent address, setting forth his labors, giving his decisions of the year, and treating important and interesting subjects with marked ability.

The report from the Grand Secretary is what might be expected from that most able and efficient officer—perfect and complete in every respect.

That of the Librarian states that : "The Grand Lodge has a local habitation as well as name. Its library building is completed, its grand library of 'bookes both newe and olde' is safely housed therein, and in that 'shadje nooke' the seeker after Masonic light and knowledge may find that which will make 'darkness light, and crooked things straight' before him."

An interesting incident happening in the course of the transaction of the business of Grand Lodge, was the delivery of an eloquent address by Bro. Parvin, on the presentation of his "commission of appointment" as the grand representative from Prince of Wales, M. : W. : Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and the reply thereto by Grand Master Granger. Each of the speakers took occasion to allude, not only to His Royal Highness, but also to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, in flattering and eulogistic terms.

We remark that the labors and duties of the Grand Lodge of Iowa are, during transaction, very judiciously, we think, lightened and cheered by the occasional introduction of appropriate music. At the opening a song was sung by a quartette of brethren ; at closing these brothers sang "Nearer, my God, to Thee," in which the members joined. We consider such a proceeding most commendable, and should, as a rule, be put into practice ; else why have we amongst our officers a Grand Organist?

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence emanates from Bro. Parvin. We need say no more to stamp its excellence. Time or space will not permit us to review it as fully as we wish, and as it deserves. We recommend it for perusal to every member of this Grand Lodge and of the fraternity, with the assurance that he who desires knowledge and light on almost every conceivable subject of interest in connection with our craft, will find his "craving satisfied to the full."

It is a source of great regret that Quebec is not reviewed by our brother, and we are at a loss to understand why not. Assuredly, our proceedings have been mailed to Bro. Parvin's address. In the multitude of his labors, has he misplaced or overlooked them? We cannot account for his silence. We can only regret it, and we do so most heartily.

Statistics :—Lodges enrolled.....	457
“ extinct .....	46
“ working.....	411
“ organized by dispensation the past year....	15
Initiations.....	712
Number of members.....	21,309

M. : W. : Bro. C. T. Granger, Wankon, re-elected Grand Master.

R. : “ “ T. S. Farvin, Cedar Rapids, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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### ILLINOIS—1885.

This Grand Lodge held its forty-sixth annual communication in the city of Chicago, commencing on Tuesday, 6th October last, 1885, M. : W. : Bro. John R. Thomas, its Grand Master, presiding. Owing to congressional duties and other causes explained by him he was unable during a great portion of the year to administer the affairs of Grand Lodge, it seems, however, that R. : W. : Bro. Alex. T. Darrah, the D. : G. : M. : , in the absence of the Grand Master, discharged the duties appertaining to that office most efficiently. He presented a very able address enumerating his official acts, as well as the Masonic events of interest which had transpired during the year.

Our faithful representative, M. : W. : Bro. D. C. Cregier, ever active and earnest in the service of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, during the first day of the session presented the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were afterwards received and adopted :—

“ Whereas, the M. : W. : Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., in the Dominion of Canada, is a lawfully organized Grand body, and is, and has been, recognized as such for the past fifteen years, by sixty-three Grand Lodges on this continent and in Europe ; and

“ Whereas, the unquestioned legitimacy of the existence of the said Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the almost universal recognition thereof, by the extension of fraternal fellowship by her peers throughout the Masonic world, clearly vests the said Grand Lodge with all the rights, powers and prerogatives of an independent sovereign governing Masonic body, which include the fundamental right of full and exclusive jurisdiction over all and every the constituent lodges of Free and Accepted Masons located within her clearly defined territory ; and

“ Whereas, under and by virtue of these conditions, the M. : W. : Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois was among the first to welcome the Grand Lodge of Quebec among the sisterhood of Grand Lodges, and to extend to her the hand of fraternal fellowship and friendship ; and

“ Whereas, authentic information has come to the official notice of this Grand Lodge that the well settled principles of Grand Lodge sovereignty, sanctioned by time and usage, has, in the case of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, been, and is now being ignored, by the existence of certain Masonic lodges within her territorial jurisdiction who do not recognize the authority of the Grand Lodge of Quebec,

but hold allegiance to and are working under the authority of a foreign Grand Lodge, thus setting at defiance the sovereign rights and authority of the only Masonic governing body of the Province; therefore, be it

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, jealous of her own independence and sovereign powers within her prescribed limits, will not only maintain and defend these rights for herself, but has and will, at all times, record her voice and vote against a violation of them by others.

“*Resolved*, That while this Grand Lodge regrets the action of the recusant lodges in usurping the lawfully occupied territory of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, we venture the hope that said lodges will transfer their allegiance to the only source of Masonic power within the Province in which they are located, and that the M. . W. . Grand Lodge claiming their allegiance, will take such action, that the unity and harmony so essential to true fraternity may be fully established; be it further

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois regards all lodges in the Province of Quebec holding allegiance to any Grand Lodge other than the recognized Grand Lodge of that Province, as illegal and irregular, and that all lodges and brethren under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois are charged not to hold Masonic intercourse with such illegal or irregular lodges, or any member thereof.

“*Resolved*, That the M. . W. . Grand Master of the State of Illinois be requested to issue his edict in conformity herewith to the lodges and brethren of his obedience.”

We desire to avail ourselves of the present opportunity to direct the attention of our own Grand Lodge to the many efficient services it has received at the hands of M. . W. . Bro. Cregier, and we ask that by a vote of Grand Lodge its grateful recognition of those services be placed on record.

\* Looking through the record of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, we are struck with the system and order observed; everything appears to be well done and in order; so a large amount of business was accomplished in an incredibly short space of time.

This Grand Lodge had the pleasure of receiving as visitors several prominent members of the craft from other jurisdictions. The ceremony of their introduction and reception was properly made an agreeable incident in the proceedings.

We cannot abstain from introducing into this report, copying from the proceedings of Illinois, the notice of the death of Bro. Solomon Kahn, one of its members, with the object of showing what the life of a good Mason is, and should be, and holding it up prominently to the craft here as an example to follow:—  
“He was made a Mason in Mt. Pulaski Lodge, No. 87, in 1850. He was a charter member of Lincoln Lodge, and held the office of treasurer from the institution of the lodge to the time of his death, nearly thirty years. He was the first and only treasurer the lodge ever had. When the city of Lincoln was incorporated he was elected treasurer, and held that office until the time of his death, being the first and only treasurer the city ever had. His honesty was rock-rooted and beyond all question. His name was a synonym of honesty itself. He was gentle in all his dealings, and never cast a blackball for fear he might unwittingly do some one an injustice. In 1865 he was knocked down and robbed of the city’s

money he had with him, some \$1,800. The name of his assailant never passed his lips until a few days before his death. He was not certain who it was, and rather than get a man into trouble, when there might be a doubt, he bore his sufferings without a word; and to the shame of this city, be it said, he paid the money stolen from him out of his own means, never asking that he be reimbursed. In short, he was a man—one of the noblest God ever created. In his attendance to the lodge he was so punctual, that if he was absent, it was known at once that he was sick. He never missed a meeting, if able to attend. He was efficient in the work, and a bright Mason. His death is regretted, and caused general mourning. Unfortunately, on account of family objection, he was buried without Masonic honors.”

This Grand Lodge recognized the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

The report on Correspondence covers over 200 pages of closely printed matter. It is from the pen of Bro. Theodore T. Gurney, well and favorably known in Masonic literature, and is not one whit behind his former able productions. He is a thorough jurist, pleasant and courteous of language, and possessed of the happy power of conveying his views with great clearness and perspicuity. The report throughout is a most able and interesting one. We commend it to the notice of every brother of this jurisdiction and elsewhere who desires Masonic light.

He makes favorable notice of Quebec, approving and justifying her recent action and proclamation. He says: “Now that the Grand Lodge of Quebec has acted, there will come up from every legitimate grand body of our continent hearty congratulations.”

We tender to Bro. Gurney our sincere thanks for his kind notice of our report on Correspondence for 1884.

Total number of members. .... 40,015  
 Number of initiations, ..... 1,559

M. W. Bro. Alexander T. Darragh, Bloomington, Grand Master.  
 R. “ “ Loyal L. Munn, Freeport, Grand Secretary.

### INDIAN TERRITORY—1885.

Eleventh annual communication held on 3rd November 1885, M. W. Bro. Edmond Henry Doyle, Grand Master, presiding.

Grand Representative of Quebec, R. W. Bro. W. A. Welsh, not present.

The Grand Lodge was presented with an address of welcome on behalf of McAlister Lodge, which was replied to by Grand Secretary Murrow who says of his effort that it was delivered extempore and not worth publishing. We imagine our R. W. Bro. was too condemnatory.

Grand Master's address reports that prosperity, peace and harmony, save in one instance, prevail throughout his jurisdiction.

Grand Orator delivered a somewhat short but fitting address.

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Business transacted altogether of a local character.

Number of lodges.....	21
“ Members.....	620

Report on Foreign Correspondence is over the signature of Bro. Murrow, yet our indefatigable friend ; Bro. F. W. Bakter, of Highgate, has taken a hand therein, from his pen emanates the notice and review of our proceedings of 1885, which, so far as they apply to our course in regard to England, strongly endorse our action.

Bro. F. W. B. says, speaking of our fifteen years peaceful efforts to obtain Grand Lodge Sovereignty, that “ we would have obtained it long ere this, if it “ had not been for the perversicousness of the members of the three English “ Lodges, secretly encouraged by the Grand Lodge of England.” Good gracious ! what is the meaning of that long word with which he characterizes our English brethren ? We do wish we knew, for then we would flout it in the face of our misguided brethren, and so terrify them into immediate submission.

R. W. Bro. Florian H. Nash, Fort Gibson, Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka, Grand Secretary.

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#### KANSAS—1885.

Twenty-ninth annual communication was held at Emporia on Wednesday, 18th February, 1885 ; Grand Master J. J. Puck, presiding ; his address is largely devoted to decisions on cases submitted to him, to some of which we submit the following remark of the Grand Master will apply ; he says : “ Last year we devoted 74 pages to a reprint of constitution, by-laws, rules of order, standing regulations and decisions, forty-eight pages were devoted to the latter two topics. Experience in other orders had taught me to anticipate what I might expect as Grand Master, and accordingly I offered, last year, the standing regulations found on page 52, which orders that W. M. of each lodge shall at an early day cause the proceedings of Grand Lodge to be read in his lodge.”

Continuing, he observes : “ Some evidently read the proceedings, many did not, and your humble servant had to suffer for that failure. If our proceedings were read and our laws studied with a tith of care bestowed upon the esoteric work, the craft would be benefitted and the position of the Grand Master become less that of a drudge.”

The business transacted seems to be chiefly of a local nature.

During a lull in the proceedings the Grand Master took occasion to introduce a veteran craftsman 90 years of age, and 60 years a member of the order, it having become known that his circumstances, in a pecuniary point of view, were not as easy as could be wished, a contribution of about one hundred dollars was quickly taken up and presented to the venerable brother who received it with a thankful heart ; we chronicle the event with much pleasure.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of South Australia was deferred.

The financial affairs appear to be good, the balance in treasury amounting to \$7,277.01.

Looking through the list of Past Grand Masters present, we fail to see the name of M. W. Bro. Hanna, our representative.

Number of lodges working under charters last year . . .	231
“ “ receiving charters during the year . . .	23
“ “ Initiated during the year . . . . .	1,076
Total number of members . . . . .	12,394

The report on correspondence is extensive and able, Quebec is fraternally noticed.

Referring to her action recommending non-intercourse with the English lodges here, he says, “we should have been amply justified in taking that step five years ago.”

M. W. Bro. M. M. Miller, Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. John H. Brown, Grand Secretary.

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### KENTUCKY—1885.

The eighty-sixth annual communication was held at Louisville on 20th October last, the Grand Master presiding.

Looking through the list of representatives of Grand Lodges present, we do not find the name of R. W. Bro. Turpin, who is the representative of Quebec.

M. W. Bro. Orndorff delivered an admirable address, in the which he thus refers to Quebec matters.

“I have received communications and documents touching the Grand Lodge sovereignty of the Province of Quebec, which are herewith submitted, with the recommendation that such action be taken by this Grand Lodge as will best assist the Grand Lodge of Quebec in maintaining exclusive control and jurisdiction over her own territory against concurrent jurisdiction, believing our brethren of Quebec to be entitled to the sympathy and recognition of this Grand Lodge.”

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence to whom the address was referred, in a long and able report, lucidly setting forth the whole history of our dispute with England, declared

“Your committee only reflects the sentiments of this Grand Lodge, so often expressed, when it says that nothing short of absolute, unconditional Grand Lodge sovereignty can be tolerated on the American continent. To allow anything short of that is to endanger the peace and happiness of every American Grand Lodge. There is no good reason why the Grand Lodge of England shall be permitted, to override the rights of Grand Lodges possessing all the rights and prerogatives of which she is possessed. We believe it to be the duty of every sovereign Grand Lodge to say that no Grand Lodge, foreign or otherwise, can be permitted to intrude on the sovereign rights of any Grand Lodge claiming exclusive sovereignty.”

" Your committee are not yet ready to declare non-intercourse with the offending lodges, nor does it believe that is always the best way to remedy such evils. But the committee does say that it is the duty of the Grand Lodge of England to withdraw the charters of the three lodges mentioned, to wit : St. Paul, St. George and St. Lawrence; and that they be recommended to unite with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and in default thereof that they be wiped out of existence, and thus put an end to a controversy which, if persisted in, will cause one of the most bitter strifes that is known to the history of Masonic controversies of the world.

" The committee, therefore, offer the following resolution :

" *Resolved*, That in order to heal the bitter animosities now existing between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and England, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky most fraternally requests the Grand Lodge of England to advise the three lodges mentioned, located in the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, to unite with the Grand Lodge of Quebec; and on their failure or refusal to do so, that the charters of the same be arrested or withdrawn.

" *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge reiterates its firm adhesion to the doctrine of unequivocal, undivided Grand Lodge sovereignty, and that none other can be tolerated by sovereign Grand Lodges without endangering the peace of the Masonic powers of the world.

" Fraternally submitted.

JAMES W. STANTON, Chairman,

" *For the Committee.*"

And the Grand Lodge adopted the resolution.

Referring to "The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home" of Kentucky, Grand Master Orndorff speaks most encouragingly; as this jurisdiction is just now engaged in organizing a similar institution, we transcribe his remarks which will doubtless have a tendency to encourage our own people in the noble work in which they are engaged.

" As one of the Directors, *ex-officio*, of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, I had the pleasure of attending the Directors' meeting on the evening of the 9th of April. And I repeat, 'twas a pleasure indeed to meet, such a body of noble men, of almost every craft and profession, ready and willing, as was manifest on that occasion, to make any sacrifice of their time and their means to advance the interest of our Home—the noblest Masonic charity extant. They set to work early and continued in executive session nigh unto the ' wee small hour,' when I left them to catch my train. I never witnessed such method and system and zeal before in behalf of any enterprise. Their minds were engrossed with the work; their hearts were enlisted in the work; their tongues had not been silent in the work; their feet had been on errands of mercy in the work, and their purse-strings had been loosed in the work. They are good men and true, and to them and their successors we are to look for the future success and perpetuity of that magnificent Home in the southern outskirts of this city, which is the pride of every true and loyal Kentucky Freemason."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is an admirable document giving a clear and intelligent statement of the doings of other Grand Lodges; we have followed it all through with much interest. We regret space and time will not

allow us to do more than to give as above merely its utterances on the Quebec question.

Initiated during the year..... 713  
Total membership..... 14,823

M. W. Bro. B. C. Witt, Henderson, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Hiram Bassett, Millersburg, Grand Secretary.

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### LOUISIANA—1885.

Under the presidency of M. W. Bro. James L. Lobdell, Grand Master, the 73rd annual communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of this State was held on 9th February 1885.

We observe our Grand Representative, Bro. Joseph P. Hoerner, named as being present.

From the Grand Master's address, we give the following extract as referring to a subject much under discussion with the craft, our views concur with his.

"On October 29th, 1884, I answered a communication from Felician Lodge No. 31, relative to the demand by Mount Moriah Lodge No. 44, of San Francisco, Cal., for payment of funeral expenses of H. H. Keesing, a member of Felician Lodge No. 31, who was on his way to New Zealand, and died in San Francisco. In reply, I stated that it was a matter in which I could do nothing more than give an opinion, and the opinion given was, that such claims are not actually legal: a Lodge cannot, and should not, be compelled by any Masonic law to pay a debt they had no part in contracting. It may be very well for a Lodge to refund money, when able to do so, to another Lodge which has befriended a brother sojourning among them, and who may be relieved in case of distress, or buried in case of death, but that should be left to the option of the Lodge. If such a thing were to become general, I fear it would soon be found to be a pernicious custom, and one that would lead to general dissension among the Lodges throughout the United States, for it is likely it would soon be found that some of them would make a too charitable use of the money of others.

"If I understand Masonry aright, its charities should be as boundless as the wants of our fellow-men, and we would neither enjoy much credit for our assistance to those in distress, or for the burial of our deceased brethren, if we simply did it as a matter of business, and only expended money to-day for such purposes, with the full knowledge that it would be repaid to-morrow. Masonic charity should not be circumscribed by the boundaries of any jurisdiction, State or country; its pleasures and social enjoyments are universally distributed and enjoyed, and its charities should also be universal."

The Committee on Correspondence presented for the consideration of Grand Lodge, who adopted the same, certain resolutions as true enunciations of Masonic law; as they will doubtless be presented at an early period to this Grand Lodge for opinion we shall for the present abstain from remarks thereon.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is novel *sui generis*; it is not a review of proceedings, &c., &c., of other Grand Lodges with comments thereon, the intention of its authors is to call the attention of their Grand Lodge only to such matters as may be of interest to it, and to suggest such expressions of opinion as the Grand Lodge of Louisiana should send forth; beyond this the Committee says:

"We intend to carry this idea out further, in this, that when our Grand Lodge will have passed upon the matter submitted to her and will have enunciated her will or opinion, we expect to ask her to send copies of these expressions of her deliberate opinion to each of our Grand Representatives, near every Grand East, and request them to bring our Grand Lodge opinions and resolutions before their Grand Lodge and request of them also an expression of opinion thereon."

From want of sufficiency of time we are unprepared at the present moment to give a decided opinion on the course our brothers from Louisiana propose to follow as enunciated above, but we have no hesitation in saying that at first view we are disposed to entertain the idea favorably; we think that if it is generally accepted and acted on it may have the effect anticipated, namely: "to establish a universal and uniform code of Masonic law upon quasi-international Masonic subjects, of the same tenor or import in many jurisdictions, and may possibly establish a homogeneity of legislation on subjects of Masonic international interests, and thereby consolidate and practically carry out the boasted tenets of the universality of Freemasonry among the whole craft wherever dispersed."

It certainly is most desirable that a code of international Masonic law should be established to treat and govern questions of general interest, such as those referred to by the Louisiana Committee, viz: 1° Establishment of Grand Lodges. 2° Jurisdiction of lodge over sojourning brother for violation of Masonic penal law; 3° perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material; 4° claim for money expended in relief by a Masonic Lodge in the burial of a brother; 5° Edicts of non-intercourse. If such a code could be established much good would thereby be accomplished, and a means found to terminate and avoid the contentions and diversities of opinion which too frequently exist between sister Grand Lodges.

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#### MAINE—1885.

The 66th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of this State was held at Portland on 5th May, 1885; M. W. Grand Master Estes, presiding; of course our Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, was present.

The address of the Grand Master is an able and interesting one. It announces that a remarkable degree of harmony prevails throughout his jurisdiction, he is a little hard on "Masonic balls," declaring they are but forerunners to "Masonic horse-trot's," or "Masonic polo," or "base ball match." We do not take a like view, "*de gustibus non est disputandum.*" We have enjoyed ourselves hugely at such gatherings, have never seen ill effects therefrom, on the contrary have ob-

served that they tend to cultivate the social tie which binds us together, and makes also our craft more popular and acceptable to our lady relatives and friends.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodge passed the following resolution :

*Resolved* " That no one hailing from the Province of Quebec and claiming to be a mason, shall be recognized as such unless he hail from a lodge under the obedience of the Grand Lodge of that Province."

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of our tried, true and trusted friend, M. W. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, it is a grand one, replete with masonic lore and of great interest from its very first to its very last word.

Quebec receives most favorable notice.

The Grand Lodge of South Australia was recognized.

Number of lodges working.....	184
"    "    initiated during the year.....	748
"    "    of members.....	19,871

M. W. Bro. Fessenden J. Day, Lewiston, Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. Ira Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

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### MANITOBA—1885.

M. W. Bro. John Headley Bell, Grand Master, presided at the 10th annual communication of our "Prairie Province" sister Grand Lodge, which was held at Winnipeg on 11th and 12th February last, a long list of representatives of sister Grand Lodges being present, our esteemed representative, W. Bro. Samuel Bedson not being of the number, absent, we understand, on official duties.

The Grand Master in his address announced that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had officially recognized the Grand Lodge of Manitoba ; referring to the progress of his own Grand Lodge, he reminds its members that at its organization in May 1875, a pamphlet of ten pages was sufficient to record its proceedings, that last year it required seventy-eight for the same purpose, that at its origin there were but three lodges in its jurisdiction with a membership of 203 and the receipts for the first year of Grand Lodge were \$331.75, that on the 11th February 1880, the number had increased to 10 warranted lodges and one under dispensation, with 360 members and \$445.95 of Grand Lodge revenue, shewing an increase during the first five years of 8 lodges, 157 members and \$115.20 of receipts ; he then shews that during the five years through which he has administered the affairs of the Grand Lodge the number had increased to 28 warranted lodges, with three lodges under dispensation, 1,246 members and \$1,698.21 of Grand Lodge dues, giving an increase, in the five years of his ruling of 20 lodges, 886 members and \$1,251.86 of Grand Lodge revenue, or a total increase in 10 years of 28 lodges, 1,043 members and \$13,066.41 of Grand Lodge revenue.

We observe that Grand Master Bell takes no credit to himself for the success of the craft under him, we commend his modesty ; the report of the Committee



announces that during the year no less than eight lodge rooms in Michigan have been destroyed by fire. Remarking upon this, he says: "Let your lodge rooms be in safe situations, brethren; insure them properly, and then watch against fire." Advice which will apply as aptly here as there. His decisions on questions submitted seem to be in accord with law and general usage. All the other subjects brought by him to the notice of his Grand Lodge are referred to in a very instructive manner.

The Grand Lodge of South Australia received fraternal recognition, which, however, was for the present denied to the Grand Lodge of Victoria. The committee to whom the application had been referred, reported that "while we feel favorable toward our sister, and recognize fully her struggle for supremacy, still we cannot consistently recommend her to recognition, inasmuch as there are over a hundred subordinates under the Mother Grand Lodges which have as yet not renounced their allegiance to those bodies," etc., etc. Grand Lodge adopted this view, and passed the following resolution thereanent:—

"Resolved, That while we recognize the fact that the Grand Lodge of Victoria was organized in accordance with the customary and ancient regulations, and is masonically and regularly in possession of the territory of the province, still we deem it best for the interests of Masonry to postpone action for its recognition until our next annual communication.

Other business transacted seems to have been of a local nature.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by R. W. Bro. Wm. P. Innes. It is voluminous, covering 197 pages, and written with marked ability. It reviews the proceedings of forty American, five Canadian, and eight foreign Grand Lodges.

Quebec receives quite a long notice, embracing long extracts from our proceedings of 1884, where they refer to relations with England. Although the writer gives no expression of opinion on our particular case, yet, in a special report on correspondence, when referring to the position of the Grand Lodges of South Australia and Victoria, he advocates strongly the principles for which the Grand Lodge of Quebec is contending.

Statistics:—Total active membership for 1884, as per returns... 26,675  
Initiated.. . . . . . 1,361

M. W. Bro. James H. Farnum, Cassopolis, Grand Master.

R. W. " " Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids, Grand Secretary.

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#### MARYLAND—1885.

One hundred ninety-seventh stated communication at Baltimore on the second Tuesday of May, 1885, having met semi-annually for ninety-eight and a half years.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John S. Tyson, who is also our Grand representative there, presided. His address is somewhat brief, referring chiefly to local matters, and showing that peace prevails throughout his borders.

Looking through the proceedings, we find nothing of special interest to the craft here.

The Grand Secretary reports having received during the past year \$11,061.66.

Statistics :—Master Masons.....	4,875
Initiations during the year.....	124

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. F. J. S. Gorgas. Quebec is not reviewed.

Bro. Gorgas' determination to retire forever from the position of chairman will be learned with regret, for his reports are ably and judiciously made, producing the most salient points from the work he reviews, and remarking thereon with judgment and discrimination.

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#### MISSOURI—1885.

The sixty-fifth annual communication was held at St. Louis on the 13th October, 1885, and was presided over by M. W. Bro. Robt. F. Stevenson, Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his address reports no decisions. He declares that the cause of *Temperance* has been supported with *Fortitude*, while *Prudence* and *Justice* were maintained as a shield against *Intolerance* and *Fanaticism*.

Dilating on the neglect of lodges to insure their property, he says :

“ Year by year the Grand Master, by address, and the Grand Secretary, by circular, have forecast to the lodges the necessity of insuring their jewels, furniture and other property against fire and cyclones. Yet each has brought and now presents its set or sets of mourners over a heap of ashes with no Phoenix to rise therefrom. The current year is no exception, and I feel that I would not be true to duty should I fail to file an information for criminal negligence against somebody under this head.

“ Under our law the Master is the sworn custodian and trustee, subordinate to the Grand Lodge, of all property accumulated by the Lodges, and it should be made his duty, as a first official act, and he should be authorized without vote of the members, to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the payment of a reasonable insurance on such property. If he fails or neglects the performance of this duty, hold him morally responsible. I would also suggest that in the future no indulgence or charity be granted to any fire sufferer which cannot show a clear record on the subject of insurance of its property.”

On the subject “ Relief,” he has discoursed wisely and well. We wish space would permit us to give all his remarks. They were forcibly and eloquently put. We can, however, only re-produce the introductory paragraphs.

“ In Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth we maintain Masonic profession. If rendered only in lip service, then we are not true. If we fall short of what nature prompts under ties of consanguinity, there is no Brotherly Love. Distress observed and left unrelieved, must by the fraternity be considered a breach of fidelity,

provided the subject be worthy and entitled to recognition. These reflections are prompted by several cases which came to me officially for determination of duty."

The general report from the Grand Secretary enumerates the work of his office during the past year.

At an early stage of the proceedings, on the motion of M. W. Bro. C. C. Woods, our Grand representative, a committee of three was ordered to consider questions connected with the Grand Lodge of Quebec. This committee presented the following report.

"Your committee appointed to confer with M. W. Bro. C. C. Woods, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec near this Grand Lodge, would respectfully report that we have conferred with Bro. Woods and examined the documents by him presented, and find that there are three Lodges of English Register, to wit: St. Paul Lodge, No. 374; St. George Lodge, No. 440, and St. Lawrence Lodge No. 640, in the Province of Quebec, which still hold allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England; and that their continued refusal to unite with the Grand Lodge of Quebec prevents that Masonic peace and harmony which should prevail. These Lodges existed in Quebec before the Grand Lodge of that Province was organized. The Grand Lodge of Quebec, after repeated efforts to induce said Lodges to acknowledge its sovereignty, has declared these Lodges clandestine, and has forbidden all intercourse with the members thereof. The persistence of said Lodges in their adherence to the mother Grand Lodge is producing mischief and harm to the Fraternity throughout the Masonic world. This alone should induce these Lodges to change their allegiance. While we recognize the right of the Grand Lodge of England to permit the existence of these Lodges in Quebec, we think that every effort should be made, not only by that venerable Grand Body, but by all other Grand Lodges, to induce a harmonious and amicable settlement of the much discussed, but still unsettled question of Grand Lodge sovereignty, by securing their adherence to Quebec.

"In this way we secured an amicable settlement of the same question in our late controversy with the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and we point with pride to the success which crowned our efforts in that behalf. We then held that we had the right to hold jurisdiction over the Lodges in New Mexico, chartered by us before that Grand Lodge was organized; but we not only advised, but strongly urged those Lodges to yield adherence to the new Grand Lodge, and after much effort on our part, succeeded in inducing them to do so. We then believed that our position was consistent with the doctrine of Grand Lodge sovereignty. In this position we were antagonized by many Grand Lodges.

"The question is a serious one; so serious that it is likely to result in the severing of the fraternal relations that have existed between various Grand Lodges. These considerations should be potent in inducing these Lodges to change their allegiance. No three Lodges in the wide world should allow themselves to be the cause of such disastrous results. A stubborn persistence on their part for fourteen years, in so unwise a course, would justify all Masons everywhere in withdrawing Masonic intercourse with them. This, we think, could be done without any reflection upon the mother Grand Lodge. We, however, think it not advisable to take such action at this time. We sincerely hope that the mem-

bers of these Lodges will value Masonic peace and harmony to the craft in general, above their own personal preferences, and will, by yielding allegiance to Quebec, restore fraternity and fellowship throughout the Masonic world."

It is unnecessary here to repeat what in former correspondence with Missouri we have stated, viz. : the grounds on which we differ in opinion as to the right of England to permit the existence of her lodges in the territory of Quebec. It may be sufficient to say this Grand Lodge has not receded one single step, and will not, from the position taken in regard to the question of sole and exclusive jurisdiction. The spirit of fraternal good will towards both the supporters of England and Quebec which pervades throughout the report will surely commend it to the favorable consideration of all concerned. On the part of the Grand Lodge we venture to say that if our brethren of St. Paul, St. George and St. Lawrence lodges will only follow the advice so courteously given, the Quebec craft will only be too happy to meet and receive them with open arms. We assure our Bro. Woods and the individual members of the committee that the Grand Lodge of Quebec will not be unmindful of their services and fraternal action in this matter.

Bro. Martin Collins presented a report for the past year from the Masonic Board of Relief of St. Louis, showing an expenditure of \$992.10 in charity.

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#### MISSISSIPPI—1885.

Sixty-seventh annual grand communication held at Jackson, February 11th, 12th and 13th, 1885. Grand Master, Robert C. Patty, presiding, he is also Grand representative of Quebec near Mississippi; his address is chiefly confined to subjects of local government and interest.

A very large amount of business seems to have been transacted during the session.

All questions on Masonry submitted to the Grand Master were by him referred to the committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence; this course seems somewhat a departure from that usually adopted by Grand Masters, nevertheless we are disposed to think it the correct one, inasmuch as it appears that all the decisions of the Grand Master are by an existing statute of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi referred to that committee.

The report of Grand Secretary presents suggestions and recommendations all of the most practical and useful kind.

During the meeting of the Grand Lodge a memorial service was held at the suggestion of the Grand Master in commemoration of the dead, amongst whom were several Past Grand Officers; very eloquent addresses were delivered, all of which are given *in extenso* in the printed proceedings.

We commend the practice, for whilst it honors the dead by a recognition of their services rendered, it encourages the living to copy their good example.

Total number of lodges.....	285
Total membership.....	8,565

M. W. Bro. J. B. Morgan, Hernando, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. L. Power, Jackson, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA—1884.

The 20th annual communication was held on 1st October, 1884, in the city of Bozeman, under the presidency of its Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Hugh Duncan.

The business transacted seems to be of local interest only.

R. W. Bro. Cornelius Hedges furnished the report on Foreign Correspondence. Noticing the proceedings of Quebec at Sherbrooke, he speaks kindly and favorably of us, and thus concludes: "Our Quebec brothers have our hearty sympathy in all their trials, and we doubt not to see them come out of the furnace brighter, purer and stronger for it."

Thanks, brother, for your good wishes, we are grateful for them, and will strive to prove ourselves worthy of your commendation.

Number of lodges.....	30
“ of members.....	1,128

M. W. Bro. Samuel W. Laughorne, Bozeman, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Cornelius Hedges, Helena, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1885.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of our sister province of New Brunswick was held in the city of St. John on the 28th and 29th April last, 1885. M. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, Grand Master, presiding.

Looking through the list given of those reported present, we find the name of W. Bro. Willis, the representative of our Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master, in his excellent address, thus reports most favorably as to the state of Masonry under his rule; "I am glad to be able to say that the past year is one on which we can look with considerable satisfaction; a kind and harmonious feeling has predominated. I have not been called upon to exercise any authority except in the mildest way; I know of no serious inroads upon our ranks by death. Our relations with Foreign Grand Lodges continue to be of the most amicable character. For harmony at home and peace with all the bodies of our correspondence, we can sincerely return thanks to the Grand Architect of the Universe."

A better state of things with the craft in New Brunswick could not exist, and we tender our hearty congratulations thereat, trusting that nothing in the future will transpire to change the present happy state.

The Grand Master advised the election of District Deputy Grand Masters with powers and duties similar to those of our officers of that rank. Grand Lodge approved of the advice and passed a resolution directing the Board of General Purposes to take the matter into consideration and to prepare and submit at the next annual communication the necessary constitutional regulations to carry the suggestion into effect.

Our brethren in New Brunswick are wrestling with a debt created by the erection of a Masonic building or temple, and are much cramped by reason thereof, in their financial operations; their position in this respect is unfortunately not a solitary one, for if we mistake not some of the Grand Lodges in the neighboring States are similarly situated; it is very pleasant and desirable for the craft to own a suitable building for the uses and purposes of their lodges, but is somewhat risky to attempt to acquire it with inadequate means and uncertain revenue; if the attempt is made the chances are that the legitimate charitable purposes of the order will suffer, and parsimony will of necessity have to be exercised where a liberal expenditure ought to be used.

On the favorable report of the committee on recognition of sister Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge recognized the Grand Lodge of South Australia; the same committee, owing to the very unsettled state of Masonry in the republic of Mexico, could not see its way sufficiently clear to advise at present the recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of the United States of Mexico; it recommended also to defer the consideration of the application of the Independent Symbolic Grand Lodge of Spain; the Grand Lodge acted in both these instances as advised.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we obtain the following statistics :

Initiations during the year . . . . .	104
Total membership . . . . .	1,923

Being an increase of 13 as compared with the returns of 1884.

M. : W. : Bro. John V. Ellis, St. John, Grand Master; R. : W. : Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore, St. John, Grand Secretary.

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#### NEW HAMPSHIRE—1884.

A semi-annual meeting of this Grand Lodge took place in the city of Manchester on 27th December, 1883, at which but little business was transacted, and that only of local interest.

The annual communication was holden in the city of Concord, on 21st May, 1884; the Grand Master, M. : W. : Bro. John Francis Webster, presiding. Our Grand Representative, R. : W. : Bro. Alpheus Gay, was present.

The Grand Master, in the opening of his address, delivered a well deserved tribute to the memory of M. : W. : Bro. John R. Holbrook, a P. : G. : M. : of the Grand Lodge who had been a faithful and energetic craftsman for many years; recapitulating the works of the deceased brother, the G. : M. : showed his services in all the various grades of the craft shewing that Bro. Holbrook, unlike too many of our fraternity who are satisfied with attaining mediocrity of position, rose to the highest office in every grade.

In reply to a question submitted to him the Grand Master decided that the masonic residence of a man is his legal residence, that is his home, the place where he has the rights of a citizen.

The reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters shew a prosperous state of the craft throughout the State.

The financial state of the Grand Lodge is good, the Grand Treasurer's statement shewing a balance of the credit of \$2,179.62.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from Bro. A. G. Wait, it embraces a review of 52 American Grand Lodges and those of Victoria, Ireland and Colen and Cuba; it is written with much ability and comments on the decisions and operations of other Grand Lodges with much clearness of judgment and precision.

### NEW JERSEY—1885.

Annual communication was held in the city of Trenton on 28th and 29th Jan., 1885. M. W. Rev. Bro. Henry Vehslage, Grand Master, presiding; the representative of Quebec, W. Bro. George B. Edwards, answered to the roll call.

The address of the Grand Master is brief but able, concluding with these words:

“It is also gratifying to know of the general prosperity that has marked the year's history, and more than all to note that a higher standard of qualification is held, both for securing and retaining membership in a lodge, because it is better understood that profanity and intemperance, and other vices, are totally inconsistent with the teachings of Masonry and the pledge of a Mason. It is a good thing to know the text of the ritual, but far better to know and exemplify the grand truths it teaches. Masons lips may and should be silent in the world as to Masonry's mysteries, but the spirit of its teachings will make men's lives vocal. Let us remember that of this fair structure, whose strength and symmetry are a theme of rejoicing, we each form a part, and then we shall more watchfully guard against every personal weakness, every failure in the upright square and level course of conduct, and then also shall we contribute, by positive endeavor, to extend and confirm the application of those vital principles of which this venerable fraternity is the exponent.

The Grand Lodge of Arizona was recognized.

Finance Committee reported the total yearly receipts	
at .....	\$4,990 39
Balance in Treasury .....	9,036 87
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	\$14,027 26
Expenditure .....	10,278 85
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	\$3,748 41

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present a carefully prepared review of the proceedings of 42 sister Grand Lodges of this continent, Quebec receiving favorable notice.

Statistics:—Number of lodges.....	155
Membership.....	12,360

M. W. Bro. Joseph W. Conydon, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Joseph W. Hough, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK—1885.

The one hundred and fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of this State was opened in the Grand Lodge room, city of New York, on the morning of June 2nd, A. L. 5885, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Wm. A. Brodie, in the Grand East; a very large number of members and delegates being present thereat.

The address of the Grand Master touches upon various subjects of interest to the craft in his jurisdiction, treating them with marked skill and ability.

The report of the Board of Relief is especially interesting.

The receipts for the year contributed by individual lodges were as follows:—

Balance on hand last annual report.....	\$ 567 28
Received dues from lodges.....	\$1,314 07
“ donation from Scotia Lodge.....	20 00
“ “ monies returned.....	267 50
Interest on deposits.....	36 60
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	1,638 17
Total.....	\$2,205 45

The disbursements of the year were as follows:—

For charity to persons applying.....	\$1,128 48
“ printing, books and stationery.....	28 50
“ rent of safe three and one-half years.....	17 50
“ salary of Secretary.....	300 00
“ postage, etc.....	5 92
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Total.....	1,480 40
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$ 725 05

The report publishes the names of imposters who have claimed, in vain, assistance. Looking through the list we observe the names of *Alexander Fairley*, claiming to hail from *Elgin Lodge, Montreal*, and *John Darrah*, from *Montreal Lodge, No. 37, Montreal*.

The great desirability of establishing a thoroughly organized system throughout Canada and the States to expose and defeat fraudulent applicants for relief is now one of the most important questions before the craft. For the information of Grand Lodge, we quote as below from the report now before us:

“ This large number of fraudulent applicants for relief is a startling exhibit of  
“ the business carried on by impostors, and is the very best argument for the  
“ existence of Masonic charitable organizations. We are in regular communica-  
“ tion with numerous boards and lodges of relief in the United States and Canada,  
“ from whom we receive, and to whom we send, such information as may be  
“ necessary to the proper transaction of our business. Our notes of ‘warning’  
“ had been published regularly for some time, when one of them attracted the  
“ attention of an earnest and systematic brother in Baltimore, Maryland. This  
“ brother, Dr. D. F. Pennington, was and is the able president of the lodge of  
“ relief in that city, and has earned the title his brethren give him. The follow-

ing extract from his report, dated October 31, 1884, is interesting, as showing how necessary a system of charitable disbursement is:—

“ Since the institution of the Masonic Lodge of Relief in this city, the question of dispensing its charity to the worthy, and adopting a means of suppressing the unworthy, has been a question of much moment. During the term just closed, the Lodge of Relief has been in correspondence with all the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, Canada, and parts of Europe, for the purpose of effecting a more thorough system of dispensing Masonic charity to the worthy, and to put a check upon the numerous impostors that are daily presenting themselves for relief. Our proposed system has been very favorably commented upon, with a fair prospect that in the near future it will come into general practice.

“ The experience of the Lodge of Relief during the past term with those seeking assistance has been such as to lead to the belief that fully two-thirds of the applicants are unworthy. Correspondence with other jurisdictions develop the fact that we are not alone in our experience, but that it is evident that a number of beats have been tramping the country, working Masonic bodies in all directions.

“ These facts are produced by our system of exchange, which we hope to make more perfect in the future, and by which it is confidently expected that an effectual stop will be put to all, or at least a greater portion, of the impositions on Masonic charity.”

From a statistical table annexed to the report we learn that from Canada there were five male and three female applicants for relief. Of these, four of the former sex and two of the latter were assisted to the extent of \$27.54, or an average of \$4.59.

The Grand Librarian reports that on January 3rd, 1885, at Masonic Hall, was formally opened by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York its *Free Reading Room* to the Masonic fraternity, where not only the members of the craft of that jurisdiction, but all from every land are welcomed. There are on file a daily paper from every principal city in the United States, and one from London, England; and Paris, France; besides the illustrated weekly papers, and the American and foreign monthly magazines, and the Masonic magazines and newspapers from all nations. Convenient tables and writing materials have been provided for those who have correspondence. This is indeed putting Masonry to practical good use.

The Grand Lodge of New York is to be congratulated on possessing so competent a librarian as Bro. Herman C. Carter. No doubt but that he is “the right man in the right place.”

The Finance Committee report the

Total receipts for the past year from all sources. ....	\$138,069 05
Disbursements for like period .....	113,036 86
Leaving a balance of.....	\$ 25,032 19
Statistics:—Lodges in good standing.....	624
Number of Master Masons.....	72,376

The report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of forty-four Grand Lodges in the United States, seven in the Dominion of Canada, and ten European.

It notices Quebec thus:—

“ The annual address is largely devoted to the differences between England and Quebec. Necessarily we sympathize with the latter, and while, of course, we admit that a lodge having been duly chartered by competent authority is not obliged to change its allegiance at the bidding of any one, still, we think that when a preponderating majority wish to have an independent government, the minority should submit, and assist in making the Grand Lodge so constituted void of opposition, and commanding the loyal obedience of all bodies within the limits of its jurisdiction. And further, we insist that even when the minority will not adhere to the Grand Lodge in authority, accepting the rejected material of the regular lodges is an outrage that cannot be allowed to pass without protest, which we now make.”

Remarking on our infant Masonic library, it says:—

“ The report of the Grand Secretary, though not lengthy, is decidedly interesting. His enthusiasm on behalf of a Grand Lodge library had not met with the anticipated response, but we trust that he will keep on; no great work is accomplished in a moment, and so great a work as the formation of a library is worthy the talent and devotion of Bro. Isaacson.”

Looking through the reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters, we learn that a healthy progressive spirit prevails throughout the jurisdiction.

Number of lodges . . . . .	712
“ Masons . . . . .	70,700

M. W. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence is Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers is Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA—1885.

The Grand Lodge for this State held its eighty-ninth annual communication in the city of Raleigh on 13th January, 1885. M. W. Bro. Robert Bingham presided.

Our Grand Representative there is R. W. Bro. Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is brief. It reports the general condition of the craft under his authority to be, on the whole, in as good a state as that of any jurisdiction in the South, and in a better condition than most others. The orphan asylum, which seems to be under the control of Grand Lodge, is declared to be well administered. The G. M. advises that for the future it should be made less a school of letters and more a school of industrial training.

The Grand Secretary gives in detail a statement of his work during the year.

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The Grand Treasurer reports receipts at . . . . .	\$3,309 90
Expenditures at . . . . .	3,235 47
	<u>\$74 51</u>

Report on correspondence not being ready, is to be in a short time published in a separate pamphlet. Two special communications of Grand Lodge were held to lay corner stones, and one to dedicate a Masonic hall.

Statistics :—Number of lodges . . . . .	208
“ “ Masons returned . . . . .	6,086
Resident Masons not members . . . . .	1,221

M. : W. : Bro. Fabius H. Busbee, Grand Master.  
 R. : “ “ Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA—1885.

Three emergent communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year last past, one on 25th June last at Windsor, to lay the corner-stone of the post office and custom house. M. : W. : Grand Master Laurie superintended the work, and delivered on the occasion an admirable and suitable discourse. Another on 5th July last at Truro for similar purpose, the Grand Master again presiding. The third on 29th October, 1884, to lay the corner-stone of a new Episcopal church.

The twentieth annual communication took place at Halifax on 3rd June last. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, R. : W. : Bro. W. E. Starratt presided.

Our faithful-representative, R. : W. : Bro. G. T. Smithers, as usual, answered on the call of the roll.

M. : W. : Bro. Laurie, who was absent with the troops doing duty in the North-West, thus fittingly, in his annual address, explained his absence :—

“ I deeply regret that circumstances prevent my being present with you at this communication ; but I was early taught in Masonry that a good Mason recognizes the duty he owes to his Sovereign and to his country, and I feel that this “ Grand Lodge meeting to-day will not consider me wanting in my duty to the “ craft because I am not present in the chair of Royal Solomon in the East, but “ am addressing you from the great prairie of the North-West, where, in common “ with many another brother, I am doing my share toward upholding law and “ order and the authority of the Queen.”

The Deputy Grand Master presented a short address detailing his official acts performed during the year.

Our esteemed R. : W. : Bro. Benjamin Curren, Grand Secretary, presented a detailed narrative of the work of his office, and the following statistical returns ;

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would prevail which would compel the relinquishment by England of her unjust claim.

This Grand Lodge denounced the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a Masonic offense, and one to disqualify the candidate for initiation or affiliation in any Masonic lodge. We cannot but think that this is indulging somewhat in extremes. We believe it to be altogether *ultra vires* for any Grand Lodge to pass such a regulation in any territory where the laws of the country permit the trade. There are, as in other callings, good and bad engaged in the business, but it can safely be left with the ballot to select the former and reject the latter. The dealing in liquors is a sin in the eyes of some, who can see no fault in gambling in stocks, and other practices in trade equally discreditable. We believe that not unfrequently the "Publican" is a little ahead of the "Pharisee." When either is presented to the craft we shall always be willing to allow the ballot to judge the matter.

The Committee on Accounts show the state of the funds to be as follows:—

Balance on hand October 6th, 1883.....	\$17,788 88
Received up to and including October, 1884.....	17,032 02
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	\$34,820 90
Expenditure.....	12,687 08
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Balance on hand.....	\$22,133 82
Present number of Masons in Ohio.....	31,914

1885.

Seventy-sixth annual meeting held at Cincinnati October 22, 1885. M. W. Grand Master J. M. Goodspeed presided. His address gives in detail all his official acts.

On the motion of our esteemed representative, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge most heartily sympathizes and approves the action of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Quebec in declaring non-intercourse between the members subordinate thereto and the members of the lodges St. Paul, St. George and St. Lawrence, of the city of Montreal."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in their report, are most emphatic in their support of Quebec.

We are much pleased to observe that our good friend, M. W. Bro. Stacker Williams, of Newark, is Grand Master. R. W. Bro. John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, is Grand Secretary.

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PENNSYLVANIA—1884.

Quarterly meetings were held at Philadelphia on March 5th, June 4th, and September 3rd; the annual communication at same city on 27th December, 1884.

Conrad B. Day, Grand Master, presiding.

At the first quarterly meeting a case was submitted to the committee on appeals, which we produce with the decision thereon, as a similar case might possibly occur here. A brother against whom was brought the charge of conduct unbecoming a mason, failed to appear, assigning illness as a reason; it seems he then disregarded the matter altogether, never putting in any answer to the charge, altho' he admitted he had due notice of trial; he was consequently expelled; from the sentence he appealed. The committee considering the matter very properly, we think, reported thus:

"Were we to sustain his appeal, we should be establishing an easy method of overthrowing all lodge judgments, by encouraging accused parties to absent themselves from places of trial, and then set up their own neglect as reason for reversal. This we ought not to do. The appellant was properly charged, carefully tried, and justly convicted."

The annual address of the Grand Master is an able one covering 25 pages; he reports the "little unpleasantness" with New York as harmoniously settled; that by virtue of his presence, and under the authority conferred on him by the Ahiman Rezon, he made a Mason of a youth under the age of 21.

There are many, and we are of those, who are disposed to doubt the right or authority of any Grand Master to do so.

We believe it is occasionally, though very rarely done in England, but that fact does not justify what is we conceive an infraction of a land-mark.

The Grand Master elect M.: W.: Bro. E. Coppes Mitchell addressing his Grand Lodge, refers in the following judicious words to the Encyclical Letter last year issued by "His Holiness" at Rome against our fraternity.

"There are no dangers which threaten Freemasonry from without. That blind creation of an ignorant prejudice called the anti-masonic party has been dead so long that it has passed into history; and those who now professedly oppose Freemasonry in our country are persons who, by reason of the manifest ignorance they exhibit, fail of receiving even a respectful hearing."

"And this leads me to say a word upon the matter which has been the subject of remark in the Grand Lodge of England, and many of those upon this continent. It is well known to you all that in the early part of this year the head of the Roman Catholic Church issued an Encyclical Letter, in which he accused the Freemasons of unheard of beliefs and unimagined purposes. It has been a matter of genuine wonder to me how such an extremely intelligent prelate and statesman as the present Pope is reputed to be, should have been led into such erroneous statements as are contained in that letter. It imputes to Freemasons the world over the monstrous charges of regarding marriage as creating no bond or tie; of disseminating vice for the purpose of corrupting the young, and generally of advocating and preaching atheism, sedition, revolution, socialism and

communism. If these charges had been confined in the letter to certain European bodies claiming to be masonic, we could understand the foundation upon which they were made, and they would not be mentioned by me, as they would not immediately concern us. But, I believe, there is no limit as to place or time mentioned in the letter, and all Freemasons everywhere are brought under the one sweeping condemnation. It is impossible not to entertain a feeling of regret that the head of a church which includes a large portion of the civilized people of the world, should commit himself to statements which, so far as the Freemasons of America are concerned, are absurdly untrue. In our country such charges require no answer. Our record is made. Our society is recognized, even by those who are not members of it, as based upon a belief in and reverence for God, an acceptance of his revealed word as our light and guide, and a faithful adherence to and teaching of all the moral and social virtues, and of obedience to the civil authorities. It is enjoined upon the brother by the ancient charges that "whoever would be a true Mason is further to know that by the rules of his art his obligations as a subject and a citizen will not be relaxed, but enforced. He is to be a lover of quiet, peaceable and obedient to the civil powers which yield him protection, and are set over him where he resides or works. These are the principles which have been taught within the lodge on the subject of our relations to government and the civil magistrate for hundreds of years. We are in no danger from this source."

The Grand Treasurer announces that a deceased brother "gave, devised and bequeathed unto the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging," all his masonic books, masonic clothing and jewels to be deposited in the Grand Lodge Library, and we mention the fact in the sincere hope that so good an example will not be without avail here and elsewhere.

The report on Correspondence is by M. : W. : Bro. Richard Vaux, than whom no more competent person to produce such a work, could be found ; it is worthy the talent of the writer.

M. : W. : Bro. E. Coppée Mitchell, Philadelphia, is Grand Master.

R. : " " Michael Nisbet is Grand Secretary.

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#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—1885.

The tenth annual communication held on 24th June, 1885, at Charlottetown, Grand Master John Yeo, presiding. His address shews that nothing of particular note in Masonry has transpired during the past year in the Province, and that a feeling of harmony prevails. The Grand Representative of Quebec R. : W. : Bro. Neil McKelvie, not present.

Our island brethren seem to have "fallen into line" with respect to the habit of attending Divine Service during the session of Grand Lodge ; we much rejoiced thereat ; whatever may be the opinions and practice elsewhere, we trust

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that in this Dominion of ours it will ever be followed ; we like to see our Grand Chaplain utilized.

M. . W. . Bro. John Yeo, Port Hill, Grand Master ; R. . W. . Bro. B. Wilson Higgs, Charlottown, Grand Secretary.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA—1884

In our last report we presented to Grand Lodge a concise narration of the proceedings taken having in view the formation of a Grand Lodge in this colony and shewed that a very large majority of all the lodges in the territory united in the work, which in our view was regular and correct and in accordance with masonic usage. We have now nothing to add beyond the fact that several American Grand Lodges have since given full recognition to the Grand Lodge of Australia, others have deferred or declined to do so. Acting under our own understanding and feeling that there should be no hesitancy in the matter we recommend that this Grand Lodge at its present communication extend to the Grand Lodge of South Australia full and complete recognition.

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TENNESSEE—1885.

This Grand Lodge held its seventy-first annual communication on the 27th January last in the city of Nashville. M. . W. . Bro. Benjamin R. Harris, Grand Master. M. . W. . Bro. George C. Connor, our representative, was on duty. The attendance of members was large.

The Grand Master reports having made quite a number of visits to subordinate lodges in his jurisdiction, "not for formal reception, but to meet and mingle with the craft, and impart Masonic information." That is as it should be. When the superior officers show an interest in the work of a lodge, it revives the attendance and energy of its members.

Statistics :—Number initiated during the year.....	647
"    Master Masons.....	15,263
"    chartered lodges.....	409
"    lodges under dispensation.....	2

M. . W. . Bro. Henry M. Aiken, Knoxville, Grand Master.

R. . "    "    John Frizzell, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

UTAH—1885.

Fourteenth annual communication held January 20th and 21st, 1885, at the city of Salt Lake, under the ruling of M. . W. . Bro. James Lowe, Grand Master ; our able Grand Representative, R. . W. . Bro. Diehl being at his post.

The Grand Master, in his address, says that which we imagine no other Grand Master has been able to declare, viz. : that during the past Masonic year no questions have been laid before him for the interpretation of any of the existing laws, nor had he been called upon to render any decision relating to Masonic law, with the exception of approving amended by-laws of individual lodges. From that fact we conclude that the constitution of Utah must be perfect, easily comprehended, and well studied and applied by skilled workmen.

Under the caption of "*illegal legislation*," his utterances so fully coincide with our views on a question now creating considerable discussion, that we present them to Grand Lodge, asking its careful consideration and endorsement thereof :

"When Grand Lodges go outside of their legitimate sphere of legislation, they are sure to err. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, by acknowledging that the 'Chapter,' 'Commandery,' and the bodies of the 'Scottish Rite' are 'duly and regular constituted' Masonic bodies, has thrown a firebrand into all Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons, which will not be easily extinguished. The principals who promoted this kind of legislation may belong and hold membership in those bodies, but had they been true to their Alma Mater, they should have hesitated to spread such a resolution on their records. And it is very questionable whether those bodies really ever seriously demanded such a recognition, and if they did, it never officially reached us, for they would have asked it as a universal right. I myself have been for a score of years, and am now, a member of those bodies ; and while it is no secret that those bodies admit none into their ranks who have not previously received the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, in a regular constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, yet that is all that is asked. What right, then, has a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, which, to all intents and purposes, cannot, as a body, have any knowledge of any degree outside of the degree they proclaim to legislate on, to legislate on the acknowledgment of bodies, the subject of which must *per se* be foreign to them.

"As an individual Mason, I believe I have a right, and I am not disloyal to my Grand Lodge if I choose to join any of the numerous charitable associations in existence, and I am as free to acknowledge that I have found no cause to regret that I became early in my Masonic life a member of the Chapter, Council, Knights Templar, or attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite in a just and lawful manner, and I am proud to have remained a member thereof ever since ; but I firmly believe I would stultify my membership asking for a recognition where I know I have no right.

"All such legislation leads to mischief, and whether that legislation was aimed to squelch the aspiration of some new order also claiming to be Masonic and alleged to be in possession of ninety-six degrees, or of any other disappointed

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high-sounding title aspirant, the old adage, 'Shoemaker, stick to thy last,' it is the best advice we should give to such legislators, and I hope Grand Lodge will be pronounced on this subject."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Diehl, a fact of itself sufficient to establish its excellence. His introductory remarks are so *apropos* and instructive, that we cannot refrain, notwithstanding that we are limited as to space, from quoting them. (See Utah, pages 59, 60, 61 and 62.)

He thus speaks of Quebec and of our esteemed R. W. Bro. Leet:—

"This Grand Lodge held its fourteenth annual communication in the city of Sherbrooke on the 30th and 31st days of January, 1884, M. W. E. R. Johnson, Grand Master, on the throne. Out of fifty-eight lodges, forty-six were represented. Members, 2,840; income, \$2,198.65.

<sup>4</sup>The address of the Grand Master embraces all the subjects usually brought before a Grand Lodge. The chief topic is the difficulty with the Grand Lodge of England for keeping on its register the charters of three lodges working in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Scores of official communications have crossed the ocean to make the wrong right, but all to no avail. England insists to hold the three charters, and gives a deaf ear to all the protests of Quebec. Our Quebec brethren are loyal citizens to the Crown of England, and H. R. H. the Prince of Wales being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, perhaps accounts for it that they do not take more forcible measures. The Grand Lodge of England has on its register 1,656 lodges, and it would not hurt her if she had three less, but, seemingly, she will not be magnanimous, and persists in keeping Quebec in a constant uproar. We hope that the three lodges will soon see that they act like children, deliver their original charters to England, and pay allegiance to the Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction they are located. Such would be Masonry, and an act becoming Masons, who are taught to dwell together in peace and harmony."

In the proceedings proper we find the following: "R. W. Bro. Timothy Leet, as Grand Representative of Utah, read a correspondence from the Grand Secretary of that territory, showing the determination of that Grand Lodge to preserve in their purity all the established principles of our institution." The Grand Lodge of Utah has reason to be proud of its Grand Representative near Quebec. He is always at his post doing duty.

There is no report on correspondence.

Grand officers re-elected:—M. W. Bro. P. L. Williams, of Salt Lake City, is Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl, of Salt Lake City, is Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Vermont convened at the hall of Washington Lodge, No. 3, in the city of Burlington, on the 10th June, 5885, M. : W. : Bro. C. Meacham, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

Our Grand Representative, M. : W. : Bro. Alfred A. Hall, is not recorded as having been present, but looking through the list of those who were, we find the names of a great many of Quebec's warm friends in that jurisdiction, prominent amongst whom were M. : W. : Bro. George O. Tyler, our esteemed Past Grand Master ; William Brinsmaid, Honorary Junior Warden of Quebec ; Bro. Frank W. Baxter, and M. : W. : Bro. Park Davis. Where such as those were present, no doubt but that the interests of this Grand Lodge would be well subserved.

The Grand Master, who presented a thoroughly business-like address, thus referred to matters in this jurisdiction :—

“ QUEBEC.

“ At the session of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, held in the city of Montreal in January last, that Grand Lodge fully endorsed the proclamation of its Grand Master, issued January 1st, 1885, declaring non-intercourse with the members of the three lodges still existing on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, and working in the city of Montreal, thus continuing to encroach upon the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which the Grand Lodge of Vermont has fully recognized as sovereign within the Province of Quebec, and this, too, after repeated and fraternal remonstrances with the Grand Lodge of England.

“ After having declined to enter into negotiations towards a settlement of the difficulties, the Grand Master issued his proclamation declaring non-intercourse with the said lodges.

“ I would recommend that the proclamation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec be fully endorsed by this Grand Lodge at the present communication, and wish that the Grand Lodge of Quebec had declared non-intercourse with the Grand Body itself.”

The Grand Lodge accepted the recommendation, and passed the following resolution thereanent :—

“ *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Vermont approves the proclamation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, declaring non-intercourse with the three lodges in that jurisdiction that refuse to submit to the authority of the sovereign Grand Lodge of Quebec and continue their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England.”

There is no uncertain sound in that resolution.

The report of business transacted presents nothing of general interest.

The reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters go to show that the craft throughout the State is in a fairly prosperous condition, and that “ peace and harmony ” prevail.

M. : W. : Bro. L. C. Butler prepared and presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. It is written with much ability, and covers 97 pages. Our proceedings for 1884 are reviewed favorably, excepting that our esteemed brother

does not altogether approve of a custom to which we in Québec are somewhat wedded, namely, the occasionally attending Divine service, "clothed in regalia." We know of no law or ordinance forbidding the practice; it is acceptable to the craft here; it popularizes our order with those outside of it; and we see no inconsistency in exercising the practice.

Income for the year was . . . . . \$2,543 20  
Balance in hand of Grand Treasurer . . . . . 6,833 96

M. . W. : Bro. M. C. Perkins, of Windsor, is Grand Master.  
R. . " " Wm. H. Root, of Burlington, is Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA—1884.

One hundred and seventh annual communication of this Grand Lodge begun and held in the city of Richmond on 8th December, 1884, Grand Master Francis H. Hill presiding.

In the list given of representatives of foreign Grand Lodges present, we do not find the name of R. . W. : Bro. James G. Bain, our representative.

The address of the Grand Master (who assumed that position on the death, during his tenancy of office, of M. . W. : Bro. Henry W. Murray) refers in fitting terms to that sad event. It gives the gratifying assurance that the past Masonic year has been one of unusual harmony in his jurisdiction. This is fully endorsed by the reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters. It reports the decisions on various subjects of late M. . W. : Murray and those given by himself; they touch, however, on no matter of special interest to this Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a full and argumentative review of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges. Those of Quebec for 1884 are noticed thus briefly:—"No report on Foreign Correspondence, and nothing of general interest."

Statistics :—Number of lodges making returns . . . . . 196  
" " failing to make returns . . . . . 19  
" affiliated Masons . . . . . 9,356

1885.

This Grand Lodge held its one hundred and eighth annual communication in Richmond on the 14th December, 1885, the Grand Master, M. . W. : Bro. Frs. H. Hill, ruling.

Its proceedings are on our table. We regret we have been unable to give more than a very hasty passing glance at them, which discovers nothing of special interest to the craft here.

In the report on Foreign Correspondence Quebec is not noticed.

Number of lodges making returns .....	207
“ “ failing to make returns.....	6
“ affiliated Masons.....	9,013

M. W. Bro. Francis H. Hill, Madison Court House, is Grand Master.  
R. W. Bro. Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond, is Grand Secretary.

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WISCONSIN—1885.

The forty-first annual communication was held in the city of Milwaukee on the 9th June, 1885, M. W. Bro. Oliver Libbey, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Bro. N. M. Littlejohn, our representative, was present.

The Grand Master reports the craft within the State to have enjoyed a year of harmony and prosperity.

Touching upon a question just now of especial interest to the craft in Quebec, he says :—

“During the past year an interest has been manifested among many of our brethren in the matter of the establishment of a home for indigent Masons and those dependent on them. One of our oldest and most prosperous lodges has brought the subject to the attention of our brethren throughout the State. \* \* \* \* The cause is one which deeply interests all members of the fraternity, and I doubt not will meet with careful consideration at your hands.”  
Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, was recognized as “just and legitimate.”

Statistics :—

Total membership.....	12,698
Amount of Grand Lodge dues.....	\$6,476 40

M. W. Bro. Oliver Libbey, Green Bay, Grand Master.  
R. “ “ John F. Laffin, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

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WYOMING—1884.

The twenty-ninth annual communication was held on 14th October, 1884, at the city of Laramie. In the absence of the G. M., R. W. Bro. E. F. Cheney presided. Our representative, Bro. J. H. Hayford was present.

The proceedings were of no public interest, further than to show that the craft is progressing favorably throughout the jurisdiction.

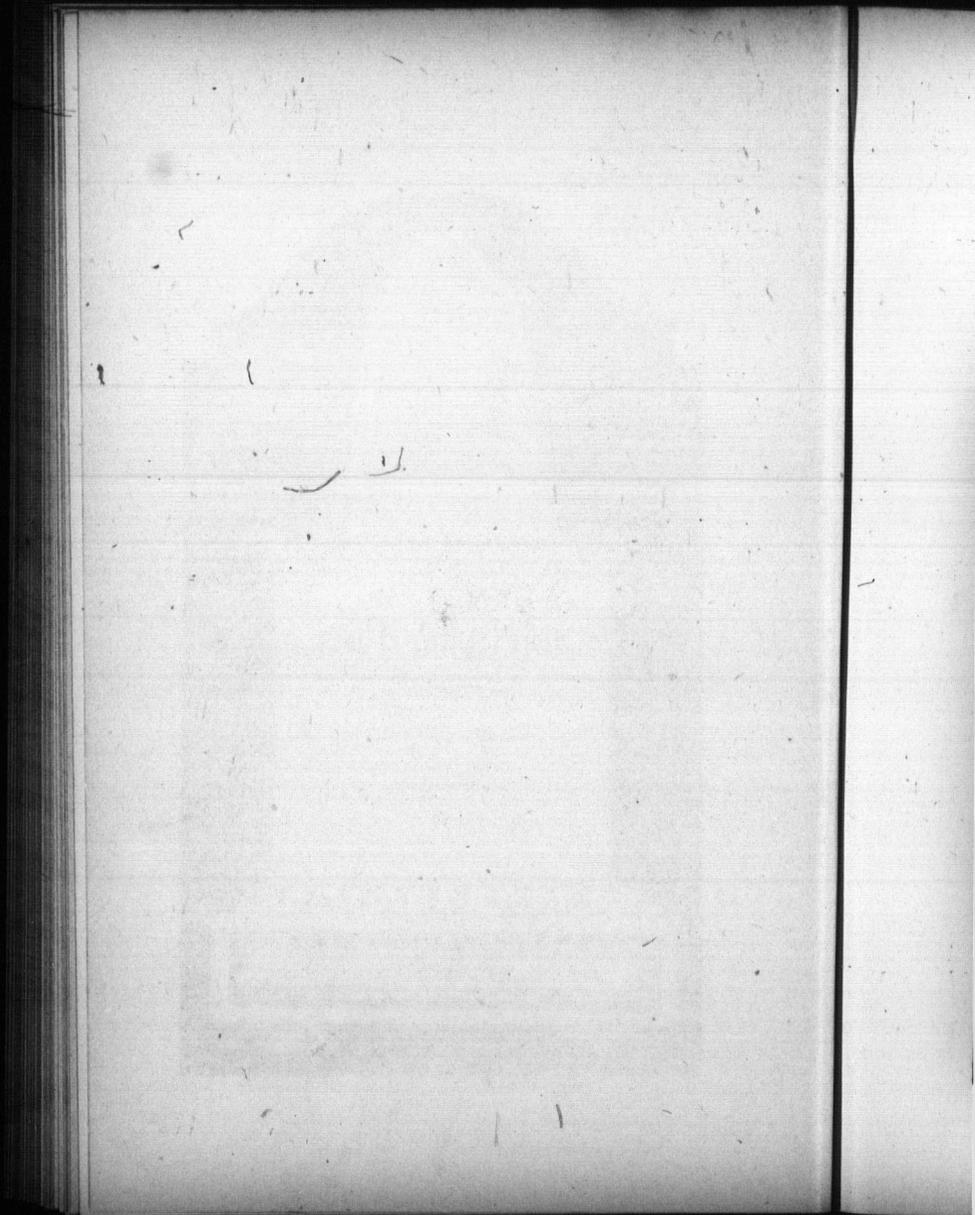
Number of Masons.....	432
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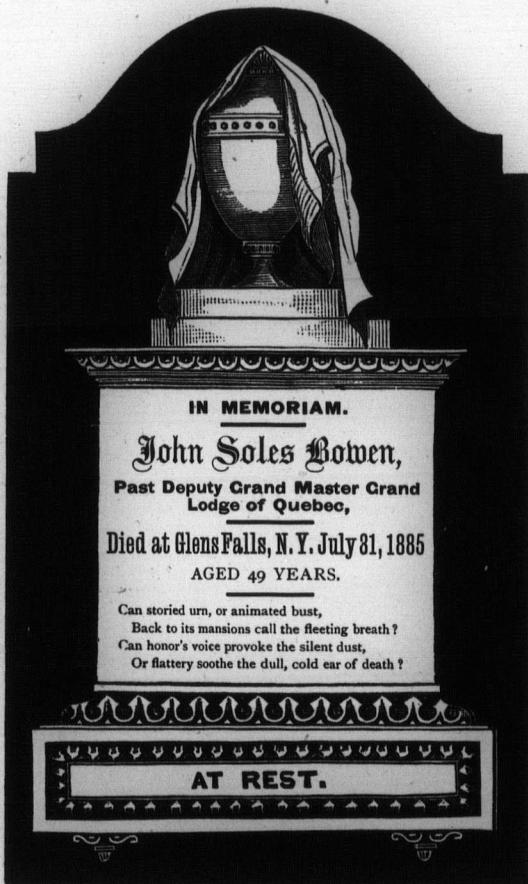
M. W. Bro. E. F. Cheney, of Lander, is Grand Master.  
R. “ “ John H. Lyman, of Laramie, is Grand Secretary.

For the Committee,

JOHN H. ISAACSON.

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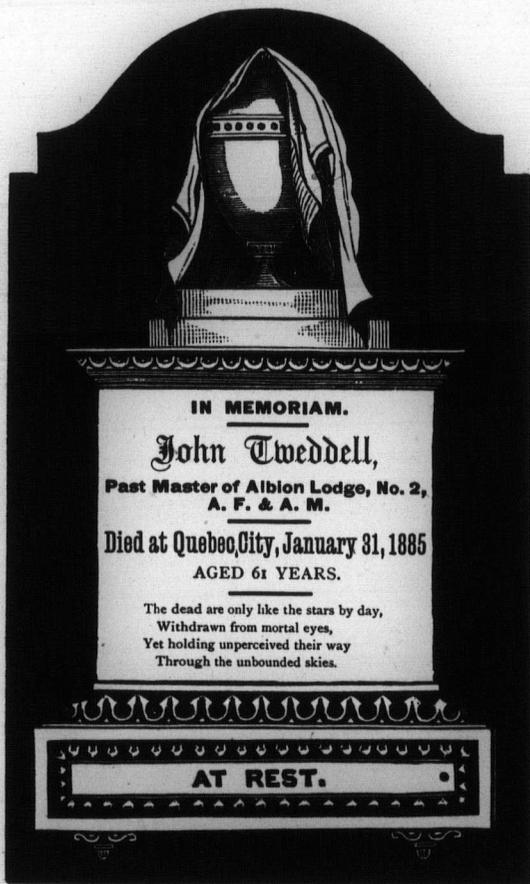
**John Soles Bowen,**  
Past Deputy Grand Master Grand  
Lodge of Quebec,

Died at Glens Falls, N. Y. July 31, 1885  
AGED 49 YEARS.

Can storied urn, or animated bust,  
Back to its mansions call the fleeting breath?  
Can honor's voice provoke the silent dust,  
Or flattery soothe the dull, cold ear of death?

AT REST.





IN MEMORIAM.

**John Tweddell,**

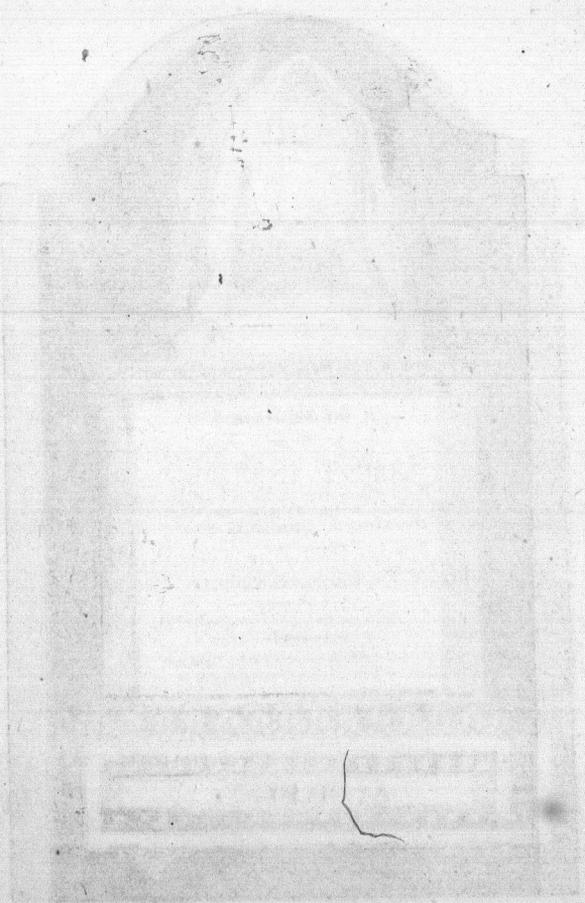
**Past Master of Albion Lodge, No. 2,  
A. F. & A. M.**

**Died at Quebec City, January 31, 1885**

**AGED 61 YEARS.**

The dead are only like the stars by day,  
Withdrawn from mortal eyes,  
Yet holding unperceived their way  
Through the unbounded skies.

**AT REST.**





IN MEMORIAM.

**Samuel Kennedy,**

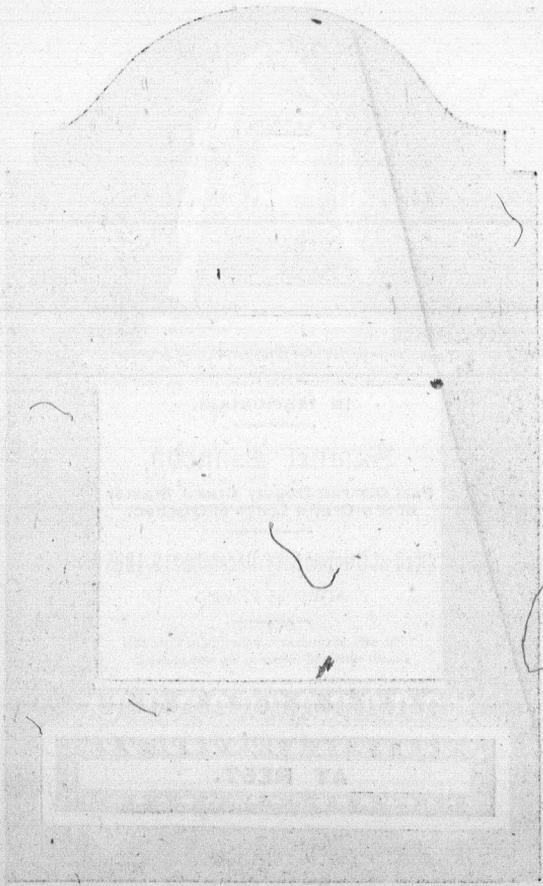
**Past District Deputy Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.**

**Died at Quebec City, December 19, 1885**

AGED 46 YEARS.

"The path of the just is as the shining light that  
shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

**AT REST.**



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