

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
SEPTEMBER 28th, 29th and 30th, 1870.

The third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, in the City of Saint John, commencing Wednesday, the 28th day of September, A. L. 5869, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT :

M. W. B. LESTER PETERS,.....Grand Master.
R. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH,.....Past Grand Master.
R. W. WM. WEDDERBURN,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON,....Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. WM. P. FLEWELLING,..Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. JAMES ROBERTSON,..... do. do.
R. W. JOHN RICHARDS,.....Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....Past Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. WM. DONALD, D. D.,Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,...Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
W. DAVID MAIN,.....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN WILLIS,.....Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. THOMAS IRVING,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.

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W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Past Grand Dir. Ceremonies
W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Ass't G. D. Ceremonies.
W. S. WRIGHT GOLDING,..as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. JOHN MULLIN,.....Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,...Grand Pursuivant.
W. MARK N. POWERS,.....Grand Steward.
W. JOHN L. HARRIS,..... do.
W. S. CRANE CHARTERS,.... do.
W. GEORGE L. TAYLOR,..... do.
W. ISAAC W. DOHERTY,..... do.

The grand lodge was opened in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

It was moved by W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. D. C., and

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last annual communication be dispensed with, the same having been printed and in the hands of the brethren.

The committee on credentials, W. Bros. Jos. C. Hatheway, D. R. Munro and David Brown, reported the following representatives in attendance and entitled to seats in grand lodge, viz. :—

Albion Lodge, No. 1,.....B. Lester Peters.
Robert T. Clinch.
Charles D. Thomson.
Thomas M. Reed.
Christopher Murray.
Thomas N. Robertson.
James Robertson.
George F. Keans.
Wm. W. Emslie.
C. A. Robertson.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2,..... William Wedderburn.
 Wm. H. Sinnott.
 Wm. H. A. Keans.
 Wm. F. Bunting.
 John D. Short.
 Jos. C. Hatheway.
 Henry G. Hunt.
 R. Sands Armstrong.
 Wm. J. Davidson.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,..... Wm. J. Logan.
 John Mullin.
 Mark N. Powers.
 James McNichol.
 David Martin.
 John Johnston.

Sussex Lodge, No. 4,..... Alfred E. Oulton.
 S. Crane Charters.
 Stephen W. Palmer.

Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5,..... Benjamin R. Stevenson.
 George F. Stickney.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 6,..... Harry Beckwith.
 John Richards.
 Harris Allan.
 Adolphus G. Beckwith.

Sussex Lodge, No. 7,..... S. Wright Golding.
 David Brown.
 David Main.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,.... Uriah Drake.
 Charles Ketchum.
 John V. Ellis.
 Edwin J. Wetmore.

Richard N. Knight.
 Henry Leonard.
 Samuel L. Brittain.
 Henry Card.
 Isaac J. Olive, Jr.
 Joseph Dunham.

Midian Lodge, No. 9,..... Wm. P. Flewelling.
 Samuel Foster.
 Ernest P. Flewelling.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, William C. Morissey.
 Rev. Wm. Donald, D. D.
 Robert Marshall.
 David R. Munro.
 Thomas H. Keohan.
 Robert M. Stevens.

Woodstock Lodge, No. 11,..... Wm. F. Dibblee.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 13,..... George L. Taylor.

Howard Lodge, No. 15,..... John A. Beatty.
 Rufus Palmer.

Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16,..... Isaac W. Doherty.
 Joseph Wetmore.
 Charles Carr.
 James C. Moody.

Leinster Lodge, No. 19,..... Asaph G. Blakslée.
 John Willis.
 Edward Willis.
 Alfred A. Stockton.
 Charles A. Stockton.
 Israel S. Gross.
 Henry J. Thorne.

<i>Zion Lodge, No. 21,</i>	..... Joseph McMonagle.
<i>New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,</i>	Wm. G. McFarlane. James McNichol, Jr. William R. Russell. William McNichol. Wm. G. Matthewson. John S. Jordan.
<i>Keith Lodge, No. 23,</i>	..... Bliss Botsford. John L. Harris.
<i>Zetland Lodge, No. 24,</i>	..... Chipman W. Smith. Thomas Irving. Duncan S. Harper.
<i>Victoria Lodge, No. 26,</i>	..... David Main. James H. Smith.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered his annual address, as follows :—

BRETHREN OF GRAND LODGE,

We assemble to enter upon the duties and responsibilities of the third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Our review of the past affords encouragement in the present and gives good hope for the future. At home our lodges flourish and are prosperous and from abroad we receive renewed assurances of fraternal interest in our organization.

It is my privilege to make the gratifying announcement to you that since the last annual communication fraternal intercourse has been established between this grand lodge and the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, as well as the Grand Masonic Lodge of Ireland. These grand bodies that we regard with peculiar affection and reverence as the parent grand lodges under whose fostering care freemasonry was established in this province, have, after careful consideration of the circumstances which called for the erection of this grand lodge, welcomed us cordially into the sisterhood of grand lodges, conveying the fraternal recognition in most gratifying terms of

approval of our action as correct in procedure and as evincing a true masonic spirit.

From the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland no communications have been received in acknowledgment of, or in reply to, the memorials forwarded. As there are two lodges in this province still working under warrant from that body, I recommend to grand lodge that a final application be made to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to withdraw the warrants issued to their lodges. I make this recommendation because while I am of opinion that no lodge that does not submit to the grand lodge should be permitted to exist within this jurisdiction, yet that every fraternal endeavor should be made to induce voluntary submission before proceeding to the exercise of discipline.

I have appointed as representatives of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, M. W. Brother Past Grand Master Bernard near the Grand Lodge of Canada; R. W. Brother Brackstone Baker near the Grand Lodge of England; R. W. Brother J. N. Castle near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota; R. W. Brother George F. Gouley near the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

In accordance with resolution of grand lodge at the last annual communication a warrant was issued to brethren at Milltown, in the County of Charlotte, and a lodge called "Victoria Lodge" was duly erected there.

In consequence of the sudden and much lamented death of the worthy Brother Poole, named in the petition and warrant as intended master of the new lodge, it became necessary to appoint some brother to take charge of the lodge as master. I granted dispensation therefor to W. Brother David Main, Past Master of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, who, at the request of the brethren of Victoria Lodge, kindly undertook the duties of the chair. Other engagements preventing my presence, I deputed R. W. Brother David Brown, Past Grand Warden and Past Master of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, who duly constituted the Victoria Lodge according to ancient usage. His report to me I have pleasure in placing before grand lodge.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., 22nd January, 1870.

Dear Sir and V. W. Brother,—The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Masons having given me, under his hand dated the 17th instant, authority to erect and constitute Victoria Lodge, No. 26, at Milltown, St. Stephen, I have now the honor of reporting my action in the matter.

On Tuesday the 18th January, instant, I visited Milltown and having opened a lodge in form and caused the warrant to be read, I, by virtue of the authority vested in me, erected and constituted Victoria Lodge, No. 26, at said Milltown,

under warrant from the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, in conformity with the rites of our order and the constitution of said grand lodge.

The brethren of Victoria Lodge, No. 23, having consented to the appointment of Bro. David Main as master—in place of Bro. Poole named in the warrant, now deceased—and having caused the dispensation issued by the M. W. Grand Master for that purposes, to be read and recorded, I then duly installed W. Bro. David Main, master of said Victoria Lodge.

W. Bro. Main then installed the wardens named in the warrant, and appointed and installed his other officers.

I am, dear sir, truly and fraternally yours,

DAVID BROWN,
P. M., No. 7.

To V. W. Bro. WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary, St. John.

I am glad to assure grand lodge that the new lodge is in a highly prosperous condition and will, I believe, be an honored addition to the lodges in this jurisdiction.

During the year I made official visitation to Zetland Lodge, Shediac ; Sussex Lodge, Dorchester ; Solomon's Lodge, Fredericton ; Midian Lodge, Clifton ; and the several lodges in the City of Saint John.

Having received an invitation from the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York to be present on the 8th of June last at the laying of the corner stone of a proposed masonic temple in the City of New York, I had great pleasure in taking part in the interesting ceremonies, which were most ably and effectively conducted under the direction of the M. W. Bro. James Gibson, then grand master. There was a great gathering of the craft from all parts of the State of New York. The brethren in procession numbered, as estimated, upwards of 15,000. I had the gratification of meeting many distinguished brethren visitors from sister jurisdictions.

A serious question involving the important subject of masonic sovereignty has arisen within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. It is a matter of general interest affecting the authority of every independent grand lodge.

In placing the memorials, circulars and documents addressed to the several grand lodges and which have been received at the office of the grand secretary in this jurisdiction, before you, I ask your careful and thoughtful investigation of the whole question. All consideration of expediency it is your duty to put aside ; the grave responsibility rests on you of determining, so far as this jurisdiction is concerned, upon the very right of this important matter.

In the month of October last, at the City of Montreal at a convention of lodges, it was resolved to erect an independent grand lodge for the Province of Quebec and the body so formed claims to be recognized as the duly and legally constituted masonic authority in that province.

The Grand Lodge of Canada recognized by all grand lodges in the masonic world and claiming jurisdiction over the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, protests against the recognition of the so called grand lodge of Quebec, and asserts its right to exclusive masonic government over the Province of Quebec as occupied masonic territory.

The question then upon which several grand lodges are called on to pronounce is, first, the right of the lodges in Quebec to erect an independent grand lodge, then, if the right exists, whether or not their proceeding in the organization has been regular and according to masonic usage.

It is manifestly necessary to determine first, as to the right to establish an independent grand lodge, for if the right does not exist and is not inherent in the lodges acting in the formation, no formality of procedure, no unanimity of action, no preponderance of numbers, no individual or collective weight or importance to be attached to the component parts of the convention, can avail to give vitality to the new body.

I have considered this question by the light of what is called "American Masonic Jurisprudence," relating to the formation of grand lodges, because the new body claims to have followed American precedent.

The learned and W. Bro. Mackey, in his "Masonic Jurisprudence" Book 5, under title "The Nature of a Grand Lodge," lays down certain rules as necessary to be observed in the organization of a grand lodge, in a territory wherein no such body has previously existed. He asserts that such a territory is common ground and that it is competent for any grand lodge to grant a warrant of constitution and establish a lodge in such unoccupied territory on the petition of a requisite number of masons. Each grand lodge in such case exercising jurisdiction over the lodge or lodges it has established, but not over the territory. When the subordinate lodges desire to organize a grand lodge and take possession of the territory, they meet by lodges in convention and erect a grand lodge. At page 424 he says : "The grand lodge thus formed, by the union of not less than three lodges in convention," (other jurists contend that a majority of the lodges working in the

territory is required) "at once assumes all the prerogatives of a grand lodge and acquires exclusive masonic jurisdiction over the territory within whose geographical limits it has been constituted. No lodge can continue to exist or be subsequently established in the territory except under its authority.

To the same effect is the authority of Chase in his "Digest of Masonic Law," 6th Edition, page 15, "The usual mode of organizing a new grand lodge is in substance as follows: A certain number of lodges, not less than three, holding charters or warrants from some legal grand lodge, or from different grand lodges meet in convention by their representatives, formally resolve to organize a grand lodge." Page 16, "It is necessary that it be a separate state or territory; that there be no grand lodge at that time existing within it."

The R. W. Bro. Robert Macoy in his valuable work lately issued, "The General History, Cyclopaedia and Dictionary of Freemasonry," at page 160 under the title "Organization of Grand Lodges," says: "In a country or state where there is no grand lodge, three or more legal lodges may meet in convention and organize a grand lodge."

W. Bro. Luke A. Lockwood in his "Masonic Law and Practice," chapter 2, under the heading "Of the Grand Lodge," at section 4, asserts: "A grand lodge may be established in any unoccupied territory by the representatives of not less than three regular lodges located therein, upon due notice of the assembly for that purpose being given to all regular lodges situated therein, and all being permitted to be represented in such assembly." And in a note to that section the W. Bro. says: "By unoccupied territory is meant, territory in which no grand lodge is located, and which is, therefore, common ground for all grand lodges."

Grand lodges in the United States and in American territories—the Grand Lodge of Canada, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and our own grand lodge—were erected on this masonic law and usage so recognized and established.

It cannot be successfully contended that the organization of a Grand Lodge for Quebec is justified by the rules above referred to, for the plain reason, that there was an existing independent grand lodge, and that the Province of Quebec was and is within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Lodge of Canada was organized in 1855 at a convention of lodges from both of the old Provinces of "Upper Canada" and "Lower Canada," then existing with defined and distinct territorial

boundaries as "Canada East" and "Canada West," though united under one legislature. The representatives from lodges that existed in "Canada East" and in "Canada West" holding warrants from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, met at the City of Hamilton and united in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and established one masonic government which included Canada East (now Quebec) and Canada West (now Ontario.) The Grand Lodge of Canada so duly organized, was recognized by grand lodges in the United States and after much correspondence by the grand lodges in Great Britain and is now in fraternal communication with all existing grand lodges. The territory so comprising Canada East and Canada West, now Quebec and Ontario, was a masonic jurisdiction into which no grand lodge in the world could send a warrant for the establishment of a new lodge. It matters not that by an arrangement between the grand lodges in Great Britain and the Grand Lodge of Canada, lodges already working, and that did not join in erecting the new grand lodge, were permitted by the Grand Lodge of Canada to continue their work in her territory. However injudicious such permission might be it could not alter the status of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the very fact that the grand lodges in the mother country recognized the independent Grand Lodge of Canada and exchanged representatives with it, clearly admitted the right of the Grand Lodge of Canada to the exclusive government of the jurisdiction and yielded all right to erect new lodges. The position of the lodges working by sufferance of the Grand Lodge of Canada within the new jurisdiction was changed, and no power would remain with any such lodge to unite with other lodges in the attempt to erect a new grand lodge within the territory of the Grand Lodge of Canada; but such an act if attempted would be so in violation of the terms upon which the lodges were permitted to continue their work as to forfeit at once all privileges under the favor extended to them. There would be therefore no lodges entitled to act in the organization of a new grand lodge within the occupied masonic territory; surely lodges holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of Canada, could not, without being guilty of an act of rebellion; and lodges working under English or Scotch warrants could not, as it would be in violation of the spirit of the agreement under which they were tolerated.

It must, I think, therefore, be admitted that the Province of Quebec was not "unoccupied masonic territory," within the meaning of the authorities quoted, at the time of the attempted organization of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

It is, however, asserted that there is another rule of American masonic jurisprudence which does justify the organization of an independent Grand Lodge for Quebec, that may be thus stated: "That grand lodge jurisdictions are co-terminus with political boundaries and that when a new territory or state is created by legislative enactment out of what had theretofore existed as one government, it is open to the lodges working in the new territory to form an independent grand lodge." Without occupying your attention by discussing whether this can be called a rule of general application justified by masonic law and usage, or entering upon the much debated question as to whether or not a recognized masonic jurisdiction can be affected by outside legislative enactment, I pass on to consider whether such rule, if admitted, would justify the action of our Quebec brethren in the formation of a grand lodge.

As I understand such a rule there must be a new territory formed by taking a part out of and from old limits, so that no doubt can arise as to which part is entitled to erect the new grand lodge. It has been so in all the cases in the history of American grand lodges where in a new territory a grand lodge has been erected. Surely no masonic jurist would contend that any outside legislative enactment could dissolve a masonic organization or effect a political change that would give to both parts of a divided territory the right to organize a new grand lodge and so determine the existence of and sweep away a recognized independent organization.

Let us then consider for a moment the history of the provinces now called "Quebec" and "Ontario." Prior to the year 1840 there were two distinct British Provinces called "Upper Canada" and "Lower Canada," in each of which there existed lodges holding warrants from England, Ireland or Scotland, and governed by local provincial grand lodges. By an Act of the Imperial Parliament in 1840, a legislative union was effected, but the distinction between the provinces was preserved, the one being called "Canada West" the other "Canada East," and although there was but one legislature for both divisions yet laws were from time to time passed affecting each separate divisional district of Canada known as "East" and "West." The lodges continued to work as before, under the separate local masonic authorities from the time of the legislative union, in 1840, up to the time when, in 1855, lodges from both Canada East and Canada West united in the formation of a the Grand Lodge of Canada. By an Act of the Imperial Parliament, which took effect on the first of July, 1867, the Dominion of Canada

was formed which united Canada East, called "Quebec," Canada West, called "Ontario," Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The inter-provincial boundaries remained as before, but the local legislatures, with limited powers, were restored to the former upper and lower Canadian provinces, now called Ontario and Quebec, and a general parliament established for the whole Dominion. What had been originally Upper Canada, afterwards Canada West, was named "Ontario," and what had been originally Lower Canada, afterwards Canada East, was named "Quebec." No new territory was formed, and the Grand Lodge of Canada continued to hold and exercise jurisdiction over the lodges in Ontario and Quebec, and the lodges in both provinces continued to be represented in the Grand Lodge of Canada. If under these facts lodges in Quebec can form an independent grand body, lodges in Ontario can do so likewise. Quebec can have no right that Ontario has not, and the Grand Lodge of Canada with its recognized position, its distinguished and eminent membership and its honorable records, can be deprived of its territory and swept from the sisterhood of grand lodges.

I hold that if the lodges of two political divisions, in each of which an independent grand lodge could have been established, elect to come together in convention and unite in creating one masonic government extending over both such divisions, no severance of the masonic jurisdiction so formed can be made except by resolution within the grand lodge so established. This I think is the position of Quebec and Ontario. Change of name is of no importance; they were actually separate and distinct divisions at the time the lodges of each came together and erected the Grand Lodge of Canada. The separate divisions have been always recognized; grand lodge by vote being convened one year in Canada East (now Quebec) another year in Canada West (now Ontario). A grand master elected at one time from one district and then from the other. The Dominion Act of 1867 made no such territorial change as to alter existing boundaries, it merely restored a local legislature that the separate districts had before enjoyed.

I am of opinion then, that even judged by what is called the "American Rule," there was no right in the lodges that assembled in convention at Quebec in October last to organize an independent grand lodge, *first*, because the territory was already occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and *secondly*, because no new territory had been formed. If you should agree with me in the opinion I entertain it is unnecessary to discuss the *mode* of proceeding; but if you should be of opinion that the *right* existed, it will then be your duty to enquire whether the

Quebec movement has been conducted according to established form and usage.

I have considered it my duty to express to you my opinion that the so called Grand Lodge of Quebec should not be recognized. I place all the documents received from both sides before you and I ask your careful study and investigation of this important question. I can readily understand and appreciate that the sympathy of this grand lodge will be with the Quebec brethren; that they will, perhaps, be looked on by you as striving for the management of their local masonic affairs, and your own success in establishing this grand lodge now holding only its *third* annual communication will naturally lead you to wish our Quebec brethren success in their effort. But my brothers you must not allow yourselves to be influenced in a matter of this importance by any considerations other than those of masonic right and law. The circumstances under which our grand lodge was formed can be no precedent for the action of Quebec. We were rather in the position that the Quebec masons were when they united in the erection of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The great doctrine of masonic grand lodge sovereignty is on its trial, and I trust that the result will prove that constitutional rules cannot be infringed with impunity. Each grand lodge has its duty in this matter, let us therefore carefully consider and calmly discuss the whole question that we may arrive at a correct decision.

Great diversity of opinion has been expressed among eminent members of the fraternity in sister jurisdictions upon the Quebec question. I have carefully read the published communications on the subject, and it has appeared to me that too much reference is made to the proposed settlement of the difference by a recognition of a Grand Lodge of Quebec for the sake of peace. A peace purchased at the expense of masonic principle and right can not be productive of ultimate good. Indeed if such an argument (if it may be called an argument) is to prevail, all ancient landmarks may be ultimately swept away.

The expediency of yielding to the wishes of the masons of Quebec and permitting the organization of a grand lodge for that province is a question for the consideration of the Grand Lodge of Canada alone. With that we having nothing to do. In the Grand Lodge of Canada alone can the desirability of dividing the jurisdiction and erecting a Grand Lodge of Quebec and a Grand Lodge of Ontario be discussed and resolved on. There, if separation is thought expedient, the terms can be arranged. But the lodges of either province are in my opinion powerless legally to establish an independent Grand Lodge without the

action of the Grand Lodge of Canada which they united to erect and to whose masonic government they equally owe allegiance.

I hope that during the coming year the differences now unhappily existing may, within the body of the Grand Lodge of Canada itself, be reconciled and adjusted. I am confident that the eminent brothers who ably manage the affairs of that Grand Lodge, while holding firmly to masonic law and precedent, will meet every effort toward an amicable settlement of this grave difference in a true masonic spirit; and, if submission were made, would within the Grand Lodge of Canada discuss the desirability of dividing the territory and make such decision of the question as would restore harmony to the craft in each province; and I feel assured that I express the opinion of this Grand Lodge when I say, that if it is possible for us as brethren in this Dominion to assist in restoring harmony, it would afford us as a body and as individuals the greatest satisfaction.

In the mean time, putting aside all questions of expediency, I leave the important matter of Masonic right and law for your decision, satisfied that you will not act hastily, but that you will calmly enter on the consideration of a question so important to the best interests of our ancient and honored fraternity.

I have pleasure in announcing to you that the masonic hall, the corner stone of which was laid on the 30th July, 1869, is now completed, and I have received a request from Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, to dedicate the lodge room according to ancient usage at this session of grand lodge. Having had the honor of laying the corner stone of the building, it is a great personal satisfaction to me to dedicate the hall to masonic purposes, before retiring from the distinguished position of grand master of this jurisdiction. I have appointed this evening for the solemn services of dedication and I am confident that, on an occasion so interesting to the craft, I shall have the assistance of a large gathering of the fraternity. The masonic zeal and liberality displayed by the members of Carleton Union Lodge, in building for themselves a masonic hall, is worthy of all commendation, and while the brethren from the eastern side of the harbor evince, by a large attendance at the ceremonies of dedication, their sympathy with Carleton Union Lodge in the completion of the undertaking, I trust the example set by our brethren in Carleton will not be without effect; but that the lodges in this part of the city will proceed without further delay in the necessary and important work of erecting a masonic temple.

While we have much cause for congratulation in our retrospect of

the year, we are not without the shadow that darkens the pathway. On the third of February last, our eminent and venerable Bro. the Right Worshipful Alexander Balloch, full of years and honors, entered into rest. During a long, active and useful life, he deservedly won the respect of his fellow-citizens, maintaining the dignified character of his masonic profession.

In his early manhood a zealous, active mason, he attained in his riper years to the highest honors of the fraternity, ruling the craft with wisdom and kindness in the distinguished position of Provincial Grand Master and representative in this province of the M. W. Grand Master of England. His is a life-long record of exertion for the welfare of our ancient craft, always so near to his heart. When prevented by lingering and distressing illness from taking active part in masonic work, this grand lodge, at its organization, conferred on him the honorary rank of a Past Grand Master. At the ripe age of 70 years, our venerable brother passed to his reward, leaving to us a bright example and with us that remembrance among masons which is the crowning honor of a master's work.

Brethren of grand lodge, at the close of the third year in which I have had the honor of presiding over your deliberations and the great responsibility of the grand master's chair, I resign the gavel with the expression of my warmest acknowledgments to you all for the consideration, courtesy, support and assistance with which you have surrounded and sustained me. I entered on the duties of the "East" with many misgivings. I retire from the distinguished office of grand master with the consciousness of having endeavored to do my duty to the craft. If I have won the approbation of my brethren, I enjoy the highest satisfaction.

It was moved by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as alludes to the death of the R. W. Bro. Balloch, be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

Whereupon the following were appointed such committee: R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Senior Grand Warden and W. Grand Director of Ceremonies.

It was moved by W. Bro. Edward Willis, A. G. D. C.

That the portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address referring to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, be referred to a special committee to report on at this communication.

In amendment, it was moved by W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. D. C.

That the committee report at the next annual communication.

On call of question, the amendment was agreed to.

The R. W. Robert T. Clinch presented his credentials as representative of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of England;

Whereupon, grand lodge was called up and the R. W. Bro. Clinch received as such representative and saluted with the usual masonic honors.

The V. W. the grand secretary submitted his annual report as follows:—

To the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:—

In accordance with the requirements of the constitution, the grand secretary herewith submits his annual report, as follows:—

Immediately after the close of the last annual communication he, as per order of the grand lodge, addressed a circular to the respective lodges, relative to the amount each would be willing to contribute towards a grand lecturer's fund. Replies were received from lodges, Nos. 2, 5, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23 and 24. Nos. 2 and 10 deferred action for three months, but have not communicated any further information. Nos. 5, 17 and 19, from inability and other causes could not contribute and Nos. 11, 16, 18, 23 and 24 promised contributions ranging from \$12 to \$50. The grand secretary has reason to believe that the apparent apathy of the lodges arose from want of information—questions having been asked him as to the sum of money required, the brother to be selected to fill the important office, the time he would give to each lodge in imparting instruction, the particular regulations under which he would act, etc. To these questions he was unable to give definite replies, in consequence of the mover of the resolution in grand lodge, not having embodied in it any scheme; he has, however,

no hesitation in stating that, if a proper plan be matured and full information given, the lodges will bear a fair proportion of the expense. It is an important matter to the prosperity and well-being of the craft in the jurisdiction and merits the careful consideration of grand lodge. In this connection, he would state that several lodges, during the year, have engaged the services of one of our best informed instructors and contributed the expense from their private funds.

The new edition of the constitution was issued in due time, under the direction of the board of general purposes. Of the two thousand copies printed, a sufficient number was ordered and paid for by the lodges to more than cover the cost of publication, while there are still on hand some one hundred and eighty copies in covers and three hundred and twenty-five in sheets, for future disposal.

The receipts of the grand secretary's office during the past year have been \$1,620 48, from the following sources —

Registration Fees,	\$287 00
Certificates,	262 50
Annual Dues,	634 60
Dispensations for Degrees, etc.,	87 00
Constitutions and Proceedings,	133 60
New Warrant,	25 00
Warrants to replace those surrendered,	4 00
Blank Demits,	3 00
Postages,	6 55
On Acct., previous years,	177 23
Total,	\$1,620 48

Which amount has been paid to the grand treasurer, as will appear by his report and a detailed statement has been furnished the board of general purposes.

All the lodges have made their returns complete up to the close of the year 1869 and have paid all claims of grand lodge against them; and it affords the grand secretary great gratification to state that there is not a single lodge against which he has an account. This speaks well for the promptness and attention of the secretaries.

The returns of the lodges for 1869, filed in his office exhibit the following statistics :—

Number Initiated,	259
“ Passed,	252

Number Raised,	254
“ Joined,	45
“ Re-instated,	3
“ Withdrawn,	103
“ Died,	12
“ Suspended,	19
“ Excluded,	17
Total number of Members,	1593

During the past year two petitions were received for warrants for new lodges, viz:—For Prince of Wales Lodge, at Bright, in the County of York, recommended by Solomon's Lodge, No. 6; and Lebanon Lodge at Sackville, in the County of Westmorland, recommended by Sussex Lodge, No. 4.

Under the direction of the M. W. Grand Master, the grand secretary corresponded with the brethren forwarding these petitions and enquired as to the ability of the petitioners to provide themselves with suitable places of meeting and the necessary paraphernalia for properly conducting the work and general affairs of the lodges. The M. W. Grand Master also required the assurance that the masters and wardens named in the petitions were qualified to work and exemplify the ritual established by grand lodge. The petitioners having failed to communicate the required information on these points, the petitions remain on file in the grand secretary's office awaiting future action.

The dispensations issued under the authority of the M. W. Grand Master during the past year, number forty-five, for the following purposes :—

To confer degrees at short periods,	31
To bury deceased brethren,	4
To wear regalia in public,	8
To confer degrees on a serving brother,	1
To authorize W. Bro. D. Main to assume the chair of Victoria Lodge in consequence of the death of Bro. Poole named as W. M. in the warrant issued to the lodge....	

The steel plate for certificates ordered from Mr. George Aikman, engraver of Edinburgh, Scotland, which was executed under supervision of R. W. Brother Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, has been satisfactorily completed, and one thousand impressions on parchment duly received. Grand lodge is undoubtedly indebted to Bro. Hay for his attention in this respect, and for the

care and judgement exercised by him in carrying out the requirements of the committee of the board of general purposes.

Since the reception of the certificates the grand secretary has issued four hundred and seventy-one to the several lodges.

Five hundred copies of the proceedings of the last annual communication of grand lodge were ordered to be printed. Two copies were forwarded to each grand lodge, and six to each private lodge. But few copies have been sold. There remain on hand two hundred and seventeen copies.

The following lodges have, up to the present time, failed to forward copies of their by-laws for approval, viz:—No. 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 20 and 24. Only three or four have sent in impressions of their seals.

The grand secretary has received copies of the proceedings of nearly all sister grand lodges in the United States, also of Canada, Nova Scotia and England, and the Bulletin and Calender of the Grand Orient of France.

He has also received from the grand lodge of Colorado, Vol. 1, of the reprint of its proceedings from 1861, the date of organization, to 1869.

From the grand lodge of New Hampshire, Vol. 2, reprint of proceedings from 1842 to 1856.

From R. W. Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, the editor and proprietor, the monthly issues of "The Freemason," published at St. Louis, Missouri.

From Bro. Leon Hyneman, "The Mason's Home Book," issued monthly at Philadelphia.

The grand secretary has suitably acknowledged the reception of the foregoing.

Notices have been filed for proposed amendments to the book of constitution, viz:—

From W. Bro. W. F. Dibble, P. M., Lodge No. 11, to amend Sec. 6, Page 59, "Proposing Members," to read as follows:—

"Any person who cannot write shall be ineligible to be admitted to the fraternity and a petition having been received by a lodge cannot be withdrawn, and no person shall be made a mason or admitted a member of a lodge if, on ballot, one black ball appear against him."

From W. Bros. A. Stronach and Thomas Irving, P. M's., Lodge No. 24, to amend as follows:—

Page 57, section 2, after the words "except in cases of" add "ministers of the gospel."

Page 57, section 3, before the words "No lodge shall" insert "Except in cases of ministers of the gospel."

From W. Bro. John V. Ellis, Past G. D. Ceremonies, the following amendment:

Page 44, section 16, to erase the following:—"Every lodge rejecting a candidate shall forthwith notify every lodge in the province of such rejection by a sealed notice."

Credentials have been received during the past year by several brethren accrediting them as representatives of sister grand lodges, as follows:—

R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, from England.

W. Bro. John V. Ellis, from Canada.

R. W. Bro. James Robertson, from Nebraska.

W. Bro. Charles Ketchum, from Minnesota.

V. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, from Missouri.

These brethren will, no doubt, present their credentials in due form at the present communication.

The grand secretary begs to suggest the advisability of issuing an order to the several private lodges, requiring them to furnish copies of their warrants. Many contingencies may arise by which a warrant might be lost or destroyed and it is highly important that copies of them should be entered in a register to remedy such an occurrence, by providing for the furnishing a proper duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

St. John, 28th September, 1870.

W. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, in account with
the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Cash from Albion Lodge,	No. 1, \$122 00
" St. John's,	" 2, 91 10
" Hibernia,	" 3, 107 60
" Sussex,	" 4, 55 20
" Saint Mark's,	" 5, 55 10
" Solomon's,	" 6, 88 30
" Sussex,	" 7, 70 38
" Carleton Union,	" 8, 103 16
" Midian,	" 9, 18 08
" Union of Portland (2 yrs.)	" 10, 208 80
" Woodstock,	" 11, 51 40

"	Saint George,.....	" 12,	48 20
"	Corinthian,.....	" 13,	21 28
"	Alley,.....	" 14,	86 90
"	Howard,.....	" 15,	40 96
"	Saint Andrew,.....	" 16,	63 44
"	Northumberland,.....	" 17,	27 40
"	Miramichi,.....	" 18,	35 06
"	Leinster,.....	" 19,	47 70
"	Salisbury,.....	" 20,	23 60
"	Zion,.....	" 21,	39 10
"	New Brunswick,.....	" 22,	70 50
"	Keith,.....	" 23,	23 56
"	Zetland,.....	" 24,	23 11
"	Restigouche,.....	" 25,	48 45
"	Victoria,.....	" 26,	36 50
	Received for constitutions and proceedings,..		13 60
	Balance from last year's account,.....		122 18
			<u>\$1,742 66</u>

1870.

February 2, By Cash paid Grand Treasr.,	\$500 00
February 4, do. do.	400 00
August 30, do. do.	500 00
Sept. 12, do. do.	342 66
	<u>\$1,742 66</u>

WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

Saint John, N. B., 12th Sept. 1870.

The V. W. the Grand Treasurer presented his annual account, as follows :—

William H. A. Keans, Grand Treasurer, in account with
the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

1869.	DR.	
Sept. To balance in bank per account received,....		\$ 66 29
1870.		
Feb. 2, To amount received from grand secretary,...		\$500 00

" 4, "	"	"	"	... 400 00
Aug. 30, "	"	"	"	... 500 00
Sept. 12, "	"	"	"	... 342 66
				<u>1,742 66</u>
	" amount received from grand treasurer of late district grand lodge, E. R.,.....			593 46
				<u>\$2,402 41</u>

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By paid order No. 21—Grand Master, expenses...	\$ 200 00
" " 22—J. & A. McMillan, paper...	1 50
" " 23—Hall com., 6 mos. rent....	12 00
" " 24—H. Chubb & Co., printing etc.	148 55
" " 25—Post Master, rent box No. 26	2 00
" " 26—Henry Brown, acting G. T.	4 00
" " 27—Grand Sec. post. and tel..	26 60
" " 28—Wm. Elder, ad. M. Journal	4 20
" " 29—George E. Fairweather, en- grossing, etc.....	13 20
" " 30—Grand Master. bal. ex. visits	18 91
" " 31—Grand Sec'y, salary, 1869..	300 00
" " 32—C. A. Robertson, horse hire	3 00
" " 33—Hall com. rent and expenses	9 00
" " 34—Alex. Hay, steel plate and certificates.....	116 43
" " 35—Hall com. rent to Feb. 1, 1870	5 00
" " 36—T. W. Anglin, ad. Freeman	4 00
" " 37—J. Livingston, ad. Telegraph	6 20
" " 38—Willis & Davis, ad. M. News	1 60
" " 39—Geo. W. Beylea, coach hire	3 00
" " 40—Alex. Hay, grand lodge cer.	98 57
" " 41—Willis & Davis, ad. M. News	6 80
" " 42—Evan Evans, tin box for cer.	5 00
" " 43—R. & T. Finlay, leather case	15 00
" " 44—Grand Lodge expenses, vis- iting lodges.....	30 24
" " 45—Hall com. and expenses....	5 00
" " 46—John Hastings, buckles....	5 70
" " 47—Grand Sec. post. and tel..	19 56
" " 48—C. E. Potter, framepho. G. L.	5 75

"	"	49—George E. Fairweather, engraving	16 60
"	"	50—Hall com. rent and expenses	5 00
"	"	51—H. Chubb & Co., pr. & stat'y	197 75
"	"	52—Albion Lodge, No. 1, two years interest on loan..	72 00
"	"	53—Willis & Davis, ad. M. News	90
			<hr/>
			\$1363 06
Balance deposited in Bank B. N. America....			1039 35 \$2402 41

W. H. A. KEANS,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., Sept. 14, 1870.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master as president of the board of general purposes, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was ordered to be received and laid on the grand secretary's table:

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES,
GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M., OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
SAINT JOHN, N. B., September, 1870.

*To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of
Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:*

The board of general purposes submit the following report:—

1. From a careful supervision of the Masonic Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick, and from frequent official intercourse with the grand officers, the board of general purposes take great pleasure in assuring the members of grand lodge, that the progress of the craft in this province during the expiring masonic year has been steady and harmonious and that masonry under our registry stands to-day in a position to warrant and elicit the warmest feelings of pleasure and congratulation from every member of the fraternity.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

2. In order to proceed with such business as required attention, the

members of the board assembled soon after the close of the last annual communication of grand lodge, and have continued to meet periodically, performing from time to time such duties as devolved upon them.

3. The board proceed to submit for the consideration of grand lodge all matters of importance upon which they have taken official action. A large amount of other business, principally of a routine character, but demanding not a little attention, has passed before the board, which does not require special reference in this report. In all cases the board have endeavoured to act promptly and intelligently and in the interests of the institution.

VICE-PRESIDENT ELECTED.

4. Before proceeding to the business of the masonic year then commencing, W. Bro. John V. Ellis was unanimously elected Vice-President of the board.

PROCEEDINGS AND CONSTITUTION PUBLISHED.

5. Five hundred copies of the proceedings of grand lodge during the last annual communication were printed and distributed in the usual manner under the order of the board. A committee consisting of the president, vice-president and secretary, was appointed to codify the constitution, and to arrange the various amendments adopted by the grand lodge on the proper pages, preparatory to publication; with power, also, to have the same printed and issued upon the most favorable terms. Pursuant to this authority and after having carefully examined the records and proceedings of the grand lodge, the committee had the whole uniformly printed and published, in a convenient form. Two thousand copies have been struck off and fifteen hundred copies bound, and over twelve hundred copies have been called for by the subordinate lodges and individual masons. A statement, exhibiting the expenditure attending this work and the income derived from the sales, will appear in the report and accounts of the grand secretary.

BONDS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

6. While holding the utmost confidence in the worshipful brethren who, at present, so satisfactorily discharge the duties of those offices, for precautionary purposes and as a precedent for the future, the board resolved that the grand secretary be required to give bonds similar to those of the grand treasurer and that the M. W. Grand Master be

requested to have the bonds of the grand treasurer and grand secretary prepared and executed.

GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

7. One thousand grand lodge certificates on parchment have been duly received and have been placed in the custody of the grand secretary, whose accounts will disclose the expenses thus incurred.

MASONIC LAW—LODGE ST. ANDREW, No. 16.

8. At a meeting of the board held on the twenty-eight day of January last, the grand secretary read a letter from the secretary of Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 16, setting forth that "there were included in the returns of 1868 seven brethren who were members of that lodge when on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but who refuse to sign the by-laws or to continue membership under the present constitution, and that there are six other brethren who were never advanced to the degree M. M., and who, like the former, do not contribute to the lodge funds," and Lodge Saint Andrew desired "to be informed if those thirteen members must be continued on the books and included in the returns."

9. The board referred the matter to a committee, consisting of Bros. Short, the Vice-President, Bunting, Marshall and Wetmore, and after a careful consideration the elaborate report of the committee was adopted. The opinion and decision of the board have therefore been declared to be that the seven brethren referred to "are at the present time members of the Lodge Saint Andrew, amenable to the by-laws of that lodge and to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and that Lodge Saint Andrew is chargeable with the usual *per capita* tax for the said brethren." In regard to the brethren who are not master masons, it appears that when Lodge Saint Andrew worked under the Scottish Registry it was not the practice to admit any brother to membership until he had taken the third degree. Under our constitution membership begins (if the initiate so express himself) with the entered apprentice degree. The brethren having been entered and passed while Lodge Saint Andrew was under the Scottish Registry they never signed the by-laws and did not become and consequently are not members. The board have decided, therefore, "that the Lodge Saint Andrew is not chargeable with *per capita* tax for these brethren." "As however, their position is an anomalous one, owing to the new order of things, the grand secretary was directed to order the secretary of Lodge

Saint Andrew to request these brethren (personally if possible or by letter) to attend the lodge, sign the by-laws and place themselves in a position to partake of all the rights and privileges of the fraternity." And the board further directed that if these brethren do not comply with this fraternal request of the Lodge Saint Andrew within six months they shall then be considered in the position of non-affiliated masons, and can only become members thereafter upon rejoining in the usual way and paying the usual joining fee.

MASONIC DISCIPLINE—JACOB FERGUSON.

10. Having in this way disposed of this matter, and knowing that the action of the board was subject to the review of the grand lodge, it is deeply to be regretted that the constitutional modes of procedure were not adopted by any one aggrieved by these decisions. It became the duty of the grand secretary to report otherwise to the board. On the fourth day of May last he laid before the board a very long communication from Bro. Jacob Ferguson of Richibucto, at that time on the roll of members of Lodge Saint Andrew, and one of the thirteen brethren included in the communication above referred to. The letter bears date the 19th March, and is addressed to the grand secretary. It occupies more than nine pages of foolscap and would be very tedious and uninteresting to reproduce in full. The following extracts are made that the grand lodge may understand the ground of their subsequent action:—

11. After objecting to the competency of the board, Bro. Jacob Ferguson wrote:—

"There has been a superabundance of these improper assumptions already. * * * Instead of encouraging such conduct [i. e., that of Lodge Saint Andrew] they (B.G.F.) would be more laudably employed in patching up a reputation for the grand lodge. * * * But apart from the question whether I am or am not a member of Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 16, there lies at the very foundation of the jurisdiction the grand and indisputable fact of illegality to which, and the *modus operandi* by which the jurisdiction was founded, as well as the treachery by which it was accomplished and as developed in the destruction of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 376, I must have a word to say. * * * I claim a fraternity membership with true masons, but none with those having the stain of clandestine work on them. * * * It seems to me that all the *delirium tonans* about having me expelled from that which I do not belong resembles in its peculiar character, the manifestations of the subject of *delirium tremens* in his conflicts with imaginary "fiery scorpions" and "blue devils." * * * The work to establish this Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was entered upon with a contemptuous disregard of what was due to legality, constitutional usage, and I may add common courtesy; and so true is it that when once a wrong course has been designedly embarked in every succeeding step must be made to harmonize

with the wrong and go on to the attainment of the end in view in defiance of results. I say this work was designedly begun wrong, and I say it advisedly. If the establishment of the grand lodge had been an object sought to be legally and honorably acquired by its promoters, there was a legal and honorable way to accomplish it, and why was it not adopted? That it was not adopted is a historical fact. * * * Was it in obedience to the prompting of a few ambitious men who were intriguing to get themselves placed at the head of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, not so much to promote the interests of masonry as to feed the cravings of ambition, not so much to do honor to masonry as to dishonor to the craft by treacherously committing them to the scheme by a resignation of their warrants. * * * In this base operation who were the promoters, and was the delegate from Lodge Saint Andrew so deficient in principle as to accept such a duty? Let the fact answer and say whether or not this dishonorable conduct was a part of the grand original scheme to treacherously shatter to pieces a lodge that had been legally established. * * * In the employment of means so unworthy is it not manifestly evident that the authors were sensibly aware of the illegality of the course adopted; but what did considerations of right weigh against considerations of ambition to be attained. Their watchword seems to have been: By any or all means, however foul, get the different lodges to resign their warrants, we then have the craft at our mercy and will use them to accomplish our purpose. * * * Were the sixteen other lodges also destroyed by the adoption of a similar kind of wire-pulling and intrigue? If so, then the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick instead of exulting in the traditions of its dynasty ought rather to feel humbled and ashamed at a dynasty so founded in vandalism; or was this wanton indignity directed against Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 876, alone, and why? Was it because that in this lodge there were two members who were both alien to it that they and they only offered their services for the performance of this ignominious work—the one to initiate, the other to aid in localising and springing this treacherous scheme of destruction—the one to initiate, the other to aid in sweeping away barriers to let in a flood of defilement to pollute and defile the traditions of ancient masonry? * * * Again, why was it that the delegate to the convention * * * avoided meeting his lodge till he has assured the writer * * * who would have confronted such schemes and exposed their treacherous intrigues, and who would have exerted himself to save the lodge from such wanton and deliberately planned destruction, and the craft from that which resulted in making them subsequently a clandestine lodge. * * * Surely it was iniquity enough by intrigue and duplicity to impose a base fraud upon the craft, and also a fraud and a wrong upon the writer in his absence. * * * It was a piece of cruel and malicious villainy to take advantage of my absence from home to turn me adrift from my lodge without a demit. Lodge Saint Andrew may at the nod of those arch betrayers of Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 876, and my rights therein pronounce this as right and honorable in masonry, and be sustained in it by the board of general purposes, but the writer, who has the unfortunate habit of calling a fraud a fraud by whomsoever committed, cannot characterize it as anything other than a piece of deliberate and vicious fraud. * * * One week later and the writer would have been at home again and the risk to be incurred by this event to the pretty scheme of demolition was too great, the duty to his prompters must not fail, he must pay the price for his office in the grand lodge, he must earn his reward by black treachery to Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 876, and to those members of it who had advanced him to his position in it. * * * To those who were clandestinely "made" between the 31st October, 1867, and the 4th June, 1868, although they are in no wise to blame for it, I say they will

be untrue to themselves if they do not demand the fullest reparation for the gross outrage, the foul imposition that was practiced upon them."

12. Bro. Jacob Ferguson concludes this extraordinary letter by announcing that he has communicated with the grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and "will transmit a duplicate of the foregoing to Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 16."

13. It would be unpardonable to copy so much of this letter, in itself of so little consequence, but for the subsequent action of the board which invests it for the time with an importance not otherwise attaching to it. Immediately upon hearing these charges and statements read, the board unanimously felt that apart from the abstract questions of masonic law involved in their decisions and holding them in abeyance, it was their duty to grand lodge, to the Lodge Saint Andrew and to the craft, so to deal with them as to vindicate the honor and dignity of the grand lodge and its members, so wantonly and violently assailed. Before proceeding further however, hoping that upon mature reflection Bro. Jacob Ferguson would perceive and regret the full scope of his strong and thoughtless expressions, and anxious on our part to avoid the exercise of masonic discipline, the grand secretary was directed to, and did, address a letter to Bro. Jacob Ferguson, fraternally allowing him time and opportunity to withdraw this letter, without prejudice of course, to any appeal he might choose to make to any competent tribunal. To this proposition Bro. Jacob Ferguson declined to accede. Thereupon he was duly summoned to appear before the board on the 30th day of August last. This he failed to do, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the board:

"Whereas, At a meeting of the board, held on the 16th inst., it was resolved that the grand secretary issue a summons to Bro. Jacob Ferguson to appear before the board on Tuesday the 30th inst., at 8 o'clock, P. M. at the grand secretary's office to shew cause why he should not be suspended from the rights and privileges of freemasonry for unmasonic conduct in making statements assailing the character and dignity of the grand lodge and the motives of those who took part in its organization;

"And Whereas, In accordance with which resolution the said Bro. Jacob Ferguson was, on the 18th inst., duly summoned to appear at the grand secretary's office in the City of Saint John, at the day and hour above named, to make answer as above specified;

"And Whereas, The said Bro. Jacob Ferguson hath returned the said summons without answer and hath not appeared pursuant thereto;

"And Whereas, The board have heard the correspondence of the said Bro. Jacob Ferguson which the grand secretary read;

"Therefore Resolved, That in the opinion of the board of general purposes the said Bro. Jacob Ferguson has been guilty of unmasonic conduct in making statements assailing the character and dignity of the grand lodge and the motives of those who took part in its organization;

"And Further Resolved, That the said Bro. Jacob Ferguson be, and he is hereby suspended from the rights and privileges of freemasonry until further action of this board, subject nevertheless, to the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master,"

14. On the 1st instant the M. W. Grand Master formally approved of the suspension of Bro. Jacob Ferguson.

DISCIPLINE—SALISBURY LODGE, No. 20.

15. A complaint was lodged with the grand secretary against the worshipful master of Salisbury Lodge, No. 20, for the year 1869, for "having conferred the M. M. degree on two candidates without allowing the constitutional period of four weeks to elapse previous to their being raised." The committee of the board, composed of the grand secretary and Bros. Marshall and McNichol, carefully examined into the matter and upon their recommendation the grand secretary was instructed to address a letter of reprimand and censure to the brother complained against and to caution him and the lodge, Salisbury, No. 20, not to repeat so grave a breach of the constitution. Before passing from this subject the board would fraternally remind all masons in this jurisdiction, particularly those who hold official stations in the craft, that the constitution has been adopted after the most deliberate study, research and discussion, and that no infringement of its requirements, however trivial or unimportant they may appear, can be overlooked. A strict, undeviating and cheerful compliance with the provisions of the constitution and obedience to the grand tenets of our profession, are absolutely and co-equally necessary, not only that uniformity of work and discipline may be maintained, but that the integrity and stability of the craft may be preserved.

The board sincerely regret these cases as disturbing the otherwise uninterrupted flow of fraternal harmony throughout the year.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

16. The board have kept steadily in view the subject of a masonic temple. The great necessity existing for the erection of a temple in the City of St. John, devoted to the interests of the fraternity, is felt more and more keenly as the membership of the craft increases. In addition to the fact that the members of the board have individually

given the subject much thought, a committee was appointed, consisting of Bro. Marshall, the president, Bro. McNichol, the vice-president and secretary, to visit and report upon sites, terms of sale, purchase money, etc. The committee repeatedly examined several sites in different parts of the city and reported to the board. The result thus far has been, that the members of the board, weighing carefully the interests and requirements of the craft, present and prospective, and acting on their best judgment, have agreed in the selection of a site which they believe will be approved by grand lodge. Several considerations however, which it would be impolitic to make public, rendered the completion of the purchase, up to this time, impossible; nor can the necessary transfers be perfected for a short further delay. But the board confidently entertain the hope and belief that during the present year a site will be secured and the necessary steps taken to commence operations, and at a cost, in all, estimated at (say) thirty thousand dollars. This the board believe can be done, and a building erected adequate to the demands of and creditable to the craft—with the probability of a fair income to be derived in a short time—and all without too seriously involving this jurisdiction in pecuniary anxieties and liabilities so early in its career. Schemes for the erection of public halls, academies of music, temperance buildings and masonic temples, in a city like Saint John must meet and have met, difficulties and delays scarcely foreseen, but none the less inevitable. But the board are more than ever satisfied that this laudable desire of the craft can be gratified, and from the plans and information in their possession, they believe we are nearer the attainment of this purpose than many have reason to believe.

PRESENTATION.

17. The board has the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt from Bro. Charles P. Bliss, formerly of this province, and subsequently from Bro. Ira Cornwall of the *Canadian Craftsman*, presentation gifts of large photograph pictures of the members of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Immediately upon receipt of them the grand secretary was directed, suitably, to acknowledge these handsome donations.

THE CONSTITUTION.

18. The board have again turned their attention to the constitution. They are pleased to be able to state the opinion that the constitution as adopted seems readily and wisely to meet the wants and desires of

the craft in New Brunswick. The following amendments, however, have been recommended to the board and are submitted for the consideration of grand lodge:

1st.—To provide for the "election" of the grand secretary to office, instead of his appointment.

2nd.—Page 48, section 34, Private Lodges.

The following to be inserted before the words "the master," etc.: "Should such returns and payments not be made at least four weeks prior to the annual communication of grand lodge."

3rd.—Page 65, section 4, Public and Funeral Processions.

After "invite" first line, insert "the members of," and strike out "in form" second line.

4th.—Page 65, section 5 to be made section 6, and the following to be added as section 5:—

"Section 5. No other badge or insignia shall be worn at a funeral than the plain white or master mason's apron, except that the officers of the lodge burying the deceased shall be allowed to wear their official jewels, collars and aprons. The lodge burying the deceased may carry its banners, and all brethren attending shall form under such banners."

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT.

19. The board have great pleasure in submitting the following report of the vice-president and Bros. Short and Stockton, the audit committee, on the accounts of grand lodge:

The sub-committee of the board appointed to audit the accounts and examine the books of the grand secretary and grand treasurer for the past year, report:

The grand treasurer's accounts shew that he has received during the year \$2,336.12, making with the balance on hand last year, a total of \$2,402.41. He has paid out \$1,363.06, for which disbursements he produces the proper vouchers and his bank book shews a balance to the credit of the grand lodge in the bank of British North America of \$1,039.35. His receipts are made up of \$1,742.66 paid him by the grand secretary and \$593.46 received from the grand treasurer of the late Provincial Grand Lodge under English registry, which amount, with the regalia and other property of that body, have become the property of the whole craft.

The receipts of the grand secretary's office during the year have been \$1,620.48, making, with the balance in his hands last year of \$123.18, a total of \$1,742.66, all of which has been paid over to the grand treasurer. The principal items in the grand secretary's receipts are, registration fees, \$287; fees for certificates, \$282.50; annual dues to grand lodge, \$634.00; dispensations, etc., \$60.87; sale of constitutions \$129; and from miscellaneous sources, including balances

due by lodges last year, \$229.38. The permanent revenue of grand lodge may be set down at from \$1,300 to \$1,500 annually, which will be sufficient for all its requirements for some time to come. The expenses of grand lodge, for the year just close, have been about \$170 less than those of last year, and even this year considerable of the amount disbursed was incidental to a new organization, over \$200 having been expended in procuring plate and certificates—an expenditure that will not be necessary next year.

The sub-committee notes with pleasure that none of the lodges are in arrears. The sub-committee have also much pleasure in testifying to the neat, methodical and careful manner in which the books of grand lodge are kept.

A statement of the receipts in detail is submitted by grand secretary, and of the expenditures by grand treasurer, and these are annexed.

CONCLUSION.

20. In drawing this report to a close, the board think the facts submitted warrant them in repeating that the masonic year closing has been one of the most gratifying prosperity, while they enjoin once again, if that were necessary, on all the brethren a continued cultivation of the sublime principles of our ancient and honorable fraternity, that the craft under the registry of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick may be recognized as faithful to all the landmarks of freemasonry, and as dispensing with a free and generous hand the noble charities of so great and so good an institution.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. WEDDERBURN, D. G. M.,
President Board General Purposes.

It was moved by the R. W. Junior Grand Warden,

That the election of grand lodge officers be held to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock and installation in the evening.

In amendment it was moved by Bro. T. N. Robertson, S. W. Lodge No. 1, that the election take place to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock and the installation immediately afterward.

On taking the question the amendment was adopted.

It was moved by W. Bro. Ellis, P.G.D.C., and

Resolved. That the amendments to the constitution, notices of which have been given by the board of general purposes and by various brethren

ren, be made the order of the day for half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

The grand lodge was called from labor until two o'clock this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,

23th September, 1870.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 2 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East, and the other officers at their respective stations.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed, as per resolution of this morning, the following a committee on the question of the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. D. C., R. W. Wm. Wedderburn, D. G. M., R. W. Robert T. Clinch, P. G. M., V. W. Wm. F. Bunting, G. Sec'y, W. Edward Willis, A. G. D. C., W. James McNichol, Jr., G. P., together with the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Wardens.

It was moved by W. Bro. Marshall, G. D. C., and

Resolved, That the reports of the V. W. Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be received and entered upon the minutes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, D. G. M., and

Resolved, That all private lodges which have up to the present time failed to forward copies of their by-laws for approval, and impressions of their seals, be required by the V. W. Grand Secretary to forward the same without delay.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wedderburn, D. G. M., and

Resolved, That the V. W. Grand Secretary be directed to issue an order to the several private lodges requiring them to furnish him with

copies of their warrants, and that upon receipt thereof each copy shall be filed in the office of the grand secretary and entered in a register of warrants to be kept for that purpose.

A motion proposed by the W. Grand Director Ceremonies authorizing the purchase of a safe for preserving the books, papers, etc., of grand lodge was negatived, the brethren deeming it inexpedient to expend so large a sum in the present conditions of the funds.

Credentials were presented by

R. W. Bro. James Robertson as representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska,

W. Bro. John V. Ellis as representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and

V. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting as representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri;

Whereupon the several representatives were duly received as such and saluted with the usual masonic honors.

In accordance with the order of the day grand lodge proceeded to the consideration of the amendments to the constitution as proposed by the board of general purposes and the several brethren named in the grand secretary's report.

The proposed amendments were disposed of as follows:—

No. 1, proposed by the board,.....	Negatived.
" 2, " "	Adopted.
" 3, " "	Adopted.
" 4, " "	Negatived.
Amendment proposed by W. Bro. Dibblee,.....	Negatived.
" " W. Bro. Irving,.....	Negatived.
" " W. Bro. Ellis,.....	Adopted.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced that a special

communication of grand lodge would be held this evening at 8 o'clock, in the new hall of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, for the purpose of conducting the dedicatory and consecration services.

He further announced that at the close of the ceremonies of consecration a supper would be given by the brethren of the Carleton Union Lodge, and he had been requested to extend an invitation to the members of the craft generally to be present on the occasion.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master from the committee appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to make arrangements if practicable, for having a festival under the banner of grand lodge during the present session, reported that having in view the proposed consecration of the masonic hall erected by the Carleton Union Lodge and the holding of a festival by the brethren of that lodge in connection with those ceremonies, and having met a committee of Carleton Union Lodge and conferred with them on the subject, the committee are of opinion that it is not desirable to have a festival under the banner of grand lodge during the present session.

Report agreed to.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING,

29th September, 1870.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 10 o'clock, the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master in the East.

It was moved by W. Bro. Marshall, G. D. C., and

Resolved, That the report of the board of general purposes as amended be adopted.

Read a note from W. Bro. G. Hudson Flewelling, G. S. B., apologizing for his absence from grand lodge, caused by sickness in his family.

It was moved by W. Bro. Henry Card, Grand Organist, and

Resolved, That the V. W. Grand Secretary, in accordance with the suggestion contained in his report, convey to R. W. Bro. Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the thanks of grand lodge for his kindness in superintending the engraving of steel plate for certificates.

It was moved by W. Bro. Ellis, P. G. D. C., and

Resolved, That the subject of a "Grand Lecturer's Fund," alluded to in the first paragraph of the V. W. Grand Secretary's report, be referred to a committee of five to report to grand lodge at the present communication.

Whereupon the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master appointed as such committee W. Bro. Ellis, P. G. D. C., R. W. Bro. Stevenson, S. G. W., R. W. Bro. Richards, J. G. W., W. Bro. Marshall, G. D. C., and W. Bro. Botsford, P. M. Lodge No. 23.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

Resolved, That grand lodge appropriate from the fund of general purposes the sum of one hundred dollars to aid Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, in the completion of their new hall.

At this stage of the proceedings the M. W. the Grand Master being announced was received and saluted with customary honors and took his seat in the East.

It was moved by W. Bro. Richards, J. G. W., and

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to

Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, of Newcastle, Miramichi, to assist them in the re-erection of their hall lately destroyed by storm.

A circular from the Grand Orient of France relative to an "International Subscription" in aid of sufferers by the present war in Europe, was referred to the board of general purposes:

Copy of Circular.

[L. S.]

ORIENT AT PARIS, 8th August, 1870.

"To all masonic governments, to all lodges and all masons:

"VERY DEAR BRETHREN,—Freemasonry has always deplored the miseries which are the inevitable results of war. If its wishes for peace are to-day inopportune and useless, there remains at least for it, a humane duty to perform. Uniting all the victims of the war in a fraternal solicitude, the Grand Orient of France takes the initiative in an International Subscription, the proceeds of which will be employed to assist all the wounded and to help all masons of the army and navy and their families, without distinction of origin.

"We hope that our appeal will be understood by all the fraternity. All masons will desire to be associated in this work of humanity and will hasten to make their contributions; so that now, as at all times, masonry will fulfil its mission.

"Accept, very dear brethren, the assurance of our fraternal sentiments.

"BABAUD-LARIBIERE,

"Grand Master.

"P. S.—The council of the order has decided that an ambulance will be established at the office of the Grand Orient of France, 16 Rue Cadet.

"Subscriptions will be centralized at the grand orient and the lists published from time to time, in the official bulletin. A committee appointed by the council of the order will attend to the dispensing of the contributions.

"The grand orient has subscribed, for its first payment, 3,000 francs, and the first subscription among the members of the council of the order—at the head of which is the grand master—has reached the sum of 1,100 francs."

Grand lodge was called from labor until three o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

September 29th, 1870.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at three o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The committee appointed at the morning session on the subject of a "Grand Lecturer's Fund," submitted the following report, which, on motion of R. W. Bro. Flewelling, Past S. G. W., was ordered to be received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the first paragraph of the V. W. Grand Secretary's report, beg leave to report as follows:

They recommend that the board of general purposes be empowered to employ from time to time, such brother or brethren as may be competent to instruct lodges in the work, and that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated out of the funds of grand lodge, to aid lodges requiring such lecturer; the distribution to be made as the board may deem advisable.

JOHN V. ELLIS,
JOHN RICHARDS,
ROBERT MARSHALL,
BLISS BOTSFORD, } Committee.

It was moved by W. Bro. Ellis, P. G. D. C., seconded by R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is the Supreme Masonic Authority in this province, and the existence of lodges therein not holding warrants of this grand lodge ought no longer to be permitted;

And Further Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master take steps to request the Grand Lodge of Scotland (from whom these recusant lodges hold their warrants) to withdraw the same; and if such warrants be not withdrawn on or before — day of —, this grand lodge will direct its subordinates to hold no masonic communication with such lodges.

It was moved by W. Bro. Ellis, P. G. D. C., and

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master in corresponding with the Grand Lodge of Scotland relative to the requirements of the foregoing resolution, state that two quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will be allowed to elapse before the extreme measures proposed be carried into effect.

The following report was on motion of the R. W. Junior Grand Warden ordered to be received and the resolutions adopted:—

St. JOHN, N. B., 29th September, 1870.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the annual address of the M. W. the Grand Master announcing the death of the R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge and Past District Grand Master under the Grand Lodge of England, beg to submit the following resolutions for adoption:—

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, have heard with profound sorrow of the death of the R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and

Further Resolved, That our late lamented Bro. Balloch in his lifetime was distinguished by his warm and enthusiastic love of the craft, was always zealous and indefatigable in his labors for the welfare of freemasonry, particularly in this province, and especially while occupying the high and honorable positions of provincial and district grand master under the Grand Lodge of England; was every ready and desirous of promoting harmony and love among the brethren by the application of that thorough knowledge of the principles of our ancient and honorable institution to the determination of all questions affecting the welfare of the several lodges of this province, as well as of the provincial and district grand lodges over which he was called to preside, and always exhibited to the brethren who have survived him an example of these virtues which has marked and will leave its impress upon the history of masonry in this province, and

Further Resolved, That as a mark of esteem for the memory of our late Right Worshipful Brother a suitable memorial page be entered upon the records of grand lodge.

BENJ. R. STEVENSON,
ROBERT MARSHALL,
WM. WEDDERBURN,
Committee.

It was moved by the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be engrossed and transmitted, under the seal of grand lodge, to the widow of the late R. W. Brother Balloch.

The M. W. the Grand Master stated that in accordance with an order of grand lodge at its last annual communication he should now proceed to have the work of the ritual exemplified. Whereupon, at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, the V. W. the Grand Secretary rehearsed (descriptively) the ceremonies of opening and closing a lodge and the first section of the E. A. degree.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until 8 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING,

29th September, 1870.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 8 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

On motion of the W. Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies, it was

Resolved, That the order of the day be proceeded with, i. e., the election of the elective officers for the ensuing year.

W. Bros. Bliss Botsford, W. F. Dibblee, and A. A. Stockton were appointed scrutineers who, having sorted and counted the votes upon the several ballotings, reported the following brethren elected to the respective offices, viz:—

M. W. Grand Master,.....	Bro. WM. WEDDERBURN.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master,..	" JOHN V. ELLIS.
R. W. Senior Grand Warden,..	" BLISS BOTSFORD.
R. W. Junior Grand Warden,..	" WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE.
V. W. Grand Chaplain,.....	" REV. WILLIAM DONALD.

V. W. Grand Treasurer, Bro. WM. H. A. KEANS.
 W. Grand Tyler, " DINGEE SCRIBNER.

W. Bro. Charles Ketchum, Past Master of lodge No. 8, presented credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota, who was thereupon duly received and saluted as such.

The M. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, Grand Master elect, was duly obligated, invested and installed by Past Grand Master, B. Lester Peters, and was saluted with the customary honors and proclaimed in the east, west and south.

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz:—

V. W. WM. F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.
 W. ADOLPHUS G. BECKWITH, .. Senior Grand Deacon.
 W. ROBERT MARSHALL, Junior Grand Deacon.
 W. JOHN D. SHORT, Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
 W. RICHARD N. KNIGHT, Ass't G. Dir. Ceremonies.
 W. DUNCAN S. HARPER, Grand Sword Bearer.
 W. JOHN JOHNSTON, Grand Standard Bearer.
 W. HENRY CARD, Grand Organist.
 W. DAVID R. MUNRO, Grand Pursuivant.
 W. HARRIS ALLAN, Grand Steward.
 W. JOHN A. BEATTEY, do.
 W. JOSEPH McMONAGLE, do.
 W. THOMAS H. KEOHAN, do.
 W. SAMUEL FOSTER, do.
 W. HENRY HALLETT, do.
 W. CHARLES CARR, do.

The office-bearers elected and appointed were installed, invested and proclaimed.

The following brethren were appointed to the board of general purposes for the ensuing year:

R. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH, Past Grand Master.
 R. W. B. LESTER PETERS, Past Grand Master.
 R. W. JOHN RICHARDS, Past Junior Grand Warden.
 W. JOHN D. SHORT, Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
 W. ALFRED A. STOCKTON, ... Past Master Lodge No. 19.
 W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR., ... Past Grand Pursuivant.
 W. EDWARD WILLIS, Past Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
 W. EDWIN J. WETMORE, Past Master Lodge No. 8.
 W. DAVID R. MUNRO, Grand Pursuivant.
 W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY, ... Past Master Lodge No. 2.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following a committee on work and ritual:—

M. W. Grand Master; R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters; R. W. Deputy Grand Master; V. W. Grand Secretary; W. Bro. A. A. Stockton and W. Bro. Joseph C. Hatheway.

Grand lodge was called off until to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING,

30th September, 1870.

Grand lodge was called to labor at eleven o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

It was moved by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and

Resolved, That grand lodge confirm the appointments made by R. W. Past Grand Master Peters, of brethren to represent this grand lodge in sister grand lodges.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the rank and title of Past Senior Grand Warden of this grand lodge be conferred upon M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, representative in the grand lodge of Canada.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., seconded by R. W. Bro. Brown, P. J. G. W., and

Resolved, That, in the opinion of grand lodge, the term—"Seafaring men,"—in section two of the constitution, under the title "Proposing Members," does not extend or apply to persons employed in vessels known as "coasters," or in any vessels trading or plying between ports on the Atlantic seaboard of North America.

The remaining sections of the E. A. degree and a portion of the F. C. were duly exemplified.

Grand lodge was called from labor until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON,

30th September 1870.

Grand lodge was called to order at the time specified, the M. W. Grand Master in the East.

It was moved by the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to appoint, during the recess, a committee to make arrangements, if deemed advisable, for a festival under the banner of grand lodge at the next annual communication.

The remaining portion of the F. C. and the whole of the M. M. degree were exemplified.

It was moved by W. Bro. Main, P. S. G. D., and

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to arrange

for a full exemplification of the work of the ritual at the next annual communication.

All business before grand lodge having been disposed of, it was closed in *due form* and with solemn prayer.

Wm. J. Bunting
Grand Secy.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27th DECEMBER 1869.

No. Lodge	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Time of Regular Communication.	Initiated	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Died.	Sus- pended.	Exclud- ed.	Rein- stated.	No. Members.
1	Albion,	Saint John, ..	First Friday in each Month,	12	10	10	4	11	.....	16	.....	.....	170
2	Saint John's,	"	First Tuesday in each Month,	11	10	11	2	6	.....	.....	5	.....	104
3	Hibernia,	"	Second Tuesday in each Month,	20	22	24	2	3	1	.....	.....	.....	129
4	Sussex,	Dorchester, ..	Thursday on or after Full Moon,	11	11	10	.....	.....	1	.....	6	.....	45
5	Saint Mark's,	St. Andrews, ..	First Thursday in each Month,	7	6	9	2	4	1	.....	.....	.....	54
6	Solomon's,	Frederickton, ..	Second Tuesday in each Month,	23	23	23	1	16	1	.....	.....	.....	72
7	Sussex,	St. Stephen, ..	First Wednesday in each Month,	12	12	11	3	4	2	.....	.....	.....	64
8	Carleton Union,	Carleton,	First Thursday in each Month,	23	23	23	.....	3	2	1	5	.....	98
9	Midian,	Clifton,	Second Tuesday in each Month,	2	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
10	Union of Portland,	Saint John, ..	Third Thursday in each Month,	20	19	19	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	132
11	Woodstock,	Woodstock, ..	First Wednesday in each Month,	10	12	10	2	5	.....	.....	.....	2	59
12	Saint George,	Saint George, ..	First Tuesday in each Month,	9	8	7	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	49
13	Corinthian,	Hampton,	Wednesday on or after Full Moon,	3	3	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
14	Alley,	Upper Mills, ..	First Thursday in each Month,	11	10	9	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	76
15	Howard,	Hillsborough, ..	First Tuesday in each Month,	7	9	11	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	53
16	Saint Andrew,	Richibucto, ..	Monday on or after Full Moon,	13	10	10	1	4	1	.....	.....	1	75
17	Northumberland,	Newcastle, ..	Second Tuesday in each Month,	3	4	5	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	51
18	Miramichi,	Chatham,	Third Thursday in each Month,	4	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54
19	Leinster,	Saint John, ..	Second Friday in each Month,	7	6	4	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	48
20	Salisbury,	Salisbury,	First Tuesday in each Month,	5	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24
21	Zion,	Sussex,	Wednesday before Full Moon,	11	11	11	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	34
22	New Brunswick,	Saint John, ..	Second Thursday in each Month,	16	16	19	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	65
23	Keith,	Moncton,	Thursday on or after New Moon,	3	4	4	1	3	.....	.....	.....	1	32
24	Zetland,	Shediac,	Third Wednesday in each Month,	3	3	3	1	3	2	.....	.....	.....	32
25	Restigouche,	Dalhousie, ..	Tuesday on or after full moon,	13	11	11	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
26	Victoria, (no returns),	Milltown,	Second Thursday in each month, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
				259	252	254	45	103	12	19	17	3	1593

In Memory of

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Alexander Bullock,

PAST GRAND MASTER,

PAST DISTRICT GRAND MASTER UNDER ENGLAND, AND PAST MASTER OF
THE UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND, NO. 10.

WHO DIED AT SAINT JOHN,

3rd day of February, A. D. 1870.

AGED 70 YEARS.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

DEDICATION OF THE MASONIC HALL, CARLETON,

28th SEPTEMBER, A. L. 5870.

The M. W. the Grand Master, with the officers and members of grand lodge, having formed in due order in one of the reception rooms of the hall, proceeded to the lodge room, and were received by the worshipful master, officers and brethren of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.

A march was performed on the organ, after which the following hymn was sung by the choir:—

Supreme Grand Master! God of power!
Be with us in this solemn hour.
Smile on our work; our plans approve,
Fill ev'ry heart with hope and love.

Let each discordant thought be gone,
And love unite our hearts in one;
May we, in union strong combine
In work and worship so divine.

Grand Lodge was opened at eight o'clock, P. M., in *ample* form, with prayer by the acting grand chaplain, the following officers and acting officers being

PRESENT:

M. W. B. LESTER PETERS,.....Grand Master.
R. W. WM. WEDDERBURN,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON,.....Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....as Junior Grand Warden.
Rev. Bro. COPERTHWAITE, as Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS,.....Grand Treasurer.

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V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
W. DAVID MAIN,.....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. THOMAS IRVING,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Asst. G. Dir. Ceremonies.
W. S. WRIGHT GOLDING,....as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. JOHN MULLIN,.....Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,....Grand Pursuivant.

Together with many past grand officers and the masters, past masters, wardens and brethren of lodges, numbering about three hundred.

The W. M. of Carleton Union Lodge, addressing the grand master, said:

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,—The brethren of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, being animated by a desire to promote the honor and advance the interests of the craft, have erected a masonic hall for their convenience and accommodation.

They are desirous that the hall should be examined by the grand lodge, and if it should meet with approbation, that it be solemnly dedicated to masonic purposes, according to ancient form and usage.

The architect, with the working tools, accompanied by the building committee, advanced to the centre of the lodge and addressed the grand master:

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—Having been invested with the superintendence and management of the workmen employed in the construction of this edifice, and having, to the best of my ability, accomplished the task assigned to me, I now surrender the implements committed to my care, with the hope that the work will meet with your approbation and that of the grand lodge.

The grand director of ceremonies received the working tools, and by direction of the grand master handed

The *square* to the deputy grand master ;
 The *level* to the senior grand warden, and
 The *plumb* to the junior grand warden.

The G. D. C. organized a procession in the following order :

Two grand stewards with rods,
 Two grand deacons with rods,
 Senior and junior grand wardens,
 Deputy Grand Master,

who, with the architect, made examination of the building and returned to their several stations.

Grand Master to Deputy Grand Master—"What is the proper jewel of your office?"

Response—"The square."

G. M.—"Have you applied the square to the parts of this building that should be square?"

D. G. M.—"I have, most worshipful, and the craftsmen have done their duty."

Grand Master to Senior Grand Warden—"What is the proper jewel of your office?"

S. G. W.—"The level."

G. M.—"Have you applied the level to this hall?"

S. G. W.—"I have, most worshipful, and the craftsmen have done their duty."

Grand Master to Junior Grand Warden—"What is the proper jewel of your office?"

J. G. W.—"The plumb."

G. M.—"Have you applied the plumb to the several parts of this edifice that should be plumb?"

J. G. W.—"I have, most worshipful, and the craftsmen have done their duty."

Grand Master to Architect:—"Brother Architect,—The

skill and ability displayed in the execution of the trust reposed in you have received the entire approbation of grand lodge, and they sincerely pray that this edifice may continue a lasting monument of the taste, spirit and ability of its founders."

Deputy Grand Master to Grand Master:—"Most Worshipful,—The hall in which we are now assembled and the plan upon which it has been constructed having met your approbation, it is the desire of the fraternity that it shall now be dedicated according to ancient form and usage."

The following ode was sung by the choir:—

All hail to the morning that bids us rejoice !
 The temple's completed ; exalt high each voice !
 The Cap-stone is finished—our labor is o'er ;
 The sound of the gavel shall hail us no more.

Companions, assemble on this joyful day ;
 The occasion is glorious—the Keystone to lay.
 Fulfilled is the promise by the Ancient of Days,
 To bring forth the Cap-stone with shouting and praise.

There's no more occasion for level or plumb-line,
 For trowel or gavel, for compass or square ;
 Our works are completed, the ark safely seated,
 And we shall be greeted as workmen most rare.

Now those that are worthy our toils who have shared,
 And proved themselves faithful, shall meet their reward ;
 Their virtue and knowledge, industry and skill,
 Have our approbation—have gained our good will.

Almighty Jehovah ! descend now and fill
 This lodge with Thy glory—our hearts with good-will ;
 Preside at our meetings ; assist us to find
 True pleasure in teaching good-will to mankind.

After singing the foregoing, the M. W. Grand Master delivered an address upon the forms and ceremonies peculiar to dedication services, and explained their symbolic meaning.

Thereupon, the officers of grand lodge and the worshipful master, past masters and officers of Carleton Union Lodge, formed in due order around the alter, when the *lodge* was uncovered.

Scripture reading by grand chaplain—1st Kings, vii., 13, 14,—during which the officers moved in procession round the hall.

The junior grand warden presented the vessel of corn to the grand master and said:—"Most Worshipful,—In the dedication of masonic halls, it has been of immemorial custom to pour corn upon the lodge as an emblem of nourishment. I therefore present to you this vessel of corn, to be employed by you according to ancient usage."

Grand master, pouring the corn:—"In the name of the Great Jehovah to whom be all power and glory, I do solemnly dedicate this hall to Freemasonry."

Singing by the choir:

Genius of Masonry! descend,
And with thee bring thy spotless train:
Constant our sacred rites attend,
While we adore thy peaceful reign.

The procession moved a second time round the hall, during which the grand chaplain read from 1st Kings, vii., 15, 16, 17.

The senior grand warden presented the grand master with the vessel of wine and said:—"Most Worshipful,—Wine, the emblem of refreshment, having been used by our ancient brethren in the consecration of their lodges, I present to you this vessel of wine, to be used according to ancient custom."

Grand Master, pouring the wine:—"In the name of the Holy Saints John, I dedicate this hall to Virtue."

Singing by the choir:

Bring with thee Virtue, brightest maid;
Bring love, bring truth and friendship here;
While kind relief will lend her aid
To smoothe the wrinkled brow of care.

The procession moved a third time round the hall, while the grand chaplain read from 1st Kings, vii., 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.

The deputy grand master presented the grand master with the vessel of oil and said:—"Most Worshipful,—I present you, to be used according to ancient custom, this vessel of oil, an emblem of that joy which animates us on the successful completion of this important undertaking."

Grand Master, pouring the oil:—"In the name of the whole fraternity, I do solemnly dedicate this hall to Universal Benevolence."

Singing by the choir:

Come Charity, with goodness crowned,
Encircled in thy Heavenly robe;
Diffuse thy blessings all around
To every corner of the globe.

Invocation by grand master:—"May the Great Architect of the Universe, the giver of every good and perfect gift, bless this lodge, and grant to the brethren here assembled, in needful supply, the Corn of Nourishment, the Wine of Refreshment and the Oil of Joy. Amen."

Response,—“So mote it be.”

Singing by the choir:

To Heaven's high Architect all praise—
All praise, all gratitude be given,
Who deigned the human soul to raise
By mystic secrets sprung from Heaven.

Prayer by the V. W. the Grand Chaplain.

The grand officers thereupon resumed their stations when the following proclamation was made in the east, west and south by the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, the grand honors being given at each proclamation :

"I am directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to proclaim, and I do hereby proclaim, that this masonic hall has been solemnly dedicated according to ancient form and usage."

The anthem, "The Earth is the Lord's," was sung by the choir.

The M. W. the Grand Master made a few appropriate remarks, after which he introduced W. Brother John V. Ellis, Past G. D. C., and Past Master of Carleton Union Lodge, who delivered an eloquent and interesting oration, in which was included an outline of the history and progress of the lodge, whose spirited endeavours had erected and completed the beautiful hall just dedicated.

Grand Lodge was called to refreshment, when the brethren proceeded to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous entertainment, prepared by the lady friends of the Carleton brethren, awaited them, to which ample justice was done.

After supper grand lodge was called to labor again, when the choir sung the following hymn :—

Air.—"Old Hundred."

Master Supreme ! accept our praise ;

Still bless this consecrated band.

Parent of Light ! illumine our ways,

And guide us by Thy sovereign hand.

May Faith, Hope, Charity, divine,

Here hold their undivided reign ;

Friendship and harmony combine

To soothe our cares and banish pain.

May Wisdom here disciples find—

Beauty unfold her thousand charms ;

Science invigorate the mind—

Expand the soul that virtue warms.

May pity dwell within each breast—

Relief attend the suffering poor ;

Thousands by this our lodge be blest,

Till worth, distress'd, shall want no more.

Grand Lodge was thereupon closed in *ample* form.

The choir sung :

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord !

Eternal truth attends Thy word !

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,

Till sun shall rise and set no more.

The benediction was pronounced by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Wm. J. Rounting
Grand Secy.