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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

SEPTEMBER 24th and 25th, A.D., 1873.

The sixth 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 24th day of September, A. L. 5873, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT :

M. W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Grand Master.
 R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,....Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. HENRY LEONARD, ...as Senior Grand Warden.
 R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....as Junior Grand Warden.
 V. W. Rev. HOWARD SPRAGUE, Grand Chaplain.
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 W. HARRY BECKWITH,.....Senior Grand Deacon.
 W. EDWARD L. WETMORE,..as Junior Grand Deacon.
 W. THOS. N. ROBERTSON, ..as Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
 W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING, Asst. G. Dir. Ceremonies.
 W. GEORGE E. ELLIOTT,....as Grand Standard Bearer.
 W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.

W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY, . . . Grand Pursuivant.
 W. GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER, . . . Grand Steward.
 W. JAMES SAUNDERS, do.
 W. J. ALFRED CLARK, do.
 W. HENRY DUFFELL, do,
 Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER, Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH, Past Grand Master.
 R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON, Past S. G. Warden.
 R. W. DAVID BROWN, Past J. G. Warden.
 W. JOHN WILLIS, Past S. G. Deacon.
 W. ROBERT MARSHALL, Past J. G. Deacon.
 W. JAMES McDUGALL, Past G. Sword Bearer.
 W. JOHN MULLIN, Past G. Standard Bearer.
 W. JAMES McNICHOL, jr., Past Grand Pursuivant.
 W. DAVID R. MUNRO, do. do.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form.

The Grand Secretary read the "Regulations for the government of grand lodge during the time of business."

It was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That the reading of the records of the last annual communication be dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed among the representatives, and that they be taken as read and confirmed.

W. Bros. Charles U. Hanford and William R. Russell, Committee on Credentials, reported the following representative in attendance and entitled to seats in grand lodge, viz:—

Albion Lodge, No. 1, Freeman W. Wisdom, W. M.
 Chas. McLauchlan, jr., S. W.
 James A. Hoyt, J. W.
 Robert T. Clinch, P. M.

Edwin J. Everett, P. M.
 T. Nisbet Robertson, P. M.
 William W. Emslie, P. M.
 Geo. E. Fairweather, P. M.
 Thomas M. Reed, P. M.
 Christopher Murray, P. M.
 Alfred Markham, P. M.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2, Thomas O. Sandall, W. M.
 Augustus P. Rolph, S. W.
 William M. Sears, J. W.
 Wm. H. A. Keans, P. M.
 Wm. F. Bunting, P. M.
 James G. Forbes, P. M.
 Jos. C. Hatheway, P. M.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, William J. Logan, W. M.
 Mark N. Powers, P. M.
 John Mullin, P. M.
 John Johnston, P. M.
 George Kilnapp, P. M.
 James Saunders, P. M.

Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5, George E. Elliott, W. M.
 Benj. R. Stevenson, P. M.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 6, Edward L. Wetmore, W. M.
 Alfred F. Street, S. W.
 Harry Beckwith, P. M.
 George Todd, P. M.
 Harris Allan, P. M.

Sussex Lodge, No. 7, David Brown, P. M.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, J. Alfred Clark, W. M.
 John V. Ellis, P. M.
 Henry Leonard, P. M.

- Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
Charles Ketchum, P.M.
- Midian Lodge, No. 9*,..... E. P. Flewelling, W.M.
David P. Wetmore, P.M.
G. H. Flewelling, P.M.
- Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10*, Charles U. Hanford, W.M.
Samuel Edgett, S.W.
John Melick, J.W.
Henry Duffell, P.M.
Robert Marshall, P.M.
David R. Munro, P.M.
William C. Morissey, P.M.
- Alley Lodge, No. 14*,..... David U. Porter, S.W.
- Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16*,..... John Robertson, S.W.
William Brown, J.W.
Edward Tweedie, P.M.
James McDougall, P.M.
- Leinster Lodge, No. 19*,..... Moses L. Goss, W.M.
Thomas C. Wetmore, J.W.
John Willis, P.M.
Edward Willis, P.M.
Alfred A. Stockton, P.M.
Asaph G. Blakslee, P.M.
- Salisbury Lodge, No. 20*,..... Elias W. Elliott, P.M.
- New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22*, Robt. J. McAdoo, W.M.
Alexander Morrison, S.W.
David Dearness, J.W.
James McNichol, Jr., P.M.
William R. Russell, P.M.
Wm. G. McFarlane, P.M.

- Victoria Lodge, No. 26*,..... Arthur H. Milberry, J.W.
- Lebanon Lodge, No. 28*,..... Charles A. Bowser, J.W.
- Saint Andrews Lodge, No. 29*,.. William Lockhart, S.W.
George F. Gregory, P.M.
- St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30*,..... Jacob H. Mosher, S.W.

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

Grand Master's Annual Address.

To the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge:

BRETHREN,—There could not be a more appropriate season for the annual assembling of grand lodge than that of the autumnal equinox, when nature is bringing to a close her labors for the year. The mellow fruit and the golden grain, which have been ripening under the summer's sun, are gathered by the husbandman who now stands face to face with the results of his labor. Spring, gorgeous in her apparel, glorious in her beauty, eloquent with the voices of nature, is the season of youth and of promise. Autumn is the season of fulfillment. Spring is rich in hope. Autumn's treasures are the realization of that hope to the industrious and faithful toiler. So, when we gather together at this autumn-tide, nature herself, speaking by a symbolism that it is not difficult to interpret, bids us remember that the fruits of our harvest are the results of our toil. As we have sown so shall we reap. If we have faithfully and diligently performed our allotted tasks in the days that have been gathered into the inexorable past, the results will be satisfactory to ourselves and beneficial to our fellows. The season should teach us to make the examination rigidly, honestly and faithfully.

It affords me pleasure to be able to say that, during the year that is just closing, the circle of brethren prominent in the affairs of grand lodge has not been broken by a single death. For His tender mercies to us in this and in every other respect we reverently offer to the Grand Architect of the Universe the "acceptable incense of obedient and grateful hearts."

There has, however, occurred in the year one death of which grand lodge will not fail to take official notice. The distinguished nobleman,

the Earl of Zetland, who, for a quarter of a century presided with such grace and courtesy over the Grand Lodge of England, whose sign manual was attached to nearly every warrant formerly held in this province, and whose name is yet familiar in our mouths as a household word, has been called to his eternal rest. It will be a proper mark of our respect to pass an address of condolence to the Grand Lodge of England on the loss the fraternity has sustained by the death of this eminent and honored brother.

We have extended our friendly relations with the Grand Lodges of Scotland, New Jersey and Michigan by an interchange of representatives. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Scotland has appointed as the representative of his grand lodge at the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, an eminent and distinguished brother, conferring on him, at the same time, an honorable past rank in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and transmitting to him through our grand secretary the jewel and clothing of that rank. I have appointed as the representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick at the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Brother Alexander Hay, who has, since the organization of our grand lodge, taken a deep interest in its welfare, given us much kindly assistance, and shown our brothers visiting Edinburgh many courtesies. Brother Hay has been formally received in his representative capacity by the Grand Master of Scotland, as will be seen by the correspondence on the grand secretary's table. I respectfully ask grand lodge to confirm this appointment, and recommend, as a proper courtesy in this case, that the rank of Junior Grand Warden be conferred upon Brother Hay. I also ask grand lodge to confirm the appointment of R. W. Bro. D. Burnham Tracey as our representative to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and of R. W. Bro. Daniel B. Bruen, as our representative to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Applications for recognition have been received from bodies claiming to be Grand Orients in Egypt and Hungary. These will be laid before you by the grand secretary.

Circular letters have been received from two or three grand lodges with whom we are in friendly communication, announcing the suspension of their fraternal relations with each other. It is to be hoped that the differences existing between these supreme bodies will be speedily settled, or at least modified, so that harmony being restored, the only contention existing among regular masons shall be as to who can best work and best agree.

I have been invited by the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, as your

grand master, to participate in the ceremony of dedicating the magnificent masonic temple just completed in the city of Philadelphia. The ceremony takes place during the present week, and it was therefore, impossible for me to accept the courteous invitation. I also received an invitation from the worshipful master, wardens and brethren of Acacia Lodge at Amherst, N. S., to be present at the dedication of their new hall by the grand master and officers of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, an invitation endorsed by the venerable grand master of Nova Scotia. I accepted the invitation so endorsed in the fervent hope that I would be able to meet our distinguished brother on the borders of our respective jurisdictions, but unexpectedly, and to my very great regret, I was prevented from carrying out that intention.

Application was made to me by the Union Lodge, No. 18, Halifax, for authority to raise to the third degree, three initiates of that lodge, residents of the city of Saint John and men of color. These parties had been admitted in Halifax in violation of our jurisdictional rights, and the grand lodge of Nova Scotia had, on the matter being brought to its notice, promptly disavowed the error of its subordinate. In reply to the request, the grand secretary informed the Union Lodge, that "as this subject had been formerly remitted to the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, it would seem to be proper and courteous to him and to his grand lodge, that you prefer your application through the Grand Secretary of Nova Scotia," and added an intimation that, if made in this way, it would probably be granted. Since that reply was sent nothing further has been done in the matter.

A communication has been received from Worshipful Brother D. E. Seymour, our representative at the Grand Lodge of Maine, informing us that the Alley Lodge at Upper Mills had been making masons of persons whose residence is within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine. The grand secretary has brought the matter under the notice of Alley Lodge, asking for information, and has assured the Grand Master of Maine that no such invasion of the territory occupied by his grand lodge will be permitted by the masonic authorities in the province of New Brunswick. The correspondence is not yet closed; but there is nothing in the matter to call for immediate action on the part of grand lodge. It is but just to state that the position of Alley Lodge is very peculiar. The community in which it is located may fairly be stated to exist on both sides of the boundary line, which is here but a narrow stream; and a man at one time of the year may reside on one side of the line, whilst at another time he may reside on

the other. On a recent visit to the lodge I found to my surprise that the worshipful master and many of the officers were residents in the United States. The greeting that I received from them was most cordial, and the fact that we hailed from different nationalities seemed to intensify our fraternal regards for each other. I exhorted the worshipful master to be exceedingly careful in respect of the candidates whose applications he received.

An application was made to the grand secretary on behalf of certain gentlemen claiming to be masons, and working on the line of the Intercolonial Railway, in the province of Quebec, for masonic instruction. They thought that as they were over 200 miles away from the nearest lodge in the jurisdiction within which they lived, and that as Restigouche Lodge, No. 25, was only seventy miles distant, some opportunity might be given to secure for them the instruction through that lodge which they desired. While fully appreciating their zeal for masonic knowledge, I felt that as they lived within another jurisdiction, no official steps could be taken to meet their wishes. The grand secretary so informed them.

There is a difference between the "clothing" recognized in the work and that required by the constitution. It would be well to have that difference harmonized, not only for the sake of uniformity, but because it is liable to lead to awkward results. I respectfully urge upon grand lodge to direct the ritual committee to take the question into its consideration, and to report at our next annual session if any change is desirable to harmonize this difference, and if desirable, how can it be effected.

Grand lodge is deeply interested in the masonic temple which it is proposed to erect in the city of Saint John, and for the building of which a company has been incorporated under an act of the provincial legislature. In such a company grand lodge should, for many reasons, be the principal and controlling stockholder. A masonic temple is required not only for the accommodation of the private lodges in this city, but for the accommodation of grand lodge at its annual assembly, and for the proper care of our records and other rapidly accumulating property. It seems almost useless to devise plans for founding a grand lodge library, or for procuring portraits of our past grand masters, until there are suitable apartments in which these may be placed where they can be accessible to every member of the fraternity. I earnestly recommend this matter to the careful consideration of grand lodge at its present session, with the suggestion that it would not be a heavy

burden to assume the responsibility of stock to the extent of ten thousand dollars in the masonic hall company. I believe that a scheme could be devised to raise the funds as fast as required; and that an appeal to the lodges in the jurisdiction to this end would be heartily responded to by them. The investment might not pay directly for a few years, as well as some others, but directly and indirectly it would be a great benefit to grand lodge to have in this city a masonic hall commensurate with the standing and position of the fraternity. Eventually, looking at the excellence and eligibility of the site which has been chosen, the property, if judiciously managed, must yield a handsome return on the amount invested. I think that through this proposed temple grand lodge may be able to secure a permanent charity fund, which would enable us to do much good in dispensing assistance to the needy and deserving of our own family.

The sum of one hundred dollars voted last session to Zion Lodge, No. 21, Sussex, in aid of its hall, was forwarded by the grand secretary, and the lodge transmitted a kindly vote of thanks for the gift.

I found it necessary, early in the year, to suspend the labors of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, pending the final settlement of certain charges preferred against the worshipful master elect of the lodge, and arising out of a pernicious system of canvassing for office which appeared to prevail in that lodge. The matter will, no doubt, be referred to at full length in the report of the board of general purposes, who gave the whole question a careful and thorough sifting. I most sincerely hope that the views of the board on the practice of canvassing for office may be profitably read by all the Masons in the jurisdiction. The suspension of the lodge labors was merely temporary; and the whole difficulty having been, I trust, amicably settled, this spirited lodge will proceed harmoniously in its work. I have, since the installation of its officers, twice attended its meetings unofficially, and have seen no interruption in the good feeling that should ever characterize the meetings of a masonic lodge.

An application was made to me personally, by a brother hailing from a sister jurisdiction, to issue a circular as grand master, to all the lodges in the province, asking them to subscribe, through the office of the grand secretary, to a book of which he was the author. The brother was suffering from a severe infirmity, which prevented him from making a personal canvass through the country, and he came armed with printed letters and circulars, such as he desired to have issued here, from the grand master and other brethren high in position

in the jurisdiction in which he had resided. I sympathised deeply with his misfortune, and felt keenly my regret that a sense of duty compelled me to refuse his request. Our constitution prohibits private lodges from issuing certificates to enable brethren to proceed from place to place seeking aid. I not only felt that in a case of this kind the grand master ought not to do what was pre-eminently contrary to the system here established among our subordinate lodges, but that if the grand master proceeded to endorse the works of one brother, he would have to do it for another, and that it would be hard to draw the dividing line; one day it might be books, another day it might be some other article of commerce. If I asked the lodges to help an infirm brother to sell what might be an inferior book, could I refuse an able-bodied brother my countenance and official signature when he desired to sell masonic books? I must confess that the fact that brethren holding sway in jurisdictions whose subordinates are numbered by hundreds, had issued such circulars, and had lent the names of their grand lodges to such a system of canvassing, made me somewhat doubtful as to whether I was right in refusing the demand. But my views of the principles involved overcame my fears, and I declined the request.

Early in the year the worshipful master of Restigouche Lodge, No. 25, applied for instructions as to the course he should take in respect to a brother hailing from St. John's Lodge, No. 347, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who had been a visitor to Restigouche Lodge, and who was charged with a serious crime, in violation of his masonic vows, against the honor of a member of that lodge. I directed the worshipful master, through the grand secretary, to place the offending brother on his trial, make an investigation into the facts, and submit a report. The papers on the subject will be laid before you, and I think you will conclude with me that there are good grounds to justify, by formal vote of grand lodge, the exclusion of the accused from all masonic fellowship with the brethren in this province, and an application to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to expel him from the fraternity. I know of no other mode of reaching him, as his name is not borne upon our roll.

Several applications have been made from time to time from different lodges and brothers for information as to accepting persons not physically qualified, or concerning whose physical qualifications there appeared to be doubt. It is, of course, impossible for the grand master or the grand secretary who has never seen an individual, to judge of

his fitness, but there is one safe rule in these matters, and that is a compliance with the ancient custom. The grand secretary has, therefore, uniformly replied to all letters on this subject that unless the person is physically competent to fulfil all the requirements of our ritual, he is ineligible, it having been declared by grand lodge "that candidates must be physically qualified to fulfil all the requirements of initiating, passing and raising, and that however much it may be regretted that in particular instances the craft is, by an adherence to the ancient regulations, deprived of the membership of otherwise worthy applicants, the interests of freemasonry are best conserved by a due observance of the ancient landmarks of the fraternity."

During the year I have officially visited and inspected all of the lodges whose meetings are held in this hall. These visitations were pleasing to myself, and must have been so to the brethren visited, not only because of the opportunities for fraternal intercourse which they afforded, but because of the large number of members of grand lodge who aided and countenanced me by their presence and assistance. I installed the officers of most of the lodges; and, in addition to the official visits, have privately visited some of them once or twice during the year. The official visit to St. John's Lodge, No. 2, was marked, not only by the interesting fact that it was the occasion of the twenty-first anniversary of the admission into the fraternity and the lodge of our grand secretary, but by a social gathering of the most pleasing character.

There is no reason why each lodge meeting in Saint John should not be a model lodge, both in its mode of work and in the conduct of its business. If there is any deficiency in either of these respects it arises out of causes which the brethren themselves may control. For three or four years the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, held here under dispensation issued to the grand secretary, has been a school in which every brother in St. John had an opportunity to learn, and to learn thoroughly. The services of our very worshipful brother, given freely, for love of the institution and out of a desire to promote its interests, have been most beneficial in training masters and other officers to faithfully discharge the duties which they are called upon to perform; and the whole of the lodges in the city, and grand lodge itself, is placed under a debt of gratitude to our brother for his unselfish labors. At the close of the last session of Emulation Lodge an arrangement was made for an exemplification by it of the third degree, before the officers of grand lodge — the work being done under

the warrant of St. John's Lodge. Illness prevented my attendance, but Rt. Worshipful Brother Clinch, who attended in my place with the officers of grand lodge, expressed his lively satisfaction at the correct and efficient manner in which the work was rendered.

On January 6th, with the assistance of

R. W. Brother Edward Willis,	Deputy Grand Master,
W. " M. N. Powers,	as Senior Grand Warden,
W. " Jas. McNichol, jr.,	as Junior Grand Warden,
W. " J. C. Hatheway,	as Grand Secretary,
W. " Silas H. Brown,	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies,

and several other brethren from Saint John, I formally constituted and consecrated Saint Martins Lodge, No. 30, at Quaco, and installed the office-bearers. I believe that this lodge has before it a bright future. The brethren that I met impressed me favorably. They are anxious to do good work, and are earnest and energetic. They have already taken steps to secure the erection of a hall of their own, and are apparently determined that their lodge, though last on the roll, shall be among the first in extending the beneficent principles of the masonic fraternity.

On the 15th day of April, with

W. Brother David R. Munro,	as Senior Grand Warden,
W. " C. P. Harris,	as Junior Grand Warden,
W. " John Melick,	as Grand Secretary,

and with many of the brethren of Keith Lodge, No. 23, Moncton, I officially visited Zetland Lodge, No. 24, Shediac, inspected the records and installed the worshipful master and other office-bearers. This lodge has a neat hall for its own use; we found its general condition satisfactory and a good spirit prevailing.

On May 27th I visited Lebanon Lodge, No. 28, at Sackville, accompanied by

Brother Geo. H. Clark, as Grand Secretary.

We examined the records of the lodge, and inspected a portion of the work in the first degree. This lodge was instituted in 1871. It has not made very rapid progress, but it has recently moved into a new room, and appears to be in better condition than it was when I visited it in 1872. It has a devoted and faithful member in Past Master Hallett, and several of the brethren are well informed in the ritual. The lodge is situated in a flourishing section of the province, and may be made to take a very important position.

On June 4th, with

R. W. Brother Edward Willis,	Deputy Grand Master,
W. " F. W. Wisdom,	as Senior Grand Warden,
W. " M. L. Gross,	as Junior Grand Warden,
V. W. " W. F. Bunting,	Grand Secretary,
" J. Smith McLaren,	as Senior Grand Deacon,
" Thomas Walker,	as Junior Grand Deacon,

and accompanied by many other brethren from St. John, I officially visited Zion Lodge, No. 21, Sussex, and made the usual inspection. The first and third degrees were conferred under the direction of the officers of grand lodge. Zion Lodge, although it has not a large membership, owns a very fine hall, which is now approaching completion, and is in the hands of earnest and devoted brethren.

On the following evening, June 5th, accompanied by

R. W. Brother Edward Willis,	Deputy Grand Master,
W. " Henry Leonard,	as Senior Grand Warden,
W. " Chas. U. Hanford,	as Junior Grand Warden,
V. W. " W. F. Bunting,	Grand Secretary,
W. " Harry Beckwith,	Senior Grand Deacon,

and by R. W. Brother John Richards, P. J. G. W., and many of the past masters and officers of Solomon's Lodge, No. 6, I visited St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29, at Fredericton, and witnessed an exemplification of the work. In this lodge are many masonic veterans, and although it has only recently ranged itself under the banners of our grand lodge, the officers have made fair progress in accommodating themselves to the new order of things, and there is no doubt but that the association will be mutually pleasing.

Between the 26th and 31st July I officially visited the three lodges on the St. Croix river, in the following order:—Alley Lodge, No. 14, Upper Mills; Victoria Lodge, No. 26, Milltown; and Sussex Lodge, No. 7, St. Stephen. I was accompanied from St. John in these visitations by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, by Past Grand Master Clinch, and by W. Brothers Leonard and Forbes from St. John, and by Brother A. F. Street of Fredericton. The Rt. Worshipful Junior Grand Warden accompanied me on the official visit to Victoria Lodge; and the leading brethren of the different lodges in the vicinity enabled me to select a full and efficient corps of grand lodge officers on each visitation. We were also fortunate enough to receive the co-operation of Worshipful Brother Seymour, our representative to the Grand Lodge of Maine. At each visit we made an inspection of the records

and proceedings of the lodge visited. We saw portions of the work exemplified on actual candidates, or rehearsed, in each lodge. With the condition of the lodges generally I was well pleased. We had on each occasion large numbers of the brethren of our own jurisdiction and many from the neighboring State of Maine, and each meeting was as genial and pleasant a season of fraternal intercourse as it was ever my good fortune to enjoy. Making our headquarters at St. Stephen, we laid ourselves under many obligations privately and masonically to the brethren of that place, and more particularly to Past Masters Brown, Main, Inches and Rose. The benefits that must unquestionably accrue to the fraternity in that section from this official visit are largely due to the kindness and liberality of the members of Sussex Lodge.

On the 3rd September, with

R. W. Brother W. F. Dibblee,	as Senior Grand Warden,
" " E. J. Wetmore,	as Junior Grand Warden,
W. Brother Jas. McNichol, jr.,	as Grand Secretary,
" " Robt. J. McAdoo,	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies,

I made official visit to Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, Woodstock, — the first that has been made to it since the formation of grand lodge, inspected the records, and witnessed the conferring of the third degree. This lodge has a hall solely for its own use. It has on its roll many well-informed and intelligent brethren, and its general exhibit on the occasion of our visit was satisfactory.

All of these visitations have pleased me very much, not alone because of the cordial way in which I and my officers were received, but because the lodges appeared to be in better condition than might have been expected, owing to their distance from the seat of the central authority. I will not say that the ritual is, in every case, wholly identical in language with that adopted by grand lodge, but it is sufficiently near the standard to enable men who desire to live by its teachings to become good masons. The records generally are well kept, and the business with few exceptions is transacted correctly. All of the lodges are properly supplied with the lights, jewels, working tools and other requisites for a proper rendering of our ceremonies. I pointed out to each lodge, either in the work or in the mode of transacting business, any mistake or discrepancy that I thought should be rectified, and the suggestions made, and even the rebukes administered, though these were happily few, were received in the best possible spirit.

Among the variety of questions propounded officially for my con-

sideration there were few of general interest. To an enquiry whether a resident of a neighboring province could be accepted in a lodge in this jurisdiction, the lodge nearest his residence in the other province consenting, I directed the grand secretary to reply that I thought the consent of the grand master of that jurisdiction must be obtained by the applicant, to enable him to petition away from the jurisdiction in which he lived. I can understand a lodge waiving its rights over a candidate to another lodge on the same registry; but it appears to me to give permission to go outside of the limits of the grand lodge in which a man lives is a sovereign act, and cannot be exercised by a subordinate. I decided, on an application to that effect, that the law and practice in this province did not allow of the installation in public of the officers of a lodge, and I knew of no power possessed by the grand master to enable him to issue a dispensation to legalize such a public installation. I also decided that the refusal of a lodge to receive the petition of an applicant for initiation is equivalent to a rejection, and that a candidate whose petition has not been received cannot again petition within six months. I decided, also, that a ballot taken upon an application for admission is irregular and illegal, when the grand lodge laws respecting the sending of the name, age, residence and occupation of the petitioner to every member of the lodge, have not been obeyed.

Among the dispensations issued during the year was one to enable Keith Lodge, No. 23, Moncton, to hold a meeting for the election of its office-bearers, the lodge having failed to hold a meeting on the day fixed by law for the election. I also issued a dispensation to enable the Worshipful Master of Salisbury Lodge to serve a third term, as there was no past master in the lodge, and none of the wardens was willing to accept the chair. Few dispensations have been issued to enable lodges to pass or raise brethren within the constitutional period. Several applications for dispensations have been refused, and in the cases granted the emergency seemed to justify the exercise of the power vested in the grand master by the constitution. When dispensations have been applied for to enable lodges to wear masonic clothing at public balls or parties of a mixed character, attended by other persons than masons or members of their own households, I have reluctantly granted the dispensations, because it appears to have been the custom to permit the display of masonic clothing at such parties. But the grand secretary has endeavored to impress upon lodges that the custom would be more honored in the breach than in the observance,

and that it was not desirable to give entertainments of this kind, throwing them open by public advertisement to all kinds of persons. I have found that, occasionally, lodges desiring dispensations have issued summonses, invited other lodges to participate in their arrangements, and proceeded entirely as though the granting of a dispensation was a mere matter of form, to be had simply for the asking. In one or two cases I have felt it to be my duty to refuse applications for dispensations, after lodges had made their arrangements, and my only regret was that some innocent brethren were put to much inconvenience by the neglect or indifference of the master and wardens to take the right steps at the proper time.

The bye-laws of several lodges have been submitted for approval during the term. Where lodges have adopted as part of their bye-laws the provisions of the constitution, I have, as far as possible, erased them, thinking it quite unnecessary (and likely to lead to errors) for a lodge to adopt as a local regulation one that is already binding as a general regulation.

On examining the bye-laws it appears that much confusion exists in the minds of many of the compilers as to the terms "exclusion" and "suspension." These terms are not synonymous. If a brother is "excluded" his connection with his lodge ceases, and he becomes an involuntary unaffiliate. He can only renew his membership in that or any other lodge by following the usual forms for the admission of adjoining members and by undergoing a ballot. "Suspension" does not erase a brother's name from the roll, or absolutely terminate his membership; and in a case where he is suspended for non-payment of dues, his membership may be resumed without any vote of the lodge. I refer to this because lodges are constantly dealing with excluded brethren as if they were suspended, and occasionally with suspended brethren as if they were excluded. A reference to the constitution, page 46, sec. 28, and to page 47, secs. 28 and 29, will show at once that these terms are not convertible.

During my term of office I have freely asked the advice of the board of general purposes on many questions that have arisen for consideration, and that advice has been heartily, freely and faithfully tendered me. I have received every possible assistance from the grand secretary, whose knowledge, correctness and promptness in the discharge of his duties I most heartily recognize; and I have also to return thanks to many distinguished brethren abroad with whom I have corresponded for information given me, and particularly to our

Very Worshipful Brother T. B. Harris, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I have felt it to be one of the duties of my office to carefully note the proceedings of the grand lodges with whom we are in fraternal association, and have, in addition to this, perused the somewhat voluminous reports of the committees on "foreign correspondence" published by many of our sister grand lodges, in which there is sometimes a singular blending of useful information with unnecessary and often injudicious criticism. It appears to me that what may be called the domestic affairs of one jurisdiction are scarcely fit subjects for public criticism in another. Slight differences in the law or practice of one grand lodge are surely not worthy the solemn consideration of even a "foreign correspondence" committee of another. I know of no advantage that can result to freemasonry by attempting to reduce all its forms, ceremonials and observances to one level. It is enough that the essential principles, the aims, the objects of the fraternity, are everywhere the same. Let that suffice. In our respective jurisdictions there is enough practical work to do, without striving for the unattainable and the unnecessary. Generally, the fraternity is in a flourishing condition, and generally harmony prevails. But there are some disturbing elements at work, and occasionally the "sound of the hammer is heard." The voice of freemasonry should ever be the voice of peace. Even nations are beginning to discover that important differences may be settled without an appeal to force. Must we learn, instead of being able to teach? Why should regular grand lodges suspend their amicable relations with each other because they differ on a question that may be even considered of much importance? There is nothing so important in freemasonry as harmony. Its highest law is the law of fraternal love. The attempt of one grand lodge to force another to adopt its peculiar views on any masonic question by suspending fraternal relations, and by issuing high-sounding denunciatory edicts, is certainly subversive of the genuine spirit of this institution. It is more in keeping with that spirit to sustain a wrong than to indignantly resent it. Kindly efforts to settle troublesome questions need never be exhausted in freemasonry. If they fail the seventh or the seventy-seventh time, they will eventually be successful. When I read of grand lodges endeavoring to redress real or imaginary wrongs by a cessation of harmonious relations, by the suspending of fraternal intercourse, and by issuing fierce proclamations, I mourn over the spectacle, but I feel at least a melancholy satisfaction in the

thought that the war, while it lasts, must be carried on entirely on paper.

I would not have referred at such length to any interruptions of the general harmony, did I not think that there is a growing tendency in some grand lodges to compel others to an adoption of their views on various masonic questions by the exercise of force where argument has failed. Such a tendency is to be regretted, though there is little danger of it ever becoming general; but the effort to make it so is damaging to the best interests of the fraternity, and may even prove disastrous to sound masonic government.

In committing to your consideration the various topics to which I have referred; and the various questions which must necessarily arise during the session, I do so brethren, in the full confidence that the spirit of toleration and kindness which has ever characterized our legislation, and which has done us good service in uniting us in this grand lodge, will continue to animate and influence us all. We cannot settle every perplexing question by legislation. Indeed, the more law we have the more does the difficulty increase of satisfactorily expounding the law, and of holding evenly the "doubtful balance of right and wrong." The better I become acquainted with masonic subjects the more I am convinced of the wisdom of that wise conservatism which pervades the legislation of the grand lodges of the mother country—a legislation which, dealing largely with general principles, leaves to the subordinate bodies the widest latitude commensurate with lawful discipline, thus developing, instead of cramping, their individuality. The noble practical charities of these grand lodges are the rich fruits of their wise legislation, and are examples of masonic beneficence and benevolence which it should be our glory, as far as we can, to imitate.

It was moved by W. Bro. James G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

Resolved, That the grand master's address be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

Whereupon, the following were appointed such committee:

W. Bros. Jas. G. Forbes, Robert Marshall and Geo. E. Fairweather.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary submitted his annual report and account, as follows:

Annual Report of Grand Secretary.

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

The Grand Secretary begs respectfully to report:—

That he received from various sources, during the year just ended, the sum of \$1,380.49, upon the following accounts:

Registration fees,.....	\$246.00
Certificates,.....	230.50
Annual dues,.....	802.80
Dispensations,.....	19.50
Constitutions, &c.,.....	30.70
Balances of former years,.....	50.99
Total,.....	\$1380.49

The several amounts, as received, were paid to the grand treasurer, and a detailed account furnished the board of general purposes.

The annual returns for the year ending December 27th, 1872, have been made by all the lodges in the jurisdiction, with the solitary exception of Sussex Lodge, No. 4, of Dorchester. A synopsis of these returns exhibits the work of the year, as follows:

Number Initiated,.....	224
“ Passed,.....	219
“ Raised,.....	215
“ Joined,.....	54
“ Reinstated,.....	6
“ Withdrawn,.....	94
“ Suspended and excluded,....	36
“ Died,.....	21
Total number of members,.....	2038

Twenty dispensations were issued by authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, for the following purposes:

To confer degrees at short periods,.....	7
To bury deceased brethren,.....	8
To authorize a lodge to elect officers, the lodge having omitted to do so at the regular time,.....	1
To elect a worshipful master for a third year,.....	1
To wear regalia in public,.....	3
Total,.....	20

The grand secretary superintended the publication of the proceedings of the last annual communication, under the direction of the board of general purposes, and distributed them in the usual manner.

He has received, with few exceptions, the printed proceedings of sister grand lodges, and has pleasure in acknowledging the fraternal courtesy extended to grand lodge by the publishers of the following masonic periodicals, furnished free of charge, viz :

"The St. Louis Freemason," Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of Missouri, editor and proprietor,

"The Masonic Jewel," of Memphis, Tennessee, Bro. A. J. Wheeler, editor and proprietor,

"The Texas Masonic Mirror," of Houston, Texas. Bro. B. T. Kavanaugh, M. D., editor,

"The Masonic Magazine," published at London, England, by Bro. George Kenning,

"The Masonic Token," published at Portland, Maine, by Bro. Stephen Berry,

"The Michigan Freemason," published at Kalamazoo, and edited by Bro. Foster Pratt, Grand Secretary of Michigan,

"The Freemason's Repository," published at Providence, Rhode Island, by Ferrin & Hammond.

He has also received a reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine from its organization A. D. 1820 to A. D. 1847, a neatly bound volume,

Presentation copies of the constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, — the former published A. D. 1873, the latter A. D. 1872,

The Calender of the Grand Orient of France for 1873,

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book for 1873, published by Bro. George Kenning, London, England; and

The United States Masonic Register, from the compiler, W. Bro. Levi P. Lemont, of Bath, Maine.

The acknowledgments of grand lodge are due the several donors for their fraternal consideration and generosity.

Acting upon a suggestion contained in the last annual report of the grand secretary, grand lodge appointed a library committee, consisting of the president, vice-president and secretary of the board of general purposes. In January last this committee issued printed circulars, and addressed them, through the secre-

taries of the respective lodges, to every member of the craft, as follows:

GRAND LODGE F. & A. M. OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

DEAR BROTHER, — A well-ordered and well-furnished library, under the control and management of grand lodge, must commend itself to the favorable consideration of every member of the craft throughout the province.

To make it effective and valuable its shelves must be supplied not only with works of a purely masonic character, but with those embracing the general literature of the past and the present, to the end that every class of reader and scholar may be instructed.

Grand lodges in various parts of the world have already taken the initiative in this direction, and are now enjoying the benefits accruing therefrom in the increased zeal and masonic knowledge of the brethren within their several jurisdictions.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, stimulated by these considerations, and desirous of occupying a leading position in *all good works*, did, at the last annual communication, resolve upon the formation of a Masonic Library, the success and permanent establishment of which, it is hoped, will receive the hearty concurrence of all freemasons.

The undersigned committee, appointed by grand lodge to superintend the LIBRARY, desire to lay the matter before every member of the fraternity, and to ask each to give a helping hand; it being of course well understood that the limited resources of grand lodge will prevent any large appropriation towards the LIBRARY FUND, and are necessarily inadequate to prosecute the work with desired success. Under these circumstances the committee are induced to appeal to the brethren generally throughout the province for assistance and cooperation.

Donations in MONEY, BOOKS, MANUSCRIPTS, ENGRAVINGS, &c., &c., will be most acceptable.

Brother: You are fraternally solicited to assist in this really good work, and are requested to secure the cooperation of your brethren and friends.

Forward books of every class and description.

Books on History; Books on Biography; Books on Science; Books on Art; Books on all subjects.

Forward donations in money.

Give all the aid in your power.

Please direct to the Grand Secretary, who will defray all postage and express expenses.

Yours fraternally,

EDWARD WILLIS, D. G. M.,

Presl. Board G. P.

ROBERT MARSHALL,

Vice-President.

WM. F. BUNTING,

Grand Secretary.

Saint John, N. B., 20th January, 1873.

Extraordinary as it may seem, only two responses were made to this appeal, fraternally made to the large number of masons in the jurisdiction, viz: by Bro. Thos. H. Lynn, of Saint John's Lodge, No. 2, and W. Brother Robert Marshall, of Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10. From the former the grand secretary received a donation in money,

and from the latter a large number of volumes and pamphlets. The thoughtful and generous acts of these brethren stand out in bold relief against the apparent lethargy of the remaining members of the craft.

Taking advantage of the visit of Past Grand Master R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters to Great Britain and Europe, the committee placed in his hands a draft for twenty pounds sterling, to be expended in the purchase of books, &c. The opportunity thus afforded, together with the well known good judgment and erudition of Bro. Peters, will be advantageous to the contemplated library.

In furtherance of this good work the grand secretary mailed circulars to the grand secretaries of sister jurisdictions, as follows :

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY F. & A. M.
OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

St. John, N. B., 19th February, 1873.

To R. W. Bro.

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge F. A. M. of

Dear Sir and R. W. Brother,—

May I fraternally ask you to assist us in our efforts to secure the printed proceedings of sister jurisdictions.

Our Grand Lodge was organized in 1867, and we are particularly desirous to possess, for our library shelves, complete sets of proceedings from that year to the present. We also desire to procure reprints, in so far as they have been issued.

If the proceedings of your grand lodge have been reprinted, and if you can and will spare us a copy, we will feel deeply grateful, and will cheerfully pay the publishing price together with the expense of forwarding by express or mail.

Since 1867 we have received the proceedings of your grand lodge for the several years, except the following, viz., Will you kindly supply the missing years, if you can?

Relying on your friendly and fraternal offices in our behalf,

I remain,

Yours obediently and fraternally,

W. F. BUNTING,

Grand Secretary.

He has pleasure in acknowledging the fraternal courtesy of the Grand Secretaries of Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Virginia and Washington Territory, who promptly furnished the missing years of their respective grand lodges.

The number of copies of the last edition of the constitution is becoming so limited that a further supply will soon be needed. In considering this matter it might be advisable for grand lodge to entertain the propriety of appointing a committee to revise the constitution prior to any order being given for publication.

The grand secretary has made arrangements with the proprietors and managers of the Intercolonial Railway, the Consolidated E. & N. A. Railway, the N. B. and Canada Railway, the Quebec and Gulf Ports S. S. Co., and the steamer City of Saint John, for the conveyance of brethren attending grand lodge, to and from Saint John during the present session, at excursion rates of fare. He begs to suggest that grand lodge express by vote its thanks for the liberality thus extended.

In accordance with section 6, page 27, of the constitution, the following notice to amend the constitution has been duly fyled by W. Brother Henry Duffell, P. M. of Lodge No. 10, viz. :

"I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of grand lodge I shall move to strike out section 3 of the constitution, under the head of 'Private Lodges.'

August 20th, 1873.

H. DUFFELL."

The books, accounts, papers, &c., of the grand secretary's office are submitted for the inspection of grand lodge.

The reports from the respective lodges throughout the jurisdiction tend to show that they are steadily increasing in numerical strength, and that their affairs generally are in a satisfactory and flourishing condition.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

St. John, N. B., 24th September, 1873.

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

Cash received from Albion Lodge,.....	No. 1,	\$36 70
" " St. John's,.....	" 2,	78 00
" " Hibernia,.....	" 3,	89 40
" " Sussex,.....	" 4,	28 59
" " St. Mark's,.....	" 5,	48 30
" " Solomon's,.....	" 6,	48 60
" " Sussex,.....	" 7,	69 80
" " Carleton Union,.....	" 8,	94 40
" " Midian,.....	" 9,	9 60
" " Union of Portland,.....	" 10,	103 10
" " Woodstock,.....	" 11,	29 40
" " St. George,.....	" 12,	77 60
" " Corinthian,.....	" 13,	19 60

Cash received from Alley Lodge,.....	No. 14,	33 10
" " Howard,.....	" 15,	24 80
" " St. Andrew,.....	" 16,	34 40
" " Northumberland,.....	" 17,	29 50
" " Miramichi,.....	" 18,	46 50
" " Leinster,.....	" 19,	50 80
" " Salisbury,.....	" 20,	21 90
" " Zion,.....	" 21,	30 40
" " New Brunswick,.....	" 22,	61 50
" " Keith,.....	" 23,	38 00
" " Zetland,.....	" 24,	24 80
" " Restigouche,.....	" 25,	53 10
" " Victoria,.....	" 26,	52 70
" " St. John,.....	" 27,	29 20
" " Lebanon,.....	" 28,	13 20
" " St. Andrew's,.....	" 29,	15 50
" " St. Martin's,.....	" 30,	38 00
		<u>\$1380 49</u>

1873.	Cr.	
Feb'y 13, Cash paid grand treasurer,.....		\$500 00
Aug. 27, " "		666 28
Sept. 16, " "		214 21
		<u>\$1380 49</u>

WM. F. BUNTING,

Saint John, N. B., 16th Sept., 1873.

Grand Secretary.

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.

1872.	Dr.	
Sept. 14, To balance in bank B. N. America,.....		\$609 36
1873.		
Feb'y 13, " cash received from grand secretary,....		\$500 00
Aug. 27, " cash received from grand secretary,....		666 28
Sept. 16, " cash received from grand secretary,....		214 21
		<u>1380 49</u>
		<u>\$1989 85</u>

1872.	Cr.	
Sept. 28, By paid grand secretary,.....		\$300 00
Oct. 23, " Geo. E. Fairweather,.....		13 10
" " Official visitation account,.....		34 05
" " Donation bg. fund of Zion Lodge,.....		100 00
Nov. 19, " M. N. Powers, exp. to St. Martin's,.....		10 00
" " Premium N. Insurance Co.,.....		6 00
" " Rent to hall committee,.....		8 25
" " D. Scribner, tyling, &c., &c.,.....		10 00
Dec. 17, " W. T. Gard, repairing G. L. jewel,.....		1 50
" " Library committee of grand lodge,.....		50 00
1873.		
Jan'y 10, " Rent to hall committee,.....		7 50
" " Ritchie & Johnston,.....		10 00
" " C. A. Robertson,.....		23 00
" " Official visitation account,.....		9 42
24, " H. Chubb & Co., printing, &c.,.....		167 00
" " Edward Willis, advertising, &c.,.....		4 20
Feb'y 20, " Geo. Aikman, for certificates,....		179 46
Aug. 20, " H. Chubb & Co., printing,.....		25 70
" " Hall committee, rent,.....		9 25
" " Knox & Thompson, box,.....		19 00
" " Library committee grand lodge,.....		98 03
" " McKean & Fairweather,.....		5 60
" " Official visitation account,.....		58 00
" " Lansdowne & Martin, regalia,.....		271 24
27, " Grand Secretary, postage account,.....		31 96
" " Official visitation account,.....		34 45
" " Amt. deposit bank B. N. America,.....		503 14
		<u>\$1989 85</u>

WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,

Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., September 18th, 1873.

It was moved by W. Bro. James G. Forbes, and

Resolved, That the reports and accounts of the grand secretary and grand treasurer be received.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, as President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the annual report of the board, as follows :

Report of Board of General Purposes.

GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. M. OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
St. John, N. B., 24th September, 1873.

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

1.—The board of general purposes, in submitting their annual report for 1872-73, are gratified to be able to inform grand lodge that harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, that there is evidence of true progress, and that there is manifest among the lodges a disposition to emulate one another, not only in the ceremonial work, but in those matters which afford opportunity for deeds of kindness, benevolence and charity.

2.—At the first meeting after the termination of the last annual session of grand lodge, the board proceeded as usual to the business of organization. W. Bro. Robert Marshall was unanimously elected vice-president.

3.—The printing and distribution of 500 copies of the proceedings of grand lodge, authorized by the board, was duly attended by the grand secretary.

4.—Acting under resolution of grand lodge, at last annual session, the board procured a grand master's regalia from England, the charge for which duly appears in the accounts.

5.—Deeming it of advantage to form at an early day the nucleus of a masonic library, the board placed at the disposal of the library committee \$100 to procure such books as might be deemed useful to the fraternity. These books, as fast as procured, will, until more suitable quarters can be provided in the projected new masonic hall, be found in the grand secretary's office, where access can be had to them at any time.

6.—The supply of grand lodge certificates being limited, the board made arrangements for procuring a supply. The tender of Geo. Aikman, engraver, Edinburgh, for 1,000 copies, was accepted, and the certificates, beautifully executed, are now in the custody of the grand secretary.

7.—The Grand Lodge of Canada notified grand lodge that all official

correspondence and communication had, on the 24th of October, 1872, been suspended with the Grand Lodge of Vermont, in consequence of the adoption by the latter of the following resolution, which was laid before the board and duly filed :—

"Resolved, That unless the Grand Lodge of Canada, at its next session, withdraws from and ceases to assert any jurisdiction over any lodge of masons in the province of Quebec, the Grand Master is hereby instructed to issue a circular to the different grand lodges, as well as to the subordinate lodges of this state, that the Grand Lodge of Vermont and its subordinates have suspended all masonic intercourse with Grand Lodge of Canada and masons under its jurisdiction, until the wrong is made right."

8.—Deeming it necessary to provide more thoroughly for taking care of the regalia of grand lodge, the board authorized the grand secretary to secure such wardrobe for safe keeping as might be required.

9.—During the month of December, 1872, an appeal by Bro. Wm. E. Everett against the action of the W. Master of Hibernia Lodge in refusing to entertain a charge against a member, was laid before the board by the M. W. grand master, together with the documents which formed the charge itself, for consideration and settlement. The board gave to the matter a great deal of attention, and after summoning the master and hearing his explanation, they decided to return to Bro. Everett the papers annexed to the appeal, in order that he might file his charges, and to notify him that the W. M. of the Lodge would proceed with the charges in due course. A meeting of the lodge was accordingly held, the matter brought under its notice, and against the decision then arrived at Bro. Wm. E. Everett appealed to the M. W. grand master, who laid the matter before the board of general purposes. The case received the most earnest and thoughtful consideration of the board, and after the course to be pursued had been pretty well settled, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions embodying the views of the board, pending the preparation of which the proceedings of the lodge were suspended by regular mandate from the M. W. grand master. The committee's report, after careful examination, received endorsement by the board.

It appears by the report that the charges finally preferred by Bro. Wm. E. Everett against W. Bro. Logan were three—one for using unmasonic language against said Bro. Everett; one for endeavoring to secure the position of W. Master for Bro. Saunders in 1871, by the use of a circular addressed to members; and another for endeavoring, by resort to a personal canvas, to secure the position of W. Master for himself. The first, fully admitted by the offending brother,—as indeed

all three of the charges were,—was declared by the lodge, through the medium of a resolution, not to be proper subject of a charge. An appeal by Bro. Everett against this decision was sustained, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master was directed, first, to convey to the lodge an expression of censure, and require the resolutions framed by the committee of the board to be entered in full on the records of the lodge; and next, to require W. Bro. Logan to express before the lodge, prior to his installation as W. Master, his regret at having used unmasonic language to Bro. W. E. Everett, and to "avow his error therein."

The second charge was considered fair ground for censure; but "at this distance of time" it was deemed only necessary to use a general expression of condemnation of the system of canvassing for election to office in any lodge, and to call the attention of the craft generally to the fact that canvassing for masonic office is held by the board to be against the spirit of the ancient charges and the principles on which the masonic fraternity is founded, and that this opinion is sustained by the general current of eminent masonic authorities."

As to the third charge, W. Bro. Logan, having, by "instituting a strong personal canvas for himself," gone counter to that portion of the ancient charges wherein it is laid down that "all preferment among masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit," and that "any canvassing made or used by any brother of a lodge, urging his own claims on the office of worshipful master, is highly improper and unmasonic, and subversive of the salutary rule that a master should be chosen by the unsolicited and free choice of the members, grounded alone on merit," it was necessary to censure the proceeding, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master was directed to pronounce such censure prior to the installation of W. Bro. Logan as W. Master.

The M. W. Grand Master's mandate was in due season revoked, and a special meeting of the lodge held. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, accompanied by the V. W. Grand Secretary, attended this meeting and carried out the board's instruction. Bro. Logan acceded to the requirements of the board in the best possible spirit, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master authorized an immediate resumption of the lodge proceedings. There is reason to believe that harmony now prevails, and that the work of the lodge is being conducted in a satisfactory manner.

10.—As the practice of transmitting by telegraph matters of masonic concern, which could just as easily be sent by sealed letter, is on the

increase, it was deemed by the board advisable to deprecate resort to telegraphing except in cases of urgent necessity.

11.—The finances of grand lodge are in a very satisfactory state, as will be found set forth by the report of the audit committee, as follows:

To the Board of General Purposes, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

The committee appointed by the board to audit the accounts and examine the books of the grand treasurer and grand secretary, for the year ending Sept. 18th, 1873, beg leave to make the following report:

That they have carefully examined the books and accounts of the above grand officers and find them correct. Your committee desire to express their gratification at the way the books of both the grand secretary and grand treasurer are kept.

The receipts for the past year are \$1380.49; the balance on hand from last year was \$609.36, making a total of \$1989.85. The expenditure during the year was \$1488.71, leaving a balance in hands of grand treasurer of \$508.14.

The grand treasurer produced the proper vouchers for all amounts paid.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. McNICHOL, JR.,
A. A. STOCKTON,
HENRY LEONARD,
Audit Committee.

Sept. 10th, 1873.

12.—The board concluded, after some consideration, to recommend grand lodge to make an alteration in the manner of conducting masonic funerals, by striking out the words "other lodges to attend in form," from the second line, sec. 4, page 65, of the constitution, under the heading "Public Funerals," and to insert in lieu thereof the words "the members of other lodges to attend."

13.—The grand secretary has been empowered by the board to procure the requisite consecration vessels and batons for use of grand lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD WILLIS,
President.

It was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That the report be received.

It was moved by W. Bro. James G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

Resolved, That the foregoing reports and address be printed for the immediate use of grand lodge.

It was, on motion, ordered, that the hour of nine o'clock this evening be appointed for the election of the elective officers of grand lodge.

The following resolution, moved by W. Bro. Henry Card, Grand Organist, was negatived:

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the last annual communication to report upon the applications of the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah, and the Grand Orient of Brazil, for recognition, be discharged.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

24th September, 1873.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 7½ o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced to grand lodge that the R. W. the senior grand warden was prevented from being present in consequence of severe illness, and expressed his regret at the cause of the R. W. brother's absence.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary read the following note directed to him by R. W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, P. G. M. viz.:

V. W. and Dear Sir and Brother:

Will you convey to the M. W. the grand master and the representatives, my expressions of sincere regret, that the death of my infant child this morning, will debar me from the very great pleasure of meeting them during the current session of grand lodge, and at the same time say, that I fervently hope their session may be most harmonious and satisfactory, and greatly conduce to the further prosperity of the craft.

A communication from Albion Lodge, No. 1, extending an invitation to a dinner, was received, viz.:

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 23RD, 1873.

WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Esq.,

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. & A. M.;

Very Worshipful Sir and Brother:

At a regular communication of Albion Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., held on the fifth day of September instant, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Albion Lodge do entertain at a dinner, to be given at the Victoria Hotel, the most worshipful the grand master, and representatives of lodges outside of the city of Saint John, attending grand lodge at the annual meeting to be held in this month. In terms of the above resolution, the worshipful master, wardens and brethren of Albion Lodge beg to tender the most worshipful the grand master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. & A. M., and to the representatives of lodges outside the city of Saint John, attending the present session of grand lodge, a dinner at the Victoria Hotel, on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of September instant, at nine o'clock, P. M.

Fraternally yours,

T. NISBET ROBERTSON,

Secretary Albion Lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted, and the grand secretary convey to Albion Lodge the thanks of grand lodge for their kind and fraternal courtesy.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin R. Stevenson, Past S. G. W., presented his commission of appointment as representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Whereupon, grand lodge was called up, and R. W. Bro. Stevenson received as such representative with the usual ceremonies.

The Grand Secretary read a printed circular, dated at Alexandria, Egypt, June 1st, 1873, from a body styling itself "*The Grand Orient of Egypt; Supreme Council General for Egypt and Dependencies: Independent Rites*," setting forth that, at an assembly held the 24th day of March last, at which all the masonic bodies in the jurisdiction were represented, S. A. Zola was unanimously elected grand master of the Grand Orient of Egypt.

It further sets forth a desire to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Secretary also read a circular, dated at Pesth, April 2nd, 1873, from the Grand Orient of Hungary, desiring to enter into fraternal relations and the exchange of representatives.

W. Bro. Robert Marshall, from the committee on the M. W. grand master's address, recommended that the foregoing circulars be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

Which recommendation was accepted by grand lodge, and a committee, consisting of W. Bros. T. Nisbet Robertson, Henry Duffell, and Edward L. Wetmore, appointed in accordance therewith.

W. Bro. Marshall, from the committee on the M. W. grand master's address, recommended that the portion of the address alluding to the death of "The Earl Zetland," Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, be referred to a committee.

Which recommendation was agreed to by grand lodge, and a committee, consisting of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master R. W. Bro. B. R. Stevenson, and W. Bro. John Mullin, appointed in accordance therewith.

In pursuance of the notice given as required by the constitution, it was moved by W. Bro. Henry Duffell, Grand Steward, and agreed to:

That section 3 of the constitution, under the head of "Private Lodges," be struck out.

The following communication from R. W. Bro. Alexander Hay, of Edinburgh, representative at the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was read and ordered to be received, viz.:

EDINBURGH, 27th AUGUST, 1873.

R. W. Sir and Brother:

I have the honor to state for the information of the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, that I duly presented my commission as their representative at the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to the quarterly communication of that august body, held in this city on the 4th current, and I have great satisfaction in reporting that the same was received by the Rt. Honorable the Earl of Rosslyn, M. W. Grand Master, and the assembled grand lodge, with every mark of honor and fraternal respect. My commission was received and sustained, and I was duly installed according to ancient custom, receiving from his lordship, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the right hand of fellowship extended to the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

I now enter on the duties of my office, and beg you will assure the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick my deep sense of the honor conferred upon me; and it shall be my duty to discharge, to the utmost of my ability, the duties of my office, thereby, I trust, cementing a true fraternal relationship between the two grand lodges.

I am, R. W. Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

ALEX. HAY,

Rep. of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick at the
Grand Lodge of Scotland.

R. W. Brother W. F. BUNTING,

Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

It was moved by W. Bro. Henry Leonard, P. M. Lodge No. 8, and

Resolved, That in consequence of the absence of R. W. Bros. Peters and Gowan, appointed at the last annual communication on the committee to whom were referred applications for recognition and fraternal relations from the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah, and the Grand Orient of Brazil; and as these brethren are not now in attendance, their places be supplied by two other representatives, in order that a report may be had at the present communication.

Whereupon, W. Bros. James McNichol, Jr., and Alfred F. Street were appointed to fill the vacancies.

The hour named for the election of the elective officers of grand lodge having arrived, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed W. Bros. J. Alfred Clark, P. M. Lodge No. 8, Christopher Murray, P. M. Lodge No. 1, and Jas. McNichol Jr., P. M. Lodge No. 22, to act as scrutineers.

The regulations of grand lodge respecting the election of officers having been read, the following brethren were nominated and elected, viz.:

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. JOHN V. ELLIS.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master, " EDWARD WILLIS.
R. W. Senior Grand Warden, " GEORGE F. GREGORY.
R. W. Junior Grand Warden, " EDWARD TWEEDIE.
V. W. Grand Chaplain, " REV. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE.
V. W. Grand Treasurer, . . . " WILLIAM H. A. KEANS.
W. Grand Tyler, " DINGEE SCRIBNER.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING,

25th September, 1873.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 11 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The committee, on the applications for recognition and fraternal relations from the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah and the Grand Orient of Brazil, reported, as follows:

ST. JOHN, N. B., 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1873.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:

Your committee to whom was referred the communications from the M. W. Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah, and the Grand Orient of Brazil, beg leave to report:

That having examined the papers laid before them, showing the proceedings of the formation and constitutions of the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah, they recognize a true spirit of harmony and brotherly love in their formation. They also find that the reported proceedings are in accordance with the accustomed usages of the craft, and they, therefore, respectfully recommend fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah.

In the absence of sufficient information respecting the Grand Orient of Brazil, your committee are not prepared to recommend recognition at the present.

Respectfully submitted,

G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,
ALFRED F. STREET,
JAMES McNICHOL, JR.

Whereupon, it was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That the report be adopted, and fraternal relations established with the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah.

Pursuant to notice given at the last annual communication, it was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and adopted:

That section 1, page 36, of the constitution, under the title "Board of General Purposes," be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 1.—The board shall consist of the grand master, past grand masters entitled to seats in grand lodge, the deputy grand master (who shall be *ex officio* president), the grand wardens, grand secretary, and ten other members, to be appointed at the annual meeting of grand lodge, by the grand master.

In accordance with the recommendation contained in the twelfth paragraph of the report of the board of general purposes, it was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and adopted:

That section 4, page 65, of the constitution, under the heading, "Public and Funeral Processions," be amended by striking out the words, "other lodges to attend in form," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "the members of other lodges to attend."

The committee on the M. W. the Grand Master's address reported as follows:

GRAND LODGE ROOMS, 25th September, 1873.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick:

The committee to whom was referred the address of the most worshipful the grand master, takes this opportunity to record its entire approval of the message. Having last evening recommended that so much thereof as relates to the death of the late most worshipful the grand master of the Grand Lodge of England, be referred to a special committee, and that the applications of the Grand Orient of Egypt and Hungary be also referred to a special committee, begs leave to further report as follows:

Your committee begs to recommend that the action of the grand master in the appointment of Brother Alexander Hay, representative

of this grand lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Scotland, be confirmed, and that agreeably to the suggestion of the grand master, grand lodge do now confer upon the said W. Bro. Alexander Hay the rank of Junior Grand Warden in this grand lodge.

Your committee begs to recommend, that the appointment of R. W. Bro. D. Burnham Tracy, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Michigan, be confirmed.

Your committee would further recommend, that the appointment of R. W. Bro. Daniel B. Bruen, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, be also confirmed.

Your committee begs to recommend, that the suggestion of the grand master in reference to "Masonic Clothing," be referred to the "Ritual Committee," to report at next session of grand lodge.

The desirability of a masonic temple, in which every mason in New Brunswick shall have an interest, indeed which he can with pride and pleasure call his own, is an object which your committee cannot too strongly recommend to grand lodge; it would therefore cordially endorse the remarks of the grand master, and begs to recommend grand lodge to take five thousand dollars stock, payable without interest, by annual payments of not less than five hundred dollars each, and would further recommend, that the question as to additional aid to said masonic temple by grand lodge, be referred to the board of general purposes, and that the board be directed to report at the next session of grand lodge.

Your committee heartily approves of the action of the grand master, in reference to the case brought before his notice by the W. Master of Restigouche Lodge, and asks that the correspondence in this case be read by the Grand Secretary; it would also urge on grand lodge to place all the facts before the Grand Lodge of Scotland, requesting that grand body to deal with the brother according to masonic law.

Your committee begs to congratulate grand lodge on the ability, zeal and devotion exhibited by the grand master and his brother officers, in his visitations to lodges during the past year, and sincerely trusts your grand master may be enabled to officially visit every lodge, under the jurisdiction of grand lodge before the masonic year we have now entered upon has expired, as your committee believes such official visitations are of incalculable benefit to the lodges so visited.

The harmony, peace and good will that has prevailed through our jurisdiction since our last annual communication, is a matter of profound thankfulness, and which is, in a large measure, due to the wisdom

and care of our grand lodge officers, to whom the thanks of the grand lodge are due.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MARSHALL,
J. G. FORBES,
GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER.

Each section in the foregoing report having been separately considered and agreed to, it was moved by W. Bro. E. P. Flewelling, W. M. Lodge No. 9, and

Resolved, That the report in full be adopted.

The committee on the death of the Earl of Zetland submitted the following report, which, on motion of R. W. Bro. B. R. Stevenson, Past S. G. W., was unanimously adopted:

COMMITTEE ROOM, GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.
25th September, 1873.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the most worshipful grand master, at the opening of this session of grand lodge, as relates to the death of the Earl of Zetland, beg to report recommending the following preamble and resolution for the adoption of grand lodge.

Whereas, Since the last session of this grand lodge, the Grand Lodge of England under the dispensation of the Great Architect of the Universe, has been called on to mourn the death of their past grand master that eminent nobleman, The Right Honorable The Earl of Zetland K. G., alike honored for his many virtues as a man and a mason, whose enthusiasm in masonry secured his election for a quarter of a century as grand master of England, and whose memory is fraternally and affectionately cherished by the craft in New Brunswick, for the grace and courtesy with which he administered to the welfare of English masonry in this province, while under his jurisdiction.

Therefore Resolved, That this grand lodge, while deeply sympathizing with the Grand Lodge of England, desire to record their heartfelt sorrow at the great loss which the fraternity throughout the world have sustained by the death of one whose life was so distinguished an example of a good man and true mason, and their trust that in the

unwritten history of masonry, "the sweet remembrance of his many virtues may last till time shall be no more."

And further Resolved, That copies of this preamble and resolution be forwarded, under the seal of the grand lodge, to the Grand Lodge of England, and to the family of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. R. STEVENSON,
EDWARD WILLIS.

W. Bro. George F. Gregory, P. M. Lodge No. 29, stated to grand lodge that he held in his hand the commission of R. W. Brother Robert Gowan as representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; that Bro. Gowan was unavoidably prevented from attending the present communication in consequence of urgent business which called him to a distant part of the province; and that he (Bro. Gregory) had been requested to present the commission to grand lodge, and to ask the usual reception and recognition.

The credentials were received in due form, and Bro. Gregory, as the proxy of R. W. Bro. Gowan, was accorded the usual masonic recognition.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary reported, that during the recess he had received from the Grand Secretary of Scotland a Past Junior Grand Warden's jewel and collar, to be presented to R. W. Bro. Robert Gowan, in the name and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that M. W. body having constituted R. W. Bro. Gowan a Past Junior Grand Warden.

The jewel and collar were thereupon handed to W. Bro. Gregory, who was requested by the M. W. the Grand Master to deliver the same to R. W. Bro. Gowan, with the congratulations of grand lodge upon this merited mark of esteem and fraternal regard from his mother grand lodge.

The committee to whom was referred the circulars from the Grand Orients of Hungary and Egypt, submitted the following report, which, on motion of W. Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson, P. M. Lodge No. 1, was ordered to be received and adopted:

MASONIC HALL, ST. JOHN,
September 25th, 1873.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick:

The committee to whom was referred the applications of the Grand Orient of Egypt and the Grand Orient of Hungary for recognition, beg leave to report:

That having only had before them the formal applications from these bodies, they would recommend that, in the absence of sufficient information, no action be taken in the matter at this session of the grand lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

T. NISBET ROBERTSON,
H. DUFFELL,
E. L. WETMORE.

The following resolution was moved by W. Bro. Henry Card, Grand Organist, and seconded by W. Bro. Henry Leonard, P. M. Lodge No. 8:

Resolved, That this grand lodge cordially tenders recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and freely extends to her the right hand of fellowship.

In amendment to the foregoing, it was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and seconded by R. W. Bro. David Brown, Past J. G. W.:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be and is hereby authorized to heartily extend our recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as soon as the Grand Lodge of Canada and the said Grand Lodge of

Quebec shall have arranged the question as to jurisdiction in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

25th September, 1873.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 3 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

Grand Lodge resumed the discussion on the resolutions in reference to the Canada and Quebec question.

In amendment to the amendment it was moved by W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, Grand Pursuivant, and seconded by W. Bro. James G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the question be deferred until the next annual communication of this grand lodge.

After a full and fraternal discussion of more than three hours on this subject, the amendment to the amendment was adopted by a large majority.

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

Resolved, That the installation of officers be held this evening at 7 o'clock.

The grand secretary read the report of the worshipful master of Restigouche Lodge, No. 25, in the case of Joseph Muir, a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 347, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who was summoned before Restigouche Lodge, tried, and found guilty of a gross violation of his obligation as a master mason.

Whereupon it was moved by W. Bro. A. A. Stockton, P. M. Lodge No. 19, and

Resolved, That the trial and verdict of Restigouche Lodge, in the case of the aforesaid Joseph Muir, appearing to be regular and masonic, the said Joseph Muir is hereby excluded from all the rights and privileges of freemasonry within the province of New Brunswick; and that the grand secretary notify all lodges in the jurisdiction not to countenance the said Joseph Muir as a freemason, or receive him as a visitor; and further, that the grand secretary report the circumstances of the case to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and seconded by R. W. Bro. David Brown, Past J. G. W.:

That in the opinion of this grand lodge, a mason is entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in his lodge, until he be suspended or excluded from membership, after charges have been preferred against him, and he has undergone a regular trial.

In amendment it was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master:

That the question be referred to the board of general purposes, to report upon at the next annual communication of grand lodge.

Which amendment was adopted.

It was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D. and

Resolved, That the grand master be hereby authorized to subscribe for the stock taken this day by grand lodge in the masonic hall company, and that the board of general purposes be directed to appoint a proxy, to represent such stock, in the name of grand lodge.

Grand Lodge was called from labor, until 7 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING,

25th September, 1873.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 7 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

Agreeably to the order of the day, grand lodge proceeded to the installation of officers for the ensuing year, when M. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, who had been unanimously re-elected grand master, was obligated, invested and installed by R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, Past Grand Master, and was saluted and proclaimed "Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

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

V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING,	Grand Secretary.
W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. GEORGE TODD,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JAMES MCDUGALL,	Grand Director Ceremonies.
W. GEORGE E. ELLIOTT,	Assistant G. D. Ceremonies.
W. TOBIAS ADDY,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. DAVID U. PORTER,	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,	Grand Organist.
W. ARTHUR H. MILBERRY,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM,	Grand Steward.
W. THOMAS O. SANDALL,	"
W. WILLIAM J. LOGAN,	"
W. J. ALFRED CLARK,	"
W. CHARLES U. HANFORD,	"
W. MOSES L. GROSS,	"
W. ROBERT J. MCADOO,	"

W. HENRY A. WHITE,.....Grand Steward.
 W. ALFRED F. STREET,....."
 W. JACOB H. MOSHER,....."

The following officers, elected and appointed, being present, were installed, invested and proclaimed, viz:—

R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. GEORGE F. GREGORY,..Senior Grand Warden.
 R. W. EDWARD TWEEDIE,....Junior Grand Warden.
 V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS,....Grand Treasurer.
 V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
 W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,..Senior Grand Deacon.
 W. GEORGE TODD,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
 W. JAMES MCDUGALL,....Grand Director Ceremonies.
 W. DAVID U. PORTER,....Grand Standard Bearer.
 W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
 W. ARTHUR H. MILBERRY,..Grand Pursuivant.
 W. THOMAS O. SANDALL,..Grand Steward.
 W. J. ALFRED CLARK,....."
 W. CHARLES U. HANFORD,.."
 W. MOSES L. GROSS,....."
 W. ROBERT J. MCADOO,...."
 W. ALFRED F. STREET,...."
 W. JACOB H. MOSHER,....."

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That the thanks of grand lodge be tendered the respective railway and steamboat companies for their liberality in reducing the rates of fare to representatives attending the present session of grand lodge.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That the thanks of grand lodge be conveyed to the respective editors and publishers who have gratuitously furnished magazines

and other periodicals, and to the donors of books and pamphlets contributed to the library during the past year.

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

R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....Past Junior Grand Warden.
 W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,..Past Grand Pursuivant.
 W. ROBERT MARSHALL,..Past Junior Grand Deacon.
 W. MARK N. POWERS,....Past Master Lodge No. 3.
 W. HENRY LEONARD,....Past Master Lodge No. 8.
 W. HENRY DUFFELL,.....Past Grand Pursuivant.
 W. EDWARD L. WETMORE,..Worshipful Master Lodge N. 6.
 W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,..Past Master Lodge No. 1.
 W. JAMES G. FORBES,....Past Master Lodge No. 2.
 W. THOMAS F. GILLESPIE,..Past Senior Grand Deacon.

It was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That a committee be appointed who shall be a ritual committee and custodians of the work.

Whereupon the following were appointed such committee:

M. W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Grand Master.
 R. W. B. LESTER PETERS,.....Past Grand Master.
 R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Deputy Grand Master.
 V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
 W. ALFRED A. STOCKTON,.....Past Master.
 W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY,.....Past Master.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That the sum of — be appropriated to the grand lodge library fund.

On motion of W. Bro. Henry Leonard, P. M. Lodge No. 8,

It was ordered, That the foregoing blank be filled in with "one hundred dollars."

On motion of W. Bro. Robert Marshall, and adopted by Grand Lodge — "that a library committee be appointed," — the M. W. the grand master appointed the president, vice-president and secretary of the board of general purposes, a library committee for the ensuing year.

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

Wm. J. Runtz
Grand Secy.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, 1872.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended and excluded.	Died.	Total Members.
1	Albion,.....	6	5	5	3	2	16	3	1	167
2	Saint John's,.....	10	12	11	3	...	6	1	3	125
3	Hibernia,.....	15	16	16	...	1	18	...	...	141
4	Sussex, *.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Saint Mark's,.....	9	10	9	2	...	4	...	1	72
6	Solomon's,.....	5	6	6	2	...	...	1	1	73
7	Sussex,.....	13	12	10	2	...	2	...	...	92
8	Carleton Union,.....	19	18	19	1	...	...	...	2	136
9	Midian,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
10	Union of Portland,.....	18	17	18	...	...	6	4	1	164
11	Woodstock,.....	2	3	2	1	1	12	...	...	60
12	Saint George,.....	18	18	20	1	...	...	...	3	94
13	Corinthian,.....	4	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	29
14	Alley,.....	4	2	3	1	...	2	...	1	54
15	Howard,.....	2	1	...	...	...	...	7	1	52
16	Saint Andrew,.....	4	4	5	...	...	5	...	1	66
17	Northumberland,.....	1	1	2	...	...	6	1	...	65
18	Miramichi,.....	6	6	7	2	1	3	6	...	58
19	Leinster,.....	8	8	6	1	...	3	6	...	72
20	Salisbury,.....	2	2	6	...	1	...	...	1	36
21	Zion,.....	7	6	3	...	...	2	4	...	38
22	New Brunswick,.....	10	11	9	2	...	2	...	...	90
23	Keith,.....	9	10	10	...	...	...	...	2	50
24	Zetland,.....	5	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	37
25	Restigouche,.....	14	14	15	...	...	...	...	...	59
26	Victoria,.....	14	15	13	1	...	...	...	...	58
27	Saint John,.....	7	4	4	...	...	5	...	1	38
28	Lebanon,.....	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	18
29	Saint Andrew's,.....	3	1	...	13	...	...	3	1	45
30	Saint Martin's,.....	7	7	7	19	...	...	...	1	25
* No return from this lodge.		224	219	215	54	6	94	36	21	2038

List of Sister Grand Lodges, with the Names and
Addresses of Grand Secretaries.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,.....	Daniel Sayre,.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas,.....	Luke E. Barber,.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia,...	H. F. Heisterman,...	Victoria, V. I.
California,.....	Alexander G. Abell,...	San Francisco.
Canada,.....	Thos. Bird Harris,...	Hamilton.
Colorado,.....	Ed. C. Parmelee,....	Georgetown.
Connecticut,.....	Joseph K. Wheeler,...	Hartford.
Delaware,.....	John P. Allmond,....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia,...	William A. Yates,....	Washington.
England,.....	John Hervey,.....	London.
Florida,.....	De Witt C. Dawkins,...	Jacksonville.
France,.....	F. Thevenot,.....	Paris.
Georgia,.....	J. Emmett Blackshear,...	Macon.
Idaho,.....	L. F. Cartee,.....	Boise City.
Illinois,.....	Orlin H. Miner,.....	Springfield.
Indiana,.....	John M. Bramwell,...	Indianapolis.
Iowa,.....	Theodore S. Parvin,...	Iowa City.
Ireland,.....	Charles T. Walmisley,...	Dublin.
Kansas,.....	John H. Brown,.....	Leavenworth.
Kentucky,.....	J. M. S. McCorkle,...	Louisville.
Louisiana,.....	James C. Batchelor,...	New Orleans.
Maine,.....	Ira Berry,.....	Portland.
Maryland,.....	Jacob H. Medairy,....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,.....	Charles H. Titus,....	Boston.
Michigan,.....	Foster Pratt,.....	Kalamazoo.
Minnesota,.....	Edwin D. B. Porter,...	Saint Paul.
Mississippi,.....	J. L. Power,.....	Jackson.
Missouri,.....	Geo. Frank Gouley,...	St. Louis.
Montana,.....	Cornelius Hedges,....	Helena.
Nebraska,.....	William R. Bowen,....	Omaha.
Nevada,.....	Robert H. Taylor,....	Virginia.

New Hampshire,.....	Abel Hutchins,.....	Concord.
New Jersey,.....	Joseph H. Hough,....	Trenton.
New York,.....	James M. Austin,....	New York.
North Carolina,.....	Donald W. Bain,....	Raleigh.
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