

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
SEPTEMBER 27th and 28th, A. D. 1876.

The Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Antient 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 27th day of September, A. L. 5876, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT:

M. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH,.....Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,..Senior Grand Warden.
W. JOS. C. HATHEWAY,....as Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. Rev. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,...Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING,....Grand Secretary.
W. JAMES McNICHOL, Jr.,....Senior Grand Deacon.
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON,....as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. J. ALFRED CLARK,....as Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.

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W. HENRY LEONARD,.....as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. WILLIAM WATERBURY, as Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM,...Grand Pursuivant.
W. GEORGE KILNAPP,.....Grand Steward.
W. EDWIN M. WETMORE,....."
W. CHAS. McLAUCHLAN, Jr.,..."
W. SAMUEL EDGETT,....."
W. JOHN C. LEONARD,....."
W. THOMAS F. GILLESPIE,...."
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,...Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. B. LESTER PETERS,.....Past Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN,..."
R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS,....."
R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL,....."
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON,....Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. DAVID BROWN,....."
R. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,....Past Junior Grand Warden.
W. THOMAS F. GILLESPIE,....Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. DAVID WETMORE,.....Past Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN D. SHORT,.....Past G. D. Ceremonies.
W. JOHN MULLIN,.....Past G. Standard Bearer.
W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY,...Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. DAVID R. MUNRO,....."
W. HENRY DUFFELL,....."

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, with prayer by the V. W. Grand Chaplain.

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

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

Resolved, That the V. W. the Grand Secretary omit the reading of the records of the last annual communication, as the members of grand lodge are in possession of printed copies.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master reported that W. Brothers Charles U. Hanford, William R. Russell and George E. Fairweather are the committee on credentials appointed by the Board of General Purposes.

The committee on credentials reported, from time to time, the following representatives in attendance and entitled to seats in grand lodge, viz.:

Albion Lodge, No. 1,..... James A. Hoyt, W. M.
Thomas Walker, S. W.
William W. Emslie, P. M.
Robert T. Clinch, P. M.
Thomas F. Raymond, P. M.
B. Lester Peters, P. M.
Thomas M. Reed, P. M.
Edwin J. Everett, P. M.
T. Nisbet Robertson, P. M.
Geo. E. Fairweather, P. M.
Freeman W. Wisdom, P. M.
Chas. McLauchlan, jr. P. M.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2,..... Hiram G. Betts, W. M.
John Buchanan, S. W.
George B. Hegan, J. W.
Wm. H. A. Keans, P. M.
Wm. F. Bunting, P. M.
John D. Short, P. M.
William Wedderburn, P. M.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2,..... Jos. C. Hatheway, P. M.
William M. Sears, P. M.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,..... Andrew J. Stewart, W. M.
George E. Perkins, S. W.
Mark N. Powers, P. M.
John Mullin, P. M.
George Kilnapp, P. M.
James Saunders, P. M.
James Adams, P. M.

Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5,..... William D. Forster, W. M.
Benj. R. Stevenson, P. M.
Edward Lorimer, P. M.

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

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,... John V. Ellis, W. M.
James Cooper, S. W.
Thomas W. Lander, J. W.
Samuel L. Brittain, P. M.
Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
Henry Leonard, P. M.
J. Alfred Clark, P. M.
John C. Leonard, P. M.

Midian Lodge, No. 9,..... Rev. F. Partridge, W. M.
Edwin M. Wetmore, S. W.
David Wetmore, P. M.
Samuel Foster, P. M.
G. H. Flewelling, P. M.
Rev. D. I. Wetmore, P. M.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10,.. Henry Duffell, W. M.
Beverley Stevens, S. W.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, William Cunard, J. W.
Robert Marshall, P. M.
David R. Munro, P. M.
William C. Morissey, P. M.
Charles U. Hanford, P. M.
Samuel Edgett, P. M.

Woodstock Lodge, No. 11,..... William F. Dibblee, P. M.

Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16,..... John Robertson S. W.

Miramichi Lodge, No. 18,..... Thos. F. Gillespie, P. M.

Leinster Lodge, No. 19,..... Charles A. Stockton, W. M.
Charles H. Johnston, S. W.
Charles H. Masters, J. W.
Edward Willis, P. M.
Asaph G. Blakslee, P. M.

Salisbury Lodge, No. 20,..... James Bentley, S. W.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,.. David Dearness, W. M.
Thomas Clerke, S. W.
Archibald Malcolm, J. W.
James McNichol, Jr., P. M.
Wm. G. Matthewson, P. M.
Robt. J. McAdoo, P. M.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 28,..... Blair Estabrooks, W. M.
Abner Smith, S. W.

Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 29,.. James Boone, W. M.

St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30,..... William Osborne, W. M.

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:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, VERY WORSHIPFUL, AND WORSHIPFUL BROTHERS:

In meeting with you at this ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, it affords me the greatest satisfaction to be able to congratulate you on the prosperous condition of the fraternity in this jurisdiction. During the past year our harmony has been undisturbed, and our ranks have been unbroken; and we assemble in grand lodge acknowledging, with thankfulness, the continued mercies of the Great Architect of the Universe.

The report of the board of general purposes and the reports of the grand treasurer and grand secretary will afford you full information as to the progress of the craft, and the financial and business transactions of the year, in the executive departments of grand lodge.

The careful revision at the last annual communication of the book of constitutions has proved so judicious and complete, that no question or proposal for alteration or amendment has arisen to be submitted for your consideration.

The grand secretary will place before you a circular received at his office, asking masonic recognition of a body calling itself "The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Ontario." The Province of Ontario in this Dominion of Canada is under the masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, with which this grand lodge has been, and is, in fraternal communication; and I feel it to be my duty to urge upon you for high constitutional considerations, not in any manner to recognize the unlawful proceedings of those who are seeking to establish this (so called) Grand Lodge of Ontario.

On a careful review of the subject, you will find, that among many reasons why no masonic recognition should be accorded to their proceedings, there are two grounds either of which must be fatal to their claim.

1st.—The Province of Ontario is occupied masonic territory, under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and, therefore, any independent action of masons in Ontario, in seeking to form

a governing body, is an act of rebellion against the recognized and lawful masonic authority of the province.

2nd.—On the face of their own statement the mode of proceeding was irregular and unmasonic, as the action was not by a convention of regular lodges, but was only the insufficient action of individual masons, contrary to masonic law and well established precedent.

The Grand Lodge of Canada has exercised due masonic discipline on the offending brethren, by expelling them from all the rights and benefits of freemasonry. I refer the whole matter to you, confident that you will maintain the antient rights and established laws of the fraternity relating to independent and sovereign grand lodges.

The grand secretary will also submit to you the papers connected with the organization of a grand lodge for the Territory of Dakota, with the official application for recognition.

I have examined the formal record of proceedings, and I am of opinion that the action taken has been regular and masonic. Should you concur with me in this view, the new Grand Lodge of Dakota will be entitled to recognition.

Several brethren of Campbellton, in the county of Restigouche, having applied by petition for a warrant to hold a new lodge, I issued a dispensation authorizing the brethren to meet as a lodge, and on the 15th of the present month I visited Campbellton, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Bunting, Grand Secretary, and W. Bro. Duffell, Past Grand Pursuivant, and organized the lodge under dispensation.

The papers will be laid before you, and I have pleasure in recommending that a warrant of constitution erecting the brethren into a regular lodge may be granted at this session of grand lodge.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master visited Andover, in the county of Victoria, and duly opened there a lodge, called "Benjamin Lodge," under dispensation.

I submit for your consideration the highly satisfactory report of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and cordially recommend that a warrant be granted to constitute the brethren at Andover into a regular lodge.

WOODSTOCK, 19th September, 1876.

R. T. Clinch, Esq., M. W. G. M., F. & A. M. St. John:

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER,—On the 7th day of September inst., according to instructions received from you, I, in company of V. W. Brother Bunting, G. S. W. Brother McNichol, S. G. D., and a number of the brethren of Woodstock Lodge, went up to Andover, County Victoria, for the purpose of organizing Benjamin Lodge, under dispensation. Upon arriving at Andover we met with a very

fraternal welcome from the brethren of that place. At half-past seven o'clock p. m., a lodge of master masons was opened in the masonic hall, the dispensation read, and the officers of Benjamin Lodge, as set forth in the dispensation, were inducted into their respective offices. About fifty brethren were present at the opening, including a number from Fort Fairfield, State of Maine.

The brethren of Benjamin Lodge have provided themselves with a very comfortable hall, well furnished, and a superior set of jewels, and show great zeal for the interest of freemasonry, and are quite well instructed in the ritual of opening and closing a lodge. I would, therefore, recommend grand lodge to grant them a warrant.

I cannot close this brief report, M. W. Sir, without tendering my hearty thanks to Bros. the V. W. Grand Secretary, and W. S. G. Deacon, for their advice and assistance in opening Benjamin lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. DIBBLEE, D. G. M.

It is with feelings of deep sorrow that I announce to you the sudden and lamented death of M. W. Brother Aldis Bernard, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. Brother Bernard occupied a distinguished position among his brethren, and was honored and beloved during a long masonic career. He took a warm interest in the organization of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and frequently expressed to myself his affectionate and fraternal solicitude for the prosperity of our antient craft in this jurisdiction.

Official communication from the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, announcing the death of M. W. Bro. Bernard, has been received at the office of the grand secretary, with the request that the vacancy in the representation of this grand lodge may be supplied, and I have appointed V. W. Brother the Hon T. B. Pardee our representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I have appointed the following named representatives of this grand lodge at sister grand lodges:

W. Brother Joseph Kenworthy, near the Grand Lodge of New York;
R. W. Brother William T. Wilkinson, near the Grand Lodge of Ireland;

R. W. Brother George Wesley Atkinson, near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia;

W. Brother Harvey E. Hubbard, near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin;

W. Brother John W. Morrison, near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

Some irregularities in the manner of conducting the business of lodges have during the past year been brought to my notice, that I think it necessary to mention.

1st.—Miramichi Lodge, No. 18. A brother having been initiated in St. David's Lodge, No. 393 on the Registry of England, at Berwick-on-Tweed, and holding a grand lodge certificate of such initiation, was duly proposed at the regular communication of Miramichi Lodge in September last for affiliation, and wishing to be advanced, a lodge of emergency was called, at which, after an interval of one week, he was balloted for and received as a member.

In this case I directed the grand secretary to call the attention of the lodge to the irregularity of balloting for a brother at an emergency communication, and before the next regular communication after his proposal, in violation of the provisions of section 1 of the constitutions, under the title "Proposing Members."

2nd.—Keith Lodge, No. 23. In this case it appeared that the summons issued for the regular meeting to be held on Thursday, the 6th day of April last, while notifying the members that the ballot would be taken on the application of five persons by name, three of whom were petitioners for initiation, and two brothers for affiliation, the summons did not, as required by sections 1 and 2 of the constitution under the title "Proposing members," notify the brethren of the "age, addition or profession, and place of abode" of the petitioners for initiation, and the "occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge" of the brothers applying for admission. Ballot having been taken at the meeting, but none of the applicants initiated, and complaint been made by members of the lodge, I declared void the balloting so irregularly taken, and directed that the proper summons should issue as required by the constitution.

3rd.—Woodstock Lodge, No. 11. In this case it appeared that the regular meeting of the lodge was duly held on the 5th day of April last, and after ordinary business and the initiation of candidates, the W. Master adjourned the lodge until the following evening to proceed with unfinished work.

A lodge must be regularly closed, and cannot be adjourned from day to day.

I directed the grand secretary to call the attention of the master to the irregularity.

I do not consider that there was in any of these cases a wilful breach of the constitution, but I believe that the errors have arisen through

inattention and want of proper care. That masters and officers of lodges should be ignorant of the plain rules adopted and promulgated for the government of the craft is manifestly without excuse.

I cannot too strongly urge upon the fraternity a careful study of the book of constitution and the antient regulations.

I have requested the committee on ritual to arrange for the exemplification of the work of the three degrees before grand lodge during this communication.

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

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to report upon the several subjects contained therein.

Whereupon the following brethren were appointed such committee:

R. W. Bros. B. L. Peters, W. F. Dibbles, and John V. Ellis.

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

Report of Grand Secretary.

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

At this the ninth annual communication, the grand secretary has pleasure in submitting a statement of the transactions and affairs of his office during the past year.

1.—The receipts for the year just ended were thirteen hundred and forty-nine dollars and fifty cents, for the following purposes, viz:

Registration fees,.....	\$198 00
Certificates,.....	181 00
Annual dues,.....	908 40
Dispensations for new lodges,.....	30 00
“ for other purposes,.....	16 00
Constitutions,.....	13 70
Miscellaneous,.....	2 40
Total,.....	\$1349 50

Which sum was duly paid to the grand treasurer and an account in detail furnished the board of general purposes.

2.—It affords him gratification to be able to state, that all the lodges have made their returns in full to the close of our last masonic year, and have paid all fees and dues chargeable thereon.

The returns show the following exhibit of work, &c.:

Number initiated,.....	171
“ Passed,.....	156
“ Raised,.....	162
“ Joined,.....	29
“ Reinstated,.....	4
“ Withdrawn,.....	76
“ Suspended,.....	53
“ Excluded,.....	3
“ Died,.....	29
Total number of members,.....	2,246

Taking into consideration the limited and, to some extent, sparsely settled population of New Brunswick, it cannot necessarily be expected that there should be any great or rapid increase in the numerical strength of the craft, nevertheless, there has been a steady, though limited, gain year by year; and this may be said in particular of the year just closed.

3.—By authority of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, there were issued twenty-one dispensations, as follows:

To open new lodges,.....	2
To confer degrees at short intervals,.....	10
To bury deceased brethren,.....	1
For masonic gatherings and entertainments,.....	8

4.—The usual number of copies of the proceedings of the last annual communication was printed under the direction of the board of general purposes, and distributed as heretofore.

5.—In accordance with the order passed at the last session of grand lodge, he procured the printing of three thousand copies of the revised constitution, in a form and style which he trusts will meet the approval of grand lodge.

6.—The grand secretary takes this opportunity of returning his grateful acknowledgments to R. W. Brothers B. Lester Peters and John

V. Ellis, who expended much time and great care in reading proofs, superintending the printing, &c., &c., of the proceedings and constitutions during his absence from the province.

7.—Under the direction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, he issued commissions, under the seal of grand lodge, to representatives near the following grand lodges:

MANITOBA,
UTAH,
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,
NEW YORK,
WEST VIRGINIA,
WISCONSIN,
CANADA.

8.—He has received a printed circular from the recently organized Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory, asking to enter into fraternal relations; also, a copy of the proceedings had at the organization of that grand lodge.

9.—He is in receipt of the printed proceedings of the respective Grand Lodges of America, Europe, &c., and has furnished each of those grand lodges with copies of the proceedings of New Brunswick.

He is also in receipt of a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, A. D. 1876.

A copy of the Calendar of the Grand Orient of France for 1876.

A copy of the Constitution, Penal Code, &c., of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, A. D. 1875.

A volume entitled “Masonic Trestle Board,” published by authority of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

A bound copy of a reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Montana, from the date of its organization in A. D. 1866, up to and including the transactions of 1872.

10.—He issued a notice to the different lodges in the jurisdiction, advising them of the publication of the new edition of the constitution and informing them that copies would be furnished at a cost of ten cents each. In reply to this notification, some eighteen lodges procured a supply, leaving twelve lodges that have not made any application. Under the heading “Proposing members,” section 8, page 44 of the constitution, it is required that each candidate, on his initiation, shall be furnished with a copy of the lodge by-laws and a copy of the con-

stitution. It is therefore doubtful, judging from the number of copies procured by some of the lodges; if this law is in all cases carried out.

11.—A matter of much importance to the well being of grand lodge, which may reasonably be considered within the purview of the grand secretary's report, is the attendance of representatives of lodges outside of the City of Saint John at the annual communications. The grand secretary has made a compilation from the attendance book for the several years of the existence of the grand lodge, and he finds that the attendance of such representatives at the annual communications was as follows :

A. D. 1868,.....	10	representatives
1869,.....	11	"
1870,.....	31	"
1871,.....	10	"
1872,.....	15	"
1873,.....	22	"
1874,.....	20	"
1875,.....	22	"

It will be observed from the foregoing figures, that, with the exception of one year (1870), the attendance has not averaged one representative to each lodge. Clearly, every lodge in the province should be represented at the annual communications; would it not therefore be advisable for grand lodge to make this a subject for consideration?

12.—The lodges throughout the jurisdiction are working harmoniously, and give evidence of being in a healthy and prosperous condition. It is the aim of the grand secretary to give every attention to their requirements, and to respond promptly to all matters brought to his notice. He has great pleasure in stating that his correspondence and business transactions generally with the lodges have almost invariably been of the most satisfactory and agreeable character.

His books, files of papers, correspondence, &c., are submitted for the inspection of grand lodge.

The following is a copy of his account for the year just ended, furnished the board of general purposes :

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

Dr.

Cash received from Albion Lodge,.....	No. 1,	\$94 00
" " St. John's,.....	" 2,	69 80
" " Hibernia,.....	" 3,	83 00
" " Sussex,.....	" 4,	31 30
" " St. Mark's,.....	" 5,	36 60
" " Solomon's,.....	" 6,	52 10
" " Sussex,.....	" 7,	57 20
" " Carleton Union,.....	" 8,	61 90
" " Midian,.....	" 9,	13 90
" " Union of Portland,.....	" 10,	101 20
" " Woodstock,.....	" 11,	50 10
" " St. George,.....	" 12,	85 00
" " Corinthian,.....	" 13,	12 20
" " Alley,.....	" 14,	16 40
" " Howard,.....	" 15,	30 40
" " St. Andrew,.....	" 16,	27 25
" " Northumberland,.....	" 17,	55 40
" " Miramichi Lodge,.....	" 18,	37 90
" " Leinster,.....	" 19,	42 70
" " Salisbury,.....	" 20,	36 50
" " Zion,.....	" 21,	56 45
" " New Brunswick,.....	" 22,	39 40
" " Keith,.....	" 23,	28 50
" " Zetland,.....	" 24,	17 10
" " Restigouche,.....	" 25,	46 00
" " Victoria,.....	" 26,	42 10
" " St. John,.....	" 27,	19 60
" " Lebanon,.....	" 28,	15 20
" " St. Andrew's,.....	" 29,	38 90
" " St. Martin's,.....	" 30,	21 40
" " Benjamin,.....	U. D.	15 00
" " Campbellton,.....	U. D.	15 00

—\$1349 50

1876.	Cr.	
May 17, Cash paid Grand Treasurer,.....	\$800 00	
Sept. 16, " "	549 50	

—\$1349 50

WM. F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.

St. John, N. B., 16th Sept., 1876.

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

Resolved, That the report of the grand secretary be received, and lie on the table.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary informed grand lodge, that R. W. Bro. W. H. A. Keans, Grand Treasurer, was prevented from being in attendance on account of illness. He thereupon read the grand treasurer's annual account, as follows :

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

1875.	Dr.	
Sept. 13,	To amount in bank of B. N. America,,	\$985 11
1876.		
May 17,	To amount received from Grand Secretary,	\$800 00
Sept. 16,	" " " "	549 50
		<u>\$2334 61</u>

1875.			
Sept. 24,	By donation to Northumberland Lodge,..	\$ 50 00	
	“ Grand Tyler, for services,.....	12 00	
	“ Grand Secretary, salary,.....	400 00	
	“ Appropriation to benevolence fund,..	200 00	
29,	“ Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....	3 40	
Oct. 11,	“ Stadacona Insurance Co., premium,..	10 00	
Dec. 8,	“ Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....	3 20	
1876.			
March 8,	“ “ “	3 20	
June 14,	“ H. Chubb & Co., printing, &c.,.....	449 55	
	“ Hall Committee, special assessment,..	2 00	
	“ C. A. Robertson, horse hire,.....	8 00	
Sept. 13,	“ Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....	4 50	
	“ Grand Secretary, postages, &c.,.....	22 35	
	“ Expenses official visitation,.....	30 48	
	“ Balance in Bank B. N. America,....	1135 93	
			\$2334 61

W. H. A. KEANS,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., 18th Sept., 1876.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M.,
and

Resolved, That the report of the 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 the Board of General Purposes.

MASONIC HALL, ST. JOHN, N. B.,
27th day of September, A. L. 5876.

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

1.—In submitting their annual report for 1875 '76, the board of general purposes have very great pleasure in congratulating grand lodge on the continued harmony and prosperity of the craft within their jurisdiction. The various lodges, in a true spirit of emulation, are endeavoring to perfect themselves in the ceremonial work as authorized by grand lodge. During the year (which has been one of general commercial depression) the craft has most generously responded to the many calls for benevolence and charity. The harmonious and fraternal spirit which has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, in the past twelve months, has rendered the labors of the board comparatively light. No disputes of any kind have arisen, requiring settlement by the board, either between lodges or members.

2.—At a meeting held on the twenty-fourth day of September, immediately following the termination of the last annual session of grand lodge, the board proceeded as usual to the work of organization, and by an unanimous vote re-elected Worshipful Bro. James McNichol, Jr., Vice President for the current year.

3.—The regulation, which had been adopted in reference to the regular meetings of the board being held on the second Wednesday in December, March, June, and September, at 3 o'clock p. m., having proved satisfactory, it was unanimously agreed to continue the rule for the ensuing year.

4.—The board, feeling the importance of having the books in the masonic library placed before the members of the craft, remitted the

matter into the hands of a committee, who, after careful consideration, submitted the following report :

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES,
ST. JOHN, N. B., 2d Sept., A. D. 1876.

*To the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes F. & A. M., of
New Brunswick :*

The undersigned, appointed by the board on the 8th December last under the following resolution, viz: "That the library committee be requested to consider the possibility of having the books at present in the Grand Lodge Library made accessible to the craft, and report at the next regular meeting of the board," beg to say, that they have given this important matter their most thoughtful consideration, and have been reluctantly led to the conclusion that, with the limited accommodation at the disposal of the library committee, it will, for the present, be quite impossible to make such an arrangement, in its entirety, as that above suggested: at the same time, your committee fully realize the importance of the proposition, and would take this opportunity to say, that the boon of having a masonic library, accessible at all times to the craft, is one of the many advantages that may reasonably be expected to follow the construction of the now contemplated New Brunswick Masonic Temple.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MARSHALL,
WM. F. BUNTING,
JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,
Library Committee.

5.—The sum of two hundred dollars placed at the disposal of the board by grand lodge at the annual session of 1875, as a nucleus for a "Fund of Benevolence," was placed in the hands of a committee, who report as follows :

ST. JOHN, September 13th, 1876.

The sub-committee of the board, to whom was referred the subject of the Fund of Benevolence, beg to report, that they have deposited in the Bank of British North America in this city, in the name of B. Lester Peters, John V. Ellis and W. H. A. Keans, for grand lodge, the sum of two hundred dollars, voted by grand lodge at its last annual session as a nucleus for the said fund, that amount bearing interest at five per cent. per annum from 5th October, 1875.

The sub-committee recommend the board to ask grand lodge to add such other sum to the fund, at the coming session, as can be spared from the treasury of grand lodge.

The sub-committee further recommend, that the grand secretary be directed to bring specially under the notice of the craft in the jurisdiction, the object of this fund, and at the time of the next festival of St. John Evangelist (27th Dec. 1876), solicit from lodges and individual brethren donations toward it, in the name of grand lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,
B. LESTER PETERS,
J. McNICHOL, JR.

6.—The finances of grand lodge have engaged the attention of the board and their satisfactory condition will be seen by the following report of the audit committee.

ST. JOHN, N. B., September 10th, 1876.

To the President of the Board of General Purposes :

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 masonic year of 1875 and '76, report, that they have carefully attended to that duty, and find the accounts correct and the books carefully and systematically kept.

The receipts for the past year are \$1349.50; the balance on hand from last year was \$985.11; making a total of \$2334.61. The expenditures during the year were \$1198.68; leaving a balance in the hands of grand treasurer of \$1135.93.

The receipts of the grand secretary's office correspond with the payments to grand treasurer, as appears by the books and vouchers.

The committee note with pleasure and satisfaction the promptitude manifested by subordinate lodges in paying grand lodge dues.

The receipts and expenditures of grand lodge, in detail, will be found clearly set forth in the statement of the grand secretary and grand treasurer respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

J. McNICHOL, JR.,
HENRY DUFFELL,
J. ALFRED CLARK.

7.—The question of an uniform funeral service, referred to the board by grand lodge at the last annual session, was submitted to a sub-committee, who after great care and consideration have prepared a beautiful and impressive service, which the board herewith offers to grand lodge for their consideration.

Very respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE, D. G. M.,
President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. E. J. Wetmore, P. J. G. W.,
and

Resolved, That the report of the board be received.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M.,
and

Resolved, That the grand secretary be authorized to have printed, as soon as practicable, for the use of grand lodge, the reports of the grand secretary, grand treasurer, and the board of general purposes.

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

Resolved, That the election of the elective officers of grand lodge be held this evening at eight o'clock.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M., and

Resolved, That grand lodge proceed to the consideration of the funeral service, as reported in section 7 of the report of the board of general purposes.

The Funeral Service, prepared by the board of general purposes, was thereupon read by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M.,

That grand lodge adopt the funeral service submitted for consideration by the board of general purposes.

After some discussion on the foregoing motion, it was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the consideration of this question be postponed for the present.

The Library Committee submitted the following report:

Report of the Library Committee.

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

The library committee beg to report that there remained in their hands, as per their report submitted at the last annual communication, the sum of \$1.69.

Since that time there has been expended the sum of \$7.64, which will leave the grand lodge indebted to the committee in the sum of \$5.95.

Possibly, through an oversight, grand lodge omitted to place any funds in their hands at the last annual communication. They were consequently obliged to refrain from incurring any expense. This will account for the trifling outlay.

The committee respectfully ask grand lodge to make an appropriation at this session, to enable them to take advantage of any sales of works suitable for the library shelves.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT MARSHALL,
J. McNICHOL, JR.,
WM. F. BUNTING.

St. John, 27th September, 1876.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., and

Resolved, That the foregoing report be received, and the sum of one hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the library committee.

R. W. Bro. G. Hudson Flewelling, S. G. W., presented credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island, dated at Charlottetown the third day of January, A. L. 5876, and signed by M. W. Bro. John Yeo, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. B. Wilson Higgs, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, presented credentials as representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Utah, dated at Salt Lake City, the twelfth day of October, A. L. 5875, and signed by M. W. Bro. C. W. Bennett, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. William F. Dibblee, D. G. M., presented credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of the Most Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in the Province of Manitoba, in the Dominion of Canada, dated at Winnipeg, the fourteenth day of January, A. L. 5876, and signed by M. W. Bro. William C. Clarke, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John H. Bell, Grand Secretary.

The foregoing representatives were thereupon received and saluted in due form.

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

27th September, 1876.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at half-past seven o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The committee on the M. W. the Grand Master's address presented the following report:

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, September 27th, 1876.

To the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.:

The committee on grand master's address recommend that a special committee on warrants be appointed, to whom shall be referred so much of the address of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to new lodges.

The committee ask leave to make a further report.

Faternally submitted,

B. LESTER PETERS,
JOHN V. ELLIS,
WM. F. DIBBLEE.

Which report, on motion of W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, G. D. C., was received, and the recommendation adopted.

In accordance therewith, W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall and W. Bro. Henry Duffell, were appointed such committee.

R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., presented credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, dated at the City of New York the fourteenth day of January, A. L. 5876, and signed by M. W. Bro. Ellwood E. Thorne, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James M. Austin, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., presented credentials as representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Iowa, dated at Iowa City the thirteenth day of September, A. L. 5875, and signed by M. W. Bro. H. W. Hothert, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bros. Peters and Marshall were thereupon received and saluted in due form as such representatives.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary submitted an application from the body styling itself "The Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Ontario," expressing a desire to enter upon fraternal relationship and to exchange representatives.

Which application, on motion of R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, P. G. M., was referred to the committee on Grand Master's address.

The time appointed for the election of the elective officers of grand lodge having arrived, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed W. Bros. J. Alfred Clark, T. Nisbet Robertson and William Waterbury to act as scrutineers.

The scrutineers having been duly qualified, the regulations of grand lodge relative to the election of officers were read by the Grand Secretary.

The following brethren were thereupon nominated and unanimously elected by acclamation, viz.:

ROBERT T. CLINCH, M. W. Grand Master (re-elected.)
 WILLIAM H. A. KEANS, . . . R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 THOMAS F. GILLESPIE, . . . R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 WILLIAM D. FORSTER, . . . R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 REV. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, . V. W. Grand Chaplain (re-elected.)
 JAMES McNICHOL, JR., . . . V. W. Grand Treasurer.
 DINGEE SCRIBNER, W. Grand Tyler.

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

Resolved, That the hour of seven o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) evening, be appointed for the installation services.

R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., from the ritual committee, reported that the committee had made arrangements by direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, for the full exemplification, before grand lodge, of the *work* of the three degrees, and the ceremonies of opening, closing, &c., and that R. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, would occupy the chair and conduct all the ceremonies, assisted by officers specially appointed for the purpose.

He further reported that, for the better carrying out the wishes of the M. W. the Grand Master, application had been made to three of the worshipful masters of city lodges, to summon emergency communications of their lodges, and to furnish candidates, which application had been cheerfully assented to by the following:

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, E. A. Degree.
 Albion Lodge, No. 1, F. C. Degree.
 Saint John's Lodge, No. 2, M. M. Degree.

By order of the M. W. the Grand Master, grand lodge took a recess for the purpose of witnessing the *work* of the E. A. degree in the New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, and thereafter grand lodge was called to order again.

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

THURSDAY MORNING,

28th September, 1876.

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

Application for fraternal recognition was received from the Grand Lodge of Dakota, as follows:

A. F. and A. M.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA,
 Canton, Lincoln County, Dakota Territory, Aug. 2, 1875.

To the Grand lodges of America:

The following lodges, viz.:

St. John's No. 166, new No. 1, Yankton, Dakota,
 Incense No. 257, new No. 2, Vermillion, "
 Elk Point No. 288, new No. 3, Elk Point, "
 Silver Star No. 345, new No. 4, Canton, "
 Minnehaha No. 328, new No. 5, Sioux Falls, "
 Mt. Zion No. 346, new No. 6, Springfield, "

Holding their charters from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa, met in convention at Elk Point, in said territory, on the 24th day of June, 1875, and having taken all the preliminary steps towards the organization of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, adjourned to meet again at Vermillion, on the 21st day of July, 1875, at which time the convention re-assembled, when M. W. Past Grand Master, T. S. Parvin, of Iowa

City, Iowa, in *ample* form, constituted the M. W. Grand Lodge of Dakota, and installed the following brethren into their respective offices, viz.:

Thomas Henderson Brown, Sioux Falls, M. W. Grand Master; R. W. F. J. DeWitt, Yankton, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Calvin G. Shaw, Vermillion, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. H. H. Blair, Elk Point, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. George H. Hand, Yankton, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Mark W. Bailey, Canton, Grand Secretary; J. C. Damon, Grand Chaplain; W. H. Miller, Sr., Grand Senior Deacon; O. P. Weston, Grand Junior Deacon; D. W. Hasson, Grand Tyler; L. Congleton, Grand Marshall; Thomas Robinson, Grand Senior Steward; C. F. Mallahan, Grand Junior Steward; P. W. McManus, Grand Pursuivant.

The Grand Lodge of Dakota having been thus constituted, and its officers installed, invites the early and fraternal recognition of the sister grand lodges of the American continent and the world. The proceedings of the convention and of its first annual communication, held as above, will be duly published and forwarded to the proper officers of the grand lodges and masonic papers; and as the new grand lodge desires, at the outset, to form a library, it does most earnestly invite the several grand lodges to donate to its library as full a set of its proceedings as they can, and also the several publishers to place the same upon their list of exchanges.

As soon as the grand lodge shall procure a seal, an impression thereof will be forwarded; in the meantime, the grand secretary would be pleased to receive an impression of the seal of each grand lodge receiving this circular. All packages sent by express and all mail may be sent to the undersigned.

Fraternally,

MARK W. BAILEY,

G. Sec'y of the G. Lodge of Dakota, Canton, Lincoln Co., Dakota.

Which application, on motion of R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., was received and referred to the committee on Grand Master's address.

On motion of R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., grand lodge proceeded to the consideration of section 5 of the report of the board of general purposes.

The following resolution was thereupon moved by R. W. Bro. Ellis and adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the board of general purposes, to be added to the fund of benevolence.

A letter was received from the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which on motion of R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., was referred to the committee on Grand Master's address, and is as follows:

TORONTO, 28th July, 1876.

My dear and R. W. Brother:

It is my painful duty to inform you of the death of our highly esteemed and M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, who was for many years the representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. Bro. Bernard died at San Jose, in California (whither he had removed a few months ago), after a brief illness on the 5th of this month, and his remains were brought to Montreal, where they were interred on the 15th inst., on which occasion a special communication of Grand Lodge of Quebec was called to perform the ceremonies. It was my melancholy duty to attend and take part in paying this last sad tribute of respect to our departed brother.

M. W. Bro. Bernard left Canada to seek health and strength in a distant land, and alas! how soon did death overtake him! He was much esteemed amongst his brethren, and will be sadly missed at our councils.

May I ask you to call the attention of your M. W. Grand Master to the vacancy thus created in the position of grand representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near our grand lodge. It will be most gratifying to the brethren of this jurisdiction to have this avenue to friendly and fraternal intercourse maintained, and I therefore hope that the M. W. Grand Master of New Brunswick will at an early day appoint another to act as such representative.

If it would be acceptable to the M. W. Grand Master of New Brunswick I should have much pleasure in nominating V. W. Bro. the Hon. T. B. Pardee as one who is highly esteemed amongst us, and I am confident that he would prove a worthy representative of your grand

lodge, while his position in the community (as Commissioner of Crown Lands) is an earnest that his views would command the respect of his brethren.

Believe me to remain,

Yours truly and fraternally,

J. K. KERR, G. M. G. L. of C.

R. W. Bro. W. F. BUNTING, Esq.,
G. Sec'y Grand Lodge of New Brunswick,
Saint John, N. B.

The Grand Secretary read notes addressed to him from W. Bro. Joseph Kenworthy, representative near the Grand Lodge of New York; R. W. Bro. George Wesley Atkinson, representative near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia; W. Bro. Harvey E. Hubbard, representative near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin; and V. W. Bro. T. B. Pardee, representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada, acknowledging the reception of their commissions, with expressions of fraternal wishes for continued harmony between the respective bodies.

W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, G. D. C., submitted the following report, which, on his motion, was ordered to be received.

Report of Committee on Warrants to New Lodges.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, MASONIC HALL,
St. John, N. B., Sept. 28th, 1876.

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. W. Grand Master relating to the granting of warrants to lodges, beg to report, that they have had before them the applications for warrants from brethren in Andover and Campbellton, and have given the matter their careful consideration.

Your committee have much pleasure in endorsing the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, that a warrant of constitution be granted to Benjamin Lodge, now working under dispensation at Andover, in the county of Victoria.

Your committee have also much pleasure in endorsing the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, that a warrant of constitution

be granted the Campbellton Lodge, now working under dispensation at Campbellton, in the county of Restigouche.

Respectfully submitted,

T. NISBET ROBERTSON,
ROBERT MARSHALL,
HENRY DUFFELL.

In accordance with the first recommendation in the foregoing report, it was moved by W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, and

Resolved, That a warrant of constitution be granted to Benjamin Lodge, and that it stand on the register No. 31.

In accordance with the second recommendation in the foregoing report, it was also moved by W. Bro. Robertson, and

Resolved, That a warrant of constitution, No. 32, be granted to Campbellton Lodge.

The Grand Secretary read a note from R. W. Bro. David Main, Junior Grand Warden, announcing his inability to attend grand lodge, in consequence of severe illness.

At his request, the V. W. the Grand Secretary presented the credentials of R. W. Bro. David Main, as representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Wyoming, dated at Cheyenne the tenth day of October, A. L. 5875, and signed by M. W. Bro. Edgar P. Snow, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John K. Jeffrey, Grand Secretary.

Which credentials were duly received.

The following resolution was moved by W. Bro. Henry Leonard, P. M. Lodge No. 8:

Resolved, That the general business of lodges, at regular communications, shall be transacted on the entered apprentice degree.

Pending decision on the foregoing, grand lodge was called from labor until half-past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

28th September, 1876.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at half-past 2 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The committee on Grand Master's address submitted the following report:

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
St. John, Sept. 28th, 1876.

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. the Grand Master beg leave to submit a report.

The committee have examined the proceedings, etc., at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Dakota. They find that that grand lodge was formed by the representatives of six lodges holding from the Grand Lodge of Iowa, the territory being what is understood as masonically unoccupied. The formation was regular in every respect, and the committee are of opinion that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick can safely extend fraternal recognition to the new grand lodge.

The committee have examined the papers submitted to them by grand lodge in connection with the formation of the body calling itself "The Grand Lodge of Ontario," and they have had under consideration the portion of the address of the M. W. Grand Master in relation to the same organization.

The so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario was formed in, and claims jurisdiction in the Province of Ontario, which now is, and since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, has been exclusively masonic territory of that grand lodge. The formation of another governing body

in that province is therefore an invasion of the territorial rights of a grand lodge with which the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is in fraternal communication, and is not only a violation of, but, if permitted, would be absolutely destructive of the just and necessary principle underlying the whole system of masonic government. On this ground alone the committee advise grand lodge to refuse recognition to the body seeking it. The committee have not deemed it necessary to consider the matter from any other stand-point, or to enter upon any discussion of the mode of formation of the self called grand lodge, the attention drawn to this by the Grand Master being quite sufficient. They venture to express the hope that the brethren now in rebellion against the lawful authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and indeed against all masonic law and principle, will return to their allegiance, and atone for the grievous wrong they have done.

The committee submit the following resolutions:

1st.—*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory, United States of America, be, and is hereby recognized by the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick as a regular grand lodge, and that fraternal salutations be sent her.

2nd.—*Resolved*, That the body calling itself the Grand Lodge of Ontario is an irregular and clandestine organization, and is not entitled to recognition or countenance by regular freemasons: that persons hailing from the said organization, or bodies holding of it are not worthy of masonic fellowship, and that all the lodges in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick be immediately warned by the grand secretary not to receive as visitors, or acknowledge as brothers, persons hailing from the so called Grand Lodge of Ontario.

The committee ask leave to make a further report.

Respectfully submitted,

B. LESTER PETERS,
JOHN V. ELLIS,
W. F. DIBBLEE.

Whereupon it was moved by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., and

Resolved, That the report be received, and the resolutions offered by the committee be considered separately.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., and

Resolved, That the resolution of the committee having reference to the Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory be adopted.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, P. G. Pursuivant, and

Resolved, That the resolution of the committee regarding the body styling itself the "Grand Lodge of Ontario," be adopted.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M., the debate was resumed on the resolution to adopt a "Funeral Service," postponed yesterday afternoon.

In amendment to that resolution, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., as follows:

That ——— copies of the funeral service, submitted by the board of general purposes be printed and placed in the office of the grand secretary, and that copies be supplied on application to any W. Master on payment of a price to be fixed by the board.

Which amendment was adopted.

On motion of R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., it was

Resolved, That the blank in the foregoing resolution be filled in—"Two hundred."

The following resolution was moved by W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, G. D. C., and decided in the negative.

Resolved, That the funeral service which has been adopted by this grand lodge shall be the only funeral service used by lodges within this jurisdiction, at the burial of deceased brethren.

Grand Lodge took a recess, when the ceremonies of the Fellow Craft degree were witnessed at an emergency communication of Albion Lodge, No. 1, specially summoned for the purpose; after which grand lodge was called to order again.

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

THURSDAY EVENING,

28th September, 1876.

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

R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., presented credentials as representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Wisconsin, dated at Milwaukee the fifteenth day of May, A. L. 5876, and signed by M. W. Bro. J. P. C. Cottrill, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John W. Woodhull, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. Ellis was thereupon received and saluted in due form as such representative.

R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., chairman of the committee on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, submitted the following resolutions, which, on his motion, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this grand lodge receives with profound sorrow the announcement made by the M. W. Grand Master of the death of M. W. Bro. Aldis Bernard, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and for many years representative of this grand lodge near the Grand lodge of Canada;

And further Resolved, That this grand lodge tenders fraternal sympathy to the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the loss of a distinguished and eminent brother;

And further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the V. W. the grand secretary under the seal of this grand lodge to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

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

Resolved, That the annual report of the V. W. the grand secretary be taken up for consideration; that the subjects contained in the tenth

and eleventh sections be referred to the board of general purposes, and that the report be received.

The hour appointed for the installation of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, M. W. Brother Robert Thomson Clinch, Grand Master, re-elect, was obligated, invested and installed by Past Grand Master R. W. Brother John V. Ellis, and was saluted and proclaimed "Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Antient 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. HENRY DUFFELL, Senior Grand Deacon.
- W. J. ALFRED CLARK, Junior Grand Deacon.
- W. JAMES BOONE, G. Director Ceremonies.
- W. LOUIS B. MESSENETT, . . . Asst. G. Dir. Ceremonies.
- W. CHARLES U. HANFORD, . . . Grand Sword Bearer.
- W. WILLIAM OSBORNE, Grand Standard Bearer.
- W. HENRY CARD, Grand Organist.
- W. ROBERT J. MCADOO, Grand Pursuivant.
- W. JAMES ADAM, Grand Steward.
- W. HIRAM G. BETTS, "
- W. ANDREW J. STEWART, "
- W. GEORGE MOFFAT, "
- W. JOHN A. MCCALLUM, "
- W. DAVID U. PORTER, "
- W. ROBERT M. STEVENS, "
- W. BOWEN SMITH, "
- W. JAMES COOPER, "
- W. BLAIR ESTABROOKS, "
- W. JOHN A. BEATTY, "
- W. WILLIAM A. HENDERSON, "

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

- R. W. WILLIAM H. A. KEANS, . . . Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. THOMAS F. GILLESPIE, Senior Grand Warden.
- R. W. WILLIAM D. FORSTER, Junior Grand Warden.
- V. W. REV. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, . . Grand Chaplain.
- V. W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR., Grand Treasurer.
- V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.
- W. HENRY DUFFELL, Senior Grand Deacon.
- W. J. ALFRED CLARK, Junior Grand Deacon.
- W. JAMES BOONE, Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
- W. CHARLES U. HANFORD, Grand Sword Bearer.
- W. HENRY CARD, Grand Organist.
- W. ROBERT J. MCADOO, Grand Pursuivant.
- W. HIRAM G. BETTS, Grand Steward.
- W. ANDREW J. STEWART, "
- W. JAMES COOPER, "
- BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER, . . . Grand Tyler.

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to the board of general purposes for the ensuing year, viz.:

- R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL, Past Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. EDWARD WILLIS, "
- R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON, Past Senior Grand Warden.
- R. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE, Past Junior Grand Warden.
- V. W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR., Grand Treasurer.
- W. HENRY DUFFELL, Senior Grand Deacon.
- W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON, Past G. D. Ceremonies.
- W. JOHN MULLIN, Past G. Standard Bearer.
- W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL, Past Senior Grand Deacon.
- W. HENRY LEONARD, Past Master Lodge No. 8.

The following were re-appointed "Ritual Committee," viz.:

M. W. Robert T. Clinch, R. W. B. Lester Peters, R. W. John V. Ellis, R. W. William F. Bunting, W. Henry Duffell, and W. T. Nisbet Robertson.

The following were re-appointed "Library Committee," viz.:

R. W. Robert Marshall, R. W. William F. Bunting and V. W. James McNichol, Jr.

The following resolution, viz.: "*Resolved*, That the general business of lodges at regular communications shall be transacted on the entered apprentice degree," the debate on which was deferred immediately previous to the close of this morning's session, was ruled "out of order" by the M. W. the Grand Master, "as a proposal for adding a new rule of grand lodge for the government of private lodges."

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the committee on credentials receive the thanks of grand lodge for the attention given to the important duties entrusted to them.

Grand Lodge took a recess for the purpose of witnessing the ceremonies of the M. M. degree upon a candidate in Saint John's Lodge, No. 2, an emergency communication of the lodge having been summoned for the purpose. The same officers filled the various stations as in the working of the E. A. and F. C. degrees. At the conclusion of the ceremonies grand lodge was called to labor again.

The following resolution was proposed by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, Past Grand Master, and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of grand lodge be tendered to R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, and the worshipful brothers acting under him as lodge officers, in exemplifying the work of the three degrees at this present session;

And further Resolved, That this grand lodge desires to record hearty approval of the accurate and effective manner in which the work has been exemplified.

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

Resolved, That when a new lodge, opened under a dispensation or warrant, may require instruction in the work and ritual, the Grand Master shall be empowered—if he deem it necessary—to appoint a competent brother to visit the lodge for the purpose of giving the officers proper instruction; and such proportion of the expense incurred, which to the Grand Master may appear just and right, shall be paid by the board of general purposes, upon certificate or recommendation of the Grand Master.

The M. W. the Grand Master recommended that the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden be conferred upon R. W. Bro. William T. Wilkinson, the representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Ireland; also upon V. W. Bro. T. B. Pardee, the representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Whereupon it was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That R. W. Bro. William T. Wilkinson be created a permanent member of this grand lodge, with the rank and title of past junior grand warden.

It was also moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, and

Resolved, That V. W. Bro. T. B. Pardee, be created a permanent member of this grand lodge, with the rank and title of past junior grand warden.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., Grand Treasurer, and

Resolved, That grand lodge adopt that part of the annual report of the board of general purposes contained in section 5, viz.: "The sub-committee further recommend that the grand secretary be directed to bring specially under the notice of the craft in the jurisdiction, the object of this (Benevolence) fund, and at the time of the next festival of St. John the Evangelist (27th Dec., 1876), solicit from lodges and individual brethren donations towards it, in the name of grand lodge."

The M. W. the Grand Master thanked the brethren present for their attendance, and the close attention given by them to the business of the communication.

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, 1875.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended and excluded.	Died.	Total Members.
1	Albion,.....	12	13	12	1	....	6	9	2	170
2	Saint John's,.....	7	7	8	2	....	2	....	....	137
3	Hibernia,.....	17	2	7	1	....	6	8	2	140
4	Sussex,.....	3	4	3	....	....	....	....	1	23
5	Saint Mark's,.....	5	3	3	....	....	1	....	1	74
6	Solomon's,.....	3	5	6	2	....	4	....	2	74
7	Sussex,.....	10	14	15	....	....	3	....	1	93
8	Carleton Union,.....	4	4	4	....	....	2	....	1	132
9	Midian,.....	....	....	....	1	....	3	....	1	26
10	Union of Portland,.....	12	14	15	2	....	4	5	4	188
11	Woodstock,.....	9	9	9	1	....	4	....	4	79
12	Saint George,.....	12	11	11	2	1	2	....	....	132
13	Corinthian,.....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	28
14	Alley,.....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	51
15	Howard,.....	3	4	2	1	....	1	4	1	56
16	Saint Andrew,.....	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	63
17	Northumberland,.....	10	11	11	2	....	3	....	1	86
18	Miramichi,.....	4	4	3	1	....	1	....	....	66
19	Leinster,.....	6	4	4	1	....	10	1	2	73
20	Salisbury,.....	5	2	2	1	1	2	....	1	42
21	Zion,.....	13	10	10	1	....	4	....	....	58
22	New Brunswick,.....	3	3	2	2	....	2	16	1	76
23	Keith,.....	....	....	....	6	....	....	....	....	60
24	Zetland,.....	1	2	2	....	....	1	....	....	34
25	Restigouche,.....	11	10	10	....	....	4	8	....	60
26	Victoria,.....	6	5	7	1	....	2	....	....	73
27	Saint John,.....	3	3	3	....	....	2	5	1	34
28	Lebanon,.....	3	2	2	....	....	1	....	....	23
29	Saint Andrew's,.....	6	7	6	....	1	1	....	1	56
30	Saint Martin's,.....	2	3	4	1	1	2	....	1	39
Total,.....		171	156	162	29	4	76	56	29	2246

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,...	Coote M. Chambers, ..	Victoria, V. I.
California,.....	Alexander G. Abell, ..	San Francisco.
Canada,.....	John J. Mason,.....	Hamilton.
Colorado,.....	Ed. C. Parmelee,.....	Georgetown.
Connecticut,.....	Joseph K. Wheeler, ..	Hartford.
Dakota,.....	Mark W. Bailey,.....	Canton.
Delaware,.....	William S. Hayes,....	Wilmington
District of Columbia, ..	Wm. R. Singleton,...	Washington.
England,.....	John Hervey,.....	London.
Florida,.....	DeWitt C. Dawkins, ..	Jacksonville.
France,.....	F. Thevenot,.....	Paris.
Georgia,.....	J. Emmett Blackshear, ..	Macon.
Idaho,.....	Joseph Pinkham, ..	Boise City.
Illinois,.....	John F. Burrill,.....	Springfield.
Indiana,.....	John M. Bramwell, ..	Indianapolis.
Iowa,.....	Theodore S. Parvin, ..	Iowa City.
Ireland,.....	Samuel B. Oldham, ..	Dublin.
Kansas,.....	John H. Brown,.....	Wyandotte.
Kentucky,.....	John M. Todd,.....	Louisville.
Louisiana,.....	James C. Batchelor, ..	New Orleans.
Maine,.....	Ira Berry,.....	Portland.
Manitoba,.....	John H. Bell,.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland,.....	Jacob H. Medairy,....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,.....	Charles H. Titus,....	Boston.
Michigan,.....	Ellery J. Garfield,....	Detroit.
Minnesota,.....	A. T. C. Pierson,....	Saint Paul.
Mississippi,.....	J. L. Power,.....	Jackson.
Missouri,.....	Geo. Frank Gouley, ..	St. Louis.
Montana,.....	Cornelius Hedges,....	Helena.
Nebraska,.....	William R. Bowen, ..	Omaha.

Nevada,.....	Samuel W. Chubbuck, ..	Virginia.
New Hampshire,.....	John A. Harris,.....	Concord.
New Jersey,.....	Joseph H. Hough,....	Trenton.
New York,.....	James M. Austin,....	New York.
North Carolina,.....	Donald W. Bain,....	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia,.....	Benjamin Curren,....	Halifax.
Ohio,.....	John D. Caldwell,....	Cincinnati.
Oregon,.....	R. P. Earhart,.....	Portland.
Pennsylvania,.....	John Thomson,.....	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island, ..	B. Wilson Higgs,....	Charlottetown.
Quebec,.....	John H. Isaacson,....	Montreal.
Rhode Island,.....	Edwin Baker,.....	Providence.
Scotland,.....	John Lawrie,.....	Edinburgh.
South Carolina,.....	Charles Inglesby,....	Charleston.
Tennessee,.....	John Frizzell,.....	Nashville.
Texas,.....	George H. Bringham, ..	Houston.
Utah,.....	Christopher Diehl,....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont,.....	Henry Clark,.....	Rutland.
Virginia,.....	John Dove,.....	Richmond.
Washington,.....	Thomas M. Reed,....	Olympia.
West Virginia,.....	Odell S. Long,.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin,.....	John W. Woodhull, ..	Milwaukee.
Wyoming,.....	John K. Jeffrey,.....	Cheyenne.

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England,.....	Brackstone Baker,....	London.
Iowa,.....	Rev. W. W. Estabrooks, ..	Sioux City.
Ireland,.....	Wm. T. Wilkinson, ..	Dublin.
Louisiana,.....	Edwin Marks,.....	New Orleans.
Maine,.....	Denison E. Seymour, ..	Calais.
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 Scotland,.....Alexander Hay,.....Edinburgh.
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 Utah,.....Christopher Diehl,....Salt Lake City.
 West Virginia,.....Geo. W. Atkinson, ..Charleston.
 Wisconsin,.....Harvey E. Hubbard, La Crosse.

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 England,.....Robert T. Clinch,....Saint John.
 Florida,.....B. Lester Peters,....Saint John.
 Iowa,.....Robert Marshall,.....Saint John.
 Ireland,.....James McNichol, Jr.,..Saint John.
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 Manitoba,.....William F. Dibblee,..Woodstock.
 Michigan,.....Benj. R. Stevenson,..Saint Andrews.
 Minnesota,.....Charles Ketchum,....Saint John.
 Missouri,.....William F. Bunting,..Saint John.
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 Utah,.....William F. Bunting,..Saint John.
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