

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ELEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
OF THE
ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY
OF
Free and Accepted Masons
OF
NEW BRUNSWICK,
Held at Saint John 25th and 26th September, A. D. 1878.

ALSO, OF
SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

HELD
May 29th, July 1st, and November 25th, A. D. 1878.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF A
SPECIAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT THE
CITY OF ST. JOHN, 29th MAY, A. D. 1878.

Pursuant to notice, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, was held in the Masonic Hall, Magee's building, Germain Street, in the City of Saint John, on Wednesday the 29th day of May, A. L. 5878, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at which the following actual and acting officers of the grand lodge were

Present:

- M. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH,.....Grand Master.
- R. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,.....Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. HENRY DUFFELL,.....Senior Grand Warden.
- W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY, as..Junior Grand Warden.
- V. W. REV. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,.Grand Chaplain.
- W. THOMAS M. REED, as.....Grand Treasurer.
- V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
- W. EDWARD L. WETMORE,....Senior Grand Deacon.
- W. GEORGE F. STICKNEY,Junior Grand Deacon.
- W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON, as..Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
- R. W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING, as Asst. G. Dir. Ceremonies.
- W. HENRY A. WHITE,.....Grand Sword Bearer.

W. GEORGE KILNAPP, as Grand Standard Bearer.
 W. EDWARD J. SHELDON, Grand Organist.
 W. ROBERT J. McADOO, as Grand Pursuivant.
 W. JAMES BENTLEY, Grand Steward.
 W. WILLIAM E. SKILLEN, "
 W. JAMES ROURKE, as "
 W. HENRY J. THORNE, as "
 W. GEORGE E. PERKINS, as "
 W. THOMAS O. SANDALL, as "
 BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER, Grand Tyler.

Together with a very large number of Past Grand Officers, and representatives of a majority of the lodges in the jurisdiction.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master in the East opened grand lodge in *due* form.

Prayer by the V. W. the Grand Chaplain.

Music by the choir.

Announcement having been made that the M. W. the Grand Master was in waiting, he was received with the ceremony due to his official rank and conducted to the East.

The M. W. the Grand Master stated that he had received a requisition from the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Saint John to lay, with masonic ceremony, the corner stone of the City Hall now in course of erection; that he had through the Grand Secretary accepted the invitation, and had caused this special communication to be summoned in order to have the attendance and assistance of the craft in the ceremonial. He expressed his gratification in having such a hearty response to his call and in seeing so large a representation of brethren present.

The Grand Secretary by direction of the M. W. the Grand Master read the invitation of the city council, as follows:

COMMON CLERK'S OFFICE,
 St. John, N. B., 16th May, 1878.

SIR:—The Common Council of the City of Saint John being desirous that the corner stone of the City Hall now in course of erection at the corner of Prince William and Princess streets in this city, should be laid with masonic ceremony, I have the honor, by direction of the city hall committee of the common council, to request that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, will be pleased to lay the corner stone according to ancient usage on Wednesday the twenty-ninth day of May instant, at such hour as he may appoint.

I have the honor to be sir,

Your obedient servant,

B. LESTER PETERS,

Common Clerk of the City of St. John.

To the R. W. W. F. BUNTING, Esq.,
 G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New
 Brunswick F. & A. M.

The M. W. the Grand Master having called upon the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies to take charge of the craft and form the respective bodies in order of procession, vacated the East.

After being formed in due order, the procession moved to the court house, when the Grand Director of Ceremonies entered the city council chamber and addressed the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors, as follows:

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of the Common Council:

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, having acceded to your request to lay the corner stone of the city hall according to the ancient ceremony of the craft, is now ready to perform that duty. He respectfully requests you to proceed with him to the site of the hall, and has directed me to conduct you to your place in the procession.

The Mayor and Aldermen then joined the procession, which was made up as follows:

	Detachment of Police.	
Police.	Grand Tyler with drawn sword.	Police.
	Band of the 62nd Battalion.	
	Victoria Lodge, No. 26, Milltown, George A. Murchie, W. M.	
	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, James McNichol, jr., W. M.	
	Leinster Lodge, No. 19, Charles H. Masters, W. M.	
	Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, Chatham, John Fotheringham, W. M.	
	Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, Archibald McLean, W. M.	
Police.	Carleton Serenade Band.	Police.
Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, James F. Ellis, W. M., with banner of	Athole Lodge, of Halifax.	
	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, Charles J. Henderson, W. M.	
	St. John's Lodge, No. 2, George B. Hegan, W. M.	
	Albion Lodge, No. 1, Thomas Walker, W. M.	
	Carleton Chapter, Union Chapter, and New Brunswick Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.	
	Union De Molay Encampment,	
	S. F. Matthews, Eminent Commander.	
	Stewards of Grand Lodge.	
	Past Masters, bearing the vessels containing corn, wine and oil,	
	supported by Grand Stewards.	
	Grand Pursuivant.	
	Grand Organist.	
	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.	
	Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.	
	Aldermen and Councillors.	
	Deputy Common Clerk and Clerk to the Chamberlain.	
	The Architect, J. T. C. McKean.	
	Common Clerk and Chamberlain.	
	THE MAYOR.	
	Past Master David Tapley, bearing the Holy Writings.	
	Grand Chaplain.	
	Grand Wardens.	
	Deputy Grand Master.	
	Past Grand Masters.	
Police.	Grand Standard Bearer.	Police.
	THE GRAND MASTER.	
	Grand Sword Bearer.	
	Grand Stewards.	

The Knights Templar of the Encampment of Saint John were under the command of Noble and Eminent Commander, T. Amos Godsoe.

The procession wended its way to the north side of King's square, down King street and along Prince William street to the corner of Princess street, where the ranks opened out, the 62nd band playing meanwhile. The grand lodge and city council, escorted by the encampments, passed through to the entrance of the platform, when the encampments halted and, facing inwards, saluted the grand lodge and the common council as the members passed. The grand lodge officers took up positions on the platform, and around them were the members of the fraternity.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, the grand lodge having assembled for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the city hall here to be erected, you will direct the Junior Grand Warden to call upon all persons present to preserve order.

Senior Grand Warden.—Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden: It is the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master that this corner stone be now laid with masonic honors, you will therefore direct all persons present to preserve due order and solemnity.

Junior Grand Warden.—Brethren and all who are here present: Take notice that the Most Worshipful Grand Master will now deposit this foundation stone in masonic form, you will therefore observe due order and decorum during the ceremonies.

The opening hymn was then sung by a choir of some thirty members of the craft, Bro. E. J. Sheldon acting as conductor, the accompaniment being played upon an organ, which was thoughtfully sheltered by a covering from the rain, which had begun to come down copiously. The hymn is as follows:

When God upheaved the pillared earth,
Hung out the stars, to light gave birth,
Opened its deeps, its carpet spread,
'Twas silence all, as chaos fled.

When rose the fane on Zion's hill —
A work of matchless power and skill —
No axe was heard, no hammer there,
But all was still as summer air.

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Thus, laboring through life's working day,
In gold or marble, wood or clay,
Let art, through us, its empire pure,
Be quiet toil and skill secure.

Thus air and power shall space o'ercome,
And bring the distant near to home;
While thought in channels new shall flow,
And round the earth in silence go.

Great God! thus let the temple rise,
Whose altar-stone within us lies;
Silent and calm, with skill divine,
Till light immortal round us shine.

His Worship the Mayor, S. Z. Earle, Esq., then stepped forward and in a few well chosen remarks requested the Grand Master to lay the stone, at the same time presenting him with a handsome silver trowel, inscribed as follows:

PRESENTED TO
ROBERT THOMSON CLINCH, ESQUIRE,
M. W. Grand Master of Freemasons,
New Brunswick,
BY THE
MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMONALTY
OF THE
City of Saint John, N. B.,
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS LAYING THE
CORNER STONE
OF THE
CITY HALL,
29th May,
1878.

The Grand Master having accepted the trowel expressed his readiness to proceed.

B. Lester Peters, Esq., Common Clerk, then read the scroll which was deposited in the stone, and is as follows:

BY THE FAVOR OF ALMIGHTY GOD, on the 29th day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, in the forty-first year of the reign of Our Sovereign Queen Victoria, at the request of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of St. John,

The corner stone of this City Hall was laid by Robert Thomson Clinch, Esq., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, attended and assisted by the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and Subordinate Lodges and brethren of the jurisdiction.

The City of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick, being within the Dominion of Canada, in British North America, under the sovereign rule of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

The Right Honorable Sir Frederick Temple, Earl of Dufferin, P. C., K. P., K. C. B., Governor General of Canada.

The Honorable Samuel Leonard Tilley, C. B., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

Sylvester Z. Earle, Esq., M. D., Mayor of the City of St. John.

James A. Harding, Esq., High Sheriff.

William H. Tuck, Esq., Q. C., Recorder.

Humphrey T. Gilbert, Esq., Police Magistrate.

<i>Wards.</i>	<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councillors.</i>
King's, - - -	James Domville, - - -	William Rainnie.
Queen's, - - -	James Adams, - - -	Harris Allan.
Duke's, - - -	John Kerr, - - -	J. R. McFarlane.
Sidney, - - -	Henry Duffell, - - -	Barth. Coxetter.
Guy's, - - -	S. L. Brittain, - - -	Enoch B. Colwell.
Brook's, - - -	H. A. Glasgow, - - -	J. Alfred Ring.
Wellington, - -	William Peters, - - -	T. B. Hanington.
Prince, - - -	George H. Martin, - -	J. H. Allen.
Albert, - - -	Jarvis Wilson, - - -	Charles Emerson.

William Sandall, Esq., Treasurer and Chamberlain.

Building Committee.—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Duffell, Peers, Adams and Martin.

Architects.—McKean & Fairweather.

Contractors.—James G. McDonald and John S. Armstrong.

A brief sketch of the history of the building was also among the papers enclosed. It was as follows :

"The building formerly on this site, occupied by the city corporation as city government offices, was destroyed by fire in the great conflagration which, on the 20th June last, laid in ashes the greater part of the city. Full particulars of that fire and of the public and private losses sustained are contained in an issue of the *Saint John Globe* newspaper, published on the 12th day of July last and deposited with this record in the corner stone.

"The building formerly occupying this site was erected by the corporation of the Commercial Bank of New Brunswick for a banking house, and was afterwards purchased by the city corporation of Saint John, and used for civic offices.

"On preparing the foundation for this city hall, the corner stone of that building was uncovered, and the records there found were preserved and are now deposited in a separate parcel within the corner stone laid this day.

"This record is made under the common seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, and the hand of Sylvester Z. Earle, Mayor of the city, the 29th day of May, 1878.

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"S. Z. EARLE, Mayor.

"B. LESTER PETERS, Common Clerk."

A large copper box was used as a receptacle for the papers and other articles which will prove of interest in years to come. The following, with the scroll, comprised the contents of the box placed in the cavity of the corner stone, which is in the northeast corner of the building :

Barnes' Almanac, 1878.

Copy of the City Charter.

Daily Telegraph, June 21st, containing the first account of the fire, of the previous day, that was published.

Daily Telegraph, June 25th, containing plan of the burnt district.

Weekly Telegraph, June 29th, with full account of the fire.

St. John Globe, July 12th, which has an account of the fire on 20th June.

Daily Globe, May 28th.

Daily Telegraph, May 29th.

Daily News, May 29th.

The Morning Freeman, May 29th.

Coins of the realm, sovereigns and half sovereigns.

Coins of the Dominion — 50, 25, 20, 10, 5 and 1 cent pieces, and one Dollar note of the Dominion of Canada.

One glass jar contained the corporation records, and another the contents of the former box, which consist of a printed list of the officers of the Commercial Bank in 1838, which states that the stone was laid on the 18th July in that year ; a lithographic northern and eastern panoramic view of the City of Saint John ; an envelope containing silver coins of 2s. 6d. and one shilling and a gold sovereign ; a paper which had been deposited by Albion Lodge, F. & A. M., signed by A. Balloch, secretary ; the *Courier* newspaper, dated April 28, 1838, and an *Observer* of July 17, 1838, with a note of the publisher of the latter journal ; a copy of the Royal charter of the Commercial Bank, which bears the signature of H. Perley, cashier, and a note of that bank of £5, signed by H. Gilbert, president, and A. Balloch, cashier ; besides one of Chubb's Almanacs for 1838.

The M. W. the Grand Master, assisted by the proper Grand Officers, thereupon laid the corner stone with the usual masonic ceremonies.

After which the procession was re-formed and returned to the court house, where the mayor and civic functionaries left the ranks, and thence proceeded to the masonic hall.

NOTE.—During the whole of the proceedings the rain poured down without cessation interfering in a great measure with the ceremonies, and making everything decidedly unpleasant.—Grand Secretary.

The M. W. the Grand Master and the other officers having resumed their respective stations, grand lodge was called to order again.

The M. W. the Grand Master in the East, expressed his cordial thanks to the brethren for their attendance and

assistance. He regretted that the down-pour of rain had interfered so materially with the proceedings, and that the brethren were obliged to undergo such an unpleasant march through mud and wet.

With music by the choir and prayer by the V. W. the Grand Chaplain, grand lodge was closed in *ample* form.

Wm. J. Runtz
Grand Secy:

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT THE

CITY OF ST. JOHN, 1st JULY, A. D. 1878.

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, held in the Masonic Hall, City of Saint John, on Monday the first day of July, A. L. 5878, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, the following actual and acting officers were

Present:

M. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH,Grand Master.
R. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. HENRY DUFFELL,Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. JAMES BOONE,Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, Grand Chaplain.
W. THOMAS M. REED, asGrand Treasurer.
W. GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER, as.....Grand Secretary.
W. EDWARD L. WETMORE,Senior Grand Deacon.
W. CHARLES D. THOMSON, as..Junior Grand Deacon.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON, as..Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. HENRY A. WHITE,Grand Sword Bearer.
W. EDWARD J. SHELDON,Grand Organist.
W. ROBERT J. MCADOO, as....Grand Pursuivant.

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W. THOMAS O. SANDALL, as... Grand Steward.
 W. JAMES R. DEVEREUX, as... "
 W. JAMES E. STEWART, as... "
 W. WILLIAM A. HENDERSON, as... "
 W. WILLIAM OSBORNE, as... "
 W. DAVID WETMORE, as... "

BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER, ... Grand Tyler.

with a large representation of the craft from all sections of the province.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced that he had summoned this special communication in response to an invitation received from the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company, as follows:

ST. JOHN, N. B., 22d June, 1878.

William F. Bunting, Esq., Grand Secretary Grand Lodge F. & A. Masons of New Brunswick:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am instructed by the President and Directors of the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company to request the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of the new masonic hall now being erected on Germain street, with masonic ceremony on Monday the first day of July next, at such hour as he may find convenient.

Kindly bring this matter under the notice of the Grand Master.

I am your obedient servant,

GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER,
 Sec'y-Treas. New B'k Masonic Hall Co.

The following note was read and received and directed to be entered on the minutes:

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., 25th June, 1878.

MY DEAR SIR and V. W. BROTHER:

I send you by book post an original copy of the printed proceedings of the convention to organize grand lodge and of the first grand com-

munication. I thought the M. W. Grand Master would want to deposit a copy in the corner stone of Freemasons' Hall, and if so I will be glad to have him use this one, which is well bound and in good order.

Regretting that I will be unable to be with you on Monday, and trusting you may have a fine day for the ceremony,

I am fraternally yours,

D. BROWN, P. S. G. W.

WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Esq.,
 V. W. Grand Secretary Grand
 Lodge F. & A. M.

The M. W. the Grand Master stated that he had accepted the kind and thoughtful offer of R. W. Bro. Brown, and had through the Grand Secretary thanked the brother for his fraternal courtesies.

R. W. Bro. James Boone, Junior Grand Warden elect, who was called away before the installation of officers at the annual communication, being now present, was installed into his office.

The M. W. the Grand Master having called upon the Grand Director of Ceremonies to take charge of the craft and form the several bodies in order of procession, vacated the East.

The order of procession was then formed, as follows:

71st Battalion Band.

Campbellton Lodge, No. 32, Campbellton (with banner of Union Lodge, Nova Scotia), John Jardine, Acting Worshipful Master.

St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30, W. E. Skillen, Worshipful Master.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, Jas. McNichol, Jr., Worshipful Master.

Zion Lodge, No. 21, Sussex, John Humphrey, Worshipful Master.

Leinster Lodge, No. 19 (with banner of Athole Lodge, Halifax), Charles H. Masters, Worshipful Master.

Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, John Fotheringham, Worshipful Master.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, Arch. McLean, Worshipful Master.

Carleton Serenade Band.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, James F. Ellis, Worshipful Master.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 6, Fredericton (with banner), A. F. Street, Worshipful Master, accompanied by St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29, Fredericton, and Alexandria Lodge, No. 33, of Gibson.

63rd Rifles' Band, Halifax.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, Charles J. Henderson, Worshipful Master.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2 (with banner of St. John's Lodge, Halifax), George B. Hegan, Worshipful Master.

Albion Lodge, No. 1 (with banner), Thomas Walker, Worshipful Master.

Union Royal Arch Chapter of Carleton, William Dunlavy, Principal Z. New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter, St. John, S. Edgett, Principal Z.

Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, St. John, James Adam, Principal Z. Bangor Cornet Band.

Union DeMolay Encampment, Knights Templar, S. F. Matthews, Eminent Commander.

62nd Battalion Band.

Encampment of St. John, Knights Templar, Acting as Escort to Grand Lodge, T. Amos Godsoe, Eminent Commander.

Grand Tyler, with drawn sword.

Two Stewards of Grand Lodge.

Acting Grand Pursuivant, Robert J. McAdoo.

Grand Organist, E. J. Sheldon.

Past Masters bearing the vessels containing corn, wine and oil, supported by Grand Stewards.

Acting Grand Treasurer, Thomas M. Reed, and Acting Grand Secretary, George E. Fairweather.

Rev. Bro. Wainwright, with Holy Writings.

Grand Chaplain, Rev. F. Partridge.

Senior Grand Warden, Henry Duffell, and Junior Grand Warden, James Boone.

Past Deputy Grand Masters Edward Willis and Robert Marshall.

Deputy Grand Master, E. J. Wetmore.

Past Grand Master, John V. Ellis, President of New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company.

Bro. D. Pottinger, of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Past Grand Masters B. Lester Peters, and William Wedderburn.

Grand Standard Bearer.

Acting Junior Grand Deacon, } Grand Master, { Senior Grand Deacon.
Charles D. Thomson. } R. T. CLINCH. { E. L. Wetmore.

Grand Sword Bearer, H. A. White.

The procession was formed on Queen's square and moved up Sydney street to the north side of King's square, thence by Charlotte street to King street, down King street to Prince William street, along Prince William street to St. James street, along St. James to Germain street, up Germain street to the site of the building. At this point the ranks opened out and allowed the Encampments, Royal Arch Chapters and Grand Lodge to pass through, the lodges following to the platform.

The respective bodies having taken the positions assigned to them, the Grand Master said :

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden : The Grand Lodge having assembled for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall, here to be erected, you will direct the Junior Grand Warden to call upon all persons present to preserve order.

Senior Grand Warden.—Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden : It is the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master that this corner stone be now laid with masonic honors : you will therefore direct all persons present to preserve due order and solemnity.

Junior Grand Warden.—Brethren and all who are here present : Take notice that the Most Worshipful Grand Master will now deposit this corner stone in masonic form, you will therefore observe due order and decorum during the ceremonies.

After which the choir, composed of members of the fraternity, sung the ode, as follows :

Hail, Masonry divine,

Glory of ages shine ;

Long may'st thou reign !

Where'er thy Lodges stand,

May they have great command,

And always grace the land ;

Thou Art divine.

Great fabrics still arise,
And grace the azure skies —
Great are thy schemes ;
Thy noble orders are
Matchless beyond compare ;
No art with thee can share ;
Thou Art divine.

Hiram, the architect,
Did all the craft direct,
How they should build :
Sol'mon, great Israel's king,
Did mighty blessings bring,
And left us room to sing
Hail, Royal Art !

R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., President of the Company, addressed the M. W. the Grand Master and said :

The freemasons of this jurisdiction, operating through a company incorporated by the legislature in the year 1872, design, with the help of the Great Architect of the Universe, to erect upon this spot a temple which will be the headquarters of the craft, the home of the grand lodge, the point within the centre of the great circle of freemasonry in New Brunswick. Since our society ceased to be an operative one and has become almost wholly speculative, it no longer concerns itself with the erection of edifices like those venerable temples and vast cathedrals which, grey with age and precious with the memories of many centuries, illustrate, whilst they beautify and adorn the older civilization of the east, and gracefully unite the prosaic present with the legendary and the historic past. But the genius that wrought these noble works has not yet lost its cunning or its skill. Here, in this young western world, the rays of the rising and the setting sun illuminate many noble specimens of architecture, which are the product of the liberality, the learning, the spirit of freemasonry. The beautiful building at Boston, the splendid hall at New York, the magnificent and massive temple at Philadelphia, demonstrate that architecture is not yet a lost art to freemasonry, and that our society clings not in vain to some of its old traditions. In the City of St. John we cannot hope to emulate the works of our brethren in older cities and in richer climes. With our

limited resources, our purse strings so much more contracted than our heart strings, we cannot erect a building solely for the uses of our society, but we hope that trade and commerce, pursuing their busy ways within its walls, will not interfere with the great lessons of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, taught in that portion of it set apart for our purposes ; and we are confident that here shall rise a structure, the exterior of which will do us no discredit, one that will bespeak us enterprising citizens and devoted craftsmen, one that will be a landmark to every stranger and every sojourner, one that our brothers travelling from afar shall mark with delight as being contrived in that Wisdom, sustained in that Strength, and adorned with that Beauty, which are characteristic of all great undertakings. Of this building, then, Most Worshipful Sir, I ask you, in the presence of this great gathering of craftsmen, before that large assemblage representing the beauty and the virtue of our city, under the bright blue of the celestial canopy, and in the glorious sunshine of this perfect day, to lay, in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, THE CORNER STONE. And I beg of you to accept at my hands, on behalf of the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company, a Silver Trowel for the performance of the work, and to be retained by you as a memento of this most interesting and ever-to-be-remembered occasion.

He then presented the Grand Master with a silver trowel having the following inscription upon it :

ROBERT THOMSON CLINCH, ESQ.,
Grand Master of Freemasons,
New Brunswick.

PRESENTED

AT THE LAYING OF THE

CORNER STONE OF THE MASONIC HALL,

Saint John, N. B.,

July, A. L. 5878.

The Grand Master having accepted the trowel thanked the president, and said he would use it for the purpose desired, which would be an event of pleasure to him.

W. Bro. George E. Fairweather, Secretary-Treasurer of the Company, then read the scroll which was deposited in

the corner stone with the other articles hereafter enumerated. The following is a copy of the scroll:

To the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe:

On the first day of July, A. L. 5878, the corner stone of the Freemasons' Hall was laid with masonic ceremony in due and ancient form by Most Worshipful ROBERT THOMSON CLINCH, Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, assisted by the officers of grand lodge and attended by a large number of the members of the fraternity from all parts of the province, in the presence of a great assemblage of the citizens, at the request of the president and board of directors of the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company, in the forty-second year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, His Excellency the Right Honorable FREDERICK TEMPLE HAMILTON BLACKWOOD, Earl Dufferin, being Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, the Honorable SAMUEL LEONARD TILLEY, C. B., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick, and SYLVESTER ZI EARLE, Mayor of the City of St. John. The officers of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick are—

M. W. Grand Master, ROBERT THOMSON CLINCH.
 R. W. Deputy Grand Master, EDWIN J. WETMORE.
 R. W. Senior Grand Warden, HENRY DUFFELL.
 R. W. Junior Grand Warden, JAMES BOONE.
 V. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE.
 V. W. Grand Treasurer, JAMES McNICHOL, JR.
 V. W. Grand Secretary, WILLIAM F. BUNTING.
 W. Senior Grand Deacon, EDWARD L. WETMORE.
 W. Junior Grand Deacon, GEORGE F. STICKNEY.
 W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, JOHN S. BENSON.
 W. Assist. G. Director of Ceremonies, HENRY A. JOHNSON.
 W. Grand Sword Bearer, HENRY A. WHITE.
 W. Grand Standard Bearer, CHARLES H. SCOTT.
 W. Grand Organist, EDWARD J. SHELDON.
 W. Grand Pursuivant, JAMES F. ELLIS.
 W. Grand Stewards, JAMES MITCHELL, WILLIAMS WOODWORTH,
 JAMES BENTLY, WILLIAM E. SKILLEN, THOMAS J. BEVERIDGE,
 MALCOLM PATTERSON.
 Grand Tyler, DINGEE SCRIBNER.

Directors of the Company.—John V. Ellis, President, Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8; Benjamin Lester Peters and James Domville, Albion Lodge, No. 1; George Black Hegan, St. John's Lodge, No. 2; Edmund E. Kennay, Hibernia Lodge, No. 3; Robert Marshall and Henry Duffell, Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10; James McNichol, Jr., New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22; Edward Willis, Leinster Lodge, No. 19; George E. Fairweather, sec'y-treasurer, Albion Lodge, No. 1.

Architects of the Building.—John T. C. McKean, St. John's Lodge, No. 2, and George Ernest Fairweather, Albion Lodge, No. 1.

Contractors.—Alexander Christie and John Ferguson, Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.

Clerk of the Works.—John Noble, Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.

The name of brother John W. Nicholson, as a brother rendering the board of directors valuable assistance in the undertaking is by their order inscribed on the roll.

The contents of the box deposited in the stone are a photograph of the ruins of St. John; a copy of the Masonic Funeral Service; proceedings of Grand Lodge from foundation to 1877; copies of *Freeman* of July 1st, 1878, *Religious Intelligencer* of June 14th, 1878, *Globe* of July 12th, 1877, also of June 12th, 28th, and 29th, 1878; *Telegraph* of June 21st, 25th and 27th, 1877, and July 1st, 1878; *Herald* of June 29th, 1878; *News* of July 1st, 1878. A copy of St. John Postal Guide; a copy of the By-laws of the Lodges; Barnes' Almanac; sovereign issued in 1872; half sovereign of 1871; 50 cents of 1874; 20 cents of 1872; one dollar note Dominion of Canada, issue A. No. 423272; a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

While the necessary preparations for laying the stone were going on, the 62nd band played "Dundee."

The architect, Bro. J. T. C. McKean, then handed to the Grand Master the working tools, which the Grand Master ordered the Grand Director of Ceremonies to present, as follows:

The Square to the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. E. J. Wetmore.
 The Level to the Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Henry Duffell.
 The Plumb to the Junior Grand Warden, R. W. James Boone.

The chief officers of the grand lodge took their places at the stone in the following order :

The Grand Master on the east of the stone.

The Deputy Grand Master at the right of the Grand Master.

The Senior Grand Warden on the west of the stone.

The Junior Grand Warden on the south of the stone.

A solemn prayer was then offered by the Grand Chaplain Rev. Francis Partridge, A. M. :

Great Architect of the Universe, who didst look upon the works of Thy hands and behold they were very good : vouchsafe to regard with Thy gracious favor this our undertaking which we commence in Thy name and dedicate to Thee. Be pleased to accept our offering, guard from accident all who are engaged in this building, that by Thy Providence it may be brought to a successful completion. And grant that Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, the three tenets of our profession, eternal and unchanging as thyself, may be so inculcated and followed in these our halls, that our work may ever redound to Thy glory, to whom we owe all we are and all we have. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

Brethren, let us pray for our Queen :

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to replenish her with Thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to Thy will and walk in Thy ways. Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts ; grant her in health and wealth long to live ; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies, and finally, after this life, she may attain everlasting joy and felicity. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

Brethren, let us pray for our country :

To Thee, O Lord, we commend our country on this her birthday. Grant to our rulers, wisdom, to our judges and magistrates, integrity, to all, knowledge of Thee ; that all things may be so ordered and settled upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

Brethren, let us pray for our city :

Grant, O Lord, that she may be blessed in the unknown future with prosperity and success ; that, mindful of the mercies of the past year, she may make "her walls salvation and her gates praise !" Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

Brethren, let us pray for the craft :

Shower Thy blessings, O Lord, upon our Order. May the sublime principles of freemasonry so subdue every discordant passion within us, so harmonize and enrich our hearts with Thine own love and goodness, that each member in his life, every lodge in its work, and the whole institution in its wide-spread influence, may humbly reflect that Orient Beauty which reigns forever before Thy throne, and may we at last find a resting place in the Celestial Lodge above. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

The cement was spread by the Grand Master, and the stone slowly lowered to its place, while the band of the 62nd played "Pleyel's Hymn."

After the stone had been properly placed, the Deputy Grand Master applied to it the Square, the Senior Grand Warden the Level, and the Junior Grand Warden the Plumb.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master : What is the proper Jewel of your office ?

Deputy Grand Master.—The Square.

Grand Master.—Have you applied the Square to such parts of the stone as should be square ?

Deputy Grand Master.—I have Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden : What is the proper Jewel of your office ?

Senior Grand Warden.—The Level.

Grand Master.—Have you applied the Level to the stone ?

Senior Grand Warden.—I have Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden : What is the proper Jewel of your office ?

Junior Grand Warden.—The Plumb.

Grand Master.—Have you applied the Plumb to the several parts of the stone ?

Junior Grand Warden.—I have Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

Grand Master.—Having full confidence in your skill in the Royal Art, it remains with me now to finish the work.

The Grand Master then gave three blows upon the stone and said :

I find this foundation stone well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid, according to the rules of our Ancient Craft.

Let the elements of consecration be presented.

The Deputy Grand Master presented the vessel containing the corn. The Grand Master scattered corn upon the stone, saying :

I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the Bounteous Giver of all good bless this undertaking, for the advancement of our ancient craft, and preserve the health of the workmen, and prosper their labors.

Response.—So mote it be.

The choir sung,—

When once of old in Israel
Our early brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessing on them fell
In showers of Corn and Wine and Oil.

The Senior Grand Warden presented the cup of wine, which, the Grand Master taking, poured wine upon the stone, saying :

I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Dispenser of all human events enrich the people of this city with every blessing and keep them faithful, loyal and charitable.

Response.—So mote it be.

The choir sung,—

When there a shrine to Him alone
They built, with worship sin to foil,
On threshold and on corner stone,
They poured out Corn and Wine and Oil.

The Junior Grand Warden then presented the vessel containing the oil. The Grand Master poured oil upon the stone, and said :

I pour this oil as an emblem of peace. May the Supreme Ruler of nations continue to us the blessing of peace.

Response.—So mote it be.

The choir sung,—

And we have come, fraternal bands,
With joy and pride and prosperous spoil,
To honor Him with votive hands,
With streams of Corn and Wine and Oil.

Grand Master.—May the all-bounteous Architect of the Universe bless the inhabitants of this city with an abundance of the necessities, conveniences and comforts of life ; assist in the erection and completion of this building ; protect the workmen against every accident ; long preserve the structure from decay, and grant us all a supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

The Grand Master then struck the stone three times with his hiram, and the brethren gave the public grand honors by three times three.

The Grand Master delivered the working tools to the architect, saying :

Worthy Brother : Having thus, as Grand Master of the freemasons in this jurisdiction, laid the foundation stone of this structure, I now deliver these implements of your profession into your hands, entrusting you with the superintendence and direction of the work, with full confidence in your skill and capacity to conduct the same.

The Grand Master then spoke, as follows :

Know all of you who hear me : We proclaim ourselves free and lawful masons, true to the laws of our country, professing to fear God and to confer benefits on mankind ; we practice universal beneficence towards all ; we have secrets concealed from the eyes of men which may not be revealed to any but masons ; they are, however, lawful and honorable ; unless our craft was good and our calling honorable these secrets would not have existed for so many generations, nor should we have had so many illustrious personages as brethren of our order, always ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our welfare. We are assembled in the broad face of open day, under the canopy of Heaven, to build a Temple of Masonry. May God prosper our handiwork, as it shall most please Him. May this temple become a place wherein just and upright masons may practice Benevolence, promote Harmony and cultivate Brotherly Love until they shall all assemble in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns forever.

The closing hymn was sung as follows :

Master Supreme ! accept our praise ;
Still bless this consecrated band ;
Parent of Light ! illumine our ways,
And guide us by Thy sovereign hand.

May Faith, Hope, Charity divine,
Here hold their undivided reign ;
Friendship and harmony combine
To sooth our cares and banish pain.

May Wisdom here disciples find,
Beauty unfold her thousand charms,
Science invigorate the mind,
Expand the soul that virtue warms.

May duty dwell within each breast,
Relief attend the suffering poor ;
Thousands by this, our lodge, be blest,
Till worth, distress'd, shall want no more.

R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, Past Grand Master, by special request, delivered the following

Oration :

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful and Worshipful Brethren :

Although I have been prevented by public duties and other unavoidable demands since suddenly and very recently summoned to take this position, from attempting to do even meagre justice to you on this great and important occasion, I nevertheless felt I ought not to shrink from this honorable duty, or treat lightly the invitation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. With such thoughts as I have been able, therefore, to throw together, under such circumstances, I come, my brethren, the bearer of words of congratulation, of inspiration, of counsel and of encouragement. My words may be weak, but give them the strength which this day's proceedings suggest, and let us unite to gather up and exchange among us the lessons of this auspicious hour, and they shall atone for my infirmities and employ an eloquence richer than speech and clothed with a more than human power to reach the heart.

From time immemorial the beautiful practice has prevailed of laying the corner stone of contemplated public buildings with befitting ceremonies and solemnities. The chronicles of such events, and of the twin custom of dedicating and consecrating edifices when completed, are scattered over the pages of history, secular and sacred, imparting a glow and interest to the records of the past and an inestimable sanction to the work we have performed to-day ; from beyond the centuries past, in the voice of tradition, in the psalms of prophesy, in the poetry of history, and all pointing forward to, or looking back upon, the Great Corner Stone in the spiritual temple of the universal redemption of civilized man. Conspicuous among the most notable examples of these ancient ceremonials are those initiated and perpetuated by the craft ; and to-day, we, emulating the religious fervor and copying the patriotic zeal of the illustrious and immortal grand masters of our fraternity, who "being dead yet speak" to us, have met, as they met, to lay the foundation of our building with becoming ceremony, and also hopefully to look forward to the hour when the cap-stone shall be brought forth with shouts of triumph, and when, as in the time of Royal Solomon, King of Israel, the day of dedication and consecration shall be to us,

as theirs was to our ancient brethren, a day of thanksgiving and praise.

It is of small moment that those who do not understand our principles and deny our origin and misstate our motives, look with something less charitable than indifference upon our proceedings; it is enough for us that we trace the origin and traditions of our Institution to their sublime fountain, mark their peaceful but glorious current down through the intervening ages, and read their results in deeds of beneficence, recorded in almost every language. Deeds which have begotten and nurtured a catholicity of charity which has broken down with loving hands national, geographical and political boundaries, and extended the circumference of pious benevolence to the outside circle of a brother's needs. How easily this day might be wholly consumed by brethren abler than I recounting the benefactions of this fraternity,—dispensed with no grudging hand, often illuminated by heroic self-sacrifice, betimes attended by perils and dangers which would appal anything less courageous than Charity; celebrated in no minstrelsy, embalmed in no poem, memorialized in no monument; the symbol and the substance of that sublime sentiment—"Though I speak with the tongue of men, and of angels, and have not charity, I am nothing." But this is not my duty here to-day. All these things are read and known of all within our circle, and animate all from the least to the greatest; for freemasonry, regarding no man for his worldly wealth or outward appearance, develops the same system of thought and hope and feeling in the hearts of those who daily lay aside the working tools of a busy life, or the insignia of rich positions and influence, or the regalia of kingly authority, and kneel before the same altar, patronize the same mysteries, revere the same immemorial landmarks, and exult in the primeval glory, the untarnished history, the elevating traditions and immutable purposes of our organization. "What has been remarked by a very distinguished and learned writer of literary men," writes a leading mason, may, I think, be equally well applied to the brethren of our craft. "They are a perpetual priesthood, standing forth from generation to generation, the dispensers and living types of everlasting wisdom. And I rejoice to know that there are so many learned men to be found in the ranks of our fraternity. They not only hold sweet communion with the great masters of past masonic years, but, catching some of the fervor and zeal and erudition of the great lights in ancient freemasonry, they transmit the radiance to their brother craftsmen of to-day. To their enfranchised minds, freemasonry must

unveil a whole universe of thought; to them it must be a keen delight to trace and to interpret those grand and solemn truths which were but dimly foreshadowed in the mystic rites of the ancient world. Looking through the mists of ages, they behold the white-robed Athenians a kindred race, and are familiar with the symbolic teachings of the great philosophers of old. Amidst the darkness and obscurity of occult ceremonies, they can have faint gleams of the true light in which we now rejoice. In every land they find tokens and traces innumerable graven by the hands of skilful masons upon the walls of ruined fanes and temples, and they establish the affinity of our Order with the society of Dionysian artificers, with the disciples of Pythagoras, with the College of the Architects of Rome, and with the various operative associations of the middle ages. They demonstrate clearly that the grand ethics of freemasonry were taught and known by the wisest sages of Greece, whose names to this very hour are revered and honored by the whole civilized world; they prove that our Order, though often persecuted and often divided, has never yet failed, or even faltered, in its sublime career, though the mightiest empires and kingdoms of the earth have been called to submit to the destroying hand of conquest, or the effacing fingers of time and decay." "And" asks another distinguished mason, "Who will say that masonry has not a mission and an apostolate? It is brotherhood; and brotherhood is that which the world needs. The poor sick heart of the world craves it, is starving and dying for the want of it. Cultivate and cherish, I charge you, the holy sympathies of brotherhood, without which morality is cold and barren, philosophy idle speculation, and religion too often the handmaid of intolerance." Not the brotherhood which seeks its own advantage at the expense of the civil or religious rights and liberties of others, but that brotherhood which is pure and peaceable and undefiled, patriotic in its aspirations, loyal and fervent and true in its professions, whose essence, or quality, like that of its pervading genius, mercy,

" — is not strained;
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath; it is twice blessed;
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes;
* * * It is an attribute to God himself! "

Let us be eminent as apostles and examplers of this doctrine of brotherhood. Let us acquit ourselves as worthy knights in this chivalry of good; let the Royal Arch which we erect conspicuously embrace "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth," that glorious Samaritan trinity

of our masonic theology, and let us so strive to perform all our labors in Church and State, whether as but newly Entered Apprentices in the world's busy haunts of Charity, Commerce, Art, Literature and Religion, or as Fellow Craftsmen with those who have passed to a further stage in human life, so that our work at last as Master Workmen shall be tried and approved by the Great Artificer of the Universe and receive the glad commendation of acceptance, approbation and congratulation—"The craftsmen have done their duty!"

An eminent mason, on an occasion similar to this, said: "The institution of masonry has come down to us in its principles and spirit, if not in form, from a remote antiquity. Its vestiges may be traced, veiled in the mists of the dim past, faint and shadowy and obscure it may be, yet speaking witnesses to its ancient claims. There are sufficient resemblances between masonry and the most ancient societies in Phoenicia, Chaldea and Egypt to suggest their common origin, and such points of resemblance to the oldest mysteries as to render probable an affinity with them. * * * The erection of the Temple on Mount Moriah by Solomon, King of Israel, was an occasion of the assemblage of bands of 'cunning artificers,' especially from Tyre, at Jerusalem. While the temple was building the workmen are said to have formed into a community under a system of rules designed to facilitate perfection and efficiency in their art, and to promote their common interests. This organization was destined to survive the occasion which brought them together. At the completion of the temple, the craftsmen travelled in other lands. Their monuments are to be found in the ruins of temples and theatres which they erected in Phoenicia, Greece and Rome until the era of Christianity. In the middle ages masonry culminated in its greatest glory. It was patronized by throne and church, and overspread Europe with the marvels of architectural skill and beauty. At this date we have precise information in regard to these societies, and but little is left to conjecture as to their nature and organization. They were schools of instruction in architecture and cognate science and fraternities for mutual protection and relief. They used a symbolical language derived from the practice of their profession; they possessed the means of mutual recognition, and were bound together by secret obligation. We are proud of our descent as masons from an ancestry so renowned and venerable. Our fathers wrought to embellish the earth with exquisite forms of material beauty and reared with patient toil those stately edifices which overspread the old world with elegance and grace. The memorials of their genius and skill com-

pel the homage of admiring generations, and their fame will endure forever. But the claims of masonry to our respect are not founded chiefly on the service it has rendered to the useful and ornamental arts of life. The forms of architectural beauty and design may vanish, but the spirit which informed them still survives with the craft, and dignifies and hallows our work. Our Order no longer hews and squares the rough ashlar for the builders' use, but essays the nobler work of fashioning living stones for the use of the Great Architect himself. We cease to use the implements which were once implements of manual toil. The forms of these we preserve, but with us they are spiritualized as emblematical teachers of a pure morality. The plumb, the level and the square repose upon our altars still, but in jewelled majesty, to be used to symbolize the highest truths as instruments of human improvement." Our work to-day, my brethren, is to commence to build a temple, in which shall be perpetuated for us and for our children and our children's children, this Order and its mystery of Brotherhood; within whose sacred enclosure shall be practiced the most excellent tenets of our Institution, with the hallowed associations of an exalted and refining fellowship; whence shall flow perennial streams of consolation to the brother in need, his widow and orphans, raising them from the misnamed "charity" of the outside world, which would doom and devote them "poor pensioners upon the bounty of an hour," to the enjoyment of that truer Charity which is the inspiration of the Divinity whom we adore; and wherein also, all who come beneath its benediction, and receive and love and live by its teaching, shall be better citizens of the State, truer members of the fellowship of Friendship, more loyal and purer inmates of the household and the home, nobler workers in the great arena of a world's philanthropy, and more zealous and devoted supporters of the church. I claim no exemption for you, my brethren, or for myself, from the frailties and the foibles which cling to our best estate here. Sublime as are the mysteries, pure as is the ritual, elevating and christianizing as are the doctrines of Freemasonry; unerringly as its classic finger points to excellence of character and purity of conduct; towering as it does above the stars; gilding the portals of the mysterious Future with the radiance of Eternal Hope; planting always near the sepulchre the fadeless evidence and emblem of the restoration of that immortal part which must survive the grave: I would not have you judge me as saying we can attain (for we can only remotely reach toward) the excellencies it prefigures and which we adore. But I do claim that, with such an Insti-

tution, breathing its benedictions daily upon us, with such records of the past, such prophetic foretastes of the future, such illustrious examples as adorn the pages of masonic biography — names written upon "Fame's eternal bead roll," and which add lustre to the lofty places they held or hold in our Order — we should be the better — better for this holy heritage of their example, and from companionship and communion with them. Then, brethren, may we, as we lay this corner stone of our Material Temple, with corn and wine and oil; as we watch, with glowing pride and rapt enthusiasm, the goodly superstructure rise in Wisdom, Strength and Beauty to meet the morning sunbeam; as column after column takes its appointed place, and stone after stone prepared by the workmen and cemented and fitly joined together, to form the Grand Cathedral of Freemasonry for New Brunswick; as, if our lives are preserved, we shall watch the rays of eventide as they play upon the dome as we enter the sacred enclosure to join in our accustomed rites — may we live nearer the sublime mysteries taught within its walls, that we may find the true Word, receive the white stone, earn and accept the Master's wages, and reach at last that better Temple, of which this can be but a faint prefiguration, and which no fire may destroy, which the lapse of time, the ruthless hand of ignorance, or the devastations of war cannot mar, and whose foundation is on the everlasting hills.

All hail, then, this auspicious day! Anniversary of this our young Dominion, it will now be associated with other noble memories. As year after year dawns upon our city, we, my brethren, will think of the ceremonial of the corner stone of our sanctuary. All hail this day! As Canadians and as Masons we greet it! Let us celebrate it now with martial music and imposing pageantry; let our joy be unconfined; and, as our temple rises day by day in its fair proportions in our restored city, and amid the many monuments of the hope and courage and faith of our citizens, let us with commingled pride and pleasure and patriotism, catch up the inspiration of our civic legend, "*O, fortunati quorum jam mania surgunt!*" Let us also look above the inanimate stone and mortar. Goodly as shall be this tabernacle, and its gateway pleasant to our feet; rich and redolent and vocal its courts with joy and its atmosphere perfumed with the incense of praise; consecrated to lofty purposes, sacred to our ancient and honorable mysteries; the shrine of our masonic faith; the sanctuary of our masonic hope; the home of our masonic love; — it must fall at last, and fall at last forever! The fingers of decay shall crumble and scatter these stones; our

altars shall be torn down and become desolate; there shall be the broken column, but, alas! no virgin left to weep beside it; Time, having blanched the ringlets of her hair, shall himself have vanished; the all-devouring scythe shall lay snapt asunder amid the magnificent ruins, and the "cloud-capp'd towers, the gorgeous palaces, the solemn temples, the great globe itself shall dissolve"; yet, rising above these ashes, and smiling above the debris; indestructible, immutable and immortal; panoplied in perpetual glory; unaged by years, unmarred by change, unwrinkled by decrepitude, the principles of Freemasonry shall yet survive — purer than a vestal, fairer than the moonbeam, eternal as the Infinite; for they are based and built upon TRUTH, and "the eternal years of God are hers!"

Eternal Truth, "when yonder spheres sublime,
Peal their last notes to sound the march of time:
When wrapt in fire the realms of Ether glow —
And heaven's last thunders shake the earth below —
Thou, undismayed shall o'er the ruins smile,
And light thy torch at Nature's funeral pile."

After singing the doxology, and the benediction by the V. W. the Grand Chaplain, the procession was re-formed and proceeded to King street, up King to Charlotte street and along the north side of King's square to Sydney street, then to Waterloo street, along Waterloo to Paddock street, up Paddock to Coburg street, along Coburg to Carleton street, along Carleton street to Wellington Row, along Wellington Row and Germain street to the Masonic Hall.

The M. W. the Grand Master resumed his station in the East and called grand lodge to order again. He congratulated grand lodge upon the very large number of masons who had taken part in the interesting ceremonies just completed; upon the exceedingly creditable display made by the respective bodies; and upon the bright and genial day a kind Providence had vouchsafed to them. He thanked the various bodies for the hearty manner in which they had responded to his invitation, and expressed himself especially

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grateful to the brethren who had come long distances to fill up the ranks and take their share in the work of the day.

R. W. Bro. Ellis, P. G. M., President of the Company, returned the Grand Master thanks, on behalf of the directors, for the promptness with which he had responded to the invitation to lay the corner stone, and complimented him on the admirable and effective display made by the craft under his authority. He commended the future interests of the new temple to his consideration.

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

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of grand lodge be recorded to R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, P. G. M., for the eloquent and admirable oration delivered by him, and which may be considered one of the most pleasing and instructive features of the occasion.

The M. W. the Grand Master having again expressed his thanks, closed grand lodge in *ample* form.

*Wm. J. Bunting
Grand Secy.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ELEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

SEPTEMBER 25th and 26th, A. D. 1878.

The Eleventh 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, Magee's building, Germain Street, in the City of Saint John, commencing Wednesday the 25th day of September, A. L. 5878, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Present:

- M. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH,.....Grand Master.
- R. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,.....Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. HENRY DUFFELL,.....Senior Grand Warden.
- R. W. WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE, as...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. GEORGE B. HEGAN, as....Senior Grand Deacon.
- W. GEORGE F. STICKNEY,....Junior Grand Deacon.
- R. W. DAVID MAIN, as.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
- W. JAMES A. HOYT, as.....Asst. G. Dir. Ceremonies.
- W. HIRAM G. BETTS, as.....Grand Sword Bearer.

W. CHARLES N. SCOTT, Grand Standard Bearer.
 W. EDWARD J. SHELDON, Grand Organist.
 W. THOMAS M. REED, as Grand Pursuivant.
 W. E. LEE STREET, as Grand Steward.
 W. JOHN H. ROSE, as "
 W. CHARLES H. SHERWOOD, as "
 W. SAMUEL EDGETT, as "
 W. HENRY HALLETT, as "
 W. EDWIN G. VROOM, as "
 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 D. G. Master.
 R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL, "
 R. W. WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE, "
 R. W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING, .. Past S. G. Warden.
 R. W. ALFRED F. STREET, Past J. G. Warden.
 R. W. DAVID MAIN, "
 R. W. WILLIAM D. FORSTER, "
 W. JOHN D. SHORT, Past G. D. Ceremonies.
 W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON, "
 W. JOHN MULLIN, P. G. Standard Bearer.
 W. DAVID R. MUNRO, P. G. Pursuivant.
 W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM, "
 W. ROBERT J. MCADOO, "

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

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

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

Ordered, That the grand secretary dispense with reading the record of the last annual communication, and that they be taken as read and confirmed.

The minutes of special communications, held May 29th and July 1st, were read and confirmed.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master reported W. Bros. Charles U. Hanford, William R. Russell and Freeman W. Wisdom, committee on credentials, appointed by the board of general purposes.

The M. W. the Grand Master gave direction for the admission of all master masons in good standing.

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, Thomas Walker, W. M.
 Robert T. Clinch, P. M.
 B. Lester Peters, P. M.
 Thomas M. Reed, P. M.
 T. Nisbet Robertson, P. M.
 Geo. E. Fairweather, P. M.
 James A. Hoyt, P. M.
 Freeman W. Wisdom, P. M.
 James Adam, P. M.
 Robert B. Humphrey, S. W.
 James Byers, J. W.
St. John's Lodge, No. 2, George B. Hegan, W. M.
 William F. Bunting, P. M.
 John D. Short, P. M.

- St. John's Lodge, No. 2*,..... William Wedderburn, P. M.
Hiram G. Betts, P. M.
John McAllister, J. W.
- Hibernia Lodge, No. 3*,..... Charles J. Henderson, W. M.
George E. Perkins, P. M.
Andrew J. Stewart, P. M.
James Saunders, P. M.
John Mullin, P. M.
Mark N. Powers, P. M.
William J. Logan, P. M.
George Kilnapp, P. M.
- Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5*,..... George F. Stickney, P. M.
William D. Forster, P. M.
- Solomon's Lodge, No. 6*,..... Alfred F. Street, P. M.
Herbert C. Creed, P. M.
- Sussex Lodge, No. 7*,..... Edwin G. Vroom, W. M.
David Main, P. M.
John H. Rose, P. M.
- Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8*,... Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
John V. Ellis, P. M.
J. Henry Leonard, P. M.
John C. Leonard, P. M.
John Retallick, J. W.
- Midian Lodge, No. 9*,..... G. H. Flewelling, P. M.
Francis Partridge, P. M.
- Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10*,.. Robert Marshall, P. M.
David R. Munro, P. M.
Henry Duffell, P. M.
Charles U. Hanford, P. M.
Samuel Edgett, P. M.
Beverley Stevens, P. M.
- Woodstock Lodge, No. 11*,..... William F. Dibblee, P. M.
Charles N. Scott, P. M.
Henry W. Phillips, J. W.

- Corinthian Lodge, No. 13*,..... Charles H. Sherwood, W. M.
Henry Hallett, P. M.
- Northumberland Lodge, No. 17*,.. E. Lee Street, S. W.
Charles Maltby, J. W.
- Leinster Lodge, No. 19*,..... Charles H. Masters, W. M.
Edward Willis, P. M.
Henry J. Thorne, P. M.
W. Watson Allen, S. W.
- Zion Lodge, No. 21*,..... Roland A. Morton, J. W.
- New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22*,.. James McNichol, jr., W. M.
William R. Russell, P. M.
Robert J. McAdoo, P. M.
David Dearness, P. M.
Andrew McNichol, J. W.
- Keith Lodge, No. 23*,..... Elias J. Peck, W. M.
- Zetland Lodge, No. 24*,..... Duncan S. Harper, P. M.

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

Grand Master's Annual Address.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:

BROTHERS:—In meeting you at this the eleventh annual communication of grand lodge, I am glad to be able to congratulate you on the present position and prospects of our ancient craft in this jurisdiction.

When we last assembled our hearts were saddened by the severe losses and trials that the people of this city, and among them, many of our brethren, had then lately sustained; and we acknowledged with gratitude, the tender sympathy and substantial relief that had come to us from sister jurisdictions, enabling us, by the distribution of aid to the suffering and distressed, to alleviate their most pressing need. The committee appointed for relief have not yet closed their labors; but during the coming winter the fund generously given will have been fully and faithfully distributed.

A cry of distress now comes to us from fever-stricken cities in the Southern States of America, where, in the horrors of the time, all business and employment are suspended, and thousands languish for the necessaries of life. I know that you will be forward to contribute to the full extent of your power towards the funds being raised for the relief of our brothers in those afflicted cities.

At the last annual communication, I called your attention to the necessity that existed for prompt action in reference to the early erection of a masonic hall in this city, and it was with great satisfaction that I received a request from the "New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company" to lay, with ancient ceremonial, the corner stone of the new building. I cheerfully acceded to the request, and convened a special communication of grand lodge for the purpose, and invited the assistance and co-operation of the craft throughout the province to unite with me upon an occasion of such great and common interest. A hearty and general response was made to the invitation, and on the first day of July last, assisted and supported by a large gathering of the craft, assembled in imposing and orderly procession, we went to the site of the proposed building on Germain street, in this city, and, in ample form, according to ancient usage, with the solemnities appropriate to such an important event, in the presence of an immense gathering of citizens, I had the honor of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple. R. W. the Hon. William Wedderburn, P. G. M., the orator of the day, delivered an able and eloquent address. The work of construction has since progressed steadily, and the handsome structure is rising with fair proportions under the active hands of the craftsmen who have the work in charge.

I congratulate grand lodge on the prospect of an early realization of the long cherished desire of the fraternity to have in this city a building in every way suited to the wants of the craft. In the Masonic Hall Company, under whose able management this important work is fast approaching completion, this grand lodge, the city lodges, other masonic bodies, and many individual brothers are represented; and the enterprise is one that demands a sympathetic support, as well as all the material aid we can give to it. I cordially commend it to the best consideration of every mason. I ask grand lodge to consider whether we cannot increase our stock subscription. I urge upon you to make proper provision at the present session for the prompt and regular payment of the amount for which our credit is now annually pledged to this great masonic undertaking. I solicit the cordial and united action

of the brethren generally in this jurisdiction to aid the company in the erection and completion of a building which will be the head quarters of the fraternity in this province, and a temple to the honor of freemasonry worthy of our ancient craft.

In accordance with resolution of grand lodge, and assisted by officers of grand lodge, I did on the twenty-eight day of February last, duly constitute and consecrate Alexandria Lodge, No. 33, at St. Mary's, in the county of York, and did afterwards instal the worshipful master and officers of the lodge.

On the fourth of September instant, accompanied by officers of grand lodge, I made an official visit to Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, and inspected the new hall lately erected by that lodge, and at the request of the lodge I did, on the same day, dedicate the hall to freemasonry, according to ancient usage. The hall is commodious and well furnished, and the members of the lodge deserve great credit for their energy and liberality in providing themselves with a building appropriately fitted for the due exercise of our rites.

On the sixth day of September I visited Benjamin Lodge, No. 31, at Andover, and enjoyed the hospitality of the brethren in that most beautiful part of the province.

I have pleasure in announcing to grand lodge that, after many misfortunes and disappointments, yet with great perseverance and determination, the brethren of Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, have finally completed and handsomely furnished a masonic hall at Newcastle. It will be in the recollection of grand lodge that the first hall built by them was destroyed by fire as soon as completed, and the second building was demolished when in frame by a violent storm. Notwithstanding these discouragements, they set cheerfully to work again, and have now finished a masonic hall in every way well adapted for their purposes. On the evening of Friday last, the twentieth instant, I had the pleasure of visiting the lodge, and did, in the presence of a large assembly of the craft, assisted by officers of grand lodge, duly dedicate the new hall to freemasonry, with the usual and appropriate ceremonies. I found the lodge in a highly prosperous and satisfactory condition.

An application has been received in due form at the office of the grand secretary, from the requisite number of regularly registered masons, praying for the erection of a lodge at Hopewell Corner, in the county of Albert, within this jurisdiction. The petition is duly recommended by the nearest lodge. This application having been presented

to me during this month, I have deemed it best not to grant immediate dispensation in view of the early meeting of grand lodge. From enquiries which I have made, I cordially recommend the prayer of the petitioners to the favorable consideration of my successor.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor and the Common Council of this city, on the twenty-ninth day of May last, I laid, with masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of the city hall, now being erected by the municipal corporation. The city hall is being built on the former site of the commercial bank building, which was destroyed in the great fire of the 20th June, 1877. The corner stone of that bank building had been laid by the freemasons, and the treasures then deposited were uncovered in preparing the foundations of the present structure, and were carefully preserved and deposited with the records in the corner stone of the new city hall. This occasion was one of great civic importance, and the mayor of the city, with the aldermen and councillors, attended in state, taking places assigned to them by grand lodge in the procession from the council chamber to the site. The corner stone was laid in the presence of a great assemblage of citizens. The new city hall is a handsome building, and reflects credit on the municipality.

Since I last addressed you a venerable mason and a member of this grand lodge, W. Bro. William W. Emslie, a past master of Albion Lodge, No. 1, has been called to rest. Highly respected by his fellow citizens, and warmly beloved by his brethren of the fraternity, Bro. Emslie, after a long life of masonic duty, passed peacefully from labor in the terrestrial lodge to enjoy the reward promised to the faithful workman in the Great Master's service.

At the last annual communication papers were laid before you relating to the organization of a grand lodge for the Island of Cuba, with an application for recognition. The further consideration of the matter was by resolution of grand lodge deferred until the present session. In the meantime other documents have been received at the office of the grand secretary relating to this question. I have directed all the correspondence to be submitted for your careful action.

Application has been received at the office of the grand secretary, with copy of proceedings of a masonic convention held at the City of Sydney, for the purpose of inaugurating a Grand Lodge for New South Wales, and asking fraternal recognition of such new grand lodge. A protest against the organization has been presented by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, asking that masonic recognition may not be extended. I submit all the papers for your careful judgment. Not having had an

opportunity of giving any personal investigation to the matter, I have no recommendation to make at present thereon.

An important question has arisen in the neighboring Province of Quebec, the discussion of which we cannot fail to watch with the deepest interest.

At the time the Grand Lodge of Canada was recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, and fraternal relations established between them, it was agreed by the Grand Lodge of Canada, then holding masonic jurisdiction over what is now the Province of Quebec, to tolerate the existence in the City of Montreal of certain English lodges and one Scotch lodge, which had refused to submit themselves to the Grand Lodge of Canada; but this concession did not permit the formation by any foreign grand body whatever of any new lodge within the territory of the Grand Lodge of Canada. After the political confederation of the provinces, the Grand Lodge of Quebec was organized, and claimed exclusive jurisdiction over the province. The Grand Lodge of Canada eventually yielded that provincial jurisdiction and extended fraternal recognition to the new body, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec was recognized by this grand lodge and by most of the grand lodges on the Continent of America, as well as by many European grand lodges, including those of England and Scotland. The Grand Lodge of Quebec, however, repudiates this arrangement, as made between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and has taken the ground that the territory is exclusively hers, and that the existence within her jurisdiction of lodges chartered by other grand bodies cannot be tolerated. The Grand Lodge of Scotland, as a result of this action, has withdrawn her recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and has declared the Province of Quebec to be "unoccupied masonic territory," and has erected two new lodges there, and I believe has appointed or is about to appoint, a district grand master for that province.

We cannot view these proceedings without the greatest concern. The case of one province in this confederation to-day may be that of another to-morrow. If the withdrawal by a grand lodge of the commission of her representative to a sister grand lodge — as Scotland has in the case of Quebec — is sufficient ground upon which to declare a grand lodge extinct and the territory formerly occupied by it "unoccupied," there will soon be an end of masonic government, and confusion and anarchy will take the place of order throughout our system.

I commend this whole matter to your most earnest and thoughtful consideration. I pronounce no opinion as to the correctness of the

attitude of the Grand Lodge of Quebec towards the foreign lodges existing in the territory by agreement with the Grand Lodge of Canada when she took possession of the province, as I have not had opportunity as yet of considering in all their bearings the equities of the case, but I am decidedly of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has no right whatever to enter anew into the Province of Quebec, to declare the grand lodge existing there defunct, and to proceed to erect lodges within the territory of Quebec. I may add my opinion, that the Grand Lodge of Scotland owes it to herself and to the whole masonic fraternity to act in this matter in the interests of good masonic government, which cannot be advanced by differing and discordant authorities in one jurisdiction giving opportunity for brethren who may be contumacious, to defy the lawful masonic authority of the country in which they may reside.

A matter which has produced a profound sensation throughout the fraternity is the action of the Grand Orient of France, in striking from its constitution an enunciation of belief in the existence of God. The former declaration was stated in these words: "Freemasonry holds as a first principle the existence of God and the immortality of the soul." For this has been substituted the following: "It holds as principles, absolute freedom of conscience and human solidarity. It considers liberty of conscience as a right belonging to every man, and excludes no one for his belief." Very few of the grand lodges using the English tongue incorporate into their constitutions a declaration of masonic principle; they rest upon the foundations laid from time immemorial in the ancient constitutions and land-marks of the fraternity. The absence, therefore, from the constitution of the Grand Orient of any reference to the Almighty would not excite in our minds any apprehension; but the proposal to strike out a reference already there as avowedly a concession to the atheistic spirit of France, could not fail to fill freemasons everywhere with alarm. Many grand lodges have refused longer to recognize the Grand Orient as a masonic power. The Grand Lodge of England, after mature consideration, has adopted the course of directing subordinate lodges not to admit as visitors any persons claiming to be masons, who failed to show that they had the first qualification to become members of the fraternity, namely, a belief in Almighty God.

The Grand Orient of France has, by her action, seriously attacked the great foundation of our masonic edifice, and I recommend that you

give your most earnest consideration to the best course for us to pursue in dealing with a question of vital importance to the craft.

I commend to your most thoughtful judgment the varied and important questions of general masonic interest and administration that I have felt it to be my duty to submit to your considerate action.

BROTHERS OF GRAND LODGE: At the close of this masonic year, in laying down the gavel which was placed in my hands by your election, I desire to thank my associate grand lodge officers, the members of the board of general purposes, and particularly the active officers and past officers of grand lodge, resident in this city, for the hearty aid, valuable assistance and generous sympathy with which they have at all times supported and assisted me in the discharge of the responsible duties of the chair. In retiring from the distinguished position of Grand Master, I also tender to the fraternity in this province my warmest acknowledgments for the brotherly courtesy that has on all occasions been extended to me, and for the cordial hospitality with which the representatives of grand lodge have been received and entertained in our official visitations throughout the jurisdiction.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. B. Lester 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. Lester Peters, William Wedderburn, John V. Ellis, William F. Dibblee and W. Bro. George F. Stickney.

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:

The Grand Secretary presents his annual report and account, as follows:

1. The total receipts in his office during the year just ended, were

two thousand one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and twenty-six cents, viz. :

Registration fees,.....	\$191 50
Certificates,.....	176 00
Annual dues,.....	954 00
Dispensation fees,.....	19 90
Warrants,.....	90 00
Constitutions,.....	16 70
Funeral services,.....	7 80
Reprint,.....	1 50
Insurance,.....	712 00
Interest on insurance notes,.....	13 80
Total,.....	\$2,188 26

Which sum was paid to the Grand Treasurer, and an account in detail furnished the audit committee appointed by the board of general purposes.

2. Every lodge in the jurisdiction has made its returns and payments complete to the end of the masonic year. From these returns he is enabled to collate the following statistics :

Initiated,.....	159
Passed,.....	149
Raised,.....	144
Joined,.....	39
Reinstated,.....	4
Withdrawn,.....	67
Suspended,.....	62
Died,.....	29
Total membership at the close of the year, ..	2,282

3. There were seventeen dispensations issued by authority of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, viz. :

To bury deceased brethren,.....	4
To confer degrees at short intervals,.....	6
To wear regalia in public,.....	7

4. The proceedings of the last annual communication were printed under contract and were supplied to the private lodges in the province, sister grand lodges, etc., as heretofore.

5. The claim for insurance against the Stadacona Fire Insurance Company, upon the property of grand lodge destroyed by the disastrous fire of June 20th, 1877, amounting to the sum of seven hundred and twelve dollars, was paid in full, together with the sum of eighteen dollars and eighty-six cents interest upon the notes received from the company.

6. Since the last annual communication he has received from Edinburgh five hundred and ten parchment certificates. They were procured through the friendly offices of R. W. Bro. Alexander Hay, P. J. G. W., representative at the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The copper plate from which they are printed having been engraved in Edinburgh, has remained in the hands of Bro. Hay, who has kindly undertaken its care and keeping. One hundred and ninety-nine of these certificates have been issued since their reception, many of them as duplicates to brethren who lost their former ones by the fire of June, 1877.

7. He has received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia a commission in favor of R. W. Bro. John Richards, as the representative of West Virginia at the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. Bro. Richards will no doubt present his commission at this communication in order that he may be duly received and accredited as such representative.

8. At the last annual communication the grand secretary was authorized to contract for the printing and publication of five hundred copies of a reprint of the proceedings of grand lodge, from its organization up to and including the year 1876; two thousand copies of the book of constitutions, and five hundred copies of the funeral service. Acting upon this authority he called for tenders for this work, and also for five hundred copies of the proceedings of A. D. 1877, and received offers from J. & A. McMillan, McKillop & Johnston, Ellis & Armstrong, Woodrow & Hillman, and Willis & Mott, whose several tenders for the whole work were as follows :

J. & A. McMillan,.....	\$1,552 00
McKillop & Johnston,.....	984 90
Ellis & Armstrong,.....	902 00
Woodrow & Hillman,.....	800 25
Willis & Mott,.....	778 70

Messrs. Willis & Mott, whose tender was the lowest, received the contract. All the work has been satisfactorily completed except the reprint, which will probably be finished in a few days. He expected to

have had the reprint ready for inspection and delivery at this communication, but found it impossible to overcome delays and stoppages in the work which were beyond his control. The labor of reading and correcting proofs and superintending the work has occupied a very large portion of his time; much more than he anticipated. He is, however, very glad that it was undertaken, and can congratulate grand lodge upon its successful accomplishment. The reprint will be bound in garter-blue cloth boards, and will make an octavo volume of about six hundred and twenty pages.

9. Since the last annual communication he has received circulars, pamphlets and other documents in relation to two masonic bodies claiming jurisdiction in and over the Island of Cuba. One body styles itself "The Grand Symbolical Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Colon," and the other "The Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba." These papers will, by direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, be submitted for the consideration of grand lodge.

10. He will also lay before grand lodge an application for recognition from a recently organized grand lodge in Australia, styled "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New South Wales of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons," and a circular from the Grand Orient of Spain, requesting to enter into fraternal intercourse by the exchange of representatives.

11. Acting under the advice and instructions of the M. W. the Grand Master, he increased the amount of insurance on the property of grand lodge in his office, from fifteen hundred dollars to two thousand dollars. The insurance is effected in the Imperial Fire Insurance Company, at one and a half per cent premium.

12. The grand secretary has not relaxed his efforts in furtherance of the library of grand lodge, and for making good, as far as possible, the severe loss occasioned by the destructive fire of June, A. D. 1877. He had hoped to be in a position to report at this communication, that all the grand bodies had responded to the appeals made to them through their respective grand secretaries, by contributing their proceedings to the library shelves, as far as lay in their power. He regrets very much that several grand secretaries (probably for good and sufficient reasons) have not acknowledged the reception of his circulars, and have not consequently lent him their valuable assistance in supplying our wants. Perhaps in the not very distant future, they may afford good and substantial evidence of their kindly interest in our efforts in this direction. On the other hand, a large majority of the "noble army" of grand

secretaries have assisted to "the extent of their ability." To the grand secretaries who have thus given evidence of their kind and fraternal interest in our efforts, and to other brethren who have nobly assisted in the good work, he remains under many and deep obligations, and he feels confident that grand lodge will fully recognize their disinterested kindness and courtesy. Since the announcement of contributions made in his report at the last annual communication, he has received the following:

From R. W. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, six volumes bound in cloth, containing the proceedings complete of the Grand Lodge of Iowa from its organization, A. D. 1840 to A. D. 1876, together with a large number of constitutions, by-laws, addresses, orations, library catalogues, etc.;

From R. W. Bro. Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, printed pamphlets of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island from A. D. 1821 to A. D. 1876, nearly complete; also, other pamphlets containing ceremonials, addresses, lodge histories, by-laws, etc.;

From R. W. Bro. James C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana from A. D. 1854 to A. D. 1875, quite complete; also, the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Louisiana from A. D. 1854 to A. D. 1876, complete, with the exception of the year 1856;

From R. W. Bro. William G. Tonn, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, complete;

From R. W. Bro. John Thomson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, two pamphlets, being parts one and two of the "Early History and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," covering the proceedings, etc., of that grand lodge from A. D. 1730 to A. D. 1799;

From R. W. Bro. Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina from A. D. 1869 to A. D. 1876;

From R. W. Bro. Charles H. Titus, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from A. D. 1861 to A. D. 1876, nearly complete; also, a copy of the constitution, A. D. 1876;

From R. W. Bro. George P. Cleaves, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, a complete set of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire from its organization, A. D. 1789 to A. D. 1877; also, a copy of the constitution, A. D. 1869;

From R. W. Bro. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maine, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine from A. D. 1858 to A. D. 1866;

From R. W. Bro. William P. Innes, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan from A. D. 1857 to A. D. 1877;

From W. Bro. John Carlovitz, Librarian of Santa Rosa Lodge, Milton, Florida, three bound volumes, containing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Florida from its organization, A. D. 1830 to A. D. 1875, and pamphlets of 1875, 1876 and 1877; also, proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Council of Florida, and proceedings of several other grand bodies;

From R. W. Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for several years;

From R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington, the complete proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington from its organization, A. D. 1866 to A. D. 1877, in three bound volumes;

From M. W. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, through Bro. A. P. Moriarty, Assistant Secretary General of the Supreme Council 33° A. & A. Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, the proceedings, nearly complete, of the Supreme Council from A. D. 1781 to A. D. 1877;

From R. W. Bro. John H. Bell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, complete, from its organization;

From R. W. Bro. John H. Brown, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas from its organization, A. D. 1855 to A. D. 1876, except 1863 and 1872;

From R. W. Bro. William B. Isaacs, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, a reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia from its organization, A. D. 1777 to A. D. 1823, one bound volume; also, pamphlets, nearly complete, from A. D. 1837 to A. D. 1877;

From Bro. S. Stacker Williams of Granville, Ohio, a reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio from its organization, A. D. 1808 to A. D. 1857, in two bound volumes, and pamphlets from A. D. 1858 to A. D. 1872, nearly complete; also, many pamphlets of the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Ohio;

From Bro. George B. Hegan, S. W. of Saint John's Lodge No. 2, St. John, a volume entitled "The Report of Chicago Relief and Aid Society";

From the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a copy of Constitution, Forms and Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, A. D. 1877;

From R. W. Bro. David Main, P. J. G. W., and P. M. of Sussex Lodge No. 7, Saint Stephen, Rebold's History of Freemasonry in Europe;

From W. Bro. John H. Rose, P. M. Sussex Lodge No. 7, Saint Stephen, a volume entitled "Masonic Antiquities of the Orient Unveiled";

From R. W. Bro. John F. Burrill, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, a volume containing the "Ceremonials for the use of Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois";

From W. Bro. Alexander Burchill, P. M. Saint Andrew's Lodge No. 29, Fredericton, a copy of a sermon delivered in Christ Church Cathedral on St. John's Day, 27th December, 1877, by Bro. the Rev. Benjamin Shaw of Saint Andrew's Lodge;

From the Grand Orient of Spain, a copy of the Constitutions of that Grand Orient;

From W. Bro. Robert H. Thomas, Librarian of the Grand Lodge of New York, a copy of the "Early History and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York." Vol. I. 1781 to 1815;

From Bro. John Thomas of Saint John's Lodge No. 2, St. John, a volume entitled "Final Report of the Proceedings of the Masonic Board of Relief of the City of Chicago, A. D. 1872";

From the Grand Lodge of Maine, a copy of "The Maine Masonic Text Book for the use of Lodges," compiled by M. W. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, P. G. M.

Up to the present time, he has received, complete or in part, the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of California, Canada, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Manitoba, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New

York, Ohio, P. E. Island, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. He would fraternally call upon the grand secretaries of the grand lodges not included in the foregoing list, to come to our assistance as far as lies "within the scope of their ability." The library *must* be re-established, and will, at an early day, assume proportions creditable to the craft in the jurisdiction, if persistent effort and a willing heart can accomplish the desired end. Each representative of grand lodge, each lodge and each brother in our province ought to feel an interest in its success, and ought to lend a helping hand in filling up its shelves. "By their fruits ye shall know them," is an axiom which ought to be deeply impressed upon the minds of all who desire the full fruition of light and knowledge, and such should be the wish of every member of the fraternity.

13. New codes of by-laws adopted by Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5, Saint Andrew's, and Benjamim Lodge, No. 31, Andover, received the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master, during the past year.

14. R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis has filed in the office of the grand secretary, a notice of amendment to the constitution, to abolish nominations to office of the elective officers in grand lodge and in subordinate lodges as well, also to provide for the election of wardens in private lodges.

V. W. Bro. William F. Bunting has also filed a notice to amend the constitution, by changing the time of holding the annual communication of grand lodge from the fourth Wednesday in September to the last Wednesday in April of each year.

15. From reports received during the year, the grand secretary feels pleasure in stating that the private lodges throughout the jurisdiction are in a sound and flourishing condition, while no discordant elements appear to disturb the harmony which should ever be the characteristic of our institution. The masters and secretaries seem to be alive to the important interests committed to their keeping, and are generally prompt and punctual in their correspondence and dealings with his office. He trusts that this satisfactory state of things may continue to the end of time.

16. His books, files of papers, correspondence, etc., are herewith submitted for the inspection of grand lodge.

17. The following is a copy of his account with grand lodge for the year just ended, furnished the audit committee of the board of general purposes:

WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary,

In account with the Grand Lodge.

Dr.

Cash received from Albion Lodge,.....	No. 1,	\$88 00
" " St. John's,.....	" 2,	75 90
" " Hibernia,.....	" 3,	72 55
" " Sussex,.....	" 4,	22 20
" " St. Mark's,.....	" 5,	33 80
" " Solomon's,.....	" 6,	34 40
" " Sussex,.....	" 7,	96 60
" " Carleton Union,.....	" 8,	61 60
" " Midian,.....	" 9,	13 30
" " Union of Portland,.....	" 10,	105 20
" " Woodstock,.....	" 11,	75 00
" " St. George,.....	" 12,	70 80
" " Corinthian,.....	" 13,	18 50
" " Alley,.....	" 14,	20 00
" " Howard,.....	" 15,	34 30
" " St. Andrew,.....	" 16,	25 80
" " Northumberland,.....	" 17,	65 60
" " Miramichi,.....	" 18,	49 80
" " Leinster,.....	" 19,	40 80
" " Salisbury,.....	" 20,	22 30
" " Zion,.....	" 21,	41 05
" " New Brunswick,.....	" 22,	54 00
" " Keith,.....	" 23,	60 40
" " Zetland,.....	" 24,	20 00
" " Restigouche,.....	" 25,	28 85
" " Victoria,.....	" 26,	34 00
" " St. John,.....	" 27,	15 00
" " Lebanon,.....	" 28,	15 60
" " St. Andrew's,.....	" 29,	19 90
" " St. Martin's,.....	" 30,	22 90
" " Benjamin,.....	" 31,	38 80
" " Campbellton,.....	" 32,	51 45
" " Alexandria,.....	" 33,	29 00
" " Stadacona Insurance Company,		730 86
		<u>\$2188 26</u>

1877.	Cr.	
Sept. 22, Cash paid Grand Treasurer,.....		\$178 00
1878.		
Jan. 15, " "		600 00
March 8, " "		500 00
June 25, " "		500 00
Sept. 13, " "		410 26
		<u>\$2188 26</u>

WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

St. John, N. B., 16th Sept., 1878.

Which report, on motion of R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., was received and ordered to be laid on the table.

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

Report of Grand Treasurer.

JAMES McNICHOL, Jr., Grand Treasurer,

In account with Grand Lodge F. & A. M.

FUND OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

1877.	Dr.	
Sept. 18, To balance in bank of B. N. America,.....		\$847 37
22, " amount received from Grand Secretary,		178 00
1878.		
Jan'y 15, " " " "		600 00
Mar. 8, " " " "		500 00
June 25, " " " "		500 00
Sept. 13, " " " "		410 26
		<u>\$3035 63</u>
School bond,		513 95
		<u>\$3549 58</u>

1877.	Cr.	
Sept. 26, By paid official visitation account,.....		\$ 43 42
27, " Fund of Benevolence,.....		200 00
Oct. 17, " Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....		6 40
" T. H. Keohan, frame and glass,.....		5 00
" Official visitation account,.....		28 09
" D. Scribner, Grand Tyler,.....		12 00
" Grand Secretary, salary,.....		400 00
" Alexander Hay, parchment certificates,		115 12
" Masonic Hall Company (School bond),		513 95
" Adam Young, tin box,.....		2 85
" Robert B. Emerson, tin box,.....		3 00
" Library Committee,		181 11

1878.		
Jan'y 26, " Fund of benevolence,.....		200 00
June 25, " Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....		4 50
" Mackenzie Brothers, repairing apron, ..		40
" C. E. Burnham, hire of chairs,.....		2 00
" J. & A. McMillan, printing,.....		7 25
" S. N. Knowles, 2 trunks,.....		5 00
" David Willett, engrossing warrant,....		5 00
" George Kenning, ribbon,.....		8 77
" Willis & Mott, printing,		30 25
" Official visitation account,		30 96
" Guild & Delano, consecration vessels, ..		100 00
" Hall Committee, rent, &c.,		4 50
" 62d Battalion Band,		45 00
" Grand Stewards' staves,.....		3 50
" J. & A. McMillan, Bible,.....		3 00
" Ellis, Robertson & Co., printing,		1 50
" Knox & Thompson, cushion, &c.,		4 00
" C. A. Robertson, horse hire,.....		2 00
" James Adams & Co., silk, &c.,		5 91
" Duties on consecration vessels,.....		17 50
Sept. 13, " George Coster, copying music,		5 00
" Ellis, Robertson & Co., printing,		17 50
" William Elder, do		13 74
" W. H. Knowles, trunk,.....		1 50

Amount carried forward,.....\$2029 72

Amount brought forward,	\$2029 72
" Roger Hunter, printing,	3 00
" 62d Battalion Band,	45 00
" Hall Committee, rent,	2 50
" T. N. Robertson, express charges, &c.	5 79
" Imperial Insurance Company,	30 00
" J. & J. Hegan, cloth, ribbon, &c., ...	1 35
" Gould Brothers, cleansing aprons,	6 80
" Grand Secretary, postages, &c.,	26 99
" C. A. Robertson, horse hire,	8 00
" Balance in Bank B. N. America,	1390 43
	<u>\$3549 58</u>

ASSETS OF GRAND LODGE.

" Balance in Bank British N. America, ..	1390 43
" Fund of Benevolence, invested,	1000 00
" " " cash,	61 37
" Masonic Hall Stock,	1513 95
Total,	<u>\$3965 75</u>

JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., 16th Sept., 1878.

Which report, on motion of R. W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore, D. G. M., was 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.

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

The board of general purposes submit their annual report.

1. At the first meeting held after the annual communication of grand lodge, W. Bro. Thomas Nisbet Robertson was elected Vice-President, and the board for the year was duly organized.

2. In accordance with the resolution of grand lodge, the sum of two hundred dollars was paid to the trustees of the fund of benevolence.

V. W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., Grand Treasurer, was appointed one of the trustees of the fund to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late lamented R. W. Bro. Keans.

The trustees of the fund of benevolence are now R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., R. W. Bro. Ellis, P. G. M., and V. W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., Grand Treasurer.

The board again recommend this fund to the favorable consideration of grand lodge.

3. It being desirable that a payment should be made to the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company, on account of the stock subscribed on the 25th September, 1873, by grand lodge, the board authorized the transfer to the company of the school bond for five hundred dollars held by grand lodge at one per cent premium, the value of the bond at the time of the transfer.

The board deemed it advisable to use this bond, there being no un-invested funds of grand lodge available for the purpose.

4. The board congratulate grand lodge upon the auspicious beginning of the important work of erecting a masonic temple in this city, and would urge upon grand lodge the desirability of granting aid to the company in furtherance of the completion of the work, and also of bringing the subject before the several lodges and the craft generally in the province.

5. They submit the report of the audit committee on the books and accounts of the grand secretary and grand treasurer for the masonic year, as follows:

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

The committee appointed by the board to examine the books and audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the past masonic year, having attended to the duty entrusted to them, have much pleasure in reporting that they find the accounts correct, and the books kept in a neat and systematic manner.

The receipts for the year were as follows:

From ordinary sources,	\$1,457 40
Balance of insurance on furniture, &c., destroyed in fire of June 20th, 1877, and interest,	730 86
Proceeds of sale of school bond, which was on hand, as per last year's report,	
Principal,	\$500 00
Interest,	13 95
Balance on hand from last year,	2,702 21
	847 37
Making a total of,	<u>\$3,549 58</u>

The expenditures for the year were as follows:

For general purposes,.....	\$1,464 09
Payments on account of stock of New Brunswick Masonic Hall Co.,	513 95
Library committee,	181 11 2,159 15
Leaving a balance in the hands of Grand Treasurer.....	<u>\$1,390 43</u>

The present assets of grand lodge may be stated as follows:

Balance in hands of grand treasurer,.....	\$1,390 43
Fund of benevolence, amount invested,.....	1,000 00
" " cash on hand,.....	61 37
Masonic hall company stock, paid up,.....	1,513 95
	<u>\$3,965 75</u>

Proper vouchers have been produced by the grand treasurer for all expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

T. NISBET ROBERTSON,
HENRY DUFFELL,
EDWARD WILLIS, } *Audit Committee.*

St. John, N. B., September 18, 1878.

6. The board have pleasure in reporting to grand lodge that there have not arisen any questions of complaint or irregularity during the year calling for the action of the board, and that the working of the craft has been most harmonious and satisfactory throughout the jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN J. WETMORE, D. G. M.,
President.

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

Resolved, That the foregoing report lie on the table, and the grand secretary be authorized to have printed for the immediate use of grand lodge, the annual address of the grand master, and the reports of the grand secretary, grand treasurer and board of general purposes.

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

That the election of the elective officers of the grand lodge be the order of the day for this evening at a quarter past eight o'clock.

In amendment, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M.,

That the election be held to-morrow evening at a quarter past eight o'clock.

The amendment was negatived and the motion adopted.

The library committee submitted a report which, on motion of R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, P. G. M., was ordered to be received.

Report of Library Committee.

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

The library committee submit a report, as follows:

In consequence of the limited accommodation at the disposal of grand lodge, for the reception and proper care of books, etc., the committee have not made so many additions to the library as the funds placed at their disposal would otherwise have warranted.

As however, the masonic temple now in course of erection in this city, is drawing so near its completion, and as the craft will then have ample and proper quarters for the library, no doubt the additions will be more extensive in the coming year.

The committee have made the following purchases since they last reported:

Historical Landmarks, by Rev. George Oliver;
History of Initiation, by Rev. George Oliver;
Signs and Symbols, by Rev. George Oliver;
Antiquities of Freemasonry, by Rev. George Oliver;
History of Freemasonry from A. D. 1829 to A. D. 1841, by Rev. George Oliver;
The Symbol of Glory, by Rev. George Oliver;
Theocratic Philosophy of Freemasonry, by Rev. George Oliver;
History of Masonic Persecutions, by Rev. George Oliver;
Programme of ceremonies at laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall in New York;
Ceremonies at dedication of the Masonic Hall in New York;
Masonic Vocabulary, containing the abbreviations and definitions of all expressions used in Freemasonry, by Levasnier;
Preston's Illustrations of Freemasonry, by Rev. George Oliver;
Treatise on the Principles and Practice of Masonic Jurisprudence, by John W. Simons;
Masonic Trials: a treatise upon the law and practice of masonic trials, by Henry M. Look;
Masonic Law and Practice, with forms, by Luke A. Lockwood;
Digest of Masonic Law, by George W. Chase;
Text Book of Masonic Jurisprudence, by Albert G. Mackey;
The Mysteries of Freemasonry, by John Fellows;

The Old Charges of British Freemasons, by William J. Hughan ;
 The Philosophy of Freemasonry, by Jacob Ernst ;
 Final Report of the Proceedings of the Masonic Board of Relief of the City of Chicago ;
 Dictionary of Symbolical Masonry, by Rev. George Oliver ;
 Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, by Albert Pike ;
 The Masonic Token, by William T. Anderson ;
 Masonic Sketches and Reprint, by Wm. J. Hughan ;
 Ahiman Rezon, by Laurence Dermot ;
 Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York ;
 Exposition of the Mysteries or Religious Dogmas and Customs of the Ancient Egyptians, Druids and Pythagorians, by John Fellows ;
 Essay on the mysteries of Eleusis, by M. Ouvaroff ;
 A Defence of Freemasonry, by Luther Pratt ;
 Proofs of a Conspiracy against all the Religions and Governments of Europe, carried on in the secret meetings of Freemasons, etc., by John Robinson ;
 Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, A. D., 1798, by Thaddeus M. Harris ;
 Constitution and Organization of the Carbonarii, by M. Saint-Edme ;
 The Freemasons' Monitor, A. D., 1802, by Thomas Smith Webb ;
 Secret Societies of the Middle Ages ;
 The Revelations of a Square, by Rev. George Oliver ;
 The Maine Masonic Text Book, by Josiah H. Drummond ;
 Masonic Token, Vol. I, 1867 to 1877, edited by Stephen Berry ;
 Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia and Hand Book of Masonic Archaeology, History and Biography, edited by Rev. A. F. A. Woodford.

Their account current with grand lodge is as follows :

Amount on hand per last report.....	\$ 30 00
Received from grand treasurer, being part of the insurance money from Stadacona Fire Insurance Company,.....	181 11
Total,	\$211 11
Expended for books, &c.,.....	\$73 40
Subscriptions to periodicals,.....	7 85
Express and other charges,.....	16 96
	98 21
Balance in hands of committee,.....	<u>\$112 90</u>

At the last annual communication, grand lodge devoted to the library fund one-half of the insurance money due from the Stadacona Fire Insurance Company.

It appears from the accounts of the grand secretary that \$730.86 was paid in by that company, the one-half part of which amounts to \$365.43. As the committee have drawn upon the V. W. the Grand Treasurer, upon an order of the M. W. the Grand Master, the sum of \$181.11, there still remains in the hands of that officer \$184.32 to the credit of the library fund, to meet future expenditure.

The committee feel satisfied that grand lodge will continue its exertions in furtherance of the library, and thus place within the reach of every member of the fraternity, the best available means of gaining a proper knowledge of the history and principles of our honored institution.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. F. BUNTING,
 ROBERT MARSHALL,
 B. LESTER PETERS.

September 25th, 1878.

Amendment to the Constitution.

In accordance with notice given as required by the Constitution, the following amendment to the Constitution was proposed by V. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, and adopted :

To amend section sixteen, page twenty of the last edition, by striking out the words "fourth Wednesday in September," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "last Wednesday in April."

The section as amended will read, as follows :

16. The annual communication of the grand lodge shall be holden in the City of St. John on the last Wednesday in April of each year. None but members of the grand lodge shall be present at the communications without permission of the grand master or presiding officer.

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

25th September, 1878.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at half-past seven o'clock, the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master in the East, who stated that the M. W. the Grand Master was unexpectedly called away from the province on important business.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary presented the credentials of R. W. Bro. John Richards, P. J. G. W., as the representative of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, issued at Wheeling, West Virginia, October 10th, A. L. 5877, and signed by M. W. Bro. George W. Atkinson, Grand Master and R. W. Bro. Odell S. Long, Grand Secretary.

Which credentials were duly received.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary presented the following statement which, on motion of R. W. Bro. Henry Duffell, S. G. W., was received and ordered to be embodied in the printed proceedings of grand lodge.

General Masonic Board of Relief.

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

At the last annual communication of grand lodge, the grand secretary made a report relative to the operations of the general board of relief, organized to dispense the contributions received in aid of masonic sufferers by the great fire in the City of Saint John, on the twentieth day of June, A. D. 1877. He at that time gave information respecting the manner of organizing the board, the amount of contributions received, the names of the contributors, the mode of dispensing these contributions and the amount paid out to sufferers.

By that statement it was shown that the sum placed at the disposal of the board was up to that time, \$5,048.57, and the amount disbursed, \$2,699.00.

Since then the board has received further contributions, amounting in gold to \$3,382.78, from the following:

Salisbury Lodge, No. 20, Salisbury, New Brunswick,....	\$ 25 00
R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary of New Jersey, from lodges in New Jersey,.....	208 77
R. W. Bro. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary of Alabama,..	46 47
R. W. Bro. A. M. Mackay, Provincial Grand Master under Scotland, from brethren in Newfoundland,.....	520 00
M. W. Bro. Edward B. Rowe, Grand Master of Connecticut, from lodges in that State,.....	393 23
R. W. Bro. James C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary of Louisiana, on account of lodges there,.....	92 05
R. W. Bro. B. Wilson Higgs, Grand Secretary of Prince Edward Island, from lodges there,.....	260 00
R. W. Bro. William T. Wilkinson, P. J. G. W. of this grand lodge and representative at the Grand Lodge of Ireland, £100 stg. from the Grand Lodge of Ireland and £102 6s. 6d. stg. from lodges and brethren at Dublin,.....	977 89
W. Bro. C. R. Smith, District Secretary, Hamilton, Ontario, from lodges in that district,.....	173 57
R. W. Bro. Benjamin Curren, Grand Secretary of Nova Scotia, from lodges and brethren there,.....	497 80
R. W. Bro. J. T. McMinn, D. D. G. M., Montreal, on account of lodges there,.....	188 00

The foregoing amounts with what was formerly reported makes the total contribution received up to this time amount to \$8,431.35, out of which there has been expended the sum of \$6,768.20, leaving a balance of \$1,663.15 in the hands of the grand treasurer, who is treasurer of the board, to be disbursed during the approaching winter.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

The time appointed for the election of the elective officers of grand lodge having arrived, the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master in the chair, appointed as scrutineers R. W. Bro. Alfred F. Street and W. Bros. George B. Hegan and Thomas Walker.

The scrutineers having been duly qualified and the regulations of grand lodge relative to the election of officers having been read by the grand secretary, the following brethren were nominated and elected:

ROBERT MARSHALL, M. W. Grand Master.
 BENJAMIN R. STEVENSON, . . R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 REV. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, . . R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 CHARLES N. SCOTT, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 REV. DONALD MACRAE, . . . V. W. Grand Chaplain.
 JAMES McNICHOL, Jr., . . . V. W. G. Treasurer (re elected.)
 DINGEE SCRIBNER, Grand Tyler (re-elected.)

On motion of the V. W. the Grand Secretary, the installation of officers was fixed for to-morrow evening at half-past seven o'clock.

The committee on Grand Master's address presented the following report which, on motion of R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., was adopted, and leave granted the committee to make a further report.

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.

The committee on the Grand Master's address beg to submit a report: They find that the questions involved in the applications for recognition by the bodies claiming to be Grand Lodge of Cuba and Grand Lodge of New South Wales, are important, and protests are filed against the recognition in both cases. They therefore recommend that the matter be referred to a special committee to consider fully during recess of grand lodge.

They ask leave to make a further report.

Fraternally submitted,
 B. LESTER PETERS,
 JOHN V. ELLIS,
 W. F. DIBBLEE,
 GEO. F. STICKNEY.

The following brethren were appointed a committee upon the foregoing report and recommendation:

R. W. Bros. B. Lester Peters, John V. Ellis and William F. Bunting.

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

Resolved, That the application for recognition from the body styling itself the Grand Lodge of Colon, be referred to the same committee.

R. W. Bro. William F. Dibblee, P. D. G. M., past master of Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, made an appeal to grand lodge on behalf of his lodge. He stated that the lodge has suffered great loss from two fires within a few years, the latter being particularly disastrous to the lodge. He stated further, that the brethren had just completed the fitting up and furnishing of a new hall and had supplied themselves with new regalia, jewels, etc., and were some twelve hundred dollars in debt. He asked grand lodge to render them pecuniary assistance in their present difficulties.

Whereupon it was, on motion of R. W. Bro. Dibblee,

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated from the funds of grand lodge in favor of Woodstock Lodge, No. 11.

Amendments to the Constitution.

In accordance with legal notice given by R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., he submitted the following amendments to the constitution:

1st. At page 16, edition 1878, article "Of Officers," strike out sections two, three and four, and substitute for section two section four as it now stands in the constitution.

2nd. In lieu of section three, the following :

3. When the time fixed for the election shall arrive, the grand master or presiding officer shall direct the distribution of ballot papers to all the members of grand lodge present. He shall appoint three scrutineers whose duty it shall be to collect the ballots for grand officers from the brethren to whom they have been delivered. The scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report of the result of the ballot, and having ascertained the number of votes given for each brother voted for, they shall present their report to grand lodge.

3rd. In lieu of section four to substitute the following :

4. If no brother has a majority of all the votes cast, the grand master or presiding officer shall declare to grand lodge that there has been no election, and he shall order the ballots to be distributed as before, and another count to be made, and until a brother shall receive such majority, the grand master or officer presiding, after the result of each ballot shall be announced, shall order a new ballot. When a brother does receive a majority of all the votes cast, the grand master or presiding officer shall formally announce the fact to grand lodge, and shall declare the brother so receiving the majority vote, to be duly elected to the office for which the election has been held. The scrutineers shall always submit a return of any votes cast in blank, and should there be any such votes they shall not be counted in making up the total.

4th. Strike out section nine, page nineteen, and re-number the other sections.

5th. Strike out section four, "Private Lodges," page thirty-one, and substitute therefor :

4. The elected officers shall be chosen by written ballot, without nomination, and no brother shall be declared elected to any elective office unless he shall have received a majority of all the votes cast.

6th. Amend section two same page and article as the foregoing, by inserting the words "senior warden, junior warden" after "master," third line of paragraph, and the same words in the last line between the words "and" and "the."

The foregoing proposed amendments were discussed separately and were disposed of, as follows :

1st Proposition adopted.

2nd Proposition adopted.

3rd Proposition adopted.

4th Proposition adopted.

5th Proposition adopted.

6th Proposition negatived.

The sections adopted by grand lodge read, as follows :

Of Officers.

2. The election and appointment of all officers of grand lodge shall take place at the annual communication, when those present shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in ancient form. As soon after the opening of the annual communication as conveniently may be, grand lodge shall by a majority vote, determine the hour at which the election and installation of officers shall be commenced ; at which time grand lodge shall proceed with the election or installation as the case may be ; such order of proceeding taking precedence of all other business before grand lodge.

3. When the time for the election shall arrive, the grand master or presiding officer shall direct the distribution of ballot papers to all the members of grand lodge present. He shall appoint three scrutineers, whose duty it shall be to collect the ballots for grand officers from the brethren to whom they have been delivered. The scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report of the result of the ballot, and having ascertained the number of votes given for each brother voted for, they shall present their report to grand lodge.

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should there be any such votes they shall not be counted in making up the total.

Private Lodges.

4. The elected officers shall be chosen by written ballot without nomination, and no brother shall be declared elected to any elective office, unless he shall have received a majority of all the votes cast.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That the amendments adopted at this session of grand lodge be incorporated with and become a part of the constitution.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until to-morrow afternoon at half-past two o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

26th September, 1878.

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

The Grand Secretary read a circular from the Grand Orient of Spain, of which the following is a translation:

Circular from the Grand Orient of Spain.

TO THE GLORY OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

The Grand Orient of Spain, Supreme Authority of Spanish Freemasonry.

ORDO AB CHAO.

We, Juan Antonio Perez, Supreme Grand Inspector General of the 33° Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Grand Commander and Grand Master of Spanish Freemasons, &c., &c., &c.

To the Most Wise, Symbolic Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:

ILLUSTRIOUS AND EMINENT BRETHREN:—Our Serene Grand Orient feels great satisfaction in having the honor to address your worshipful

masonic centre. The Grand Orient of Spain has, for a long number of years, passed through many vicissitudes, and has been the victim of unjust persecutions. The deceptions of and the injuries committed by the clergy and the profane government had brought our institution nearly to the brink of ruin, and had reduced the valiant sons of light to the lowest depths, but to day by a strong effort they have arisen in their might and after a long silence they have pleasure in announcing to you, that during the space of two years in which resuscitation has been carried on, the following bodies have been organized:

One hundred and thirty-six Symbolic Lodges, twelve Royal Arch Chapters, eleven Rosa Croix Chapters, one Grand Symbolic Lodge, six Mother Provincial Lodges, one Grand Royal Arch Chapter, one Sovereign Grand Chapter General of the Rosa Croix, one Areopagus of the Knights of Kadosch 30°, one Trib: of Gr: Insp: Inq: 31°, one Sovereign Grand Consistory of the Sublime Princes of the Real Secret 32°, one Grand Lodge for the administration and revision of Records, and lastly, one Supreme Consistory of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33° Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite—the last which we profess.

Under the present state of things, illustrious and eminent brethren, the Grand Orient of Spain can lift its head and ask the consideration of its beloved brethren, and although for a long time it was called upon to combat intestine discords, it is now firmly established and claims an undoubted right to occupy a position among the masonic bodies of the world.

Bear in mind that this grand orient has encountered a long series of calamities and has been opposed by the profane governments. It has had to struggle against a theocracy full of ambition and a covetous despotism, resulting in the sacrifice of numerous martyrs in the annals of Spanish freemasonry.

With these facts we address ourselves to you, illustrious and eminent brethren. We ask the acknowledgment of our just claims and present the completeness of our masonic organization, believing that our constancy should be recognized and that truth should prevail against the darkness of error and superstition.

We hope that your eminent masonic body, which we have so much pleasure in addressing, will join with the Grand Orient of Spain in strengthening the brotherly chain which should unite us all. We pray

that the Great Architect of the Universe will favor your labors to the great glory and prosperity of our order.

Given at the Grand Orient and Valley of Madrid, the second day of March, A. D. 1878.

The Grand Commander and Grand Master,
JUAN A. PEREZ.

The Grand Secretary General,
PEDRO P. CASTANERA.

Another circular from the same body was read, asking for the exchange of representatives.

On motion of R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., the foregoing papers were referred to the committee having in charge the applications of Cuba and Colon.

The following letter from New South Wales, was ordered to be handed to the same committee:

Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS,
Sydney, New South Wales, 27th December, 1877.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren assembled in Grand Lodge of St. John, New Brunswick:

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN:—I have the honor to transmit for the information of your grand lodge a printed copy of proceedings of a masonic convention, duly organized and held in the City of Sydney, for the purpose of inaugurating a Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Permit me to draw your especial attention to the thoroughly constitutional character of the proceedings by which this result has been achieved, for thereupon be based our hope of a prompt and fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, now exercising in all propriety and moderation the functions of supreme governing body within territorial limits.

I would remark that the action taken by brethren in this distant portion of the British Dominions had its origin in no feeling of disrespect or diminution of affection towards the grand lodges of their parent

constitution, but solely on a conviction, the result of protracted and earnest deliberation, that circumstances which it is now unnecessary more fully to detail warrant that action. I would, however, state that the desire for self government has long existed, as well as the regret that our means of benevolence should be so materially impaired by enforced contributions to funds in themselves most deserving of local support, but from which we can derive no benefit.

It will be deemed that *numerically* constitutional requirements have been fully met, nay, greatly exceeded, while in matter of action no land-mark has been infringed, we have sought to follow precedents that have never been impugned, precedents that gained for other *now existing* grand lodges full recognition and hearty co-operation, such recognition and co-operation we now ask from your grand lodge for the Grand Lodge of New South Wales in the fullest assurance that it will at once be accorded.

I have the honor to remain,
Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,
Yours very fraternally,
JAMES S. FARNELL,
Grand Master.

NICHOLAS WEEKS,
Grand Secretary,
N. S. Wales.

The following letter from the Grand Secretary of Scotland was ordered to be handed to the same committee:

Grand Lodge of Scotland.

FREEMASONS' HALL,
Edinburgh, 7th March, 1878.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—I am instructed by the Grand Master Mason of Scotland (Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart.), and the grand committee, to inform you that certain brethren belonging to lodges in New South Wales, holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, have, in conjunction with others of the Irish Constitution, formed themselves into "The Grand Lodge of New South Wales," and now seek recognition as a lawfully constituted body.

In asking you to withhold from this irregular and unconstitutional body recognition in any form, I beg to state that of the twenty-seven Scotch Lodges in New South Wales, eight only were represented at the meeting at which the schismatics threw off their allegiance to their respective grand lodges.

Bro. Dr. Sedgwick, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. William Higstrim, Worshipful Provincial Grand Secretary, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of New South Wales, are doing all in their power to counteract the disloyal movement above referred to, and in this they have the cordial and fraternal co-operation of the district grand master and lodges under the English Constitution.

From information received from the province, it appears that a great majority of the Scottish brethren are not only determined to remain staunch in their allegiance, but repudiate the idea of severing a connection which they are so desirous to maintain with their mother grand lodge.

I have therefore respectfully to request that you will have the goodness to caution the lodges under your jurisdiction against admitting either as a member or visitor any brother seeking to gain admission as a member of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

I am, Most Worshipful Sir and Dear Brother,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,
D. MURRAY LYON,
Grand Secretary.

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

Resolved, That the application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, deferred at the last annual communication, be referred to the same committee.

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

Resolved, That the applications for recognition of the Grand Lodges of Egypt and Indian Territory laid over at previous communications, be referred to the same committee.

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

Resolved, That with the permission of R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, P. G. M., the oration delivered by him at the laying the corner

stone of the masonic temple in the City of St. John, be published with the printed proceedings of grand lodge, also all the ceremonial of that occasion as far as practicable.

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

Ordered, That the proceedings of this communication be not printed until after the annual communication in April next.

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

Resolved, That the grand secretary be authorized to present to each lodge in the jurisdiction and to each sister grand lodge, a copy of the reprint, and that he be further authorized to use his discretion in presenting copies to brethren who may make contributions to the library of grand lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. John H. Rose, P. M., Sussex Lodge, No. 7, and

Resolved, That no lodge or brother shall print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the Constitution of this grand lodge or any portion thereof.

It was moved by W. Bro. Edwin G. Vroom, W. M., Sussex Lodge, No. 7, and

Resolved, That in order to facilitate the business of grand lodge at the annual communications and to place matters of interest before representatives to enable them to legislate in respect thereto, it shall be incumbent on the grand master, the deputy grand master, the grand treasurer and the grand secretary to have their addresses, reports, etc., completed in time to have them printed previous to the opening of grand lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. Charles N. Scott, P. M., Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, and

Resolved, That, until further ordered, the hour of three in the afternoon, shall be the time for opening grand lodge at its annual communications.

The committee on Grand Master's address made a further report, as follows :

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.

To the Grand Lodge :

The committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, report :

1. Your committee recommend that grand lodge adopt the following resolutions :

Resolved, That this grand lodge does deeply sympathize with the remarks of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in his reference to the lamented death of W. Bro. William W. Emslie, Past Master of Albion Lodge, No. 1, and a member of this grand lodge :

And further Resolved, That a suitable memorial page be prepared and published with the proceedings of grand lodge.

2. Your committee recommend that in hearty response to the call made by the grand master for relief to our suffering brethren in the Southern States of America, the collecting and forwarding of required aid be referred to the board of general purposes, with full authority to act in their discretion.

3. That your committee have taken into careful consideration the important question of masonic jurisdiction submitted by the M. W. Grand Master for the action of grand lodge relating to the Province of Quebec, and recommend that the following resolutions be adopted :

Resolved, That this grand lodge does hold as a matter of unquestionable masonic law, that when an independent grand lodge has been duly organized in any political territory it has the undoubted right to exclusive masonic jurisdiction within that territory ; and that the erection or continuance of lodges by any other grand body against the supremacy of the local grand lodge is an invasion of masonic territory alike subversive of good government and disloyal to masonic constitutional authority :

And further Resolved, That this grand lodge, having established fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec and recognized her as a sister grand lodge with exclusive jurisdiction within the masonic province, views with regret and concern the invasion of the territory of the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of Scotland in the attempt lately made to erect and maintain lodges in Quebec holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland :

And further Resolved, That this grand lodge is prepared to join other grand lodges in respectful remonstrance with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in the hope that she may reconsider her action in the true interests of freemasonry as a long established and eminent governing body, whose practice has hitherto been to conserve the principles of masonic right, justice and jurisprudence.

4. The committee have given special attention to the recommendations of the grand master to increase the stock held by grand lodge in

the Masonic Hall Company, and the arrangements necessary to carry out the pledged faith of grand lodge in the matter. The project of a masonic hall in this city has ever been a favorite one with the craft throughout the entire jurisdiction, and it is a project in which grand lodge is deeply interested, both for the proper keeping of its own property and for the advancement of the general interests of the fraternity. The committee find that grand lodge, in the year 1871, subscribed stock to the extent of one thousand dollars, payable in three annual payments. In September, 1873, the grand master recommended that grand lodge should take ten thousand dollars stock and grand lodge did at that time subscribe five thousand dollars, payable in ten annual payments, of five hundred dollars each. In view of the vastness of the undertaking, of the importance of grand lodge exercising a large influence in the management of the hall, and looking at all the difficulties which surround the raising of the necessary means among the brethren to complete the work, the committee think that grand lodge should increase its present stock by four thousand dollars, making its total subscription ten thousand dollars, payable on the same terms as the amount last subscribed. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That in addition to the amount already subscribed, the grand master is authorized to sign the books of the masonic hall company for a further sum of four thousand dollars, payable annually in instalments of five hundred dollars, after the amount already subscribed for shall have been paid up.

5. The committee further report that of the amount already subscribed fifteen hundred dollars have been paid, and there is still due fifteen hundred dollars. The committee are quite in accord with the view of the grand master and believe that grand lodge will fully recognize its responsibility to make "proper provision for the prompt and regular payment of the amount for which our credit is now annually pledged to this great masonic undertaking." In this view, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That immediately after the close of the present session of grand lodge, it shall be the duty of the grand master to draw upon the grand treasurer a check, which check shall be countersigned by the grand secretary, for the sum of five hundred dollars, and on the second day of January next or first lawful day thereafter, and on the second day of January or next lawful day, of every year succeeding, the grand master shall draw a similar check (which check shall be countersigned by the grand secretary) upon the grand treasurer until the whole amount of the stock subscribed be paid up ; and the grand treasurer, as soon as he shall have funds wherewith to meet the checks aforesaid, shall annually pay the sum of five hundred dollars to the treasurer of the masonic hall

company or other person legally entitled to receive and give the company's receipt for the same. This resolution shall be the warrant of the above-mentioned officers of grand lodge for the payment without any other order of the sums above specified.

The committee ask leave to make a further report.

Respectfully submitted,

B. LESTER PETERS,
WILLIAM WEDDERBURN,
JOHN V. ELLIS,
GEO. F. STICKNEY,
W. F. DIBBLEE.

The several sections in the foregoing report having been discussed and agreed to by grand lodge, it was moved by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the report be adopted in full and leave granted the committee to submit a further report.

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

THURSDAY EVENING,

26th September, 1878.

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

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

Resolved, That the report of the grand secretary be received and the hearty thanks of grand lodge be recorded to the contributors to the grand lodge library.

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

Resolved, That the report of the board of general purposes be received.

The committee on the Grand Master's address submitted a further report, as follows:

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.

To the Grand Lodge:

The committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, further report.

Your committee have given earnest and careful thought to the subject submitted by the M. W. Grand Master in reference to the action of the Grand Orient of France in striking from its constitution an enunciation of belief in the existence of Almighty God.

Your committee find that the Grand Orient of France by a majority vote did rescind a declaration of masonic principles expressed in its constitution thus: "Its principles are the existence of God and the immortality of the soul," and did substitute therefor: "Its principles are absolute liberty of conscience and human solidarity."

Your committee recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of grand lodge:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick views with great surprise and profound regret the action taken by the Grand Orient of France in striking out from her affirmation of masonic principles the declaration of belief in the existence of God and in the immortality of the soul. That such action is in direct antagonism to the fundamental principles of freemasonry and distinctly opposed to the ancient charges, landmarks and traditions of the fraternity:

And further Resolved, That this grand lodge, in consequence of such action, does hereby suspend all fraternal communication with the Grand Orient of France, while she persists in a course so contrary to the spirit and genius of our ancient craft:

And further Resolved, That this grand lodge cannot recognize as "true and genuine" brethren, any who have been initiated in lodges that either deny or ignore a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe and the immortality of the soul. All lodges within this jurisdiction are therefore directed not to admit as a visitor any brother hailing from a lodge under the Grand Orient of France, unless, — 1st. He proves that he has been initiated according to the ancient rites and ceremonies in a lodge professing belief in the Great Architect of the Universe: and 2nd. Nor unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential landmark of freemasonry.

Respectfully submitted,

B. LESTER PETERS,
WILLIAM WEDDERBURN,
JOHN V. ELLIS,
GEO. F. STICKNEY,
WM. F. DIBBLEE.

On motion of R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, the foregoing report and resolutions were *unanimously* adopted.

The time appointed for the installation of officers having arrived, the Most Worshipful Grand Master elect, Bro. Robert Marshall, was invested and installed by R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., 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, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, appointed the following office-bearers for the ensuing year:

- V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.
- W. GEORGE E. FAIRWEATHER, Senior Grand Deacon.
- W. ROBERT J. McADOO, Junior Grand Deacon.
- W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM, Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
- W. GEORGE E. PERKINS, Asst. G. Dir. Ceremonies.
- W. GEORGE B. HEGAN, Grand Sword Bearer.
- W. GEORGE KILNAPP, Grand Standard Bearer.
- W. EDWARD J. SHELDON, Grand Organist.
- W. CHARLES U. HANFORD, Grand Pursuivant.
- W. JOHN H. ROSE, Grand Steward.
- W. JAMES SAUNDERS, "
- W. CHARLES H. MASTERS, "
- W. CHARLES H. SHERWOOD, "
- W. WILLIAM A. PARK, "
- W. WILLIAM SADLER, "
- W. WILLIAM E. SKILLEN, "
- W. SAMUEL H. MCKEE, JR., "
- W. CHARLES J. HENDERSON, "
- W. GEORGE H. GREMLEY, "
- W. HENRY A. JOHNSON, "
- W. ALLEN McN. TRAVIS, "

The following officers, elected and appointed, were invested, installed and proclaimed:

- R. W. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, Senior Grand Warden.
- R. W. CHARLES N. SCOTT, Junior Grand Warden.
- V. W. REV. DONALD MACRAE, Grand Chaplain.
- V. W. JAMES McNICHOL, Jr., Grand Treasurer.
- V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.
- W. GEORGE E. FAIRWEATHER, Senior Grand Deacon.
- W. ROBERT J. McADOO, Junior Grand Deacon.
- W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM, Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
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- W. CHARLES H. SHERWOOD, "
- W. WILLIAM SADLER, "
- W. CHARLES J. HENDERSON, "
- 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:

- R. W. EDWARD WILLIS, Past D. G. Master.
- R. W. HENRY DUFFELL, Past S. G. Warden.
- V. W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR., Grand Treasurer.
- W. J. HENRY LEONARD, Past Master Lodge No. 8.
- W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON, Past G. D. Ceremonies.
- R. W. JOHN RICHARDS, Past J. G. Warden.

R. W. DAVID MAIN,.....Past J. G. Warden.
 W. ANDREW J. STEWART,.....Past Master Lodge No. 3.
 W. HENRY J. THORNE,.....Past Master Lodge No. 19.
 W. WILLIAM J. LOGAN,.....Past Master Lodge No. 3.

The following were appointed "Ritual Committee and Custodians of the Work":

R. W. Robert T. Clinch, R. W. B. Lester Peters, R. W. John V. Ellis, R. W. Henry Duffell, W. Thomas Walker, W. Joseph C. Hatheway and W. John D. Short.

The following were appointed "Library Committee":

R. W. William F. Bunting, R. W. B. Lester Peters, and R. W. Edwin J. Wetmore.

On motion of R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., it was

Resolved, That the committee on credentials receive the thanks of grand lodge for their efficiency and punctuality.

The following resolution was moved by R. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, and adopted:

Resolved, That at each annual communication of grand lodge there shall be appointed a committee of three, to whom shall be referred during the recess of grand lodge, communications and other documents from other grand bodies who ask to enter into fraternal intercourse, or seek recognition.

The following resolution was moved by R. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, and adopted:

Resolved, That at each annual communication of grand lodge, there shall be appointed a committee of three, to whom the grand master

may refer, during the recess of grand lodge, the petitions of lodges under dispensation who desire to receive warrants of constitution, and such committee shall report at the next annual communication.

All business having been finished, grand lodge was closed in *ample* form.

Wm. F. Bunting
Grand Secy.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, 1877.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Members.
1	Albion,.....	4	5	4	.....	.....	5	.....	2	170
2	Saint John's,.....	3	3	3	1	.....	1	.....	2	131
3	Hibernia,.....	5	5	5	3	.....	1	17	2	119
4	Sussex,.....	4	3	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	29
5	Saint Mark's,.....	2	2	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	71
6	Solomon's,.....	4	3	3	.....	.....	2	7	2	66
7	Sussex,.....	4	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98
8	Carleton Union,.....	5	5	5	1	.....	3	10	4	124
9	Midian,.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	27
10	Union of Portland,.....	9	8	8	1	.....	1	.....	3	174
11	Woodstock,.....	18	13	7	1	1	5	3	1	85
12	Saint George,.....	7	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	142
13	Corinthian,.....	3	3	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
14	Alley,.....	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	42
15	Howard,.....	2	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	4	62
16	Saint Andrew,.....	.....	1	2	1	.....	.....	1	1	57
17	Northumberland,.....	13	12	14	2	1	5	.....	.....	87
18	Miramichi,.....	7	7	7	2	.....	6	.....	.....	72
19	Leinster,.....	2	2	2	.....	.....	3	.....	1	67
20	Salisbury,.....	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	47
21	Zion,.....	6	5	5	1	.....	3	4	.....	67
22	New Brunswick,.....	6	6	7	.....	.....	6	1	.....	75
23	Keith,.....	13	11	9	7	1	3	4	1	70
24	Zetland,.....	3	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35
25	Restigouche,.....	4	3	2	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	49
26	Victoria,.....	4	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	65
27	Saint John,.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	2	4	.....	35
28	Lebanon,.....	2	2	1	1	.....	.....	2	.....	24
29	Saint Andrew's,.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	10	8	1	41
30	Saint Martin's,.....	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	41
31	Benjamin,.....	7	7	11	3	.....	3	.....	.....	27
32	Campbellton,.....	12	15	17	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	33
33	Alexandria,.....	5	5	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Total,.....		159	149	144	39	4	67	62	29	2282

Suspensions, A. D. 1877.

Andrews Joseph.....	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
Addy, Henry G.	" "
Alexandre, Francis W.....	St. John Lodge, No. 27.
Anderson, John.....	St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29.
Berryman, Campbell G.	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
Bell Hugh.....	" "
Bradley Richard.....	" "
Brayley, John W.	Solomon's Lodge, No. 6.
Block, Alexander N.	" "
Babbitt, Benjamin S.....	" "
Bain, James.....	Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
Carmichael, David.....	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
Calder, Alonzo.....	" "
Crawford, George W.....	" "
Clark, William.....	Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
Clark, Frederick A.....	" "
Carleton, William.....	Zion Lodge, No. 21.
Chamberlain, Cornelius.....	" "
Cadman, James.....	Keith Lodge, No. 23.
Clarke, Stephen W.....	Lebanon Lodge, No. 28.
Carroll, William.....	St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29.
Dunlavy, Thomas.....	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
Dick, Samuel.....	" "
Dick, George.....	" "
Daley, Paul K.....	" "
DesBrisay, Theophilus.....	St. John Lodge, No. 27.
Gibson, John.....	Solomon's Lodge, No. 6.
Harvey, John.....	" "
Harris, James.....	Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
Hodge, John.....	St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29.
Howie, Thomas.....	" "
King, John H.....	Zion Lodge, No. 21.

Leonard, Simon.....	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
Ludlow, Nelson.....	" "
Lackey, Samuel.....	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.
Laurens, Philip G.....	St. John Lodge, No. 27.
Mentrum, William.....	St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29.
McCaffrey, James.....	Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
McLeod, John.....	" "
McLean, Tobias.....	Woodstock Lodge, No. 11.
McLean, Charles P.....	Zion Lodge, No. 21.
McQuarry, Alexander.....	Lebanon Lodge, No. 28.
Penery, Arthur.....	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
Polleys, Horatio H.....	Alley Lodge, No. 14.
Phillips, Duncan D.....	St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29.
Robertson, Norman.....	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
Rosborough, Andrew.....	Solomon's Lodge, No. 6.
Roberts, John R.....	Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
Ross, Malcolm.....	St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29.
Sangster, Elijah.....	Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
Stanlake, Robert.....	Woodstock Lodge, No. 11.
Steeves, Delancy M.....	Keith Lodge, No. 23.
Steeves, Peolia R.....	" "
Strahan, James.....	St. John Lodge, No. 27.
Taylor, Jonathan P.....	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
Trott, James T.....	Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
Tracey, Jarvis R.....	Woodstock Lodge, No. 11.
Thomas, George P.....	Keith Lodge, No. 23.
Wood, Charles A.....	Solomon's Lodge, No. 6.
Watters, Benjamin.....	Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
Wetmore, Joseph.....	Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16.
Woods, William.....	St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29.

Restored to Membership, A. D. 1877.

Bishop, Alfred.....	Sussex Lodge, No. 4.
Bruce, Joseph R.....	Northumberland Lodge, No. 17.

Currie, William.....	Woodstock Lodge, No. 11.
McKean, Samuel.....	Keith Lodge, No. 23.

Deaths, A. D. 1877.

Armstrong, R. Sands.....	St. John's Lodge, No. 2.
Allingham, Solomon.....	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
Andrews, Cyrus A.....	Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
Abbinett, George A.....	Salisbury Lodge, No. 20.
Bell, Joseph.....	Albion Lodge, No. 1.
Besnard, Peter, Jr.....	Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
Boles, Hugh C.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 26.
Card, Henry.....	Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
Clark, James.....	Howard Lodge, No. 15.
Davison, George.....	Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
Doherty, William.....	Leinster Lodge, No. 19.
Eddy, John.....	Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
Gross, William S.....	Howard Lodge, No. 15.
Hjelmstrom, Rudolph G.....	Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
Irving, John.....	Howard Lodge, No. 15.
Jones, James H.....	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
Kay, John.....	Solomon's Lodge, No. 6.
Marsh, George.....	Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16.
McKenzie, David.....	Keith Lodge, No. 23.
Nisbet, James.....	Solomon's Lodge, No. 6.
Nesbit, James.....	St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29.
Perley, Charles.....	Woodstock Lodge, No. 11.
Pattinson, William.....	St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30.
Robertson, Duncan.....	Albion Lodge, No. 1.
Seely, Edward L.....	Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
Taylor, Thomas H.....	Howard Lodge, No. 15.
Taylor, James M.....	Salisbury Lodge, No. 20.
Taylor, Samuel.....	St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30.
Wicket, John H.....	St. John's Lodge, No. 2.

In Memory of

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

William W. Emalie,

PAST MASTER OF ALBION LODGE NO. 1,

WHO DIED AT SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

the 19th day of June, A. D. 1878.

AGED 81 YEARS.

"A venerable mason * * *. Highly respected by his fellow citizens and warmly beloved by his brethren of the fraternity, Bro. Emalie, after a long life of masonic duty, passed peacefully from labor in the terrestrial lodge, to enjoy the reward promised to the faithful workman in the Great Master's service."
Grand Master's Address.

PROCEEDINGS
OF A
SPECIAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT THE
CITY OF ST. JOHN, 25th NOVEMBER, A. D. 1878.

Pursuant to notice, a Special 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, Magee's building, Germain Street, in the City of Saint John, on the evening of Monday the twenty-fifth day of November, A. L. 5878, with the following actual and acting officers

Present:

M. W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Grand Master.
R. W. BENJAMIN R. STEVENSON,..Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,.....Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. HENRY DUFFELL, as.....Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. DONALD MACRAE,...Grand Chaplain.
V. W. JAMES McNICHOL, Jr.,....Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING,....Grand Secretary.
W. GEORGE E. FAIRWEATHER,.Senior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT J. McADOO,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM,....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.

W. GEORGE E. PERKINS, Asst. G. Dir. Ceremonies.
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 W. CHARLES U. HANFORD, Grand Pursuivant.
 W. CHARLES J. HENDERSON, Grand Steward.
 W. THOMAS WALKER, as "
 W. WILLIAM J. LOGAN, as "
 W. JAMES A. HOYT, as "
 W. SAMUEL EDGETT, as "
 W. ARCHIBALD McLEAN, as "
 BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER, Grand Tyler.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form at eight o'clock.

Prayer by the Very Worshipful the Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. the Grand Master stated that, in consequence of the unavoidable absence of R. W. Bro. Benjamin R. Stevenson, Deputy Grand Master elect, at the installation of officers at the annual communication of grand lodge, he had convened this special communication to instal the Right Worshipful brother into the important office to which he had been elected.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin R. Stevenson was thereupon duly installed, invested and proclaimed Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Stevenson addressed grand lodge in an impressive and eloquent speech. The Right Worshipful brother said he felt honored in being elected to the dignity of Deputy Grand Master: it had always been his endeavor to promote the welfare and usefulness of the craft: he experienced in the highest degree the importance of the obligations and duties resting upon him in his present official capacity: he at all times considered it a great honor to be connected with

the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, and he hoped to be able, as it should be his constant aim, to fill the position in a creditable manner, and to the satisfaction of his brethren.

The business of the special communication being finished, grand lodge was closed in *ample* form.

Wm. J. Runtz
Grand Secy.