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OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

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APRIL 26 AND 27, A. L. 5887.

THE TWENTIETH 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 Temple, in the City of Saint John, commencing Tuesday, the 26th day of April, A. L. 5887, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT:

R.W. HARRY BECKWITH,	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. GEORGE R. SANGSTER,	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM E. SKILLEN,	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. THOMAS A. PETERS,	District Deputy G. M. No. 1.
R.W. GEORGE M. JARVIS,	" " No. 2.
R.W. E. LEE STREET,	" " No. 3.
R.W. J. T. WHITLOCK,	" " No. 4.
V.W. REV. W. W. BREWER,	Grand Chaplain.
V.W. CHARLES MASTERS,	Grand Treasurer.
V.W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,	Grand Secretary.
W. HENRY G. HUNT, as	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. ANDREW McNICHOL,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN A. WATSON,	Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. JOHN MULLIN, as	Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
W. PARK A. MELVILLE, as	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. J. G. HALL, as	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. DR. J. C. HATHEWAY, as	Grand Organist.
W. HEDLEY V. COOPER, as	Grand Pursuivant.
W. JOHN McFADZEN,	Grand Steward,
W. JUDSON M. FOWLER, as	"
W. JAMES E. STEWART, as	"
W. A. E. ALEXANDER, as	"
W. GEO. H. CLYNICK,	"
DINGEE SCRIBNER,	Grand Tyler.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master in the East.

The Grand Secretary read a letter he had received from the M.W. the Grand Master, who was detained at Ottawa by his public duties, as follows:

OTTAWA, April 20th, 1887.

E. J. WETMORE, ESQ.,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge:

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER, — As it will be impossible for me to be present at the next Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge, will you kindly make my excuses to the Brethren, assuring them that I am kept away by imperative necessity, extending to them all my fraternal regards, and wishing them a most pleasing and fraternal session.

Yours truly and fraternally,

(Signed,) JOHN V. ELLIS.

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

On motion of R. W. Bro. E. Lee Street, D. D. G. M., it was

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Communication, as they have been printed and distributed throughout the jurisdiction, and that they be now taken as read and confirmed.

The Deputy Grand Master reported that the Board of General Purposes had appointed W. Bro. Arthur Everitt, P.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, W. Bro. John C. Leonard, P.M. of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, and W. Bro. D. S. Stewart, P.M. of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, a Committee on Credentials.

The acting Grand Master gave directions to the Grand Pursuivant to admit 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.

J. Fred. Lawton, W. M.	R. B. Humphrey, P. M.
Frank Tufts, J. W.	W. Watson Allen, P. M.
George R. Sangster, P. M.	Thomas Walker, M.D., P. M.
Charles Masters, P. M.	James Adam, P. M.
F. W. Wisdom, P. M.	Thomas A. Godsoe, P. M.
Edwin J. Everitt, P. M.	T. Nisbet Robertson, P. M.
J. A. Hoyt, P. M.	Henry J. Thorne, P. M.
Edward Willis, P. M.	B. Lester Peters, P. M.
Robert T. Clinch, P. M.	Charles McLaughlan, Jr., P. M.

SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.

Robert C. Thorne, W. M.	John D. Short, P. M.
Frederick Sandall, S. W.	H. G. Hunt, P. M.
Arthur Everitt, P. M.	George B. Hegan, P. M.
J. C. Hatheway, P. M.	Hiram G. Betts, P. M.
W. H. B. Sadleir, P. M.	

HIBERNIA LODGE, No. 3.

Samuel T. Strang, W. M.	M. N. Powers, P. M.
John Mullin, P. M.	Robert Clerke, P. M.
Wm. J. Logan, P. M.	John Johnston, P. M.
David S. Stewart, P. M.	George Kilnapp, P. M.

ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 5.

B. R. Stevenson, P. M.	W. D. Forster, P. M.
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HIRAM LODGE, No. 6.

H. G. Beckwith, P. M.	James D. Fowler, P. M.
George Todd, P. M.	Alex. Burchill, P. M.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 7.

J. T. Whitlock, P. M.	George F. Pinder, P. M.
E. G. Vroom, P. M.	John D. Chipman, P. M.
Henry Graham, P. M.	

CARLETON UNION LODGE, No. 8.

W. C. Allen, W. M.	John C. Leonard, P. M.
Jason H. Tower, J. W.	Augustus W. Reed, P. M.
Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.	George F. Harding, P. M.
J. Henry Leonard, P. M.	

UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND, No. 10.

Hugh H. McLean, W. M.	William B. Wallace, P. M.
E. McLeod, S. W.	Archibald, McLean, P. M.
B. S. Black, J. W.	John A. Watson, P. M.
Thomas Kedey, P. M.	

WOODSTOCK LODGE, No. 11.

W. S. Saunders, W. M.	D. F. Merritt, P. M.
W. F. Dibblee, P. M.	George H. Clynick, P. M.

SAINT GEORGE LODGE, No. 12. — Charles Colmer, W. M.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 13.

F. E. Whelpley, W. M.	Thomas A. Peters, P. M.
J. M. Humphrey, P. M.	

NORTHUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 17.

R. H. Armstrong, J. W.	E. Lee Street, P. M.
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MIRAMICHI LODGE, No. 18. — Fred. E. Danville, S. W.

ZION LODGE, No. 21.

W. T. McLeod, P. M.	Rev. W. W. Brewer.
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NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 22.

H. V. Cooper, W. M.	S. K. F. James, P. M.
Henry Buchanan, S. W.	R. McAdoo, P. M.
Andrew McNichol, P. M.	W. G. Mathewson, P. M.
James McNichol, P. M.	William McNichol, P. M.
A. R. Campbell, P. M.	William R. Russell, P. M.
W. H. Patton, P. M.	

KEITH LODGE, No. 23. — George M. Jarvis, P. M.

RESTIGOUCHE LODGE, No. 25.

James A. Stewart, W. M.	Henry A. Johnston, P. M.
William Currie, J. W.	Wm. G. Disbrow, P. M.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 26. — J. S. Andrews, W. M.

SAINT JOHN LODGE, No. 27. — W. R. Payne, P. M.

SAINT MARTINS LODGE, No. 30.

J. M. Fowler, W. M.	A. Skillen, P. M.
G. R. Devitt, S. W.	J. V. Skillen, P. M.
P. A. Melville, J. W.	Robert Carr, P. M.
Wm. E. Skillen, P. M.	

BENJAMIN LODGE, No. 31.

F. W. Brown, P. M.	George T. Baird, P. M.
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CAMPBELLTON LODGE, No. 32.

A. E. Alexander, W. M.	J. C. Ferguson, P. M.
James W. Patterson, P. M.	

ALEXANDRIA LODGE, No. 33.

Whitman Brewer, S. W.	Albert Boone, P. M.
John G. Hall, P. M.	

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master read the Annual Address of the Grand Master, as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brethren, Members of Grand Lodge:

At this Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge, after our exchange of fraternal greetings, and amid the pleasant intercourse which we expect with one another, we cannot fail to think of two interesting events that appeal to us with considerable strength. First, this is an important year in our national history. The Sovereign who rules over the great Empire of which we form a part is to celebrate the Jubilee year of her reign—a reign marked by much material progress on the part of the nation, by intellectual and moral development, by the development of constitutional liberty, and by the constant increase of enlightened public opinion in favor of the just settlement of many complex questions affecting human freedom. A wise Sovereign has placed no burden upon the labors of workers who, in every field, have sought the common good. On the contrary, she has often materially assisted and encouraged, without interfering in political discussion, those who wrought for the good of others. Her private life has dignified the private life of all who live in virtue, and has gained for her not only the warm affections of her own subjects, but affection just as warm and

almost as active, from the great nation on this Continent to whom we are bound by the kindred ties of speech and blood, as well as the unqualified admiration of people of every nation who are capable of appreciating the highest personal qualities which adorn the individual character. Connected with our fraternity by many ties, head of a family eminent for its Masonic record, excellent as a woman, illustrious as a Sovereign, it will be a pleasant duty for Grand Lodge to express in such way as may seem best the feelings which animate it towards the Queen on the auspicious event which distinguishes the year.

Second, this year marks for us the twentieth year of the existence of our Grand Lodge. Many of us who took part in the movement which led to the union of the Craft in this Province under one head are here to review our work, to continue our labors, and to thank the Great Architect of the Universe for all his blessings and mercies. Some who assisted us then, some who had come among us since, have laid down the working tools forever. But, generally, Time has dealt kindly with us. All of the Brothers who have filled our Grand East still live; many others who have occupied positions scarcely less important are yet with us. I heartily wish that we could take some steps to secure portraits of the Masons who in times past were active, earnest and faithful workers, so that we may be able to preserve remembrance of what they were like in life as effectually as we can in our record of what they accomplished. A committee of Grand Lodge with this matter in hand might be able, limited as our means are, to accomplish something. A beginning ought to be made with the Provincial Grand Masters under the old regime. This suggestion reminds me of a matter to which my attention has been more than once directed, viz., that in the Old Burying Ground of this city is the grave, almost unmarked and unknown, of William Campbell, the first Deputy Grand Master of this Province under the old Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia—a brother who for a long time filled an important place in our early Masonic life, and who was an active member of this community for a long period of time, filling, as he did, the offices of Mayor and Postmaster, and discharging other important trusts. It would be a very proper thing indeed for our city Lodges and Masons to take some steps to have his grave kept enclosed, and some simple monument erected to preserve his memory.

All our relations with sister Grand Lodges with whom we are in active correspondence are of the most pleasing kind. I

was in New York during the last session of the Grand Lodge of that State and visited the Temple at the time the Grand Lodge was in annual session. I was not able to pay a formal visit to that body, although invited to do so by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Lawrence, who met me most courteously and gave me half an hour of valuable time. Our Grand Representative at that State, Brother Edmund L. Judson, was also very desirous of shewing me some courtesies, as your head, but the very short time at my disposal prevented me accepting them. Over six hundred Lodges were represented at this annual session, and there were ample evidences everywhere that that Grand Lodge is in good condition and the management of its affairs in able hands. Invitation was also courteously extended to me, as your Grand Master, to attend the centennial anniversary of the foundation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held at Philadelphia, but I was unable to accept. Invitation has also been extended to the Grand Master and to several prominent Masons in this jurisdiction to attend the centennial anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, at Baltimore, next month, and I trust that some brother from among those invited will be able to represent us at that interesting event.

Credentials have been issued to Brother Levi C. Goodale as our Representative at the Grand Lodge of Ohio; to W. Bro. W. G. England as our Representative at the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and to W. Bro. Henry C. Cook as our Representative at the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

A communication has been received from the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, asking for recognition, and this — with papers which we continue to receive from the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico — has been sent to the proper committee. I do not desire to anticipate the report of the committee, further than to remark that nothing is lost by taking time over a matter of this kind. In the Masonry of Mexico there is much of disorder, and the works are in considerable confusion; but there seems to be a constant tendency to permanency and order. I have always felt, with Grand Lodge, that it is as useless as it is unfair to recognize a body created by a few subordinates as the sole lawful Masonic power in a territory, to the exclusion of what may be called the Masonic *people* of that territory. In societies, as in states, the first requisite of the governing power is that it shall represent the great bulk of those over whom it seeks to exercise authority. In many of the countries using the Spanish, Italian or sister languages a system of Masonic administration prevails different from that

which we practice; and, while we unquestionably believe our system to be the purest and based upon the ancient regulations and practices, we ought not to place ourselves in a hostile attitude to those who do not see as we do. Some of the recently formed Grand Lodges in these countries have adopted our system and ask our recognition; but they ignore the fact that the Masonic government already existing, and which they wish to supplant, has the sanction of large constituencies, and is doing important and active work.

A joint circular has been issued by the Grand Masters of Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio, Iowa, and the Indian Territory, calling a "Grand Convention," to be held in Chicago on 22nd June, and to include the summer St. John's Day, the special object of which is to take into consideration matters of concern to the Craft, and chiefly the right claimed for some bodies, not Grand Lodges, to establish private Lodges. Whatever may be our feelings with regard to the particular subjects to be discussed at such a meeting, and however desirable may be an interchange of views by well-informed Masons on these or any subjects connected with our Craft, I question very much the advisability of such a meeting, unless distinctly authorized by the Grand Lodges, and then only for the consideration of definitely proposed and clearly stated subjects. I do not know what inherent power Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters possess to hold such conventions, or whether the power is confined to them, or whether Masters and Past Masters of Lodges, or even private Masons, may not also hold similar conventions. Certain it is that the Grand Lodges existing to-day are, each one within its own jurisdiction, possessed of full and ample powers for all purposes of sovereignty, and no convention can add to or take from these powers.

The returns to Grand Lodge, so far as I have had opportunity to examine them, show the death of only three or four permanent members of Grand Lodge during the year. Among these were Worshipful Brother Thomas M. Reed, of Albion Lodge, and Worshipful Brother Alexander G. Milne, of St. George Lodge. Brother Reed was a regular attendant at the Communications of Grand Lodge, and took a lively interest in all its affairs. We shall all miss from our midst a brother who was constant in his attendance here so long as his strength permitted him, who was one of the fathers of the Craft under the Irish authority, and who heartily assisted in the erection of Grand Lodge. I refer to Worshipful Brother James McNichol, Senior, P. G. D., who died on 19th June last, at the ripe age of

eighty years. Simple and unaffected in his ways, warm in his feelings and attachments, honorable in all his dealings, he was esteemed as a citizen, and left behind him an honored name in the community where he lived so long. The public journals recently announced the death of a Mason, once very active in this jurisdiction, Bro. Charles Ketchum, who was a Past Grand Warden in the old English Provincial Grand Lodge, and who sat with us with his rank as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. He kept up his active membership here, although residing in another country, and will long be remembered for his social qualities and kindness of heart.

As a result of your action last year, Lebanon Lodge, No. 28, has again resumed active work, under the Mastership of W. Bro. Harvey Phinney. I am confident that if it is possible to maintain a Lodge in that district of the Province, Bro. Phinney and those who are now associated with him will be successful.

Albert Lodge met, during the year, with a severe loss, in the destruction of almost all of its property by fire; but it has again resumed work.

Soon after the close of last Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary received from the Grand Secretary of England a Jewel for R. W. Bro. R. T. Clinch, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of England near our Grand Lodge, with a request that it should be presented to him. I took the opportunity of a visit to Albion Lodge, of which Bro. Clinch is a member, to comply with the request, and was very much gratified at the large attendance of members of Grand Lodge, and of the Craft generally, to do honor to our Brother on an occasion of so much interest.

My attention, and that of the Grand Secretary, has been given for some time to the reduction in membership, owing to the striking of the names of members from the roll for non-payment of dues. In some of the Lodges very little of this is done, showing that there is careful management and methodical plans of collecting dues. In others the rules are rigidly applied to delinquents. Since the returns for this year came in the Grand Secretary, by my direction, issued a circular, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
SAINT JOHN, N. B., January 27, 1887.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of—Lodge.

BRETHREN,—The returns which have reached this office from the Lodges for the year which has just ended, while shewing a fair

increase of new members, shew, also, that there is a decrease in the gross membership, owing to the number struck from the rolls for non-payment of dues. Some of the Lodges—among them those of large membership—exhibit no reduction from this cause. This latter fact shows that possibly the evil—for it is an evil—may be reduced, though not wholly removed. No doubt Lodges now exercise great forbearance with Brethren in default, and possibly these are only dropped after a reasonable effort to get them fully to discharge their indebtedness. I am, however, directed by the Grand Master to call your attention to the matter. The names of Brethren suspended are read out in every Lodge in the Province, and it creates a painful impression to hear that men—who often fill important stations in society, perhaps professional men, men occupying public trusts, men of means and otherwise good reputation—neglect the plain duty of fulfilling, or apparently trying to fulfil, their just financial obligations. Often, no doubt, some worthy Brother, harrassed by business and pressed by pecuniary obligations, is no longer, without injury to himself or family, able to pay his annual subscription to his Lodge. For a Brother so situated, there is throughout the Craft such feeling of sympathy that Lodges, as has often been done, gladly relieve such Brothers from their dues. Sometimes a feeling of aversion to disclosing his difficulties arises, and restrains a Mason so situated from making known his case, and he is placed among the defaulters. Is there a sufficiently rigid system of financial morality impressed upon Brethren who get in arrears and who, being able to pay, do not pay? Are we sufficiently careful in looking deep enough into the character of our candidates, when we find so many who join us failing to pay their just debts? Can you do anything to arrest what is a very great evil, morally as well as financially? Will you kindly have this letter read in your Lodge, and give the suggestions in it, and the subject itself, your best consideration? And, if you have any special views on the matter, I would thank you to communicate them to this Office.

I remain, Brethren, fraternally yours,

E. J. WETMORE,
Grand Secretary.

So far, only one Lodge has sent us any reply to this circular, containing suggestions and ideas, some of which may be valuable. Doubtless sufficient opinion will be elicited to enable the incoming Grand Master and the Board of General Purposes to take action in a practical manner. I am quite confident that much of the difficulty is due to a lax observance by Brethren of their financial obligations—laxity that would not be tolerated in the commercial world. Where Brothers are incapable of meeting their dues the Lodges are ever disposed to arrange with them, provided they will give any opportunity. I urge

upon the Craft everywhere that the financial obligation of helping to support the Craft is also a moral obligation which should not be violated, and which never need be violated, for the Lodge is ever ready to compromise or forgive.

And this matter of unaffiliated Masons brings me to another point. Application is constantly received at the Grand Secretary's office for permission to bury (and sometimes without permission it is done) Masons who have lived many years in the vicinity of a Lodge without affiliating with it. Our Constitution declares that no Mason can be interred with the formalities of the fraternity except at his own request, which must be communicated to the Master of the Lodge of which he died a member. Now, no one would desire to have this rule too rigidly applied; as, for instance, in the case of a Brother, active and honored, yet dying so suddenly as to be unable to communicate his wishes. I would not say even that there are not circumstances in which a Master of a Lodge should see a worthy Mason interred with the ceremony of the Craft, even though he was not in active membership; but it should be distinctly understood that under our Constitution, as it exists to-day, the unaffiliated Mason has no claim upon the Lodge in his vicinity for a public Masonic funeral. The duty to see a Brother decently interred clearly rests upon us if there is no one to perform that office for him; but there is no need to discharge that duty publicly and with Masonic ceremonial.

Among the dispensations issued during the year was one to Campbellton Lodge to appear in public in Masonic clothing at Divine Service on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and a similar one to Woodstock Lodge, for a social purpose, on the same day. I granted these dispensations with great pleasure, and only regret that the public observance of the Festivals of the Craft are not more numerous. At one time in our Provincial history Masonic gatherings, in which the public joined, were the great social events of the locality in which they were held, and they brought together persons of all religions, of all shades of politics, of all conditions, thus affording excellent opportunity for the exercise of the social virtues. With the growth of other organizations, where once none existed, we have allowed our place to be taken by them; and, perhaps, the great increase of the means of communication between the Provincial settlements has affected our old ideas of hospitality. Our Brethren at Fredericton scarcely ever let a year pass by without some hospitable entertainment of a public kind, although they do not always choose a Masonic Festival for the purpose; and this

year one of our city Lodges, Union of Portland, on the occasion of a semi-official visit of Grand Lodge, entertained a large company of invited guests in this hall, and displayed to the fullest extent their courteous capabilities.

The finances of Grand Lodge are in an easy condition, and all the demands upon our treasury are promptly met. I desire, however, to refer to the hall property, and for that purpose would direct your attention to the letter of W. Bro. W. Watson Allen, and accompanying statement, printed at pp. 91-95 of our proceedings of 1886. Of the total of 1,792 shares, into which the ownership of the building was divided, Grand Lodge owned 1,140, or nearly two-thirds of the whole. Other Masonic bodies held 421 shares, so that the building is almost entirely owned by the Craft in its general capacity. The income derivable from the rents is not yet quite sufficient to meet the annual charges; certainly it is not sufficient to allow a surplus towards repairs, finishing and other necessary outlay. When the extra taxation was imposed in 1882, it was quite understood that it would be sufficient to meet the liabilities of the Hall, and it is. Indeed we have since materially reduced that taxation to Lodges outside of the City of Saint John. But the measure of relief afforded under the taxation is not enough, and it will be right and proper to give full effect to the object for which the extra tax was levied, and for which it is collected. We have gone on steadily redeeming our bonds, and are quite able, without impairing in any way our other services, to give the assistance needed. I would, therefore, recommend Grand Lodge to consider whether it might not order a new issue of bonds, to the extent of \$5,000, at either five or six per cent., to be used in reducing the mortgage, which will, of course, reduce the annual payment of interest of the company, and will probably allow the company to accumulate something towards finishing rooms which may be rented. The next bond which falls due will be payable in August next, and we will then have \$11,000 afloat. A fresh issue of \$5,000 would give us \$16,000, which would be about \$1,500 more than we had out when we made our last issue. This new issue should all be made payable in 1903, or sixteen years from date, when the time for which the extra taxation levied by Grand Lodge will expire. We are now redeeming our former issue at the rate of \$1,000 a year; but after 1894 the first issue will be all called in, and from that time forward we shall be called upon only to redeem at the rate of \$500 a year. A careful examination of the matter will satisfy every Brother that our receipts for the

next sixteen years, based upon this year's income, will give us ample to redeem our indebtedness of principal and interest, and allow us sufficient to carry on our ordinary work. The Hall is so interwoven with our history, our hopes, and our aspirations, that we must see the work accomplished. As, however, the proposal now made involves no fresh taxation, nor no extension of the time for which the present taxation is levied, and is merely fulfilling the plan of 1882, I have no doubt that Grand Lodge will cheerfully comply with the suggestion of the auditors of the company, on which these remarks are based.

During the year I was called on to make a few decisions; but one of them involved an important principle, which it may be advisable to state to Grand Lodge. A Lodge has a by-law which provides that a Brother six months in arrears cannot vote. A candidate was proposed and black-balled, and was declared rejected. Afterwards it was alleged that ten of the members who voted were disqualified under the law. I held that the ballot was good and that the candidate was regularly rejected. Without entering upon a consideration of the policy of the by-law referred to, I might say that the enforcement of such a by-law is a matter of local concern. The Master should enforce it; but if, by general consent, it is not uniformly enforced, it would be wrong to suddenly bring it into active operation on such an occasion as a ballot, when the most important vote which it is possible to give in Lodge was to be given. But the real ground upon which I made up my mind was that the ballot is secret, and nobody ought to know how his brother voted. Nobody had a right to assume that the parties subject to this by-law were those who voted to reject. There appeared no ground for the assumption. When a ballot is passed in the usual way and the candidate is declared rejected by the Master he is rejected, and the Lodge, the Master, or the Grand Master has no power to open that ballot; and no other ballot can be had, no matter what the by-laws of the Lodge may provide, except in the way prescribed by the Constitution of Grand Lodge. This might as well be understood once for all.

Communications have been received from a Lodge, asking as to the surrender of its warrant, with the view of taking out a new warrant with, probably, the dropping of some of the old members, and the settlement, by this means, of some questions in dispute. I could give no encouragement to the movement. The matters in difference were not beyond settlement in the

For myself, I deeply regret my inability to be present at Grand Lodge during this session—the second occasion on which I have failed to attend in twenty years. In heart and feeling I shall be with you. In laying down the gavel at the close of six years' service as Grand Master, I can look back with pardonable pride to the confidence you have given me, and to the fraternal kindness with which you have overlooked many deficiencies on my part. I am deeply grateful to active members of the Craft, to Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, for assistance, counsel, and ready service on all occasions. It is a pleasure to be associated with them in any work; and I shall strive to redeem my debt to them and to you by giving to my successor in this honorable office such assistance and support, so far as I can do it, which he may demand of me in the interests of our fraternity.

On motion of W. Bro. W. Watson Allan it was

Resolved, That the address of the Grand Master be referred to a special Committee to report upon the several questions contained therein, which Committee was appointed as follows: W. Bro. W. B. Wallace, W. Bro George F. Baird, W. Bro. George F. Pinder.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report and Account with Grand Lodge, as follows:

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

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

1. The Grand Secretary begs leave to submit his Annual Report and Account to the 27th December, 1886.

Registration fees,	\$248 50
Certificates,	83 00
Annual Dues,	1,790 70
Annual balance due 1886,	26 40
Dispensation fees,	13 00
Blanks, etc.,	1 95
Net receipts of Centennial Medals,	10 10

\$2,173 65

2. I have received the returns for all the Lodges, and payments have been made in full, with the exception of two Lodges. Since my books were closed for the year I have

received the fees for one of these Lodges. The only Lodge now in arrears for dues is Lodge No. 4, Dorchester.

The returns show the following particulars:

Initiated,	85
Passed,	80
Raised,	88
Joined,	25
Reinstated,	13
Withdrawn,	80
Suspended,	74
Died,	17

Total membership to Dec. 27th, 1886, 1888.

Showing a decrease in the membership of forty-three, as compared with the returns of 1886.

3. Twelve Dispensations were issued during the past year under the authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, as follows:

To bury deceased brethren,	1
To confer degrees at short periods,	6
To wear regalia in public,	5

4. Ninety Certificates were issued during the year to brethren entitled to them under the Constitution.

5. April 29th, I received a communication from the Secretary of Campbellton Lodge, No. 32, stating that the congregation of the Methodist Church at Campbellton had made application to have the corner stone of their new Church laid with Masonic ceremony on the 4th day of May next.

The M. W. the Grand Master directed District Deputy Grand Master E. Lee Street to lay the stone with the usual Masonic ceremonial.

6. Commissions have been issued under the Seal of Grand Lodge to the following brethren, authorizing them to act as the representatives of this Grand Lodge at their respective Grand Easts, viz., R. W. Bro. Levi C. Goodale, of Cincinnati, at the Grand Lodge of Ohio; W. Bro. W. G. England, of Cedartown, Polk County, at the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

7. Commissions have been received accrediting the following brethren as representatives at the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick: R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall (re-appointed), as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, dated October 1st, A. D. 1886; R. W. Bro. George R. Sangster, S. G. W., as

the representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, dated 29th January, A. D. 1887; W. Bro. Thomas Walker, M. D., P. M. of Albion Lodge, No. 1, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota; W. Bro. John D. Short, P. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, dated April 4th, A. D. 1887.

8. On the 8th May a circular was received from the Grand Lodge of Canada, dated 24th April, suggesting that a general assembly of all the Grand Secretaries in the United States and Canada be called together sometime during the year, say about the 21st September next, at St. Louis, to consider matters in reference to the Grand Lodges in these two countries, and the work of the Grand Secretaries.

9. May 25th, I received a letter from R. W. Bro. William Thomas Wilkinson, our representative at the Grand Lodge of Ireland, stating that he had written to V. W. Bro. S. B. Oldham, Grand Secretary of Ireland, asking for information as to the old Warrants from New Brunswick. The Grand Secretary replied that the Warrants had been mislaid, but as soon as he could find them they would be forwarded to Bro. Wilkinson to be returned to New Brunswick.

10. On the 7th June I received the following letter:

FREEMASONS HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET,
LONDON, W. C., 22nd May, 1886.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BROTHER,

The Grand Lodge of England having, at its meeting on the 2nd December, 1885, resolved that a special badge of office be presented to each of the distinguished brethren who represent it at various foreign Grand Lodges, such badge to be held and worn by them whilst actually filling the office of its representative, and hereafter to be transferred to their successors in that office.

I am now commanded by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, to transmit to you the accompanying jewel, and to request that our present representative at your Grand Lodge, R. W. Bro. R. T. Clinch, may be duly invested therewith.

I am further to request that the enclosed acknowledgement may be signed by that Brother and returned to me.

I remain, dear sir, and R. W. Brother,
Yours fraternally,

(Signed) SHADWELL H. CLERKE,
Grand Secretary.

R. W. BROTHER E. J. WETMORE,
Grand Secretary of New Brunswick.

This Jewel was formally presented by the M. W. the Grand Master.

July 16th, I received from the Grand Lodge of Quebec a copy of an Edict issued against the three Lodges holding Warrants from the Grand Lodge of England who failed to accept terms of affiliation.

11. August 20th, received notice from Albert Lodge, No. 34, that their Lodge Room, and all the paraphernalia contained therein, including their Warrant, was destroyed by fire. On the 23rd September the Board of General Purposes ordered a new Warrant to be engrossed and forwarded to Albert Lodge free of cost.

September 1st, invitations were received from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to several of the Grand Lodge Officers, requesting them to attend the centennial anniversary of its independence on the 24th and 25th September, 1886.

On the 18th October, I received a communication from Rev. O. Brown, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Campbellton, requesting the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of their new Church. The M. W. the Grand Master requested District Deputy Grand Master E. Lee Street to lay the stone with the usual Masonic ceremonies.

12. October 21st, I received from the Grand Lodge of Colorado a circular containing the names of Grand Officers and the by-laws adopted by that Grand Lodge, making it imperative in all Lodges in their jurisdiction to restrain, as far as possible, the Masonic crime of intemperance, by trial and punishment, as the case may require.

13. December 27th, I received a communication from the Secretary of Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, stating that at their regular communication in December a resolution was adopted placing all members in arrears for dues in good standing in the Lodge by striking off back dues, and requesting them to be regular in their attendance at the Lodge meetings in the future. These members were very much pleased to receive such brotherly kindness from the Lodge, and promised to attend regularly and pay their dues.

14. On the 8th January, I received from the M. W. the Grand Master of the State of New Jersey invitations for several of the Grand Lodge Officers to be present at the

centennial anniversary of that Grand Lodge, to be held at Trenton, on the 25th January, 1887.

15. A circular was received from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, announcing the death of R. W. Bro. Samuel Wilson, P. J. G. W., who died at Virginia on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1887, aged 96 years. Bro. Wilson was Grand Lecturer for nearly quarter of a century.

16. On the 19th January, I received from the Grand Masters of Illinois, Ohio, Iowa, Indian Territory and Minnesota fraternal invitations to the M. W. Grand Master, and to the Past Grand Masters of New Brunswick, to unite with them in a General Masonic Convention, to be held in the city of Chicago, commencing Wednesday, the 22nd day of June, 1887, and to continue in session at least three days, including the Festival of St. John the Baptist, for the purpose of consultation and advice on subjects of general interest to the Craft wheresoever dispersed.

17. February 22nd, notice was received from the Secretary of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, of a Lodge of Instruction being organized on the 21st instant, under the Warrant of St. John's Lodge, the name of such Lodge of Instruction being Emulation Lodge, of which R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, P. G. M., was chosen Instructor.

18. All these communications are on the table for the information of Grand Lodge.

19. There has been a large amount of correspondence with Lodges on various matters relating to the Craft, but none of it is of sufficient importance to refer to specially. Such correspondence is on file at the office of the Grand Secretary.

The following is my account with Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges:

EDWIN J. WETMORE, GRAND SECRETARY,

In Account with the Grand Lodge.

DR.			
Cash received from Albion Lodge,	No. 1,		\$199 50
" " St. John's,	" 2,		134 40
" " Hibernia,	" 3,		202 30
" " Sussex,	" 4,		
" " St. Mark's,	" 5,		75 40
" " Hiram,	" 6,		81 00
" " Sussex,	" 7,		130 00
" " Carleton Union,	" 8,		104 85
" " Midian,	" 9,		12 00
" " Union of Portland,	" 10,		208 20
" " Woodstock,	" 11,		110 90
" " St. George,	" 12,		68 60
" " Corinthian,	" 13,		
" " Alley,	" 14,		29 20
" " Howard,	" 15,		33 60
" " Saint Andrew,	" 16,		48 00
" " Northumberland,	" 17,		94 80
" " Miramichi,	" 18,		40 80
" " Salisbury,	" 20,		16 00
" " Zion,	" 21,		45 20
" " New Brunswick,	" 22,		99 20
" " Keith,	" 23,		74 10
" " Zetland,	" 24,		35 00
" " Restigouche,	" 25,		41 20
" " Victoria,	" 26,		65 10
" " St. John,	" 27,		25 50
" " Lebanon,	" 28,		32 10
" " " for 1885,	" 28,		14 40
" " St. Martins,	" 30,		16 40
" " Benjamin,	" 31,		33 20
" " Campbellton,	" 32,		53 20
" " Alexandria,	" 33,		17 60
" " Albert,	" 34,		20 80
" " Net proceeds Centennial Medal,			10 10
" " Duplicate Certificate,			1 00
			\$2,173 65

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Cash paid Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers, 2,173 65

EDWIN J. WETMORE,

Grand Secretary.

The V. W. the Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Account, as follows:

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

CHARLES MASTERS, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., N. B.

1886	DR.		
April 22.	To balance Bank B. N. A.,	....	\$324 98
"	" Dominion Savings Bank,	920 34	
			\$1,245 32
May 5.	Cash, Grand Secretary,	....	\$20 40
July 1.	" Dom. Savings Bk., interest,		25 27
1887			
Jan. 6.	" Grand Secretary,	....	427 20
11.	" "	....	256 50
22.	" "	....	189 70
Feb. 10.	" "	....	172 30
16.	" "	....	199 50
Mar. 5.	" "	....	116 40
16.	" "	....	237 50
26.	" "	....	233 70
April 6.	" "	....	151 70
16.	" "	....	162 75
18.	" "	....	6 00
			2,173 65
			<u>\$3,444 24</u>

1886	CR.		
May 18.	By Ellis, Robertson & Co., printing,	\$75 15	
18.	Estate Wm. Elder, printing,	10 80	
18.	D. Scribner, Tyling,	8 00	
18.	G. G. Boyne, services,	6 00	
18.	Grand Secretary, salary, 1885,	200 00	
18.	N. B. Masonic Hall Co., rent,	20 00	
July 30.	N. B. & M. Insurance Co.,	23 25	
Aug. 2.	Grand Lodge Bond No. 3,		500 00
2.	Interest 6 mos. at 6 p.c. on \$8,500,		255 00
Nov. 17.	J. L. Young, medals,	22 50	
17.	Draft for medals,	20	
17.	G. G. Boyne, repairs,	75	
17.	J. & A. McMillan, paper, etc.	80	
1887			
Feb. 1.	Interest 6 mos. at 6 p.c. on \$8,000,		240 00
5.	Grand Secretary, salary,	125 00	
			<u>Carried forward, \$492 45</u>
			\$995 00

		<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$492 45	\$995 00
Feb. 28.	W. C. Fairweather, engrossing warrant,	10 00		
Mar. 1.	Grand Lodge Bond No. 8,			500 00
1.	Interest 1 year at 6 p.c. on \$4,000,			240 00
April 12.	J. & A. McMillan, paper, etc.	2 80		
12.	Sundry Postages, etc.	19 54		
18.	Grand Secretary, salary	75 00		
				599 79
19.	Balance in Bank B. N. A.			343 84
19.	Balance in Dom. Savings Bank,			765 61
				<u>\$3,444 24</u>

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES MASTERS,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., April 19, 1887.

On motion of W. Bro. W. B. Wallace, it was

Ordered, That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and lie on the table.

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.

ST. JOHN, N. B., *April 20th, 1887.**To the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of New Brunswick:*

The Board of General Purposes herewith submit their annual report:

At their first meeting, held on the 10th day of May, 1886, W. Bro. John D. Short, P. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, was unanimously elected Vice-President. It was also resolved that the Board hold four regular meetings during the year, on the first Tuesday in August, November, February, and April.

In reference to that part of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address, dealing with withdrawals and suspensions (referred to the Board of General Purposes), it was decided to refer the matter to a special committee, who, having given the matter their careful consideration, reported as follows:

That in regard to the question of suspensions, the membership of the various Lodges would be increased if 29 of the Constitution, under the head of Private Lodges, was struck out, and recommended that the Constitution be amended by striking out that section; and that they had not been able to devise any plan that would deal successfully with the question of withdrawals, and would therefore make no recommendations in regard thereto.

On motion, resolved that the report be adopted and the recommendations therein carried out, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to give the requisite notice required for a change in the Constitution.

The Grand Secretary having reported that Grand Lodge dues have been charged against Lodges to the extent of forty cents a year, only, on all Brethren suspended since 1883 (when there was an increase in the dues), it was unanimously resolved that the Board express approval of the act of the Grand Secretary in this matter and direct him to continue the practice the present year, and that the matter be reported to Grand Lodge and its confirmation asked.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had received a circular from the Grand Master of South Carolina, asking help for Masons who had suffered by earthquake; but receiving a subsequent circular, stating that the Brethren of their land had responded so generously that our assistance would not be required, no action was taken in the matter.

The section referring to the rights of Masons within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, contained in the Grand Master's address (referred to the Board of General Purposes), was referred to a special committee, and they submitted the following report:

That, after giving the matter their earnest consideration, they fully coincided with the view of Masonic law as laid down by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in regard thereto: that it is the absolute right of a brother Master Mason in good standing to withdraw from a Lodge and join a Lodge in another jurisdiction. The principle is thus laid down in Mackey's Masonic Law, page 250. The regulations of the Grand Lodge of Virginia are in harmony with the view of the Grand Master. Grand bodies of other jurisdictions have commented upon this matter, and the Most Worshipful the Grand Master's decision is approved and endorsed as good Masonic law. The committee therefore think that the decision of the Most Worshipful is in accordance with Masonic law and usage, and recommend the principle be affirmed. The committee further say: While thus dealing with the principle involved and expressing an opinion recognizing what appears to be clearly the legal aspect

of the case, the committee at the same time venture to express the earnest hope that for the sake of some mere personal advantage brethren will not pursue the unpatriotic course of leaving Lodges in our own jurisdiction, thus withdrawing their support, their attendance, and the pleasure arising from personal intercourse with them. We are a small body of Masons in this Province, and every brother, resident in New Brunswick, should feel honestly charged with the patriotic duty of giving his personal aid to the Craft here.

The report was received by the Board of General Purposes and the recommendations ordered to be carried out.

The following report will show the financial condition of Grand Lodge at the close of the Masonic year:

To the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.:

Your Audit Committee have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the past Masonic year, and are pleased to report that they find the accounts correct and the books kept in the usual neat and systematic manner.

Proper vouchers have been submitted by the Grand Treasurer for all expenditures.

The following is the statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year:

Balance brought forward from last year:

Bank of B. N. A.,	....	\$324 98	
Dominion Savings Bank,	....	920 34	
			\$1,245 32

Receipts for the year:

Grand Lodge revenues,	....	\$2,173 65	
Interest, Savings Bank,	....	25 27	
			2,198 92

Expenditure:

Expense account,	....	\$599 79	
Interest account,	....	735 00	
			\$1,334 79
Bond No. 8,	....	500 00	
Bond No. 3,	....	500 00	
			1,000 00
			\$2,334 79

Cash balance on hand:

Bank British North America,	....	\$343 84	
Savings Bank,	....	765 61	
			1,109 45
			<u>\$3,444 24</u>

Respectfully submitted,

W. WATSON ALLEN, }
WM. R. RUSSELL, } *Audit*
THOS. A. GODSOE, } *Committee.*

St. John, N. B., 19th April, 1887.

The following Brethren were appointed a Committee on Credentials: W. Bro. Arthur Everitt, P. M., St. John's Lodge, No. 2; W. Bro. John C. Leonard, P. M., Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8; and W. Bro. David S. Stewart, P. M., Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.

It is with great pleasure the Board reports to Grand Lodge that no cases of irregularity or unmasonic conduct have been brought to their notice during the past year, which shows that peace and harmony prevail among the Brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY BECKWITH, D. G. M.,
President.

On motion of W. Bro. W. Watson Allen, the foregoing report was received and laid on the table.

R. W. Bro. Thomas A. Peters, District Deputy Grand Master No. 1, submitted his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER NO. 1.

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

SIR,—During the year I have made official visits to all the Lodges in my District, excepting Midian, No. 9, and Saint Martins, No. 30.

I found all the Lodges meeting in the Masonic Temple, in St. John, in a fairly prosperous condition, records neatly and correctly kept, and the work correctly and impressively done.

In Carleton Union Lodge I did not have the pleasure of seeing any work done, but was cordially received and found everything in excellent condition. This Lodge has one of the best furnished rooms in the District.

I had the pleasure of the company of several of the members of Grand Lodge, who accompanied me to Hampton and paid an official visit to Corinthian Lodge at their regular meeting in January, and installed the W. M. and other officers. This Lodge, although small and not having any initiations last year, still meets regularly, and is in an efficient state.

At their regular meeting in February, in company with several Brethren from St. John and Hampton, I visited Zion

Lodge, Sussex, where we were very cordially received. I found the Lodge meeting in a very fine room of their own, and all the appointments in a first-class condition. They have lately purchased a new set of regalia and banner. The Lodge makes a fine appearance. The W. M. reported no initiations during the year.

Midian Lodge, at Clifton, owing to the smallness of their numbers and distance apart, does not meet regularly, yet there are some very zealous Masons among them, and I trust they will keep the Lodge together.

The W. M. of St. Martins Lodge reports that, owing to a good many of their members being away at sea and other places, their meetings are small. I had made arrangements to visit this Lodge at their regular meeting in March, but the travelling being so bad was obliged to abandon it.

I do not deem it necessary to go into details of number initiated, withdrawn, etc., as you will get the same information from the Secretary of each Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS A. PETERS,

District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1.

R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M., read the report of R. W. Bro. George M. Jarvis, D. D. G. M., No. 2, as follows:

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER NO. 2.

MONCTON, April 15th, 1887.

JOHN V. ELLIS, Esq.,

Grand Master F. & A. M., St. John, N. B.

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BROTHER,—I regret that my report has been so long delayed, but it was on account of the Brethren at Salisbury postponing my visit from time to time on account, as they say, of not being able to get the Brethren together.

On June 12th, 1886, I visited the Sussex Lodge at Dorchester and exemplified the work on the First and Third Degrees. They have a very nice hall, nicely situated, and the Lodge is in good condition.

On August 9th, 1886, I paid a visit to Lebanon Lodge at Sackville, and worked the First and Third Degrees. I was agreeably surprised to find this Lodge in such a good state.

Great praise is due Past Master Phinney for the way in which he has revived the interest of Freemasonry in Sackville. I have since met Bro. Phinney and he informs me they are about to move into a new hall, and that they have two or three applications for membership, and bright prospects for the future.

On August 18th, 1886, I visited Keith Lodge, Moncton, and found everything in a very satisfactory condition. The officers worked the Third Degree very creditably. I again visited this Lodge December 27th and installed the officers for the year 1887. Officers are excellent, and quite a number of members are being added to the Roll.

On January 12th, 1887, I visited Zetland Lodge at Shediac, and installed the officers for the present year. The affairs of the Lodge are in good condition, under the guidance of Worshipful Master Jno. McFadzen, and, I am sure, it will not lose ground.

On January 18th, 1887, I visited Hillsboro Lodge. They have a very nice Lodge Room, and, although few members are added, the Lodge is in good condition financially, and the books are beautifully kept.

On January 19th, 1887, I visited the Albert Lodge at Albert. As you are aware, they lost their hall and furniture by fire last year, for which they had some two hundred dollars insurance. They meet in an up-stairs room in one of their member's dwellings. Although exceedingly small, when they removed the chairs, etc., we were able to confer the Third Degree quite creditably; however, they are in hopes of securing a nice hall in a building to be erected this spring, and as they have enough money on hand to furnish it, it will not be long before this Lodge will compare favorably with any in my District.

On April 5th, 1887, I visited the Salisbury Lodge, of Salisbury. This Lodge is at a low ebb, and very poorly attended. A great many are in arrears for dues. If a number of Brethren had not accompanied me from Moncton I should not have been able to have opened the Lodge; however, I have hopes of it yet. The Master has promised to try and collect the dues, and the members of Keith Lodge have promised to go down with me to their meetings to endeavor to awaken their old-time interest.

I must say that it gave me a great deal of pleasure to visit the Lodges in this district. A number of members of Keith Lodge accompanied me on all my visitations with the exception of Albert, and at every point we were received in the most cordial manner.

Yours fraternally,

G. M. JARVIS,

District Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. E. Lee Street, D. D. G. M. No. 3, submitted his annual report as follows:

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER No. 3.

To the M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Brethren of Grand Lodge:

On May 4th, 1886, agreeable to instructions received from the M. W. Grand Master, I proceeded to Campbellton to lay the corner stone of the new Methodist Church of that place with Masonic honors. Acting myself as Grand Master, Bro. Rev. A. O. Brown as Grand Chaplain, the members of Campbellton Lodge, No. 32, filling up the other offices, the corner stone was duly laid with Masonic honors. I also inspected Campbellton Lodge, No. 32, and found everything in good working order.

On July 19, accompanied by Bros. W. W. McLellan, Charles Maltby, R. H. Armstrong, Samuel Russell, and James O. Fish, of Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, I visited Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16, and witnessed them confer the E. A. Degree, which was done in a very creditable manner. Then, with W. W. McLellan as S.W., Dr. Bryan as J.W., Chas. Maltby as S.D., R. H. Armstrong as J.D., Jas. O. Fish as S.S., Samuel Russell as J.S., I conferred the M. M. Degree. I then examined the Secretary's books and found them in good order and the brethren all taking a good interest in the welfare of Masonry.

On September 16th I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 27, Bathurst, with Bros. W. W. McLellan, Charles Maltby, R. L. Maltby, Samuel Russell, of Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, Alex. McKenzie, of Campbellton Lodge, No. 32, and W. M. Aaron Harris, of Miramichi Lodge, No. 18. This Lodge has

not been working very harmoniously for the last year; but I trust that the trouble is about over and that the Lodge will soon be back into its former good working order.

On October 25th Bros. W. W. McLellan, D. McGruar, P. M., R. L. Maltby, Charles Maltby, Samuel Russell, R. H. Armstrong, John Robinson, Jr., John Cassidy, Hiram Maltby, and D. Currie, of Northumberland Lodge, No. 17; Bros. Henry Bishop, A. J. H. Stewart, D. McIntosh, of St. John's Lodge, No. 27; Bros. Aaron Harris, W. M., Alex. Robinson, Robert Loggie, of Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, accompanying me, I visited Restigouche Lodge, No. 25, Dalhousie, when I examined the Secretary's books and found them well kept. This Lodge meets in its own room. The floor has no carpet on yet; but the Brethren informed me that they hoped to get one this summer.

On October 26th I laid the corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church at Campbellton with Masonic honors, a full report of which I sent the Grand Secretary at the time.

On Nov. 16th I visited Miramichi Lodge, No. 17, with Bros. Charles Maltby, R. L. Maltby, John Cassidy, Samuel Russell, Frank Parks and John Robinson, Jr., of Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, and found the Lodge in good order; but they have had no work for about a year.

Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, I have held the office of W. M. for the last two years, so of course attended every meeting. In December Bro. William W. McLellan was elected W. M., and on Dec. 27th I duly installed him into the Chair and then his officers. This Lodge has work almost every night.

In submitting this my first report as D. D. G. M. I beg to state to Grand Lodge that I think having each D. D. G. M. to visit all the Lodges in his jurisdiction each year at least once will be a great benefit to the Craft generally.

Respectfully submitted,

E. LEE STREET,

D. D. G. M. District No. 3.

Newcastle, N. B., March 19, 1887.

R. W. Bro. J. S. Whitlock, D. D. G. M., No. 5, submitted his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER No. 5.

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

As District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 5, comprising the County of Charlotte, I beg to submit the following report:

During the past year I have had the honor of making ten official visits to the several Lodges within my jurisdiction, as follows:

ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 5, ST. ANDREWS.

On October 7th, accompanied by W. Bros. James Mitchell, Henry Graham and Bro. H. W. Winkley, of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, I attended a large meeting of the Craft in St. Mark's Lodge, when the Third Degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by the officers of the Lodge. Here I found the Lodge Room and its appointments in a most satisfactory condition, and the records, which have been kept for years by V. W. Bro. Geo. F. Stickney, reflect great credit upon his industry and skill as a scribe.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 7, ST. STEPHEN.

My first visit was on September 7th, when the First Degree was conferred; next on November 30th, when the Third Degree was conferred upon three candidates; and again on April 5th, when the Second Degree was conferred upon three candidates. In each case the work was done in a manner that reflected great credit upon the W. M. and officers of the Lodge. The members of Sussex Lodge take great interest in its success, and I have much pleasure in assuring Grand Lodge that Sussex Lodge will strive to occupy in the future the same prosperous position it now enjoys.

ST. GEORGE LODGE, No. 12, ST. GEORGE.

On October 5th, in company with W. Bro. James Mitchell and Bros. B. R. DeWolfe and Geo. J. Clark, of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, and Bro. B. L. Eaton, of St. Croix Lodge, of Calais, Maine, I visited a large gathering of the Craft in St. George

Lodge. Here we were received with an address of welcome, and, after witnessing the conferring of the Third Degree in good form, were sumptuously entertained in the Lodge room, and spent a very pleasant evening with the members of the Lodge.

In company with W. Bro. J. D. Chipman, of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, I again visited St. George Lodge on April 25th, when we attended quite a large meeting of the Craft. The First Degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner, at the conclusion of which, we were escorted to the Brunswick House and assisted the members in disposing of a bountiful repast.

ALLEY LODGE, No. 14, UPPER MILLS.

January 6th, accompanied by Bro. C. C. Whitlock, of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, I attended the regular communication of Alley Lodge, and found their books and records in good order and well kept.

On April 15th, I attended a special meeting, accompanied by W. Bros. Geo. F. Pinder, J. D. Chipman and Geo. J. Clark, of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, when the work on the First Degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner.

After the Lodge closed we sat down to refreshments, and enjoyed the generous hospitality of Alley Lodge.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 26, MILLTOWN.

January 13th, in company with W. Bros. Geo. F. Pinder, Frank T. Ross, J. A. Boyd, and Bros. R. Stevenson, J. M. Murchie, Almon Douglass and F. M. Murchie, of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, I attended a special communication of Victoria Lodge, when the Third Degree was exemplified in a manner that convinced me that the Lodge was in good working order, and the officers interested in its success.

On the 14th of April, with Bro. H. W. Winkley, of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, I paid a second visit to Victoria Lodge, and, after examining the books, records and general working of the Lodge, have much pleasure in reporting it in a very satisfactory condition.

In conclusion, it affords me a great deal of pleasure to be able to inform Grand Lodge that the Craft in District No. 5 is in a very flourishing condition.

The building occupied by St. Mark's Lodge, St. Andrews, is owned by the Lodge, and the Hall is well furnished and fitted with every convenience.

Alley Lodge, No. 14, also meets in a Hall of its own, the appointments of which are in keeping with the zeal of its members.

Sussex Lodge, No. 7, enjoys a good position financially, and is constantly adding to its funds with the expectation of erecting a Masonic Building at no distant date, although, like St. George Lodge, No. 12, and Victoria Lodge, No. 26, it is at present occupying rented premises.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. WHITLOCK,

District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 5.

St. Stephen, N. B., April, 26th, 1887.

R. W. Bro. Harry Beckwith, D. G. M., submitted his annual report as D. D. G. M., as follows:

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Brethren of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:

Owing to the heavy snow storms of last winter and other unforeseen circumstances—among others a painful accident, which kept me in the house for a number of weeks,—I was unable to report to the Most Worshipful Grand Master (as should have been done) an account of the Lodges in my jurisdiction or District, as I had been unable to visit them all for the reasons stated above; and as it is, the snow-blockades prevented my visiting Benjamin Lodge, No. 31, at Andover, Victoria Co. This I sincerely regret, but trust that the District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 4 will not fail in visiting that Lodge the coming year.

On Monday, the 27th day of December, 1886, I visited and installed the W. Master and officers of Hiram Lodge, No. 6, in Fredericton.

On Tuesday, the 4th day of January, 1887, accompanied by several members of Hiram Lodge, No. 6, as Grand Lodge officers, I visited Alexandria Lodge, No. 33, in St. Mary's, and installed the W. Master and officers of that Lodge. After the installation they gave an exemplification of the work in the First Degree, which, I am sorry to say, did not do them much credit, and I advised them to take more pains in perfecting

themselves in the ritual. The Secretary of this Lodge is a good officer, and keeps his books in a neat and regular manner.

On Wednesday, the 6th day of April, accompanied by a number of the Past Masters and members of Hiram Lodge, No. 6, and assisted by R. W. W. H. Dibblee, Past Deputy Grand Master, and other Past Masters in Woodstock, I visited Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, in Woodstock, where we met with a cordial and hospitable reception. At the request of the W. Master of Woodstock Lodge the Grand Lodge officers exemplified the Third Degree and raised two Brethren. This Lodge I find in a flourishing condition. They own the brick building in which their Lodge room is located, and I am informed are clear of debt. The Lodge room is neatly and comfortably furnished. The books of the Secretary, Bro. Donald A. Munro, P. M., are simply perfection.

On Thursday, the 7th instant, accompanied by Bro. Thomas Kedey, P. M., of Portland Union Lodge, and W. Bro. John A. Watson, Grand Director Ceremonies, and several Past Masters of Hiram and Alexandria Lodges, I paid an official visit to Hiram Lodge, No. 6, Fredericton, and witnessed the exemplification of the Third Degree by its officers, which was done in a creditable and satisfactory manner.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY BECKWITH,

Deputy Grand Master.

Fredericton, April, 19, 1887.

On Motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Logan, P.D.G.M., it was

Ordered, That the several reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and adopted.

W. Bro. William B. Wallace, P. M. Lodge No. 10, presented the annual report of the Library Committee, as follows:

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

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

The Library Committee present to Grand Lodge a report of their proceedings for the past year.

It was hoped that, when the Library was removed to the building and the room thrown open to the Fraternity, large numbers of the Brethren would avail themselves of the opportunity to peruse the books and papers. The Committee regret to say, however, that this hope has not been realized, and that during the past year the number of Brethren who have visited the Library has been very limited. The Committee would express the hope that during the coming year many more Brethren will take advantage of the opportunity afforded to become better acquainted with the doings of the Fraternity in other parts of the world.

Through the kindness of the several Grand Secretaries copies of the Proceedings of all the Grand Lodges with which the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is in communication have been received.

To R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, of Barrie, Ontario, the Library is indebted for a copy of "Standard Rules and Regulations for Rosicrucian Colleges, with a List of Members of the Rosicrucian Society in Canada."

The following periodicals have been kindly furnished to the Library by the several publishers and proprietors during the year free of cost, viz.:

The Canadian Craftsman, Port Hope, Ontario. Bro. J. B. Traves, editor and publisher.

Voice of Masonry, Chicago, Illinois. Bro. John W. Brown, editor and publisher.

Liberal Freemason, Boston, Mass. Bro. Alfred F. Chapman, editor and publisher.

The Freemason, Sydney, New South Wales. Bro. Nicholas Weeks, manager.

The Masonic Chronicle, Columbus, Ohio. M. C. Lilly & Co., publishers.

The Corner Stone, New York. Forrest L. Beekner, publisher.

The Masonic Token, Portland, Maine. Bro. Stephen Berry, publisher.

The Victorian Freemason, Melbourne, Australia. The Victorian Freemason Co., publishers.

The Masonic World, Boston, Mass. Masonic World Co., publishers.

Light, Topeka, Kansas. Bro. Charles Spalden, publisher.

The Masonic Chronicle, New York.

The following is a statement of the finances of the Committee:

Balance on hand, as per last report, \$106 28

Expended during the year:

G. G. Boyne, one year's salary as Librarian to March 1, 1887,	\$20 00
Gas, one year, to February 1, 1887,	6 54
Subscription to <i>London Freemason and Cosmopolitan Calendar</i> , 1887,	4 38
Printing and Stationery, . . .	3 20
Premium of Insurance, 1 year,	2 50
Postage to date, ...	1 60
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Balance in hands of Committee, \$68 06

Respectfully submitted,

T. NISBET ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

St. John, N. B., April 26, 1887.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Logan, P. D. G. M., it was

Ordered, That the report of the Library Committee be received and adopted.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Logan, P. D. G. M., it was

Ordered, That the election of the elective officers of Grand Lodge be held this evening at half-past eight o'clock.

On motion of R. W. Bro. James McNichol, P. D. G. M., the reports of the M. W. the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Board of General Purposes, were printed and distributed among the members.

Grand Lodge then took recess until half-past seven o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING,

April 26th, 1887.

Grand Lodge resumed business at half-past seven o'clock, R. W. Deputy Grand Master in the East.

R. W. Bro. William F. Dibblee, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, made a request of Grand Lodge for a copy of the report and other copies of the proceedings for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Request granted.

The Committee on Recognition of Sister Grand Lodges made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITION OF SISTER GRAND LODGES.

The Committee on Recognition of Grand Lodges beg to submit their report:

Since the last report of this Committee it has been furnished with monthly reports of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Federal District of Mexico, from which they are glad to find that practical progress is being made toward some solution of the want of unity which regrettably obtains in Mexico. The Committee are not, however, as yet convinced that this Grand Lodge would do well at this time to take any action in this matter.

The Committee has not been furnished with any further information as to the application of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico than what they had at the time of making their last report, and hence have to recommend that this application be left for consideration when further information is furnished.

BENJ. R. STEVENSON,
EDWIN J. EVERETT,
D. F. MERRITT.

Grand Lodge Committee Room, 26th April, 1887.

Which, on motion of R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., was received and adopted.

W. Bro. Thomas Walker, M. D., P. M. of Albion Lodge, No. 1, presented his credentials as Representative of the M. W.

Grand Lodge of Minnesota, bearing date March, 1887, and signed by M. W. Bro. John H. Brown, Grand Master.

W. Bro. John D. Short, P. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, presented his credentials as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, bearing date April, 1887, and signed by R. W. Bro. A. M. Wolihin, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. George R. Sangster presented his credentials as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, bearing date Jan., 1887, and signed by M. W. Bro. Silas E. Sheldon, Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. John T. Brown, Grand Secretary.

These R. W. Brothers were duly received and recognized as such Representatives, and saluted with the customary honors.

In accordance with the notice of motion given by the Board of General Purposes to amend the Constitution by striking out section 29, page 35, relating to reinstatement of members for non-payment of dues,

It was, on motion of R. W. Bro. James McNichol, P.D.G.M.,

Ordered, That section 29, page 35, of the Constitution be struck out.

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

Ordered, That the report of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be taken from the table and adopted.

On motion of R. W. Bro. B. R. Stevenson, P. G. M., seconded by R. W. Bro. James McNichol, P. D. G. M., it was

Resolved, That the report of the Library Committee be taken from the table and adopted; and that this Grand Lodge trusts that the Committee may be able at an early date to report that the usefulness of the Library is so appreciated that the hopes entertained at the time of the Library being placed in this building have been realized.

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. Thomas A. Godsoe, R. W. Bro. E. Lee Street, and Bro. Park A. Melville, and they were duly qualified to act as such.

The Regulations of Grand Lodge, having reference to the election of officers, were read by the Grand Secretary.

Upon the several ballotings, the Scrutineers reported the following Brethren as having received a majority of the votes cast, and they were therefore declared duly elected to the respective offices, as follows:

M. W. JAMES McNICHOL,	....	Grand Master.
R. W. JULIUS T. WHITLOCK,	....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN McALLISTER,	....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. ARCHIBALD McLEAN,	....	Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. W. W. BREWER,	....	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. CHARLES MASTERS,	....	Grand Treasurer.
BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER,	....	Grand Tyler.

On motion of W. Bro. W. Watson Allen, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. E. Skillen, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Secretary and the Board of General Purposes, in charging against Lodges forty cents per year on all Brethren suspended since 1883, as referred to in the report of the Board of General Purposes, be adopted and confirmed by Grand Lodge.

On motion of W. Bro. W. Watson Allen, it was

Ordered, That the report of the Board of General Purposes be taken from the table and adopted.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the installation of officers take place at eleven o'clock, to-morrow forenoon.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until to-morrow, at eleven o'clock, a.m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

April 27th, 1887.

Grand Lodge resumed business at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master in the East.

The hour for the installation of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, M. W. Bro. James McNichol, Grand Master elect, was invested and installed by the acting Grand Master, and thereupon saluted and proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick.

In the exercise of his prerogative, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following office-bearers for the ensuing year:

V. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,	...	Grand Secretary.
W. HENRY A. JOHNSTON,	....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. WILLIAM S. SAUNDERS,	....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. ANDREW McNICHOL,	....	Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. JOHN G. HALL,	....	Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
W. GEORGE T. BAIRD,	....	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. LOVETT M. WOOD,	....	Grand Standard Bearer.
WILLIAM A. EWING,	....	Grand Organist.
W. J. M. HUMPHREY,	....	Grand Pursuivant.
W. J. FRED. LAWTON,	....	Grand Steward.
W. ROBERT C. THORNE,	....	"
W. SAMUEL T. STRANG,	....	"
W. HUGH H. McLEAN,	....	"
W. HEDLEY V. COOPER,	....	"
W. JOHN W. PATTERSON,	....	"
W. HENRY STACKER,	....	"
W. JOHN McFADZEN,	....	"
W. WILLIAM J. SMITH,	....	"
W. JUDSON M. FOWLER,	....	"
W. JOHN P. BURCHILL,	....	"
W. JAMES D. FOWLER,	....	"

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

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master, submitted a report, which, on motion, was ordered to be received and taken up section by section.

The first section was read and adopted as amended.

The second section was read and adopted.

The third section was read and adopted.

The fourth section was read and adopted as amended.

The fifth section was read and adopted as amended.

The sixth section was read and adopted as amended.

The seventh section was read and adopted.

On motion of W. Bro. W. B. Wallace the report of the Committee on the address of the Grand Master, as amended, was adopted, and the recommendations ordered to be carried out, as follows:

COMMITTEE ROOMS, MASONIC TEMPLE,

Saint John, N. B., April 27th, 1887.

1. Your Committee heartily concur in the allusions of the M. W. Grand Master concerning the Jubilee Year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign, and would recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare, on behalf of Grand Lodge, an address to Her Majesty, and transmit the same under the hands of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and the Seal of Grand Lodge. The Committee also concur in the remarks of the M. W. Grand Master in reference to the twentieth anniversary of our Grand Lodge, and would recommend that the matter be referred to the Board of General Purposes for consideration.

2. Your Committee agree with the expressions of the M. W. Grand Master as to the formation of conventions to take into consideration matters concerning the Craft, and, while they recognize the importance of fraternal relations, cannot recommend that any part be taken by this Grand Lodge in the Grand Convention to be held at Chicago on the 22nd June next.

3. The reference of the Grand Master to our deceased Brethren reminds us that the scythe of time is year by year cutting off many who were once prominent and active among us, and call upon all to remember the uncertainty of human life.

4. Your Committee note, with regret, the reference made to the reduction of membership in consequence of the large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. As this is a very important matter, the Committee would recommend

that it be referred to the Board of General Purposes for consideration, and report to Grand Lodge.

5. As to the matter of the burial of unaffiliated Brethren, without expressing any opinion, the Committee would recommend that it be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

6. We congratulate the Grand Lodge on the statement that its finances are in an easy condition, and would recommend that Grand Lodge do subscribe for a further amount of stock in the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company to the extent of five thousand dollars, and do authorize the issue of certificates of indebtedness to that amount.

7. In reference to the appeal of Bro. E. A. Alexander, we would recommend that the case be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

8. Your Committee cannot close their report without congratulating Grand Lodge on the harmony existing throughout this jurisdiction, and note with pleasure the good feeling that prevails with sister Grand Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

W. B. WALLACE, }
GEORGE T. BAIRD, } Committee.

The M. W. the Grand Master, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, appointed the following Brethren a Committee to prepare the address to Her Majesty the Queen:

R. W. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M.; R. W. Benjamin R. Stevenson, P. G. M.; W. Rev. W. W. Brewer, Grand Chaplain; M. W. the Grand Master, and V. W. Grand Secretary.

On motion of W. Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson, it was

Ordered, That Grand Lodge do subscribe for a further amount of stock in the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company to the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000); that certificates of indebtedness bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum be issued by Grand Lodge under the hands of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and sealed with the Seal of the Grand Lodge covering the said sum of \$5,000, guaranteeing the payment by Grand Lodge of the principal and interest thereof; that said certificates of indebtedness be attached to bonds to be issued by the

New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company in conformity with the Act of Assembly, 41 Vic., Chap. 19; and that the form of said certificate of indebtedness be as follows:

This is to certify that the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, as a payment for capital stock in the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company, doth hereby acknowledge that the above Bond No. for dollars of the Company is a charge upon the funds of Grand Lodge, and that Grand Lodge will provide for the payment of the above Bond at maturity, and also for the payment of the half yearly interest thereon according to the terms thereof. This Certificate is issued under Resolution of Grand Lodge.

In testimony whereof, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary have hereunto signed their names, and affixed the Seal of the said Grand Lodge this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and .

Grand Master.

Grand Secretary.

And further Ordered, That the Board of General Purposes be authorized and empowered to issue the said certificates of indebtedness to such persons in such sums and redeemable at such times as they may deem advisable.

The M. W. the Grand Master had much pleasure in appointing the following Brethren who had been nominated as District Deputy Grand Masters:

R. W. Bro. John D. Short, for District No. 1.

R. W. Bro. George M. Jarvis, for District No. 2.

R. W. Bro. E. Lee Street, for District No. 3.

R. W. Bro. Alexander Burchill, for District No. 4.

The following Brethren were appointed to the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year:

R. W. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M.; R. W. Henry Duffell, P. D. G. M.; R. W. Thomas A. Godsoe, P. D. G. M.; R. W. William J. Logan, P. D. G. M.; W. T. Nisbet Robertson, P. G. D. C.; R. W. John D. Short, D. D. G. M.; W. W. Watson Allen, P. M. Lodge No. 1; W. W. H. B. Sadleir, P. A. G. D. C.; W. Thomas Walker, M. D., P. G. D. C.; V. W. Charles Masters, Grand Treasurer.

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

April 27th, 1887.

Grand Lodge resumed business at half-past seven o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

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

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be extended to the managers of the Intercolonial, New Brunswick and Grand Southern Railways for the facilities afforded by them to the Brethren attending this session.

On motion of the V. W. the Grand Secretary, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Credentials receive the hearty thanks of Grand Lodge for the very able manner in which they discharged the duties assigned them.

Under the supervision of the Ritual Committee the Work of the Third Degree was exemplified by the officers of Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, in a very efficient manner, showing that the officers were well up in their work.

The musical part was well carried out by Bros. Miller Olive John C. Leonard, D. S. Stewart, and Dr. March, under the leadership of Brother Bristowe.

The M. W. the Grand Master presented to W. Bro. John A. Watson, P.G.D. of C., a beautiful finished Baton, the gift of Bro. Dingee Scribner, Grand Tyler.

All business having been finished, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

EDWIN J. WETMORE,
Grand Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27TH, 1886.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Mem- bership, 1886.	Total Mem- bership, 1885.
1	Albion,	2	4	4	1	1	1	..	2	135	132
2	St. John's,	2	3	3	1	..	6	..	2	89	93
3	Hibernia,	9	8	11	2	1	6	..	1	116	108
4	Sussex,	3	3	3	1	1	..	..	..	29	24
5	St. Mark's,	3	4	7	..	..	..	8	..	78	80
6	Hiram,	4	3	3	1	1	1	..	2	74	72
7	Sussex,	8	8	8	2	..	10	7	1	125	133
8	Carleton Union, . . . . .	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	1	103	108
9	Midian, . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	16
10	Union of Portland,	13	12	11	2	..	4	7	..	113	111
11	Woodstock,	6	4	4	2	..	1	..	..	103	98
12	Saint George,	1	1	1	..	1	1	4	1	78	83
13	Corinthian, . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	21	24
14	Alley,	1	1	1	..	1	4	2	1	26	31
15	Howard,	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	37	36
16	Saint Andrew,	3	3	4	..	1	2	6	..	37	41
17	Northumberland,	8	5	4	1	..	2	6	..	76	77
18	Miramichi, . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	51	55
20	Salisbury, . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	20
21	Zion,	2	2	2	..	1	5	9	..	44	55
22	New Brunswick,	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	1	68	72
23	Keith,	2	1	1	1	..	3	4	1	82	86
24	Zetland,	2	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	30	28
25	Restigouche,	3	3	4	..	..	..	2	..	29	28
26	Victoria,	4	3	3	2	2	1	..	1	57	52
27	St. John,	1	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	30	34
28	Lebanon,	3	3	3	3	..	2	..	..	22	18
30	St. Martins, . . . . .	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	20	19
31	Benjamin,	1	1	1	1	..	2	1	..	34	35
32	Campbellton,	2	2	1	3	1	4	2	..	48	48
33	Alexandria, . . . . .	..	1	2	..	..	..	8	..	22	27
34	Albert, . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	3	7	1	26	37
		85	80	88	25	13	80	74	17	1838	1881

ROLL OF LODGES.

WITH TIME OF MEETING AND ADDRESS OF MASTERS AND SECRETARIES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Regular Communication.	Name and Address of W. M.	Name and Address of Secretary.
1	Albion	First Friday,	J. Fred. Lawton, St. John,	Charles Masters, St. John.
2	St. John's,	First Tuesday,	Robert C. Thorne, St. John,	Arthur W. Sharp, St. John.
3	Hibernia,	Second Tuesday,	Samuel T. Strang, St. John,	G. G. Boyne, St. John.
4	Sussex	Thursday on or after full moon,	James T. Cook, Dorchester,	J. E. Church, Dorchester.
5	Saint Marks,	First Thursday,	Samuel O. Turner, St. Andrews,	George F. Stickney, St. Andrews.
6	Hiram,	First Thursday,	James D. Fowler, Fredericton,	Charles Brodie, Fredericton.
7	Sussex	First Tuesday,	William F. Todd, St. Stephen,	Edwin G. Vroom, St. Stephen.
8	Carleton Union,	First Thursday,	William C. Allan, Carleton,	Augustus W. Reed, Carleton.
9	Midian,	Second Tuesday,	John D. Howe, Clifton,	H. D. Wetmore, Clifton.
10	Union of Portland,	Third Thursday,	Hugh H. McLean, St. John,	M. B. Dixon, St. John.
11	Woodstock,	First Wednesday,	William S. Saunders, Woodstock,	Donald Munro, Woodstock.
12	Saint George,	First Tuesday,	Thomas Colmer, St. George,	Robert H. Davis, St. George.
13	Corinthian,	Second Wednesday,	Frederick E. Wheelplay, Ossekeag,	Henry Hallett, Ossekeag.
14	Alley,	First Thursday,	Henry Hacker, Upper Mills,	J. C. Davis, Upper Mills.
15	Howard,	First Tuesday,	George A. Robinson, Hillsborough,	John A. Beatty, Hillsborough.
16	St. Andrew,	Monday on or after full moon,	William J. Smith, Richibucto,	Thos. Wetmore Bliss, Richibucto.
17	Northumberland,	Second Tuesday,	W. W. McLellan, Newcastle,	James O. Fish, Newcastle.
18	Miramichi,	Third Tuesday,	John S. Benson, Chatham,	Thos. F. Gillespie, Chatham.
19	Salisbury,	First Tuesday,	John W. Patterson, Salisbury,	James Walton, Salisbury.
20	Zion,	First Wednesday,	John Thompson, Sussex,	Henry A. White, Sussex.
21	New Brunswick,	Second Thursday,	Hedley V. Cooper, St. John,	James McNichol, St. John.
22	Keith,	Third Wednesday,	W. D. F. Ward, Moncton,	C. W. Burnyeat, Moncton.
23	Zetland,	Second Wednesday,	John McFadden, Shediac,	James Inglis, Shediac.
24	Restigouche,	Tuesday on or after full moon,	James E. Stewart, Dalhousie,	Alex. Morton, Dalhousie.
25	Victoria,	Second Thursday,	John S. Andrews, Milltown,	John Lawson, Milltown.
26	Saint John,	Thursday on or after full moon,	A. H. Stewart, Bathurst,	D. M. McIntosh, Bathurst.
27	Lebanon,	Second Monday,	Albert G. Clark, Sackville,	William Knight, Sackville.
28	St. Martins,	First Saturday,	Judson M. Fowler, St. Martins,	Wm. E. Skillen, St. Martins.
29	Benjamin,	First Tuesday,	George A. Bedell, Andover,	I. Allan Perley, Andover, Vic. Co.
30	Campbellton,	First Friday,	A. E. Alexander, Campbellton,	Robert Jardine, Campbellton.
31	Alexandria,	First Tuesday,	Whitman Brewer, St. Marys,	Edgar Hanson, Fredericton.
32	Albert,	Tuesday nearest full moon each month,	Joseph H. Dickson, Riverside, A. Co.,	Elisha H. Robinson, Harvey, A. Co.

SUSPENSIONS, A. D. 1886.

Hosca S. Lord,	St. Mark's Lodge, No. 5.
Samuel Lambert,	" "
James McKinney,	" "
Donald M. Berry,	" "
William B. Guphill,	" "
Cyrus Cheaney,	" "
Alexander Bennett,	" "
Joseph Kilpatrick,	" "
George S. Jackson,	Sussex Lodge, No. 7.
Martin L. Jackson,	" "
Thomas Warr,	" "
Andrew Martin,	" "
Lewis A. Mills,	" "
Robert N. H. Duncan,	" "
Charles H. Manaton,	" "
George A. Freeze,	Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
Edward Perkins,	" "
Andrew F. Armstrong,	" "
Thomas Cameron,	" "
John A. McCallum,	St. George Lodge, No. 12.
Samuel Craig,	" "
Silas L. Calder,	" "
Samuel Foster, Jr.,	Corinthian Lodge, No. 13.
Fred Pratt,	Alley Lodge, No. 14.
Chester H. Stevens,	" "
Edward Mundy,	Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16.
Frank Jenkins,	" "
George R. Bailey,	" "
John B. Forster,	" "
James S. Hannah,	" "
David W. Grierson,	" "
Rev. O. M. Munro,	Northumberland Lodge, No. 17.
Rev. I. E. Bill,	" "
Rev. D. D. Southwood,	" "
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