

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER:
M.:W.: THOMAS WALKER, M.D.
156 Princess Street,
Saint John, New Brunswick.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:
V.:W.: T. NISBET ROBERTSON,
143 Prince William Street,
Saint John, New Brunswick.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
The Twenty-Seventh Annual Communication
OF GRAND LODGE
Will be held at Freemasons Hall, Germain Street,
SAINT JOHN, N. B.
on Tuesday, the 28th day of August, A.D. 1894.

Proceedings
of the
Grand Lodge
of
New Brunswick

Free
and Accepted
Masons

1893

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
OF THE ANTIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

HELD AT MONCTON, AUGUST 22ND AND 23RD,
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PROCEEDINGS

OF A

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT ANDOVER, VICTORIA CO.

JUNE 7TH, A.L. 5892, A.D. 1892.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION of the Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held in the Masonic Hall, at Andover, on the 7th day of June, A.L. 5892, A.D. 1892, at five o'clock in the afternoon, with the following actual and acting officers.

PRESENT:

M.W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D.,	Grand Master.
R. W. D. F. MERRITT, as	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN A. WATSON,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. ANDREW McNICHOL, as	Junior Grand Warden.
W. FRED. W. THOMSON, as	Grand Treasurer.
V.W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,	Grand Secretary.
W. J. T. ALLAN DIBBLEE,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. PARK A. MELVILLE,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE,	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. CHARLES McLAUCHLAN, as	Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. C. H. SMITH, as	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. GEORGE D. FROST, as	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. E. J. SHELDON, as	Grand Organist.
W. W. S. SAUNDERS, as	Grand Pursuivant.
J. McLAUGHLIN, as	Grand Steward.
JOHN S. KNIGHT, as	Grand Steward.

Together with a number of past grand officers and a large gathering of representatives and other brethren from Andover, Woodstock, and St. Stephen, in New Brunswick, and Fort Fairfield, Presque Isle, and Caribou, in the State of Maine, U. S.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form at five o'clock, p.m., the M.W. Grand Master in the East.

The Grand Master stated that he had summoned this Special Communication (by request of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church) to lay the corner stone of their Church about to be erected.

By direction of the Grand Master the Grand Secretary read the note of invitation to lay the corner stone:

To THOMAS WALKER, M.D., GRAND MASTER,
Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick.

SIR:—The undersigned Trustees and Building Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Andover, being engaged in the erection of a Church for the worship of God, would respectfully request the assistance of the Masonic Fraternity in their undertaking, and as a means of marking with due solemnity the commencement of the work, would ask you to lay, or cause to be laid, the corner stone of the building with Masonic honors.

The building will be sufficiently ready for this ceremony on any day suitable to you after the middle of May.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

Dated the 30th day of April, A.D. 1892.

S. P. WAITE, M.M.
REV. JAMES BURGESS,
DAVID McLEOD,
THOMAS R. CAMERON,
DANIEL McQUEEN, M.M.
NEIL McQUARRIE,
R. B. M. WILEY,

*Building Committee
and Trustees.*

The Grand Master, having called upon the Grand Director of Ceremonies and his Assistant to take charge of the craft, and to form the order of procession, called off Grand Lodge and vacated the East.

The procession was formed in the following order:

Acting Grand Tyler.
67th Battalion Band, Andover.
Eastern Frontier Lodge, No. 112, Fort Fairfield, Maine,
A. D. Sawyer, W.M.

Trinity Lodge, No. 130, Presque Isle, Maine, W. R. Pipes, W.M.
Caribou Lodge, No. 170, Caribou, Maine, W. L. Oaks, W.M.
Benjamin Lodge, No. 31, Andover, Thomas Lawson, W.M.
Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, Woodstock, C. W. Jenner, as W.M.
Fort Fairfield Cornet Band.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK:

Brother W. S. Saunders, as Grand Pursuivant.
Brother E. J. Sheldon, as Grand Organist.
W. Brother Adam Beveridge, with Vessel containing Corn.
Brother J. S. Knight, as Grand Steward. Brother J. McLaughlin, as Grand Steward.
W. Brother George T. Baird, with Vessel containing Wine.
Brother Jarvis Wilson, with Vessel containing Oil.
Brother A. E. Kupkey, as Grand Steward. Brother R. B. M. Wiley, as Grand Steward.
W. Brother Frederick W. Thomson as Grand Treasurer.
V.W. Brother Edwin J. Wetmore, Grand Secretary.
R.W. Brother John A. Watson, Senior Grand Warden.
W. Brother Andrew McNichol, as Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Brother David F. Merritt, as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Brother George D. Frost, as Grand Standard Bearer.
M.W. Brother Thomas Walker, Grand Master.
W. Brother J. T. Allan Dibblee, Senior Grand Deacon. W. Brother Park A. Melville, Junior Grand Deacon.
W. Brother C. H. Smith, as Grand Sword Bearer.

The procession marched from the Masonic Hall down Main Street to the site of the Church. Here the lines were opened, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master, with the officers of Grand Lodge, passed through and took up their respective positions around the corner stone, the brethren occupying the platform near the Grand Lodge officers. The ceremony then commenced.

After the opening portion of the Masonic ceremonial, the choir sang:

Hail, Masonry divine,
Glory of ages thine;
Long may'st thou reign!
Where'er thy Lodges stand
May they have great command,
And always grace the land:
Thou art divine.

A representative of the building committee then requested the Grand Master to lay the stone.

The Grand Master, in reply, said that it was on their kind invitation that the craft had consented to participate in the ceremony. It was a part of the duty of the craft to lay the foundation stone of a building devoted to such a noble purpose. It was a satisfaction to him to respond to the invitation, because the edifice to be erected was to be dedicated to the service of Almighty God; and he hoped that the work thus begun so auspiciously would bear good fruit, and be of great benefit to the community.

The M. W. Grand Master, assisted by the officers of Grand Lodge, then laid the stone in due and antient form.

The choir sang:

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

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

The benediction was then pronounced by the Reverend James Burgess.

The M. W. Grand Master directed the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies to take charge of the craft. The order of procession was again formed, and the brethren marched back to the Masonic Hall.

The Grand Master resumed his station in the East and called Grand Lodge to order. He thanked the officers of Grand Lodge for their assistance, and expressed his warmest thanks to all members of the craft, especially those of the sister jurisdiction, for their presence.

Grand Lodge was then closed in *ample* form.

EDWIN J. WETMORE,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

AUGUST 22ND AND 23RD, A.L. 5893, A.D. 1893.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Moncton, commencing the 22nd day of August, A.L. 5893, A.D. 1893, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

M. W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D.,....	Grand Master.
R. W. GEORGE F. FINDER,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN A. WATSON,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. HENRY B. FLEMING,	Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. GEO. M. CAMPBELL.	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,	Grand Treasurer.
V. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,	Grand Secretary.
W. GEORGE ACKMAN, as	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. PARK A. MELVILLE,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE,....	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. B. S. BLACK, as	Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. GEORGE D. FROST, as	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. GEORGE E. DAY, as	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. WILLIAM A. EWING,	Grand Organist.
W. WILLIAM G. ROBERTSON, as	Grand Pursuivant.
W. GEORGE D. FROST,	Grand Steward.
W. WILLIAM ROBERTSON,	Grand Steward.

The following Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges were in attendance:

Canada,.....	Brother John V. Ellis.
Colorado,.....	" Andrew McNichol.
Delaware,.....	" Charles Masters.
Illinois,.....	" J. Henry Leonard.
Iowa,.....	" George F. Pinder.
Colon and the Island of Cuba, ..	" Rev. O. S. Newnham.
Kansas,.....	" George R. Sangster.
Louisiana,.....	" Edwin J. Wetmore.
Manitoba,.....	" Donald Munro.
Minnesota,.....	" Thomas Walker, M.D.
New Jersey,.....	" E. Lee Street.
New Zealand,	" George B. Hegan.
Scotland,.....	" T. Nisbet Robertson.
Texas,.....	" John A. Watson.
Wisconsin,.....	" John V. Ellis.

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

Psalm XXIV. was recited by the brethren. The Grand Chaplain led in prayer.

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

On motion of R. W. Brother Robert Marshall, P. 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 minutes of the Special Communication held at Andover, Victoria County, on the seventh day of June, A.D. 1892, were read and confirmed.

The M. W. Grand Master gave directions to the Grand Pursuivant to admit Master Masons in good standing.

The Grand Pursuivant announced the presence in the porch of Grand Lodge of J. Simon W. Crabbe, Past Grand Master, and Adam Murray, Past Deputy Grand Master and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

The Grand Master requested Past Grand Masters Ellis and Marshall to escort these distinguished brethren into Grand Lodge, where they were received by the craft standing, and were cordially welcomed by the Grand Master, who invited them to seats in the East, and he expressed the hope that their visit would more strongly cement the fraternal feeling which already existed between the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

R. W. Brother George F. Pinder, Deputy Grand Master, reported that the Board of General Purposes had appointed R. W. Brother George R. Sangster, R. W. Brother George M. Jarvis, and W. Brother Frank Tufts, a Committee on Credentials.

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, P.M.	CHARLES MASTERS, P.M.
T. NISBET ROBERTSON, P.M.	J. FRED. LAWTON, P.M.
GEORGE D. FROST, P.M.	CHAS. D. THOMSON, P.M.
WILLIAM G. ROBERTSON, P.M.	

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.

ARCHIBALD BAUER, W.M.	W. H. B. SADLEIR, P.M.
GEORGE B. HEGAN, P.M.	WILLIAM A. EWING, P.M.

HIBERNIA LODGE, No. 3.

JOSEPH A. MAGILTON, W.M.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 4.

THOMAS N. ADAMS, P.M.	A. W. CHAPMAN, P.M.
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HIRAM LODGE, No. 6.

E. CADWALLADER, P.M.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 7.

GEORGE F. PINDER, P.M.	REV. O. S. NEWNHAM, S.W.
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CARLETON UNION LODGE, No. 8.

EDWIN J. WETMORE, P.M. J. HENRY LEONARD, P.M.
JOHN V. ELLIS, P.M.

THE UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND, No. 10.

JOHN A. WATSON, P.M. WM. B. WALLACE, P.M.
ROBERT MARSHALL, P.M. THOMAS H. KEOHAN, P.M.
BENJAMIN S. BLACK, P.M.

WOODSTOCK LODGE, No. 11.

DONALD MUNRO, P.M.

LODGE ST. ANDREW, No. 16.

DAVID W. GRIERSON, S.W. ISAAC W. DOHERTY, P.M.

NORTHUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 17.

E. LEE STREET, P.M.

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 22.

GEORGE E. DAY, W.M. ANDREW McNICHOL, P.M.
GEORGE THOMPSON, S.W. JAMES KELLY, J.W.

KEITH LODGE, No. 23.

GEORGE M. JARVIS, W.M. A. Y. CLARKE, P.M.
FRED. W. GIVAN, S.W. J. E. MASTERS, P.M.
H. B. FLEMING, P.M. GEORGE R. SANGSTER, P.M.
REV. GEO. M. CAMPBELL, P.M. EDWARD TWEEDIE, P.M.
GEORGE ACKMAN, P.M. GEORGE H. PICK, P.M.
C. P. HARRIS, P.M.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 24.

A. J. WELLING, S.W. WILLIAM B. DEACON, P.M.
JOHN McFADZEN, P.M.

CAMPBELLTON LODGE, No. 32.

JOHN WHITE, W.M. J. A. JOHNSON, J.W.

ALBERT LODGE, No. 34.

AVARD H. KINNEY, S.W. WM. ROBERTSON, P.M.
W. ALDER TRUEMAN, P.M.

Grand Master's Address.

THE M.W. Grand Master delivered his Annual Address, as follows:

Brethren of Grand Lodge:

I bid you welcome to the Twenty-Sixth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, for which, under the good providence of the Grand Architect of the Universe, we are now permitted to assemble.

For the first time in the history of this Grand Lodge, we hold our Annual Communication outside of the City of St. John, which heretofore has been considered the home and headquarters of the craft. I sincerely trust that the benefit to be derived from this change may prove all that has been anticipated.

Such a change was thought to be desirable as likely to produce increased Masonic activity and a strengthening of the fraternal bonds in each fresh place of meeting.

May the result realize and more than realize our anticipations.

The year which has just passed has been no exception to those that have gone before, in that we are called upon to mourn those cut down by the wayside.

We miss to-day the familiar faces of more than one earnest craftsman.

R. W. Brother George F. Stickney, Past Senior Grand Warden, died at his home in St. Andrews, May 22nd, 1892, and was buried with Masonic ceremonial. Regular in his attendance at our annual meetings, simple and unassuming in his manners, he won and retained the esteem and friendship of all who were brought into contact with him. His active interest in the affairs of the craft continued to the last, and at the time of his death he was the efficient Secretary of St. Marks Lodge.

R. W. Brother Thomas F. Gillespie died at his residence, Chatham, August 9th, 1893, and was buried with Masonic ceremonial on the 11th instant. As a Past Master of Miramichi Lodge he assisted in the formation of this Grand Lodge, and so long as his health permitted was seen at our annual communications.

Like R. W. Brother Stickney, he continued to be a prime factor in the affairs of his mother Lodge even to the last, and at the time of his decease was its painstaking and efficient Secretary.

In both his public and private relations our deceased brother was a man well worthy of imitation, and I know that you all will regret deeply his loss, and revere the memory of a true and warm-hearted gentleman.

The death of W. Brother Thomas F. Raymond deprived Albion Lodge of an old and honored member, and the City of St. John of a worthy citizen. Brother Raymond was of a modest and retiring nature, but those who were associated with him found in him those qualities calculated to inspire respect.

W. Brother Mark N. Powers, of Hibernia Lodge, died in St. John, August 9th, 1892, and was buried by his fellow craftsmen August 11th. Brother Powers took a deep interest in his Lodge, and attended the meetings with unfailing regularity. The large numbers who turned out to do honor to his memory testified to the friendly regard of the craft.

W. Brother John L. Frost, Senior Past Master of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, died June 6th, 1892, and was buried with Masonic honors.

To sister jurisdictions mourning the loss of eminent craftsmen, we extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba mourns the loss of Most Worshipful Grand Master John William Henry Wilson, of Manitoba, who died July 19th, 1892.

Rhode Island mourns the decease of that patriarch in Freemasonry, P. G. M. Oliver Johnston, who died at the venerable age of 93, having been a Mason for over seventy years.

It is but yesterday that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was deprived of its official head, and the brethren there called upon to pay the last sad offices to M. W. Grand Master Richard Briggs.

On the 18th of August, 1892, Joseph R. Grose died at his residence, South Boston. He was well known to many of us here, and to know Brother Grose was to love and esteem him for his many sterling qualities. Masonry in him was no empty name. He was a warm-hearted enthusiastic Mason, generous to a fault, and he had well deserved his unanimous election as an honorary member of our own Hibernia Lodge.

Michigan mourns the loss of Past Grand Master William Power Innes, who died in the City of Grand Rapids on the 2nd day of the present month.

To all sorrowing survivors, wheresoever dispersed, we extend our loving sympathy, praying that the Grand Architect of the Universe, in His infinite mercy, may sustain and comfort them in their bereavement, and move all true Masonic hearts to care of them by every gentle ministration within their power.

On the 1st of May last, with feelings of deep regret, I received the resignation of V. W. Brother H. J. Thorne as Grand Treasurer, circumstances having necessitated his removal from this jurisdiction. I feel assured that you will join with me in deploring the loss to the Province of an amiable and worthy citizen, and to the craft here of an active and zealous Mason.

In pursuance of the prerogative vested in me, I have appointed W. Brother T. Nisbet Robertson Grand Treasurer until the time of annual election.

I have appointed Past Master Edward Coleman as representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of California.

I have appointed W. Brother John C. Howland, P.M. of Corinthian Lodge, No. 27, of Providence, R. I., representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, near the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, in place of W. Brother Myer Noot, who has permanently removed from that jurisdiction.

I have appointed W. Brother H. C. Nash, of Antlers, representative of this Grand Lodge near that of Indian Territory.

I have appointed W. Brother William B. Honeycut representative near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in place of W. Brother W. H. Pythian, deceased.

I have nominated W. Brother F. W. Thomson for appointment as representative of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

In May of last year a request was conveyed to me through W. M. Lawson, of Benjamin Lodge, that the corner stone of the Presbyterian Church (then in course of erection) at Andover might be laid with Masonic ceremonial.

With much pleasure I acceded to the request, and having named the 7th day of June for the ceremonial, I issued a call to the craft and convened a Special Communication of Grand Lodge in Andover on that day.

The attendance of the craft was good, and we had the countenance and support of a large number of our brethren from Fort Fairfield, Presque Isle and Caribou, in the sister jurisdiction of Maine. The weather was all that could be desired, and so, in the presence of a large assemblage, the corner stone was laid with the impressive ceremonial of the craft. The ceremonial concluded, the visiting brethren were most hospitably and generously entertained.

June 7th, 1892, I paid an official visit to Benjamin Lodge, No. 31, and, assisted by the officers of Grand Lodge, I conferred the E. A. Degree upon one candidate. This Lodge meets in a good hall which

they not only own, but which is a source of income to them. Their financial condition is good.

June 8th, 1892, I visited Woodstock Lodge, and assisted by the Grand Lodge officers conferred the M. M. Degree. The attendance was good. This Lodge is in a most excellent condition, financially and numerically. Their hall would be a credit to any Lodge, and the building which they own is a source of revenue to them. Our reception and entertainment by the craftsmen in Woodstock was in every way courteous and fraternal, and I gratefully acknowledge the kindness of our brethren there.

On St. John the Evangelist's Day, I visited Albion Lodge, and installed W. M. Frost into office for a second term.

January 10th, I visited Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, and installed the Worshipful Master elect, Brother J. A. Magilton. I found this Lodge in good condition. After labor there was a call to refreshment, and the bountiful repast spread testified to the efficiency of the Stewards and the generosity of the brethren.

January 19th, I visited Union Lodge of Portland and installed into office W. Brother H. L. Sturdee. This Lodge is in a flourishing condition and their reputation for hospitality was fully sustained.

August 10th, I visited New Brunswick Lodge, and witnessed the conferring of the M. M. Degree by W. Master Day and officers of the Lodge. The rendition of the Ritual was creditable to all concerned. The attendance of the brethren was good, and the affairs of the Lodge appear to be in a flourishing condition.

February 16th, last, a communication was received from M. W. Brother A. J. Spengel, Grand Master of the newly erected Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory, asking for admission and cordial reception into the great Masonic family of Grand Lodges, and also requesting an exchange of representatives. This Grand Lodge of Oklahoma has been cut off from the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, and appears to have been properly and legally erected, with full consent and assistance of the parent Grand Lodge. By my direction this communication has been handed to the Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges for consideration and report.

The report of the Grand Secretary will show the number and purpose of the dispensations issued during the year.

I was obliged to refuse to accede to a request from Keith Lodge for a dispensation to confer the three degrees upon a candidate on the same evening. This would have been in direct contravention to Section 16, page 33, of the Constitution.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, received a petition from a person whose residence, though outside the City of St. John, was nearer to Carleton Union Lodge than to Hibernia. Hibernia Lodge applied to Carleton Union Lodge for permission to initiate said candidate. This request was refused, and upon such refusal Hibernia Lodge applied to the Grand Master for a dispensation. I have refused to grant such dispensation, as I could see no good reason why said applicant should not apply to the Lodge nearest his place of residence, and further for the reason that I had been called upon by Carleton Union Lodge to protect their rights in certain other cases of alleged invasion.

I now understand that Hibernia Lodge protests against this refusal of the Grand Master to grant such dispensation, on what apparently was an after thought, viz.: that outside of the line of the City of Saint John they possessed concurrent jurisdiction with Carleton Union Lodge. That is not my interpretation of the Constitution. You are all doubtless aware that up to the year 1882, the Lodges in the City of St. John, on the eastern and western sides of the harbor, had concurrent jurisdiction. In that year the Constitution was amended by adding to section 3, page 43, the following:

"This, however, shall not be held to apply to that portion of the City of St. John situated on the west side of the harbor, called Carleton, the Lodge at that place having no jurisdiction in the city proper, and the Lodges on the East Side having no jurisdiction in Carleton."

Now, it appears to me that the jurisdictions of the Lodges on the eastern and western sides of the harbor having been divided, they fall under the general law relating to all Lodges, and that therefore the jurisdiction of Carleton Union Lodge extends half way to the nearest Lodge, and so of the Lodges on the eastern side of the harbor of St. John.

As this question is likely to arise at any time, I would ask Grand Lodge to set this matter at rest by an authoritative declaration.

I have approved the new By-Laws of Zion Lodge.

I have also approved, with some corrections, the new By-Laws of Keith Lodge.

I have also approved a change in the By-Laws of St. Martins Lodge changing their day of meeting from the first Saturday to the first Monday in each month.

I have also approved a change in the By-Laws of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, regarding dues.

I regret very much that the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maine has had to call my attention to an invasion of their jurisdiction, and the matter is still under correspondence. It appears that certain

petitions were received by Alley Lodge, Upper Mills, from persons residing in the neighboring jurisdiction of Maine; that Alley Lodge applied in proper form to St. Croix Lodge, of Calais, for a waiver of jurisdiction. While it does not appear that St. Croix Lodge had any objection to grant such waiver of jurisdiction, Alley Lodge did not wait for any regular and formal information on the subject from St. Croix Lodge; but on the strength of a street talk balloted for and initiated two candidates. In so doing they committed a Masonic offence. I have had occasion more than once to call the attention of the craft to this question, and I must here again state that the rules as laid down in our Constitution are so plain that it would seem that no excuse exists for a violation of jurisdiction.

On the 4th of February I received a general circular from R.W. Brother Michael Arnold, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, informing me that he had concluded to withdraw *his* representatives near other Grand Masters. At the same time he directed R. W. Brother T. A. Godsoe, representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania near this Grand Lodge, to return his commission, and also requested R. W. Brother Joseph Eichbaum, of Pittsburg, representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to resign his position. This R.W. Brother Eichbaum declined to do, whereupon the Grand Master of Pennsylvania requested me to recall him. This I refused to do. I cannot agree with the Grand Master of Pennsylvania that these representatives are the representatives of the individual Grand Master, and to be recalled at his whim and pleasure. The last published proceedings of his Grand Lodge contains his own name as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, and that of Joseph Eichbaum as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. The commission issued distinctly states that each representative is the representative of the Grand Lodge which issues the commission, and the representative is received and saluted accordingly.

It has nowhere been shown that this withdrawal of representatives is in any way the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, but solely an idea of its Grand Master. My view of the matter was that the exchange of representatives was the outcome of a fraternal and joint recognition between the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and that of New Brunswick, and common courtesy might have dictated that when these ties were to be severed we might have been consulted in the matter. There is one consolation in this matter, that this unpleasantness is one between R.W. Brother Arnold and myself, and does not affect the amity of our respective Grand Lodges.

I regret to say that Lebanon Lodge, which has been in a moribund condition for some time, has by resolution decided to surrender its warrant.

The affairs of Salisbury Lodge remain in exactly the same condition as stated in my address of last year.

The V. W. Grand Chaplain has arranged for service to be held in the Wesley Memorial Church this afternoon, and has kindly consented to preach thereat. A procession of the craft will be formed to march from this Hall at 14 o'clock. I hope to see every member of Grand Lodge in his place on that occasion.

To one and all of you I desire to extend my warmest thanks for the countenance and support given me during the year, and especially to those eminent craftsmen who have so willingly aided me with counsel and advice.

It was moved by V. W. Brother Charles Masters, Past Grand Treasurer, and

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

Whereupon the following brethren were appointed such Committee:

V.W. Brother Charles Masters, V.W. Brother T. Nisbet Robertson, and W. Brother Donald Munro.

Report of Grand Secretary.

THE V. W. Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report and Account, as follows:

To the GRAND LODGE, F. and A. M., of New Brunswick:

1. The receipts of my office since the last Annual Communication amount to two thousand one hundred and sixteen dollars and seventy cents, upon the following accounts, viz.:

Registration Fees,	\$220 00
Registration Fees for 1891,	42 00
Certificates,	69 00
Annual Dues,	1,472 95
Annual Dues for 1891,	289 90
Dispensation Fees,	16 45
Constitutions and Services,	6 40
	<hr/> \$2,116 70

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and a detailed account furnished the Committee of Audit appointed by the Board of General Purposes.

NOTE.—Since the accounts were closed, I have received from Restigouche Lodge, for Fees and Dues, \$30.70; Benjamin Lodge, No. 31, \$38.40.

The returns show the following particulars:

Initiated,	73
Passed,	77
Raised,	84
Joined,	18
Re-instated,	7
Withdrawn,	41
Suspended,	32
Died,	27

Total membership to December 27th, 1892, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine.

2. By authority of the M. W. Grand Master, twenty-five dispensations were issued for the undermentioned purposes:

To confer Degrees at short intervals,	9
To wear regalia at Divine service,	8
To wear regalia at socials,	2
To wear regalia at funerals,	6

3. Seventy-nine Grand Lodge certificates were issued during the year to persons entitled to them under the Constitution.

4. I have received from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Utah, a beautiful Masonic Jewel, for their representative, R. W. Brother William F. Bunting.

5. A communication was received from the V.W. Grand Secretary of Rhode Island, announcing that Brother Myer Noot, the representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, had removed from that State, and that the M. W. Grand Master nominated for appointment W. Brother John A. Howland as representative for New Brunswick.

A request was made by the M.W. Grand Master of Indian Territory for the appointment of W. Brother Henry C. Nash as the representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near that of Indian Territory.

The M. W. Grand Master of Kentucky nominated for appointment W. Brother William B. Honeycut as the representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near that of Kentucky.

The M. W. Grand Master of Kansas requests that W. Brother A. H. Connell be appointed as representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near that of Kansas, for the next three years' term.

The M. W. Grand Master of South Australia asks for an exchange of representatives.

6. Commissions have been received from the M. W. Grand Master of Indian Territory, appointing W. Brother Frederick W. Thomson representative of that Grand Lodge near New Brunswick.

From the M. W. Grand Master of New Zealand accrediting W. Brother George B. Hegan as representative of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand near that of New Brunswick.

These commissions have been forwarded to the brethren for presentation at Grand Lodge.

7. A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory, dated at Guthrie, Oklahoma, February 6th, 1893, announcing that on the 10th day of November, 1892, said Grand Lodge was duly organized. A copy of the proceedings was forwarded with a request that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick will duly recognize the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and exchange representatives.

These papers have been handed to the Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges.

8. A communication was received from the V.W. Grand Secretary of Nova Scotia, giving particulars of a Masonic Fair to be held on the 14th August; the object being to raise money to pay off the debt due on the Masonic Hall.

9. A circular was received from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, dated 24th April, setting forth that on the 14th day of August a meeting of a Congress of Masons will be held in Chicago.

There has been a large amount of correspondence with Lodges on a variety of matters, but none of it is of sufficient importance to refer to specially.

The following is my account with Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges:

EDWIN J. WETMORE, GRAND SECRETARY,

In account with GRAND LODGE.

To Cash received from Albion Lodge,.....	No. 1,	\$184 40
" " " St. John's,.....	" 2,	147 80
" " " Hibernia,.....	" 3,	175 00
" " " Sussex,.....	" 4,	25 00
" " " St. Marks,.....	" 5,	53 60
" " " Hiram,.....	" 6,	88 85
" " " Sussex,.....	" 7,	119 40
" " " Carleton Union,.....	" 8,	85 00
" " " Woodstock,.....	" 11,	138 50
" " " St. George,.....	" 12,	58 40
" " " Alley,.....	" 14,	14 90
" " " Howard,.....	" 15,	20 00
" " " St. Andrew,.....	" 16,	42 95
" " " Northumberland,.....	" 17,	67 70
" " " Miramichi,.....	" 18,	57 90
" " " Zion,.....	" 21,	34 10
" " " New Brunswick,.....	" 22,	102 10
" " " Keith,.....	" 23,	101 40
" " " Zetland,.....	" 24,	16 20
" " " Victoria,.....	" 26,	99 60
" " " St. John,.....	" 27,	32 80
" " " Benjamin,.....	" 31,	1 50
" " " Campbellton,.....	" 32,	53 60
" " " Alexandria,.....	" 33,	35 20
" " " Albert,.....	" 34,	28 40
" " " Zetland, for 1890,.....	" 24,	24 00
" " " St. John, for 1891,.....	" 27,	28 50
" " " Hibernia, for 1891,.....	" 3,	177 70
" " " New Brunswick, for 1891,.....	" 22,	92 20
" " " Late Leinster, dues Bro. A. W. Masters,		10 00
		<u>\$2,116 70</u>

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Cash paid Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers,..... \$2,116 70

The following Lodges have not yet made their returns in full:
Nos. 9, 10, 13, 15, 20, 28.

EDWIN J. WETMORE,
Grand Secretary.

St. John, N. B., August 18, 1893.

Report of Grand Treasurer.

THE V.W. Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Account, as follows:

T. NISBET ROBERTSON, GRAND TREASURER.

In account with Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., of New Brunswick.

1892.		DR.	
April 18.	To balance on hand at this date, viz.:		
	Bank British North America,.....	\$1,185 92	
	Savings Bank,.....	312 66	
			\$1,498 58
	Savings Bank Interest to July 1, 1893, ...		10 92
April 19.	Cash from Grand Secretary,.....	\$177 70	
19.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	92 20	
Dec. 31.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	100 00	
1893.			
Jan. 27.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	244 85	
Feb. 11.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	300 60	
April 1.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	159 70	
June 27.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	102 10	
July 21.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	262 30	
31.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	349 80	
Aug. 9.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	67 70	
14.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	25 00	
15.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	234 75	
			2,116 70
			<u>\$3,626 20</u>

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1893.		BOND AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.	
May 18.	Paid Bond No. 14 in full,.....	\$500 00	
25.	" Bond No. 13 in full,.....	500 00	
	" Interest on Bonds, from May 3, 1892, to August 9, 1893,.....	1,078 47	
			<u>\$2,078 47</u>
1892.		EXPENSE ACCOUNT.	
May 27.	Grand Tyler and Janitor's session 1892,	\$12 00	
July 5.	Ellis, Robertson & Co., printing,.....	119 40	
26.	D. R. Jack, prem. insurance on Regalia,	18 50	
Sept. 28.	Masonic Hall Co., rent one year,.....	20 00	
Oct. 10.	R. Heans, Blank Books,.....	5 00	
Nov. 26.	Premium Insurance on Library,.....	2 50	
	J. & A. McMillan, Stationery,.....	1 00	
	Grand Secretary, Petty Expenses,....	16 46	
Dec. 15.	Repairing Regalia,.....	1 00	
1893.			
July 18.	Premium of Insurance on Regalia,....	18 50	
22.	Discount on Bank Cheque,.....	25	
Aug. 4.	J. & A. McMillan, Stationery,.....	2 50	
	Geo. A. Knodell, Envelopes,.....	90	
15.	E. J. Wetmore, Grand Secretary, salary in full to date, 1½ years,.....	266 66	
			<u>\$484 67</u>
	Total Expenditure,.....	\$2,563 14	
	Balance on hand, viz.:		
	Bank of New Brunswick,.....	\$739 48	
	Dominion Savings Bank,.....	323 58	
			<u>1,063 06</u>
			<u>\$3,626 20</u>

T. NISBET ROBERTSON,
Grand Treasurer.

On motion of W. Brother William B. Wallace, Grand Director of Ceremonies, it was

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and laid on the table.

Report of the Board of General Purposes.

THE R. W. Deputy Grand Master, as President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the Annual Report of the Board, as follows:

ST. JOHN, N. B., August 15, 1893.

To the M. W. GRAND LODGE of F. and A. M. of New Brunswick:

The Board of General Purposes presents to Grand Lodge the following report of its proceedings for the past year.

The Board was duly organized on June 17th, 1892, when R. W. Brother John A. Watson was elected vice-president, and it was resolved that the regular meetings of the Board should be held on the second Wednesday in August and November, 1892, February, May and August, 1893.

Acting under the recommendation of Grand Lodge to secure the affiliation of this jurisdiction with the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, your Board authorized the Grand Secretary to secure affiliation with that Society.

The matter of Salisbury Lodge, No. 20, referred to the Board, was placed in the hands of the V. W. Brother Junior Grand Warden and District Deputy Grand Master J. E. Masters.

Grand Lodge last year referred to the consideration of the Board a paragraph in the address of the M. W. Grand Master relating to dimit, and also a section from the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address referring to the same (see pages 25, 44 and 45 of last year's Proceedings). The matter was remitted to a sub-committee, whose conclusions are embraced in the following report, which was approved and adopted by the Board:

To the Board of General Purposes of GRAND LODGE:

The Special Committee to whom was referred a section of the report of Committee, at last meeting of Grand Lodge, on the Grand Master's Address, referred by Grand Lodge to the Board, with reference to the granting of dimit, report:

Your Committee have carefully considered the matter referred to them. They find the decision of the Grand Master, reported by him to Grand Lodge, in terms as follows:

Question.—“Can a dimit be granted by the Master and Secretary without a vote of the Lodge?”

Answer.—“No. The Master of a Lodge has no right of his own motion to grant a dimit; it must be granted by the Lodge, and to that end it is necessary that a resolution should be moved and carried in the Lodge to authorize the granting of a dimit.”

Your Committee advise the Board that the decision of the M. W. Grand Master, “That the Master of a Lodge has no right of his own motion to grant a dimit, and that it must be granted by the Lodge,” is consistent with ancient Masonic rule, is supported by the authorities on Masonic jurisprudence, and is in conformity with the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

That a member has a right, when in good standing, to resign, and has a right to a dimit, does not conflict with the Masonic rule that he cannot sever his connection with the Lodge without its consent. He must apply personally in open Lodge, or by written request. The Lodge should not refuse a dimit without some Masonic reason for such refusal, and the Lodge is amenable to the Grand Master and to Grand Lodge for improper refusal. But while it is the duty of the Lodge to grant a dimit, the dimit can only be granted by consent of the Lodge.

If, under exceptional circumstances, a dimit is asked by a brother, and the Master should direct that it be issued, his duty and responsibility would be to report to the Lodge to confirm his action.

It may be fairly questioned whether a formal motion, duly seconded in Lodge, is the only way in which the consent of the Lodge may be evidenced. The application being duly made a direction given in open Lodge by the Master, not objected to, that the dimit issue, would, perhaps, meet the Masonic requirements.

Fraternally submitted,

B. LESTER PETERS.
JOHN V. ELLIS.
THOMAS WALKER.

St. John, N. B., 16th August, 1893.

The Board had under consideration the matter of the indebtedness of The New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company to the Fund of Benevolence, and referred it to a Special Committee, whose report was adopted as follows:

To the Board of General Purposes of GRAND LODGE:

The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of The New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company in reference to the amount due the Fund of Benevolence by the Company, beg to report that they met the Committee of the Hall Company and considered the subject.

The original amount loaned to the Company on the 19th April, 1880, was \$1,160 at six per cent. interest. The interest to 19th April, 1893, is \$904.80, making the total indebtedness at that date \$2,064.80.

After a full discussion the joint committee agreed to the following proposition:

That The New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company should give its obligation to pay to the Fund of Benevolence the sum of Two Thousand

Dollars in ten years from the first day of January, 1893, with interest at the rate of five per cent., payable yearly, with the option to the Company, at any time after five years, on giving three months' notice, to pay the full amount of Two Thousand Dollars, with interest up to the time of payment.

Your Committee recommend that the Board of General Purposes do accept the above proposition, and authorize the Grand Treasurer to receive the proper obligation from the Company.

Respectfully submitted,

T. NISBET ROBERTSON.
W. WATSON ALLEN.
JOHN A. WATSON.

St. John, N. B., August 15, 1893.

The Committee appointed by the Board to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, having discharged the duty entrusted to them, submitted a report, which was adopted by the Board, and is as follows:

SAINT JOHN, N. B., August 15th, 1893.

To the Board of General Purposes of GRAND LODGE:

Your Audit Committee beg to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer from April 20th, A.D. 1892, the time of the last audit, to this date, and submit the following statement as shown by the books:

Balance on hand, April 20th, 1892:

Bank of British North America,	\$1,185 92	
Dominion Savings Bank,	312 66	
		\$1,498 58

Receipts:

General Revenue,	\$2,116 70	
Interest Account Savings Bank,	10 92	
		2,127 62

Expenditures:

Bonds, Nos. 13 and 14,	\$1,000 00	
Interest Account,	1,078 47	
Expense Account,	484 67	
		2,563 14

Leaving a Balance on hand of		\$1,063 06
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As follows:

Bank of New Brunswick,	\$739 48	
Dominion Savings Bank,	323 58	
		<u>1,063 06</u>

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

Your Committee would call the attention of the Board to the advisability of opening a new set of books; and would suggest that such accounts should be kept as would give a complete statement of the assets and liabilities of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee might call attention to the fact that the amount to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence has now reached the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), and that a proposition will be submitted to the Board from a Special Committee for the proper investment of the same agreeably to the resolution of Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

W. WATSON ALLEN, }
JOHN A. WATSON, } *Audit Committee.*
W. R. RUSSELL, }

This Board expresses its deep regret at the resignation of V. W. Brother Henry J. Thorne, as Grand Treasurer, caused by his removal from this jurisdiction, after a faithful performance of the duties of that office for the past five years.

Your Board regrets to report that Lebanon Lodge, No. 28, has decided to surrender its charter, and that the Grand Secretary is now in correspondence with the Lodge in relation to the matter.

As Committee on Credentials the Board has appointed R. W. Brothers George R. Sangster and George M. Jarvis, and W. Brother Frank Tufts.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. PINDER, *President.*

On motion of W. Brother William B. Wallace, Grand Director of Ceremonies, it was

Ordered, That the report of the Board of General Purposes be received and laid on the table.

On motion of R. W. Brother Robert Marshall, Past Grand Master, it was

Ordered, That the election of Grand Lodge Officers take place this evening immediately after the exemplification of the M.M. Degree in Keith Lodge.

The V. W. Grand Chaplain stated that there would be Divine Service in the Wesley Memorial Church this afternoon, and he placed in the hands of members copies of the Special Masonic Service to be used upon that occasion.

A convention was regularly called of the Oklahoma lodges, at which ten lodges were represented, the new Grand Lodge was formed, and the Grand Master was installed by the Grand Master of the Indian Territory.

The whole of the proceedings appear to be quite regular, and the spirit which animated the Masons of Oklahoma, as well as the mother Grand Lodge, thoroughly fraternal. The Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"That the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick recognizes the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, founded at Oklahoma City, November 10, 1892, of which August J. Spengel was elected Grand Master, a regularly organized Masonic government, entitled to all the prerogatives of a lawfully constituted Grand Lodge, and as such that fraternal relations be entered into with it."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS.
E. J. EVERETT.
D. F. MERRITT.

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

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges be received, and the resolution recommended by the Committee adopted.

On motion of R. W. Brother John V. Ellis, P. G. M., seconded by R. W. Brother Robert Marshall, P. G. M., it was

Unanimously Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be conveyed to the authorities of the Wesley Memorial Church, to the choir of that Church, and to all who assisted in making the proceedings of this afternoon so comfortable and agreeable to the craft.

On motion of R. W. Brother John V. Ellis, P. G. M., seconded by R.W. Brother Robert Marshall, P. G. M., it was

Unanimously Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Grand Chaplain for the admirable sermon which he delivered before Grand Lodge this afternoon in the Wesley Memorial Church, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of it to the Grand Secretary for publication with the proceedings of the present communication.

Grand Lodge took recess until seven o'clock this evening.

TUESDAY EVENING,

AUGUST 22ND, 1893.

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

By order of the M.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge took recess for the purpose of witnessing the exemplification of the work of the M. M. Degree.

A special communication of Keith Lodge, No. 23, was then opened.

The M. W. Grand Master and officers of Grand Lodge having been announced in waiting were received with the usual ceremonies.

The Worshipful Master of Keith Lodge presented the following address to the M. W. Grand Master:

To THOMAS WALKER, Esq., M.D.,

GRAND MASTER,

Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR:

It is with feelings of great pleasure that Keith Lodge has the honor of welcoming the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge in this the first regular communication of the Grand Lodge of the Province of New Brunswick held outside the City of St. John since its formation in 1867, a period of some twenty-six years.

We trust that this initiative step of Grand Lodge will be fraught with great good to the craft, and be the means of advancing the interests of Masonry not only in this immediate district, but also throughout the entire jurisdiction over which Grand Lodge presides.

At the present session of Grand Lodge, you will no doubt meet for the first time many of the brethren who have never previously had an opportunity of sitting in Grand Lodge and witnessing the work of that august body.

We hope, therefore, that your coming here, Most Worshipful Sir, as the chief exponent of the ritual, laws and constitution of our ancient and honorable order, may tend to increase their zeal in promoting the welfare of the craft throughout this jurisdiction.

On behalf of Keith Lodge we tender you a hearty welcome, and trust that while here the deliberations of Grand Lodge and the rulings of the Most Worshipful Grand Master may prove a source of benefit to all.

It is our sincere wish that you, Most Worshipful Sir, may long be spared to the craft, and that in the future as in the past, you will endeavor to do all that lies in your power for the furtherance of the interests of our time-honored institution, and that in carrying out the arduous duties devolving upon you at the present time, as well as all other important undertakings incident to the welfare of the craft, you may be assisted by the Supreme Architect of the Universe in granting you divine wisdom to direct, physical and mental strength to support, and moral beauty to adorn the great principles of our noble institution.

Signed on behalf of Keith Lodge,

G. M. JARVIS, W. M.
HENRY B. FLEMING, *Secretary*.

The Grand Master replied as follows:

Worshipful Master and Brethren of Keith Lodge:

My warmest thanks are due for the very cordial and truly fraternal welcome I have received at your hands this evening.

Most earnestly do I re-echo your hope that the amendment to our constitution, as regards the place of annual meeting, may prove beneficial to the interests of Freemasonry throughout the jurisdiction. Let me, however, remind you that in order to secure the advancement of the craft, all must unite for the common good, ever laying aside any feeling of sectional jealousy.

I most heartily congratulate you on your admirable new Lodge Room, of which you have good reason to be proud.

For your flattering remarks concerning myself, I thank you, and trust that I may indeed be enabled to perform the duties of my high office in such a manner as will prove most conducive to the general good.

The M. M. Degree was then conferred upon a candidate, the M. W. Grand Master presiding as W. M., assisted by a corps of officers from the lodges in St. John.

The exemplification of the work of the M. M. Degree having been concluded, the special communication of Keith Lodge was closed.

Grand Lodge resumed business at nine o'clock.

On motion of the V. W. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge proceeded to the order of the day.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed as scrutineers V. W. Brother Charles Masters, R. W. Brother E. Lee Street, and W. Brother George B. Hegan.

The V. W. Grand Secretary read the several sections of the constitution respecting the election of officers.

Upon the several balloting, the scrutineers reported the following brethren as having received a majority of the votes cast, and they were thereupon each declared duly elected:

M. W. Brother THOMAS WALKER,	Grand Master (re-elected).
R. W. Brother HENRY BLAIR FLEMING,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Brother DONALD MUNRO,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Brother GEORGE BLACK HEGAN,	Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. Brother REV. G. M. CAMPBELL,	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Brother THOMAS AMOS GODSOE,	Grand Treasurer.
Brother DINGEE SCRIBNER,	Grand Tyler.

Grand Lodge took recess until nine o'clock Wednesday morning.

On the invitation of the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Keith Lodge, the M. W. Grand Master, officers and members of Grand Lodge were entertained at supper, at the close of this evening's session.

WEDNESDAY MORNING,

AUGUST 23RD, 1893.

Grand Lodge resumed business at nine o'clock, the M. W. Grand Master in the East.

The members of Grand Lodge from the several districts of the jurisdiction having elected District Deputy Grand Masters for the respective districts, submitted to the M. W. Grand Master the names of the following brethren for his approval:

W. Brother J. HENRY LEONARD, for.....	District No. 1
R.W. Brother RICHARD L. MALTBY, for....	" No. 3
W. Brother J. T. ALLAN DIBBLEE, for....	" No. 4
R.W. Brother HENRY GRAHAM, for	" No. 5

The M.W. Grand Master having approved of the several nominations for District Deputy Grand Masters, the above named brethren were declared duly elected.

W. Brother Joseph A. Magilton, W. M. of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, gave notice of the following amendment to the constitution:

I hereby give notice that at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge, I will move to amend the constitution by striking out the last paragraph of section three (3), beginning with the words "This, however, shall not be held to apply to that portion of the City of Saint John, situated on the west side of the harbor, called Carleton, the Lodge at that place having no jurisdiction in the City proper, and the Lodges on the east side having no jurisdiction in Carleton."

Dated at Moncton, N. B., this twenty-third day of August, 1893.

W. Brother George Black Hegan, P. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 2, presented his credentials as the representative of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand near that of New Brunswick, dated at Auckland, the 10th day of September, A. D. 1892, and signed by M. Nicol, Grand Master, and William Ronaldson, Grand Secretary.

Whereupon W. Brother Hegan was received as such representative, and saluted with the usual honors.

Installation of Officers.

THE hour appointed for the installation of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, M. W. Brother Thomas Walker, Grand Master re-elect, was invested and installed by R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, P. G. M., and was saluted and proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick.

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

V. W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,	Grand Secretary.
W. GEORGE ACKMAN,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. ALLEN W. CHAPMAN,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE,	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. JOHN McLAUCHLAN,	Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. GEORGE D. FROST,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. J. H. HAWTHORNE,	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. WILLIAM A. EWING,	Grand Organist.
W. GEORGE E. DAY,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. JOSEPH A. MAGILTON,	Grand Steward.
W. F. O. SULLIVAN,	"
W. WILLIAM A. DOUGHERTY, ..	"
W. ARCHIBALD BAUER,	"
W. H. LAWRENCE STURDEE, ...	"
W. WILLIAM F. PEPPER,	"
W. JOHN WHITE,	"
W. ROBERT PHINNEY,	"
W. JOHN McDONALD,	"
W. JAMES M. TROY,	"

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

R. W. HENRY BLAIR FLEMING, ...	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. DONALD MUNRO,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. GEORGE BLACK HEGAN,	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. J. HENRY LEONARD,	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 1.
V. W. REV. GEO. M. CAMPBELL,	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,	Grand Secretary.
W. GEORGE F. ACKMAN,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE,	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. GEORGE D. FROST,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. WILLIAM A. EWING,	Grand Organist.
W. GEORGE E. DAY,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. ARCHIBALD BAUER,	Grand Steward.
W. JOHN WHITE,	"
DINGEE SCRIBNER,	Grand Tyler.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren to the Board of General Purposes:

R. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE.
R. W. HENRY DUFFELL.
R. W. T. AMOS GODSOE.
R. W. GEORGE F. PINDER.
W. W. WATSON ALLEN.
R. W. DAVID F. MERRITT.
R. W. JOHN D. SHORT.
W. F. W. THOMSON.
W. A. R. CAMPBELL.
R. W. JOHN A. WATSON.

Report of Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

THE Committee on the address of the M. W. Grand Master submitted the following:

COMMITTEE ROOM, FREEMASONS HALL,
Moncton, N. B., August 23, 1893.

To the M. W. GRAND LODGE of New Brunswick:

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master, submit the following report:

The Committee coincide with the Grand Master in trusting that the change in place of meeting of Grand Lodge may result in great good to the craft.

The members of the fraternity will fully appreciate the sentiments expressed by the Grand Master in allusion to the inroads the "Seythe of Time" has made in our ranks, as well as in that of sister Grand Lodges during the past year.

By the death of R. W. Brother Stickney we have lost a brother who was with us last year, as he was at many preceding sessions since the formation of Grand Lodge, ever taking an active interest in the business of the craft, stating his views with moderation and fairness, cherishing a kindly regard for the feelings of others, and always desirous of doing the very best for the interests of this fraternity, whose opportunities for doing good he proudly acknowledged. His honorable record as a Mason, his worthy life as a citizen, are now fragrant memories long to be cherished by Grand Lodge.

The death of R. W. Brother Gillespie removes from the activities of this life one who has filled important positions, not only in the craft, but in the Province. Active in the political and public life of his country he was entrusted by the people with representative positions, both in the Legislature and in the Executive Council of New Brunswick, discharging important duties with zeal and fidelity. But we shall remember him most deeply as a Mason who, in Grand Lodge, in his private lodge, in the district of country in which he lived, was a hearty, hospitable, generous man, a warm friend, a forgiving opponent, one ever ready to carry into practice the broad tenets of the Masonic profession.

The Committee, after fully considering the subject of jurisdiction of the east and west sides of the harbor of St. John, agree with the interpretation of the constitution as laid down by the Grand Master, and the position taken by him in connection with Hibernia Lodge.

The Committee regret that any misunderstanding should have arisen between the Grand Lodge of Maine and our own Grand Lodge, but trust that the correspondence now being carried on will terminate the matter satisfactorily.

The Committee quite agree with the position taken by the Grand Master in declining to withdraw the Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Fraternally submitted,

C. MASTERS.
T. NISBET ROBERTSON.
DONALD MUNRO.

On motion of V.W. Brother Charles Masters, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the address of the M.W. Grand Master be received and adopted.

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

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be extended to the Managers of the Intercolonial and Shore Line Railways for the facilities afforded by them to the brethren attending this session.

On motion of W. Brother William B. Wallace, Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by R. W. Brother Robert Marshall, P. G. M., it was

Resolved, That the Board of General Purposes be authorized to procure a proper jewel for presentation to R. W. Brother Edwin J. Wetmore, the retiring Grand Secretary, as a mark of the appreciation of Grand Lodge of the very faithful and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of Grand Secretary for the past ten years.

On motion of R. W. Brother Edwin J. Wetmore, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Committee on Credentials for the attention given to the important duties assigned to them.

On motion it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Keith Lodge for the use of their Lodge Room, and for the generous hospitality extended to the members of Grand Lodge during the present session.

The M.W. Grand Master in appropriate terms alluded to the serious accident which had lately befallen R. W. Brother David F. Merritt, Past Deputy Grand Master, preventing his attendance at this session, and depriving the members of Grand Lodge of the pleasure of counselling and advising with a brother who had for many years attended the annual communications with unfailing regularity. The M.W. Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to communicate to R.W. Brother Merritt an expression of the deep regret with which Grand Lodge heard of the accident; the fraternal sympathy of the brethren with him in his affliction, and their earnest hope that he might soon be restored to full health and strength.

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

Thiebet Robertson
Grand Secretary.

Report of District Deputy Grand Master No. 2.

THOMAS WALKER, Esq.
Grand Master.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:

I beg leave to submit the following report for District No. 2.

On May 12th, 1892, I visited Sussex Lodge, No. 4, Dorchester. I found the attendance good and the lodge doing well. Conferred the M. M. Degree. Secretary's books very neatly kept, and membership increasing.

On July 14th, 1892, accompanied by Past Master Ackman and Brother Clay, I again visited Sussex Lodge, No. 4. Worked the E. A., F. C. and M. M. Degrees.

September 21st, 1892, I visited Howard Lodge, No. 15, Hillsboro. This lodge is holding its own, but the members are scattered, and the attendance is consequently small. Finances good, and the records in the best of order. Have since moved into new quarters.

December 27th, 1892 (St. John's night), paid an official visit to Keith Lodge, No. 23, and, assisted by Past Masters Sangster, Atkinson and Ackman, installed the officers for the ensuing year. Past Deputy Grand Master Jarvis has been elected W. M. for the third term, and under his able management Keith Lodge may expect to be in the front ranks. Records well kept.

In June, in company with J. G. W. Fleming, visited Salisbury. Found lodge had been closed for some time, no meetings having been held for two years. Could find no trace of the warrant or any property belonging to the lodge. Since that date, have had an interview with the Immediate Past Master, Brother Crisp, who says he thinks the landlord of the hall has warrant in his possession, and the jewels are in Sussex, N. B.

Have had considerable correspondence and interviews with Brother H. Phinney, of Sackville, in reference to the lodge at this point. He says it will be impossible for the lodge to continue, and at their last meeting it was decided to surrender the charter. I instructed them in the course to pursue.

January 14th, 1893, in company with Brother Givan, S. W. of Keith Lodge, and Brother Burnyeat, I visited Zetland Lodge, No. 24, Shediac. I am glad to report this lodge doing as well as could be expected in a small locality. They occupy their own building, which is very nicely furnished and is very nearly free from debt. Secretary's books well and neatly kept.

July 25th, 1893, visited Albert Lodge, and was much pleased to find attendance of officers and members very good. Work of the M. M. Degree was exemplified by W. M. Fullerton and his officers in a very satisfactory manner. Altogether this lodge is in a most excellent condition, and only requires to increase its membership to enable it to take a first place in the jurisdiction.

I have the honor to be, Most Worshipful Sir,
Yours fraternally,

J. E. MASTERS,
D. D. G. M. District No. 2.

Report of District Deputy Grand Master No. 5.

THOMAS WALKER, Esq.
Grand Master.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:

I would respectfully report that I have visited all the lodges in this district, as follows:

Alley Lodge, No. 14, Upper Mills, on their regular communications June, August, and November, 1892, also January 4th, 1893, when, accompanied by the Worshipful Master and a large number of the officers and brethren of Sussex and Victoria Lodges, we attended Divine Service held in the Methodist Church at Upper Mills, and a most eloquent sermon was preached by Past Grand Chaplain Newnham, of Sussex Lodge.

I am pleased to be able to report that Alley Lodge is now in a most prosperous condition, and has added a large number to its roll of membership in the past year.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

M.W. THOMAS WALKER, G.M.
 R. W. B. LESTER PETERS, P.G.M.
 R. W. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN, P.G.M.
 R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS, P.G.M.
 R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL, P.G.M.
 R. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, P.G.M.
 R. W. HENRY B. FLEMING, D.G.M. (President).
 R. W. DONALD MUNRO, S.G.W.
 R. W. GEORGE B. HEGAN, J.G.W.
 V.W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON, Grand Secretary (Secretary)
 V.W. EDWIN J. WETMORE.
 R. W. HENRY DUFFELL.
 R. W. THOMAS A. GODSOE.
 R. W. GEORGE F. PINDER.
 W. W. WATSON ALLEN.
 R. W. DAVID F. MERRITT.
 R. W. JOHN D. SHORT.
 W. F. W. THOMSON.
 W. A. R. CAMPBELL (Vice-President).
 R. W. JOHN A. WATSON.

RITUAL COMMITTEE.

M.W. THOMAS WALKER.
 R. W. B. LESTER PETERS.
 R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS.
 R. W. HENRY DUFFELL.
 R. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING.
 W. W. H. B. SADLEIR.
 R. W. HARRY BECKWITH.
 R. W. THOMAS A. GODSOE.
 R. W. J. C. HATHEWAY.
 W. W. A. EWING.
 W. W. A. MACLAUCHLAN.

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS.
 W. EDWIN J. EVERETT.
 R. W. D. F. MERRITT.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

V.W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON.
 W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE.
 R. W. JOHN D. SHORT.

COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS TO NEW LODGES.

R. W. B. LESTER PETERS.
 R.W. J. HENRY LEONARD.
 R. W. JOHN A. WATSON.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, A.D. 1892.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Membership.
1	Albion,	7	8	8	..	..	7	..	4	111
2	St. John's,	6	6	6	1	..	2	..	1	84
3	Hibernia,	5	6	7	1	3	2	..	2	110
4	Sussex,	3	3	3	..	..	1	..	2	27
5	St. Mark's,	2	2	4	..	..	..	..	1	57
6	Hiram,	4	5	4	4	1	1	..	2	85
7	Sussex,	3	2	3	..	..	3	5	2	182
8	Carleton Union,	2	2	3	..	..	6	7	1	77
9	Midian, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
10	The Union of Portland,	2	3	4	1	..	4	4	1	109
11	Woodstock,	9	9	9	4	1	1	..	1	125
12	St. George,	1	2	2	..	..	3	..	2	68
13	Corinthian, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
14	Alley, .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	18
15	Howard, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
16	St. Andrew,	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	49
17	Northumberland,	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	74
18	Miramichi,	4	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	50
20	Salisbury, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
21	Zion, .....	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	42
22	New Brunswick,	2	3	5	1	..	2	2	1	64
23	Keith,	5	4	5	1	..	2	2	2	98
24	Zetland,	1	1	1	..	..	3	6	..	19
25	Restigouche,	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	34
26	Victoria,	7	7	7	1	..	3	..	..	87
27	St. John,	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	36
28	Lebanon, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	21
30	St. Martins,	2	2	3	..	..	1	..	..	31
31	Benjamin,	3	2	2	..	..	1	..	1	38
32	Campbellton,	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	52
33	Alexandria,	3	3	4	..	..	1	..	..	29
34	Albert, .....	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	34
		77	80	86	19	7	45	32	28	1829

ROLL OF LODGES.

WITH TIME OF MEETINGS 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,	George D. Frost, St. John,	Frank L. Tufts, St. John.
2	St. John's,	First Tuesday,	Archibald Bauer, St. John,	Arthur W. Sharp, St. John.
3	Hibernia,	Second Tuesday,	Joseph A. Magilton, St. John,	G. Gordon Boyne, St. John.
4	Sussex,	First Tuesday,	Alfred E. Oulton, Dorchester,	Allen W. Chapman, Dorchester.
5	St. Mark's,	First Thursday,	William D. Forster, St. Andrews,	T. Rudolph Wren, St. Andrews.
6	Hiram,	First Thursday,	James H. Hawthorne, Fredericton,	Alexander Burchill, Fredericton.
7	Sussex,	First Tuesday,	Fred. O. Sullivan, St. Stephen,	P. G. McFarlane, St. Stephen.
8	Carleton Union,	First Thursday,	Wm. A. Dougherty, West St. John,	George F. Harding, St. John.
9	Midian,	Second Tuesday,	Edward Bates, Clifton,	H. D. Wetmore, Clifton.
10	Union of Portland,	Third Thursday,	H. Lawrance Sturdee, St. John,	Miles B. Dixon, St. John.
11	Woodstock,	First Thursday,	J. T. A. Dibblee, Woodstock,	Donald Munro, Woodstock.
12	St. George,	First Tuesday,	George M. Johnston, St. George,	Charles Johnson, Jr., St. George.
13	Corinthian,	Second Wednesday,	Samuel W. Sprague, Hampton,	Henry Hallett, Hampton.
14	Alley,	First Thursday,	William Bartlett, Upper Mills,	G. F. Towers, Upper Mills.
15	Howard,	First Tuesday,	Robert Phinney, Richibucto,	William J. Smith, Richibucto.
16	St. Andrew,	Monday on or after full moon,	James M. Troy, Newcastle,	Charles E. Fish, Newcastle.
17	Northumberland,	Second Tuesday,	John McDonald, Chatham,	
18	Miramichi,	Third Tuesday,		
20	Salisbury,	First Tuesday,	John A. Humphrey, Sussex,	Murray Huestis, Sussex.
21	Zion,	First Wednesday,	George E. Day, St. John,	Hedley V. Cooper, St. John.
22	New Brunswick,	Second Thursday,	George M. Jarvis, Moncton,	H. B. Fleming, Moncton.
23	Keith,	Third Wednesday,	James Inglis, Shediac,	W. B. Deacon, Shediac.
24	Zetland,	Second Wednesday,	William S. Smith, Dalhousie,	H. A. Johnson, Dalhousie.
25	Restigouche,	Tuesday on or after full moon,	Arthur H. Hiltz, Milltown,	John B. Penalligan, Milltown.
26	Victoria,	Second Thursday,	William F. Pepper, Bathurst,	R. R. Hickson, Bathurst.
27	St. John,	First Thursday,	John E. Hickey, Sackville,	Harvey Phinney, Sackville.
28	Lebanon,	Second Monday,	Simon V. Skillen, St. Martins,	William E. Skillen, St. Martins.
30	St. Martins,	First Monday,	Alexander Straton, Andover,	A. E. Kupkey, Andover.
31	Benjamin,	First Tuesday,	John White, Campbellton,	W. T. Stewart, Campbellton.
32	Campbellton,	First Thursday,	John G. Hall, St. Marys,	Arthur W. Rockwell, St. Marys.
33	Alexandria,	First Tuesday,	J. Alexander Fullerton, Albert,	Wm. Robertson, Riverside, A. C.
34	Albert,	Tuesday each month nearest full moon,		

SUSPENSIONS, A. D. 1892.

ALEXANDER McNEIL,Sussex Lodge, No. 4.
 JAMES T. COOK, "
 JOHN McADAM, JR.,.....Sussex Lodge, No. 7.
 JOHN A. WRIGHT,..... "
 ALEXANDER McCOOMB, ... "
 STEPHEN LAMMING,..... "
 PETER J. WARR, "
 HENRY LITTLEHALE,Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
 ISAAC OLIVE, JR.,..... "
 ROBERT NUTTER, "
 JOHN B. WILMOT,..... "
 WILLIAM RANKIN,.....The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
 JOSEPH McAFEE,..... "
 JAMES W. GREGORY, "
 J. EDGAR MARCH, "
 W. TYNG PETERS,.....Zion Lodge, No. 21.
 JOSEPH McPHERSON, "
 ERNEST C. MARCH,.....New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.
 THOMAS SPLANE, "
 MILLIDGE B. KEITH,.....Keith Lodge, No. 23.
 JOHN McHAFFIE,..... "
 CHARLES C. DAVISON,....Zetland Lodge, No. 24.
 NELSON L. RAND, "
 ALEXANDER FALCONER... "
 LEWIS H. MILLS,..... "
 JOSEPH HENDERSON, "
 RUFUS C. BARNES,..... "
 JAMES W. REID,.....Albert Lodge, No. 34.
 FREEMAN B. RITCHIE,..... "

RESTORATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP, A. D. 1892.

THOMAS WHITE,Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
 T. FRED. POWERS, "
 ANDREW S. SMITH, "
 JAMES A. BREMNER,Hiram Lodge, No. 6.
 GEORGE ROBINSON,.....Sussex Lodge, No. 7.

WILLIAM A. DUNHAM,St. George Lodge, No. 12.
 LEOPOLD GEORGE F. TRAER,.....Miramichi Lodge, No. 18.
 EDWIN J. BURGESS,.....Restigouche Lodge, No. 25.
 WILLIAM J. MORRISON,Victoria Lodge, No. 26.

DEATHS, A. D. 1892.

ROBT. THOMSON CLINCH, Albion Lodge, No. 1.
 GEORGE JAMES CHUBB, ... "
 RICHARD PENISTON STARR, ... "
 THOMAS F. RAYMOND, "
 WM. RUFUS MELVILLE, ...St. John Lodge, No. 2.
 MARK NEEDHAM POWERS, Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
 JOSEPH R. GROSE, "
 WILLIAM M. ROSS,Sussex Lodge, No. 4.
 GEORGE F. STICKNEY,St. Marks Lodge, No. 5.
 MARSHALL RICHEY,Hiram Lodge, No. 6.
 ARTHUR LIMERICK, "
 JOSEPH HADDOCK,.....Sussex Lodge, No. 7.
 JOHN L. FROST, "
 STEPHEN P. WETMORE, ...Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
 T. WILLIAM BELL,.....The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
 EDWARD SNELL,St. George Lodge, No. 12.
 JOHN CRICKARD, "
 GEORGE MARSH,Alley Lodge, No. 14.
 JAMES McNICHOL,New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.
 WILLIAM H. MURRAY,Keith Lodge, No. 23.
 JOHN B. ELLIOTT, "
 EDMUND S. SMITH,Victoria Lodge, No. 26.
 ERNEST L. FORD,Lebanon Lodge, No. 28.
 WILLARD HUTCHINSON, ... "
 WALTER GRAHAM SCOTT, Benjamin Lodge, No. 31.
 MALCOLM M. BRUCE,Campbellton Lodge, No. 32.
 GAIVUS S. TURNER,Albert Lodge, No. 34.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND LODGES AT THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Arkansas,	Alfred F. Street,	Fredericton.
British Columbia,		
Canada,	John V. Ellis,	Saint John.
Colon and Island of Cuba,	Rev. O. S. Newnham,	Saint Stephen.
Colorado,	Andrew McNichol,	Saint John.
Delaware,	Charles Masters,	Saint John.
England,		
Florida,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Georgia,	John D. Short,	Saint John.
Idaho,	John A. Beatty,	Hillsboro.
Illinois,	J. Henry Leonard,	Saint John.
Indiana,		
Indian Territory,	Frederick W. Thomson,	Saint John.
Iowa,	George F. Pinder,	Saint Stephen.
Ireland,		
Kentucky,	James J. Robinson,	Milltown.
Kansas,	George R. Sangster,	Moncton.
Louisiana,	Edwin J. Wetmore,	Saint John.
Maine,	J. S. D. Chipman,	Saint Stephen.
Manitoba,	J. T. Whitlock,	Saint Stephen.
Michigan,	Donald Munro,	Woodstock.
Minnesota,	Thomas Walker, M. D.,	Saint John.
Missouri,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Mississippi,	Harry Beckwith,	Fredericton.
Nebraska,	William Wedderburn,	Hampton.
New Jersey,	E. Lee Street,	Newcastle.
New South Wales,		
United Grand Lodge of }	Freeman W. Wisdom,	Saint John.
New York,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Nova Scotia,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
North Dakota,	John Johnston,	Saint John.
New Zealand,	George B. Hegan,	Saint John.
Oregon,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Ohio,	Alexander Burchill,	Fredericton.
Pennsylvania,		
Prince Edward Island,	G. Hudson Flewelling,	Clifton.
Quebec,	Henry J. Thorne,	Saint John.
Rhode Island,	Ernest Hutchison,	Douglstown.
Scotland,	T. Nabet Robertson,	Saint John.
Tennessee,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Texas,	John A. Watson,	Saint John.
Utah,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Victoria,		
United Grand Lodge of }	Henry A. White,	Sussex.
Vermont,	David F. Merritt,	Woodstock.
Washington,	William J. Logan,	Saint John.
West Virginia,	Henry Duffell,	Saint John.
Wisconsin,	John V. Ellis,	Saint John.
Wyoming,	Adolphus G. Beckwith,	Fredericton.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK AT SISTER GRAND LODGES.

Arkansas,	J. H. Vanhose,	Fayetteville.
British Columbia,	William Downie,	Victoria.
Canada,	J. A. C. Anderson,	Sarnia.
California,	Edward Coleman,	
Colon and Island of Cuba,	Joaquin Lancel,	Havana.
Colorado,	Henry F. H. Bramwell,	Denver.
Delaware,	Hiram F. Downing,	Wilmington.
England,	E. Brackstone Baker,	London.
Florida,	Robert J. Perry,	Key West.
Georgia,	W. G. England,	Cedartown, Polk Co.
Idaho,	Joseph Pinkham,	Boies City.
Illinois,	Malachi Maynard,	Chicago.
Indiana,	Thomas H. Lynch,	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory,	H. C. Nash,	Antlers.
Iowa,	Z. A. Church,	Burlington.
Ireland,	William T. Wilkinson,	Dublin.
Kentucky,	William B. Honeycutt,	Freedom.
Kansas,	Henry C. Cook,	Kansas City.
Louisiana,	Edwin Marks,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Denison E. Seymour,	Calais.
Manitoba,	George F. Newcombe,	Winnipeg.
Maryland,	William H. Clarke,	Baltimore.
Michigan,	D. Burnham Tracey,	Detroit.
Minnesota,	James N. Castle,	Stillwater.
Missouri,	William R. Stubblefield,	St. Louis.
Mississippi,	Frank C. McGee,	Enterprise.
Nebraska,	John J. Mercer,	Omaha.
New Jersey,	Joseph W. Martin,	Rahway.
New South Wales,		
United Grand Lodge of }	Charles DeBoos,	Temora.
New York,	William J. Beattie,	Brooklyn.
New Zealand,	Malcolm Niccol,	Auckland.
North Dakota,	William T. Perkins,	Bismarck.
Nova Scotia,	Rev. F. Partridge,	Halifax.
Oregon,	T. H. Crawford,	Portland.
Ohio,	Levi C. Goodale,	Cincinnati.
Prince Edward Island,	John W. Morrison,	Charlottetown.
Pennsylvania,	Joseph Eichbaum,	Pittsburg.
Quebec,	Thomas H. Butler,	Montreal.
Rhode Island,	John C. Howland,	Providence.
Scotland,	Robert J. Jameison,	Edinburgh.
Tennessee,	Joseph M. Anderson,	Lebanon.
Texas,	James F. Miller,	Gonzales.
Utah,	Christopher Diehl,	Salt Lake City.
Victoria,		
United Grand Lodge of }	Canon Watson,	Melbourne.
Vermont,	Winfield S. Nay,	Underhill.
Washington,	H. W. Fairweather,	Olympia.
West Virginia,	George W. Atkinson,	Charleston.
Wisconsin,	Harvey E. Hubbard,	La Crosse.
Wyoming,	Edgar P. Snow,	Cheyenne.

GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND LODGES.

Arizona,	George J. Roskrue,	Tucson.
Alabama,	Myles J. Green,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	Fay Hampstead,	Little Rock.
British Columbia,	W. J. Quinlan,	Victoria.
California,	George Johnson,	San Francisco.
Canada,	J. J. Mason,	Hamilton.
Colorado,	Ed. C. Parmalee,	Pueblo.
Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Colon and Island of Cuba,	Jose F. Pellon,	Havana.
Delaware,	Benjamin F. Bartram,	Wilmington.
District of Columbia,	William B. Singleton,	Washington.
England,	Edward Letchworth,	London.
Florida,	Albert J. Russell,	Jacksonville.
Georgia,	A. M. Wolihin,	Macon.
Idaho,	James H. Wickersham,	Silver City.
Illinois,	Loyal L. Munn,	Freeport.
Indiana,	William H. Smythe,	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory,	J. S. Murrow,	Atoka.
Iowa,	Theodore S. Parvin,	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland,	The Earl of Bandon, H.M.L.,	Cork.
Kansas,	Matthew M. Miller,	Clay's Centre.
Kentucky,	H. B. Grant,	Louisville.
Louisiana,	Richard Lambert,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Stephen Berry,	Portland.
Manitoba,	William G. Scott,	Winnipeg.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Madairy,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	Sereno D. Nickerson,	Boston (Masonic Temple).
Michigan,	J. F. Conover,	Cold Water.
Minnesota,	Thomas Montgomery,	St. Paul.
Mississippi,	John L. Power,	Jackson.
Missouri,	John D. Vincik,	St. Louis.
Montana,	Cornelius Hedges,	Helena.
Nebraska,	William R. Bowen,	Omaha.
Nevada,	Chauncey N. Noteware,	Carson.
New Hampshire,	George P. Cleaves,	Concord.
New Jersey,	Thomas H. R. Redway,	Trenton.
New Mexico,	A. A. Keen,	Albuquerque.
New South Wales,		
United Grand Lodge of	Mark A. Toomey,	Sydney.
New York,	Edward M. L. Ehlers,	New York.
North Carolina,	G. Rosenthale,	Asherville.
Nova Scotia,	Hon. W. Ross,	Halifax.
North Dakota,	Frank J. Thompson,	Fargo.
New Zealand,	Rev. William Ronaldson,	Auckland.
Ohio,	Jacob H. Bromwell,	Cincinnati.
Oregon,	S. F. Chadwick,	Salem.
Pennsylvania,	Michael Nisbet,	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island,	B. Wilson Higgs,	Charlottetown.
Quebec,	John H. Isaacson,	Montreal.
Rhode Island,	Edwin Baker,	Providence.
Scotland,	D. Murray Lyon,	Edinburgh.
South Australia,	J. H. Cunningham,	Adelaide.
South Carolina,	Charles Inglesby,	Charleston.
South Dakota,	Charles T. McCoy,	Aberdeen.
Tennessee,	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Texas,	W. F. Swain,	Houston.
Utah,	Christopher Diehl,	Salt Lake City.
Vermont,	Warren G. Reynolds,	Burlington.
Virginia,	William B. Isaacs,	Richmond.
Victoria,		
United Grand Lodge of	T. H. Lempriere,	Melbourne.
Washington,	Thomas M. Reed,	Olympia.
West Virginia,	George W. Atkinson,	Wheeling.
Wisconsin,	John W. Ladin,	Milwaukee.
Wyoming,	W. L. Kuykendall,	Saratoga.

THE DEAD.

"To the past go more dead faces
 Every year.
 As the Loved leave vacant places
 Every year.
 Everywhere the sad eyes meet us,
 In the evening's dusk they greet us,
 And to come to them entreat us,
 Every year."

Albert Pike.

In Memoriam.

R.: W.: GEORGE F. STICKNEY,

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

DIED 22ND MAY, A. L. 5892,

AGED 69 YEARS.

*"Regular in his attendance at our Annual Meetings,
"simple and unassuming in his manners, he won and
"retained the esteem and friendship of all who were
"brought into contact with him."*

Grand Master's Address.

In Memoriam.

R.: W.: THOMAS F. GILLESPIE,

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

DIED 9TH AUGUST, A. L. 5893,

AGED 65 YEARS.

*"In both his public and private relations our deceased
"brother was a man well worthy of imitation, and I know
"you all will regret deeply his loss, and revere the
"memory of a true and warm-hearted gentleman."*

Grand Master's Address.

In Memoriam.

W.: STEPHEN P. WETMORE,

PAST MASTER CARLETON UNION LODGE.

DIED 20TH AUGUST, A. L. 5892,

AGED 86 YEARS.

*Worshipful Brother Wetmore was made a Mason in
Carleton Union Lodge, No. 767, English Registry, on the
Fourth day of March, 1847.*

*"How passing beautiful that sleep
That gently falls upon the silvered brow of years,
And shuts the weary eyelids, filled with tears,
And opens them, never more to weep."*

In Memoriam.

W.: JOHN L. FROST,

PAST MASTER SUSSEX LODGE, ST. STEPHEN.

DIED 6TH JUNE, A. L. 5892.

In Memoriam.

W.: THOMAS F. RAYMOND,

PAST MASTER ALBION LODGE.

DIED 30TH JULY, A. L. 5892,

AGED 66 YEARS.

*"Brother Raymond was of a modest and retiring
nature, but those who were associated with him found
in him those qualities calculated to inspire respect."*

Grand Master's Address.

In Memoriam.

W.: MARK NEEDHAM POWERS

PAST MASTER HIBERNIA LODGE.

DIED 9TH AUGUST, A. L. 5892,

AGED 72 YEARS.

*"Brother Powers took a deep interest in his Lodge,
and attended the meetings with unfailing regularity.
The large numbers who turned out to do honor to his
memory testified to the friendly regard of the craft."*

Grand Master's Address.

In Memoriam.

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The Masonic Trestleboard.

"See that thou make them after their pattern, which hath been shewed thee in the mount." — Exodus xxv., 40.

THE primary reference of this passage is to the tabernacle and its furniture. The record does not inform us how God drew the working plans of the tabernacle; but assures us that Moses returned from that mountain audience with God knowing what he was going to build and how he was going to build it. He had only to erect out upon the plain that which already had a definite existence in his own mind. A plan had been given to him, and he set up the tabernacle by it. And you will discover in the history of the race, that not only Moses, but all the men who have done the best work, wrought out in deed and word that which they had first wrought out in thought. The Creator, when He had finished and furnished the earth as an abode of palatial splendor and decided to create an occupant — unable to find a model in the universe, turned His thought upon Himself — and as He said "Let us make man in *our image*," we are privileged to over-hear God drafting the design of the man that was to be. "All good work is the execution of plan," rigidly adhered to by the workman. And the plan — the "pattern" — by which he works is not a human invention or product; but a discovery. The pattern of the tabernacle was shown to Moses in the mount, and he brought it down with him — which is only another way of saying that there are heavenly ways of doing earthly things, and that there is an inspiration that qualifies us to apprehend the will of God and to do it. This inspiration is from God, "comes from above," and sets before us clearly our model of perfection, which we hope sooner or later to attain. An "ideal" is the pattern "shewed us in the mount;" it is above us, and we reach after it and ascend toward it. There is a good deal in this matter of *pattern*: for the character of the ideal a man sets before him exerts a controlling

influence upon his character, happiness and destiny. It is of the greatest importance, therefore, that our ideal be perfect in every respect; and that the present communication of Grand Lodge may be a benefit to the fraternity, I have selected the *trestleboard* in connection with the practical lessons of this text, as presenting the rules a careful adherence to which will enable us to attain unto the *ideal manhood*—to that character, which is the object of Masonic teaching and labor, as well as the subject of inspired exhortation and encouragement.

In the sacred scriptures there are three typical buildings—the *tabernacle*, the *temple*, and the *city of God* not made with hands, eternal in the heavens—and these are striking symbols of the Christian life and character. The New Testament symbol of the true life is not the waving curtains of the nomadic tent; but the solidly built walls of the temple—composed of “living stones fitly framed together growing into a holy temple” on its “chief corner stone.” Hence Christians are also called “pillars in the temple of God,” and are exhorted to “edify one another in love.” We lose the beauty of such expressions when we forget the original meaning of the word. To “edify” means literally to lay together (according to plan) stones that have been previously fitted, in a silent and majestic growth rising stage above stage, into the sacred edifice of character. And in the development of this perfect manhood there are three things to be secured—a *healthy body*, a *cultured mind*, and a *blameless spirit*, and to the directions of the *trestleboard* for the securing of this ideal excellence, I now invite your attention.

What is meant by a perfect physical manhood we very well understand; mystery even in the body there is—I grant you; nevertheless, what is meant by a healthy body requires no great exposition. The man with a perfect physique, who is a picture of health, and who verifies himself to our senses—with his broad shoulders, his brawny muscular limbs, the glow of health upon his cheek, unwearied vigor by day, sweet undisturbed sleep at night, is capable of a prodigious amount of labor and achievement in the upbuilding of the race. To secure this equipment our first duty is the care of the body. As righteousness is the health of the soul, so *health* is the righteousness of the body. The doctrine is, that you have no right to be sick, that you should so regulate appetite, labor, and observance of natural laws, as to be in full health and strength to discharge the duties God renders incumbent upon you. Health is a duty, and a violation of the laws of health is a sin against God. The value of the body is indicated in this: that he who said “let there be light,” did not say “let there be man.” To represent the direct and peculiar derivation of the new creature, he is represented as formed by the hand of the God-head. The body is

sacred, therefore, because it is the handiwork of God; and because the “Holy Volume” held in reverent regard by every true Mason forbids murder, adultery, lasciviousness, lust, excess of wine, revelling, banqueting, and abominable idolatries, as crimes against the body, and also gives directions for its proper care. Jesus Christ Himself in the days of His earthly ministry cured diseases of the body; so highly do the inspired writers esteem it, that they called it “His temple,” and declared “that if any man defile the temple of God, him shalt God destroy—for the temple of God is holy, which temple we are.”

Do the teachings of Masonry coincide with the Holy-Word on this important subject? The Masonic *trestleboard* is for the master to draw his designs upon; and by it we are reminded that, as the operative workman erects his temporal building agreeably to the rules and designs laid down by the master on his trestleboard, so should we, both operative and speculative, endeavor to erect our *spiritual building* agreeably to the rules and designs laid down by the Supreme Architect of the Universe in the great books of *nature* and *revelation*, which are our spiritual, moral, and Masonic trestleboard. The sacred volume is denominated the trestleboard of the Great Architect of the Universe, because in the holy book He has laid down such magnificent plans and holy designs, that were we conversant therein and adherent thereto, it would prepare us for that building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Masonry directs our careful attention to the teachings of God in His Word, from which the cardinal virtues of the fraternity are derived. These virtues are clearly drawn on our moral trestleboard, and we cannot practice them without giving proper care to our physical manhood. JUSTICE is that standard, or boundary of right, which enables the Mason to render to every man his just due without distinction, and to be scrupulously attentive to the sacred duties of life—duties to himself as well as to others. FORTITUDE is that noble and steady purpose of mind whereby we are enabled to undergo any pain, peril or danger, when prudentially deemed expedient; and which also enables us to resist temptations to sin against the body as well as the soul. PRUDENCE teaches us to regulate our lives and actions agreeably to the dictates of reason, with respect to our physical as well as our spiritual well-being. TEMPERANCE is that restraint upon our passions and appetites which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice. This is the crown of all the virtues, and her influence, like the masters of the ancient lyre, can modulate the varied chords of lively sympathy, or generous feelings, until each acquires its due tone and vibration, and the whole become blended in one sweet accordant harmony.

These virtues enjoined upon the craft, are of incalculable assistance in the growth and proper development of the body; and, by faithfully observing them, we will become not only *physically strong*, but secure the faculty of performing all actions proper to a human body in the most perfect manner.

What is meant by a CULTURED MIND is more difficult to define, and yet measurably we may reach a definite and not difficult definition. The Latin word is "anima," and means that which animates or gives life to the physical organization. The mind then is the life of the body, and the care, training, and development of the body are holy duties because of its connection with this living soul. If the body is to be cared for because of its relation to this "animating principle," and if the soul gives the body its value, how great and constant should be our labor for the health and proper development of this living, acting soul. Intellect is a gift of God, and we are obligated to unfold it unto the uttermost. Masonry, which is a "progressive science," including within its circle almost every branch of polite learning, reminds us by the *rough* Ashlar of our rude and imperfect state by nature; and by the *perfect* Ashlar of that state of perfection at which we hope to arrive, by a *virtuous education*, our own endeavors and the blessing of God. Masonry's principal effort, therefore, has been to induce her members to keep pace and run parallel with the culture and civilization of mankind. In her mystic rites she represents man as in intellectual darkness, and his first craving, as he comes from the ignorance of the outer world, is for light; not that which springs from the orb of day as its fountain; but the moral and intellectual light which emanates from the great source of all things—the Great Architect of the Universe—the Creator of the sun and all that it illuminates. Hence, the great and primal object of the Entered Apprentice Degree is to symbolize that birth of intellectual light in the soul. And the Fellow-Craft, or second degree, represents man laboring amid all the difficulties that encumber the young beginner in the attainment of learning and science, feverish for knowledge and light, and groping for a *stairway* that will lead to still more wonderful unfoldings. In the degree of a Master Mason, we see the race face to face with the awful demands of integrity, the certainty of a future state, and the dread problem of death and immortality. The *Entered Apprentice* occupies his mind in the attainment of useful knowledge; the *Fellow-Craft* applies that knowledge to the promoting of the glory of God and the good of man; and the *Master Mason* comes to know the hidden and spiritual meaning of the temple by communing with its builder, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, in its holy of holies.

And the Mason who has an ardent desire for knowledge finds much to encourage and assist him in the prosecution of his studies. All the branches of a liberal education, which effectually polish and adorn the mind, are earnestly recommended to his consideration—especially the study of the *five senses*, which are the media of man's first mental acquirements; of the *seven liberal arts and sciences*, which hold the sum of "useful knowledge;" and of the *Sacred Volume*, which enables him with the compass of his mind to measure and draw the square of his conduct, and within it to exercise charity, cherish hope, and walk by faith. Our *Trestleboard* has, therefore, drawn upon it a pattern of perfect intellectual manhood, and we must faithfully study these directions in order to show ourselves approved unto God. This makes obedience to the injunction "Search the Scriptures" of the greatest importance, because of the wonderful power of the inspired word to broaden, ennoble, dignify, and exalt the human mind. And the wisest men—those who have had the most accurate conception of God, of man, and of duty—have been those who were most familiar with God's Holy Word. In no literature will you find wisdom and knowledge so highly commended as in the Bible. "Get wisdom, get understanding, forget it not. Buy the truth and sell it not—also wisdom, understanding, and instruction. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom, and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her and she shall promote thee—she shall bring thee to honor when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace, a crown of glory shall she deliver thee." No person can obey this beautiful exhortation without diligent mental exercise. The terms "get wisdom" and "buy the truth," clearly enforce the duty of labor—diligent and arduous—in its acquisition. And, therefore, by working out the direction of the moral and spiritual trestleboard, we shall so divide and redeem our time as to secure that most desirable estate in this life—a *cultured mind* in a *healthy body*.

What we understand by a *perfect spiritual man* has now to be briefly considered: The *body* we know, the *soul* or *mind* we measurably know; but what is the *spirit*? Psychology has hardly answered this question, and mental science has put the spiritual almost outside the hemisphere of human activity. But the Bible places tremendous emphasis upon it. It is by the spirit we discern the truth. It is the spirit which is ever against the flesh, antagonizing it, and striving for full mastery of it. It is the spirit which links us to God, and is therefore that immortal part, the inspiration of that Divinity that defies the great enemy, survives the grave and can never, never die.

Our Masonic *Trestleboard* teaches us to erect our *spiritual* buildings in accordance with the designs laid down by the Supreme Architect of the Universe in the great books of nature and revelation. The emphasis is on the word *spiritual*. With lasting impression, by symbol and ritual service as well as didactic statement, Masonry defines and urges the cultivation of those qualities, clearly set forth in the volume of Revelation, and which in their harmonization constitute the perfect spiritual man.

The *Trestleboard*, in a word, desires the fulfilment in you of Paul's comprehensive petition—I pray God, that unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, your whole *spirit*, and soul, and body be preserved blameless. Blameless in *body*, with no mark upon it of intemperance, or sensual self-indulgence; blameless in *soul*, with no ignorant superstition to degrade it, and no want of culture binding the hands that should be busied with the service of charity; blameless in *spirit*, what do we mean by that? We mean that beautiful grace of

Reverence that always reveals to us something higher, grander, nobler, and diviner than the eye has ever shown to us, and shall always make us bow before it and follow after it—a lesson impressed upon the Craft by the letter "G" suspended over the Master's chair in the lodge room, to remind the Craft not only of obligation to God, but to forbid the use of His name without due reverence and solemnity.

Faith, whereby we believe all God's promises to be *true*, and to be *ours*—the first of the Cardinal Virtues—and inculcated in the Holy Scriptures as of the most momentous importance. So important that there is no salvation without it. Founded upon the Bible, it holds us rigorously and undeviatingly in the path of rectitude—not turning to the right hand nor to the left under beckoning enticement, or under threatening pressure and menace.

Hope, the daughter of faith, painting her visions of glory on the sky of our future, anticipating a diviner life than can be interpreted by what the eye has seen, or the ear heard—even everlasting rest in the mansions of glory.

Love, the brightest ornament of the Masonic profession—the beautiful capital that crowns and completes the whole—so pure, so large, so catholic, and so inspired by the Christ that no wrong shall weary its patience, no iniquity blur or hinder its sympathy, no sorrow fail to touch its pity, as it surmounts all difficulty, makes drudgery divine, and safely wafts the possessor into that peaceful harbor, where saints and angels cast the anchor of their barges, and are forever at rest.

When these graces are properly blended and developed they constitute the perfect spiritual man. Not what we know—ignorance does not defile us. Not what we have done—doing does not make us. But what in the higher development of our spirit-life—in our reverence, in our faith, in our hope, and in our love—we are, really makes us good men and true, and constitutes the "blameless spirit." The ideal man, therefore, is one who adds to *physical* perfection, the strength and sturdiness, the purity and amiableness of a well-trained and well-instructed *mind* and *heart*. And in the development of this character we must copy from the pattern given us on the mount. For our convenience, pattern has become person. Our model is the Perfect Man. The ideal and the real meet in Him. He could say "Follow me." "Be ye therefore perfect," He said to the men about Him. "Looking unto Jesus," wrote the apostle, because He has given "to us an example, that we might walk in His steps." How shall we copy from this "pattern seen in the mount?" Almost in a word can we answer: Become a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. Spirit inspires spirit. Would you become brave? Read Plutarch, and the dauntless heroism of those warriors of the elder ages will fire your soul with fervor, and become your inspiration. Would you be "blameless" in spirit, pure in heart, sincere as light? Then study the words, imitate the example, fall in love with the person, and devote your time to the services of Him who is the brightness of the Father's glory; and as roses and violets absorb their colors from the sun, so you will become white with the radiance of Christ's purity; and in His light the mysteries of earth shall melt into the changeless realities of the better land. This man of immaculate purity gave Himself, my brethren, for our salvation, and through faith in Him we obtain the forgiveness of our sins, and meetness for heaven. The Jews gazed upon His benign majesty—the God-like purity that sat enthroned upon His brow, and caught glimpses of the face for whose appearance the world had been waiting and watching. In their folly and madness, at His supposed failure to meet their carnal expectations, they crucified Him. And not until the death agony had wrung from His lips the cry "It is finished," and opening graves, shivering rocks, and darkened sun had given their testimony, did the world point to Jesus of Nazareth and exclaim "BEHOLD THE MAN." Ever behold delineated upon your trestleboard this ideal man, enshrine Him in your hearts, and thus become men in the truest and noblest sense of inspiration. You are building for eternity not a tabernacle nor a temple, but a character. See that every stone going into this edifice is of the finest Parian marble, that the work is done under the Great Master's eye, and accord to the "pattern He hath shewed thee in the mount."

Cultivate lofty ideals; seek out things to love that are spiritual and heavenly. We grow like unto our ideals—like our lovings, like our associates. The light shines on the trestleboard to-day, and life's moments are freighted with opportunity and responsibility. The night cometh when no man can work. Eternity's horologe will soon strike low twelve on its tolling bell. To-day we toil—to-morrow never yet on any human being rose or set. *Retrospection* pitches her tent among the yesterdays, holds fellowship with the past, bathing the pinions of memory in the light of the years that are gone. *Charity* stands in the living, acting present, with a heart divinely tender, a hand divinely strong, and a soul divinely generous to the fallen, the feeble, the sick and the poor. *Hope*, with her measuring rod, anticipates the future, journeys into the unsurveyed territories of the coming time, and when with dainty hands she has established metes and bounds, beckons us onward, and, leaning on the arm of *Faith*, we go up and possess the goodly land. Our to-days are the seedtime of the blessed harvest in the "land that is very far off"—a harvest whose rich fruitage shall be gathered by the angels of God in the opening light of eternity's morning. "Now the sowing and the weeping—working hard and waiting long; *Afterward* the glorious reaping—harvest home and grateful song." "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Go forth anew on your God-appointed, heaven-approved mission, and for "sweet charity's sake" bring light to those in darkness, deal gently with the erring, relieve the distressed, visit the sick, bury the dead, love God and your brother man. And for the sake of all that is pure and of good report abstain from all excesses, regulate your actions by the square of virtue, and daily consult the Sacred Book of God, even as the mariner scans his chart when uncertain of his way, that by the use of its precepts there may be a manifest correspondence between your theory and practice, your principles and manner of life. Study the Bible, believe it true, obey it, for it contains the "working-plans" for life. And in the construction of your spiritual and Masonic edifice if you carefully follow its directions, circumscribing your conduct within its precepts, it will be impossible that you should materially err. Then let us bind anew this Bible to our hearts, engrave its precepts on the pages of memory, that we may keep them:

"For on *this* old Book, our vows we took,
And we will break them *never*;
We'll stand by this *, and this **, and this ***;
Forever *, and forever *."

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