

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

HELD AT

SAINT JOHN, 22nd, 23rd and 24th JANUARY, A. L. 5868, A. D. 1868.

At the Masonic Hall, Princess street, in the City of Saint John, on the 22nd day of January, A. D., 1868, at 7 o'clock in the evening, a lodge of master masons was opened in due form, the grand master-elect, W. Brother Benjamin Lester Peters in the east, W. Brother Christopher Murray in the west, and W. Brother Edwin J. Wetmore in the south; and in the presence of a large and influential gathering of members of the craft from all parts of the province, hailing from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland.

The grand master-elect informed the brethren that this meeting had been summoned, according to resolution of convention, for the purpose of proceeding in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the Province of New Brunswick, and that the grand master-elect would now be installed according to antient usage.

The grand master-elect appointed W. Brother John V. Ellis to act as Grand Director of Ceremonies, who reported the Worshipful Brother John Willis, Past Master of Hibernia Lodge, and the Senior Past Master of this jurisdiction, in waiting, and ready to install the M. W. Grand Master-elect into his high and responsible office.

The grand master-elect thereupon appointed the following past masters a deputation to retire and introduce the installing officer, viz:—

- W. Bro. W. H. A. KEANS, P. M., Saint John's Lodge.
- " S. P. WETMORE, P. M., Carleton Union Lodge.
- " DAVID WETMORE, P. M., Midian Lodge.
- " JAMES ROBERTSON, P. M., Albion Lodge.
- " JAMES McNICHOL, SR., P. M., Hibernia Lodge.
- " THOMAS M. REED, P. M., Albion Lodge.

Who, accompanied by the director of ceremonies, withdrew and immediately after returned to the lodge escorting Bro. Willis, who was received by all the brethren standing.

After being formally introduced by the director of ceremonies, he was cordially welcomed by the grand master-elect, who thereupon resigned his chair and gavel to him, and requested that he proceed with the important ceremony assigned to him.

The Grand master-elect, Most Worshipful Benjamin Lester Peters was duly obligated, invested and installed Grand Master of New Brunswick and saluted with the grand honors.

Ode by the choir.

Proclamation was then made in the east, west and south.

After prayer by the chaplain, the masters' lodge was closed in due form.

The grand master and officers, elect and designated retired, and after being clothed with their proper grand lodge aprons, collars, jewels, etc. re-entered the lodge in procession, the brethren receiving them standing.

The M. W. Grand Master was escorted to the east, and

thereupon opened the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in ample form.

Opening hymn by the choir.

The grand master made announcement in the east, which was responded to in the west and south, that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was about to be consecrated and dedicated, and enjoined upon all the brethren due order and decorum.

A procession of the acting grand officers was then formed around the lodge, with an accompaniment of solemn music played on the organ.

The grand lodge was duly consecrated and dedicated according to ancient custom.

Prayer by grand chaplain.

Anthem—"The Earth is the Lord's"—by the choir.

Proclamation in the east, west, and south.

Grand honors.

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

- R. W. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN, . . . Deputy Grand Master.
 " WM. P. FLEWELLING, . . . Senior Grand Warden.
 " DAVID BROWN, . . . Junior Grand Warden.
 V. W. REV. WM. DONALD, D. D. . . Grand Chaplain.
 " WM. H. A. KEANS, . . . Grand Treasurer.
 " WM. F. BUNTING, . . . Grand Secretary.
 W. *JOHN RICHARDS, . . . Senior Grand Deacon.
 " BENJ. R. STEVENSON, . . . Junior Grand Deacon.
 " JOHN V. ELLIS, . . . Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
 " ROBERT MARSHALL, . . . Asst. " "
 " *JAMES McDOUGALL, . . . Grand Sword Bearer.

- " JOHN MULLIN, . . . Grand Standard Bearer.
 " HENRY CARD, . . . Grand Organist.
 " JAMES MULLIN, . . . Grand Pursuivant.
 " EDWARD WILLIS, . . . Grand Steward.
 " SARGENT S. LITTLEHALE, . . do.
 " ROBERT R. CALL, . . . do.
 " *HUGH A. MCKENZIE, . . . do.
 " *THOMAS F. GILLESPIE, . . . do.
 " *JOHN WALLACE, . . . do.
 *Bro. JOHN BOYER, . . . Grand Tyler.

[*Those brethren not being present were not invested. Bro. Wallace was invested at a subsequent session].

Ode by the choir.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed the grand lodge. He said:—

In assuming the responsible office of Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, to which I have had the honor of being elected by the vote of my brethren in convention, it may be desirable that I should refer briefly to the circumstances which led to the erection of this grand lodge.

It is known to you all that the lodges in this province were established under warrant from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland; and this province being a British Colony, these grand lodges of the United Kingdom exercised concurrent jurisdiction here: yet the province, not being in the possession of a grand body having exclusive jurisdiction within its boundaries, was what is known as "unoccupied masonic territory."

During the early part of the past year the Imperial Parliament passed the Act of Union under which, from the first day of July last, the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, were united in one Dominion under the name of "Canada." Up to that time no grand lodge out of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, had claimed the right of issuing warrants into this province and over-acting lodges here.

An independent grand lodge had some years ago been established in what was then the Province of Canada, now the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, part of the Dominion of Canada; and lodges in the

Province of Nova Scotia had organized an independent grand lodge there, now also within the Dominion of Canada. The confederation of the separate provinces, under the Act of Union, immediately opened this province to the grand lodges of Canada and Nova Scotia, as territory into which their warrants for the erection of lodges could be issued.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Canada, in his last annual address to the grand lodge over which he presides, directed the attention of that body to the altered masonic position in the Dominion, consequent on the Act of Confederation; and the suggestions of the M. W. Grand Master of Canada on this important subject were referred to a committee of that grand lodge. The report of that committee I will read to you as published in the printed proceedings of that grand lodge.

See Proceedings—Pages 372, 373, 374 and 375, as follows:—

“The special committee to whom had been referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address having reference to the position of the grand lodge, submitted the following

Report.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada in Grand Lodge assembled:

M. W. SIR, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—

“Your committee, whom the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, in accordance with the vote of grand lodge, was pleased to appoint to take into consideration that portion of his address having reference to the formation of a grand lodge for the Dominion of Canada, beg leave to report that having taken into their most careful and mature consideration that portion of the M. W. the G. M.'s address referred to them, have arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of freemasonry require that the present position, standing and name of this grand lodge be maintained; trusting that the love of union, and a sincere desire to promote the best interests of masonry, will induce the members of our fraternity residing in other parts of the New Dominion eventually to unite with us in securing a harmonious and supreme masonic government in the Dominion of Canada. And in order that this grand lodge may be perfectly cognizant of the mode in which your committee arrived at this conclusion, they submit for the information of grand lodge a transcript of their proceedings.

“It was moved by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, W. M.

Wilson, and seconded by the Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, W. B. Simpson,

“That this committee having anxiously and most carefully considered all the circumstances connected with the recent political change that has taken place, have arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of masonry require that the present position, standing and name of this grand lodge be maintained, trusting that the love of union, and a sincere desire to promote the best interests of masonry, will induce the members of our fraternity residing in other parts of the New Dominion, eventually to unite with us in securing a harmonious and supreme masonic government in Canada.”

“In amendment to the above, it was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, D. G. M., and seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, D. D. G. M., E. T. D., that all the words in the foregoing resolution after “require” be left out and the following words inserted, so that the whole will read thus:

“That this committee have anxiously and most carefully considered all the circumstances connected with the recent political change that has taken place, have arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of masonry require the organization of a grand lodge in each of the four provinces now constituting the Dominion of Canada, being satisfied that this course would be strictly in accordance with the laws and regulations of freemasonry respecting the establishment of grand lodges, and believing that a more substantial union would thereby be secured, and also that the affairs of the craft would be much more effectively and economically managed by this method than by any other;

“On division the following vote was taken on the amendment:

Yeas—M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, D. D. G. M.

Nays—M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, G. M.; M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. James Moffatt, P. D. D. G. M.

“The above vote having been declared, M. W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, P. G. M.; chairman of the committee, voted ‘nay.’

“On division, the following vote was then taken on the resolution:

Yeas—Brothers Wilson, Simpson and Moffatt.

Nays—Brothers Bernard, Stevenson and Graham.

The foregoing vote having been declared, Bro. Harrington voted ‘nay.’ Thus the original motion was carried by a majority of one.

Signed by all the members of the committee.

“J. H. GRAHAM,

“D. D. G. M., E. T. D.,

“Sec. for Committee.”

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Moffatt,

“That the foregoing report be received and adopted.”

"After some further discussion,
"It was moved, in amendment, by R. W. Bro. James Moffat, seconded by V. W. Bro. John K. Clara, and

"Resolved,—That the report of the special committee on grand master's address be received, and that the further discussion thereon be postponed until the next communication of grand lodge."

Thus then the masonic position of the Dominion of Canada having been brought prominently forward and the Grand Lodge of Canada having deferred further discussion thereon until the next annual communication, it was thought desirable by the masters and past masters of the lodges in this city, that in the intermediate time, the craft in this province should seriously consider and calmly discuss the question in its relation to the fraternity in this part of the Dominion, and a meeting of masters and past masters of city lodges was held on the sixteenth day of August last. The minutes of which meeting are before you. When, as you are aware, it was resolved that a circular should be addressed to the lodges, and that the lodges in this province should be requested to meet in convention at this city, on the ninth day of October last.

There were within this province, twenty lodges on the registry of the "United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England," three lodges on the registry of the "Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland," and three lodges on the registry of the "Grand Masonic Lodge of Ireland."

The convention was attended by representatives from fourteen duly warranted lodges on English registry. The three on the registry of Ireland, and two on the registry of Scotland. The proceedings of the convention are fully before you.

At that convention, sixteen of the lodges represented, unanimously acting together, erected themselves into this Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, upon the ancient charges and constitutions of the craft—adopted a constitution for present government—elected a grand master and officers thereunder—passed resolutions to regulate intermediate action and adjourned until arrangements were fully made for the installation of the grand master-elect, and the complete organization of grand lodge.

The important work thus began, has been now happily consummated, and it is a matter of great congratulation that the Grand Lodge of New

Brunswick has been erected by so large a majority of the lodges in this province.

The only question that has arisen in the discussion of this matter, deterring some of the lodges from at once joining in this organization, is what has been termed the question of allegiance to the grand body from which original warrant is held. It is argued by some, that the assent of the parent grand lodge is necessary to the formation of an independent grand lodge.

As a matter of courtesy to the grand body it would doubtless be desirable that the earliest information should be given of the circumstances that called for the formation of an independent grand lodge, and their concurrence therein requested. But that preliminary application was rendered impracticable in our case, consequent upon the fact that two lodges expressed their determination of taking out warrants from the Grand Lodge of Canada, unless the course was immediately determined on of erecting a grand lodge here; and a number of masons in a border county desirous of erecting a lodge were on the eve of applying for warrant to the Grand Lodge of Canada. It therefore became important, to avoid any possibility of question or collision between the craft in this and the adjoining province, that possession of this jurisdiction should be taken without delay.

To the question of the duty of consulting mother grand lodges and the legality of action without their consent, I have directed my most anxious consideration for many months past, and it is my opinion that when a grand body issues a warrant to erect a number of masons into a lodge in any province or territory outside of its own exclusive jurisdiction; there rests with the lodge so created the right to join with other duly warranted lodges of sufficient number in erecting an independent masonic jurisdiction in any such territory; provided that there be a majority of lodges within the territory acting in the formation of the grand body.

I will not, however, detain grand lodge by entering fully at present into the argument upon which that opinion is based.

This grand lodge was organized by the action of sixteen duly warranted lodges (namely, twelve of English registry, three of Irish and one of Scotch,) out of twenty-six lodges within the province, and since the organization four other lodges have already resolved to accept warrant from this body, and three lodges are favorably considering the matter and have communicated with me, asking information as to the time within which they can come in on equal privileges with the first

acting lodges; so that in reality there are but three lodges that have not taken some action.

I hope at the first annual communication to be able to announce to the craft the cordial allegiance of all the lodges within the province to this grand lodge.

I recommend to grand lodge to admit the lodges now asking to join with us on as favorable terms as to number on registry according to date of former warrant, as was resolved in convention for the arrangement of the lodges joining in the erection of this grand lodge.

The question of ritual is one which demands the careful consideration of grand lodge. It will be readily admitted by all that uniformity in ritual through all parts of this jurisdiction is essentially necessary. The work that has within the last few years been adopted by the lodges in this city, as exemplified under the able instruction of the learned and Worshipful Brother Caleb Rand, Past Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, will be fully rehearsed during this session of grand lodge, with the lectures on the several degrees.

It will be my endeavor to have such ritual as may be adopted by this grand lodge closely adhered to in all lodges under this jurisdiction; and I shall feel it to be a personal responsibility not to issue warrants for the erection of new lodges until I am satisfied that the proposed officers are prepared to conduct the ritual according to the form you may adopt.

There is another subject that deserves the consideration of the craft, and of which I am reminded by the over crowded condition of the hall in which we meet this evening. I allude to the necessity which exists of providing for the comfortable accommodation of the fraternity in some hall or building large enough to admit the craft when lodges are called together. The room where we are now assembled is scarcely adapted for the meeting of a private lodge. I have been present on many occasions at regular meetings here when the attendance of brethren was so large that this room was entirely insufficient for the accommodation of members, with any regard to the space required for the due practice of our rites. It will be admitted by all, that for occasions such as the present, or indeed at any time when several lodges are called to meet at the same hour, it is impossible to afford even standing-room for a comparatively small number of the fraternity.

The erection of a Masonic Temple in this city, for the honor of our ancient craft, is a work in which I feel satisfied that the brethren in all parts of the province would be interested; and I trust that some

measure will be adopted by grand lodge, having in view an object so desirable.

I desire to announce to you, that in accordance with the resolution of convention, I did communicate with the Most Worshipful Brother William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, inviting his attendance at the consecration of this grand lodge, and his assistance in the ceremonies of installation; and I received from him a prompt and most courteous reply, in which, while he informed me that he was not in a position to meet our wishes in that particular, he offered his cordial congratulations on the success which had attended our convention, and expressed his pleasure in learning that a Grand Lodge for New Brunswick had been established. He wrote that he entertained the hope that at no distant day he might have an opportunity of discussing with the brethren here and in Nova Scotia the masonic position of the Dominion, and added this remark: "At present I will only say, that firmly believing that it would be for the good of masonry for the three grand lodges, now established in Canada, to unite on equal terms in forming one grand and supreme authority, I can only recommend the subject to the best consideration of yourself and

Brother Wilson communicated invitation to Most Grand Master Simpson of the Grand Lodge of Canada; but Most Worshipful Brother Simpson replied, that the state of his health prevented him taking so long a journey at this season of the year.

I did communicate to the Most Worshipful Grand Master Murray, of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, the desire of this grand lodge, that the grand masters of his jurisdiction, would be present with us at the installation ceremonies of this day. Most Grand Master Murray and Most Worshipful Grand Master Josiah H. Drummond, addressed to me several friendly and congratulatory letters on the subject of the proposed grand lodge. The masonic engagements of this Grand Master Drummond, requiring his presence in the State of Connecticut, prevented his coming here. I hoped up to yesterday that the grand lodge would have been honored by the presence of some of our Grand Masters, or Masters, to conduct the ceremonies of installation. On yesterday, however, a letter reached me, which

"GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
Office of the Grand Master, Portland, January 20, 1868.

B. LESTER PETERS, Esquire,
Grand Master-elect, New Brunswick.

HONORED SIR AND FRATER:

I am compelled at this late hour to relinquish the small hope I had of being present on the occasion that marks a new era in the history of our order in your province. Since receiving your last telegram, I have endeavoured to arrange my affairs so as to be with you on that interesting and important occasion, but the situation of my family and the character of my business render it impossible for me to do so. I can only, therefore, renew the sentiments of regret expressed in a former communication to you, and the loss I feel at not being able to accept the pleasure and the honor of this invitation. I should esteem it a great pleasure to conduct the ceremony of consecrating your new grand lodge, and feel honored in the privilege of conducting you into the Oriental chair, and saluting you as Grand Master of Masons in New Brunswick. This highly prized opportunity I am obliged to forego; and I have only the privilege remaining of sending my greetings to you and the grand lodge, which I do by Worshipful Brother D. E. Seymour, who will probably be present with you.

With ardent desire for the complete success of your noble work, and a warm interest for the welfare of the craft in your jurisdiction, and with sentiments of high respect and personal esteem for yourself,

I am, truly and fraternally your brother,
TIMOTHY J. MURRAY".

Thus, my brothers, while regretting the absence of the distinguished brethren for whose assistance we hoped, the inauguration of this grand lodge, and its final consecration and complete establishment, has devolved upon this jurisdiction; and we have this evening exercised the undoubted masonic right of perfecting our own organization.

I trust and believe that this important step, which, under the circumstances to which I have referred, we have felt it our duty to take, will, under the protection of the Great Architect of the Universe, result in the advancement and prosperity of our Antient and Honorable Fraternity in this jurisdiction.

It is now, Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful and Worshipful Brethren, my pleasing duty and privilege to welcome to this grand lodge, Worshipful Brother D. E. Seymour of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, who, at great personal toil and inconvenience has, at this inclement season of the year, visited this city for the purpose of being present at this first convocation of the grand lodge of New Brunswick.

The M. W. Grand Master then called up grand lodge, and delivered an address of welcome to W. Bro. D. E. Seymour, who occupied a seat on the right of the throne.

W. Bro. Seymour, in a most eloquent reply, congratulated the grand master and the craft in New Brunswick, on the establishment of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, under such favorable auspices; and stated that he was directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Maine, on his behalf, to welcome the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick into the circle of grand lodges. The Worshipful Brother Seymour then, on behalf of the Grand Master of the State of Maine, did, in the presence of grand lodge and the assembled brethren, extend the right hand of fellowship and brotherhood to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master submitted a draft of a proposed Book of Constitutions and General Regulations, together with a report of the committee appointed at the convention held on the tenth day of October last.

Report.

Saint John, N. B., 22nd January, 1868.

The committee appointed to prepare a Constitution and Regulations for the government of grand lodge and of the craft in New Brunswick, beg to report:—

That they have carefully examined and compared the constitutions respectively of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, etc., and after amending and adding to sections contained in them, and preparing new provisions suitable to this jurisdiction, submit the accompanying draft for the approval of grand lodge.

Your committee have endeavored to make the constitution as perfect as possible, but they have no doubt that time and experience will suggest many improvements. It has been their aim, however, to make the "machinery" of masonry in this jurisdiction as simple as possible.

Your committee recommend that the draft constitution, after receiving the sanction of grand lodge, be referred back to them, with instructions and authority to have the same published, with the grand secretary's report of the grand lodge proceedings, and generally distributed among the lodges in this province and elsewhere, as is

customary for grand lodges; and that this committee report at the next annual communication upon any amendments which may have been brought under their notice, and which in their opinion may require the action of grand lodge.

Your committee recommend this course in order that the constitution may be fully discussed and considered by the craft during the year, and that all necessary amendments may be made before the constitution is published in a more permanent form.

Your committee cannot conclude their present labors without adding that, while they have given great care and attention to the important duties committed to them, they entertain the hope that the grand lodge will devote calm and earnest consideration to their report, and fully and freely examine the constitution as proposed, in the hope that, when adopted, it may be found reasonably free from imperfections.

WM. WEDDERBURN,
JOHN V. ELLIS,
WM. F. BUNTING,
EDWARD WILLIS,
ROBERT MARSHALL.

Whereupon, on motion of W. Brother James McNichol, Jr., seconded by W. Brother G. H. Flewelling, it was

Resolved, That the report of the committee be received, and the grand lodge proceed to consider the draft of constitution.

On motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by W. Brother James G. Forbes, it was

Resolved, That the constitution be discussed and disposed of section by section.

The constitution having been disposed of, with but few alterations, as far as section 7, under the head of "Private Lodges,"

It was moved by W. Brother John V. Ellis, seconded by W. Brother Edwin J. Wetmore,

That further discussion on the constitution be deferred until to-morrow's session.

Motion negatived.

The sections of the constitution were disposed of as far as the 12th section—"Private Lodges;"

When, on motion of the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, seconded by W. Brother Robert Marshall, it was

Resolved, That the grand lodge adjourn until to-morrow (Thursday) at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The grand lodge was thereupon called from labor.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

January 23rd, 1868.

The grand lodge was called to labor at three o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Master in the East.

On motion, the grand lodge resumed consideration of the constitution, when the remaining sections were separately discussed and adopted with but slight alterations in the draft submitted by the committee.

On motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the V. W. Grand Secretary, it was

Resolved, That the report accompanying the constitution submitted by the committee, be adopted, and the same committee be authorized to have the constitution as agreed upon by grand lodge, published with the grand secretary's report of the proceedings of grand lodge, and circulated among the lodges in New Brunswick and elsewhere, as is customary with grand lodges; and further, that the committee be continued with power to report any amendments or additions to the constitution at the next regular communication, which to them may appear advisable, reserving the right of grand lodge to consider such amendments and additions (without further formal notice) as under the circumstances, may be necessary to their adoption, in order that the

constitution may be made as perfect as possible before being published in a more permanent form; and

Further Resolved, That lodges or brethren throughout the jurisdiction be requested to report to the grand secretary any additions or amendments they may deem necessary, in time to allow the committee to consider such suggestions before the meeting of grand lodge, that if they think proper, the committee may report the same.

On motion of the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, it was

Ordered, That the committee on the constitution be requested to take into consideration the advisability of establishing a fund of benevolence.

On motion of W. Brother R. R. Call, Grand Steward, seconded by W. Brother James Robertson, it was

Resolved, That this grand lodge expects all lodges within its jurisdiction to make their returns and payments in full to the three mother grand lodges up to the time of surrendering their warrants.

On motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the W. Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies, the following resolution was adopted, viz:—

Whereas, In the opinion of grand lodge, the early erection of a Masonic Temple in the City of Saint John, would advance the interests of the craft throughout the province;

And Whereas, It seems desirable that a site for a Masonic Temple should be secured as soon as it shall appear possible;

And Whereas, It is also desirable that a general circular should be issued at an early day, to all lodges and other masonic bodies in New Brunswick, setting forth the reasons why a Masonic Temple should be built, with such plan or scheme for accomplishing that purpose, as may appear most advantageous and feasible;

Therefore Resolved, That this subject be referred to the Board of General Purposes for their immediate consideration, to issue such circular, prepare such scheme, secure plans and estimates, ascertain the terms of purchase of site, etc., and report to the Most Worshipful Grand Master;

And Further Resolved, That upon the reception of such report, the

Most Worshipful Grand Master is hereby respectfully desired, upon request of the Board of General Purposes, to summon a special communication of grand lodge for the consideration of such report, and for the carrying forward the recommendations of the board, if approved, by committee or otherwise, as grand lodge shall determine.

On motion of the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, seconded by the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, it was

Resolved, That any lodge in the province which has not, at the present time, surrendered its warrant and acknowledged the authority of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, shall have the privilege of doing so on or before the thirty-first day of March next, and any lodge so surrendering its warrant and acknowledging the authority of this grand lodge, shall be furnished with a warrant upon the same terms, and shall enjoy the same privileges as the lodges at present constituting this grand lodge. And any lodge, which shall not on or before the thirty-first day of May next, surrender its warrant and acknowledge the authority of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, shall (until the next communication of the grand lodge), be dealt with as the Most Worshipful Grand Master may, in his wisdom and discretion, determine.

On motion of the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by W. Brother Doherty, Grand Steward, it was

Resolved, That any lodge within the jurisdiction of this grand lodge, whose aprons, collars and jewels, or either of them, may not be in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, shall be permitted to continue to wear such aprons, collars and jewels, or either of them, until they may require to obtain a new outfit;

And Further Resolved, That the Very Worshipful Grand Secretary be required to ascertain from each lodge in the province, the style and pattern of their aprons, collars and jewels, that the same may be duly recorded for future reference.

The grand master stated to grand lodge that, in compliance with resolution adopted in convention on the tenth day of October last, he had granted to the lodges, uniting in the convention of this grand lodge, intermediate warrants under

his hand, to authorize such lodges to continue their work until formal warrants be granted under the seal of the grand lodge; and that he had granted such authority to lodges that had resolved to join in the action taken. That such intermediate warrants had, on application, been granted to the following lodges:—

Albion, Saint John's, Hibernia, Saint Mark's, Solomon's, Sussex, Carleton Union, Midian, Union of Portland, Woodstock, Alley, Howard, Leinster, Northumberland, Miramichi, New Brunswick.

The M. W. Grand Master stated that he brought this matter before grand lodge, not only for the purpose of reporting his action under the resolution referred to, but also that grand lodge might consider the desirability, in view of the circumstances under which such intermediate warrants were issued, of now confirming all that had, under their respective warrants, been done by the respective lodges.

Whereupon it was moved by W. Bro. D. R. Munro, W. M. Union Lodge of Portland, seconded by the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and

Resolved, That the acts of the M. W. Grand Master, in relation to the foregoing be ratified and confirmed.

On motion of the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by W. Brother Powers, it was

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and the V. W. Grand Secretary, be a committee to adopt designs for a grand lodge certificate and a grand lodge seal, and have the same engraved as soon as circumstances will permit.

On motion of the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by W. Brother John D. Short, it was

Resolved, That the Board of General Purposes be authorized to procure

the necessary clothing and other paraphernalia for the use of the grand lodge.

The grand lodge was called to refreshment until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING.

23rd January, 1868.

The grand lodge was called to labor at half-past seven o'clock, the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the East.

On motion of the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by the W. Grand Standard Bearer, it was

Resolved, That the Board of General Purposes be directed to consider the propriety of establishing a masonic paper or magazine in this jurisdiction, with power, if they deem it advisable, to publish the same under the sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master; provided, at the same time, that such paper or magazine shall not be considered the Organ of the grand lodge, nor shall grand lodge be responsible for its contents, except such as shall be signified by the signature of a grand officer.

On motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, The Right Worshipful Robert T. Clinch, District Grand Master under England at the time of the erection of this grand lodge, has rendered valuable service to the craft in general in this province, and has distinguished himself as a brother of eminence and ability;

Therefore Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Robert T. Clinch is hereby constituted a permanent member of this grand lodge, with the title, rank and dignity of Past Grand Master.

On motion of W. Brother D. R. Munro, seconded by W. Brother M. N. Powers, it was

Unanimously Resolved, That in consideration of the zeal, ability and eminent services rendered the craft by the Right Worshipful Alexander Balloch, formerly Provincial Grand Master, extending over a period of many years, he be elected a member of this grand lodge with the rank of Past Grand Master.

On motion of the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, seconded by the W. Grand Standard Bearer, it was

Resolved, That the grand lodge record its thanks to the committee on constitutions, for the care, attention and labor bestowed upon the work entrusted into their hands.

The V. W. Grand Secretary reported that, immediately after appointment to the responsible office he had the honor to fill, he, with the concurrence of the M. W. Grand Master, addressed a printed note to the grand secretaries of the respective grand lodges of Canada, the United States and elsewhere, asking to be furnished with copies of their constitutions and regulations.

It gave him much pleasure to inform the grand lodge, that his note met with a willing and hearty response from nearly every jurisdiction addressed, and he had now in his office copies of the constitutions and proceedings of the following grand lodges, viz:—

Alabama,.....	DANIEL SAYRE,.....	Grand Secretary.
Arkansas,.....	WM. D. BLOCHER,.....	"
California,.....	ALEX. G. ABELL,.....	"
Canada,.....	THOMAS B. HARRIS,.....	"
Colorado,.....	ED. C. PARMELEE,.....	"
Columbia, District of N. D.	LARNER,.....	"
Connecticut,.....	JOSEPH K. WHEELER,.....	"
Florida,.....	HUGH A. CORLEY,.....	"
France,.....	F. THEVENOT,.....	"
Illinois,.....	H. G. REYNOLDS,.....	"
Indiana,.....	WILLIAM HACKER,.....	"

Iowa,.....	THEODORE S. PARVIN, Grand Secretary.	
Kansas,.....	E. T. CARR,.....	"
Kentucky,.....	J. M. S. McCORKLE,.....	"
Louisiana,.....	JAMES C. BATCHELOR,.....	"
Maine,.....	IRA BERRY,.....	"
Massachusetts,.....	CHAS. W. MOORE,.....	"
Minnesota,.....	WM. S. COOMBS,.....	"
Missouri,.....	GEO. FRANK GOULEY,.....	"
Nevada,.....	WM. A. M. VAN BOKKELEN,	"
New Jersey,.....	JOSEPH H. HOUGH,.....	"
New York,.....	JAMES M. AUSTIN,.....	"
North Carolina,.....	D. W. BAIN,.....	"
Ohio,.....	JOHN D. CALDWELL,.....	"
Pennsylvania,.....	JOHN THOMSON,.....	"
Rhode Island,.....	C. D. GREENE,.....	"
South Carolina,.....	ALBERT G. MACKEY,.....	"
Tennessee,.....	CHARLES A. FULLER,.....	"
Texas,.....	GEO. H. BRINGHURST,.....	"
West Virginia,.....	THOMAS H. LOGAN,.....	"
Wisconsin,.....	WM. T. PALMER,.....	"

On motion of the V. W. Grand Secretary, seconded by the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, it was

Unanimously Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick be extended to the grand secretaries of the respective grand lodges for their brotherly courtesy.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master informed the grand lodge that, as it was essentially necessary to adopt a ritual and establish an uniformity of work in all the lodges within the jurisdiction, he should, with the assistance of the Very Worshipful Grand Secretary, proceed to exemplify the work generally established in New Brunswick, by a rehearsal of the lectures.

The lectures of the three degrees were thereupon exemplified, the questions being put from the east by the M. W. Grand Master and responded to in the west by the V. W. Grand Secretary; after which grand lodge adjourned until to-morrow (Friday) evening at seven o'clock.

The grand lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

FRIDAY EVENING.

24th January, 1868.

Grand lodge resumed labor at seven o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Master in the East.

On motion of the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by W. Brother R. R. Call, Grand Steward, it was

Resolved, That a list of lodges under this jurisdiction, at the date of publication, be printed in the proceedings of grand lodge, setting forth the name, number, location, and time of regular communications, together with the address of the masters and secretaries respectively.

W. Brother John Wallace being present was duly invested and installed into office as a grand steward of this grand lodge.

The following resolution was moved by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by W. Brother John D. Short, and unanimously adopted, viz:—

Whereas, The Right Worshipful Brother James Robertson, Senior Grand Warden of the District Grand Lodge of New Brunswick at the time of the erection of this grand lodge, has rendered valuable service to the craft in general, and has distinguished himself as a mason of eminence and ability.

Therefore Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Brother James Robertson be constituted a member of this grand lodge, with the title, rank and dignity of a Past Senior Grand Warden.

The following resolution was proposed by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded] by the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and unanimously agreed to, viz:—

Whereas, The Right Worshipful Brother George H. Russell, Junior Grand Warden of the District Grand Lodge of New Brunswick at the time of the erection of this grand lodge, has rendered valuable service to the craft in general, and has distinguished himself as a mason of eminence and ability,

Therefore Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Brother George H. Russell be constituted a member of this grand lodge, with the title, rank and dignity of a Past Senior Grand Warden.

On motion of the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by W. Brother John D. Short, it was

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and Very Worshipful Grand Treasurer, be authorized to negotiate (for the purpose of providing for the immediate expenses of grand lodge) a loan of six hundred dollars with some lodge or lodges within the jurisdiction, upon such terms as they may deem right and proper.

On motion of the V. W. Grand Secretary, seconded by the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, it was

Resolved, That the funds of the grand lodge be deposited in the Bank of New Brunswick, and drawn by check signed by the grand master, or deputy grand master, and countersigned by the grand treasurer.

The ritual work of the three degrees was, at this stage, exemplified, in order to its being adopted by grand lodge, the following brethren occupying the respective offices, viz:—

The M. W. Grand Master in the east; the R. W. Brother James Robertson, Past Senior Grand Warden, in the west; W. Brother Joseph C. Hatheway, in the south; W. Brother John D. Short as Senior Deacon; and W. Brother Mark N. Powers as Junior Deacon.

The following resolution was offered by the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and seconded by R. W. Brother James Robertson, P. S. G. W. :—

Whereas, it is deemed expedient that the actual work of the several lodges in this province shall be uniform ;

Therefore Resolved, That the actual work which now prevails in the lodges of the City of Saint John, being that which was so admirably indicated in grand lodge last evening, by the exemplification of the lectures of each, "Entered Apprentice," "Fellow Craft," and "Master's degree," by the Most Worshipful Benjamin Lester Peters, Grand Master, and the Very Worshipful William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, shall be adopted for the jurisdiction of this grand lodge ; provided, however, that the scriptural readings in the work may be substituted in either case by an authorized suitable ode, to be sung with music ; and further provided, that music and singing may be introduced at the discretion of the presiding master, as may be deemed advisable.

In amendment to the foregoing, it was moved by the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and seconded by W. Brother Edward Willis, Grand Steward :—

That the work, as exemplified, be adopted for the lodges, they being allowed to use odes, authorized by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, instead of the scripture readings, and that a committee be appointed, to whom the subject of work shall be referred ; such committee to report at the next annual communication of grand lodge.

On call of question a majority of grand lodge voted in favor of the amendment, it was therefore declared to be adopted.

On motion of the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by W. Brother A. A. Stockton, it was

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master be requested to take immediate steps to establish fraternal relations between this grand lodge and the grand lodges in this Dominion, in the United States, in Great Britain and Ireland, on the Continent of Europe and in South America, either by an interchange of representatives with such grand lodges, or in such other way as he may deem advisable.

In accordance with the provision of the constitution, the Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following brethren to the board of general purposes, viz. :—

R. W. JAMES ROBERTSON, Past Senior Grand Warden.
 R. W. GEORGE H. RUSSELL, . . . Past Senior Grand Warden.
 W. JOHN V. ELLIS, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 W. EDWARD WILLIS, Grand Steward.
 W. JOHN D. SHORT, Past Master.
 W. I. W. DOHERTY, Worshipful Master.
 W. EDWIN J. WETMORE, . . . Past Master.
 W. JAMES A. INCHES, Past Master.
 W. ROBERT MARSHALL, . . . Asst. Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
 W. JAS. McNICHOL, Jr., . . . Past Master.

[The following brethren are *ex officio* members of this board :—

M. W. B. LESTER PETERS, Grand Master.
 R. W. W. WEDDERBURN, D. Grand Master, (President of Board.)
 R. W. W. P. FLEWELLING, S. Grand Warden.
 R. W. DAVID BROWN, J. Grand Warden.

The V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary, is *ex officio* secretary of the board.]

The committee on work and ritual were appointed as follows :—

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Very Worshipful Grand Secretary, Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies, Worshipful Brother Joseph C. Hatheway and Worshipful Brother Alfred A. Stockton.

On motion of W. Brother Edward Willis, Grand Steward, seconded by the W. Grand Pursuivant, it was

Resolved, That ten o'clock in the morning shall be the time at which the business of the next annual grand communication shall be commenced.

The grand lodge having finished the business of the communication, it was closed in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

Wm. J. Reuting
Grand Secy.

THE CEREMONIAL

OBSERVED AT THE

INSTALLATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,

AND THE

DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

On the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1868.

The director of ceremonies having been announced, was admitted, and addressed the Most Worshipful Grand Master-elect in the east, saying in effect: That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the Province of New Brunswick, having been formed upon the ancient constitutions of the craft, and the time set apart for the installation of the grand master having arrived, Worshipful Brother John Willis, the Senior Past Master present, whose duty it was to perform that ceremony, was then in the ante-chamber, awaiting the pleasure of the grand master-elect.

The grand master-elect informed the director of ceremonies that he would appoint a delegation of past masters to wait upon the Worshipful Brother Willis in the ante-chamber, and escort him into the lodge.

Thereupon the grand master-elect nominated—

Past Master W. H. A. KEANS, Saint John's Lodge, (St. John.)
Past Master S. P. WETMORE, Carleton Union Lodge, (Carleton.)
Past Master JAMES ROBERTSON, Albion Lodge, (St. John.)
Past Master JAS. McNICHOL, Sr., Hibernia Lodge, (St. John.)
Past Master DAVID WETMORE, Midian Lodge, (Clifton.)
Past Master THOMAS M. REED, Albion Lodge, (St. John.)

These Worshipful Brethren, with the Director of Ceremonies, then withdrew, and shortly after entered the lodge escorting the installing master, who was received by all the brethren standing.

The director of ceremonies, addressing the grand master-elect, formally introduced to him the Worshipful Bro. Willis, as the senior past master of the jurisdiction present, and whose privilege and duty it was to install the Grand Master of Freemasons of New Brunswick into his high office, and declared the Worshipful Brother's readiness to immediately proceed with the performance of that duty.

The grand master-elect assured Past Master Willis that it afforded him and the brethren assembled, the utmost satisfaction that the responsibility of installing, according to ancient usage, the Grand Master-elect of the Freemasons of New Brunswick, should have devolved upon a venerable brother, in every way so competent to discharge that duty; and, in order to facilitate the purpose for which he was present, he would now resign the chair to him and place the gavel, the emblem of authority, in his hand, and request him at once to proceed with the ceremony of installation.

The Worshipful Brother Willis having taken his seat in the east, the director of ceremonies then conducted the grand master-elect to a position below the altar, and addressing the installing officer, said:—

“WORSHIPFUL SIR,—I present before you and before all the brethren here assembled, Brother Benjamin Lester Peters, who has been chosen by the unanimous voice of the craft, to be the Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity in this jurisdiction.”

Then the installing master enquired of the grand master-elect if he were willing to accept the important trust which had been confided to him, and if he would hold the office of grand master until his successor was elected and installed.

The grand master-elect having replied in the affirmative, the installing master directed him to take the oath of fidelity, which he did in the following terms, placing his right hand on the sacred writings:—

I, BENJAMIN LESTER PETERS, solemnly and sincerely declare that I will well and faithfully, according to the best of my ability, execute the duties appertaining to the office of Grand Master of New Brunswick, according to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and the ancient land-marks and regulations of the craft:—So help me God.

The grand master was then conducted to the east, where he was invested by the installing master with his jewel, chain and other insignia of office, the gavel was placed in his hand, and amid solemn music he was seated upon the throne. He was then saluted with the grand honors of masonry by the brethren, and the choir sang the ode:—

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

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

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

The installing master ordered the grand master to be duly proclaimed.

The director of ceremonies then proclaimed from the east, "The Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin Lester Peters, Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," which was repeated in the west, and again in the south, in the usual form.

Prayer was offered up by the chaplain, and the lodge of master masons was then closed.

The grand master then withdrew to the robing room, with the grand officers elect and designate, and after robing, entered the lodge room in procession in the following order, the organ playing a march:—

Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Standard Bearer.

Grand Stewards. Grand Stewards.

Grand Sword Bearer, carrying the sword of Justice.

Grand Directors of Ceremonies.

Grand Deacon. Grand Deacon.

Grand Treasurer. Grand Secretary.

Senior Grand Warden. Junior Grand Warden.

Deputy Grand Master. Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. the Grand Master.

The elements of consecration, in silver ewers, were borne by the grand wardens and the deputy grand master, and were deposited on the pedestal prepared for them. The procession on reaching the east halted and faced inwards, and the grand master passed up between the ranks and took his seat on the throne. The acting grand officers then assumed their stations, and immediately after, with the appropriate ceremony, the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable

Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was opened in *ample* form.

The choir sang the opening hymn:—

Supreme Grand Master! God of pow'r!
Be with us in this solemn hour!
Smile on our work—our plans approve;
Fill ev'ry heart with hope and love.

Let each discordant thought be gone,
And love unite our hearts in one;
May we, in union strong, combine
In work and worship so divine.

The grand master then made announcement from the east, which was responded to in the west and south, that he was about to consecrate and dedicate the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and all present were required to preserve due order.

The acting officers of grand lodge were then formed in procession around the *lodge*, solemn music being played on the organ; and the grand master, preceded by the grand standard bearer and the grand sword bearer, took his station in the circle.

Taking the ewer of corn from the pedestal and presenting it to the grand master, the junior grand warden said:—"In the dedicatory ceremonies of our fraternity, it has been of immemorial custom to make use of corn as an emblem of nourishment. I present you, therefore, with this vessel of corn, to be used by you on this occasion according to ancient usage."

Taking the ewer of wine from the pedestal and presenting it to the grand master, the senior grand warden said:—"Wine, the emblem of nourishment, having been used by our ancient brethren in the dedication and consecration of

new lodges, I present you this vessel of wine, to be used by you on the present occasion according to ancient masonic form."

Taking the ewer of oil from the pedestal and presenting it to the grand master, the deputy grand master said:—"Oil, the emblem of joy, having been used by our ancient brethren at all great ceremonies, I present you this vessel of oil, to be used by you on this occasion as an emblem of the joy which should fill all our hearts at the successful accomplishment of our efforts for the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick."

The grand master having taken them in turn from the respective office-bearers, strewed the corn, and poured out the wine and the oil, saying,—

"With corn, with wine and with oil, I consecrate the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, in whom we live and move and have our being, to His glory."

The procession then moved once around the altar whilst the choir sang,—

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

Strewing the corn, and pouring the wine and oil a second time, the grand master said:—

"With corn, with wine and with oil, I consecrate the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, to Charity, Benevolence and Brotherly Love."

The procession again moved around the altar whilst the choir sang,—

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

Strewing the corn, and pouring the wine and oil a third time, the grand master said:—

"With corn, with wine and with oil, I consecrate the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, as the High Court of Judicature of the Fraternity in this province. May peace dwell within her walls; may justice guide her decisions; and may all her views be directed towards the general good."

The procession once more moved around the altar whilst the choir sang,—

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

The grand chaplain then offered up the following prayer,—

Almighty, Infinite and Eternal God! great Architect, Creator and Ruler of the universe! we, the frail children of humanity, bow before Thee in humility, reverence and godly fear, and implore Thee to be with us and to bless us as we are now assembled in Thy name. We acknowledge Thee as the author of life and light and every blessing, and we comit ourselves to Thy grace and guidance. O! do Thou grant us wisdom from Thy glorious temple on high, that we may be so directed in all our actings, as to have a single eye to Thy glory and the good of our fellow-men. And as we are now met to inaugurate an independent grand lodge of our order here below, let Thy blessing be upon us; establish Thou the work of our hands upon us—yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it. Be pleased, most gracious God, so to enlighten our understandings, renew our hearts, and sanctify our

wills and our affections, that this our grand lodge may shine as a light in a dark place, and be a refuge for the weary laborer and the way-worn traveller, where he may rest and refresh himself in Thy light under its shade. May we ever regard Thy law as the great light of our profession, and regulate our lives and conversations by its holy precepts. May we ever maintain true allegiance to our Sovereign, and give due respect to other rulers, remembering that they are ordained of Thee for the good of society; and may we under them lead quiet and peaceable lives. Grant us grace that we may chasten our passions by temperance; inspire us with Christian fortitude, that we may be supported under all the trials of life; bestow on us prudence to direct us in all our difficulties; and may justice rule all our actions. Let brotherly love, relief and truth ever shine in our intercourse one with another. Let no immorality, disorder or strife ever be tolerated among us, to disturb our harmony, or mar the pure principles of our order; but may we grow in all grace and knowledge and spiritual understanding, and become fit temples for the Holy Spirit to inhabit.

Thus, O Lord, Thou Great Master, do we desire to consecrate our grand lodge and ourselves to Thy service and glory. Be pleased, most gracious God, to accept our offering, and cause Thy countenance to shine upon us. O! satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children; and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us—yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it. Now, O Lord, we pray that peace may be within the walls of our lodge, and prosperity within its borders; and for our friends' and brethren's sakes we will now say, Peace be within thee. And grant, O most gracious God, of Thine infinite goodness and mercy, that, having passed through all labors and trials of this life, supported by Thy grace, we may finish our course with joy, and at last be received up into Thy glorious temple above, there forever to be with Thee, the Lord. And the glory shall be Thine, through Christ.—AMEN.

The choir sang the anthem—"The earth is the Lord's."

By direction of the grand master, the acting grand director of ceremonies then proclaimed from the east, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick

duly constituted, consecrated and dedicated according to ancient form and usage, which was repeated in the west by the acting assistant grand director of ceremonies, and again in the south.

The grand honors of masonry were then given, and the grand lodge was seated.

CONSTITUTION
AND
GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE

OF THE
ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

ADOPTED JANUARY 23rd, 1868,

TITLE.

The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "THE GRAND
LODGE OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND AC-
CEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK."

HOW CONSTITUTED.

1. The grand lodge shall consist of the elective and appointed officers (excepting the grand tyler) with all past grand officers, except past grand tylers, continuing to subscribe to a lodge; the masters and wardens of all private lodges (duly returned,) and all past masters (duly returned) being members of a private lodge; provided that no brother shall rank as a past grand officer, unless at the time of holding office in grand lodge, he was either a master or past master of some lodge.

2. Should neither the worshipful master nor the wardens of a lodge attend any communication of grand lodge, such lodge by its vote, properly certified by the worshipful master and secretary, and under seal, may delegate any master or past master, entitled to a seat in grand lodge, to represent their lodge, but no proxy shall be valid unless the name of the brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the worship-

List of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Name of Lodge,	Place of Meeting,	Regular Communication,	Worshipful Master,	Secretary,
Albion,	Saint John,	First Friday,	Christopher Murray,	William S. Marven,
Saint John's,	"	First Tuesday,	Joseph C. Hatheway,	W. F. Bunting,
Hibernia,	"	Second Tuesday,	David Martin,	Thomas A. Peters,
Saint Mark's,	Saint Andrew's,	First Thursday,	Benjamin F. Stevenson,	Jarvis Law,
Solomon's,	Frederickton,	Tuesday after Full Moon,	David Main,	William Vaughan,
Sussex,	Saint Stephen,	First Wednesday,	Richard N. Knight,	Charles Ketchum,
Carleton Union,	Carleton,	First Thursday,	G. Hudson Frewelling,	Rev. D. J. Wetmore,
Midian,	Clifton,	Second Tuesday,	David R. Munro,	Howard D. McLeod,
Union of Portland,	Saint John,	Third Thursday,	William F. Dibble,	Isaiah J. McCoy,
Woodstock,	Woodstock,	First Wednesday,	James A. Moran,	Louis B. Messerett,
Saint George,	Saint George,	First Tuesday,	Henry Hallett,	Rev. E. A. Warnford,
Corinthian,	Hampton,	Wednesday on or after Full Moon,	Charles A. Holstead,	James W. Oulton,
Keith,	Moncton,	Thursday after Full Moon,	James V. Hanson,	Rex M. King,
Alley,	Upper Mills,	First Thursday,	James A. Duffy,	Charles J. Sayre,
Howard,	Hillsboro,	First Tuesday,	James McDougall,	Edmund C. Tozer,
Saint Andrew,	Richibucto,	First Thursday,	William Masson, Jr.,	Thomas F. Gillespie,
Northumberland,	Newcastle,	Second Tuesday,	Henry C. Williston,	Elisha S. Steeves,
Miramichi,	Chatham,	Third Thursday,	Ormond E. Frewelling,	Asaph G. Blakslee,
Salisbury,	Salisbury,	First Tuesday,	Alfred A. Stockton,	Richard Roach,
Leinster,	Saint John,	First Monday,	John McPherson,	William G. McFarlane,
Zion,	Sussex,	Wednesday before Full Moon,	William R. Russell,	
New Brunswick,	Saint John,	Second Thursday,		

ful master and secretary of the lodge : and no brother can represent by proxy more than one lodge. A duplicate of such written proxy shall be delivered to the grand secretary before the communication of the grand lodge.

OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the grand lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed and installed.

2. The grand master or presiding officer at the annual communication, shall appoint three scrutineers, whose duty it shall be to collect the ballots for grand officers from the brethren to whom they have been delivered. The scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot, and having ascertained the number of votes for the respective candidates, they shall present their reports to grand lodge.

3. The election and appointment of all officers of grand lodge, shall take place at the annual communication, when those present shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in ancient form

4. The officers of the grand lodge shall consist of

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.			
" Right	"	Deputy Grand Master.	
" "	"	Senior Grand Warden.	
" "	"	Junior Grand Warden.	
" Very	"	Grand Chaplain.	
" "	"	Treasurer.	
" "	"	Secretary.	
	"	Deacons.	
	"	Director of Ceremonies.	
" Assis't	"	Director of Ceremonies.	

Worshipful	"	Sword Bearer.
"	"	Standard Bearer.
"	"	Organist.
"	"	Pursuivant.
	"	Stewards of the year.
	"	Tyler.

5. The following officers of the Grand Lodge shall be *elected* by written ballot :—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.		
" Right	"	Deputy Grand Master.
" "	"	Senior Grand Warden.
" "	"	Junior Grand Warden.
" Very	"	Grand Chaplain.
" "	"	Treasurer.
	"	Tyler.

6. The following officers shall be *appointed* by the Grand Master, viz :—

Very Worshipful Grand Secretary.		
"	"	Deacons.
"	"	Director and Assis't Director of Ceremonies.
"	"	Sword Bearer.
"	"	Standard Bearer.
"	"	Organist.
"	"	Pursuivant.
"	"	Stewards.

7. The rank of officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows :—

The Grand Master.	
Past Grand Masters	according to seniority.
Deputy Grand Master.	
Past " "	Masters.
Senior " "	Warden.

Past Senior Grand Wardens.
 Junior " Warden.
 Past " " Wardens.
 Grand Chaplain
 Past " Chaplains.
 Grand Treasurer.
 Past " Treasurers.
 Grand Secretary.
 Past " Secretaries.
 Senior Grand Deacon.
 Past " " Deacons.
 Junior " Deacon.
 Past " " Deacons.
 Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 Past " Directors of Ceremonies.
 Assis't Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 Past " " Directors of Ceremonies.
 Grand Sword Bearer.
 Past " " Bearers.
 Grand Standard Bearer.
 Past " " Bearers.
 Grand Organist.
 Past " Organists.
 Grand Pursuivant.
 Past " Pursuivants.
 Grand Stewards of the year.

And the masters, past masters, and present wardens of private lodges, in the order of the number of their respective lodge warrants.

8. The elective officers respectively are to be chosen by written ballot, by a majority of all the votes present.

9. No brother shall be eligible to any elective office in the grand lodge (except the office of grand chaplain or grand tyler) unless

he shall have been regularly installed worshipful master of a private lodge.

10. Should any vacancy occur in any office of the grand lodge, the grand master shall appoint a qualified brother to supply the place, *pro tempore*.

11. Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the craft, may, by a vote of the grand lodge duly confirmed, be constituted members of the grand lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

12. No member of the grand lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing, nor shall he be allowed to wear any jewel not recognized by the grand lodge.

13. Should any lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to the grand lodge for the year previous to the annual communication, the master, wardens, or other representative of such lodge, shall not be permitted to attend such annual or any subsequent meeting of the grand lodge, until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

14. No brother shall be permitted to attend the grand lodge as master, past master or warden, until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned and transmitted to the grand secretary's office.

15. The annual communication of the grand lodge shall be holden at the city of Saint John, on the fourth Wednesday in September, in each year. None but members of the grand lodge shall be present at the communications, without permission of the grand master or presiding officer.

16. The grand master, or in his absence from the province, the deputy grand master, or in his like absence, the grand wardens may summon and hold a grand lodge of emergency, at such time

and place as in his or their opinion the good of the craft shall require; and the particular reason for convening such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

17. If at any grand lodge, annual or emergent, the grand master be absent, the lodge shall be ruled by the grand officer next in rank and seniority who may be present; and if no elective grand officer be present, by the master of the senior lodge. And the powers of any *pro tempore* presiding officer, shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him. The grand lodge is declared to be open in *ample form* when the grand master is present; in *due form* when a past grand master or the deputy presides; at all other times only *in form*, yet with the same authority.

18. By the ancient constitutions and usages of freemasonry, the grand lodge, as the supreme masonic authority in this province, is invested with certain original, essential and unalterable powers and privileges. Among these is the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the craft, and of altering, repealing and abrogating them, always taking care to preserve the ancient landmarks. The grand lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the craft, or to particular lodges, or to individual brothers, which it may exercise by itself, or by delegated authority, and the exclusive power of erasing lodges and expelling members; of establishing and preserving a uniform system of work and lectures; of issuing warrants for new lodges and of suspending or revoking the same.

19. All differences or complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular lodge, shall be delivered in writing to the grand secretary, who shall lay them before the grand master or committee appointed by grand lodge. When all the parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon and the case shall have been investigated, such order and adjudication may be made as shall be authorized by the laws and regulations of masonry.

Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge During the Time of Business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening the grand lodge.
 - Reading and confirmation of minutes.
 - Communications from the grand or deputy grand master.
 - Reports from grand secretary and grand treasurer.
 - Reports from the board of general purposes, committees, etc.
 - Reading and disposing of letters, bills, etc.
 - Money grants.
 - Deferred business.
 - Election and installation of officers.
 - New business.
 - Closing the grand lodge.

2. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each lodge having three votes, each past master one vote, each officer of grand lodge, except the grand tyler, not otherwise entitled to vote, shall have one vote by virtue of his office, and the grand master a casting vote in case of an equal division; unless the lodge for the sake of expedition, think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the grand master. Where any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open vote, the votes of the members are always to be signified by each holding up his right hand, which uplifted hands the grand wardens or grand deacons are to count, unless the number should be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary.

3. All members shall keep their seats, except the grand deacons, grand director of ceremonies and his assistant, and the grand stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

4. No brother shall speak more than once to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply, without permission from the chair.

5. Every one who speaks shall rise, and remain standing, addressing himself to the grand master; nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the grand master to order, or the grand master shall think fit to call him to order; but after he has been set right, he may proceed if he observe due order and decorum.

6. No notice shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules or regulations of the grand lodge, or for adding a new rule, regulation or law, without notice in writing, stating in full the amendment or addition proposed, having been given to the grand secretary at least one month before the time appointed for holding the communication at which it is to be submitted to the grand lodge; and no alteration or addition shall be made unless by consent of a majority of the members present.

7. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing, if the presiding officer or any brother desire it.

8. It shall be competent for a member of the grand lodge to move a motion, an amendment, or an amendment to an amendment; but an amendment to amend an amendment, shall not be entertained.

OF THE GRAND MASTER.

1. The grand master and the elective grand officers, shall be elected by ballot, at the annual communication.

2. The grand master shall be installed and invested immediately after his election and according to ancient usage. He shall then appoint such grand officers as come within his prerogative to appoint, who, together with the grand officers elect, shall, if present, be thereupon installed or invested in ancient form.

3. In the temporary absence of the grand master from the province, notified by him to the grand secretary, the deputy grand master shall possess all the powers of the grand master; and should the grand master die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof, by sickness, permanent absence from the province, or otherwise, the deputy grand master shall forthwith assume the functions of grand master until the next annual election; and should the deputy grand master die previous to such election, the grand wardens shall immediately summon a grand lodge to elect a grand master.

4. If the grand lodge shall resolve to be represented in a sister grand lodge, the grand master, under sanction of the grand lodge, may by warrant appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent such grand lodge in a sister grand lodge. He may also with the concurrence of the grand lodge, constitute any distinguished brother, who may be regularly deputed from a sister grand lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, with such rank as the grand lodge may deem to be appropriate.

5. The grand master has full authority to preside in any lodge, and to order any of his grand officers to attend him. His deputy is to be placed on his right, and the master of the lodge on his left, hand. His wardens are, also, to act as wardens of that particular lodge during his presence; but if the grand wardens be not present, then the grand master may command the wardens of the lodge, or any master masons, to act as his wardens *pro tempore*.

6. The grand master may send his grand officers to visit any lodge he may think proper.

7. The grand master may summon any lodge or brother to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such lodge, or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons is to be repeated as a peremptory summons;

if such last summons be not attended to, such lodge or brother may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the grand lodge.

8. The grand master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning masons or masonry, but through the grand secretary.

OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

1. This officer is to be elected at the annual communication of the grand lodge. If present he shall be immediately installed according to ancient usage. In the absence of the grand master as hereinbefore provided, the deputy possesses all his powers and privileges.

2. The deputy grand master has full authority to preside in any lodge with the master of the lodge on his right hand. The grand wardens, if present, are to act as wardens of that lodge during his presence.

OF GRAND WARDENS.

1. The grand wardens shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. When the actual grand wardens are in grand lodge, no others can supply their places, but in their absence the senior past grand wardens present shall act *pro tempore*. If no past grand warden be present the grand master may direct any other member of grand lodge to act as grand warden for that occasion.

3. The grand wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the grand master, and while he presides in any particular lodge, are to act there as his wardens.

OF GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The grand chaplain shall be elected and invested at the annual communication, and shall attend all communications and other

meetings of the grand lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the fraternity.

OF GRAND TREASURER.

1. The grand treasurer shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. The grand treasurer shall give a joint bond, with two sureties, to the grand master and deputy grand master, in such penalty and with such conditions as may be deemed expedient, for the due performance of his trust.

3. To the grand treasurer shall be committed all moneys raised for the general charity, or for any other use of the fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended; and shall disburse the same in such manner as the grand lodge or other proper authority shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipts and disbursements before every regular communication, or when called for by the board of general purposes; and these accounts shall be annually audited by the said board, who shall make their report thereon at the annual communication in September.

OF GRAND SECRETARY.

1. The grand secretary shall be appointed and invested at the annual communication.

2. The grand secretary shall sign and certify all instruments from the grand lodge, under seal or otherwise; issue summonses for all meetings of the grand lodge, board of general purposes and of any committee of which he shall be directed by the grand master or grand lodge, and to attend and take minutes of their proceedings; to receive the returns from the several lodges, and enter them in the books of the grand lodge, and duly report the

same at each annual communication of the grand lodge; to transmit to all lodges the proceedings of every communication or other meeting of grand lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the grand master, the grand lodge, or board of general purposes; to notify all lodges, annually, of all expelled, restored, suspended or excluded members for the year; to furnish the board of general purposes or other constituted authority, all proper documents and information that they may require; to receive all petitions, memorials, &c., and to lay them before the grand master, or other proper authority; to attend the grand master or board of general purposes, and to take to him or them any books or papers he or they may direct; to conduct the correspondence of the grand lodge; to receive, credit and record all moneys of the grand lodge, and pay over the same without delay to the grand treasurer; to take the custody of the grand lodge seal, and affix it to all warrants, certificates, and other proper papers, by order of the grand master, and annually report the amount received, and generally to do all such things as heretofore have been, or should be done, by a grand secretary.

3. The grand secretary shall also submit at each annual communication, a general report on the state of the craft under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge; with as full and particular account as possible, of the membership, funds, properties, annual work and efficiency of each lodge in the province.

OF GRAND DEACONS.

The grand deacons shall be appointed and installed at the annual communication. If they are absent at any communication, the grand master or presiding officer may appoint any members of grand lodge to officiate *pro tempore*.

OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, GRAND SWORD BEARER, GRAND ORGANIST, GRAND PURSUIVANT, GRAND STEWARDS, GRAND STANDARD BEARER, AND GRAND TYLER.

1. The grand director of ceremonies, assistant grand director of

ceremonies, sword bearer, organist and pursuivant, stewards and standard bearer, are to be appointed annually by the grand master, on the day of his installation. They are to attend all communications and other meetings of the grand lodge.

2. *The grand director of ceremonies and assistant grand director of ceremonies*, in addition to their other duties, have the care, during the session of grand lodge, of the regalia, clothing, insignia and jewels belonging to the grand lodge.

3. *The grand pursuivant* shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of the grand lodge, and with the assistance of the brethren nominated for attendance there, see that none except those who are qualified, and who have their proper clothing and jewels and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are, in all respects, entitled to admission, be admitted.

4. The grand master may appoint not more than twelve *grand stewards* annually, for the regulation of grand festivals, under the direction of the grand master. They shall also assist in conducting the arrangements made for the communications and other meetings of the grand lodge.

5. *A grand standard bearer* shall be appointed by the grand master at the annual communication. He must be a master mason and shall carry the standard of the grand lodge.

6. *The grand organist* shall be a master mason, and be appointed and invested at the annual communication, and shall conduct the musical ceremonies of the lodge, under the direction of the grand master or presiding officer.

7. *The grand tyler* is to attend all meetings of the grand lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

8. If any grand tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting or pretended lodge of masons not being regularly constituted or not

acknowledging the authority of the grand master or not conforming to the laws of the grand lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a tyler or attendant on a lodge, and be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Officers of the grand lodge shall be installed and invested in person, and no installation or investiture of an officer by proxy shall be permitted.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

1. The board shall consist of the grand master, deputy grand master, (who shall be ex-officio president), the grand wardens, and ten other members, to be appointed at the annual meeting of grand lodge by the grand master.

2. The board shall elect one of its members to be vice-president. Should the president and vice-president be absent from any meeting of the board, the members shall elect a chairman *pro tempore*. The presiding officer shall have a casting vote, in case of a tie, in addition to his vote as a member.

3. Should any vacancy occur among the appointed members of the board, by death or otherwise, the grand master shall immediately appoint a qualified brother to fill the vacancy; and the grand secretary shall inform the board at its next meeting, of the brother so appointed.

4. The grand secretary is to act as secretary of the board, and keep a full record of its proceedings and transactions.

5. Five members of the board shall make a quorum for the transaction of any business.

6. The board has full power to regulate its own time and place of meeting.

7. It has also authority to hear and determine all subjects of masonic complaint or irregularity respecting lodges or individual masons, when regularly brought before it. It may proceed to admonition, fine or suspension, subject to the approval of the grand master and an appeal to the grand lodge. Should an appeal be made, notice must be given in writing to the grand secretary, within one month after the decision of the board. The board cannot expel a member or erase a lodge, but it may, if it deem such extreme punishment advisable, recommend the same to grand lodge.

8. The board may summon any lodge or brother to attend it, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the lodge, or the certificate of the brother. If such lodge or brother do not comply, or give sufficient reasons for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the lodge or brother, shall be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the grand lodge.

9. In case of any charge affecting a member of the board, or a lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw whilst the board considers its decision.

10. The board shall always have access to any of the papers, books or documents, of the grand lodge. It shall examine all the accounts presented to the grand lodge, and if found correct, recommend their payment. It may, also, order the payment by the grand treasurer, of any petty expenses of the grand secretary's office, or any other office in connection with the grand lodge, but the aggregate of the sum which it can order to be paid in any one year, must not exceed one hundred dollars.

11. The board may recommend to the grand lodge for its adoption, whatever measures it shall deem advantageous or necessary, to the welfare and good government of the craft.

12. The board shall be a general committee, to which shall be submitted, all matters referred by grand lodge to a committee,

except in cases where a special committee is appointed. It is to assist and advise with the grand master, in reference to the good government of the craft; it may appoint sub-committees of its own body for foreign correspondence, or for specified purposes, but such committees must always report to the board.

13. The board shall, previous to the annual meeting of grand lodge, appoint three masters or past masters of lodges, as a committee on credentials, who shall attend within the porch of the grand lodge, for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the grand pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

PRIVATE LODGES.

1. The officers of a lodge are the master and his two wardens, chaplain, a treasurer, a secretary, two deacons, two stewards, director of ceremonies, organist, inner guard and tyler, who shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected or appointed and installed.

2. Every lodge shall, annually, elect its master and treasurer by written ballot, such master having first served as warden of a warranted lodge for at least one year. At the next regular meeting following his election, after the minutes shall have been read and approved, he shall be installed according to ancient usage; he shall then appoint the other officers and install them and the treasurer into office.

3. Officers shall be installed in person, and no installation of an officer by proxy shall be permitted. If the officer elect or appointed is not present, he shall be installed at the first regular communication of the lodge at which he is present; and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to attend for installation, for two regular communications after his election or appointment, the lodge

may, by a majority vote, declare his election or appointment void and revoked, and another shall be elected or appointed in his stead, who shall be installed into office in due form.

4. Every lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with the general regulations of the grand lodge. Two copies of the by-laws must be submitted to the grand secretary, for the approbation of the grand master; and, when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted; and no law or alteration shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

5. The by-laws of the lodge shall be delivered to the master on the day of his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them during his mastership. Every brother shall also sign them when he becomes a member of the lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them; and every member shall, at all reasonable times, have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the lodge and delivered to the members.

6. The master of every lodge is to cause the ancient charges, the regulations of the grand lodge relating to private lodges, and the by-laws of his lodge, to be read in open lodge once every year.

7. The master is responsible that a book or books be kept in which the secretary shall enter the names of the members of the lodge, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission or initiation, passing and raising; and also their ages, as nearly as possible at that time and their titles, professions or trades, together with such transactions of the lodge as are proper to be written.

8. The place and regular days of meeting of the lodge shall be specified in the by-laws, and no meeting of the lodge shall be held elsewhere, except a removal be decided upon in conformity with the laws and with the consent of the grand master.

9. Every lodge, when removed to a new place of meeting or

whenever the day of assembling shall be altered, shall immediately send notice thereof to the grand secretary. The officers of a removed lodge shall not be permitted to attend the grand lodge until the removal be properly notified.

10. A lodge of emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the master, or in his absence of the senior warden, or in their absence of the junior warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The business to be transacted at such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, recorded on the minutes, and no other business shall be entered upon.

11. Every lodge shall keep a book in which all visitors attending shall at each meeting sign their names before entering the lodge, with their masonic rank and the name of their mother lodge, or the lodge from which they hail.

12. The precedence of lodges is derived from the number of their warrant of constitution, as recorded in the books of the grand lodge. No lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into the grand lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other masonic privilege unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

13. No lodge shall on any pretence make more than five new brothers in one day, unless by dispensation, in which case the number of persons shall be set out in the dispensation; nor until they have been ballotted for and approved; nor can a rejected applicant for initiation in the province be ballotted for in the same or any other lodge within six months from the time of such rejection: every lodge rejecting a candidate shall forthwith notify every lodge in the province of such rejection; nor shall a higher degree in masonry be conferred on any brother at a less interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, except by dispensation from the grand master, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open lodge in such previous degree.

14. No lodge in the County of St. John shall make a mason for a less consideration than twenty dollars, and no lodge outside of the county shall make a mason for a less sum than sixteen dollars nor on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum. The member who proposes any candidate must be responsible to the lodge, for all the fees payable on account of his initiation. This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated provided that no fee or reward in such case be taken, and that a dispensation from the grand master be first obtained.

15. Every candidate initiated in a lodge if he desires shall become a member thereof from the date of his initiation, and is liable for the regular lodge dues. He shall immediately sign the by-laws.

16. Every lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren initiated therein, and also in making the returns of its members, as no person is regularly entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered and he shall have been at least two years a contributing member of a lodge.

17. To prevent injury to individuals by their being excluded the privileges of masonry through the neglect of their lodges in not registering their names, any brother so circumstanced, on producing sufficient proof to the grand secretary that he has paid the full fees of his lodge, shall be capable of enjoying the full privileges of the craft. But the offending lodge shall be reported to the grand lodge and rigorously proceeded against for neglecting to make the proper return, and detaining moneys which are the property of the grand lodge, and which had been paid to the lodge for specific appropriation.

18. The master shall see that all moneys received or paid on account of the lodge are entered in proper books by the secretary and treasurer. The accounts of the lodge shall be audited at least once in every year by a committee appointed by the lodge.

19. Each lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein a grand lodge certificate, to be paid for by the lodge.

20. No lodge or officer, or member of a lodge, shall under any circumstance give a certificate or recommendation to enable a mason to proceed from lodge to lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to lodges for relief.

21. No lodge shall form any public masonic procession, or attend any public or private gathering in masonic clothing without a dispensation from the grand master.

22. Every lodge has the power of suspending or excluding a member for gross, immoral or infamous conduct, or for non-payment of dues; but no lodge shall suspend or exclude any member without giving him due notice of the charge preferred or complaint made against him and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself; when the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the votes of the brethren shall be given by ballot. The name of every brother suspended or excluded, together with the cause of his suspension or exclusion shall be sent to the grand secretary and to every lodge in the province.

23. A member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the lodge without a fresh ballot, on application to the lodge and payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular lodge dues for the period he was so suspended, and notice of his restoration shall be forthwith given to the grand secretary and to every lodge in the province.

24. The jewels and furniture of every lodge belong to and are the property of the master, wardens and brethren of such lodge.

25. All minutes, lists and books of account belonging to a lodge must be produced by the master, when he shall be so required by competent authority.

26. The majority of the members of a lodge when congregated have the privilege of giving instructions to the master and wardens

or other representative before the meeting of the grand lodge, because such officers are their representatives and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

27. Each lodge shall annually, immediately after the 27th day of December, make a return to the grand secretary, of the master, wardens, and past masters of the lodge, including all members who claim to be entitled to attend in grand lodge as past masters, as having served the office of master in some other lodge, specifying the lodge in which each of such past masters have served the office of master; and no brother shall be permitted to attend in grand lodge, unless his name shall appear in some such return.

28. Each lodge shall make its returns and payments annually, immediately after the 27th day of December, to the grand secretary, and in case of neglect for more than one year to make such returns and payments, or in case the lodge does not meet during that period, it shall be liable to be erased. The master and wardens, or any representatives of such lodge, are thereby disqualified from attending the grand lodge, or sitting upon any committee until those returns and payments have been completed.

29. By a vote of the lodge, the dues of any member in indigent circumstances may be remitted.

30. If a lodge be dissolved, its warrant and records shall forthwith be delivered up to the grand master or other constituted authority.

31. As every warranted lodge is a constituent part of the grand lodge, in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant; if, therefore, the majority of any lodge shall determine to quit the lodge, the constitution, or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members; provided their number be not less than seven, otherwise the warrant ceases and becomes extinct; and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed shall revert to the grand lodge, together with the funds and property of said lodge.

32. No lodge shall be erased or its warrant declared forfeited, until the master, or in his absence, the wardens, shall have been notified in writing, of the offence, and shall have been summoned to answer to the complaint made.

33. If any lodge or its master and wardens, be summoned to attend, or produce its warrant, books, papers or accounts to the grand master, his deputy, or any board, or committee, or person authorized by the grand lodge, and do not comply, nor give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, such lodge may be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the grand lodge which shall have power to declare the warrant forfeited, or otherwise deal with it as a majority shall determine.

34. No member shall, on any pretence, exhibit or expose any representation or similitude of any jewel, or furniture of a lodge, or of any masonic emblem, or device, on any sign-board, show or window blind, business card or advertisement, under pain of reprimand or suspension by the lodge, or even expulsion by the grand lodge; and every member is strictly enjoined to report to the lodge to which the offending brother belongs, any brother violating this rule.

35. A lodge offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall at the discretion of the grand lodge, the grand master, or the board of general purpose, be subject to admonition or suspension, as before provided.

OF MASTERS AND WARDENS OF LODGES.

1. All preferment among masons shall be grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; therefore, no brother shall be elected master of a lodge, or appointed to any office therein, merely on account of seniority or rank. No master elect shall assume the master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, though

he may, in the interim, rule the lodge. It shall be necessary, previous to the installation of the master, that his election be confirmed; after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed. Should the election of a master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the lodge, setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a master; and on confirmation of that election, at the following ordinary meeting of the lodge, the installation of the master shall follow.

2. Every master before being placed in the chair shall in addition to a full compliance with the prescribed order and ceremonies of installation, solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old-established usages and customs, and to preserve the land-marks of the fraternity, and most strictly to enforce them within his own lodge.

3. The master, wardens and members of a lodge are enjoined to visit other lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the craft and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among freemasons.

4. The master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts when required by any lawful authority.

5. If the master die, be removed or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the senior warden, and in the absence of the senior warden, the junior warden shall act as master in summoning the lodge until the next election of officers.

6. If the master be not present the immediate past master, or if he be not present, the senior past master of the lodge present shall take the chair. If no past master of the lodge be present, then the senior warden, or in his absence the junior warden, may rule the lodge but not confer degrees.

7. A past master of any other lodge may be invited to officiate as master, and may confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

8. The master and wardens of every lodge, when summoned so to do, shall attend the grand master, his deputy, the grand lodge or any board or committee or person authorized by the grand lodge; and produce the warrant, minutes and books of the lodge, under pain of suspension, and being reported to the next grand lodge.

9. No warden or other officer of a lodge can resign his office, nor can he be removed, unless for a cause which appears to a majority of the lodge to be sufficient; but if the master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the lodge; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint is well founded he shall have power to displace such officer, and another must be elected or appointed in his place.

OF TYLERS.

1. The tyler is to be chosen by ballot by the members of the lodge, and may at any time be removed, for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present at a regular meeting of the lodge, and another elected in his stead.

2. He is to see that every visitor has signed his name to the attendance book before entering the lodge, and that he is provided with proper clothing.

3. If any tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting, or pretended lodge of masons, not being regularly constituted or not acknowledging the authority of the grand master, or not conforming to the laws of the grand lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever being a tyler or attendant on a lodge, and shall be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTY.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge, unless the laws of the craft relating to the proposing and admitting of candi-

dates shall have been strictly complied with. (See "*Proposing members.*")

2. A brother who has been concerned in making masons clandestinely, or in a lodge which is not a regular lodge, or for small and unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new lodge without the grand master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member or visitor, into any regular lodge, nor partake of the general charity, or other masonic privilege, till he make due submission and obtain grace.

3. No brother shall presume to print, or publish or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any lodge or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such lodge, without the permission of the grand master, under pain of being reprimanded suspended or expelled, as the grand lodge shall determine. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing, or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a lodge, or by the authority of the master, or the proceedings of any festive or public meeting at which persons, not masons, are permitted to attend.

4. The majority of the members present at any lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the craft; no member, therefore, shall be permitted to enter in the minute book of his lodge, a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the craft, and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher masonic authority.

5. If any member shall be excluded from his lodge, or shall withdraw himself from it, without having complied with its by-laws, or with the general regulations of the craft, he shall not be eligible to any other lodge, until that lodge shall have been made acquainted with his former neglect, so that the brethren may be enabled to exercise their discretion as to his admission. Whenever a member of any lodge shall resign, or shall be excluded, or when-

ever; at a future time, he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate stating the circumstances under which he left the lodge; and such certificate shall be produced to any other lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken.

6. All differences between or complaints of members, that cannot be accommodated privately or in some regular lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the grand secretary to be submitted to the grand master, who shall refer them to the board of general purposes or appoint a committee to investigate the same. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case has been investigated, the committee shall report to the grand lodge, which shall have full power to deal therewith as a majority shall determine.

7. A mason offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the grand lodge or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension or by the grand lodge only, to expulsion.

OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

1. A brother who may have rendered any service to the craft in general or to any particular lodge, may, by a vote of the lodge, be elected an honorary member of such lodge. The lodge must include honorary members in its returns to grand lodge and pay to the grand lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members.

2. Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting in the lodge unless specially conferred by a vote of the lodge at a regular meeting—previous notice of intention to confer the right and the name, residence and addition of the brother in whose case the vote is to be had, having been first stated in the usual summons.

PROPOSING MEMBERS.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member or in which he was initiated, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting; at which meeting the brother's grand lodge certificate, and also the certificate of his former lodge, is to be produced and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot. When a lodge has ceased to meet, any former member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another lodge, on producing a certificate from the grand secretary, stating the fact and specifying whether the brother has been registered and his quarterage duly paid.

2. Except in cases of seafaring and military men, no person shall be made a mason unless he has resided one year in the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he seeks admission or shall produce a certificate of character from the nearest lodge to the place of his previous residence; nor until he has been properly proposed at one regular meeting of the lodge, and a committee has been appointed by the worshipful master to make the necessary enquiries into the character of the candidate; nor until his name, age, addition or profession, and place of abode, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular meeting, when after the committee have reported to the lodge, he must be balloted for and if approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry.

3. No lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another lodge, without the consent, by a resolution of that lodge, which shall be signified in writing, unless by dispensation of the grand master, except in a town or city where there is more than one lodge, in which case each lodge has concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of each lodge extends in every direction half way to the nearest lodge.

4. In case of emergency the following alteration as to the mode of proposing a candidate is allowed: Any two members of a lodge may transmit, in writing, to the master, the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and the master, if the emergency be proper, shall issue a notice to every member, appoint a committee as before provided, and at the same time summon the lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven clear days from the issuing of the summons, for the purpose of balloting for the candidate; if the candidate be then approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry. The master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the said proposition and the emergency stated, to be recorded in the minute book of the lodge.

5. No person under the age of twenty-one years shall be made a mason in any lodge, and every candidate must be a free man and at the time of initiation, be known to be in reputable circumstances. He should be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences, and have made some progress in one or the other of them; and he must, at the time of his application, subscribe his name at full length to a declaration of the following import, viz. :-

To the worshipful master, wardens, and brethren of _____
Lodge, No. _____, _____, New Brunswick.

I, _____, of the _____ of _____, in the county of _____, aged _____ years, by occupation _____, being a freeman and of mature age, do declare that unbiased by the improper solicitations of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of masonry; that I am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire of knowledge; and that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity, and I do also

declare that I have ——— made application for admission into any other lodge.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____, A. L. 58—.

Recommended by

_____ } (Sig.)
_____ }

6. Any person who cannot write, shall be ineligible to be admitted to the fraternity, and a petition having been received by a lodge cannot be withdrawn; and no person shall be made a mason or admitted a member of a lodge, if on ballot, three black balls appear against him, nor shall less than three black balls reject a candidate.

7. Every candidate shall, on his initiation, solemnly promise to submit to the constitution and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the craft, and if he desire to become a member of the lodge, he must sign the by-laws of the lodge on his initiation, a copy of which, together with a copy of the constitution of grand lodge, shall then be presented to him.

8. A rejected candidate cannot be balloted for in the same or any other lodge, within six months from the time of his rejection.

OF THE LODGE SEAL.

1. Every lodge shall have a masonic seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued and which shall be in the custody of the secretary, under the direction of the worshipful master.

2. An impression of the seal shall be sent to the grand secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

1. No general lodge of instruction shall be holden, unless under the sanction of a regular warranted lodge or by the special license and authority of the grand master. The lodge giving its sanction,

and the brethren to whom such license is granted shall be answerable for the proceedings of such lodge of instruction and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of grand lodge.

2. Notice of the times and places of meeting of the lodges of instruction shall be given to the grand secretary.

3. Lodges of instruction shall keep a minute of all brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the grand master or lodge granting the sanction.

4. If a lodge which has given its sanction for a lodge of instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the lodge to be communicated to the lodge of instruction; provided that notice of the intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

OF VISITORS.

1. No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be personally known or recommended or well vouched for; and after due examination by one or more of the brethren present, and shall have entered his name, masonic rank, the name or number of his mother lodge, or the lodge he hails from, in a book to be kept by every lodge for that purpose; and during his continuance in the lodge he must be subject to the by-laws of the lodge. The master of the lodge is particularly bound to enforce these regulations.

2. No brother residing in the province and not affiliated with some lodge, shall be entitled to the benefit of the benevolent fund for himself or family, nor to masonic burial, nor to take part in any masonic ceremony, public or private, nor to be entitled to any masonic privilege whatever, nor can he be permitted to visit any lodge in the town or place where he resides more than once during his secession from the craft.

OF CERTIFICATES.

1. Every brother shall be entitled to a grand lodge certificate immediately upon being registered in the books of the grand lodge, for which certificate the lodge shall pay one dollar. Each lodge, therefore, when it makes a return of the masons whom it has initiated, shall, in addition to the register fee, make a remittance of the money for the certificates.

2. Every brother to whom a grand lodge certificate is granted must sign his name on the margin thereof, in the presence of the worshipful master or the secretary of the lodge, except in case of absence from the place of meeting of his lodge, when he shall sign it in presence of the worshipful master or secretary of any duly warranted lodge; otherwise it will be invalid.

3. No brother shall obtain a grand lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of masonry on the same day or at a shorter interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, unless by dispensation from the grand master.

4. Every return or other document upon which a grand lodge certificate is to be issued, must specify not only the date of initiation, but also the days on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

5. All applications for grand lodge certificates must be made to the grand secretary, and if the name of the brother wishing for the certificate has not previously been registered, the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate shall, on any account, be issued until such money has been paid.

6. No lodge shall grant a private lodge certificate to a brother, except for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a grand lodge certificate, in which case such certificate shall be specifically addressed to the grand secretary, and except also such certificates as may be

required by the laws of the grand lodge or called for by any of its committees or issued to a member on retirement or exclusion from a lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing, and no lodge shall charge for a private lodge certificate.

OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

1. No public procession of masons shall be allowed without permission of the grand master. In case of a masonic funeral, when the urgency of the case will not admit of the delay necessary to communicate with the grand master, the worshipful master or in his absence, the brother ruling the lodge shall authorize and hold such masonic funeral procession, and shall see that all things are conducted thereat decently and in order according to the constitution, and he shall immediately after the services report his proceedings in full to the grand master through the grand secretary.

2. If any brother shall attend as a mason, clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the craft, at any public procession, except a masonic funeral or at any public or private gathering not authorized by the constitution, without the permission of the grand master, he shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a lodge, and also to be excluded the benefit of the general charity. And if any lodge shall so offend, it shall stand suspended until the grand lodge shall determine thereon.

OF APPEAL.

1. As the grand lodge, when congregated, is a representative of every individual member of the fraternity, it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the craft. Any lodge or brother, therefore, who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any other masonic authority or jurisdiction, may appeal to the grand lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of and be transmitted to the grand secretary. A notice and copy of

the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

2. Notice of all appeals must be given in writing to the grand secretary within one month from the receipt of the decision appealed against, in proper and respectful language.

FEEES.

The following shall be the fees payable to the grand lodge:—

- For granting a new warrant, twenty-five dollars.
- “ “ dispensation for a new lodge, fifteen dollars.
- “ “ warrant of confirmation, ten dollars.
- “ “ new warrant in case of loss by fire or otherwise properly certified, ten dollars.
- For dispensation to confer a degree in less time than one month, one dollar and fifty cents.
- For dispensation to initiate a person from beyond the jurisdiction of a lodge, five dollars.
- For a dispensation for a public procession, except in case of a funeral, two dollars.
- For a dispensation to make more than five masons in one evening, one dollar and fifty cents for each candidate.
- For a grand lodge certificate, one dollar.
- For every person initiated in a lodge, one dollar registration fee.
- For every entered apprentice or fellow-craft, joining from without the jurisdiction, one dollar.
- For any dispensation not provided for in this table, one dollar and fifty cents.
- For every master mason joining from another lodge fifty cents.
- For every master mason joining from without the jurisdiction, one dollar.
- For every member, each lodge shall pay toward the fund for grand lodge purposes, forty cents per annum.

OF REGALIA.

1. The following masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the craft, and that only; and no brother shall on any pretence be admitted into the grand lodge or any subordinate lodge without his proper clothing.

2. No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in the grand lodge or any subordinate lodge, which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the grand lodge.

JEWELS.

<i>The grand masters</i>	The compasses extended to 45", with the segment of a circle at the points and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye irradiated within a triangle also irradiated.
<i>Past grand masters</i>	A similar jewel without the gold plate.
<i>Deputy grand master</i>	The compasses and square united with a five pointed star in the centre.
<i>Past deputy grand master</i>	The compasses and square only.
<i>Senior grand warden</i>	The level.
<i>Junior grand warden</i>	The plumb.
<i>Grand chaplain</i>	A book within a triangle.
<i>Grand treasurer</i>	A chased key.
<i>Grand secretary</i>	Cross-pens with a tie.
<i>Grand deacons</i>	Dove and olive-branch.
<i>Grand directors of ceremonies</i>	Cross rods.
<i>Grand sword bearer</i>	Cross swords.
<i>Grand organist</i>	A lyre.
<i>Grand pursuivant</i>	Arms of the grand lodge with rod and sword crossed.

The jewels of the grand chaplain, treasurer, secretary, deacons, directors of ceremonies, sword bearer, organist and pursuivant are to be within a circle with an embossed wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn.

The jewel of a grand steward of the grand lodge, is a cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle, on which is engraven, "Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

Grand tuler..... The sword in a circle, on which is engraven "The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick; Grand Tyler."

All the above jewels to be of gold or gilt.

Masters of lodges..... The square.

Past masters..... The square and the diagram of the 47th prob. 1st book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendant within it.

Senior warden..... The level.

Junior warden..... The plumb.

Chaplain..... A book on a triangle.

Treasurer..... The key.

Secretary..... The cross pens.

Deacons..... The dove.

Director of ceremonies..... The cross rods.

Organist..... The lyre.

Inner guard..... The cross swords.

Stewards..... The cornucopia.

Tyler..... The sword.

All the above jewels to be of silver.

COLLARS.

Of lodges..... To be light-blue ribbon four

inches broad: if silver chain be used it must be placed over the light-blue ribbon.

Of the grand lodge To be of garter-blue ribbon four inches broad and bound with gold lace.

The grand stewards of the year to wear collars of crimson four inches broad bound with silver lace.

All past grand officers, except past grand masters, (who are entitled to wear chains,) to wear the collars of their late offices, but without the pendant jewel—a similar but smaller jewel in enamel being worn on the breast.

APRONS.

Entered apprentice A plain white lamb-skin from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament, white strings.

Fellow craft A plain white lamb-skin similar to that of the entered apprentice, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master mason The same, with sky-blue lining and edging one and a half inch deep and an additional rosette on the fall or flap and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

The masters and past masters of

lodges To wear in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the master's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines, one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of the apron, or of silver. If grand officers, similar emblems of garter-blue or gold.

Grand stewards, present and past. Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with crimson, edging of the same color three and a half inches, bound with silver and silver tassels.

Grand officers of the grand lodge, past and present Aprons of the same dimensions lined with garter-blue, edging of the same color three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblems of their offices in gold or blue in the centre.

The apron of the grand master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven eared wheat at each corner and also on the fall, all in gold embroidery, the fringe of gold bullion.

The apron of the deputy grand master to have the emblem of his

office in gold embroidery in the centre, and the pomegranate and the lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

In the grand lodge and at great ceremonials and festivals where the grand officers appear in their official capacities, the actual grand officers wear chains of gold or metal gilt instead of collars, but upon all other occasions collars of garter-blue ribbon four inches broad, embroidered or plain.

Past grand officers of the grand lodge are, in the grand lodge or at any great ceremonial or festival, to wear embroidered collars and in private lodges collars either embroidered or plain.

OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE.

Every application for a warrant to hold a new lodge must be by petition to the grand master, signed by at least seven regularly registered masons, and the lodges to which they formerly belonged must be specified. The petition must be recommended by the nearest lodge and be transmitted to the grand secretary to be submitted to the grand master. If the prayer of the petition be granted the grand master may issue a dispensation authorizing the brethren to meet as a lodge, until a warrant of constitution shall be granted by the grand lodge.

The following is the form of petition :—

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick :

We, the undersigned, being regular registered masons of the lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the art, and for the conveniency of our respective dwellings and other good reasons we are desirous of forming a new lodge to be named—— ; in consequence of this desire we pray for a warrant of constitution empowering us to meet as regular lodge, at ——, in the county of

——, on the—— of every month, and there to discharge the duties of masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the order and the laws of the grand lodge ; and we have nominated and do recommend brother [A. B.] to be the first master, brother [C. D.] to be the first senior warden, and brother [E. F.] to be the first junior warden of the said lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the grand master and the laws and regulations of the grand lodge.

In order to avoid irregularities, every new lodge shall be solemnly constituted by the grand master, with his deputy and wardens ; or in the absence of the grand master by his deputy, who shall choose some master of a lodge to assist him. If both these officers be absent, the grand master may appoint some other grand officer or master of a lodge to act as deputy *pro tempore*.

The following is the manner of constituting a new lodge according to the ancient usages of masons :—

A lodge is duly formed and after prayer an ode in honor of masonry is sung. The grand master is then informed by the grand secretary or acting grand secretary that the brethren present desire to be formed into a new lodge, etc., etc.

The minutes of the lodge while under dispensation are likewise read, and being approved are declared regular and valid and signed by the grand master. The grand master then enquires if the brethren approve of the officers who are nominated in the warrant to preside over them. This being signified in masonic form an oration on the nature and designs of the institution may be delivered. The lodge is then consecrated, according to ceremonies proper and usual on those occasions, but not proper to be written, and the grand master constitutes the lodge in ancient form.

The candidates or the new master and wardens being yet among the brethren, the grand master asks his deputy if he hath examined them and found the candidate-master well skilled in the noble

science and royal art, and duly instructed in our mysteries, etc. The deputy answering in the affirmative, he shall (by the grand master's order) take the candidate from among his fellows and present him to the grand master, saying: "Most Worshipful Grand Master, I present this my worthy brother to be installed master of the lodge, whom I know to be of good morals and great skill, true and trusty, and a lover of the whole fraternity wheresoever dispersed over the face of the earth."

Then the grand master, placing the candidate upon his left hand, having asked and obtained the unanimous consent of all the brethren, shall say: "I appoint you the master of this lodge, not doubting your capacity and care to preserve the cement of the lodge," etc., with some other expressions that are proper and usual on that occasion, but not proper to be written.

Upon this the deputy shall rehearse the charges and regulations of a master, and the grand master shall ask the candidate, saying: "Do you submit to these charges and promise to uphold these regulations as masters have done in all ages?" The candidate shall signify his cordial submission thereto, and the grand master shall by certain significant ceremonies and ancient usages install him and present him with the book of constitution, the lodge book and the instruments of his office, one after another, and after each of them the grand master or his deputy shall rehearse the short charge suitable to the article presented.

After this the members of the new lodge bowing altogether to the grand master shall return him thanks and immediately do their homage to their new master, and signify their promise of subjection and obedience to him by the usual congratulation.

The deputy and the grand wardens, and any other brethren present that are not members of the new lodge, shall next congratulate the new master, and he shall return his acknowledgement to the grand master first and to the rest in their order.

Then the grand master desires the new master to enter immediately upon the exercise of his office in naming his wardens; and the new master, calling forth the two brothers, presents them to the grand master for his approbation. That being granted the senior or junior grand warden shall rehearse the charges of wardens, and the candidates being solemnly asked by the new master shall signify their submission thereto.

Upon which the new master shall present them with the instruments of their office and induct them in due form in their proper places; and the brethren shall signify their obedience to the new wardens by the usual congratulation. The other elected officers of the lodge and those appointed are then invested in ancient form.

The lodge, being thus completely constituted, shall be registered in the grand master's book, and by his order notified to the other lodges.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
SEPTEMBER 23rd and 24th, 1868.

The first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, was held at the City of Saint John, commencing Wednesday, the 23rd day of September, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT :

M. W. B. LESTER PETERS,.....Grand Master.
R. W. WM. WEDDERBURN,.....Deputy Grand Master.
W. DAVID WETMORE, JR., as...Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. WM. DONALD, D. D.,...Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS,.....Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
W. JOHN RICHARDS,.....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.... Ass't Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. JOHN MULLIN,.....Grand Standard Bearer.
W. JAMES MULLIN,.....Grand Pursuivant.
W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Grand Steward.
W. G. H. FLEWELLING,.... as Grand Steward.

The grand lodge was opened in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

Bros. Alfred A. Stockton, David Main and Charles A. Holstead, appointed by the board of general purposes a committee on credentials, reported the following representatives present and entitled to seats and voices in grand lodge, viz. :—

Albion Lodge, No. 1,.....Christopher Murray, W.M.
Thomas M. Reed, P.M.
B. Lester Peters, P.M.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2,.....Jos. C. Hatheway, W.M.
James G. Forbes, P.M.
John D. Short, P.M.
William Wedderburn, P.M.
William F. Bunting, P.M.
Wm. H. A. Keans, P.M.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,.....David Martin, W.M.
Mark N. Powers, P.M.
John Mullin, P.M.

Sussex Lodge, No. 4,.....Silas C. Charters, P.M.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 5,.....Benj. R. Stevenson, W.M.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 6,.....John Richards, P.M.

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

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,....Richard N. Knight, W.M.
George H. Clark, J.W.
Charles Ketchum, P.M.
John V. Ellis, P.M.
Henry Leonard, P.M.

Midian Lodge, No. 9,.....G. H. Flewelling, W.M.
David Wetmore, Jr., P.M.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, David R. Munro, W.M.
Archibald McLean, S.W.
W. C. Morissey, J.W.
Robert Marshall, P.M.

Saint George Lodge, No. 12,.... James A. Moran, W.M.

Alley Lodge, No. 14,..... Rex. M. King, W. M.

Leinster Lodge, No. 19,..... Alfred A. Stockton, W.M.
John Willis, P.M.
Edward Willis, P.M.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,.. William R. Russell, W.M.
James McNichol, jr., P. M.
James Mullin, P. M.

Keith Lodge, No. 23,..... Chas. A. Holstead, W.M.

The minutes of the last communication were read and confirmed.

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

I am glad to congratulate grand lodge, at this the first annual communication, upon the success which has attended our organization.

Since the inauguration of this grand lodge in January last, several lodges formerly holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of England have been added to our roll, which now numbers twenty-four lodges ; and there remain but two lodges in the province that have not as yet communicated any action taken in the matter, both of these lodges being on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

In accordance with resolution of this grand lodge a circular was addressed to the grand lodges throughout the world, announcing our organization and claiming masonic recognition. Answers have already

been received tendering fraternal greeting from the Grand Lodges of Maine, Iowa, Indiana, Texas and Connecticut.

Having been notified of the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, while that grand body was still in session I appointed Worshipful Brother D. E. Seymour representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Maine, and he was thereupon received and took his seat in the Grand Lodge of Maine as representative from New Brunswick. I therefore ask grand lodge to sanction that appointment.

During the past summer, accompanied by officers of grand lodge, I made official visits to the following private lodges in this jurisdiction, viz :—

ALBION,.....	No. 1,	in the City of Saint John.
SAINT JOHN'S,.....	" 2,	" " "
HIBERNIA,.....	" 3,	" " "
SAINT MARK'S,.....	" 5,	" Town of Saint Andrews.
SUSSEX,.....	" 7,	" " Saint Stephen.
CARLETON UNION,....	" 8,	" City of Saint John.
MIDIAN,.....	" 9,	in Clifton, King's County.
UNION OF PORTLAND, "	" 10,	in the City of Saint John.
SAINT GEORGE,.....	" 12,	" Town of St. George, Charlotte Co.
ALLEY,.....	" 14,	in Upper Mills, St. Stephen.
LEINSTER,.....	" 19,	in the City of Saint John.
ZION,.....	" 21,	in Sussex, King's County.
NEW BRUNSWICK,....	" 22,	in the City of Saint John.

It is with pleasure that I announce to grand lodge, that I found these lodges in prosperous condition, and that our reception by the brethren was most cordial and gratifying.

It has not been in my power during the few months that have elapsed since the erection of grand lodge, to visit all the lodges within this jurisdiction. That pleasing duty will devolve upon the officers chosen for the ensuing year.

I have received an application on petition from seven regularly registered masons, praying for the erection of a lodge to meet at Dalhousie, in the County of Restigouche, within this jurisdiction. The petition is duly recommended by the nearest lodge as required by the constitution. This petition having been presented to me in the present month, I thought it best not to grant intermediate dispensation in view of the early meeting of grand lodge. I therefore place this petition and the accompanying documents before grand lodge ; and having made

enquiry on the subject, I cordially recommend the prayer of the petitioners to the favorable consideration of grand lodge.

The board of general purposes report to me on the important subject of the erection of a Masonic Temple in this city, referred to the board by resolution of grand lodge in January last. I have great pleasure in placing that report and the circular accompanying the same before grand lodge.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES,
GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. MASONS,
ST. JOHN, N. B., Sept. 15, 1868.

M. W. B. LESTER PETERS, Grand Master, &c., &c.

Most Worshipful Sir :

Pursuant to the resolution adopted at the last regular communication of the grand lodge, the board of general purposes have given their consideration to the subject of the erection of a masonic temple in the City of Saint John. In order to elicit an expression of opinion from the members of the craft and the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction, they have caused plans of the contemplated temple to be prepared by Mr. John A. Munro, architect, which have been filed in the office of the grand secretary, and have issued a circular, over the signatures of the members of the board, a copy of which they have annexed hereto.

The board continue to devote their attention to this subject, and should funds sufficient for the purchase of a site, and an eligible site become available, will lose no time in securing it, and otherwise follow out the course proposed by the circular to which they refer.

While the board are of the opinion that great judgment and care must be evinced in the management of this matter, they are deeply impressed with the importance of carrying out at the earliest practicable moment, the object contemplated by the M. W. Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WEDDERBURN, President,
ROBERT MARSHALL, Vice-President,
WM. F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary,
D. BROWN,
JAMES ROBERTSON,
JOHN D. SHORT,
JOHN V. ELLIS,
EDWARD WILLIS,
E. J. WETMORE.

Copy of Circular.

GRAND LODGE F. & A. M., PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
SAINT JOHN, September, 1868.

To the several lodges and other masonic bodies of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick :—

BRETHREN,—At the regular communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge, held in the City of Saint John in January last, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :—

“Whereas, in the opinion of grand lodge, the early erection of a masonic temple in the City of Saint John, would advance the interests of the craft throughout the province;

“And Whereas, it seems desirable that a site for a masonic temple should be secured as soon as it shall appear possible;

“And Whereas, it is desirable that a general circular should be issued at an early day to all lodges and other masonic bodies in New Brunswick, setting forth the reasons why a masonic temple should be built, with such plan or scheme for accomplishing that purpose, as may appear most advantageous and feasible;

“Therefore Resolved, that this subject be referred to the board of general purposes for their immediate consideration, to issue such circular, prepare such scheme, secure plans and estimates, ascertain the terms of purchase of site, &c., &c., and report to the Most Worshipful Grand Master;

“And Further Resolved, that upon the reception of such report the Most Worshipful Grand Master is hereby respectfully desired, upon request of the board of general purposes, to summon a special communication of grand lodge for the consideration of such report, and the carrying forward the recommendations of the board, if approved by committee or otherwise, as grand lodge shall determine.”

The Board of General Purposes, pursuant to the directions of the M. W. Grand Lodge, have had the subject thus referred to them under consideration, and desire to call your attention to certain matters arising out of the same. They are persuaded the feeling in favor of the early erection of a Masonic Temple in this jurisdiction, cannot be otherwise than earnest and universal in the craft. The principal subject of embarrassment arises as to the ways and means of accomplishing so desirable an end.

The board are of opinion that the first step towards success will be the purchase, as soon as possible, on the most reasonable terms, of an eligible site for the proposed temple. This they propose to accomplish in the manner following.

The board are now acting provisionally as "The New Brunswick Masonic Temple Committee," with full authority in the premises until the business of the temple is reduced to a practical form. They suggest that subscriptions be forwarded without delay to the grand secretary for stock at twenty dollars per share, by the respective masonic bodies of the fraternity in New Brunswick, and by such individual masons as may be disposed to contribute to the fund. Upon realizing a sum sufficient to purchase an eligible site—say ten thousand dollars—the Stockholders shall meet upon notice by the grand secretary, and appoint from among their number a board of trustees, to be governed by such regulations in their order of business, to continue in office such time, and to be subject to such regulations as a majority of the stockholders shall determine; and upon this being accomplished, the board of general purposes will be prepared to hand over all papers, plans, estimates, subscriptions, etc., to the trustees; and in order to representation, each lodge and other masonic body, shall appoint any member to attend this meeting, and each lodge or body and individual subscriber shall have, at the general meeting, one vote upon any number of shares under five, and one vote for every additional five shares subscribed by it or him.

For these purposes the board have already caused to be prepared by Mr. John A. Munro, architect, very excellent plans of several proposed sites, which may be seen at the grand secretary's office.

The board therefore, now solicit the consideration of the craft throughout the province; they enclose stock lists for lodges, etc., and individuals, and very earnestly request the cordial co-operation of all interested in the permanency and prosperity of masonry, and they sincerely hope the return of the stock lists to the grand secretary will unmistakably shew the desire and determination of the fraternity in New Brunswick to have, as soon as possible, a suitable temple devoted to the interests of our ancient and honorable institution.

Meantime we are,

Very fraternally yours,

WM. WEDDERBURN, President.
 ROBERT MARSHALL, Vice-President.
 WM. P. FLEWELLING, Sr. Grand Warden.
 DAVID BROWN, Jr. Grand Warden.
 JAMES ROBERTSON, Past Sr. Grand Warden.
 WM. F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.
 JOHN V. ELLIS, G. Dir. Ceremonies.

EDWARD WILLIS, Grand Steward.
 JOHN D. SHORT, Past Master No. 2.
 EDWIN J. WETMORE, Past Master No. 8.
 I. W. DOHERTY, Worshipful Master No. 16.
 JAMES A. INCHES, Past Master No. 7.
 JAMES McNICHOL, Jr., Past Master No. 22.

Board of General Purposes and Acting Masonic Temple Committee.

The great necessity that exists for the erection in this city of a masonic temple that will afford required accommodation to the craft, is a subject to which I directed the attention of grand lodge at our meeting in January. At that meeting the matter was referred to the board of general purposes, and the board now, after due consideration, have addressed a circular to the masonic bodies in this province, bringing this important object forcibly before the fraternity. The proposal for stock subscriptions at twenty dollars per share, brings within the means of every brother the possibility of affording substantial aid to the undertaking. I doubt not that the energetic and well considered steps thus practically taken by the board, will secure the united action and support of the craft in this province, and that a suitable site will at an early day be selected, and such encouragement afforded as will result in our attaining the object in view; and that, at no very distant time there will be erected in this city, a temple worthy of our ancient and honored fraternity.

Under resolution of grand lodge, application was made to Albion Lodge, No. 1, for a loan to provide for immediate expenses, and I have great satisfaction in informing grand lodge that the sum of six hundred dollars has been advanced by Albion Lodge. The terms of loan are set forth in the memorandum issued to "Albion" under the Seal of Grand Lodge. A copy of which memorandum I have placed with the grand secretary.

The warrants to the several subordinate lodges have been duly issued and it is highly gratifying to us all to know that the craft in the province is proceeding in the great work of our time honored institution.

My brothers, while thus reporting to you the eminently satisfactory position of masonic affairs within this jurisdiction, I regret to say that even in the short time that this grand lodge has been organized, we have not been without a sad reminder of the instability of all earthly ties. It is my painful duty to announce to you, that a worthy and Right Worshipful Brother, whose eminent services to the craft were

recognized by this grand lodge at its first session, in the conferring on him the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden, has since our last meeting been called from labor in the terrestrial lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master now called up grand lodge and announced the lamented death of Right Worshipful George H. Russell, Past Senior Grand Warden and Past Master of Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, Chatham, New Brunswick.

It was moved by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by W. Grand Director Ceremonies, and

Resolved, that so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as refers to the death of R. W. Bro. George H. Russell, be referred to a special committee.

It was moved by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, and

Resolved Unanimously, that the act of the M. W. Grand Master, in the nomination of W. Brother D. E. Seymour to represent this grand lodge in the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, be confirmed, and the necessary credentials under the seal of grand lodge be issued to Bro. Seymour.

It was moved by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, and

Ordered, that the petition of the brethren at Dalhousie for a warrant for a lodge be referred to the committee to be appointed on warrants.

The grand secretary submitted the following report:—

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:—

The grand secretary begs respectfully to report—

That, in submitting this, the first account of his stewardship, and of the first year of the existence of the grand lodge, the information must be necessarily limited, and, to a certain extent, devoid of general interest.

The returns applied for and received from the respective lodges merely gives the names, etc., of the members belonging to each at the time of surrendering their warrants to the parent grand lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, together with lists of masters, past masters and present wardens.

These returns exhibit a total membership of one thousand three hundred and twelve (1312), a detailed schedule of which is herewith appended; they also shew that there are one hundred and seventy-seven (177) representatives entitled to seats and voices in grand lodge.

At the next annual communication a more extended report based upon the returns which will be filed in the grand secretary's office after the twenty-seventh day of December ensuing, will afford full particulars of the numerical and financial status of the craft, the accessions to and dismissions from the several lodges, and other matters of interest which may be suggested during the recess.

The grand secretary has pleasure in reporting that all the lodges in the province, with the exception of two (holding warrants from Scotland), have given a willing and cheerful allegiance to the grand lodge.

Agreeably to an order of committee on constitutions and publication, the grand secretary superintended the printing of seven hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings and constitutions of grand lodge, which he, by direction of the board of general purposes, distributed generally among the private lodges, etc., in the province, and the various grand lodges of America and Europe.

In this connection, the grand secretary would suggest the desirability of establishing a masonic library under the supervision and control of grand lodge; and for the better forwarding so important a project, would also recommend the appointment of a library committee, whose duty it shall be to deal with the question and report.

The grand secretary has no financial report to offer, as he is not in receipt of any moneys, except a few dollars upon the sale of some copies of the constitutions, an account of which can be embodied in a future statement.

In conclusion, he desires to acknowledge the uniform fraternal kindness and promptitude exhibited by the masters and secretaries of the respective lodges in their dealings with him, and the readiness with which information sought for has been given by them and the brethren generally; without such assistance his endeavors would have been comparatively fruitless. He trusts that ere another annual communication shall have come (whether he or another shall be custodian of the

archives), the grand lodge shall be informed "that the *whole* house is in order."

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. BUNTING,

St. John, N. B., 23rd September, 1868.

Grand Secy.

The V. W. Grand Treasurer presented a report as follows:—

OFFICE OF THE GRAND TREASURER,
St. John, September 23, 1868.

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

The grand treasurer in submitting his account with the grand lodge for the past year would respectfully report, in connection therewith, that in accordance with the resolution of the grand lodge, he called at the Bank of New Brunswick to deposit \$600 in the name of the "Grand Lodge of New Brunswick," and was informed by Mr. Girvan, the Cashier, that no moneys could be received on deposit in the name of the grand lodge, that body not being incorporated. The grand treasurer, therefore, has been unable to carry into effect the resolution of grand lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. A. KEANS,
Grand Treasurer.

Dr.

W. H. A. KEANS, Grand Treasurer,

In account with GRAND LODGE OF N. B.

To amount received from Albion Lodge, No. 1, on loan
to Grand Lodge,.....\$600.00.

Cr.—nil.

W. H. A. KEANS,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., Sept. 23, 1868.

Whereupon, it was, on motion of Bro. A. A. Stockton, W. M. Lodge No. 19,

Ordered, that the reports of grand treasurer and grand secretary be referred to a special committee.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, submitted the following report of the board of general purposes, viz:—

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES,
GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M., OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
SAINT JOHN, N. B., Sept. 23, 1868.

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

BRETHREN,—Acting under the powers conferred by the constitutions of M. W. Grand Lodge, the board of general purposes met for the purpose of organization soon after the close of last communication of grand lodge, and elected W. Brother Robert Marshall, P. M. of Lodge No. 10, Vice-President of the board, and have regularly met since that time at stated intervals for the transaction of such business as properly came before them.

They have from time to time, devoted their attention to the several matters remitted to them by resolution of grand lodge, and such other subjects as demanded consideration and within the scope of their jurisdiction.

Among the most important questions submitted to the board was the proposal to erect, at as early a day as practicable, a suitable

1.—MASONIC TEMPLE

in the City of Saint John. According to the instructions of grand lodge, the board proceeded to secure from Mr. John A. Munroe, architect, plans of several proposed sites, and to issue the circular letter contemplated by the resolution of grand lodge, and addressed "to the several lodges and other masonic bodies" in New Brunswick. Pending replies thereto and the September session of grand lodge, the action of the board has been reported to M. W. the grand master.

2.—MASONIC NEWSPAPER.

At the last communication of grand lodge, the board was directed to "consider the propriety of establishing a masonic paper or magazine in this jurisdiction, with power, if they deemed it advisable, to publish the same under the sanction of M. W. the grand master; provided, at the same time, such paper or magazine should not be considered the organ of grand lodge, nor should grand lodge be responsible for its contents further than should be signified by the signature of a grand officer." The board fully acknowledge the importance of having a masonic magazine or newspaper published within the jurisdiction of grand lodge, and believe it would, if judiciously managed, prove bene-

social in the furtherance of the interest of the craft, in the circulation of masonic literature and news, and in imparting information on the important subject of the jurisprudence of masonry. It would also be very valuable as a medium of official communication; but the board cannot advise grand lodge to take the initiative in the establishment of such paper, nor are they prepared to pledge the patronage and official sanction of grand lodge in advance. They believe such an enterprise should emanate from individual masons on their own personal responsibility. They very readily grant, however, that the craft in New Brunswick, including grand lodge, should cordially extend all possible assistance and encouragement to such a periodical, "when by its regular and upright conduct it shall have merited so great a reward." It would be unwise at the outset to commit grand lodge to the views of any masonic paper, or to create a lien upon the fund of general purposes, for the publication of it, as must be the practical result of carrying out the resolution of grand lodge.

3.—PARAPHERNALIA.

The grand secretary and grand and assistant grand directors of ceremonies were appointed a committee of the board, to procure necessary masonic clothing for officers of grand lodge not already provided therewith. They have reported the purchase of appropriate regalia, &c., for M. W. the Grand Master, the assistant grand director of ceremonies, the grand organist, and the grand standard bearer.

4.—FEES TO GRAND LODGES.

The board discovered at an early day that lodges of the fraternity had paid registration fees to the grand lodges at the time occupying masonic territory in this province by district grand lodges, for members who had not completed their degrees in their respective lodges before the erection of this grand lodge. The board are of opinion that lodges thus situate should not be called upon again, and have therefore adopted and recommend to grand lodge for ratification, the following resolution:

"Resolved, That lodges which have paid registration fees to their former respective grand lodges, for brethren of those lodges who received the E. A. & F. C. Degrees only, previous to the surrender of warrant, shall be provided with grand lodge certificates for such brethren, free of charge.

5.—GRAND TREASURER'S BONDS.

The board submit, that the grand treasurer be required to give to M.

W. the Grand Master, bonds with two sureties, himself in two thousand dollars, and the sureties in one thousand dollars each, for the due performance of his trust.

6.—GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

The board recommend that any brother who may have lost his grand lodge certificate, be furnished with a duplicate thereof by the grand secretary at a cost of fifty cents, upon a properly certified application by the master or secretary of his lodge.

7.—GRAND LODGE BANNER.

The subject of a banner for grand lodge has been before the board. As it is not a matter of immediate necessity, they have deemed it inexpedient to secure one during the year, as the present claims upon the funds of grand lodge are large. Whenever the board feel justified in making such a demand upon the treasury, they will procure a suitable banner.

8.—CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD.

The board, after their experience in the discharge of their duties, desire that the grand secretary who is now *ex-officio* secretary of the board be constituted a full member with power to participate in its proceedings.

9.—PRINTED PROCEEDINGS.

The board, in conjunction with the grand secretary, have had the "proceedings of conventions to organize the M. W. Grand Lodge and of the first grand communication" published, "with an appendix containing the constitutions and general regulations of grand lodge." These they have ordered to be distributed: five copies to each lodge in New Brunswick, three to each grand lodge, twenty-five to the grand secretary's office for preservation as matter of record and for the future uses of grand lodge, the remainder to be disposed of at twenty cents per copy. There are several copies yet in the grand secretary's hands.

10.—SALARY OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

In considering the compensation of the grand secretary, the board have endeavored to keep strictly in view two important reasons for their action as likely to guide them to a just decision. They desire to afford that officer something like a reasonable remuneration for his

services, consistent with the maintenance of thorough discipline and efficiency in the performance of the varied and responsible duties of his office and at the same time to remain within the bounds of the present financial ability of grand lodge. After the elapse of a short time, and in consideration of the duties already performed by grand lodge and its officers, and the discharge of many consequent upon the organic change effected in the jurisdiction, they think the duties of the office in the future compared with the past, will be materially reduced. Be this as it may the board have felt themselves justified in recommending that the salary of the grand secretary be fixed at three hundred dollars per annum until further action by grand lodge.

In consideration, and as a small recognition by grand lodge of the invaluable services performed by V. W. Brother Bunting as Grand Secretary during the past year, they recommend that a donation of fifty dollars be made him in addition to the yearly allowance.

11.—TRAVELLING EXPENSES, ETC.

The board have discussed the subject of making a reasonable allowance for actual travelling expenses incurred by officers of grand lodge, necessary to the efficient discharge of the duties of their respective offices. They have not arrived at any conclusion. They beg to suggest that grand lodge consider the matter. It cannot be expected that grand officers shall not only devote much of their time gratuitously to the official visitation of the lodges throughout the province, but shall also heavily tax themselves pecuniarily in defraying expenses which must be incurred. Whether provision shall be made by delegating power to the board to make grants for this service from time to time up to a limited amount annually, or by the passing of a money grant at present, or by what means, is a subject requiring the immediate action of grand lodge.

12.—APPEALS.

The board deem it a subject of congratulation that the craft in New Brunswick, under the jurisdiction of grand lodge, is in a very encouraging position, and that the work has proceeded so harmoniously that not an appeal has been presented to the board for their investigation or decision. It is hoped that this is to some degree attributable to the fact that the constitution has been framed with as much simplicity of machinery as possible, and also that the proposed amendments will make it so reasonably perfect as to shut out to a great extent, any

possibility of misunderstanding by brethren of the letter and spirit of the law.

13.—CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

In view of the changes and amendments contemplated the board have conferred with the committee on constitutions, and have requested them to report the proposed alterations, under the provisions of the resolution passed at the last communication of grand lodge.

14.—ACCOUNTS.

All accounts submitted to the board have been carefully audited by a committee consisting of the grand director of ceremonies and W. Grand Steward Willis, whose report is as follows:—

The sub-committee appointed to examine the accounts presented to the board report that they have examined the following bills and find them to be correct:

John Livingston, advertising in <i>Telegraph</i> ,.....	\$2 00
Ellis & Armstrong, advertising in <i>Globe</i> ,.....	4 40
Willis & Davis, advertising and printing,.....	9 00
Knox & Thompson, furniture for grand secretary's office,.....	49 50
George Flemming, seal press,.....	10 00
James H. Venning, engraving seals, etc.,.....	84 75
A. Chapman, engraving seal on wood, { these two items in Am. currency {	15 00
C. J. Peters & Son, electrotyping, etc., {	4 50
R. T. Clinch, grand master's regalia,.....	275 07
H. Chubb & Co., for printing, binding, etc.,.....	283 02
G. E. Fairweather, engrossing 23 warrants and parchment,.....	161 00
H. G. Hunt, for work,.....	1 49
Magee Bros., for regalia,.....	114 06
	\$1013 79

The committee recommend, owing to the peculiar circumstances of the case, that the bill of M. W. Bro. Clinch be the first charge on the grand lodge funds.

In reference to the bill of Messrs. H. Chubb & Co., the committee audit it at \$3 less than the amount rendered, Messrs. Chubb consenting to this reduction on the item of \$30 charged September 8th for stock applications for new hall. They are of opinion that this whole charge, and indeed any expenditure now made in regard to hall should be eventually paid by the hall fund and should not be borne directly by grand lodge.

The committee recommend that Magee Bros. be applied to for a reduction of one-third of the cost of the three jewels purchased for grand organist, grand standard bearer and grand director of ceremonies—these jewels not being of the pattern ordered and not of the pattern of the present jewels. This reduction would be about \$15.

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. ELLIS,
E. WILLIS.

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The board recommend that the grand lodge adopt this report of the audit committee of the board and that the amounts be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WEDDERBURN, D. G. M.,
Prest. Board of General Purposes.

It was, on motion of W. Brother Powers, P. M. Lodge No. 3, and seconded by V. W. and Rev. Grand Chaplain,

Resolved, that the foregoing report be received and considered section by section.

Whereupon the several sections were separately discussed and all accepted without amendment, and the report, as a whole, adopted.

The committee on constitutions submitted the following report:—

COMMITTEE ROOM, SAINT JOHN, N. B., Sept. 23, 1868.

M. W. Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:—

The committee on constitutions beg to submit the following as their second report:—

1st.—They recommend that the following section be added, after section 6, page 51 of the present constitution:

7. A ballot may be reconsidered once by order of the W. M. or a vote of the lodge. The ballot on the reconsideration must be taken before the lodge shall have proceeded to other business than balloting for candidates.

2nd.—On page 34, they report the following as section 3, and sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 to become respectively 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9:

3. The grand sword bearer shall carry the grand master's sword of state on all proper occasions and perform such other duties as may be required of him, pertaining to his office.

3rd.—Page 44, section 33, first line, erase the word "or" and insert "by"—i. e. "If any lodge by its master and wardens," etc.

4th.—Page 33, add the following as section 4, under head "grand secretary":

4. The grand secretary shall be paid a salary of [] per annum for his services, out of the fund of general purposes. He shall open, and keep open, an office to be styled "The office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," and shall inform all lodges in the province where the said office is located, and in case of its removal, to where it has been removed.

5th.—Page 57, insert after the words "except in case of a funeral" the addition "for which there shall be no charge," 4th line from the top.

6th.—Page 35, section 1, "board of general purposes," after the words "deputy grand master, who shall be ex-officio president," insert "grand secretary."

7th.—Page 37, preceding the title "Private Lodges" insert

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

SECTION 1.—The charity fund of this grand lodge shall be known as "the Fund of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," and shall consist of such donations as may be given towards it; together with such other amounts as may from time to time be received on account of said fund.

SEC. 2.—The fund of benevolence shall be held in the name of the grand lodge and shall be under the control and direction of the board of general purposes.

SEC. 3.—This fund shall be appropriated exclusively for the relief of such poor and distressed brethren and the widows and orphans of deceased brethren, as may be deemed worthy of assistance; provided always that such brethren or such deceased brethren, at the time of their decease, were registered, and in good standing on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

8th.—Page 32, section 2, shall read as follows, instead of as at present:

2. The grand treasurer shall give bonds with two sureties to the M. W. Grand Master, himself for two thousand dollars and the sureties in one thousand dollars each, to the satisfaction of the grand master, for

the due performance of his trust, and shall renew or alter the same and provide other sureties therein whenever and as often as he shall be required so to do, by the grand master or the grand lodge or the board of general purposes.

9th.—Strike out section 19, page 27, similar provision having been made elsewhere in the constitution.

10th.—Page 41, section 20, last line of the section, after the word "lodges," insert "or individual brethren"—i. e. "to apply to lodges or individual brethren for relief."

11th.—Section 21, page 41, to read thus:

21. No lodge shall form any public masonic procession or attend in masonic clothing any public or private gathering, which is not permitted by the constitution without a dispensation from the grand master.

12th.—Section 22, page 42, erase the words "gross, immoral or infamous" and insert "unmasonic."

13th.—Page 25, section 9, third line, erase "grand organist."

14th.—Page 25, add to section 8, so that the section in whole shall read thus:

8. The elective officers respectively are to be chosen by written ballot by a majority of all the votes present. In case of a third ballot, the candidate having the fewest votes shall not be in nomination, and on each succeeding ballot the lowest candidate shall be dropped until an election is had.

15th.—Page 32, section 3, erase from and including the words "and produce his accounts," down to and including "board of general purposes," and read instead: "and submit an account of his receipts and disbursements to the board of general purposes, at least fourteen days before every regular communication of grand lodge and also, whenever and as often as he shall be called upon so to do."

16th.—Page 37, section 1, erase "organist."

17th.—Page 48, and fourth line of section 5, after the words "be eligible to," insert "visit or become a member of."

18th.—Page 53, section 1, second line, read "no visitor shall be

admitted into a lodge unless he be personally recommended or well vouched for or after etc."

19th.—Pages 23, 24, 25 and 31 read "grand chaplains" for grand chaplain; erase the word "the" and insert "two grand chaplains," etc.

20th.—Page 40, section 13, after words "of such rejection" insert "by a sealed notice."

21st.—Page 38, section 2, after the word "annually" on first line, insert "at the regular communication immediately preceeding the 27th December, the festival of Saint John the Evangelist."

22nd.—Page 57, fourteenth line from top, after "from another lodge" insert "or rejoining his former lodge."

23rd.—Page 37, second line from top, erase "presented to" and insert "against." Page 37, third line from top, erase "presented to G. L." and insert "against G. L." and erase "recommend" and insert instead "may order."

24th.—Page 55, add the following under the head of "Public Processions":—

PUBLIC AND FUNERAL PROCESSIONS.

1. No mason can be interred with the formalities of the fraternity unless it be at his own request nor unless he has been advanced to the degree of master mason. When the wish of the deceased shall have been communicated to the master of the lodge of which he died a member, the master shall apply to the grand master for a dispensation.

2. When a master mason from beyond the Province of New Brunswick shall die within the jurisdiction of grand lodge, the provisions of the constitution relating to deceased members of lodges in New Brunswick shall apply as far as practicable, and any master of a lodge may take direction of the funeral and conduct the same in all things as provided for resident brethren deceased.

Section 1 of the present constitution to be section 3.

4. In case of a masonic funeral the master may invite other lodges to attend in form, but the whole ceremony shall be under the direction of the master of the lodge to which the deceased brother belonged, or in case of a stranger brother the master of the lodge which assumes the

control of the proceedings, and he is accountable for the regularity and conduct of the ceremonies. If the grand master or deputy grand master be present he may at any time take charge.

Section 2 of the present constitution to be section 5.

25th.—Page 55 add as section 7 "Of Certificates."

7. Any brother who may have lost his certificate shall be furnished with a duplicate thereof at a cost of fifty cents by the grand secretary, upon a properly certified application by the master or secretary of his lodge.

26th.—Page 27, erase from the "Order of Business" "Election and Installation of Officers," and page 22 add to section 3, "As soon after the opening of the annual communication as conveniently may be grand lodge shall by a majority vote determine the hour at which the election and installation of officers shall be commenced, at which time grand lodge shall proceed with the election or installation, as the case may be, such order of proceeding taking precedence of all other business before grand lodge."

As there are yet several copies of the constitutions as published last year on hand, and as the lodges have so recently been supplied with others, it is unnecessary to reprint the constitutions at the present time. Your committee, however, recommend that a synopsis of the alterations made by grand lodge be prepared by the grand secretary and sent to the lodges in New Brunswick to be pasted in the books of constitutions already in their possession.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WEDDERBURN, D. G. M.,
WM. F. BUNTING,
J. V. ELLIS,
EDWARD WILLIS,
ROBERT MARSHALL.

On motion of W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, seconded by W. Bro. J. G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, it was

Resolved, That the 26th section of the foregoing report be adopted.

Whereupon on motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master,

The further consideration of the report was deferred until this afternoon's session.

It was moved by W. Grand Director Ceremonies, seconded by W. Bro. J. G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

Ordered, That the election of the elective officers of grand lodge take place to-morrow (Thursday) at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and the installation of all the officers (elected and appointed) at 7 o'clock in the evening of the same day.

The following resolution was moved by W. Bro. E. Willis, Grand Steward, and seconded by W. Bro. A. A. Stockton, W. M. Lodge No. 19:—

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated to the board of general purposes, from which they shall have the power from time to time to make grants to pay the actual travelling expenses of officers of grand lodge incurred in the necessary discharge of the duties of their office.

In amendment, it was moved by W. Bro. D. R. Munro, W. M. Lodge No. 10, and seconded by W. Bro. James G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2:—

That the consideration of appropriating such a sum be postponed three months.

On taking the question on the foregoing, the amendment was negatived and the motion adopted.

The grand lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

23rd September, 1868.

Grand lodge resumed labor at 3 o'clock, the M. W. Grand Master in the East, and the other officers at their respective ations.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committees:—

On the death of R. W. Bro. George H. Russell:

R. W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn and Worshipful Bros. John V. Ellis and Robert Marshall.

On Warrants:

Worshipful Bros. John Richards, Benjamin R. Stevenson and Christopher Murray.

On reports of grand treasurer and grand secretary:

R. W. Bro. David Brown and Worshipful Bros. James G. Forbes and Charles A. Holstead.

It was on motion

Ordered, That the report of the committee on constitutions be taken up and considered by sections.

Whereupon, sections 1 to 18 inclusive were separately considered and agreed to.

Section 19 was negatived and sections 20 to 26 agreed to.

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

Resolved, that the report, as amended, be adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master informed grand lodge that he had this day received a petition signed by twenty-seven master masons, asking for a warrant for a lodge to be established at Milltown, Charlotte County; but, in consequence of not having appended to it, a recommendation from the nearest lodge, he should return the petition to the applicants.

The following resolution was proposed by W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, seconded by V. W. Grand Secretary and agreed to:—

Resolved, That grand lodge hereby confirm the action of the board of general purposes in reference to "The New Brunswick Masonic Temple," and authorize them to take such further steps as they may deem expedient in the matter;

And Further Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master, together with ten other members of grand lodge, to be appointed by him, be a committee to aid the board of general purposes in securing stock subscriptions, and that the Worshipful Masters of the several lodges outside of the City of Saint John, with three other brethren from each lodge, to be appointed by the said Worshipful Masters, respectively, shall be authorized to solicit subscriptions within their several jurisdictions;

And Further Resolved, That in the opinion of grand lodge, it is most desirable that a determined and united effort be made by all the members of our fraternity within the province, to secure the early erection of "The New Brunswick Masonic Temple."

W. Bro. Christopher Murray, W. M. Lodge No. 1, informed the M. W. Grand Master that the several lodges in St. John and Carleton intend holding a festival under their several banners, at the Waverly House in this city, on to-morrow (Thursday) evening, the supper to be on the table at 9 o'clock, and in the name and on behalf of the committee of arrangements extended an invitation to the grand master, officers and representatives in grand lodge to be their guests on the occasion.

Whereupon it was moved by W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and

Resolved, That grand lodge cordially accept the invitation.

The grand lodge was called from labor until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING,

24th September, 1868.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 11 o'clock.

In the absence of the M. W. Grand Master, who was prevented from being present in consequence of his judicial engagements, the east was occupied by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master. The other officers of grand lodge filled their respective stations.

The V. W. Grand Secretary read notes from Worshipful Bro. James McDougall, Grand Sword Bearer, and Worshipful Bro. Thomas F. Gillespie, Grand Steward, regretting their inability to be present at this session of grand lodge in consequence of unavoidable engagements.

The committee appointed to memorialize the death of the R. W. George H. Russell submitted the following report which on motion of Worshipful Bro. Joseph C. Hatheway, W. M. Lodge No. 2, was unanimously accepted and the recommendations ordered to be carried out, viz. :—

COMMITTEE ROOM, GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M.,
Saint John, N. B., Sept. 23, 1868.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the annual address of M. W. the Grand Master announcing the death of R. W. Bro. George H. Russell, Past Senior Grand Warden, P. M. of Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, N. B. R., beg to submit the following resolutions for adoption by M. W. the Grand Lodge :—

Resolved, That M. W. the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick, have heard with profound sorrow of the death of Right Worshipful Brother George H. Russell, Past Senior Grand Warden ;

And Further Resolved, That Bro. Russell, by his constant interest in the welfare of our Ancient Institution, his proverbial and unostentations masonic charity, his integrity and the uniform urbanity of his deportment deservedly endeared himself to all the members of the fraternity, who will long preserve the memory of his virtues ;

And Further Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be engrossed and transmitted to the widow of our late R. W. Brother, under the seal of M. W. the Grand Lodge and the signature of the M. W. the Grand Master and V. W. the Grand Secretary ;

And Further Resolved, That as a mark of respect for the memory of our late

R. W. Brother the accompanying Memorial Page be entered upon the records of grand lodge and inserted in the printed proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WEDDERBURN, D. G. M.,
J. V. ELLIS,
ROBERT MARSHALL

The following communication was read and ordered to be referred to the committee on warrants, viz. :—

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 886, E. R.,
Shediac, Sept. 21, 1868.

To the Very Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick :—

VERY WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—I am directed to inform you that at a regular communication of Zetland Lodge, held on the 16th inst., the following resolutions were adopted, and to request that you will submit them to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick for his consideration :—

1st.—That the secretary do communicate with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, asking if he will receive Zetland Lodge upon the same terms that he received other lodges.

2nd.—That upon receiving a favorable reply, the W. Master is hereby empowered to surrender the warrant and apply to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick for a warrant under his jurisdiction.

I am also directed to request that you will furnish the W. M. with all instructions necessary to enable him to make proper application for admission of this lodge under the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, provided that the Most Worshipful Grand Master gives an affirmative answer to the first resolution.

I am, Worshipful Sir and Brother,
Yours respectfully and fraternally,

JAMES INGLES,
Secretary.
W. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The following resolution was moved by W. Bro. Edward Willis, Grand Steward, seconded by W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, W. M. Lodge No. 2, and unanimously adopted :—

Whereas, grand lodge has ratified and confirmed the appointment by the M. W. Grand Master, of Worshipful Bro. D. E. Seymour, to represent this grand lodge in the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Maine;

Therefore Resolved, as a token of the esteem and fraternal regard in which he is held by this grand lodge, that Bro. Seymour be constituted a permanent member thereof, with the rank and title of Past Senior Grand Deacon.

Bro. Seymour being present grand lodge was called up, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master informed him (Bro. Seymour) of the gratification he experienced in formally conveying to him this mark of recognition on the part of grand lodge.

Bro. Seymour expressed his thanks for the kindly feeling shown him, and grand lodge was called down.

It was moved by the W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, seconded by W. Bro. E. Willis, Grand Steward, and

Resolved, that the payment of stock subscribed towards "The New Brunswick Masonic Temple," shall be spread over at least three years; such payments to be made at such periods as the acting masonic temple committee, or trustees, may hereafter determine.

The following resolution was proposed by W. Bro. E. Willis, Grand Steward, seconded by R. W. Junior Grand Warden and adopted:

Whereas, It is necessary for the good government of the craft within this jurisdiction, to fix some limit to the time when all the lodges in the province shall affiliate with the grand lodge of New Brunswick;

Therefore Resolved, That the first day of January next be fixed as such limit, after which time the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall proceed against all unaffiliated lodges and their members, in the usual masonic manner.

The following resolution was moved by the W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, seconded by V. W. and Rev. Grand Chaplain and agreed to:

Whereas, in the opinion of grand lodge, the contemplated masonic temple, when completed, will not only prove a great boon to the craft in this jurisdiction, but will at the same time, under proper management, yield reasonable dividends to stock-holders;

Therefore Resolved, that the board of general purposes be and are hereby authorized, as soon as they shall deem it expedient, to take such steps for obtaining stock subscriptions beyond the City of Saint John, as they may deem best for carrying into effect the object in view.

It was moved by W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies seconded by R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and

Resolved, that the board of general purposes be authorized to prepare suitable forms and ceremonies for the purposes of grand lodge and its subordinates, and have the same printed for distribution when they deem it advisable.

Grand lodge was called from labor to refreshment until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

24th September, 1868.

Grand lodge was called to labor at half-past two o'clock, the M. W. Grand Master in the East, and other office-bearers at their respective stations.

The following resolution was moved by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by W. Bro. G. H. Flewelling, W. M. Lodge No. 9, and adopted:—

Whereas, By the constitutions of the grand lodge, as amended at the present communication, power has been delegated to the board of general purposes to order the payment of accounts against grand lodge, together with the incidental expenses of the grand secretary's office;

Therefore Resolved, That the board is empowered to make such regulations as it may deem expedient, as to the manner of drawing moneys for the payment of its orders, etc., and the grand treasurer is autho-

rized and required to honor and pay out of the funds of grand lodge, all orders and drafts so made upon him by the board.

The committee on the reports of grand treasurer and grand secretary, submitted the following report, which, on motion of V. W. Grand Secretary, was ordered to be laid over for future consideration, viz.:—

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:—

The committee to whom the grand secretary's and grand treasurer's reports, with the accompanying schedules, were referred, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find them correct.

1st.—Your committee hereby agree with the grand secretary in recommending to the grand lodge the desirability of establishing a masonic library for the use of the craft in this jurisdiction; lodges at present being, to a certain extent, dependent on the generosity of individual brethren for authority on masonic law, which should at least be within the reach of every lodge.

2nd.—Your committee beg to recommend that a committee be appointed to collect and superintend such a library, and that such committee be authorized to subscribe for the standard masonic journals of the day, to enable the craft to keep posted as to the advance and progress of our order, and that said committee draw on the board of general purposes for any expenses they may incur in prosecuting this work.

3rd.—Your committee beg to recommend that the question of depositing and withdrawing the funds of the grand lodge be referred to the board of general purposes for their action.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GRAND LODGE ROOM, St. John, N. B., Sept. 24, 1868.	JAS. G. FORBES, DAVID BROWN, CHAS. A. HOLSTEAD,	} Committee.
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In accordance with the order of yesterday's session, it was on motion

Resolved, that grand lodge do now proceed to the election of the elective officers for the ensuing year.

The following brethren were appointed by the M. W. Grand Master scrutineers to collect and report upon the ballots, viz.:

W. Bros. Christopher Murray, W. M. Lodge No. 1; David R. Munro, W. M. Lodge No. 10, and Mark N. Powers, P. M. Lodge No. 3.

On motion of W. Bro. Edward Willis, Grand Steward, seconded by W. Bro. Alfred A. Stockton, W. M. Lodge No. 19, it was

Resolved, that the election be conducted by nomination.

Ballots were taken and the following brethren declared duly elected to the respective offices, viz. :—

M. W. BENJAMIN LESTER PETERS, Past Master of Lodge No. 1, Grand Master.
 R. W. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN, Past Master of Lodge No. 2, Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. BENJAMIN R. STEVENSON, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 5, Senior Grand Warden.
 R. W. JOHN RICHARDS, Past Master of Lodge No. 6, Junior Grand Warden.
 V. W. REV. WILLIAM DONALD, D. D. of Lodge No. 10, Grand Chaplain.
 V. W. WILLIAM H. A. KEANS, Past Master of Lodge No. 2 Grand Treasurer.
 Bro. JOHN BOYER, of Lodge No. 1, Grand Tyler.

It was moved by W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, that in the system of representation with other grand lodges

no higher rank than that of past senior grand warden shall be conferred by this grand lodge upon representatives from such grand lodges.

On motion of W. Bro. Edward Willis, Grand Steward, it was

Ordered, that the report of the committee on the grand treasurer and grand secretary's reports be taken from the table and considered by sections.

Whereupon the first and third sections were agreed to and the second negatived.

The report was then adopted as amended.

The committee on warrants presented the following report, which on motion of W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, seconded by W. Bro. Powers, P. M. Lodge No. 3, was ordered to be received and adopted, viz.:

The committee on warrants have had before them application from Bro. William Montgomery, of Lodge St. John, No. 412, S. R. Bathurst, and others, praying that a warrant may be issued from the grand lodge. The necessary papers accompany the application, and your committee would recommend that a warrant be prepared and forwarded to the brethren named in the application.

The committee have also had before them copies of resolutions passed by Zetland Lodge, No. 886, E. R. Your committee would recommend that the M. W. the Grand Master direct a communication to be forwarded to the brethren of Zetland Lodge informing them that they will be accepted on the same conditions as other lodges have been.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN RICHARDS,
CHRIS. MURRAY,
BENZ. R. STEVENSON.

COMMITTEE ROOM, MASONIC HALL, 24th September, 1868.

It was moved by W. Bro. G. H. Flewelling, W. M. Lodge No. 9, seconded by W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, and

Resolved, That those lodges in the province which have not as yet accepted warrants from this grand lodge, shall be privileged to do so until the first day of January next, upon the same terms as the lodges at present acknowledging the jurisdiction of grand lodge.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master the following certificate of appointment was read and ordered to be recorded :

By the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Maine, in the United States of America:—

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine, have agreed to cultivate with each other a more intimate correspondence than has heretofore existed between them, and believing that the ties of brotherly affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of the masonic family promoted, and the unity, integrity and purity of the order protected and its utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of representatives from each of the aforesaid grand lodges to the other ;

THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, That We, reposing especial trust and confidence in our well-beloved Bro. David Brown, have thought fit to constitute and appoint, and by these presents do constitute and appoint the said Bro. David Brown the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, for the purposes aforesaid.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused the seal of the grand lodge to be hereunto affixed, and have signed the same at [L.S.] the City of Portland, in the State of Maine aforesaid, the thirty-first day of August, A. D. 1868, A. L. 5868.

Attest,

ISA BERRY,
Grand Secretary.

TIMOTHY J. MURRAY,
Grand Master.

The grand lodge was thereupon called up and the R. W. Bro. Brown duly acknowledged and accepted as such representative.

The M. W. Grand Master presented credentials from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, of which the following is a copy:

STEPHEN R. SIRCOM, D. G. M., [L. S.]
ACTING GRAND MASTER.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT-FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS OF NOVA SCOTIA. }

To the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick,—

GREETING :—

WHEREAS, a more intimate and fraternal intercourse between the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick would be calculated to strengthen the bonds of affection and tend to promote the unity, integrity and purity of the order ;

THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, With that object, and reposing especial trust and confidence in our M. W. Benjamin Lester Peters, we hereby nominate, constitute and appoint, and by these presents do nominate, constitute and appoint our said Most Worshipful Brother to be our representative at the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, with full power, warrant and authority to act and appear for us in the said grand lodge in all laudable endeavors to promote the happiness and prosperity of our time-honored institution.

AND FURTHER, We do hereby confer on our said Representative the rank of a past grand master of this grand lodge.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused the seal of the grand lodge to be hereunto affixed, and have subscribed to the same. Dated at the City of Halifax this ninth day of May, A. L. 5868, A. D. 1868.

By command,

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

The M. W. Grand Master nominated the R. W. Bro. Wm. Taylor, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, to represent this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Whereupon it was moved by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and

Resolved Unanimously, That such nomination be confirmed and the Right Worshipful Brother Taylor be constituted a permanent member of this grand lodge, with the rank and title of Past Senior Grand Warden.

On motion grand lodge was called from labor to refreshment until seven o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING,

24th September, 1868}

Grand Lodge was called to labor at seven o'clock, the M. W. Grand Master in the East and the other officers at their respective stations.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master elect, Benjamin Lester Peters, was duly obligated, invested and installed Grand Master of Freemasons of New Brunswick, by the Worshipful Brother John Willis, Past Master of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, and the Senior Past Master of the jurisdiction. The M. W. Grand Master was thereupon saluted with the customary honors and proclaimed in the east, west and south.

The M. W. Grand Master in the exercise of his prerogative made the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz :—

V. W. WM. F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.
W. THOS. F. GILLESPIE, Senior Grand Deacon.
W. DAVID MAIN, Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN V. ELLIS, Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL, Ass't Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. JAMES McDUGALL, Grand Sword Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD, Grand Organist.
W. JOHN MULLIN, Grand Standard Bearer.
W. JAMES MULLIN, Grand Pursuivant.

W. EDWARD WILLIS,	Grand Steward.
W. HENRY LEONARD,	do.
W. G. H. FLEWELLING,	do.
W. JAMES A. MORAN,	do.
W. JOHN WALLACE,	do.
W. S. CRANE CHARTERS,	do.
W. CHAS. A. HOLSTEAD,	do.
W. WM. F. DIBBLEE,	do.
W. REX. M. KING,	do.

The officers of grand lodge, elected and appointed, were duly installed, invested and proclaimed, as follows:—

R. W. WM. WEDDERBURN,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. JOHN RICHARDS,	Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. WM. DONALD, D. D.,	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS,	Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,	Grand Secretary.
W. DAVID MAIN,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN V. ELLIS,	Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,	Ass't Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
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W. JAMES MULLIN,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. EDWARD WILLIS,	Grand Steward.
W. HENRY LEONARD,	do.
W. G. H. FLEWELLING,	do.
W. JAS. A. MORAN,	do.
W. CHAS. A. HOLSTEAD,	do.
W. REX. M. KING,	do.

[NOTE.—The Senior Grand Deacon and Grand Sword Bearer were not installed in consequence of being absent.]

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following brethren to the board of general purposes, viz.:—

R. W. JAMES ROBERTSON,	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. DAVID BROWN,	Past Junior Grand Warden.
W. JOHN V. ELLIS,	Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. EDWARD WILLIS,	Grand Steward.
W. JOHN D. SHORT,	Past Master Lodge No. 2.
W. I. W. DOHERTY,	W'pful Master Lodge No. 16.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,	Ass't Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,	Past Master Lodge No. 8.
W. JAMES McNICHOL, Jr.,	Past Master Lodge No. 22.
W. BLISS BOTSFORD,	Past Master Lodge No. 23.

It was moved by Very Worshipful Grand Treasurer, seconded by Worshipful Grand Director Ceremonies, and

Unanimously Resolved, That in consequence of the long and distinguished services (extending over a period of fifty years) of the Worshipful Brother John Willis, Past Master of Lodges Nos. 3 and 19, and in further consideration of the position he formerly occupied as Senior Grand Deacon of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada, he be constituted a permanent member of this grand lodge, with the rank and title of Past Senior Grand Deacon.

In accordance with resolution of grand lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following brethren to assist in obtaining subscriptions to the capital stock of the masonic temple:—

BRO. THOMAS M. REED,	P. M. Lodge No. 1.
" CHARLES KETCHUM,	P. M. Lodge No. 8.
" CHRISTOPHER MURRAY,	W. M. Lodge No. 1.
" JOS. C. HATHEWAY,	W. M. Lodge No. 2.
" DAVID R. MUNRO,	W. M. Lodge No. 10.
" JAMES G. FORBES,	P. M. Lodge No. 2.
" HENRY LEONARD,	P. M. Lodge No. 8.
" A. A. STOCKTON,	W. M. Lodge No. 19.
" JOHN MULLIN,	P. M. Lodge No. 3.
" WM. R. RUSSELL,	W. M. Lodge No. 22.

It was moved by the Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and

Ordered, That grand lodge shall commence its next annual communication at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Grand Lodge having finished all business presented was closed in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

Wm. J. Reuting
Grand Secy.

In Memory of

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

George R. Russell,

PAST MASTER MIRAMICHI LODGE, NO. 18,

Past Senior Grand Warden and Member of the
Board of General Purposes.

WHO DIED AT CHATHAM, N. B.,

the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1868.

AGED 46 YEARS.