

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
SEPTEMBER 27th and 28th, 1871.

The fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, in the City of Saint John, commencing Wednesday, the 27th day of September, A. L. 5871, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

M. W. WM. WEDDERBURN, . . . Grand Master.
R. W. B. LESTER PETERS, . . . Past Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS, . . . Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. WM. P. FLEWELLING, . . . Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. WM. F. DIBBLEE, . . . Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS, . . . Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING, . . . Grand Secretary.
W. JOHN WILLIS, . . . Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL, . . . Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN D. SHORT, . . . Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. EDWARD WILLIS, . . . Past Asst. G. Dir. Ceremonies.
W. G. H. FLEWELLING, . . . Past Grand Sword Bearer.
W. JOHN MULLIN, . . . Past Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD, . . . Grand Organist.

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W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR., . . . Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. HARRIS ALLAN, . . . Grand Steward.
W. CHARLES CABR, . . . do.
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER, . . . Grand Tyler.

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

It was moved by W. Bro. Edward Willis, Past A. G. D. C., and

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last annual and special communications be dispensed with, the same having been printed and distributed among the brethren.

The committee on credentials, W. Bros. Christopher Murray and Henry Duffell, reported the following representatives in attendance and entitled to seats in grand lodge, viz. :—

Albion Lodge, No. 1, . . . Thos. N. Robertson, W.M.
B. Lester Peters, P.M.
Wm. W. Emslie, P.M.
Thomas M. Reed, P.M.
Christopher Murray, P. M.
Charles D. Thomson, P. M.
Geo. E. Fairweather, J. W.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2, . . . Henry G. Hunt, W.M.
Wm. H. A. Keans, P.M.
Wm. F. Bunting, P.M.
John D. Short, P.M.
William Wedderburn, P.M.
J. Gordon Forbes, P.M.
Jos. C. Hatheway, P.M.
Charles A. Estey, S.W.
Thomas O. Sandall, J.W.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, . . . George Kilnap, W.M.

James McNichol, Sr., P.M.
 Mark N. Powers, P.M.
 David Martin, P.M.
 John Mullin, P.M.

- Sussex Lodge, No. 4*,..... Stephen W. Palmer, P.M.
Solomon's Lodge, No. 6,..... Harris Allan, P.M.
Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,.... Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
 John V. Ellis, P.M.
 Henry Leonard, P.M.
 J. Alfred Clark, S.W.
 Henry Card.
Midian Lodge, No. 9,..... G. H. Flewelling, W.M.
 Wm. P. Flewelling, P.M.
Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, Henry Duffell, W.M.
 Robert Marshall, P.M.
 William C. Morissey, P.M.
 Chas. U. Hanford, S.W.
Woodstock Lodge, No. 11,..... Wm. F. Dibblee, W.M.
Howard Lodge, No. 15,..... John Wallace, P. M.
Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16,..... Charles Carr, W.M.
 Isaac W. Doherty, P.M.
Leinster Lodge, No. 19,..... John Willis, P.M.
 Edward Willis, P.M.
 Israel S. Gross, P.M.
New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,.. James McNichol, Jr., P.M.
 William R. Russell, P.M.
 Arthur Owen, J.W.
Zetland Lodge, No. 24,..... Samuel McKean, P.M.
Victoria Lodge, No. 26,..... Thos. J. Robinson, S.W.

Notes were read from W. Bros. David Brown, chairman of committee on credentials, D. E. Seymour, past grand deacon, representative in Grand Lodge of Maine, and Richard N. Knight, A. G. D. C., regretting their inability to be present.

It was moved by W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, W. M. Lodge No. 1, and

Resolved, That all master masons in good standing be permitted to visit grand lodge at the present communication.

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

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
 ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY F. & A. M.
 SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, Sept., 1871.

To the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:

MY BRETHREN,—It will be a matter of sincere pleasure and congratulation to you to learn officially, as you have no doubt perceived personally, that the masonic year in the history of our jurisdiction now drawing to a close, has been marked by many evidences of progress and prosperity. It is, therefore, with so much the greater pleasure that I meet you in annual session, to review the work of the past and take counsel for the efficient conduct of the affairs of the future.

We may not inappropriately here observe, also, that to the student of masonic history, it must be apparent that the general progress of our common institution the world over, has been steady, uniform and most satisfactory. Acknowledging no geographical latitudes in the scope of its sublime benevolence and ignoring all party distinctions, the course of freemasonry universal, to the sincere mason, must be a matter of deep and pleasurable interest.

Claiming an origin immemorial, and cemented by principles which should be everywhere acknowledged and respected, masons discover in the general success of their ancient craft a cause for delight, equalled only by their intense satisfaction upon the advancement of their immediate jurisdiction. Opposed by unreasoning prejudices, traduced by the ignorant and profane, sought after for betrayal by the vicious and mercenary, "freemasonry, notwithstanding, still survives," and

the world, so unready to declare it, is clearly the better for it that our institution rises superior to all calumnies and bigotted opposition.

Considerations of this kind, however, should bear to us an impressive lesson. It is not alone in the fraternal intercourse of our own circle, nor in the peculiar and local success of our mother lodge or grand jurisdiction, nor in the happy and emulous and honorable rivalry of the brethren, that the true mason will discover both inspiration and an incentive to action. We should, at the same time, so deport ourselves in our several social spheres and in all the paths of citizenship, "that our ancient and honorable institution shall suffer no disparagement at our hands," and while we keep steadfastly in view the sublime "ancient charges of a freemason," we shall add adornment and lustre to the common duties of the patriot, the philanthropist and the christian. Thus, to the mason who really and intelligently understands and appreciates the mission of the craft, those duties will be light and the performance of them an unmingled pleasure.

Turning from the inviting field of masonry, as revealed to us by the proceedings of other grand lodges, to the equally pleasant survey of our own jurisdiction, it will be found that freemasonry in New Brunswick is increasing and advancing. And this is the more an earnest of the high character of the institution, because our doors happily are not thrown open to the world, and whoever seeks to pass the outer door of our temple must come with a heart already prepared for the service and its sacrifices.

Protracted illness has prevented me from making as many official visits as I have desired. I may state, however, that I did not contemplate making anything like a general tour of official visitation through the jurisdiction. The correspondence of the grand secretary's office is so full and large and the visitation of my predecessor was so very complete, that I deemed it unnecessary in the present infant state of grand lodge finances to make a large draft for this service. It will be a matter for the consideration of the incoming grand master, whether it shall be a duty in the interests of the fraternity to make a general visitation during the ensuing year.

I had the very great pleasure of meeting with the lodges of the City of Saint John on last Saint John's day, and of installing their respective masters, and I hazarded the opinion then, which I think has been verified by experience, that the custody and harmony of the craft were committed to the hands of zealous and laborious brethren, who must command success for their respective lodges.

I may remark at this point however, that I do not at all admire the plan of summoning the lodges of the city for high twelve on Saint John's day for installation purposes. I approve of the proper celebration of the festival. If there was but one lodge in the city, then the day and hour are most suitable for such a service; but it is manifestly impossible to conduct the installation of the officers of seven lodges consecutively, with comfort to the brethren or with that interest and "decency and order" which should mark all our ceremonies. I think this matter well worth the consideration of grand lodge and of the subordinate lodges immediately interested, and indeed if the installing ceremonies were set down for the regular monthly meeting of the respective lodges, I can readily fancy with what pleasure any grand master would officially visit each lodge, and what a series of effective and harmonious fraternal meetings the craft in the city would thus be enabled to enjoy.

I had much pleasure visiting Solomon's Lodge, Fredericton, during the last winter and found the lodge harmonious and prosperous. I was attended by R. W. the Deputy Grand Master and V. W. the Grand Secretary. While I found it my duty to call attention to certain omissions in the furniture and discrepancies in the work, I nevertheless felt that this lodge is in all respects one of the best in this jurisdiction and that when the then newly installed officers should become more perfect and proficient—as I have reason to know they have since done—there would be little more to be desired. The hospitality of the brethren on this occasion of my visit was most marked and bounteous.

I herewith submit to you the report forwarded to me by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master Ellis, of his official visitation to the masonic bodies located on the North Shore; and you will permit me to assure you that, during a long period of complete confinement to my home, I have experienced from him and also from the V. W. Grand Secretary, such fraternal attention and consideration as have not only been very grateful to me, but have well assured me that the interests of grand lodge and of the craft, could not suffer from my absence, with such courteous and zealous brethren always diligent and laborious for their welfare.

REPORT OF R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

SIR AND BROTHER,—In accordance with your directions to me to consecrate and dedicate according to ancient masonic usage, Saint John Lodge, No. 27,

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Bathurst, I proceeded to that place, leaving Saint John on Monday, March 13, and on the evening of the 18th duly consecrated, constituted and dedicated the lodge, and installed Worshipful Bro. William Wallace Gordon into the oriental chair. Bro. Gordon immediately installed his own officers and the lodge went on with its regular business. Saint John Lodge owns a very convenient and comfortable hall, is well equipped and has an excellent membership.

Bro. George E. Fairweather, J. W. of Albion Lodge, No. 1, kindly accompanied me from Saint John, and W. Bro. Thos. F. Gillespie, P. S. G. D., of Miramichi Lodge, from Chatham.

Taking advantage of this journey to the North Shore, I met the Worshipful Master of Zetland Lodge, No. 24, Shediac, and in the presence of several of the past masters regularly installed him into the chair on the afternoon of Monday 13th. On Tuesday evening, with Bro. Gillespie, Bro. Fairweather and a number of the brethren of Miramichi Lodge, I officially visited Northumberland Lodge and witnessed the conferring of the master's degree. There was a large attendance of members. The brethren at Newcastle are actively at work preparing for the erection of a new hall. On Friday evening, March 17, official visitation was made to Miramichi Lodge, Chatham, and we saw a portion of the work exemplified. On Saturday evening, March 18, official visitation was made to Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16, Richibucto, and the work was exemplified by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Carr and his officers. The lodges at Richibucto and Chatham, as well as that at Bathurst, have comfortable halls of their own and the interest manifested by the brethren was most gratifying. Our journey was undertaken at a time of the year when travelling was very unpleasant and it occupied eight days. This prevented us from visiting Restigouche Lodge, No. 25, at Dalhousie.

The brethren did all in their power to make our trip a pleasant one and they were quite successful. To many of them we were indebted for private courtesies, and the hospitality extended to us by the lodges at Bathurst and Richibucto will long be kindly remembered.

Fraternally yours,

Saint John, N. B., April 2, 1871.

JOHN V. ELLIS, D. G. M.

From reports such as these and the formal returns to the office of the V. W. Grand Secretary, I have the satisfaction to learn that the utmost harmony has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, and that while no appeals have been presented to me, the few decisions I have been called upon to make have not been of any great importance.

SPECIAL DECISION.

I should probably record one decision, however, made upon a subject which appears to be agitating several grand lodges of the United States and probably arising largely from the fact that that nation has lately been engaged in war. Enquiry was made by the W. M. of Victoria Lodge if a dispensation would issue to initiate a person who had lost his left arm. I refused to grant the dispensation. Masonic landmarks require "that a candidate shall be a man in the full enjoyment of all those faculties, organs, limbs and members, for the reception and imparting of masonic knowledge, and for a full compliance with all forms

and ceremonies in such reception and imparting, as practiced from time immemorial among masons." Obviously, the candidate proposed, unfortunately could not answer one of these requirements, although otherwise worthy. Since that decision I have received application for a dispensation to permit a candidate who has lost a foot, to be initiated. As the subject is of some importance I have remitted the question to the board of general purposes for their opinion.

THE RITUAL.

The ritual committee, having given protracted and careful study to the important duties confided to them and having informally reported to me, I had much pleasure in giving my sanction to the ritual as reported by them. They have faithfully preserved the text of the ritual of immemorial use in the craft; but where they discovered interpolations or errors in the monitorial or ceremonial parts of the work, they did not hesitate to expunge the one and correct the other.

The ritual as reported by them and sanctioned by this office, subject to your action, is therefore the only authorized version in this jurisdiction, and I sincerely trust masters and officers will carefully study it and see that, "by the instructive tongue and the attentive ear," it is preserved intact in the lodges.

You, my brothers, will be glad to learn that very full arrangements have been made for the perfect exemplification of the work at some convenient season during the present session of grand lodge, by Albion, Saint John's and Hibernia Lodges.

I sincerely hope the day is not far distant when the freemasons of this Dominion—may I not say of this Continent?—shall assemble in general convention, not only to interchange the greetings of our exalted fellowship and to take counsel of each other for the prosperity and perpetuity of the craft, but to unite upon one uniform and authorized ritual, that all our brethren may preserve the same traditions, speak the same language and perform the same ceremonies, and thereby illustrate the oneness and universality of freemasonry. Not that I hold the mere adoption of the same form of words so desirable, but I do think that as near as conveniently may be the same language should be employed; and by uniformity of work, the mason the more readily perceive the general features of his beloved institution as well abroad as at home.

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

It was my intention to have considered at some length the question

of extending recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. I shall, however, after mature deliberation, refrain from doing so. First, because the matter has been remitted by grand lodge to a large and very able committee, whose report I do not desire to anticipate; and secondly and principally, because of the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada at its recent annual communication. It is but proper, however, that I should not withhold from you that I am led to take a view of this subject somewhat different from that of many of my brethren. It is well known that such distinguished masons as the present M. W. Grand Master of Canada, Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and the present M. W. Grand Master of Quebec, Bro. J. H. Graham—now so much at variance on this subject—united in the Grand Lodge of Canada, as far back as 1867, in the declaration, “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 establishing of grand lodges, and believing that a more substantial union would thereby be secured,” etc. It is nevertheless true that at this time, when a strange and unfortunate and very bitter difference of opinion has arisen, that each lodge and each mason should think for himself, at the same time holding his individual opinions subject to the decision of his grand lodge. It would serve no good purpose however, to discuss the question at length, as it divides itself under the two distinctive heads of “Unoccupied Masonic Territory” and “Grand Lodge Sovereignty.” The case of Quebec was certainly largely an exceptional one, and by no means free from doubt, arising out of the political and constitutional changes of 1867; and, although it may be properly urged that masonic jurisprudence is neither governed nor regulated by political arrangements, or the geographical or territorial changes wrought by legislatures, nevertheless, the application of the general principles upon which all agree, becomes a work more difficult and delicate than under ordinary circumstances. I will not pursue the subject further, except to refer to the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which is at once fraternal and commendable, and will I trust, lead to an early reconciliation between our brethren in Upper Canada. At the last session of the Grand Lodge of Canada, a resolution was adopted by a large majority, which, after reciting the adherence of the grand lodge to its action of December 1869 and July 1870, declares that, “being desirous of re-establishing peace and good will and harmony amongst all masons of Canada, and of preventing

further trouble and complications, and being now of opinion that these objects can best be attained by the existence of a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec, properly organized, with the unanimous assent, if possible, and good feeling of all masons in that province, while, at the same time, the duties and obligations of this grand lodge towards the said loyal masons should not be disregarded; this grand lodge will give up and cede all the territory which it has occupied since 1855, in that part of Canada now constituting the Province of Quebec, make all just and financial settlements, remove all suspensions and do all such things as may become necessary, so soon as this grand lodge receives notice that a settlement or compromise, mutually satisfactory, shall have been effected between the masons residing in the Province of Quebec, who have been and are now loyal and faithful to this grand lodge on the one side, and the members of the so-called grand lodge on the other, in such manner as they may decide amongst themselves whilst acting in a true masonic spirit, and this grand lodge will not, for the present, take any further step or action of any kind whatever concerning the said so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec.” Having adopted this course, it will be for you to determine whether any immediate action of recognition is desirable on your part. Of one thing however, we may be assured, that by the action already taken, the “Grand Lodge of Canada” and the “Grand Lodge of Quebec” will readily perceive that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has not been rash or hasty in its conclusions, or too precipitant to formally recognize or refuse to recognize the new grand lodge. For my own part, I think a grand lodge should always “make haste slowly” in a matter of such grave importance and declare its decision only after the maturest thought, and, as a general rule where differences have arisen, when all efforts or hopes of a truly masonic reconciliation are vain.

UNDUE PUBLICITY OF MASONIC PROCEEDINGS.

Before leaving this topic however, I cannot refrain from adding a general observation, partly suggested by the occurrences and circumstances connected with the unfortunate rupture among our Upper Canadian brethren. I say “partly,” certainly not wholly suggested by them.

For many years I have noticed with pain and mortification that every disturbance of the harmony of masonry is published to the world in every form and by every means. And this, my brethren, not “by cowans and eaves droppers,” nor yet by unworthy and unfaithful brethren.

ren, but often under the sign manual of high officials and the solemn seal of a grand or subordinate lodge. In view of such facts I wish to speak with becoming respect, but to my mind they are painful manifestations of the greatest indiscretion, to use no harsher word. Edicts of suspension and expulsion (sometimes against illustrious brethren and issued on a disputed basis), votes of censure and condemnation, reports of internal discussions and dissensions, proceedings which display bitterness and acrimony as if they were choice masonic virtues, and all the untoward and unfortunate attendants upon rupture, schism and dispute are published to the world by masons in masonic and secular papers, to the scandal of masonry and the gratification of the profane. All old and tender associations, years of fraternal fellowship, and the past communion of the brethren in the legitimate paths of the craft are forgotten in the general turmoil, and the pen of every writer seems prepared to chronicle deeds which should never transpire or which, if unavoidable or necessary to the good discipline of the institution, should be held sacred from the gaze and the contemptuous cavilling of those beyond our pale. Surely there are avenues of communication within the craft by which its orders and decisions and proceedings can be communicated without recourse to the public newspaper. And when the day of reconciliation comes, as come it always does in our institution, how all desire that many things said had not been said, and how soon would all be forgotten, as it has already been forgiven, but that the printed page preserves it to the memory even of those most truly sorrowful for the past. The case of the differences between our Upper Canadian brethren afforded a very forcible example of the evil I deplore. And to add to the disputes, already sufficiently angry, we found voluminous and often anonymous letters of the bitterest correspondence, not only in the daily papers but in magazines professing to be devoted to the interests and care of the craft. It will be a happy hour for freemasonry when there is less publicity, indeed no publicity at all, given to these matters when they unfortunately arise, and when newspapers and periodicals are only recognized as channels for that pure masonic literature which may be perused with profit and preserved without pain to the craft.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

The board of general purposes has, I am sure, given frequent and serious attention to this subject, and you will no doubt anxiously await their report. You will all be glad to learn if such steps have been taken as are reasonably likely to end in the completion of this work so

long desired by the craft. You will allow me therefore to make one observation here. Whatever may be done or aimed at by the board, and however wisely and zealously they may have labored, and however earnest we may all be in this undertaking, it cannot succeed, certainly not with such a success as we should all look for and desire, unless liberality characterize both lodges and individual masons. I do not mean liberality in mere money votes, I know already what has been done in this direction, and that I have no reason and therefore no right to doubt the masonic generosity of this city and jurisdiction; but I mean that liberality or generosity of sentiment and of speech which will constrain all to greater exertions and which will yield individual desires or predilections to the final decision of the constituted majority. In all such works difference of opinion and judgment must be expected, but it becomes masons while steadfastly holding personal views at the same time to be willing to lay them aside if the views of the brethren are in another channel. The end will then be speedily accomplished, our fraternity of feeling will not be marred by a single discordant sound, and each will strive with the other in the emulation of "who can best work and best agree," until the capstone is brought forth amidst the general joy.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

I regret exceedingly that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has not yet extended to the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick official recognition. I did not fail fully to comprehend the terms and intention of the resolution of grand lodge passed at the last annual communication. I most cordially endorse the doctrine "that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is the supreme masonic authority in this province, and the existence of lodges therein not holding of this grand lodge ought no longer to be permitted." The grand master was at that time directed "to request the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland (from whom the one recusant lodge holds its warrant) to withdraw the same." At an early hour in our masonic year I took occasion, through the V. W. the Grand Secretary, to recall the attention of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to this subject. I regret that by some accident in the post office the letter of the grand secretary did not reach its destination in time for action to be taken upon it at the May quarterly session of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Assurances however came to us, that the matter would be considered immediately and that a proper and too long delayed recognition of the grand lodge follow. Such my brothers has not been the case. The correspondence on the table of the Grand Secretary will more fully

detail the present position of the matter. The grand lodge reserved to itself the right to "direct its subordinates to hold no masonic connection with such lodges." It will be for you to consider whether a further delay shall be granted, or whether grand lodge shall not assert its sovereignty in this jurisdiction without further awaiting the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

It is proper however to observe here, that this office has learned, not officially, that the lodge holding under Scottish warrant and the only outstanding lodge in the jurisdiction, has determined to avow its allegiance to this grand lodge. Should this be the case, in a very short time by influences the most peaceful grand lodge will have attained undisputed supremacy and the undivided loyalty of every mason in New Brunswick.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A petition for a dispensation to open Albert Lodge, to be located at Hopewell, was not complied with, as the requirements of the constitution and of this office were not properly met. I am not further advised of the intention of the promoters of that movement.

I had pleasure in granting to the V. W. the Grand Secretary a dispensation to "work" Emulation Lodge of Instruction. It would be well for the craft if many such lodges, conducted in the same eminently successful and satisfactory manner, were established in this jurisdiction.

I regretted that I was compelled to decline the kind invitation of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to take part in the celebration of the centenary anniversary of its erection.

I directed the V. W. the Grand Secretary to tender to the masons of Alabama the condolences of this office and of grand lodge upon the death of M. W. Bro. William P. Chilton, Grand Master.

Consequent upon the visit of the M. W. the Grand Master of England to Washington and Ottawa I tendered to him, through R. W. Bro. Clinch, P. G. M., and representative of the Grand Lodge of England, the masonic hospitalities of this city and jurisdiction. It was generally a matter of regret when it was announced that the M. W. the Grand Master of England could not accept them owing to the urgency of his official business at the capital.

I felt it incumbent upon me to notice suitably, through the V. W. the Grand Secretary, the very fraternal and generous attentions and kindnesses of the masons of Illinois to the widow, and their most zealous and masonic care and treatment of the remains, of late Bro. Henry Edgett, of Hibernia Lodge, who died while within the jurisdiction of the

Grand Lodge of Illinois. Such splendid exemplifications of the universality of masonic charity are calculated to make us love the craft with a deeper affection, and justify us in claiming for our institution a standard of excellence far higher than that of any other society of human origin.

I have received application for a warrant to issue to Lebanon Lodge, No.—, which has been working under my dispensation at Sackville, since the 19th day of May last. The evidences furnished by the brethren are to my mind satisfactory, as to their full compliance with constitutional requirements.

Other matters—principally of a routine character—might be referred to, but as all the papers and correspondence are on the table of the grand secretary, they may be referred to without further reference by me.

AT REST.

It is my solemn and melancholy duty, my brothers, to record officially here the death of the late

R. W. JAMES ROBERTSON, PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,
V. W. REV. WILLIAM DONALD, D. D., GRAND CHAPLAIN,
W. JOHN BOYER, Past Grand Tyler,

who have been gathered to their fathers and have entered upon rest, since our last annual communication. Little need there is, however, for eulogy or memorial to you who faithfully cherish their many virtues and accomplishments, and their unswerving loyalty to the craft.

Few among us can claim to have evinced a warmer and more untiring devotion and attachment to masonry than characterized the lives of our departed brethren, and in no way were these more conspicuous than in their steady and affectionate attendance on the duties and pleasures of grand lodge membership.

R. W. Bro. Robertson departed this life on the 16th day of January last. Many years of his life were marked by his masonic character. Ever a mason, in the sterling sense of the word, his removal was the occasion of unfeigned and profound sorrow. As the solemn offices which our institution pays to its revered dead were desired, I felt it a justice to his memory that grand lodge should perform every tribute of love and respect to his mortal remains. Kindly affectioned, full of experience, warm in his attachments, his place will long remain vacant. Where masons hands pillowed his head to its last slumber, beneath the clustering emblems of man's immortality, he awaits the final consum-

mation of all things, while we preserve ever green the memory of his worth and the excellency of his masonic life.

V. W. Bro. Donald died on the 20th day of February last. Although many may date their initiation into our mysteries far back beyond that of our reverend and venerable brother, few have evinced a deeper or as enthusiastic a love for the craft. By the guilelessness and gentleness of his intercourse, the unassuming wisdom of his counsels, his devoted interest in grand lodge, he made a mark upon our masonic history and hearts which can only be forgotten when life ceases. You my brothers, will vividly remember his last attendance upon the sacred duties of the grand chaplaincy. His eye lighted with fraternal enthusiasm which years could not dim; his step turned towards our altar with a buoyancy which the feebleness of age could not impede, and yet, even then the grim hand of disease was visibly upon him and the inexorable messenger was at the outer door. I need not prolong words upon his worth. He who so often and so zealously pointed us to the dark valley and taught us how to approach it—who knew so well and wisely the value of that “immortal part which shall survive the grave”—needs neither storied urn nor posthumous praise from us who learned of him, and no far-reaching faith is required to think of him as enjoying the eternal refreshment and benediction of the Celestial Lodge.

W. Brother Boyer died on the 26th day of February last and was buried with masonic ceremony by Albion Lodge, having been for 56 years a mason of unsullied record. We all knew the gentle old man to love him, as he welcomed us with the same kind smile at the outer door year after year, until it became almost a strange innovation to see another tyler in his place. Very feeble and tottering were his steps at last as he descended the third stage of human life, and yet, with what affectionate solicitude the craft nursed him when his mind knew not the brother-hand that tended him, as the shadows lengthened and grew dim in the mists of the eventide; and how solemn and sincere were the testimonials of sorrow when the bell tolled his passage to the grave.

Brethren, you appreciate with me the sad loss we have in common sustained. Yet these instances of mortality should impel us to the more faithful discharge of the increased duties which devolve on us who survive them. But while we are thus compelled to remember that those fond ties which bound them so closely and so tenderly to us have been sundered, and “the silver cord loosed,” we may gather from the graves of the departed, inspiration for the work of the hour and rekindle our faith and hope with the quiet assurance of our sublime

ritual, that the grave cannot contain them—death cannot hold them; but that they shall pass triumphantly to that “house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.”

And now, my brothers, I will no longer detain you from the duties of this annual session. As the supreme authority and legislature of the fraternity in this province, you rightly apprehend the cares and responsibilities resting upon you. The jurisdiction looks to you for wise counsel, encouragement and its law. I sincerely trust that from your hands will issue such decisions as shall redound to the honor and progress and perpetuity of the craft.

WM. WEDDERBURN,
Grand Master.

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

Resolved, That the portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address alluding to the deaths of the late Bros. James Robertson, Rev. Dr. Donald and John Boyer be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

Whereupon the following were appointed such committee:

W. Bro. J. G. Forbes, R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters and W. Bro. Robert Marshall.

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

Grand Secretary's Report.

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

The grand secretary begs respectfully to report, that the receipts of his office during the past year have been \$1,191.96 on the following accounts:—

Registration Fees,.....	\$248 00
Certificates,	221 50
Annual Dues,.....	688 80
Dispensations for Degrees, &c.,.....	12 90
Dispensation for a New Lodge,.....	15 00
Constitutions,.....	5 76

Total,.....\$1,191 96

which have been duly paid to the grand treasurer and an account in detail furnished the board of general purposes.

The returns for 1870 from the respective lodges have all been received and exhibit the work, etc., of the year as follows:—

Number Initiated,.....	217
“ passed,.....	210
“ raised,.....	211
“ joined,.....	53
“ re-instated,.....	7
“ withdrawn,.....	84
“ died,.....	19
“ suspended,.....	7
Total number of members,.....	1751

Twenty-one dispensations were issued during the past year, under the authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, for the following purposes:—

To confer degrees at short periods,.....	12
“ bury deceased brethren,.....	2
“ wear regalia in public,.....	4
“ ballot for a bro. in the absence of a Dimit, etc.	1
“ establish a lodge of instruction,.....	1
“ open a new lodge,.....	1
Total.....	21

Four hundred copies of the proceedings of the last annual communication were printed under the direction of the board of general purposes, three copies of which were forwarded to each grand lodge and six copies to each lodge in the jurisdiction, while single copies were sent to the editors of masonic periodicals and to applying brethren in distant localities.

The grand secretary has received copies of the printed proceedings of nearly every sister grand lodge, from which a vast amount of useful and interesting masonic information is to be gleaned.

He has also received, from the editors or publishers, several periodicals published in the interests of freemasonry.

In accordance with the order of last grand lodge, he directed circulars to the respective lodges, requiring them to furnish him with copies of their warrants and by-laws under the new constitution. Only two lodges have failed to send in their by-laws, viz.: Carleton Union, No.

8, and Zetland, No. 24, and four have neglected to furnish copies of their warrants, viz.: Sussex, No. 4, Alley, No. 14, Keith, No. 23 and Restigouche, No. 25.

The by-laws received have been approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, and the warrants have been copied into a register prepared for the purpose.

The returns of lodges for the year 1870 have all been sent in by the proper officers and the fees and dues thereon promptly paid. In some instances—no doubt from inattention to the requirements of the constitution—returns have to be sent back for explanation or correction; but in a large majority of cases, they are systematically and accurately made up; and in this connection the grand secretary has pleasure in noting the readiness and promptness with which the masters and secretaries, when called upon, attend to all matters between their several lodges and the grand lodge. Such cordiality and good feeling are worthy of record and tend to lighten the duties of his office, and cement a true and genuine masonic feeling in the business affairs of the jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

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

Cash received from Albion Lodge,.....	No. 1,	\$106 00
“ “ St. John's,.....	“ 2,	66 80
“ “ Hibernia,.....	“ 3,	99 30
“ “ St. Mark's,.....	“ 5,	38 30
“ “ Solomon's,.....	“ 6,	37 00
“ “ Sussex,.....	“ 7,	60 00
“ “ Carleton Union,.....	“ 8,	62 40
“ “ Midian,.....	“ 9,	12 00
“ “ Union of Portland,.....	“ 10,	107 90
“ “ Woodstock,.....	“ 11,	56 30
“ “ St. George,.....	“ 12,	59 90
“ “ Corinthian,.....	“ 13,	11 20
“ “ Alley,.....	“ 14,	31 00
“ “ Howard,.....	“ 15,	29 20
“ “ St. Andrew,.....	“ 16,	33 00
“ “ Northumberland,.....	“ 17,	68 76
“ “ Miramichi,.....	“ 18,	31 00

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Cash received from Leinster,	" 19,	48 10	
" " Salisbury,	" 20,	12 40	
" " Zion,	" 21,	24 40	
" " New Brunswick Lodge, ..	" 22,	60 30	
" " Keith,	" 23,	22 90	
" " Zetland,	" 24,	17 60	
" " Restigouche,	" 25,	20 50	
" " Victoria,	" 26,	60 70	
" " Lebanon,	U. D.,	15 00	
1871.			\$1,191 96
May 16, Cash paid Grand Treasurer,		\$600 00	
Sept. 8, " " "		500 00	
Sept. 21, " " "		91 96	
			<u>\$1,191 96</u>

WM. F. BUNTING,

Saint John, N. B., 21st Sept., 1871.

Grand Secretary.

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

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

Balance in bank as per account rendered Sept. 15,			
1870.....		\$1,039 35	
Cash received from grand secretary,		1,191 96	
			<u>\$2,231 31</u>

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Order 54—Grand Secretary, salary,	\$ 300 00
" 55—Donation Carleton Union Lodge,	100 00
" 56—Donation Northumberland Lodge,	100 00
" 57—Henry Brown, tyling,	7 00
" 58—Dingee Scribner, tyling,	4 00
" 59—Insurance on grand lodge regalia,	9 00
" 60—Albion Lodge on account of loan,	318 00
" 61—E. Evans, repairs on box,	50
" 62—Knox & Thompson, repairs,	2 00
" 63—Magee Bros. ribbon,	60
" 64—M. Blackall, coach hire,	2 00
" 65—Volunteer band, services,	30 00
" 66—Manchester, Robertson & Allison, crape, etc.,	15 39

Order 67—Magee Bros., silk and fringe,	27 23
" 68—H. Chubb & Co., printing, etc.,	115 00
" 69—Albion Lodge, balance due on loan,	309 00
" 70—John Livingstone, advertising,	4 90
" 71—E. Evans, tin case,	1 00
" 72—Hall Committee, one year's rent, etc., ..	20 00
" 73—J. T. C. McKean, engrossing address, ..	5 00
" 74—Grand Secretary, postage account,	26 28
" 75—Evening Globe, advertising,	14 30
" 76—Expenses official visit to Bathurst, etc.,	67 13
" 77—Geo. E. Fairweather, engrossing war-	
rant,	6 60
" 78—Expenses official visit to Fredericton, ..	11 10
" 79—C. E. Potter, photograph frames,	5 75
" 80—Willis & Davis, advertising,	5 00

\$1,506 78

Balance deposited in bank,

724 53

\$2,231 31

W. H. A. KEANS,

Saint John, N. B., Sept., 1871.

Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by W. Bro. Edward Willis, Past A. G. D. C., and

Resolved, That the reports of the grand secretary and grand treasurer be received and entered in the minutes.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, as president of the board of general purposes, submitted the annual report of the board, as follows:—

Board of General Purposes.

GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. M. OF NEW BRUNSWICK, }
SAINT JOHN, N. B., Sept., 1871. }

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

The board of general purposes submit the following report:—

1. In accordance with the constitution of the grand lodge, the members of the board of general purposes have met from time to time, since the last annual communication of grand lodge and have endeavored faithfully to discharge the various duties that were devolved upon them. The harmonious and fraternal spirit which has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction in the past twelve months, has rendered the labors of the board comparatively light. No disputes of any kind have arisen, requiring settlement by the board, either between lodges or members.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

2. W. Bro. Alfred A. Stockton, P. M. of Leinster Lodge, No. 19, was unanimously elected vice-president of the board.

UNION.

3. In presenting their annual report for the year, the members of the board feel justified in congratulating grand lodge at the position of the craft within its jurisdiction. Not only have progress and harmony characterized the labors of the lodges, but the important result has at length been reached of a fraternity one and indivisible—the authority of the grand lodge being now recognized by every private lodge within the province. At the session of 1870 there were two lodges still holding a foreign allegiance. Soon after the close of that session, Saint John Lodge, Bathurst, returned its warrant and was formally constituted by warrant from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. Within the past month Saint Andrew's Lodge, Fredericton, also on Scottish registry, voted to surrender its warrant and the board understand the members will apply for a warrant from grand lodge at the present session. This result is gratifying in itself. It is still more gratifying to reflect that the union under one jurisdiction has been quietly and harmoniously accomplished without coercive measures or even violent or unpleasant discussion. The truly masonic spirit in which this work has been carried on and ended, is a bright omen of peace and prosperity in the future.

INSURANCE.

4. The grand secretary, under the direction of the board, has effected insurance to the amount of \$1200 on the regalia and other property of the grand lodge.

PROCEEDINGS PUBLISHED.

5. Four hundred copies of the proceedings of grand lodge at its last annual communication were printed in the usual style and uniform with the issue of previous years, under direction of the grand master and the grand secretary, and were distributed in the usual way.

PRESENT TO CARLETON UNION LODGE.

6. The board, on behalf of grand lodge, presented to Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, for their new hall, one of the large photographs of the Grand Lodge of Canada, two copies of which were in possession of grand lodge.

THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR.

7. Shortly after the last annual session, action was taken upon the circular from the grand orient of France, asking contributions to a fund for the relief of sufferers, of all nationalities, in the war between France and Prussia, which circular had been referred by grand lodge to the board. The grand secretary was directed to address the different lodges upon the subject. Several of them responded to the appeal made, and from lodges Nos. 5, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22 and 24, the sum of \$118 was received. The board decided to make the amount up to one thousand francs and remit it to the grand orient. Before however, steps could be taken to this end, Paris was declared in a state of siege, and the only means of communication with it were by pigeons or balloon post. Immediately after the siege the city fell into the hands of the Commune, and as disorder appeared to reign supreme, the board thought it better to end the matter by returning to the lodges the sums they had sent in. This was done by the grand secretary.

INSTRUCTION.

8. The matter of instruction has also seriously occupied the attention of the board. At its last session, grand lodge appropriated the sum of \$200 towards the expenses of any person who might be chosen to instruct the lodges. The grand secretary was directed by the board to address a circular to the private lodges, calling their attention to this grant, asking them to name the amount they each would contribute towards the part payment of an instructor, and informing them that applications for his services would be considered according to their priority, and that his services could be retained for a period of time

regulated by the amount of their contribution. Only four of the lodges in the jurisdiction responded favorably to this call, viz.: Nos. 11, 18, 20 and 25. The three former offered to aid the fund. The latter applied directly for an instructor and offered \$50 for his services, but required that he should be sent before the close of February. It was impossible to procure a competent brother to leave his home at that season of the year and undertake a journey of 277 miles to Dalhousie, and the request of the lodge has not been complied with up to the present time. The board however, looking at the peculiar circumstances of the craft on the North Shore, have had under consideration the advisability, at some convenient season of the year, of opening a lodge of instruction, by approval of the M. W. the Grand Master, at a point which might be easily reached by the lodges in that section of the province, and they hope before another year elapses that this will be accomplished.

It having come to the notice of the board that an unauthorized person had received payment from at least one lodge for instructing them in the ritual, the board directed the grand secretary to notify all lodges that it was improper to engage the services of any paid instructor, except he was authorized by the grand master or the board of general purposes.

FINANCIAL.

9. Grand Lodge, financially, is in an excellent position. The amount borrowed from Lodge No. 1 has been paid off. Grand lodge is free from debt and there is a handsome balance on hand. The report of the sub-committee of audit is as follows:—

St. JOHN, N. B., Sept. 23, 1871.

The sub-committee of the board appointed to audit the accounts and examine the books of the grand secretary and grand treasurer for the past masonic year 1870-71, report that they have carefully attended to that duty and find the accounts correct and the books carefully and systematically kept.

The grand treasurer's receipts during 1870-71, were \$1,191 96, making with the balance of \$1 089 35 on hand from last year, a total of \$2,281 31. The payments made during the year were \$1,506 78, leaving on hand deposited in the bank \$724 53.

The receipts of the grand secretary's office during 1870-71 were \$1,191 96, which correspond with the payments to grand treasurer, for which due credit is given in the accounts of that office.

The expenses of grand lodge for 1870-71, amount to \$1,506 78, which exceeds the expenses of the previous year by \$143 72. It should be borne in mind, however, that in the expenditures is included \$627, the amount of loan, with interest, refunded to Albion Lodge. The ordinary expenses of grand lodge would, therefore,

be less than the previous year by \$483 23, even if some expenses for outfits last year be taken into account.

The sub-committee note with satisfaction that the lodges have paid due attention to the payments of grand lodge charges.

The grand secretary submits the receipts and the grand treasurer the expenditures in detail.

EDWARD WILLIS, }
JOHN D. SHORT, } Audit Committee.

THE PROPOSED HALL.

10. When grand lodge met in annual session last year, the board was in negotiation with the trustees of the grammar school for the purchase of the property corner of Germain and Horsfield streets. Various circumstances prevented the trustees from giving an early decision and several months in the present masonic year had elapsed before they made up their minds not to sell. At last the board entered into negotiation with Mr. James U. Thomas, agent of Mr. F. A. Wiggins, for the purchase of a lot on Germain street, which was said to be 62½ feet wide and 200 feet deep, for the sum of \$8,000, and the terms of purchase were agreed upon. Whilst the papers were being prepared it was found that the lot was three feet less in width than at first stated. This caused further delay; but the negotiations now proceeding will, the board believe, end in securing the property at the width named. In the meantime much has been accomplished in another direction. The lodges have been appealed to to subscribe shares in a company to erect a building at a cost of about \$30,000. This appeal has been promptly, liberally and heartily met, and enough available cash has been placed at the disposal of the board to cover an advance sufficient to secure the lot, and the subject, generally, has received such an impetus that longer delay is impossible. There is an absolute certainty that, at an early day, the craft in the City of Saint John will be in possession of a building to meet all its requirements, and creditable alike to the fraternity and to the city. In view of its early progress, the board has much pleasure in recommending grand lodge, at its present session, to vote such amount as it may deem advisable in aid of the hall.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS, D. G. M.,
President Board General Purposes.

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

Resolved, That the report of the board of general purposes be received and one hundred copies printed for the use of grand lodge.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That so much of the address of the M. W. the Grand Master as refers to the installation of the worshipful masters of lodges in the City of Saint John be referred to a committee to report thereon.

Whereupon the worshipful masters of the lodges interested in the foregoing resolution were appointed such committee.

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

Resolved, That the election of grand lodge officers take place to-morrow at 12 o'clock, noon, and the installation proceed thereafter as soon as the grand master may appoint.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, from festival committee appointed during the recess, reported that arrangements were made for a dinner at the Victoria Hotel, on Thursday evening, the 28th instant.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,

27th September, 1871.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 3 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

An application was received from Lebanon Lodge, under dispensation, for a warrant of constitution.

Whereupon it was moved by W. Bro. Jas. McNichol, Jr., Past G. P., and

Resolved, That the application be referred to a committee to report thereon.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed W. Bros. James McNichol, Jr., Mark N. Powers and Charles U. Hanford a committee on warrants.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, from committee appointed at the last annual communication on the question of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, submitted the following report:

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

The committee to whom was referred at the last annual communication of grand lodge that part of the address of M. W. Grand Master Peters, with reference to the circumstances connected with the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec, report:—

That while the whole subject brought before this grand lodge in the grand master's address at the last annual communication, was under the consideration of your committee, they found that at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada a resolution was adopted by that grand lodge with a view to an amicable and fraternal settlement of the question.

That the resolution so adopted by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada is as follows:—

"That this grand lodge while re-affirming its former opinion expressed at the Montreal and Toronto meetings, December 1869 and July 1870, as to the illegality of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and although no valid reason has ever existed for the disruption of this grand lodge in the manner attempted by the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec; but being desirous of re-establishing peace and good will and harmony amongst all the masons of Canada, and of preventing further trouble and complications, and being now of opinion that these objects can best be obtained by the existence of a grand lodge for the Province of Quebec, properly organized, with the unanimous assent, if possible, and good feeling of all the masons in that province, while at the same time the duties and obligations of this grand lodge towards the same loyal masons should not be disregarded; this grand lodge will give up and cede all the territory which it has occupied since 1855 in that part of Canada constituting the Province of Quebec, make all just and proper financial settlements, remove all suspensions and do all such things as may become necessary so soon as the grand lodge receives notice that a settlement or compromise, mutually satisfactory, has been effected between the masons residing in the Province of Quebec who have been and are now faithful to this grand lodge on the side, and the members of the so-called grand lodge on the other, in such manner as they may decide amongst themselves whilst acting in a true masonic spirit; and this grand lodge will not for the present take any further step or action of any kind whatever concerning the said so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec.";

As a consequence of this resolution a committee of the masons representing the lodges in the Province of Quebec adhering to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and a committee of the board of general purposes of the Grand Lodge in Quebec have met each other and they are now endeavoring, with every prospect of success, to bring about a settlement that will be satisfactory to both parties.

Finding therefore that the hope expressed by the grand master in his address referred to us, "that the differences unhappily existing might within the body of the Grand Lodge of Canada itself be reconciled and adjusted," is likely to be realized, and believing that satisfactory settlement of all disputed questions will be speedily secured, your committee are of opinion and recommend to grand lodge, that no action should be taken by this grand lodge with reference to the Quebec question at the present communication.

JOHN V. ELLIS,
R. T. CLINCH,
B. LESTER PETERS,
JOHN RICHARDS,
W. F. BUNTING,
J. McNICHOL, JR.

Whereupon it was moved by the V. W. the Grand Treasurer, and

Resolved, That the report be received and adopted.

A motion offered by W. Bro. Murray, P. M. Lodge No. 1, to reconsider the foregoing resolution was negatived.

It was moved by W. Bro. Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That grand lodge hereby agrees to take stock to the amount of one thousand dollars towards the erection of the contemplated masonic hall, payable in three annual payments.

The committee on warrants submitted the following report which, on motion of W. Bro. Edward Willis, Past A.G.D.C., was ordered to be accepted and the recommendation adopted:

Report.

St. JOHN, N. B., September 27th, 1871.

To the M. W. Grand Master, officers and members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, P. & A. M. :—

The committee appointed to take into consideration the application of Lebanon Lodge, working under a dispensation at Sackville, asking that a warrant of constitution be issued to them, beg to report, that they have carefully attended to that duty and recommend that a warrant of constitution be granted to the petitioners.

JAS. McNICHOL, JR.,
CHAS. U. HANFORD,
M. N. POWERS.

W. Bro. Powers, P. M. Lodge No. 3, submitted a notice to amend the constitution, as follows :—

I hereby give notice that at the next annual communication of grand lodge I will move the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the board of general purposes do consist of one member from each lodge in the province, and [] constitute a quorum.

M. N. POWERS.

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

27th September, 1871.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 7 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

R. W. Bro. Peters, Past G. M., reported that the ritual committee had, during the recess, carefully considered all matters remitted to them at the last annual communication, and were now prepared to submit to grand lodge, the results of their labor. The committee had arranged to exhibit a full exemplification of the work :—that of the E. A. Degree

by the worshipful master and officers of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3; the F. C. by Saint John's Lodge, No. 2; and the M. M. by Albion Lodge, No. 1; and he now requested that grand lodge take a recess to witness the work of the E. A. and M. M. Degrees.

During the recess the ritual of the first degree was fully exemplified by the W. M. and officers of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, and that of the third degree by the W. M. and officers of Albion Lodge, No. 1.

Grand Lodge was called to order and thereafter called from labor until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING.

28th September, 1871.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 10 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

It was moved by W. Bro. I. W. Doherty, P. M. Lodge No. 16, and

Resolved, That in consideration of the losses sustained by Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 16, grand lodge donate from its funds the sum of one hundred dollars, to aid in liquidating the debt upon the hall recently erected by the lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. C. Murray, P. M. of Lodge No. 1, and

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of the board of general purposes, to enable it to subscribe to periodicals, bind books and preserve documents in the grand secretary's office.

W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, P. M. Lodge No. 2, gave the following notice to amend the constitution:

I give notice that I will move at the next annual communication of

grand lodge, that the fee for initiation of candidates in subordinate lodges be limited to forty dollars for the city and twenty-five dollars for country lodges, as the lowest sum for initiation.

JOS. C. HATHEWAY.

Pursuant to the order of the day, grand lodge proceeded to the election of the elective officers for the ensuing year.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed as Scrutineers, W. Bros. John Wallace, P. M. Lodge No. 15, Wm. C. Morrissey, P. M. Lodge No. 10 and David Martin, P. M. Lodge No. 3.

The regulations of the constitution relative to the election of officers were read;

Whereupon, the following brethren were nominated and unanimously elected by acclamation, viz:—

M. W. Grand Master,.....	Bro. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master,..	" JOHN V. ELLIS.
R. W. Senior Grand Warden,..	" WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE.
R. W. Junior Grand Warden,..	" ISAAC W. DOHERTY.
V. W. Grand Chaplain,.....	" Rev. HOWARD SPRAGUE.
V. W. Grand Treasurer,.....	" WM. H. A. KEANS.
W. Grand Tyler,.....	" DINGEE SCRIBNER.

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

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

28th September, 1871.

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

It was moved by W. Bro. E. Willis, Past A. G. D. C., and

Resolved, That if during the interim between the present annual

session and the next annual session of this grand lodge, the differences between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Quebec be amicably settled, the M. W. Grand Master of this grand lodge is hereby duly empowered to tender fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The M. W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, Grand Master re-elected, was obligated, invested and installed by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, Past Grand Master, and was saluted and proclaimed "Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

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

V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, . . .	Grand Secretary.
W. JOHN WALLACE,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. THOMAS J. ROBINSON, . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. GEORGE F. STICKNEY,	Grand Director Ceremonies.
W. ALLEN McN. TRAVIS,	Ass't G. Dir. Ceremonies.
W. CHARLES CARR,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. THOMAS F. GILLESPIE, . . .	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,	Grand Organist.
W. HENRY DUFFELL,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. CHARLES D. THOMSON, . . .	Grand Steward.
W. HENRY G. HUNT,	"
W. WILLIAM J. LOGAN,	"
W. STEPHEN W. PALMER, . . .	"
W. HARRY BECKWITH,	"
W. WILLIAM VAUGHAN,	"
W. URIAH DRAKE,	"
W. CHARLES U. HANFORD, . . .	"
W. ASAPH G. BLAKSLEE,	"
W. WILLIAM R. RUSSELL, . . .	"
W. SAMUEL MCKEAN,	"
W. WILLIAM C. MORISSEY, . . .	"

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

The following brethren were appointed to the board of general purpose for the ensuing year:—

R. W. B. LESTER PETERS,	Past Grand Master.
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON,	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. JOHN RICHARDS,	Past Junior Grand Warden.
W. ALFRED A. STOCKTON,	Past Master Lodge No. 19.
W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,	Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. EDWARD WILLIS,	Past Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
W. DAVID MAIN,	Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,	Past Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARK N. POWERS,	Past Master Lodge No. 3.
W. THOMAS IRVING,	Past Junior Grand Deacon.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That the thanks of grand lodge be conveyed to the Union de Molay Encampment, K. T., for their courtesy in granting the use of the hall for this evening.

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

THURSDAY EVENING,

28th September, 1871.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 7 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The committee appointed to report upon the portion of the annual address of the M. W. the Grand Master relative to

the death of grand lodge officers, submitted the following :—

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

The committee to whom was referred that part of the address of the M. W. the Grand Master relating to the loss sustained by the fraternity in the death of distinguished and faithful brethren during the past masonic year, submit to grand lodge resolutions thereon:

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick records the sorrow of the fraternity in this jurisdiction at the lamented death of R. W. Bro. James Robertson, Past Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. Bro. Robertson, as an active member of society and a zealous mason deserved and enjoyed the affection of his brethren and the respect of the community at large. Beloved by all within the social circle; upright, honest and manly in the discharge of civil duties; active, energetic and devoted in masonic life, R. W. Bro. Robertson exhibited to the craft and to the world an example worthy of imitation. His masonic worth and works live in the affectionate remembrance of the fraternity.

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick in the death of the V. W. Bro. the Rev. Wm. Donald, D. D., late Grand Chaplain, mourns the loss of an honored, a venerated and a learned brother, who in his position as a Christian pastor recognized and asserted the mission of freemasonry in advancing the cause of universal benevolence.

Pre-eminently distinguished by gentleness and courtesy, he was yet firm in denouncing and exposing wrong. Beloved by the people among whom he ministered, respected by the community in which he lived, venerated by the fraternity over whom he exercised the sacred authority of a guide and instructor, all saw and acknowledged his good works done for the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. Thus after a long life devoted to his Master's service, full of years and honors, he has passed to his reward.

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick have heard with sorrow the announcement of the death of W. Bro. John Boyer, late Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge.

That this grand lodge desires to place on record the high estimation in which Bro. Boyer was held by the fraternity in this city. As tiler of city lodges, faithfully performing the duties and fulfilling the responsibilities attaching to the trust reposed in him, Bro. Boyer furnished, during a long life of service to the craft, an example of the esteem which the unostentatious and loyal performance of masonic duty wins for the faithful brother.

Your committee recommend that, as an evidence of the respect of this grand lodge for the memory of our departed brothers, suitable

memorial pages be entered on the records of grand lodge, and published with the proceedings of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GORDON FORBES.
B. LESTER PETERS.
ROBERT MARSHALL.

28th September, 1871.

Whereupon it was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, Past G. M., and

Resolved, That the report be received and the recommendations of the committee agreed to.

It was moved by W. Bro. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

Resolved, That during the recess, the M. W. the Grand Master shall, if he deem it advisable, appoint a committee to make arrangements for a festival at the next annual communication of grand lodge.

Grand Lodge took a recess for the purpose of witnessing the work of the F. C. degree by the worshipful master and officers of Saint John's Lodge, No. 2; after which grand lodge was called to order again.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved Unanimously, That the work exemplified during the current session by Albion, Saint John's and Hibernia Lodges, be the work and ritual of this jurisdiction;

And Further Resolved, That the respective lodges are hereby required to make themselves fully acquainted with it and to practice it for the time to come.

It was moved by W. Bro. Charles Carr, G. S. B., and

Resolved, That a ritual committee be appointed, who shall be custodians of the work.

Whereupon the former ritual committee was re-appointed, viz.: M. W. the Grand Master; R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P.

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G. M.; R. W. the Deputy Grand Master; V. W. the Grand Secretary; W. Bro. A. A. Stockton, P. M., and W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, P. M.

Grand Lodge, having disposed of all business before it, was closed in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

Wm. J. Runtz
Grand Secy.

In Memory of

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

James Robertson,

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,

WHO DIED AT SAINT JOHN,

16th day of January, A. D. 1871.

"Kindly affectioned, full of experience, warm in his attachments, his place will long remain vacant. Where mason hands pillowed his head to its last slumber beneath the clustering emblems of man's immortality, he awaits the final consummation of all things, while we preserve *evm green* the memory of his worth and the excellency of his masonic life."—*Grand Master's Address.*

In Memory of

VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Rev. Wm. Donald, D. D.

GRAND CHAPLAIN,

WHO DIED AT SAINT JOHN

20th day of February, A. D. 1871.

"He who so often and so zealously pointed us to the dark valley and taught us how to approach it, who knew so well and wisely the value of that immortal part which shall survive the grave, needs neither storied urn nor posthumous praise from us who learned of him; and no far-reaching faith is required to think of him as enjoying the eternal refreshment and benediction of the celestial lodge."

—Grand Master's Address.

In Memory of

Brother John Boyer,

PAST GRAND TYLER,

WHO DIED AT SAINT JOHN

26th day of February, A. D. 1871,

"A mason of unsullied record for 56 years. We all knew the gentle old man to love him as he welcomed us with the same kind smile at the outer door year after year, until it became almost a strange innovation to see another tyler in his place. Very feeble and tottering were his steps at last as he descended the third stage of human life, and yet with what affectionate solicitude the craft nursed him when his mind knew not the brother-hand that tended him, as the shadows lengthened and grew dim in the mists of the eventide, and how solemn and sincere were the testimonials of sorrow when the bell tolled his passage to the grave."—Grand Master's Address.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27th DECEMBER 1870.

No. Lodge	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Time of Regular Communication.	Initiated	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Died.	Sus- pended.	Exch- anged.	Rein- stated.	Members No.
1	Albion,	Saint John, ..	First Friday in each Month, ..	17	15	15	1	7					180
2	Saint John's,	" ..	First Tuesday in each Month, ..	11	10	10	1	10					107
3	Hibernia,	" ..	Second Tuesday in each Month, ..	21	21	18	1	9					142
4	Sussex,	Dorchester, ..	Thursday on or after Full Moon, ..	2	7	7	2	1					46
5	Saint Mark's,	St. Andrews, ..	First Thursday in each Month, ..	6	7	7	2	3	2				57
6	Solomon's,	Frederickton, ..	Second Tuesday in each Month, ..	5	5	4	2	10	3				59
7	Sussex,	St. Stephen, ..	First Wednesday in each Month, ..	13	14	15	2	3	3				74
8	Carlton Union,	Carlton, ..	First Thursday in each Month, ..	10	9	12	1	3					106
9	Midian,	Clifton, ..	Second Tuesday in each Month, ..	1	2	1	2	1	1				25
10	Union of Portland	Saint John, ..	Third Thursday in each Month, ..	23	21	21	2	1	3	2			151
11	Woodstock,	Woodstock, ..	First Thursday in each Month, ..	13	9	8	3	10					67
12	Saint George,	Saint George, ..	First Tuesday in each Month, ..	15	15	16	1	1					65
13	Corinthian,	Hampton, ..	Wednesday on or after Full Moon, ..	2	2	2	2	13	2				23
14	Alley,	Upper Mills, ..	First Thursday in each Month, ..	4	3	3	1	1	2	1			53
15	Howard,	Hillsborough ..	First Tuesday in each Month, ..	4	3	3	1	1	2	1			59
16	Saint Andrew,	Richibucto, ..	Monday on or after Full Moon, ..	1	2	4	1	1	1	1			75
17	Northumberland, ..	Newcastle, ..	Second Tuesday in each Month, ..	15	12	11	3	1					69
18	Miramichi,	Chatham, ..	Third Tuesday in each Month, ..	4	4	3	1	3	1				55
19	Lenster,	Saint John, ..	Second Friday in each Month, ..	9	10	12	3	1	1				59
20	Salisbury,	Salisbury, ..	First Tuesday in each Month, ..	1	1	1	1	1					26
21	Zion,	Sussex, ..	Wednesday before Full Moon, ..	4	4	4	1	4					38
22	New Brunswick,	Saint John, ..	Second Thursday in each Month, ..	14	14	14	2	2					77
23	Keith,	Moncton, ..	Thursday on or after New Moon, ..	3	3	3	1			2			36
24	Zetland,	Shediac, ..	Third Wednesday in each Month, ..	2	2	7	1						34
25	Restigouche,	Dalhousie, ..	Tuesday on or after full moon, ..	4	4	7	1	2					30
26	Victoria,	Milltown, ..	Second Thursday in each month, ..	17	16	15	24	3					38
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List of Sister Grand Lodges, with the names and address of Grand Secretaries.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	Luke E. Barber,	Little Rock.
California,	Alexander G. Abell, ..	San Francisco.
Canada,	Thos. Bird Harris, ..	Hamilton.
Colorado,	Ed. C. Parmelee,	Georgetown.
Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler, ..	Hartford.
Delaware,	John P. Allmond,	Wilmington
District of Columbia, ..	Noble D. Larner,	Washington.
England,	John Hervey,	London.
Florida,	DeWitt C. Dawkins, ..	Jacksonville.
France,	F. Thevenot,	Paris.
Georgia,	J. Emmett Blackshear, ..	Macon.
Illinois,	Orlin H. Miner,	Springfield.
Idaho,	H. E. Prickett,	Boise City.
Indiana,	John M. Bramwell, ..	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	Theodore S. Parvin, ..	Iowa City.
Ireland,	Charles T. Walmisley, ..	Dublin.
Kansas,	John H. Brown,	Leavenworth.
Kentucky,	J. M. S. McCorkle, ..	Louisville.
Louisiana,	James C. Batchelor, ..	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Medairy,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	Charles H. Titus,	Boston.
Michigan,	James Fenton,	Detroit.
Minnesota,	William S. Combs,	Saint Paul.
Mississippi,	J. L. Power,	Jackson.
Missouri,	Geo. Frank Gouley, ..	St. Louis.
Montana,	H. E. Hosmer,	Virginia.
Nebraska,	Robert W. Furnas, ..	Brownville.
Nevada,	John Curtis Currie, ..	Virginia.

New Hampshire, Abel Hutchins, Concord.
 New Jersey, Joseph H. Hough, Trenton.
 New York, James M. Austin, New York.
 North Carolina, Donald W. Bain, Raleigh.
 Nova Scotia, Benjamin Curren, Halifax.
 Ohio, John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati.
 Oregon, J. E. Hurford, Portland.
 Pennsylvania, John Thomson, Philadelphia.
 Rhode Island, Charles D. Greene, Providence.
 South Carolina, B. Rush Campbell, Charleston.
 Tennessee, John Frizzell, Nashville.
 Texas, George H. Bringhurst, Houston.
 Vermont, Henry Clark, Rutland.
 Virginia, John Dove, Richmond.
 Washington Territory, Thomas M. Reed, Olympia.
 West Virginia, Thomas H. Logan, Wheeling.
 Wisconsin, William T. Palmer, Milwaukee.

**Representatives of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick
 in Sister Grand Lodges.**

Canada, Aldis Bernard, Montreal.
 England, Brackstone Baker, London.
 Maine, Denison E. Seymour, Calais.
 Minnesota, J. N. Castle, Stillwater.
 Missouri, Geo. Frank Gouley, St. Louis.
 Nebraska, Edwin A. Allen, Omaha.
 Nova Scotia, William Taylor, Halifax.
 Tennessee, George S. Blackie, Nashville.

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 Lodge of New Brunswick.**

Canada, John V. Ellis, Carleton.
 England, Robert T. Clinch, Saint John.
 Maine, David Brown, Saint Stephen.

Minnesota, Charles Ketchum, Carleton.
 Missouri, William F. Bunting, Saint John.
 Nebraska,
 Nova Scotia, B. Lester Peters, Saint John.
 Tennessee, B. Lester Peters, Saint John.

Grand Lodge Officers for the year 1871-72.

M. W. Grand Master, William Wedderburn, Hampton.
 R. W. Deputy Grand Master, John V. Ellis, Carleton.
 R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Wm. F. Dibble, Woodstock.
 R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Isaac W. Doherty, Richibucto.
 V. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Howard Sprague, Portland.
 V. W. Grand Treasurer, Wm. H. A. Keans, St. John.
 V. W. Grand Secretary, Wm. F. Bunting, St. John.
 W. Senior Grand Deacon, John Wallace, Hillsboro'.
 W. Junior Grand Deacon, Thos. J. Robinson, Milltown.
 W. Grand D. Ceremonies, Geo. F. Stickney, St. Andrews.
 W. A. G. D. Ceremonies, Allen McN. Travis, Hampton.
 W. Grand Sword Bearer, Charles Carr, Richibucto.
 W. G. Standard Bearer, Thos. F. Gillespie, Chatham.
 W. Grand Organist, Henry Card, St. John.
 W. Grand Pursuivant, Henry Duffell, St. John.
 W. Grand Steward, Chas. D. Thomson, St. John.
 W. do. Henry G. Hunt, St. John.
 W. do. Wm. J. Logan, St. John.
 W. do. Stephen W. Palmer, Dorchester.
 W. do. Harry Beckwith, Fredericton.
 W. do. William Vaughan, St. Stephen.
 W. do. Uriah Drake, Carleton.
 W. do. Chas. U. Hanford, St. John.
 W. do. Asaph G. Blakslee, St. John.
 W. do. Wm. R. Russell, St. John.
 W. do. Samuel McKean, Shediac.
 W. do. Wm. C. Morissey, St. John.