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 R.W. John V. Ellis, . . . . . Deputy Grand Master.  
 V.W. Wm. F. Bunting, . . . . . Grand Secretary.  
 W. Alfred A. Stockton, . . . . . Past Master Lodge No. 19.  
 W. Jos. C. Hatheway, . . . . . Past Master Lodge No. 2.

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 W. Mark N. Powers, . . . . . Past Master Lodge No. 3.  
 W. Thomas Irving, . . . . . Past Junior Grand Deacon.

## PROCEEDINGS

OF A

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

## GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

FEBRUARY 27th, A. D. 1872.

At a special communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick held at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, in the City of Saint John, on Tuesday, the 27th day of February, A. L. 5872,

## PRESENT:

- M. W. WM. WEDDERBURN, . . . . . Grand Master.  
 R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS, . . . . . Deputy Grand Master.  
 W. MARK N. POWERS, . . . . . as Senior Grand Warden.  
 W. HENRY LEONARD, . . . . . as Junior Grand Warden.  
 W. WILLIAM W. EMSLIE, . . . . . as Grand Chaplain.  
 W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM, . . . . . as Grand Treasurer.  
 V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, . . . . . Grand Secretary.  
 W. GEORGE KILNAPP, . . . . . as Senior Grand Deacon.  
 W. JAMES SAUNDERS, . . . . . as Junior Grand Deacon.  
 W. G. E. FAIRWEATHER, . . . . . as Grand Director Ceremonies.  
 W. HENRY DUFFELL, . . . . . Grand Pursuivant.  
 W. CHARLES U. HANFORD, . . . . . Grand Steward.  
 W. DAVID S. STEWART, . . . . . as do.  
 W. ROBERT J. MCADOO, . . . . . as do.  
 W. ARTHUR OWEN, . . . . . as do.  
 Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER, . . . . . Grand Tyler.

with past grand officers and the representatives of a requisite number of lodges in the jurisdiction.

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

The M. W. the Grand Master addressed grand lodge as follows:—

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

**MOST WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN,**—I have summoned you to-night for no ordinary purpose. This is no ordinary day in the history of Great Britain, or in that part of the unwritten history of freemasonry which peculiarly belongs to the freemasons of the British Empire.

It pleased the Almighty Disposer of all things to bring our illustrious brother, His Royal Highness, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, very near unto death. For many days throughout the vast expanse of the nation, at stated intervals men by common consent rested from the turmoils of this busy life to listen with dread and anxiety, not wholly bereft of hope, to the latest bulletins from the couch of the royal sufferer. Momentous indeed were the results which from day to day seemed hanging upon the issue. The heart of the empire was subdued, and in that gloomiest hour which seemed but to precede the impending disaster, England and America knelt before the throne of that Great Being by whom kings rule; and from the royal palace, from ducal and lordly mansions, from the humbler homes of the people participating in the common sorrow, but better far from the throbbing heart of all, the earnest and united prayer ascended to Almighty God that it might please Him in the infinitude of His great love and mercy to spare the hope of the state and deliver him from the power of the grave. The prayer of the sovereign and people has been graciously answered, and to-day, my brethren, once again Great Britain and Ireland, the Empire of India, the Dominion of Canada, the unaffiliated Colonies, the entire British Nation of millions of hearts and stretching from sea to sea, are upon their knees. But their sorrow has been turned to gladness, and with the songs of praise and voice of prayer mingle more audibly than them all anthems of thanksgiving, the grand *Te Deum* of a nation. As when the future historian of England shall write the annals of the reign of our Most Gracious Queen, no page will be gloomier than that which

shall record the dreary hours of those dark December days, except only that even sadder day which shall be full of mourning for the death of our beloved Queen, whom may God long preserve; so no page will be more redolent of rejoicing than that which shall preserve for posterity the memorials of the nation's gladness upon this now historic day. For I believe when the reports of this day's doings shall converge with electric rapidity at the foot of the Throne of England, it will be manifest that joy and thanksgiving have been within the dwellings of the people, from sea to sea, from palace to peasant's home, that the whole empire, its people animated by the same hope and impelled by the same impulse, has been encircled with the spirit of praise and the grateful incense of adoration and thanksgiving.

It is not for me to detain you, my brethren, from the delightful duty of this occasion, with any feeble estimate of the stupendous issues which for a time seemed suspended over the couch at Sandringham of the son of the House of Brunswick and the heir of the throne of England. You can have contemplated them as correctly as I: the wisest of men were baffled and disheartened in the speculations.

Forseeing, at least to some extent, how the proclamation of that Most Gracious Sovereign, whose heart, so tender of her subjects' sorrows and rejoicings, has manifested its noble yearnings on so many occasions; who would leave for a time the bedside of her royal son to minister with her own kind hand by the humble pillow of his dying groom; who has by innumerable and almost indescribable but imperishable acts of womanly and queenly virtue and benevolence, sanctified her name in all hearts, as that of the monarch and mother of her people; foreseeing to some extent, the universality of the reply which would re-echo her royal proclamation to join with her and her royal son, and England's beautiful and beloved adopted daughter, and the Royal Family at large, in rendering ascriptions of praise to Almighty God, for the restoration of our royal brother to health, "to the great joy of the nation;" I thought, with other of my brethren, that it would be peculiarly befitting that we of this institution, which he has most intimately associated with his royal name, should not only partake of the general thanksgiving, but by solemn act of grand lodge, approach him with our hearty and devout congratulations. For that purpose we have assembled, that this portion of our universal brotherhood may join in these offices of gratitude to God, and of congratulation to our exalted brother, who has already declared that it is not "derogatory to their dignity that monarchs have, for a season, exchanged

their sceptre for the trowel, to patronize our mysteries and join in our assembles."

To you I commit this subject with the fervent hope which animates us all, that God may speedily restore our royal brother completely to his wonted health, and with that hymn at once of praise and prayer, so familiar to us all, "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."

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

*Resolved*, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a committee, with instructions to prepare an address of congratulation to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on his restoration to health.

Whereupon the M. W. the Grand Master appointed as such committee the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the V. W. Grand Secretary, and W. Brothers George E. Fairweather, James Saunders, Henry Duffell and Charles U. Hanford.

The grand lodge having by command of the M. W. the Grand Master taken a short recess, was called to order again when the committee aforementioned submitted the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the address of the grand master, relative to a congratulatory address to the Prince of Wales on his restoration to health, recommend grand lodge to adopt the following:

*To His Royal Highness, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, etc., etc., Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, Grand Patron of Freemasons of Scotland and Ireland:*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—The Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, on this day, set apart as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the restoration to health of your Royal Highness after a painful and dangerous illness, while fervently uniting with all the people of the empire in expressions of thankfulness to the Great Giver of Life, desire also humbly to approach your Royal Highness as a member of our ancient fraternity, with their hearty congratulations upon your recovery, and to assure you of their sincere prayers that your Royal Highness may long be preserved to your illustrious family, to the craft of which you are so distinguished a member, and to the great empire over which your royal mother, our beloved Sovereign, so happily and graciously reigns.

And while thus giving assurance of the feelings of affection for your Royal Highness, which actuate them as freemasons, they desire also, as subjects, to

testify their love and devotion to their Most Gracious Sovereign and their loyal and dutiful attachment to the crown and government.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,  
W. F. BUNTING,  
H. DUFFELL,  
C. U. HANFORD,  
GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER,  
JAS. SAUNDERS.

St. John, N. B., 27th February, A. D., 1872, A. L. 5872.

Whereupon it was moved by W. Bro. M. N. Powers, P. M. Lodge No. 3, and

*Resolved*, That the address submitted by the committee be adopted; that it be engrossed, signed and sealed with the seal of grand lodge and duly transmitted to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales through the proper channel.

The business of this special communication having been disposed of the grand lodge was closed in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

*Wm. F. Bunting*  
*Grand Secy.*

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION  
OF THE  
GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,  
SEPTEMBER 25th and 26th, A.D. 1872.

The fifth 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 25th day of September, A. L. 5872, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT :

M. W. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN, Grand Master.  
R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS, Deputy Grand Master.  
R. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE, as Senior Grand Warden.  
R. W. ISAAC W. DOHERTY, Junior Grand Warden.  
V. W. Rev. HOWARD SPRAGUE, Grand Chaplain.  
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS, Grand Treasurer.  
V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.  
W. THOS. N. ROBERTSON, as Senior Grand Deacon.  
W. THOMAS J. ROBINSON, Junior Grand Deacon.  
W. EDWARD WILLIS, as Grand Director Ceremonies.  
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, Jr., as Ass't G. Dir. Ceremonies.  
W. WILLIAM W. EMSLIE, as Grand Sword Bearer.  
W. HENRY CARD, Grand Organist.  
W. HENRY DUFFELL, Grand Pursuivant.

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W. WILLIAM R. RUSSELL, Grand Steward.  
W. WILLIAM C. MORISSEY, "  
W. HARRY BECKWITH, "  
W. ASAPH G. BLAKSLEE, "  
W. CHARLES U. HANFORD, "  
W. CHARLES D. THOMSON, "  
W. HENRY G. HUNT, "  
W. URIAH DRAKE, "  
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER, Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. B. LESTER PETERS, Past Grand Master.  
R. W. ROBERT GOWAN, Do.  
W. JOHN WILLIS, Past Senior Grand Deacon.  
W. ROBERT MARSHALL, Past Junior Grand Deacon.  
W. EDWARD WILLIS, Past Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.  
W. G. H. FLEWELLING, Past G. Sword Bearer.  
W. DUNCAN S. HARPER, Do.  
W. JOHN MULLIN, Past G. Standard Bearer.  
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR., Past Grand Pursuivant.  
W. DAVID R. MUNRO, Do.

The grand lodge was opened in *ample* form and with prayer by brother the Rev. Francis Partridge, acting as grand chaplain.

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

*Resolved*, That as the proceedings of the last annual communication have been printed and are in the hands of representatives the reading of the minutes of that communication be dispensed with and that they be confirmed.

The minutes of special communication, held on the 27th February last, were read and confirmed.

W. Bros. Henry Duffell, Christopher Murray and Henry

J. Thorne, committee on credentials, reported the following representatives in attendance and entitled to seats in grand lodge, viz. :—

*Albion Lodge, No. 1*,..... Geo. E. Fairweather, W.M.  
B. Lester Peters, P.M.  
Wm. W. Emslie, P.M.  
Thomas M. Reed, P.M.  
Charles D. Thomson, P. M.  
Christopher Murray, P. M.  
Thos. N. Robertson, P.M.  
S. Z. Earle, P.M.  
C. A. Robertson, P.M.  
Freeman W. Wisdom, S.W.  
Chas. McLauchlan, Jr., J.W.

*St. John's Lodge, No. 2*,..... Henry G. Hunt, W.M.  
William Wedderburn, P.M.  
Wm. H. A. Keans, P.M.  
Wm. F. Bunting, P.M.  
R. Sands Armstrong, P. M.  
J. Gordon Forbes, P.M.  
Jos. C. Hatheway, P.M.  
Thomas O. Sandall, S.W.  
Augustus P. Rolph, J.W.

*Hibernia Lodge, No. 3*,..... James Saunders, W.M.  
James McNichol, Sr., P.M.  
Mark N. Powers, P.M.  
John Mullin, P.M.  
George Kilnapp, P.M.  
David S. Stewart, J.W.

*Solomon's Lodge, No. 6*,..... Robert Gowan, P.M.  
George Todd, P.M.  
Harry Beckwith, P.M.

Alfred F. Street, J.W.

*Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8*,..... J. Alfred Clark, W.M.  
John V. Ellis, P.M.  
Charles Ketchum, P.M.  
Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.  
Joseph Dunham, P.M.  
Henry Leonard, P.M.  
Uriah Drake, P.M.  
John C. Leonard, S.W.

*Midian Lodge, No. 9*,..... G. H. Flewelling, P.M.

*Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10*, Henry Duffell, W.M.  
Robert Marshall, P.M.  
David R. Munro, P.M.  
William C. Morissey, P.M.  
Ezekiel McLeod, S.W.  
Beverly Stevens, J.W.

*St. George Lodge, No. 12*,..... Robert A. Stuart, W. M.  
Samuel McKay, J.W.

*Corinthian Lodge, No. 13*,..... Sylvester Z. Earle, P.M.  
George G. Melick, S.W.

*Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16*,..... Isaac W. Doherty, P.M.

*Leinster Lodge, No. 19*,..... Henry J. Thorne, W.M.  
John Willis, P.M.  
Edward Willis, P.M.  
A. G. Blakslee, P.M.  
Alfred A. Stockton, P.M.  
J. E. N. Holder, J.W.

*New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22*, James McNichol, Jr., P.M.  
James McNichol, Sr., P.M.  
William R. Russell, P.M.

Wm. G. McFarlane, P.M.  
Robt. J. McAdoo, J.W.

*Zetland Lodge, No. 24*, . . . . . Duncan S. Harper, P.M.

*Victoria Lodge, No. 26*, . . . . . Thos. J. Robinson, W.M.

*Saint Andrews Lodge, No. 29*, . . . Alex. Burchill, W.M.  
Robert Gowan, P.M.  
George Todd, P.M.

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

#### Grand Master's Annual Address.

*To the officers and members of grand lodge:—*

**MOST WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN**,—I am glad that we are again afforded the opportunity of associating together in session of grand lodge. While this meeting marks the close of another masonic year and brings us nearer to the end of all our "work," the past twelve months have been so full of the records of our prosperity as a fraternity, that we cannot but be inspired with gratification, and be ready heartily to renew our ascriptions of thanksgiving to the Great Master.

Erected in peace and according to the honored landmarks of our ancient institution, recognized and warmly welcomed into the communion and fellowship of all grand lodges throughout the world, rightly impelled by the beneficent purposes of our great brotherhood, and by the generous "emulation of who shall best work and best agree," this grand lodge has achieved the affectionate allegiance of all masons in New Brunswick, and stands firmly based upon the foundation of masonic perpetuity. Throughout the entire year, from the altar of every lodge, have proceeded only the sounds of harmony; not a discord appears to have disturbed the gentle current of our fellowship and many have sought the acquisition of our mysteries. While moral and numerical strength has been added, the grand lodge and its dependant bodies have, with probably but few exceptions, attained a sound financial foundation and are seeking in the erection of public buildings, the adornment of their halls and lodge rooms, and by other proper means, to enhance the comfort and prosperity of the craft. All the while, moreover, the craft has practically remembered that peculiar

and essential element of true masonry, Charity; and realizing and appropriating the blessedness of giving, has remembered the widow and the orphan: not with ostentation, not grudgingly, but with masonic sincerity and simplicity. Meeting with these memorials of the goodness of the craft surrounding us, and now called to participate in legislation to conserve what has been achieved and to secure what is yet to be attained, let us approach our work with a becoming appreciation of the beneficence of God and the grandness of our masonic mission, and labor so zealously and so fraternally that all who have knowledge of our ways shall be constrained to exclaim "Behold how good and pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in Unity."

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRINCE.

Pursuant to the unanimous resolutions of the special communication of grand lodge, held on the twenty-seventh day of February last, I directed the V. W. Grand Secretary to transmit to our M. W. Bro. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the congratulations of the craft in New Brunswick upon his merciful restoration to health. I have now the pleasure of submitting the gracious answer of our royal brother, received by this office through His Excellency the Governor General of the Dominion, as follows:—

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GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
OTTAWA, MAY 14th, 1872.

SIR,—I am directed by the Governor General to enclose to you a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, acknowledging the receipt of a congratulatory address to the Prince of Wales from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, and conveying the thanks of His Royal Highness to the members of the lodge for their good wishes and kind expressions.

I have the honor to be sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

F. TURVILLE,  
Governor's Secretary.

W. WEDDERBURN, Esq.,  
M. W. the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, New Brunswick.

*The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General.*

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DOWNING STREET, 25th APRIL, 1872.

CANADA—No. 102.

MY LORD:—H. R. H. the Prince of Wales has received from the Grand Lodge

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of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, an address congratulating His Royal Highness on his recovery from his recent illness.

His Royal Highness requests that you will thank the members of the Grand Lodge for their good wishes, and assure them that the kind expressions of warm regard for himself, and of loyalty and attachment to the Crown, have given him much pleasure.

I have, &c.

(Signed) KIMBERLEY.

*Governor General,*

*The Rt. Hon. Lord LISGAR, G. C. B., G. C. M. G.*

We will all hope that His Royal Highness, now restored to health, may long be spared to his illustrious mother, our craft and the empire; and adorn his exalted station near the throne of our gracious Queen, whom may God long preserve.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

It is with very great pleasure I have to announce to you officially that the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Scotland has, by unanimous voice, recognized the sovereignty of this grand lodge, as communicated to me in the following correspondence:—

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FREEMASONS' HALL, 98 GEORGE STREET,  
EDINBURGH, 28TH MAY, 1872.

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to enclose a letter from the Right Honorable the Earl of Rossllyn, our M. W. Grand Master, conveying the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to recognize, and establish fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and in so doing I beg to assure you, M. W. Sir, that I shall at all times endeavour to cement more closely the bonds of fraternal union, now so happily formed, between the two grand lodges.

I have the honor to be, M. W. Sir and Brother,  
Yours fraternally,

JOHN LAURIE  
*Grand Clerk G. Lodge of Scotland.*

WM. WEDDERBURN, Esq.,  
*M. W. Grand Master Mason of New Brunswick.*

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FREEMASONS' HALL,  
EDINBURGH, 11TH MAY, 1872.

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER:—By the unanimous voice of the grand lodge, over which I have the honor to preside, the recognition of the independence of your grand lodge of New Brunswick was accorded on Monday night last, May 6th.

In offering you, on the part of Scotch Freemasons and the Grand Lodge from whose parental charge you are now dissevered, a cordial farewell and a sincere wish for your future prosperity, allow me to express on my own behalf, an

earnest hope that you may be guided by the Great Architect of the Universe, prudently and wisely in the management and direction of your honorable duties, and may enjoy for long the friendship and respect of those over whom you rule.

Believe me,

Yours fraternally,

ROSSLYN, *Grand Master*

WM. WEDDERBURN, Esq.,

*M. W. Grand Master Mason of New Brunswick.*

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OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER,  
ST. JOHN, N. B., 1ST SEPT., 1872.

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER:—Several circumstances, to which I need not refer, have prevented me from writing you before. I have now the honor to announce the receipt of your letter, informing me that, by the unanimous voice of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the recognition of the independence of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was accorded on the 6th day of May last.

While duly appreciating this act of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland, and while now conveying to you, on behalf of the grand lodge over which I have the honor to preside, their sincere acknowledgements, permit me to thank you for the very kind sentiments of your letter, and for your earnest hope that the Great Master may so rule me in the discharge of my honorable duties, that the management of the craft here shall be marked by wisdom and prudence during my term of office.

On behalf of the members of that portion of the craft in this province for so many years under the kind parental charge of your distinguished grand lodge, I beg you will cause to be transmitted to your brethren the expression of their very deep gratitude for the unvarying and unwearied kindness and attention they enjoyed while on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; and generally, on behalf of the whole jurisdiction, to tender the assurances of fraternal affection and solicitude, not at all impaired because the mere formalities of official connection between the Freemasonry of Scotland and New Brunswick have been amicably severed.

It is my own desire, M. W. Sir and Brother, that you may long retain the affectionate support and esteem, which you so eminently possess, of the craft under your government.

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

WM. WEDDERBURN,  
*Grand Master of N. B.*

*The M. W. and Rt. Hon. the Earl of ROSSLYN, Grand Master Mason, &c.*

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FREEMASONS' HALL,  
EDINBURGH, 7th MAY, 1872.

R. W. DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the pleasure to inform you that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at the quarterly communication held yesterday, was pleased to accord their fraternal and cordial recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and express their willingness to enter into more fraternal relationship, by the interchange of representatives. I shall accordingly be

glad to learn from you the name of some brother whom your grand lodge would suggest to hold the appointment of our representative in New Brunswick.

With the kindly expression of fraternal regard,  
I remain,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
JOHN LAURIE.,

*Grand Clerk Grand Lodge of Scotland.*

W. F. BUNTING, ESQ.,  
*Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.*

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OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,  
F. & A. M. OF NEW BRUNSWICK,  
ST. JOHN, 30TH AUGUST, 1872.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BROTHER:—I beg to acknowledge the reception of your note of the 7th May, conveying the gratifying intelligence that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at its quarterly communication, had accorded fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

It is a matter of sincere pleasure to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the brethren of New Brunswick generally, to receive this intelligence, which now places the grand lodge in fraternal and official intercourse with all grand lodges in Europe and America.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick desires, as is suggested in your note, to strengthen the ties of fraternal relationship by the interchange of representatives, and I am directed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to forward the name of the R. W. Brother Robert Gowan, Esq., Past Master of the Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 364, and Provincial Grand Master of New Brunswick, under Scotland, for appointment to that position.

The active and prominent part Brother Gowan has, for many years, taken in the craft in this colony—especially with reference to the several lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the respect and esteem entertained for him in his social and official relations—point him out as worthy in every respect for the distinguished honor.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master would like to receive from you the name of some brother for appointment as our representative in the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Desiring you to receive renewed assurance of fraternal esteem,  
I have the honor to be,

Yours truly and fraternally,

W. F. BUNTING,

*Grand Secretary G. Lodge of New Brunswick.*

JOHN LAURIE, ESQ.,  
*Grand Clerk Grand Lodge of Scotland.*

SAINT ANDREW'S LODGE.

Consequent upon this recognition, which now secures to grand lodge its cordial welcome within the family of all grand lodges, and reasserts its supremacy without challenge or dissent; and pursuant to

the power vested in me, I granted a warrant to Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 29, on our registry, hitherto hailing from the grand lodge of Scotland; and in company with the V. W. Grand Secretary, and other members of grand lodge, duly organized the lodge under the authority of this grand lodge, on the evening of the 20th inst., at the city of Fredericton. I am happy to know that this lodge will be a valuable addition to our roll; and while, from reasons no doubt weighty in the minds of its members and conscientiously held, it has been the last lodge to enroll under our banner, I am sure, my brethren, you all will agree, that it is none the less welcome at this time. I trust we all, brethren, shall so zealously and fraternally labor to cement and strengthen the ties of Union and Harmony in this jurisdiction, that there shall be no desire, as there assuredly is no power, to destroy the sole supremacy of this grand head in New Brunswick.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have found the disposition increasing too rapidly to ask the authority of this office to enable candidates to obtain "at short intervals," the mysteries of our degrees. There are no doubt, occasions when the power should be granted to do this, but when I have found that the influences of the craft have been sought by persons to enable them to prosecute with greater ease and advantage a temporary tour of mere business or pleasure, I have felt constrained to withhold the dispensation. I have always thought that dispensations should not issue in such cases, with rare exceptions. Gentlemen frequently live for years in close proximity to a lodge, they never seek admission, they never investigate the claims or commend the purposes of the institution, they contribute no moral or material support to it, they go on from year to year ignorant or forgetful of its very existence, until, when duty or inclination calls them abroad for a little while in the pursuit of business or pleasure, they desire all the machinery of the craft shall be accelerated, that their promotion may be rapid, that they may obtain in time a card of introduction abroad. Thus far I have drawn a marked distinction between intended temporary and permanent absence, although my reasoning may often be fairly applied to both cases. Many thus obtain preferment without knowledge, many use the craft abroad for private purposes, many return to the country to pursue their old course of indifference to masonry. I conceive masonry was not intended for such persons or purposes. There are no doubt, often very honorable exceptions and

sometimes even these may be unhappily deprived of the many legitimate advantages of masonry, but it will be conceded that the fault is their own and that it is better the time honored constitutional paths to preferment be followed than that the door be thrown open to admit many, among whom some may be found worthy. I find that throughout other jurisdictions this abuse of the power of dispensation has been loudly condemned. When a candidate proposes but a short absence from home, I have withheld the dispensation; when the candidate is about to remove abroad for permanent residence, I have ordered that dispensation issue, all other things being satisfactory. Thus the danger of too frequent relaxation of our rules is avoided, the persons who return, if worthily seeking admission, avail themselves of the earliest opportunity of proposal, the privileges thus gained are enhanced in value in their estimation, and craft and candidate are equally gainers, while the latter after all only suffers the trifling inconvenience of a temporary delay.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Among the letters of correspondence during the year with this office were the following, which were immediately remitted to the Board of General Purposes, and will be found on the table of the V. W. the Grand Secretary, for your consideration :

Letters from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, the Grand Lodge of Utah, and the Grand Orient of Brazil, severally desiring to enter into fraternal relations with, and to appoint representatives near, grand lodge ;

Letter from the M. W. the Grand Master of Louisiana, complaining of the invasion of the territory within the jurisdiction of the grand lodge of that state ; and

Letters from the M. W. the Grand Masters of Michigan, New Jersey and Massachusetts, each complaining of the erection of clandestine lodges and the making of masons unlawfully.

I felt it my duty also, from unofficial information which came to my knowledge, to direct the V. W. the Grand Secretary to bring under the consideration of the M. W. the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, an alleged interference by the Union Lodge, No. 18, of that province, with the rights of this jurisdiction in the initiation therein of persons permanently residing in the city of Saint John. I have now much pleasure in reporting that the earliest investigation was most cheerfully made by the grand officers of Nova Scotia, and finding my complaint well

founded, a very hearty expression of regret was received from that jurisdiction, and notice that the objectionable course would not be continued in future. I am very glad that the executive officers of the craft in the sister province have acted with that promptness and good feeling which cannot fail to bind the masons of the respective jurisdictions most cordially together in the bonds of our exalted fellowship.

## DECISIONS AND APPEALS.

A more than usual number of applications have been made to this office for information and decision on constitutional questions. For the most part they have been of a merely routine character. I may say however, that application was made for information whether a dispensation would issue for the burial with masonic ceremonies of an unaffiliated mason. To this the V. W. the Grand Secretary was directed to reply in the negative.

Notwithstanding the former decision of this office that a dispensation could not be issued for the making a mason of a person who had lost an arm, application was made for authority to initiate a candidate who had been unfortunately deprived of a foot. Feeling the importance of the question raised, I asked the Board of General Purposes to consider the matter, and afford me the valuable assistance of its counsel. The opinion of the board will, no doubt, be submitted to you, but in consequence of the ground taken by that body, I with greater confidence, again declined to order a dispensation to issue.

In the examination of by-laws submitted for the sanction of this office, I have noticed frequently that a section of the constitution has been imported into the by-laws or regulations materially altered in effect, by the omission of certain parts of the section or by the transposition of it in such a way as to make the meaning of it at least ambiguous when read in connection with the provision of the constitution on the same subject. Indeed, it may be a very vexatious question what scope a by-law sanctioned by this office, thus limiting the constitutional provision, would properly have. To prevent all misunderstanding, I have advised lodges that it is quite unnecessary to repeat as matter of bye-law provisions already made obligatory by the constitution ; and I have decided that, when lodges do thus import into by-laws sections of the constitution, they must follow the text of the latter, and not in any way alter or abridge it, or so partially quote it as to lead to misunderstandings or confusion.

It has been quite customary for lodges to insert in their by-laws,

sections disqualifying brethren from the enjoyment of certain masonic rights for non-payment of dues. Pending the opinion of grand lodge I have disallowed such by-laws, mainly for two reasons: first because I hold that so long as a member is allowed to enjoy his membership and is retained on the roll as in good standing in the craft, and is under no charge for neglect to pay his dues, he cannot be suddenly deprived of the rights attaching to such standing in the lodge; and secondly, a member who is alleged to be in arrear to his lodge for his dues, is entitled to the same notice, trial and adjudication of his brethren as a member who has in any other respect failed to perform his duty to the craft, whether the delinquency be created by the provision of the constitution or under the operation of a by-law of the lodge, and has over this, a right of appeal to grand lodge. But the proposed by-law would sweep away these inalienable masonic rights, or permit him to pursue them after the disability or punishment has been endured, and when errors in fact or form have become irremediable.

An appeal has been made against the action of Miramichi Lodge, which was laid before the Board of General Purposes, and by them disposed of. I refer you to the report of the board for the final decision made on the subject.

## WARRANTS.

Pursuant to the action of grand lodge at its last communication, a warrant, issued in due form; for the erection of Lebanon Lodge, No. 28, and on the twenty-eighth day of November last, in company with the V. W. Grand Secretary and other members of grand lodge, I proceeded to Sackville and consecrated the lodge in due and ancient form. I was led to believe from observation, that this lodge will work worthy of the craft, and that our brethren at Sackville rightly appreciate the duty and dignity of their masonic position. The hospitality of the brethren on the occasion to myself and my associates was most frank and bounteous.

Application having been made for the erection of a lodge at Saint Martins, in the County of Saint John, I granted a warrant of dispensation which was handed to Brother M. N. Powers, P. M., whose report is as follows:

To the M. W. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN, Esq.,  
Grand Master, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR:—I received from the Very Worshipful Grand Secretary a dispensation for the opening and holding of Saint Martins Lodge to be

located at St. Martins, in the County of Saint John, together with a letter of instruction, authorizing me to proceed to the above-named place and hand the dispensation to the Worshipful Master designate and to superintend the commencement of the work of the lodge.

Pursuant to this authority, I proceeded to Saint Martins on Monday, the fifth day of February last, accompanied by W. Bros. James McNichol, Senr., William J. Logan and George Kilnapp, Past Masters of Hibernia Lodge, No. 8, and Past Master Edward Willis, of Leinster Lodge, No. 19, together with a large number of other brethren belonging to the different city lodges, and opened the lodge as directed, placed the dispensation in the hands of brother James Rourke, Worshipful Master designate, and afterwards inducted him into the chair. After the appointment of subordinate officers, the adoption of temporary by-laws, &c., the lodge was closed.

I feel confident from the judicious selection of officers and the zeal manifested by the brethren, that Saint Martins Lodge will do credit to our time-honored institution.

In conclusion I have to thank the brethren at Saint Martins for the fraternal and generous hospitality extended to myself and the brethren who accompanied me.

Respectfully yours,  
M. N. POWERS,

Saint John, April 1st, 1872.

P. M. Lodge No. 8.

## VISITATIONS.

The committee of masters of lodges, appointed at the last communication of grand lodge, to arrange for a more convenient season for installing services in the City of Saint John, have taken the necessary steps to that end, and it is with the most pleasing recollections that I refer to my official visitation, during the earlier part of the masonic year, to the lodges in the City of Saint John, and to the services of installation as then conducted. The lodge room was crowded to excess on each occasion, brethren appeared in full force, laudable emulation was provoked, and a season of great pleasure afforded. The worshipful masters and officers, elected and appointed, seemed masons well qualified to lead their respective lodges forward and the whole gave evidence of great prosperity.

I had the pleasure of visiting and installing the officers of Zion Lodge, on the 24th day of January last, and of visiting Carleton Union Lodge, and Solomon's Lodge of Fredericton; and in common with the brethren of grand lodge who accompanied me, was very deeply impressed with the evidences of stability and prosperity which I saw on each occasion, and with the very generous and cordial greeting offered me by the brethren.

You will allow me also, to acknowledge the very fraternal and hospitable reception tendered to me by the officers and members of the

Civil Service Lodge of Canada, on my recent visit to Ottawa, and which I accepted all the more readily as another token of the catholicity of that fellowship which is a distinguishing characteristic of true masonry. And I am also very much indebted to M. W. ALEX. A. STEVENSON, P. G. M. of the grand lodge of Canada, not only for great personal kindnesses and courtesies while in the city of Montreal, but also for his tender to me of a public reception by the masons of Montreal as your representative, which I was not able to accept.

As intimated in my last address to you, I felt it was the duty of this office to visit every lodge in the jurisdiction. I had already at an early day, intimated to the V. W. the grand secretary, that I should proceed on such a tour of visitation during the months of June and July last, and long looked forward with unmingled pleasure to that visitation. I am very sorry that I could not carry out that intention. The sickness of my child, which continued more or less severe for months, at last terminating in his death in August last, made it absolutely impossible to leave my home; and after his decease I found, on consultation with the V. W. the grand secretary, that it would be out of the question then to prosecute such visitations with anything like success.

I esteem it one of the most pleasant, and at the same time incumbent, duties of this office, to visit as often as possible the lodges of the province. Some of them have never been visited since the erection of grand lodge, and others, not since the visitation of my M. W. predecessor. I hope this state of things will not continue if Providence permit otherwise.

And now my brethren, I have laid before you all matters that strike my mind as requiring notice from me at this time. All the papers and documents connected with the proceedings of the year, I have directed to be laid on the table of the V. W. Grand Secretary for your inspection, and I believe you will bring to the discharge of the duties of this communication an earnest desire to promote the welfare of our Ancient and Honorable Institution.

It was moved by the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and

*Resolved*, That the Grand Master's address be referred to a committee to report thereon.

Whereupon, the following were appointed such committee:

R. W. Junior Grand Warden, W. Junior Grand Deacon, and W. Brother Henry J. Thorne.

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

Grand Secretary's Annual 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 for the year just ended are \$1278.69, as follows:

Registration fees,.....	\$223 00
Certificates,.....	209 50
Annual Dues,.....	749 29
Dispensations for degrees, &c.,.....	50 50
Dispensation for a new lodge,.....	15 00
Warrant to St. John Lodge, No. 27,....	6 60
Warrant to Lebanon Lodge, No. 28,....	10 00
Constitutions and blank demits,.....	14 80
Total,.....	\$1278 69

He paid this sum to the Grand Treasurer in due time, and submitted an account in detail to the Board of General Purposes.

The respective lodges have made their returns in full to the end of the year, and have settled all claims against them, except in two instances only where small balances are due. The returns shew the work of the year 1871, as follows:—

Number Initiated,.....	206
“ Passed,.....	203
“ Raised,.....	170
“ Joined,.....	42
“ Reinstated,.....	7
“ Withdrawn,.....	66
“ Suspended or Excluded,.....	36
“ Died,.....	25
Total number of members,.....	1926

The M. W. the Grand Master issued nineteen dispensations for the following purposes :—

To confer degrees at short periods, (not less than one week) . . . . .	16
To wear regalia in public, . . . . .	1
To legalize the irregular advancement of a candidate, . . . . .	1
To open a new lodge, (St. Martin's,) . . . . .	1
Total, . . . . .	19

In every case where dispensations were issued to abridge the time required for the conferring of degrees, the candidates were sea-faring men about to proceed on long voyages, or persons unexpectedly leaving the jurisdiction to take up their residence in distant places.

The Grand Secretary superintended the printing of the proceedings of last annual communication, under the direction of the Board of General Purposes, and distributed them in the usual way.

The order of grand lodge, requiring the lodges to send to this office copies of their warrants, has been complied with. They have been written in a register provided for the purpose, and can be made available at any time, should a lodge unfortunately lose its warrant.

He has received nearly all the printed proceedings of sister jurisdictions, and has also, by the courtesy of the editors or publishers been furnished with the monthly numbers of several periodicals, devoted to masonic literature and general information.

The following special donations have been made to Grand Lodge, and have been suitably acknowledged :—

From R. W. Bro. Robert Gowan, of Fredericton, a handsomely bound volume of "Laurie's History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland."

From Bro. Leon Hyneman of Philadelphia, a volume entitled—"Ancient York and London Grand Lodges, a review of Freemasonry in England from 1567 to 1813."

From R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary of the State of New Jersey, a large volume of 700 pages entitled—"Origin of Masonry in the State of New Jersey, and the entire proceedings of the grand lodge from its first organization, A. L. 5786."

In this connection the grand secretary begs fraternally to urge upon grand lodge the desirability of a strong and continued exertion in furtherance of a Library under the control of grand lodge. Between the present and the time when grand lodge shall occupy more ample

and convenient accommodation in the new temple about to be erected, much may be done in the way of purchase and collection, even though the books, &c., should not, for the present, be conveniently arranged on the shelves of a library in the strict sense. When opportunity offers for securing works suited to the purpose, it should be embraced; it may never offer again, for it is well known that the field open to the masonic scholar and student does not cover an extensive range. Feeling confident that the brethren will enter heartily into so important and valuable an undertaking, the Grand Secretary would suggest, in order more perfectly to carry it to a successful end, that a Grand Lodge Library Committee be appointed, annually or otherwise, and that funds (however small) be placed at their disposal, for furthering this object.

He begs to bring to the notice of grand lodge the idea of forming a cabinet of portraits of Past Grand Masters. Such a desirable project might be commenced at the present early existence of the body at an expenditure reasonably small, in comparison to what would be required in after years when the number of the ex-rulers of the craft would be proportionately increased. The portrait of R. W. Bro. Balloch, the only Past Grand Master who has departed this life, is fortunately owned by grand lodge and now adorns our walls. To the members of the craft who knew the deceased Right Worshipful Brother, and to the brethren in general as well, this souvenir possesses a value difficult to convey in words; and in after years when, by the addition of the paintings of others who have or may wield the gravel, a goodly array of life pictures will be held by the fraternity. Such a cabinet will not only be prized for its historic and intrinsic worth, but will be an adornment to the walls of our new temple.

These matters are suggested to grand lodge in the hope that representatives may give them a favorable consideration at the present annual communication, and that steps may be taken to carry them to a successful issue.

In conclusion, the Grand Secretary desires to express his gratification at the present flourishing condition of the lodges throughout the jurisdiction, to the cordiality and fraternal feeling which generally exists among the individual members, to the promptness with which the requirements of grand lodge are usually carried out, and to the willing co-operation and ready support accorded by the masters,

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secretaries and other officers in all matters affecting the prosperity and welfare of the craft.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. BUNTING,  
Grand Secretary.

St. John, N. B., 25th Sept., 1872.

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

Cash received from Albion Lodge,.....	No. 1,	\$95 90
" " St. John's,.....	" 2,	84 70
" " Hibernia,.....	" 3,	97 10
" " Sussex,.....	" 4,*	— —
" " St. Mark's,.....	" 5,	39 94
" " Solomon's,.....	" 6,	44 00
" " Sussex,.....	" 7,	62 20
" " Carleton Union,.....	" 8,	75 70
" " Midian,.....	" 9,	9 60
" " Union of Portland,.....	" 10,	88 80
" " Woodstock,.....	" 11,	33 70
" " St. George,.....	" 12,	57 29
" " Corinthian,.....	" 13,	14 50
" " Alley,.....	" 14,	27 05
" " Howard,.....	" 15,	43 20
" " St. Andrew,.....	" 16,	38 20
" " Northumberland,.....	" 17,	46 40
" " Miramichi,.....	" 18,	33 20
" " Leinster,.....	" 19,	53 80
" " Salisbury,.....	" 20,	31 10
" " Zion,.....	" 21,	19 30
" " New Brunswick,.....	" 22,	60 50
" " Keith,.....	" 23,	41 70
" " Zetland,.....	" 24,	17 30
" " Restigouche,.....	" 25,	48 00
" " Victoria,.....	" 26,	41 20
" " St. John,.....	" 27,	45 20
" " Lebanon,.....	" 28,	14 20
" " St. Martin's,.....	U. D.,	15 00
		<u>\$1278 69</u>

\*Fees and Dues of this Lodge paid since.

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March 12, Cash paid Grand Treasurer,.....	\$700 00
Aug. 29, " " " ".....	300 00
Sept. 12, " " " ".....	278 69
	<u>\$,1278 69</u>

WM. F. BUNTING,

Saint John, N. B., 14th Sept., 1872.

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.

1871.	DR.		
Sept.	To balance in bank B. N. America.....		\$724 53
1872.			
Mar. 12.	" Amount received from G. secretary,....	\$700 00	
Aug. 29.	" " " ".....	300 00	
Sept. 12.	" " " ".....	278 69	1278 69
			<u>\$2003 22</u>
1871.	CR.		
Sept. 29.	By paid 81—Grand Secretary, salary,....	\$300 00	
Oct. 12.	" 82—Dingee, Scribner, tyling,....	10 00	
	" 83—J. Livingston, advertising, ..	4 90	
	" 84—Festival committee,.....	46 00	
	" 85—Northern Insur. Company, ..	6 00	
	" 86—Donation St. Andrew lodge.	100 00	
	" 87—Hall committee,.....	5 00	
	" 88—G. E. Fairweather, engross'	6 60	
1872.	" 89—Official visit to Sackville,...	24 25	
Jan. 24.	" 90—H. Chubb & Co., printing, &c.	143 90	
	" 91—Official Visit acct.,.....	11 40	
	" 92—Hall committee,.....	4 50	
Sept. 10.	" 93—Expens. delegation to F <sup>t</sup> on	7 78	
	" 94—H. Chubb & Co., printing, &c',	10 45	
	" 95—J. C. McKean, eng. address,	5 60	
	" 96—J. & A. McMillan, books, ..	16 30	
	" 97—Hall committee, rent,.....	13 25	
	" 98—Geo. E. Fairweather,.....	6 60	
	" 99—Grand secretary, postage, &c.	24 77	

"	100—Lansdowne & Martin, regalia,	146 56	
" 13.	" 101—N. B. Masonic hall Co.,	500 00	1393 86
	Bal. deposit per bank book,		609 36
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			\$2003 22

1872.  
Sept. 13. To balance in bank of B. N. A. .... \$609 36

W. H. A. KEANS,  
Grand Treasurer.

Saint John, N. B., 13th Sept., 1872.

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

*Resolved*, That the reports and accounts of the grand secretary and grand treasurer be received.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, as president of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the annual report of the board as follows:—

Board of General Purposes.

GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. M. OF NEW BRUNSWICK, }  
SAINT JOHN, N. B., 25th Sept., 1872. }

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

1. The board of general purposes, in submitting its annual report for the year 1871-72, is glad at being again able to congratulate grand lodge upon the general progress and harmony of the fraternity within its jurisdiction. While the labors of the board, during the year that has just closed, have been comparatively light, much of the business transacted has been of considerable importance.

ORGANIZATION.

2. Shortly after the close of the last session of grand lodge, the board met and effected its organization as usual. W. Bro. Edward Willis was unanimously elected Vice-President.

GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

3. Five hundred copies of the proceedings of grand lodge, session 1871, were printed and distributed by the grand secretary, under the direction of the board.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

4. The important subject of a site for a masonic temple has been finally disposed of, and nothing now remains for the craft but by united and determined action to secure, at as early a day as possible, the erection of a building suitable for the growing wants of the fraternity in this city, and which may be the permanent home of grand lodge. In January last the board authorized a sub-committee, composed of the president, W. Bro. Marshall and R. W. Bro. Peters, to purchase the property on Germain street adjoining Trinity Church, belonging to the estate of the late Benjamin Smith, having a frontage of 100 feet on that street, and running back 200 feet. After considerable negotiation with the trustees the purchase was effected at auction for the sum of \$18,000. As the board was simply acting in this matter for the fraternity, the property thus purchased has been transferred to a company, organized under an act passed at the last session of the legislature, in which company grand lodge and all of the city lodges are shareholders. The board urges through grand lodge, upon each individual mason, the importance of assisting so far as he can, in this great undertaking, so that the projected temple may, when erected, be an honor to the fraternity, reflect credit upon the liberality of the shareholders and be an ornament to the city.

The grand treasurer has paid \$500 to the secretary of the company, being one half of the amount of the stock subscribed by grand lodge.

PHYSICAL DISQUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

5. A question of considerable importance came before the board, upon an application made to the M. W. the Grand Master, by W. Bro. David Main, of Victoria Lodge, No. 26, asking for a dispensation to initiate, if accepted by the lodge, a gentleman who was not physically qualified, he having lost a foot, the loss being artificially supplied. The grand master having previously refused an application in a somewhat similar case, referred the subject to the board for consideration, and on the report of a sub-committee the board decided that the loss of a foot is an insuperable objection to the initiation of a person otherwise qualified.

## SAINT ANDREW'S LODGE.

6. During the recess, Saint Andrew's Lodge, Fredericton, holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, made application to the board to ascertain the terms upon which it would be received into fellowship with the lodges holding of this grand lodge, and announced that it had appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the board upon the subject. The president and secretary having been duly authorized by the board, proceeded to Fredericton, and the result of the negotiations was the surrender by Saint Andrew's Lodge of its warrant to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and an application by its members to the Grand Master for a warrant to continue its meetings under the authority of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, which application was of course, complied with.

As Saint Andrew's Lodge was the only lodge in the province not owning the authority of grand lodge, this action at length unites the entire fraternity, and it is a matter of great congratulation that this important end has been achieved so pleasantly and harmoniously.

## APPEAL.

7. The only appeal the board has had to consider during the year, was one from Bro. Samuel McCully, appealing against and complaining of the action of Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, in regard to the admission of two members. The matter was referred to a sub-committee consisting of W. Brothers Marshall, Willis and Powers, who gave it a patient and exhaustive investigation. The circumstances of the case did not appear to warrant anything more than a caution to the worshipful master, to be particular in enforcing all the regulations of grand lodge relative to the admission of members, and the board takes the opportunity offered by a reference to this case, to impress upon masters of lodges that it is their duty to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the laws of grand lodge, and above all to be exceedingly careful in administering the regulations respecting membership, so that no one can gain admission to the fraternity, or become a member of the lodge without the full knowledge of all the members. The laws bearing upon this matter are enacted for the protection of the lodge and the fraternity, and their due enforcement is a matter for which every worshipful master is responsible.

## AN APOLOGY.

8. In May last the worshipful master of Leinster Lodge, No. 19,

without the grand master's dispensation, conferred a degree upon a brother within the constitutional period of four weeks. He voluntarily confessed his error, declared that it was an oversight and the result of forgetfulness, and asked that the offence be condoned. As the facts appeared to be as stated, the conferring of the degree was confirmed by the grand master, and the worshipful master was admonished to be more careful for the future.

## FINANCIAL.

9. The finances of the grand lodge have been administered with due regard to economy, during the year, and as will be seen by the report of the sub-committee of audit, are in a healthy state:—

ST. JOHN, N. B., September 14, 1872.

To the President of the Board of General Purposes:

The sub-committee of your board appointed to audit the accounts and examine the books of the grand secretary and grand treasurer for the masonic year 1871-72,

Report,—That they have given the work entrusted to them the most careful attention, and find the accounts correct, and the books neatly and systematically kept.

The receipts during 1871-72 were \$1,278.69, and the balance on hand from last year \$724.35, making a total of \$2,003.22.

The payments during the year were \$1,393.86, leaving on deposit in the bank \$609.36.

The receipts of the grand secretary's office, correspond with the payments to the grand treasurer, as appears by the books and vouchers.

The expenses of 1870-71 were \$1,598.78, and of 1871-72 \$1,393.86. Included in the former is a repayment of \$627, being amount of loan and interest from Albion Lodge; and a donation of \$100 each to Carleton Union and Northumberland Lodges; embraced in the latter is an advance to the masonic hall company of \$500, and a donation of \$100 to St. Andrew Lodge, Richibucto. The ordinary expenses of 1870-71 would therefore be \$679.78, and of 1871-72, \$793.86, being an increase of \$191.94 in the latter year, but in this increase is included \$146.56, paid for new grand lodge regalia, very much needed, which might fairly be regarded as an exceptional rather than ordinary expenditure. With this deducted, there would still be a small difference against 1871-72 in the comparative ordinary expenditures of both years.

The ordinary receipts of 1871-72 exceeded those of the previous year by \$38.73. The committee note with satisfaction the promptitude manifested by subordinate lodges in paying grand lodge dues.

The receipts and expenditures of grand lodge in detail will be found clearly set forth in the statements of the grand secretary and grand treasurer respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD WILLIS,  
JAMES MONICHOE, JR.,  
A. A. STOCKTON.

## GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

10. As the number of blank certificates in the hands of the grand secretary is small, the board has directed that officer to order one thousand additional ones.

11. A circular has been received by the grand secretary from the grand lodge of Massachusetts, stating that for reasons set forth, no visitor shall hereafter be admitted into the subordinate lodges of Massachusetts, (under certain specified exceptions,) without producing his grand lodge certificate. The board deems it advisable to call attention to this matter inasmuch as members of our lodges in the province visit the lodges in that jurisdiction. It will be borne in mind therefore, that in addition to the usual and customary proofs of masonic knowledge, the visitor will have to vouch for the regularity of his standing by the production of his grand lodge certificate.

## GRAND LODGE CLOTHING.

12. The board has procured during the year, a full suit of clothing, for grand secretary and past grand master, and a grand chaplain's apron.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,  
President.

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

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

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

*Resolved*, That one hundred copies of the reports of grand master, grand treasurer, grand secretary and board of general purposes be printed for the immediate use of grand lodge.

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

*Resolved*, That it be the order of the day at 3 o'clock this afternoon, to go into consideration of the amendments to the constitution, proposed at the last annual communication.

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

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to consider so much of the V. W. grand secretary's report, as refers to a masonic library and portraits of past grand masters.

Whereupon W. Bros. Robert Marshall, W. H. A. Keans, Thomas J. Robinson, Alfred F. Street and Henry Leonard were appointed such committee.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master announced that arrangements had been made for an exemplification of the work of the M. M. degree, by the worshipful master and officers of Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.

It was moved by W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., Past G. Pursuivant, and

*Resolved*, That the election of the elective officers of grand lodge be held this evening at 8 o'clock.

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

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

25th September, 1872.

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

Read a note from the V. W. the Grand Chaplain, expressing regret at his absence from grand lodge, in consequence of an unforeseen and important engagement.

An application was received from St. Martin's Lodge, working under a dispensation at St. Martin's, in the County of St. John, for a warrant of constitution.

Whereupon, it was moved by W. Brother Edward Willis, Past A. G. D. C. and

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

W. Bros. Edward Willis, Mark N. Powers, Alex. Burchill, J. E. N. Holder, and James McNichol, Junr., were appointed such committee.

The following resolution was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, Past G. M., seconded by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and unanimously adopted:—

*Whereas*, the right worshipful brother Robert Gowan has for many years, held the distinguished office of provincial grand master and representative of the M. W. the Grand Master of Scotland in this province, and ruled the lodges formerly holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and is a brother of great eminence, experience and ability in the craft;

*Therefore Resolved*, That the R. W. Brother Robert Gowan is hereby constituted a permanent member of grand lodge, with the title, rank and dignity of past grand master, and with the privilege of wearing, in this grand lodge, the regalia of Provincial Grand Master of Scotland.

Amidst great applause, grand lodge was called up, and the right worshipful brother was saluted with the customary honors.

The M. W. the Grand Master, in conveying to Brother Gowan, the vote of grand lodge, expressed his hearty approval of the language of the resolution, and his concurrence with the act of grand lodge. Bro. Gowan thanked the grand master for his flattering and fraternal address, and returned his warm acknowledgements to grand lodge for the honor conferred.

Applications for recognition and fraternal intercourse from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, the Grand Lodge of

Utah and the Grand Orient of Brazil, were received as follows:

Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of British Columbia.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
VICTORIA, B. C., December 27th, 1871.

*William F. Bunting, Esq., St. John, N. B.*

R. W. BROTHER:—I have the honor to inform you that on the 26th ult., at the masonic hall, in the city of Victoria, agreeably to the wishes of subordinate lodges of this province, the district grand lodge, English register, united with the provincial grand lodge, Scottish register, forming the Grand lodge of British Columbia, and that the said grand lodge was then inaugurated and consecrated with imposing ceremonies and in accordance with the ancient usages of the craft.

The following named brethren were elected and installed:

M. W. Grand Master, . . . . . I. W. POWELL, M. D.  
R. W. Deputy Grand Master, . . . . . HON. J. F. MCCREIGHT.  
R. W. Senior Grand Warden, . . . . . SIMEON DUCK.  
R. W. Junior Grand Warden, . . . . . HENRY NATHAN.  
R. W. Grand Treasurer, . . . . . M. W. WAITT.

Printed copies of the proceedings above referred to will be forwarded to your address in due course.

By a resolution of the grand lodge at its first communication, and by the command of M. W. grand master, I have further to express our sincere wish that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia will meet with the cordial and fraternal recognition of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, with whom it is our desire in all future time to have reciprocal intercourse and good fellowship.

In testimony whereof, I affix hereunto the seal of the grand lodge the day and year first above written.

[L.S.]

H. F. HEISTERMAN,  
Grand Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, A. F. & A. M. OF UTAH,  
SALT LAKE CITY, FEB. 1, A. D. 1872, A. L. 5872.

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

## GREETING :

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 16th day of January, A. D. 1872, a convention of the three duly chartered masonic lodges at Salt Lake City, in the territory of Utah, to wit :

Wasatch No. 8, chartered on the 7th day of October, A. D. 1867, by the M. W. grand lodge of Montana ;

Mount Moriah No. 70, chartered on the 21st day of October, A. D. 1868, by the M. W. grand lodge of Kansas ;

Argenta No. 21, chartered on the 26th day of September, A. D. 1871, by the M. W. grand lodge of Colorado, was held at masonic hall, Salt Lake City, for the purpose of organizing a grand lodge of A. F. & A. M., according to the ancient custom and usages of the craft.

On the 17th day of January, A. D. 1872, the grand lodge was fully organized, and the following grand officers duly elected and installed :

O. F. STRICKLAND,.....	M. W. Grand Master.
LOUIS COHN,.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
E. B. ZABRISKIE,.....	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
A. S. GOULD,.....	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
CHARLES F. SMITH,.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
JOSEPH F. NOUNNAN,.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.

On the following day a constitution and by-laws for the government of the grand lodge and its subordinate lodges were adopted, which laws are, in every particular, consistent with the ancient landmarks of our beloved order.

We now pray your most worshipful grand lodge to grant to the grand lodge of Utah that masonic recognition which has been granted to all masonic grand lodges over the globe, formed in a like manner.

We will forward the proceedings to your R. W. grand secretary as soon as they are published.

By order of M. W. Grand Master,  
JOSEPH F. NOUNNAN, Grand Secretary.

Grand Orient of Brazil, Valley of Lavradio, Rio De Janeiro,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVE,  
NEW YORK, SEPT. 17TH 1872.

R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, Grand Sec'y., &c., St. John, N. B.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—As the representative at large of the Grand Orient of Brazil, Valley of Lavradio, Rio de Janeiro, I enclose herewith an official communication from them, requesting the exchange of relations of amity with the grand lodge of New Brunswick.

If you do not exchange representatives, I presume there will be no objection to the usual recognition and correspondence with them.

Hoping that the request will have the early and favorable consideration of the grand master, I have the pleasure to remain,

Very fraternally yours,

A. G. GOODALL,  
Gr. Rep. at large.

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

*Resolved*, That the foregoing applications, with the accompanying documents, be referred to a committee.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed such committee R. W. Bros. B. Lester Peters and Robert Gowan, and W. Bro. G. H. Flewelling.

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

*Resolved*, That so much of the M. W. grand master's address, as refers to the communications received from the grand masters of New Jersey, Massachusetts and Michigan, be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

Whereupon the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and W. Bros. George Todd and A. G. Blakslee were appointed such committee.

In accordance with the notice given at the last annual communication, the following resolution was moved by W. Bro. Mark N. Powers, P. M., Lodge No. 3, and seconded by

W. Bro. Thos. N. Robertson, P. M., Lodge No. 1, as an amendment to the constitution :

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

Bro. Powers finding that the almost unanimous voice of grand lodge was opposed to his resolution, asked leave to withdraw it, which was granted by vote of grand lodge.

The committee appointed, in pursuance of resolution of the last annual communication of grand lodge, to provide for a festival at the present session, reported, that they had not made any arrangements.

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

*Resolved*, That the report be received and the committee discharged.

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

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be voted to Zion lodge, No. 21, in aid of the masonic hall now being constructed at Sussex.

It was, on motion of the R. W. Junior Grand Warden,

*Resolved*, That the hour of opening grand lodge, at the next annual communication, be three o'clock in the afternoon.

The committee on warrants submitted the following report, which, on motion of R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, Past G. M., was ordered to be received and adopted, viz :—

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 25th, 1872

*To the M. W. grand master, officers and members of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick :*

The committee to whom was referred the application of St. Martin's Lodge for a warrant, respectfully report—

That they have carefully examined the records and affairs generally

of St. Martin's lodge, now working under dispensation from the M. W. grand master, and find the same in a condition to justify the issue of a warrant to said lodge, and also compliance with the lodge's request that the name of Jacob Henry Mosher be inserted in the warrant as senior warden instead of that of Bro. Wilson.

The committee would therefore, recommend the immediate issue of the warrant, and the insertion of Jacob Henry Mosher's name in the same as senior warden.

Respectfully Submitted,

EDWARD WILLIS,  
JAMES McNICHOL, JUNR.,  
J. EDWARD N. HOLDER,  
ALEX. BURCHILL,  
M. N. POWERS.

Grand lodge was called from labor until this evening at half-past 7 o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING,

*25th September, 1872.*

Grand lodge was called to labor at 7½ o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

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. Joseph C. Hatheway, P. M., Lodge No. 2 ; George Kilnapp, P. M., Lodge No. 3, and Duncan S. Harper, P. M., Lodge No. 24.

The regulations of the constitution respecting the election of officers were read :

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

M. W. Grand Master, . . . . .	Bro. JOHN V. ELLIS.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master, . . .	“ EDWARD WILLIS.
R. W. Senior Grand Warden, . . .	“ ISAAC W. DOHERTY.
R. W. Junior Grand Warden, . . .	“ THOMAS J. ROBINSON.
V. W. Grand Chaplain, . . . . .	“ REV. HOWARD SPRAGUE.
V. W. Grand Treasurer, . . . . .	“ WM. H. A. KEANS.
W. Grand Tyler, . . . . .	“ DINGEE SCRIBNER.

It was moved by W. Bro. Thomas, N. Robertson, P. M. lodge No. 1, and

*Resolved*, That the installation of officers take place to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

By order of the M. W. the Grand Master, grand lodge took a recess for the purpose of witnessing the exemplification of the work of the M. M. degree by the Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, and thereafter grand lodge was called to order again.

The following resolution, moved by W. Bro. Edward Willis, Past A. G. D. C., and seconded by W. Bro. Charles U. Hanford, Grand Steward, was, by vote of grand lodge, directed to stand the order of the day for 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, viz:—

*Resolved*, That this grand lodge cordially tenders recognition to the Grand lodge of Quebec, and freely extends to her the right hand of fellowship.

Grand lodge was called from labor until 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

26th September, 1872.

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

The committee on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, submitted the following report:—

*To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick:*

The committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. the grand master, beg leave to report as follows:

That grand lodge feels the exalted position it holds at the present time: recognized by every grand lodge throughout the world, holding unbroken sway within its own jurisdiction, largely increased in numbers, having no discord within its ranks, and financially prosperous; we have great cause to praise the Great Architect of the Universe, who has blessed us so abundantly during the past year, and trusts that the coming year may show at its close as good a record of success and prosperity.

That grand lodge welcomes with sincerity the organization and addition to our roll of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29, and greets with pleasure her representatives who, for the first time, we meet in grand lodge.

That grand lodge feels the subject of dispensations, to which its attention has been directed, to be of great importance, and feels assured that the welfare of the craft has been fully cared for by the prudence of the M. W. the grand master in granting dispensations during the past year.

That grand lodge hails with pleasure the accession to its numbers of Lebanon Lodge, No. 28, and St. Martins Lodge, No. 30, and trusts they may long continue in prosperity, to disseminate the principles of our fraternity in their respective localities.

That grand lodge fully concurs in the opinion of the M. W. the grand master, that the by-laws of subordinate lodges, which disqualify brethren from the enjoyment of certain masonic rights for non-payment of dues, should be disallowed; and agrees with the reasons set forth in the address of the M. W. the grand master, for sustaining such decision, and recommends such action be taken by grand lodge as will prevent such errors in future.

That the members of grand lodge, as members of subordinate lodges, regret that the M. W. the grand master was prevented from visiting the lodges, as they know he so greatly desired to do, and that they have been deprived of the great pleasure and honor of welcoming him

on his official visits, and now extend to him their fullest sympathy in his late bereavement and trial.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. W. DOHERTY,  
HENRY J. THORNE,  
THOMAS J. ROBINSON,  
Committee.

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

*Resolved*, That the report be received.

The following note, addressed to the V. W. the Grand Secretary, was received and ordered to be entered in the minutes, viz:—

CALAIS, MAINE, SEPT. 25TH, 1872.

VERY WOR. AND DEAR BROTHER:—It is with feelings of profound regret that I find myself unable, from professional duties and other circumstances beyond my control, to meet you and the brethren in grand lodge, in this your annual communication. Arrangements had been made between myself and the M. W. grand master of this state to leave here this a. m., of which arrangement I should have notified you this morning by telegraph could it have been carried out. But a letter from him last evening announces the fact of his inability to accompany me and expressive of his deep regret and disappointment, and requested me to convey to you and the grand lodge his most cordial and fraternal sentiments for the brotherhood, and the best interests of the craft.

Trusting that the deliberations of the present session of the grand lodge may be distinguished by that harmony of action and concert of thought so usual in the deliberative body of the masonic fraternity of New Brunswick, and that all its doings shall be promotive of the general good of the craft,

I am, and ever remain,

Very fraternally yours,

V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,

D. E. SEYMOUR,  
Grand Rep.

*Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.*

The committee on grand secretary's report submitted the

following report, which, on motion of W. Bro. J. Gordon Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, was ordered to be received and the recommendations adopted, viz:—

MASONIC HALL, ST. JOHN, N. B.,  
26TH SEPTEMBER, 1872.

The committee appointed to report upon so much of the report of the V. W. grand secretary, as relates to "masonic library," and "portraits of past grand masters," beg leave to say, that they heartily approve of the suggestions above referred to, and would recommend that the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the board of general purposes, be a "grand lodge library committee," and that the "board" shall from time to time vote such amounts as to it may seem requisite to secure the object desired; and they would further recommend that the board of general purposes be authorized to procure "portraits," of past grand masters.

ROBERT MARSHALL,  
W. H. A. KEANS,  
THOS. J. ROBINSON,  
A. F. STREET,  
Committee.

Pursuant to the order of the day, grand lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolution offered, at last evening's session, by W. Bro. Edward Willis, Past A. G. D. C., and seconded by W. Bro. Charles U. Hanford, Grand Steward, viz:

*Resolved*, That this grand lodge cordially tenders recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and freely extends to her the right hand of fellowship.

Whereupon, it was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., seconded by W. Bro. J. Gordon Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

*Resolved*, That the further consideration of the resolution offered by W. Bro. Willis, and made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon, be postponed for this session of grand lodge.

In accordance with the notice given, by W. Bro. Joseph C. Hatheway, P. M. Lodge No. 2, at the last annual communication, the following amendment to the constitution was proposed by him and seconded by W. Bro. J. E. N. Holder, J. W. Lodge No. 19, viz:—

*Resolved*, That the fee for initiation of candidates in subordinate lodges be limited to forty dollars for the city of St. John, and twenty-five dollars for country lodges, as the lowest sum for initiation.

Which amendmend was negatived.

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

#### THURSDAY EVENING.

*26th September, 1872.*

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

The V. W. the Grand Secretary gave notice that, at the next annual communication, he will propose an amendment to the constitution, whereby past grand masters shall become ex officio members of the board of general purposes, viz:—

Section I, page 36, of the constitution, under the title, "board of general purposes," to be amended to read as follows:—

SECT. 1.—"The board shall consist of the grand master, past grand masters entitled to seats in grand lodge, the deputy grand master (who shall be ex officio president,) the grand wardens, grand secretary, and ten other members, to be appointed at the annual meeting of grand lodge, by the grand master."

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

*Resolved*, That action on the paragraph, in the report of committee on the grand master's address, relative to the disability of brethren in arrears of dues to private lodges, be deferred until the next annual communication of grand lodge.

The committee on circulars from the grand masters of Massachusetts, New Jersey and Michigan, submitted the following

#### Report.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1872.

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

Your committee to whom was referred the several communications from the M. W. grand lodges of New Jersey, Michigan and Massachusetts, beg leave to report:—

That it appears from the circular of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has established in the city of Hoboken, N. J., a lodge of freemasons under the title of lodge "Beton Zum Licht, No. 3," notwithstanding that the Grand Lodge of New Jersey is the regularly organized and acknowledged masonic authority in that state. This the Grand Lodge of New Jersey declares to be an illegal and unmasonic invasion of her territory, and a gross and unwarranted violation of her exclusive rights and authority. The committee cordially assent to the view laid down by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and condemn the invasion of her territory as a breach of universally recognized masonic law. They recommend that all masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick be cautioned against visiting lodge "Beton Zum Licht, No. 3," located in the city of Hoboken, and that the lodges in this jurisdiction be warned against receiving as visitors any members from the said lodge.

That it appears from the circular of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, that in the city of Detroit, certain persons, without any authority whatever, have associated themselves together, and pretend to confer the degrees of freemasonry in lodges with the titles of "Faith," "Hope," and "Charity." The committee recommend that all masons under this jurisdiction be cautioned against holding any masonic intercourse with the members of these pretended lodges.

That the matter referred to in the circular of the Grand Lodge of

Massachusetts is dealt with in the report of the board of general purposes.

The committee recommend that grand lodge order the necessary information, in respect to these matters, to be communicated to the several lodges under its jurisdiction as soon as possible.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,  
A. G. BLAKSLEE,  
GEORGE TODD.

It was moved by the R. W. the Junior Grand Warden, and

*Resolved*, That the foregoing report be received and adopted.

The hour appointed for the instalation of officers having arrived, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Wedderburn, addressed grand lodge, as follows :—

MOST WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN :—Before retiring from the office of grand master, I desire to make one or two remarks. While the office I am about to relinquish is one of very great honor, I have found it one of very great and grave responsibility. To the mind of a person not daily called to the performance of its duties, this responsibility can scarcely assume its true proportions. I have however, earnestly endeavoured faithfully and impartially to perform those duties, to the end that I might be enabled to lay down this gavel and yet retain your confidence, and return to you these insignia of office untarnished, and with the calm consciousness that I have guarded them from dishonor. While it is and will long remain a matter of very deep regret, that insuperable obstacles, referred to in my address, have prevented me from making a full official visitation of the lodges within this jurisdiction, yet with the exception of this regret, I look back upon my term of official service, as deputy grand master and as grand master, with the kindest and happiest recollections. The dignity of office has been enhanced, and the duties thereof have been lightened, by the very many marks of esteem and confidence and affection which have distinguished the generous support and co-operation which I have always enjoyed from you, M. W. brethren, and from every freemason with whom, officially or otherwise, I have been brought in contact or correspondence. From the R. W. brother whom you selected as my deputy, and from the V. W. grand secretary, I have particularly received the most

valuable assistance of their great masonic zeal and ability. I shall leave this chair, I sincerely hope, deeply impressed with the conviction that grand lodge and the craft have even greater claims than ever upon my heart and the best service I can render them, because I shall have gathered from my occupation of the grand east, many reasons why, in less exalted stations, I should gratefully labor for the welfare of our great institution. Allow me therefore, to thank you, M. W. brethren, and all my brethren, with the heartiest sincerity, for the uniform kindnesses, the unvarying support and many evidences of affection and confidence which I have enjoyed during my term of office. And while, year after year, these and other necessary changes, mark the mutability of all our earthly relationships however pure and however prized, let us study with profounder reverence, the imutability of the great cardinal points and principles of our institution, that when called to lay aside the habiliments of our "work," it may be to pass to perpetual rest, followed by the affectionate memorials of the esteem and confidence of those who may survive us.

The Grand Master elect, R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, was obligated, invested and installed by M. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, 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. HARRY BECKWITH, . . . . . Senior Grand Deacon.
- W. DUNCAN S. HARPER, . . . . . Junior Grand Deacon.
- W. ROBERT R. CALL, . . . . . Grand Director Ceremonies.
- W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING, . . Ass't G. D. Ceremonies.
- W. CHARLES A. HOLSTEAD, . . Grand Sword Bearer.
- W. W. WALLACE GORDON, . . . Grand Standard Bearer.
- W. HENRY CARD, . . . . . Grand Organist.
- W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY, . . Grand Pursuivant.
- W. G. E. FAIRWEATHER, . . . . Grand Steward.
- W. HENRY G. HUNT, . . . . . "

W. JAMES SAUNDERS,..... " "  
 W. J. ALFRED CLARK,..... " "  
 W. HENRY DUFFELL,..... " "  
 W. HENRY J. THORNE,..... " "  
 W. WM. G. MATTHEWSON,.... " "  
 W. CHARLES MCGEE,..... " "  
 W. GEORGE L. TAYLOR,..... " "  
 W. HENRY C. WILLISTON,.... " "  
 W. ROBERT HALLET,..... " "  
 W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL,.... " "

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

R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Deputy Grand Master.  
 R. W. ISAAC W. DOHERTY,....Senior Grand Warden.  
 R. W. THOMAS J. ROBINSON,....Junior Grand Warden.  
 V. W. Rev. HOWARD SPRAGUE,..Grand Chaplain.  
 V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS,.....Grand Treasurer.  
 V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.  
 W. HARRY BECKWITH,.....Senior Grand Deacon.  
 W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.  
 W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY,....Grand Pursuivant.  
 W. GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER,....Grand Steward.  
 W. JAMES SAUNDERS,..... " "  
 W. HENRY DUFFELL,..... " "  
 W. HENRY J. THORNE,..... " "

The M. W. the Grand Master announced that he should embrace the earliest opportunity to install, in their own lodges, the officers not present at this time.

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

R. W. B. LESTER PETERS,.....Past Grand Master.  
 R. W. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN, .Past Grand Master.

R. W. WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE,.... Past Senior Grand Warden.  
 W. ALFRED A. STOCKTON,....Past Master Lodge No. 19.  
 W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,... Past Grand Pursuivant.  
 W. DAVID MAIN,..... Past Senior Grand Deacon.  
 W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Past Junior Grand Deacon.  
 W. MARK N. POWERS,..... Past Master Lodge No. 3.  
 W. HENRY LEONARD,..... Past Master Lodge No. 8.  
 W. HENRY DUFFELL,..... W. Master Lodge No. 10.

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

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

It was moved by W. Bro. A. G. Blakslée, P. M. Lodge No. 19, and

*Resolved*, That the board of general purposes be authorized to procure a new and full suit of regalia for grand master.

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

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

Whereupon, the following were appointed such committee:—M. W. the Grand Master; R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. 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.

All business before grand lodge having been disposed of, it was closed in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

*Wm. F. Bunting*  
*Grand Secy.*

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, 1871.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended or Excluded.	Died.	Total Members.
1	Albion, .....	9	10	9	4	5	11	1	176	
2	Saint John's, .....	14	13	12	2	2	4	1	123	
3	Hibernia, .....	13	15	16	.....	4	12	2	143	
4	Sussex, .....	1	1	1	.....	3	.....	1	42	
5	Saint Mark's, .....	6	5	2	3	1	.....	1	66	
6	Solomon's, .....	10	8	5	3	.....	1	70		
7	Sussex, .....	11	12	12	1	.....	5	2	79	
8	Carleton Union, .....	13	13	9	1	.....	.....	2	118	
9	Midian, .....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	24	
10	Union of Portland, .....	12	16	12	1	.....	5	2	157	
11	Woodstock, .....	3	7	8	1	2	4	1	68	
12	Saint George, .....	12	11	8	1	1	.....	1	78	
13	Corinthian, .....	2	2	.....	1	.....	1	.....	25	
14	Alley, .....	3	3	3	.....	1	8	1	52	
15	Howard, .....	7	8	6	.....	.....	1	1	58	
16	Saint Andrew, .....	5	5	3	.....	4	7	1	68	
17	Northumberland, .....	5	6	5	2	.....	4	1	71	
18	Miramichi, .....	4	3	4	1	.....	2	.....	58	
19	Leinster, .....	12	9	7	2	.....	.....	.....	72	
20	Salisbury, .....	3	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	
21	Zion, .....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	4	.....	37	
22	New Brunswick, .....	10	11	10	.....	4	3	.....	80	
23	Keith, .....	10	8	8	1	3	.....	1	43	
24	Zetland, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	32	
25	Restigouche, .....	14	13	11	2	.....	.....	1	45	
26	Victoria, .....	8	7	9	.....	2	.....	1	43	
27	Saint John, .....	7	7	7	.....	3	.....	3	49	
28	Lebanon, .....	1	1	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	16	
		206	203	170	42	7	66	36	25	1920

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