

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

Canada,.....	John V. Ellis,.....	Carleton.
England,.....	Robert T. Clinch,....	Saint John.
Maine,.....	David Brown,.....	Saint Stephen.
Michigan,.....	Benj. R. Stevenson,..	Saint Andrew's.
Minnesota,.....	Charles Ketchum,....	Carleton.
Missouri,.....	William F. Bunting, ..	Saint John.
Nebraska,.....	William Wedderburn, ..	Hampton.
New Jersey,.....	Robert R. Call,.....	Newcastle.
Nova Scotia,.....	B. Lester Peters,....	Saint John.
Scotland,.....	Robert Gowan,.....	Fredericton.
Tennessee,.....	B. Lester Peters,....	Saint John.

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

HELD AT CARLETON 12th MARCH, 1874.

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, held in the Masonic Hall, Carleton, on the evening of Thursday, the twelfth day of March, A. L. 5874, the following actual and acting officers were present :

M. W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....	Grand Master.
R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. B. LESTER PETERS,....	as Senior Grand Warden.
W. THOS. F. GILLESPIE,...	as Junior Grand Warden.
W. THOS. O. SANDALL,...	as Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,.....	Grand Secretary.
W. ALEX. BURCHILL,.....	as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. DAVID WETMORE,.....	as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. T. N. ROBERTSON,....	as Grand Director Ceremonies.
W. JOHN MULLIN,.....	as Asst. Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. DAVID MARTIN,.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. ARCHIBALD ROWAN,...	as Grand Standard Bearer.
W. SAMUEL FOSTER,....	as Grand Organist.
W. MARK N. POWERS,....	as Grand Pursuivant.

W. CHAS. U. HANFORD, . . . Grand Steward.
 W. HENRY A. WHITE, "
 W. WILLIAM M. SEARS, . . . as "
 W. R. J. MCADOO, "
 W. SAMUEL EDGETT, . . . as "
 W. HENRY J. THORNE, . . . as "
 W. JAMES ROURKE, . . . as "
 Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER, . . . Grand Tyler.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form at half-past seven o'clock.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced, that he had caused this special communication to be summoned for the purpose of installing such officers of grand lodge as were unable to be present for installation at the annual communication in September last.

W. Bro. Charles U. Hanford, from Committee on Credentials, reported the following representatives present, viz.:

Albion Lodge, No. 1, B. Lester Peters, P. M.
 Archibald Rowan, P. M.
 T. Nisbet Robertson, P. M.
 James Adam, S. W.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2, William M. Sears, W. M.
 Wm. F. Bunting, P. M.
 Thomas O. Sandall, P. M.
 Hiram G. Betts, S. W.

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

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, . . . John C. Leonard, W. M.
 John V. Ellis, P. M.
 Henry Leonard, P. M.
 Charles Ketchum, P. M.
 Stephen P. Wetmore, P. M.
 J. Alfred Clarke, P. M.
 Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
 George Y. F. Wilson, S. W.
 William J. Ervin, J. W.

Midian Lodge, No. 9, David Wetmore, W. M.
 Samuel Foster, P. M.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, . Samuel Edgett, W. M.
 Charles U. Hanford, P. M.
 David R. Munro, P. M.

Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, Thos. F. Gillespie, P. M.

Leinster Lodge, No. 19, Edward Willis, P. M.
 Henry J. Thorne, P. M.

Zion Lodge, No. 21, Henry A. White, W. M.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, . . Robt. J. McAdoo, W. M.
 David Dearness, S. W.
 William Armstrong, J. W.

Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 29, . . Alexander Burchill, W. M.

St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30, James Rourke, W. M.
 Robert Gilmour, S. W.

Notes, addressed to the V. W. the Grand Secretary, were read and received from the R. W. Senior Grand Warden and the W. Senior Grand Deacon, regretting their inability to be present in consequence of illness.

W. Bro. Henry A. White, being in attendance, was installed, invested and proclaimed a grand steward for the current year.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, when the brethren repaired to the banquet room of Carleton Union Lodge, and under the presidency of the worshipful master of the lodge, ably assisted by an efficient staff of stewards, partook of a well appointed and generous collation.

R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, Past Grand Master, proposed the toast of the evening: "Prosperity and usefulness to Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8"; which was appropriately responded to by the Worshipful Master, Bro. John C. Leonard.

The M. W. the Grand Master having requested the brethren to repair again to the lodge room, grand lodge was recalled to labor.

The M. W. the Grand Master expressed gratification at the pleasure he experienced in meeting so large and enthusiastic a gathering of the craft, and at the hearty reception and generous entertainment grand lodge had met from the worshipful master and brethren of Carleton Union Lodge.

Grand Lodge was thereupon closed in *ample* form.

*Wm. J. Reuting
Grand Secy.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

HELD AT THE
CITY OF ST. JOHN, 11th JULY, A. D. 1874.

Pursuant to notice, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, was held in the Masonic Hall, City of Saint John, on the afternoon of Saturday, the eleventh day of July, A. L. 5874.

PRESENT:

- M. W. JOHN V. ELLIS, Grand Master.
 R. W. B. LESTER PETERS, Past Grand Master.
 R. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH, Past Grand Master.
 W. JAS. McNICHOL, JR., . . . as Senior Grand Warden.
 Rev. WM. SCOVIL, as Junior Grand Warden.
 V. W. Rev. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, Grand Chaplain.
 WILLIAM M. SMITH, . . . as Grand Treasurer.
 W. GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER, . . as Grand Secretary.
 W. THOMAS O. SANDALL, . . as Senior Grand Deacon.
 W. THOMAS H. KEOHAN, . . as Junior Grand Deacon.

W. HENRY DUFFELL, as Grand Director Ceremonies.
 ALEX. McNICHOL, as Grand Standard Bearer.
 JAMES H. EAGLES, as Grand Tyler.

And a large representation of the craft from different sections of the province.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form at three o'clock.

The M. W. the Grand Master stated that he had convened this special communication of grand lodge in order to pay the last tribute of respect to the remains of a venerable brother, known to all for his long connection with freemasonry in this province and elsewhere, and for his devoted attachment to the interests of the fraternity, viz.: Worshipful Brother John Willis, Past Senior Grand Deacon of this Grand Lodge, and Past Master of Leinster Lodge, No. 19.

The Grand Master further stated, that he would not at that time refer, at any length, to the masonic career and the many excellent virtues of the deceased brother, but would take a fitting opportunity, on another occasion, to pay a full tribute to his memory.

By command of the M. W. the Grand Master, the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies assumed the charge of the craft, and formed the several bodies in order of procession, under their respective banners, as follows :

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE,	No. 22.
LEINSTER LODGE,	" 19.
UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND,	" 10.
CARLETON UNION LODGE,	" 8.
HIBERNIA LODGE,	" 3.
SAINT JOHN'S LODGE,	" 2.
ALBION LODGE,	" 1.
THE GRAND LODGE, UNDER AN ESCORT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.	

In which order they proceeded to the residence of the deceased, and taking the body in charge, conveyed it to the Rural Cemetery, where it was buried with the customary rites of freemasonry. After which they re-formed in order of procession, and returned to the hall, when the grand lodge was closed in *ample* form.

Wm. J. Runtz
Grand Secy.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

SEPTEMBER 23rd, 24th and 25th, A. D. 1874.

The Seventh 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 23rd day of September, A. D. 1874, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT :

M. W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Grand Master.
 R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....as Senior Grand Warden.
 R. W. EDWARD TWEEDIE,.....Junior Grand Warden.
 V. W. Rev. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,....Grand Chaplain.
 V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS,.....Grand Treasurer.
 V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
 W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,....Senior Grand Deacon.
 W. SAMUEL FOSTER,.....as Junior Grand Deacon.
 W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,....as Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
 W. GEORGE E. ELLIOTT,.....Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.

W. TOBIAS ADDY,.....Grand Sword Bearer.
 W. DAVID WETMORE,.....as Grand Standard Bearer.
 W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
 W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,...as Grand Pursuivant.
 W. CHAS. U. HANFORD,.....Grand Steward.
 W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM,....."
 W. J. ALFRED CLARK,....."
 W. THOMAS O. SANDALL,....."
 W. ALFRED F. STREET,....."
 W. ROBERT J. MCADOO,....."
 Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH,.....Past Grand Master.
 R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....Past J. G. Warden.
 R. W. JOHN RICHARDS,.....Past J. G. Warden.
 W. JOHN MULLIN,.....Past G. Standard Bearer.
 W. RICHARD N. KNIGHT,....Past A. G. D. Ceremonies.
 W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,...Past Grand Pursuivant.
 W. DAVID R. MUNRO,....." "
 W. HENRY DUFFELL,....." "
 W. J. C. HATHEWAY,....." "

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form, with prayer by the V. W. Grand Chaplain.

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

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

Resolved, That the time of grand lodge be not taken up with reading the minutes of the last annual communication, as they have been printed and distributed in the usual way, and further, that they be taken as read and confirmed.

The minutes of the special communications held on the twelfth day of March, and the eleventh day of July last, were read and confirmed.

Read a note from the R. W. Senior Grand Warden, in which he expressed regret at being unable to attend grand lodge, in consequence of sickness.

W. Bros. Charles U. Hanford, Freeman W. Wisdom, and William R. Russell, Committee on Credentials, reported the following representatives in attendance and entitled to seats in grand lodge, viz.:

- Albion Lodge, No. 1*,..... Chas. McLaughlan, Jr., W. M.
James Adam, S. W.
Charles D. Jordan, J. W.
Robert T. Clinch, P. M.
William W. Emslie, P. M.
Thomas M. Reed, P. M.
Christopher Murray, P. M.
Geo. E. Fairweather, P. M.
T. Nisbet Robertson, P. M.
Freeman W. Wisdom, P. M.
- St. John's Lodge, No. 2*,..... William M. Sears, W. M.
Hiram G. Betts, S. W.
Charles Inches, J. W.
Wm. H. A. Keans, P. M.
Wm. F. Bunting, P. M.
Jos. C. Hatheway, P. M.
Henry G. Hunt, P. M.
Thomas O. Sandall, P. M.
- Hibernia Lodge, No. 3*,..... Andrew J. Stewart, S. W.
George E. Perkins, J. W.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,..... James McNichol, P. M.
Mark N. Powers, P. M.
John Mullin, P. M.

Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5,..... George E. Elliott, W. M.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 6,..... Alfred F. Street, W. M.
Stephen E. Atherton, S. W.
James Nisbet, P. M.
John Richards, P. M.

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

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,... John C. Leonard, W. M.
William J. Ervin, J. W.
John V. Ellis, P. M.
Charles Ketchum, P. M.
Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
Joseph Dunham, P. M.
Richard N. Knight, P. M.
J. Henry Leonard, P. M.
Uriah Drake, P. M.
J. Alfred Clark, P. M.

Midian Lodge, No. 9,..... David Wetmore, W. M.
G. H. Flewelling, S. W.
E. M. Wetmore, J. W.
Samuel Foster, P. M.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, Samuel Edgett, W. M.
John Melick, S. W.
John Frost, P. M.
Robert Marshall, P. M.
David R. Munro, P. M.
Henry Duffell, P. M.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, William C. Morissey, P. M.
Charles U. Hanford, P. M.

Saint George Lodge, No. 12, Gideon K. Wetmore, S. W.

Alley Lodge, No. 14, Brewer S. Morrison, S. W.

Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16, James D. Phinney, W. M.

Leinster Lodge, No. 19, Wm. A. Tweedale, W. M.

Edward Willis, P. M.

Alfred A. Stockton, P. M.

Asaph G. Blakslee, P. M.

Henry J. Thorne, P. M.

Salisbury Lodge, No. 20, Tobias Addy, P. M.

Zion Lodge, No. 21, Henry A. White, W. M.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, Robt. J. McAdoo, W. M.

David Dearness, S. W.

William Armstrong, J. W.

James McNichol, Jr., P. M.

William R. Russell, P. M.

Victoria Lodge, No. 26, John W. Clelland, P. M.

Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 29, Alexander Burchill, W. M.
William Lockhart, J. W.

St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30, James Rourke, W. M.

Robert Gilmour, S. W.

W. Bro. David R. Munro, Past Grand Pursuivant, presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas. The commission is dated November 8th, 1873

and signed by M. W. Bro. James F. Miller, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. George H. Bringhurst, Grand Secretary.

W. Bro. Munro, as such representative, was received in due form, and saluted with the customary honors.

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

23rd September, 1874.

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

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

Grand Master's Annual Address.

To the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge:

BRETHREN,—With ceaseless, measureless step Time pursues his unvarying journey. To-day we are called to one duty; to-morrow, to another. Joy and sorrow alternate in our lives like sunshine and shadow in the material world. We walk the checkered pavement amid many blessings, amid much tribulation; but neither joy nor sorrow, neither sunshine nor shadow, neither blessing nor tribulation, arrests the march of the all-devouring scythe-bearer. He exhausts the glass in which the sands of our earthly lives are stored, but he stops not a moment to watch, to mourn, or to sympathize. I can scarcely realize that seven years have well nigh elapsed since we first met for the purpose of organizing this grand lodge. These years seem to me but as the breath of yesterday's existence. Many of you present this evening were present then. Can you say what has become of the vanished years? They were, and they are not. They are a part of the record

of our early existence, yet they are but memories—wafting back to us from the past, let us hope, some fragrance, faint though it may be, of good and kindly and virtuous deeds.

In bidding you a hearty welcome to this annual communication, my duty requires me to invite your attention to a review of the business of the year.

The report of the board of general purposes and the report of the grand secretary will give grand lodge an idea of the state and condition of the fraternity throughout the province. Peace prevails within our borders, and a kindly and generous spirit pervades all the lodges that I have visited. When differences have arisen they have, as a rule, been amicably settled, and there have been no troubles of a serious or complicated nature. The craft is growing in numbers and in wealth; most of the lodges own their own halls; with one or two exceptions they are meeting in rooms occupied by themselves. I trust in a year or two even these exceptions will not have to be noted. The legislation of grand lodge can do much to advance the general welfare of the craft. But the observance of masonic principle, the cultivation of the genuine spirit of the fraternity, the practice of masonic charity, the submission to the law of universal love, rests with each individual brother much more than on any example or precept or regulation of grand lodge.

My official duties during the past year have been comparatively light. I have made no official decisions that it is necessary to specially report to you. Of course the usual questions have been asked, as though they had never been asked and answered before, as to whether a person without a foot or with part of a foot, or with some other member of his body missing, could be accepted into the society. There has been enquiry whether or not the grand master would grant a dispensation to confer two degrees upon a candidate on one day, and the grand secretary has answered that the grand master had no power to do so. The fact ought to be known to every member of the fraternity in the province that the power of the grand master to grant authority to confer degrees is limited by the constitution, and that it is utterly impossible, even with the grand master's dispensation (were he to issue one), to lawfully confer two degrees upon a candidate within the period of one week. Of course too, there have been the usual applications from lodges to wear the clothing of the craft at balls or other public masonic festivals—such applications reaching the grand secretary's office long after public announcement had been made that the festival would take place. I have endeavored to meet cases of this kind in the best possi-

ble spirit, but I sincerely trust that masters of lodges will see the necessity of ascertaining, as the preliminary step to any arrangements for a public gathering at which masonic clothing is to be worn, that the grand master is satisfied the occasion is one for which he can exercise the dispensing power. In respect of dispensations to confer degrees at shorter periods than one month, I have always endeavored to be satisfied that the circumstances justified the granting of a dispensation, and I may add, that many applications have been refused.

In the company of Worshipful Brothers James McNichol, Jr., and Geo. E. Fairweather I visited the Lodges on the North Shore of the province, viz: Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16, Richibucto; Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, Chatham; Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, Newcastle; Saint John Lodge, No. 27, Bathurst; and Restigouche Lodge, No. 25, Dalhousie. Many of the brethren of Miramichi Lodge accompanied us (as did Past Master Matthewson, of New Brunswick Lodge) on our visit to Northumberland Lodge, and during our stay at Chatham we were, as usual, especially indebted to Bro. Thomas F. Gillespie for many courtesies. We received from the brethren of all the lodges a most friendly greeting, and the members of St. John Lodge, Bathurst, in particular, fully sustained the traditional reputation of the North Shore for kindly hospitality in the attention they paid us. In all the lodges there was a very sincere desire to receive instruction, and we devoted our spare moments to this work. With the exception of the lodge at Newcastle (which is now in most efficient working order), they occupy their own halls; and at Newcastle a very fine building is in course of erection by the brethren, which will be a great public convenience, besides the accommodation it will afford the craft. With the deputy grand master, the grand secretary, and worshipful master Weelock, of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, I paid an official visit to St. Mark's Lodge, Saint Andrew's; where we inspected the work, and had a pleasant meeting with the brethren. The grand secretary and myself also visited Dorchester; though we failed to meet the lodge, we had an interview with past master Stephen W. Palmer, and past master A. E. Oulton, now secretary of the lodge. These brethren explained to us the circumstances which prevented the making their returns last year, but they showed us that the lodge had held its meetings regularly, and that better prospects were opening before it. The establishment of Lebanon Lodge, Sackville, has greatly weakened Sussex Lodge, and it is a question that the brethren themselves might well consider whether their labors would not be lightened by uniting the two lodges. There-

are now five lodges in the County of Westmorland, a number that is fully equal to all the work in that section of the province. I also visited, with the grand secretary, past master Henry Duffell, of Union Lodge of Portland, and the grand tyler, Saint George Lodge, No. 12, Saint George. This visit gave us all much satisfaction. The lodge is in good hands, and does its work well. There was a large gathering of the brethren, and every evidence was afforded us that the lodge was in a prosperous condition. The number of aged and venerable members of the craft present was a striking and pleasing sight. From the leading members of the lodge we received every personal attention that courtesy could suggest; while the lodge itself, in the call to refreshment, amply sustained the traditions of the craft for hospitality.

I have also visited, at different times, accompanied by many of the brethren, the lodges in the city. Their work is generally most satisfactory.

Application has been made for a dispensation to establish a lodge at Andover, in the County of Victoria. The application is recommended by the master, wardens, and brethren of Woodstock Lodge, No. 11. It appears to me that an efficient lodge might be sustained in that section of the province, but I have delayed responding to the application, until satisfied that the petitioners are capable of working a lodge, and are prepared to sustain it.

Informal application has been made to me twice during the year to ascertain whether or not I would consent to the erection in this city of a lodge composed exclusively of men of color. There are resident here colored men who have been made in a regular lodge in the city of Halifax. There are others claiming to have been made masons in the United States under an authority not known to, or recognized by, this grand lodge. Of course a warrant could only issue to regular masons duly affiliated with some lodge upon our registry. But I have explained to the gentlemen who have spoken to me upon the subject that I do not think it advisable to establish lodges composed of men of any particular sect, colour, opinion, or nationality, as such; it is to unite men of all kinds on the broad principle of human brotherhood that the masonic institution exists. To establish such a lodge would simply be to create a distinction where now there is none. I trust and believe that the doors of our lodges are open to all good men without respect to color.

At Moncton a lodge of instruction has been opened, and is working under the direction of Right Worshipful Brother Tweedie, the Junior Grand Warden.

The board of general purposes has not come to any decision respecting an increased investment in the stock of the Masonic Hall Company; and no decision is necessary at the present time, as active steps have not yet been taken to prosecute the work. Grand Lodge is, however, committed to an annual payment of \$500 a year, and I recommend that the board be authorized to pay the first and second instalments so soon as it shall be satisfied that the money is required.

A complaint preferred against Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, by Albion Lodge, No. 1, for violation of the constitution in the case of a person rejected in the latter lodge, underwent a preliminary examination by myself and the grand secretary, and the papers were laid before the board of general purposes. As the Worshipful Master of Union Lodge of Portland frankly admitted the error, and explained that so far as he was concerned the matter was an inadvertence, no penalty was inflicted, but he was directed by the grand secretary to see that the laws respecting the admission of candidates were carefully observed in his lodge, as they ought to be in all the lodges. Based upon this complaint the board will submit some suggestions to which your attention is earnestly invited.

The fraternal entertainment tendered the officers of the grand lodge, at the close of its last annual session, by Albion Lodge of this city, was in every way so satisfactory and reflected so much credit on the generous hosts, that I deemed it a duty to convey by a special letter of thanks through the grand secretary my sense of the admirable manner in which the entertainment was managed, and my appreciation, on your behalf, of the courtesy extended to the grand master and his associates.

In the year that is just closed many brethren have been called from their labour, in whose lives and work we felt a deep and abiding interest. I place first, as occurring within our own jurisdiction, the name of Worshipful Brother John Willis, a permanent member and past senior grand deacon of grand lodge. Devotedly, almost passionately, attached to the fraternity, Brother Willis devoted the spare hours of a long life to the work of masonry. Time sufficed not to wear out his interest, or age to deaden his enthusiasm. How rarely he missed a meeting, how proud he was of his well-earned honors, how cheering were the words of counsel he addressed to us, how kindly in his latter days he appreciated the attentions of his brethren, how glad we all were to welcome him to our gatherings, and to bridge over the present and the past in listening to reminiscences of his own active masonic life. A sketch of the masonic labors of our deceased brother would properly

embrace many references to his connection with the different orders and branches of this ancient brotherhood. In this grand lodge, however, it is but necessary to point to his labors in connection with the degrees of craft masonry, in order to give some idea of how active was his masonic career. Brother Willis began his masonic life just as he was entering upon manhood. He was, at the time of his death, in the fifty-fourth year of his masonic age. I am unable to find any records of the exact date of his initiation and where he was initiated, but I infer from information which I have that he was made a mason in Cincinnati about the year 1820. I have heard him speak of being the master of a lodge in Cincinnati when Lafayette visited there, and of actively participating in the brilliant reception accorded him in that city by the brotherhood. Lafayette visited Cincinnati in 1824. Soon after that Bro. Willis must have removed to Pittsburg, in the state of Pennsylvania, for on the 1st August, 1826, he withdrew from Lodge No. 45, receiving a certificate of good standing. He went from Pittsburg to Kingston, in the now Province of Upper Canada, at once uniting with the fraternity there, becoming Master of Concord Lodge, and in 1829 he was a grand deacon of the province. I have seen a copy of the summons directing him to attend the meeting of the provincial grand lodge in that year at Little York, now the city of Toronto. About the year 1831 he removed to the city of Halifax, where he served as master of the Thistle Lodge, under the registry of the grand Lodge of Scotland, for 12 years; he afterwards founded the Royal Sussex Lodge, and was its master for a number of years. About the year 1850 he assisted in the formation of Shamrock Lodge, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and served as its master; and was also for a long time an officer of the provincial grand lodge on English Registry. In the year 1854 Bro. Willis moved to this city, and from that time until his death was identified with the craft here, acting in various capacities,—as deacon, as secretary, as master. Some idea of his services to the lodges may be gathered from the fact, that he was elected an honorary member of Hibernia, Carleton Union and Union Lodge of Portland, and that he established Leinster Lodge, under the Irish Registry, and became its first master. It was a matter of great pride to him that he had served as master of a lodge under the jurisdiction of one of the American Grand Lodges, and also of lodges under the three jurisdictions of England, Ireland and Scotland. When the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was formed in 1867, Brother Willis took a very active part in the movement. As the oldest past master in

the jurisdiction, he installed the first grand master of the grand lodge into the chair which I have now the honor to fill, and the grand lodge marked its appreciation of his busy and ardent masonic career by creating him a permanent member and conferring on him the rank of past senior grand deacon. For the first time in the existence of grand lodge his chair is vacant. Never again shall we here behold his venerable form, or welcome him, as we all did with hearty plaudits, to our annual gatherings. Long past the prime of life, past the years allotted to man, while the sun was in the east, when it rose to its meridian height, and until its lengthened shadows betokened its western setting, did our brother continue his labors; and let us hope that resting from earthly toil above, he has heard from the Grand Architect of the Universe that word which shall secure him ineffable happiness through all eternity. It was Brother Willis's often expressed desire to be buried with masonic rites. When his death occurred I deemed it eminently proper that a brother who had so devoted himself to the interests and advancement of masonry in this province, and whose whole life here, as elsewhere, had been given to the welfare of the institution, should receive at the hands of the craft the highest tribute of respect it was in our power to bestow. Grand Lodge was therefore convened in special communication, and, accompanied by the lodges in the city and many visiting brethren, our brother was conveyed to his last resting-place with all the marks of respect and reverence which were eminently his due. It is scarcely necessary for me to recommend to grand lodge proper action in respect to his memory.

Another brother to whose memory a few words are due, is Worshipful Brother Alexander Robertson, of Albion Lodge, who was made a mason about forty years ago in a lodge on the registry of the (then) Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and connected himself with Albion Lodge in 1836. In 1842, 1844 and 1845, and again in 1848 and 1849, he was called to the chair of that lodge, and for many years was an active and devoted mason. Quiet and unobtrusive in his manners, a man seeking retirement rather than desirous of winning honors or gaining applause, Brother Robertson sought his reward in the consciousness of duty faithfully performed. Beloved in his family, respected by his fellow-citizens, and esteemed by his brethren, his old age was grandly suggestive of a blissful and happy life, eternal in the heavens.

The Grand Lodge of Canada has sustained a severe loss in the death of Very Worshipful Bro. T. B. Harris, the Grand Secretary of that

jurisdiction. Bro. Harris took a prominent part in the erection of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and he had held the office of Grand Secretary almost from the formation of grand lodge to the time of his death—a period of eighteen years. To us all he was known in his official character; and his name was honored among us because of his devotion to the interests of the craft. It was only in the spring of this year that I had the good fortune to make his personal acquaintance, and I was greatly impressed by his intelligence, with the earnestness of his nature, and with the genuine courtesy which characterized his manners.

In Nova Scotia the craft deeply mourns its loss in the death of the venerable grand master, Brother the Honorable Alexander Keith, whose active connection with the fraternity extended over a period of fifty-six years, and who had served in many capacities, as well as master of a lodge, and as provincial grand master, both under the Scottish and English constitutions, and as grand master. Kind in his disposition, generous and hospitable, Bro. Keith gave character to free masonry in the sister province, and has left the impress of his own nature upon it. In view of his former intimate relations with the craft in this province, I deemed it proper that this grand lodge should be officially represented at his funeral. I therefore issued a commission to R. W. Past Grand Masters Clinch and Peters, and to the very worshipful grand secretary, to attend as your representatives, and to convey to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia our fraternal sympathy with them in this affliction. Unfortunately, Bros. Peters and Bunting were unable to absent themselves from St. John, but R. W. Bro. Clinch attended in his official capacity, and carried out these instructions.

The death of Bro. Keith recalls to memory some facts connected with the fraternity in this province. In the year 1839 our late brother was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Nova Scotia, under the Grand Lodge of England; in 1846 his jurisdiction was extended so as to include the Province of New Brunswick, and for years he ruled this province through the Provincial Grand Lodge at Halifax. All applications for dispensations, and for authority to perform acts not allowed to the lodges, except through the intervention of the provincial grand master, were sent to Halifax. Brother Keith's sway was mild, and he generally agreed with the wishes of the brethren in this province. In 1843 the Grand Lodge of Scotland created Bro. Keith Provincial Grand Master for that registry over the two provinces. In the year 1854 a desire for a local provincial grand lodge grew so strong, that on representation to that effect, Bro. Keith appointed the late Bro.

Alexander Balloch as his deputy provincial grand master, under the English authority, giving him power to hold a provincial grand lodge; in September 24, 1856, that provincial grand lodge was constituted, Bro. Keith himself attending and installing the officers. There were then in the province, fourteen lodges, with a membership of about 600, constituting the constituency of the provincial grand lodge; and there were four or five lodges under the Scotch and Irish authorities, with a membership of about 200—making the total number of affiliated members in the province nineteen years ago about 800. We now number 30 lodges, with a membership of 2,000. Our progress has therefore, been a reasonable one. The most conservative brother cannot say that we have increased too rapidly; the most ardent cannot complain at our progress. In the year 1859, Bro. Keith resigned his provincial grand mastership in this province in favor of Bro. Balloch. On the 5th September, 1866, just ten years after his installation of Bro. Balloch, he again attended, with many of his officers, to install R. W. Bro. Clinch as Provincial Grand Master. This was Bro. Keith's last official act in connection with this Province. Having regard to the position so long held by him in New Brunswick, it would be, I think, fit and proper that a memorial page in our next published proceedings should be inscribed to his memory.

There are other breaks in the golden circle of brotherhood which I should not fail to mention, not simply on account of the masonic eminence of the deceased, but because, either personally or through their jurisdiction, their names are familiar to us. Past Grand Master Randall, at the time of his death Episcopal Bishop of Colorado, was an eminent brother, and grand orator of the grand lodge of that state, and his long connection with the craft in Massachusetts had made his name a memory, at least among many of the brethren in this province. The same state, and not only that state, but the masonic world, must feel the loss of R. W. Charles W. Moore, who, as a masonic writer and jurist, had no equal, and whose warm devotedness to this fraternity in the darkest period of its existence, at least in the present century, will make his name imperishable in masonic annals. Scotland has lost Past Grand Master, the Earl of Dalhousie, best known to us when he was Deputy Grand Master of England, under the late Earl of Zetland, for the interest he took in securing the settlement of the questions arising out of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada,—a circumstance that was due partly to his kindly nature, and partly to the fact that he had been for a time connected with the craft in Canada. Our neighboring

jurisdiction of Maine mourns Past Grand Masters Bradford and Lynde, the latter of whom especially was well known to many of our brethren, and both of whom were held in high esteem in their own jurisdiction.

Some of these brethren have been cut off in the midst of their usefulness; others of them had performed their allotted tasks whilst it was yet day, and were calmly awaiting the summons that, whether we realize it or not, will come to us all, to quit the busy scenes of life, to leave these paths in which we now so firmly tread, and to yield up to others the trusts we fill, the places we now hold. The lesson that we should learn from these evidences of man's mortality is to spend our days in the active performance of works which will enable us to enjoy the happy reflections consequent upon a well spent life, calmly awaiting our destiny in that future into the recesses of which the eye of human understanding cannot penetrate.

An application from the brethren in Louisiana for aid in consequence of a great calamity which had befallen a large portion of the state, was referred by me to the board of general purposes; their action will be duly reported to you, and I need hardly say that I concurred most heartily in that action.

The grand lodge of the same state having asked for an interchange of representatives, I have appointed R. W. Brother Edwin Marks, the representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, near that grand lodge. The name of the brother selected to represent Louisiana, near this grand lodge, has not yet been transmitted to me.

There is a letter on the grand secretary's files from the Grand Secretary of Utah, suggesting an interchange of representatives with the grand lodge of that territory. I have not however, acted upon it. Under a strict reading of our constitution the grand master is not empowered to appoint a representative to a sister grand lodge, until grand lodge itself shall resolve to be represented in such grand lodge. The practice however, has been to appoint a representative when asked to do so. For my own part, except in the case of grand lodges whose territories are close together, or where special reasons may exist for an interchange, I do not see a great deal of practical use in the system of representatives. Our business with sister jurisdictions is usually transacted by the very best representative we can have, our grand secretary. On the other hand the custom of making these appointments is daily growing in favor, and, if it is at all productive of harmony, or likely in any way to conduce to a mutual good understanding among masons, deserves to be encouraged.

A complaint was made by the grand master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, that Alley Lodge, No. 14, had admitted into the fraternity Jason C. Davis, who had been rejected in Lewey Island Lodge, in that state. The worshipful master of Alley Lodge replied in effect that Davis had resided the constitutional period within the jurisdiction of his lodge. Assuming this statement to be correct, it appeared to me to be conclusive of the right, under our constitution, of Alley Lodge to proceed. If it is deemed advisable to prevent lodges receiving persons who have been rejected in another jurisdiction, it will be necessary to make a regulation to that effect. At present one year's residence is the only limitation.

It is with much satisfaction that I announce to grand lodge the settlement of the difficulties which had so long existed between the grand lodges of Canada and a large number of the brethren in the province of Quebec. By the terms of the settlement the territory formerly under the control of the Grand Lodge of Canada has been divided, and the province of Quebec is erected into a separate masonic jurisdiction. I took an early opportunity to inform our subordinate lodges, through the grand secretary, that whatever doubts might have formerly existed as to the admission of visitors hailing from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, were now dispelled. I have not however, issued the formal proclamation of recognition which, under a resolution of grand lodge, I seem to have had the power to do, thinking that as there were but a few weeks to elapse before this annual session, it would be better to leave to grand lodge itself the performance of that sovereign act, as it would certainly be more courteous to the Grand Lodge of Quebec to have our recognition of her regularity come direct from the supreme legislative authority. I therefore recommend that a resolution be passed to that effect; and as the territory of the Grand Lodge of Quebec adjoins our own, it would be perhaps, advisable to pass another resolution asking for an exchange of representatives. In regard to the terms of settlement between the two parties in this long dispute, now happily terminated, I may say that they cannot fail to be satisfactory to us all, because one effect is to produce union and harmony in the province of Quebec as well as between the masons of Quebec and Ontario; and another is that the settlement did not sustain the obnoxious principle that the political division of a country of itself destroyed the sovereignty of the grand lodge existing in that territory. On the other hand, this masonic separation of the old province of Canada appears to make it a matter of fact that the masons in each province of

the Dominion will have their own grand lodge; and in view of this the Grand Lodge of Canada will, I have no doubt, find it more convenient for herself, as well as more correct, and more courteous to her sister grand lodges in the Dominion, to adopt a style and title that will clearly express her territorial bounds. For many reasons, the strongest of them being connected with old associations of memory, I should part with deep regret with the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada, but the change, it appears to me, is inevitable.

The applications of the Grand Orient of Brazil, of Egypt, and of Hungary, for recognition, are still before Grand Lodge, and to these is to be added an application to the same effect from Santo Domingo. In regard to Brazil, I think the unfortunate condition of freemasonry in that country is a sufficient reason for maintaining our present attitude, and in regard to the other jurisdictions, I doubt very much if the information at hand is sufficient to enable us to arrive at a correct decision.

Our relations with the grand lodges with which we are in fraternal correspondence are satisfactory and pleasing. In most jurisdictions the fraternity is in a healthy and flourishing condition, and is united, vigorous and peaceful. Where divisions exist among masons they are not of such a character as to preclude the hope of an early settlement, and where the institution does not receive and merit the approbation of all well-disposed persons, it is due largely to causes which masons may easily remove.

In committing the subjects to which I have adverted, and all the other subjects that may lawfully come before you, to your consideration, I do so with the full hope that you will dispassionately and earnestly judge of every matter. In laying down the authority with which you entrusted me, I have to thank the board of general purposes, my associate grand officers, and particularly the grand secretary, for the assistance and advice they have rendered me, and you all for the brotherly courtesy with which you have overlooked my deficiencies, and the brotherly affection which has enabled you to see in me merits which I fear I do not possess.

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

Resolved, That the address of the grand master be referred to a special committee.

Which committee was appointed, as follows:

W. Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson, W. Bro. Robert Marshall, and R. W. Bro. David Brown.

The following resolution was moved by W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, P. M. Lodge No. 1, and adopted *unanimously*:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick heartily rejoices in the settlement of the difficulties recently existing between the freemasons of the Province of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Canada, and extends cordial recognition and good wishes to the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec.

And further Resolved, That the most worshipful grand master be requested to take the necessary steps to have the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick represented at the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, Deputy Grand Master, presented his commission as representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Quebec; dated at Montreal, August 27th, 1874, and signed by M. W. J. H. Graham, Grand Master, and A. G. Isaacson, Grand Secretary *pro tempore*.

R. W. Bro. Willis was received in due form, as the representative of Quebec, and saluted with the usual honors.

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

Annual Report of Grand Secretary.

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

The grand secretary herewith submits his annual report, as follows: The receipts of his office, from various sources, for the year just ended, amount to the sum of \$1331.20, viz.:

For registration fees,.....	\$228 50
“ Annual dues,.....	876 60
“ Certificates,.....	207 00
“ Dispensations,.....	10 50
“ Miscellaneous,.....	8 60
Total,.....	\$1331 20

Which amount was paid in due course to the grand treasurer, and a detailed statement furnished the audit committee appointed by the board of general purposes.

All the lodges within the jurisdiction have made their returns complete up to the end of the year 1873, and have paid all fees, dues, &c. He has therefore no claims against any lodge, except in two or three cases, where trifling balances are due.

The work of the year, collated from the annual returns, shows the following exhibit :

Number initiated,.....	204
“ Passed,.....	191
“ Raised,.....	201
“ Joined,.....	34
“ Reinstated,.....	4
“ Withdrawn,.....	82
“ Suspended and excludcd,.....	64
“ Died,.....	32
Total number of members,.....	2148

The dispensations, issued by authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, number eleven, for the following purposes :

To confer degrees at short periods,.....	5
To bury deceased brethren,.....	3
To wear regalia in public,.....	3

The grand secretary finds, upon examining the register of dispensations for the several years of the existence of grand lodge, that the numbers issued are annually decreasing, as will appear from the following statement :—

For 7 months of the year ending September 1868—20.
For the year ending September.....1869—49.
“ “ “.....1870—45.
“ “ “.....1871—21.
“ “ “.....1872—19.
“ “ “.....1873—20.
“ “ “.....1874—11.

Previous to the organization of grand lodge, the practice had become so general in the promiscuous conferring of degrees at short intervals that the utmost difficulty has since been experienced in counteracting the desire to hurry candidates forward in less than the regularly allotted period. At that time the lodges hailing from the Grand Lodges

of Ireland and Scotland, were in the habit (under an assumed or *bona fide* authority) of continually abridging the regular time between the degrees; while the lodges on the registry of England, desirous of occupying an equal footing in this respect with their sister lodges, were under the necessity of applying to the then provincial grand master for dispensations to authorize the hurrying of candidates forward. Thus, at the time of the organization of grand lodge in the year 1868, the evil had become so deeply rooted, that the lodges felt they were being harshly dealt with, in the event of a refusal to accede to their requests for dispensations. The decided stand taken by the respective grand masters has had a beneficial effect; the lodges are less anxious to seek the dispensatory power; and it is to be hoped that the practice may, ere long, become entirely extinct.

The proceedings of the last annual communication of grand lodge were published in the usual pamphlet form, under the authority of the board of general purposes. Three copies were forwarded to each sister grand lodge, three copies to each lodge in the province, and one copy each to the editors of masonic periodicals, &c., &c. There is a growing desire among lodges and individual masons to collect the full proceedings of all the masonic bodies. Applications are continually being received by the grand secretary, from lodges and brethren in distant places, for copies of the proceedings of this grand lodge. When the parties applying are known, their wants are invariably supplied. Those therefore, who receive no response to their requests, can understand, that it is in consequence of not having furnished proper references.

The printed proceedings of sister grand lodges have been received, with but few exceptions.

The grand secretary takes pleasure in acknowledging the reception of the following books and pamphlets :

From the Grand Secretary of Iowa—Volume 5 of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, a reprint of the years 1869 to 1873, inclusive; also a volume containing a catalogue of the library of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

From Bro. Leon Hyneman, of Philadelphia—A volume, entitled, “Ahiman Rezon, or a help to all that are or would be Free and Accepted Masons,” by Lawrence Dermot.

From the Grand Secretary of Minnesota—1 volume, being a reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota from 1853 (the date of organization) to 1869.

From R. W. Bro. Josiah Drummond—A copy of the proceedings of

the Supreme Council A. & A. Rite for the Northern jurisdiction of the United States, A. D., 1873.

From R. W. Bro. A. F. Chapman, of Boston—A copy of the proceedings of the Grand Commandary of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, A. D. 1873; also, a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, A. D. 1873.

From the Grand Secretary of Nevada—2 volumes, containing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nevada from 1865 (the date of organization) to 1872.

He has also received a pamphlet entitled, "The third annual re-union of the Connecticut Veteran Masonic Association, held at Bridgeport, Connecticut, June 24, 1873, under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, No. 3."

The Calendar of the Grand Orient of France.

The Bulletin of the Grand Orient of Belgium, and the Bulletin of the Grand Orient of Brazil.

In his last annual report the grand secretary stated that there were very few copies of the constitution remaining on hand. The number has become somewhat reduced since then, and he again calls the attention of grand lodge to the matter.

The following is a detailed account of the receipts of his office for the year just ended, furnished to and audited by the board of general purposes:

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

Cash received from Albion Lodge,.....	No. 1,	\$87 40
" " St. John's,.....	" 2,	68 10
" " Hibernia,.....	" 3,	71 60
" " Sussex,.....	" 4,	32 80
" " St. Mark's,.....	" 5,	53 20
" " Solomon's,.....	" 6,	55 60
" " Sussex,.....	" 7,	66 30
" " Carleton Union,.....	" 8,	62 00
" " Midian,.....	" 9,	15 40
" " Union of Portland,.....	" 10,	94 10
" " Woodstock,.....	" 11,	44 60
" " St. George,.....	" 12,	68 80
" " Corinthian,.....	" 13,	14 90

Cash received from Alley Lodge,.....	No. 14,	34 80
" " Howard,.....	" 15,	27 20
" " St. Andrew,.....	" 16,	36 00
" " Northumberland,.....	" 17,	54 00
" " Miramichi,.....	" 18,	42 30
" " Leinster,.....	" 19,	49 40
" " Salisbury,.....	" 20,	19 60
" " Zion,.....	" 21,	24 80
" " New Brunswick,.....	" 22,	57 10
" " Keith,.....	" 23,	38 40
" " Zetland,.....	" 24,	17 20
" " Restigouche,.....	" 25,	53 60
" " Victoria,.....	" 26,	36 20
" " St. John,.....	" 27,	34 10
" " Lebanon,.....	" 28,	17 60
" " St. Andrew's,.....	" 29,	28 80
" " St. Martin's,.....	" 30,	25 30
		—————\$1331 20

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April 24, Cash paid grand treasurer,.....	\$700 00
Sept 15, " " ".....	631 20
	—————\$1331 20

WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

St. John, N. B., 16th Sept., 1874.

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

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

1873.	Dr.	
Sept. 18, To balance in bank B. N. America,.....	\$503 14	
1874.		
April 24, " cash received from grand secretary,....	\$700 00	
Sept. 15, " cash received from grand secretary,....	631 20	
	—————\$1334 34	

1873.		CR.	
Oct. 15,	By paid hall committee, rent 1st Nov., '73,	\$	3 75
"	Grand Secretary to Sept., 1873...		300 00
"	Insurance on regalia, N. Ins. Co.,		7 50
Dec. 24,	" D. Scribner, acct. for tiling, &c.,		10 00
1874.			
Jan'y 14,	" Hall committee, rent to 1st Feb.,		
	1874.....		3 50
Mar. 12,	" H. Chubb & Co., for printing,..		113 50
June 26,	" Louisiana Relief Lodge, draft....		100 25
July 23,	" Volunteer Band 62d Battalion,		
	funeral.....		35 00
Sept. 15,	" Hall committee, rent to 30th		
	April, 1874.....		3 50
"	H. Chubb & Co., printing cir-		
	culars, ..		5 00
"	C. A. Robertson, coach hire,		
	funeral.....		12 00
"	Official visitations, North Shore,		
	etc.....		163 29
"	Hall committee, rent to 1st Aug.,		
	1874.....		3 50
"	Grand Secretary, postage account,		27 28
"	Balance deposited bank B. N.		
	America.....		1046 27
			<u>\$1834 34</u>

WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,

Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., 17th Sept., 1874.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master 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:

Report of Board of General Purposes.

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

1.—In submitting their annual report, the board of general purposes allude with pleasure to the general good feeling which exists throughout the jurisdiction, to the strong desire of all to preserve the institution in its essential purity, to the earnest exertions of the great majority of the lodges to bring about uniformity in the ceremonial work, and to the genuine spirit of benevolence which characterizes the responses to all proper calls for assistance.

2.—As soon as possible after the termination of the last annual session of grand lodge, the board proceeded to the work of organization, and made choice of a Vice-President by re-electing W. Bro. Robert Marshall.

3.—With a view to accommodate members of the board who are residents outside St. John, and to ensure at all times a full attendance, the board decided to hold regular meetings at stated periods, viz: second Wednesday in November, January, March, May, July and September, at the hour of 3 p. m.

4.—The board having had under consideration the matter of representing the stock of grand lodge in the proposed masonic temple, appointed the M. W. Grand Master, for the time being, as the holder of the proxy.

5.—The question of granting additional aid to the proposed masonic temple is as yet unsettled. The board have several times had the matter before them, but without reaching any satisfactory conclusion. It is hoped however, that the earnest consideration which it is receiving from members will at an early day be productive of good results. The chief desire of the board has been to render such aid to the undertaking, without cramping the finances of grand lodge, as would give a powerful impetus to the movement for the construction of the temple.

6.—The publication and distributing of 500 copies of the proceedings authorized by grand lodge, have been duly attended to by the grand secretary.

7.—The reference to the board, by the M. W. Grand Master, of a communication from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, soliciting aid for the masonic sufferers by the overflow of the Mississippi, resulted in the granting of \$100 from the funds of grand lodge. This amount was duly forwarded by the grand secretary along with a letter expressive of the sympathy of the craft in this jurisdiction with the suffering brethren in Louisiana, and a cordial and thankful acknowledgment was returned. The M. W. Grand Master of Louisiana also conveyed the gratifying assurance to the craft that contributions received from brethren had been sufficient to meet the necessities of suffering members of the fraternity.

8.—The finances of grand lodge have engaged the attention of the board, and their satisfactory condition will be seen by the following report of the audit committee:

To the Board of General Purposes, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

The committee appointed by the board to audit the accounts and examine the books of the grand treasurer and grand secretary, for the year ending Sept 18th, 1874, beg leave to make the following report:

That they have carefully examined the books and the accounts of the above grand officers, and find them correct. Your committee desire to express their gratification at the way the books of both the grand secretary and grand treasurer are kept.

The receipts for the past year are \$1831.20; the balance on hand from last year was \$503.14; making a total of \$1834.34. The expenditure during the year was \$788.07; leaving a balance in the hands of grand treasurer of \$1046.27.

The grand treasurer produced the proper vouchers for all amounts paid.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MCNICHOLO, JR.,

J. HENRY LEONARD,

HENRY DUFFELL,

Audit Committee.

9.—A complaint preferred to the M. W. Grand Master by Albion Lodge against Union Lodge of Portland, for having initiated within the constitutional period a person who had been rejected in Albion Lodge with the papers connected therewith, was referred to the board, and received the consideration of a sub-committee. The facts were admitted by the W. Master of Union Lodge of Portland, who expressed his regret at the occurrence; and the sub-committee, being satisfied that there was no intentional error on his part, reported that fact to the board. It appears however, that in many of the lodges more care might be exercised in regard to applications for admission to the fraternity than is now the custom, and with this in view the sub-commi-

tee made the following suggestions, and the board recommend them to the careful consideration of grand lodge:

"1st.—That the various lodges be required to have the petitions of candidates read in full.

"2nd.—That the application of candidates be handed to the investigating committee, who will be required to append their report thereon.

"3rd.—That where more than one lodge holds concurrent jurisdiction, the lodge rejecting a candidate shall be required to send a notice of such rejection to the other lodges within that jurisdiction."

"10.—The resolution of grand lodge at its last annual communication, regarding the rights and privileges of membership, was laid before a sub-committee of the board, and elicited the following report, which was received by the board and directed to be laid before grand lodge for consideration, viz.:

"The following resolution was offered at the last annual communication of grand lodge. It was referred to the board of general purposes, and by the board to the undersigned sub-committee:

"That in the opinion of this grand lodge, a mason is entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in his lodge, until he be suspended or excluded from membership, after charges have been preferred against him and he has undergone a regular trial."

"As a simple proposition, the general correctness of this will not be disputed by any mason. The special question involved however, is as to the right of a subordinate lodge to make a by-law providing that the dues of a brother must be paid at the annual election to enable him to participate in the choice of officers, or to hold office himself. The late grand master was of opinion that lodges could not lawfully make such by-laws; the present grand master holds a contrary view. This has led to different practices in the confirmation of by-laws, and it is now desirable that the point in difference should be settled.

"The constitution of grand lodge, under the head 'Private Lodges, Sec. 7,' has the following:—'Every lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with the general regulations of grand lodge.' The committee have carefully examined the constitutions of grand lodge, and are quite clear upon the point that such a by-law is not in any way inconsistent with any of their provisions. The question may arise however, whether the spirit of the institution is not infringed by subjecting a brother summarily to the penalty named. The disability under which

a brother is placed by the operation of such a law is purely local. It does not affect his masonic standing in any way outside of his own lodge; and even in his lodge it does not interfere with the rights which are eminently 'Masonic.' In the city of St. John most of the lodges have had for years a by-law of this kind, and the committee are not aware of any case of hardship having arisen under it, while as regards the lodges as a whole, its operations have been beneficial.

"We quote an opinion of Bro. Albert Pike upon the rights of members, which seems to us to have a strong bearing upon the point:

"A lodge is an organized body, in the nature of a corporation, and owning property. Among the rights and privileges of membership are those of being present at meetings, voting at meetings and upon measures, including those that involve the incurring of debts and payments of moneys, and an interest in the common property.

"There is no more reason why a member cannot be deprived temporarily of these without trial, and *ipso facto* upon default, than there is in the case of any other association or body of men, because the rights are in their nature secular and not masonic.

"I am not called on to decide of what other rights a person so suspended is temporarily deprived, and need only say that such a suspension, without charges, trial and conviction of unworthiness can deprive the party of no right possessed by a mason who has never become a member of a lodge. His individual claim on individual masons remains unaffected, and does not affect his standing elsewhere."

"The idea involved appears to be settled by the constitutions of grand lodge itself, which applies to its lodges the same principle as some of the lodges apply to their members. For instance, section 14, page 24:

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

"The committee therefore, are of the opinion that as the by-law does not affect a brother's standing outside of his own lodge, it may be left entirely to the discretion of lodges whether or not they make such laws, and they therefore recommend that the board offer the following amendment to the above resolution:

"Resolved, That while in the opinion of this grand lodge, a mason is entitled to all the rights and privileges of the fraternity, until he be suspended, excluded or expelled, after having undergone a regular trial, there is nothing in the general regulations of the craft to prevent lodges, if they desire to do so, enacting a

by-law, providing that brethren in arrears of dues on the night of the annual election in their lodge shall not be eligible to vote at such election or to hold office.

"Respectfully submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,
T. NISBET ROBERTSON."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD WILLIS,
President.

St. John, N. B., 23rd September, 1874.

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

Resolved, That the report of the board be received; and further, that the address of the grand master, the reports and accounts of the grand treasurer and grand secretary, and the report of the board of general purposes, be printed for the immediate use of representatives.

The M. W. the Grand Master, by and with the approval and confirmation of grand lodge, appointed R. W. Bro. Henry M. Alexander, of Montreal, the representative of this grand lodge at the M. W. Grand Lodge of Quebec.

It was, on motion, ordered, that the election of the elective officers of grand lodge take place to-morrow (Thursday) evening, at half-past eight o'clock.

Read a printed circular from the "*Grand National Orient of the Republic of Santo Domingo*," conveying a request to enter into fraternal relations by the appointment of representatives.

Which circular was ordered to be referred to the committee on grand master's address.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master announced to grand lodge that a dinner would be served up at the Victoria Hotel to-morrow (Friday) evening, and he extended an

invitation to all representatives of lodges outside of the city of Saint John to be present as guests.

The M. W. the Grand Master informed grand lodge that the ritual committee had made arrangements for a full exemplification of the *work* of the M. M. degree on to-morrow (Thursday) evening, at seven o'clock.

The library committee submitted the following report:

Report of Library Committee.

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

The library committee beg to report that they have received in cash as follows:

December 19th, 1872, from grand treasurer,...	\$50 00
February 6th, 1873, from Bro. Thos. H. Lynn,	5 00
August 20th, 1873, from grand treasurer,.....	98 03

Making a total of,.....	\$153 03
And have expended,.....	119 88

Leaving in hands of the committee,....	\$33 15
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During the year they have received:

Anderson's Constitutions, edition 1767,	1 vol.
Thory's Acta Latomorum,	2 vols.
Clavel's Histoire Pittoresque,	1 vol.
Paton's Jurisprudence,	1 vol.
Paton's Symbolism,	1 vol.
Mant's Pocket Companion,	1 vol.
Hughan's Old Charges,	1 vol.
Freemason's Magazine, old series,	7 vols.
Lyon's Freemasonry in Scotland,	1 vol.

The foregoing were purchased by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters during a recent visit to Great Britain.

W. Bro. Charles U. Hanford presented two volumes, entitled "Virginia Text Book of Royal Arch Masonry," by John Dove, and

"Macoy's General History, Cyclopædia and Dictionary of Freemasonry," and from W. Bro. James G. Forbes they have received "Hyneman's Masonic Library," 2 vols.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD WILLIS,

ROBERT MARSHALL,

WM. F. BUNTING.

23rd September, 1874.

Which report was, on motion of W. Bro. Henry Leonard, P. M. Lodge No. 8, ordered to be received, and the thanks of grand lodge conveyed to the donors.

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

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

24th September, 1874.

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

Read a note from W. Bro. D. E. Seymour, of Calais, Past S. G. Deacon, representative of this grand lodge at the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, requesting the acceptance of several books for grand lodge library. He expressed regret at being unable to attend grand lodge, and asked that his most fraternal regards be conveyed to the grand master and brethren generally.

The library committee submitted the following supplementary report:

Supplementary Report of Library Committee.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

The library committee beg to inform grand lodge that, since their report submitted at yesterday's session, they have received from W. Bro. D. E. Seymour, representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Maine, the following as donations to the grand lodge library:

Rebold's General History of Freemasonry in Europe, edited by J. Fletcher Brennan, and Macey's General History, Cyclopædia and Dictionary of Freemasonry.

Also, a collection of grand lodge, grand chapter, and grand council proceedings, histories of lodges, magazines, &c.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD WILLIS,
ROBERT MARSHALL,
WM. F. BUNTING.

24th September, 1874.

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

Resolved, That the report be received, and the fraternal acknowledgements of grand lodge returned to the donor.

Read a note from the Grand Secretary of Utah, having reference to the appointment of representatives between that grand lodge and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Whereupon, it was moved by W. Bro. G. H. Flewelling, S. G. D., and

Resolved, That the communication be received, and referred to the committee on grand master's address.

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

Resolved, That grand lodge adopt the recommendations of the board of general purposes, with reference to petitioning candidates, as set

forth in the ninth paragraph of the board's report, and the respective lodges be notified of the same by the grand secretary.

The committee on Grand Master's Address reported as follows:

COMMITTEE ROOMS, MASONIC HALL,
St. John, N. B., Sept. 24th, 1874.

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

The committee to whom was referred the address of the most worshipful grand master, beg to report, that they have carefully considered the same, and in addition to the action already had by grand lodge, would offer the following:

1.—In reference to the remarks of the most worshipful grand master as to the erection of an additional lodge in the city of Saint John, your committee beg to say, that there are already working within the limits of the city, seven lodges, which would seem to be fully equal to all requirements for some time to come; and in the opinion of this committee it would not in any case be desirable to establish within this jurisdiction, a lodge composed exclusively of men of any particular sect, opinion, color or nationality, as such; and even if circumstances were different, it is absolutely necessary, under the constitution of this grand lodge, that the petition for the erection of a new lodge must be signed by at least seven masons duly registered in the books of this grand lodge.

2.—Your committee trust that decided efforts may speedily be made by the directors of the masonic hall company, in order to secure the early erection of a masonic temple upon the eligible site now owned by the company, and situate upon Germain Street, in this city. As to an increased investment by this grand lodge in the stock of the said company, your committee feel that grand lodge is not in a position to assume any further liability beyond the six thousand dollars already subscribed, and that to the subordinate lodges, as well in the city as throughout the province, and to the fraternity generally, the company must appeal, and make a determined and united effort to secure the additional funds necessary to the successful completion of the undertaking. Grand Lodge having already paid five hundred dollars of the

six thousand dollars subscribed, your committee would submit the following for the consideration of grand lodge:

Resolved, That the board of general purposes be and are hereby authorized to pay the call of ten per cent on six thousand dollars now made upon the stockholders of the masonic hall company; and further, that the board be authorized to pay a second instalment or call when duly made by said company.

3.—Your committee being in deep sympathy with the well-timed remarks of the most worshipful grand master relating to the great loss the fraternity has sustained in the death of so many distinguished masons during the masonic year just closed, would recommend that suitable memorial pages be prepared and published in the proceedings of grand lodge for the year, to the memory of Worshipful Brother John Willis, Past Senior Grand Deacon of this Grand Lodge; Worshipful Brother Alexander Robertson, Past Master of Albion Lodge, No. 1, and Most Worshipful Brother the Honorable Alexander Keith, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and past provincial grand master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of England in New Brunswick, as an evidence of the respect of this grand lodge for the memory of our departed brothers. Your committee would also recommend that the very worshipful grand secretary be directed to address, on behalf of this grand lodge, a letter of condolence to the Grand Lodge of Canada upon the great loss the fraternity in Canada has sustained in the death of the late Very Worshipful Brother Thomas Bird Harris, grand secretary of that grand lodge. The committee would submit for the consideration of grand lodge the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick records the deep sorrow of the fraternity in this jurisdiction at the lamented death of Right Worshipful Brother Charles W. Moore, of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in whose demise the masonic world has sustained an irreparable loss.

4.—Your committee recommend that the appointment of R. W. Bro. Edwin Marks, as the representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, be confirmed.

5.—Your committee recommend that the suggestion of the Grand Lodge of Utah, for an interchange of representatives, be complied with, and that the grand master be authorized to appoint a representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Utah.

6.—In reference to the complaint of the Grand Lodge of Maine, of the admission of a brother by Alley Lodge who had been rejected in the jurisdiction of Maine, your committee are of opinion that it is not

present advisable to make any change in the constitution of this grand lodge as to the qualification of candidates in this respect.

7.—The committee recommend, that in the absence of any additional information since last session, the applications of the Grand Orients of Brazil, of Egypt, and Hungary, for recognition, be not at present complied with.

8.—The committee would also recommend that not having received sufficient information in reference to the Grand Orient of Santo Domingo, it is not desirable at this time to extend recognition to that body.

Your committee, in closing this report, would cordially endorse the able and exhaustive message of the most worshipful grand master.

Respectfully submitted,

T. NISBET ROBERTSON,
ROBERT MARSHALL,
DAVID BROWN,
Committee.

The several sections of the foregoing report having been separately considered, the full report was adopted and ordered to be entered on the records.

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

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a brother to represent this grand lodge at the M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas.

The grand secretary informed grand lodge that he held in his hand the commission of R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, Past Grand Master, as representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska, at this grand lodge. The commission was received previous to the last annual communication, but was not presented, in consequence of the absence of Bro. Wedderburn, caused by a death in his family. The Grand Secretary also stated, that Bro. Wedderburn (who was absent at the present time from Saint John) had

requested him to present the commission, in order to having his appointment duly recognized.

The commission was received in due form, and R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn duly recognized as the representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

The foregoing commission is dated at Omaha, Nebraska, January 2nd, 1873, and is signed by M. W. William E. Hill, Grand Master, and R. W. Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary.

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

THURSDAY EVENING,

24th September, 1874

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

Previous to the opening of grand lodge, an exemplification of the ritual of the M. M. degree was witnessed in the Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, an emergency communication of the lodge having been summoned for that purpose.

W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore, Past Master of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, presented credentials, as representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, bearing date September 18th, instant, and signed at New Orleans by M. W. Bro. M. E. Girard, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.

W. Bro. Wetmore was duly received as such representative and saluted with the usual honors.

The election of officers for the ensuing year being the order of the day, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed W. Bros. Alfred F. Street, James D. Phinney, and Joseph C. Hatheway, to act as scrutineers, who were thereupon duly qualified as such.

The regulations of Grand Lodge, relative to the election of officers, having been read by the grand secretary, the following brethren were nominated and elected, viz.:

JOHN V. ELLIS,.....	M. W. Grand Master.
ROBERT MARSHALL,.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
DAVID BROWN,.....	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
ALFRED F. STREET,.....	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
Rev. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,...	V. W. Grand Chaplain.
WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,.....	V. W. Grand Treasurer.
DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....	W. Grand Tyler.

It was proposed by the M. W. the Grand Master, seconded by R. W. Bro. David Brown and W. Bro. Robert Marshall, and

Unanimously agreed to, That V. W. Bro. William H. A. Keans, Grand Treasurer, be constituted a permanent member of this grand lodge, with the rank and title of Past Senior Grand Warden; in acknowledgment of the long and valuable services rendered by him to the craft in this province, and for the high esteem in which he is held by his brethren generally.

It was, on motion, ordered that the installation of officers be held to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, at three o'clock.

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

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

25th September, 1874.

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

M. W. Bro. Stephen R. Sircom, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, being announced in waiting, was introduced and received with the masonic salutation due to his exalted rank, and assigned a seat in the East.

The following preamble and resolution were moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, seconded by W. Bro. G. H. Flewelling, S. G. D., and adopted:

The grand secretary having reported that the present edition of the book of constitution is nearly exhausted, and as a revision may be required previous to the publication of a new edition,

Therefore resolved, That the board of general purposes be directed to recommend such alterations, additions and amendments as they may deem proper and necessary, and submit a report at the next annual communication of grand lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. Alexander Burchill, W. M. Lodge No. 29:

That any brother hailing from a lodge beyond the jurisdiction of New Brunswick, desiring to be received as a visitor in any lodge within the province, and who cannot be vouched for, shall, previous to undergoing an examination, be required to produce a certificate from the grand lodge to which he belongs; and if he cannot produce such certificate, no examination shall take place, and he shall be refused admission.

In amendment, it was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master:

That the question be referred to the board of general purposes, to report upon at the next annual communication of grand lodge.

The amendment was negatived, and the original motion adopted.

It was moved by W. Bro. Alexander Burchill, W. M. Lodge No. 29:

That the board of general purposes be required to prepare an uniform funeral service for the use of lodges in this jurisdiction, and report the same at the next annual communication of grand lodge.

To which the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master moved as an amendment:

That the board of general purposes be directed to consider the propriety of providing an uniform funeral service for the use of the lodges in this jurisdiction.

Which amendment was adopted.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master:

That grand lodge adopt the recommendation of the board of general purposes, as set forth in the following resolution submitted in their annual report, viz:

Resolved, That while, in the opinion of this grand lodge, a mason is entitled to all the rights and privileges of the fraternity, until he be suspended, excluded, or expelled, after having undergone a regular trial, there is nothing in the general regulations of the craft to prevent lodges, if they desire to do so, enacting a by-law providing that brethren in arrears of dues on the night of the annual election in their lodge shall not be eligible to vote at such election or to hold office."

In amendment, it was moved by R. W. Bro. John Richards, Past J. G. W.:

That the question be laid over until the next annual communication of grand lodge.

Which amendment was adopted.

The hour for the installation of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, M. W. Brother John Valentine Ellis, Grand Master elect, was obligated, invested and installed by R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, Past Grand Master, and thereupon saluted and proclaimed "Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

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. ALEXANDER BURCHILL,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. DAVID WETMORE,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. GEORGE E. ELLIOTT,	Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,	Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
W. JAMES D. PHINNEY,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. HENRY A. WHITE,	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,	Grand Organist.
W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM,	Grand Steward.
W. CHAS. U. HANFORD,	"
W. JAMES NISBET,	"
W. JOHN W. CLELLAND,	"
W. BREWER S. MORRISON,	"
W. JOHN S. BENSON,	"
W. LOUIS B. MESSENETT,	"
W. URIAH DRAKE,	"
W. GEORGE KILNAPP,	"
W. JAMES HICKSON,	"
W. WILLIAM R. RUSSELL,	"
W. HENRY G. HUNT,	"

The following officers, elected and appointed, being

present, were installed, invested and proclaimed, viz.:

R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. DAVID BROWN,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. ALFRED F. STREET,	Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS,	Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,	Grand Secretary.
W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL,	Senior Grand Deacon.
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W. BREWER S. MORRISON,	"
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM,	"
W. WILLIAM R. RUSSELL,	"
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,	Grand Tyler.

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to the board of general purposes for the ensuing year:

R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,	Past Deputy Grand Master.
W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. MARK N. POWERS,	Past Master Lodge No. 3.
W. J. HENRY LEONARD,	Past Master Lodge No. 8.
W. HENRY DUFFELL,	Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,	Asst. Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
R. W. WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,	Past Senior Grand Warden.
W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,	Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. HENRY J. THORNE,	Past Master Lodge No. 19.
R. W. JOHN RICHARDS,	Past Junior Grand Warden.

Upon motion of the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, "That a Ritual Committee be appointed," the M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following :

M. W. John V. Ellis ; R. W. B. Lester Peters ; V. W. William F. Bunting ; W. Alfred A. Stockton ; W. Joseph C. Hatheway ; and W. George E. Fairweather.

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

Resolved, That a Library Committee be appointed.

Whereupon, the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Board of General Purposes were appointed such committee.

All business having been disposed of, grand lodge was closed in *ample* form.

Wm. J. Bunting
Grand Secy.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, 1873.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended and excluded	Died.	Total Members.
1	Albion,.....	9	9	10	2	1	5	.....	5	169
2	Saint John's,.....	8	9	10	1	1	5	.....	1	129
3	Hibernia,.....	6	6	6	1	1	5	.....	2	142
4	Sussex,.....	1	2	2	.....	1	21	.....	.....	23
5	Saint Mark's,.....	11	8	8	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	78
6	Solomon's,.....	9	9	11	3	.....	3	3	.....	79
7	Sussex,.....	13	9	11	1	.....	9	.....	.....	97
8	Carleton Union,.....	4	5	7	1	.....	4	7	1	129
9	Midian,.....	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	26
10	Union of Portland,.....	13	12	11	1	.....	2	5	2	169
11	Woodstock,.....	9	7	6	1	.....	4	1	1	64
12	Saint George,.....	13	11	9	1	.....	1	.....	.....	107
13	Corinthian,.....	1	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	31
14	Alley,.....	4	3	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	62
15	Howard,.....	3	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	53
16	Saint Andrew,.....	6	5	3	1	.....	2	6	3	62
17	Northumberland,.....	10	10	9	2	.....	5	.....	1	73
18	Miramichi,.....	8	10	10	2	.....	5	.....	1	62
19	Leinster,.....	8	9	9	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	76
20	Salisbury,.....	3	3	4	.....	.....	1	3	2	33
21	Zion,.....	4	5	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42
22	New Brunswick,.....	10	6	6	2	1	2	12	2	87
23	Keith,.....	7	8	10	3	.....	3	3	3	51
24	Zetland,.....	2	2	3	.....	.....	4	1	1	33
25	Restigouche,.....	14	12	12	.....	.....	8	.....	1	64
26	Victoria,.....	5	6	9	1	.....	1	.....	.....	63
27	Saint John,.....	8	7	5	1	.....	2	.....	1	44
28	Lebanon,.....	4	3	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	24
29	Saint Andrew's,.....	5	6	6	.....	.....	1	.....	2	47
30	Saint Martin's,.....	4	4	4	2	.....	.....	2	.....	29
	Total,.....	204	191	201	34	4	82	64	32	2148

In Memory of

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Hon. Alexander Keith,

LATE GRAND MASTER OF NOVA SCOTIA,

AND PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

WHO DIED AT HALIFAX, N. S.,

14th day of December. A. D. 1873,

AGED 78 YEARS.

"Kind in his disposition, generous and hospitable, Brother KEITH gave character to freemasonry in the sister province, and has left the impress of his own nature upon it."—*Grand Master's Address.*

In Memory of

THE WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

John Willis,

PAST SENIOR GRAND DEACON,

WHO DIED AT SAINT JOHN,

9th day of July, A. D. 1874.

AGED 74 YEARS.

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In Memory of

THE WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Alexander Robertson,

PAST MASTER OF ALBION LODGE, NO. 1,

WHO DIED AT SAINT JOHN,

5th day of September, A. D. 1874,

AGED 67 YEARS.

"For many years an active and devoted Mason. Quiet and unobtrusive in his manners,—a man seeking retirement, rather than desirous of winning honors or gaining applause,— Brother ROBERTSON sought his reward in the consciousness of duty faithfully performed. Beloved in his family, respected by his fellow-citizens, and esteemed by his brethren, his old age was grandly suggestive of a blissful and happy life, eternal in the heavens."—*Grand Master's Address.*

List of Sister Grand Lodges, with the Names and
Addresses of Grand Secretaries.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,.....	Daniel Sayre,.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas,.....	Luke E. Barber,.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia,....	H. F. Heisterman,....	Victoria, V. I.
California,.....	Alexander G. Abell,...	San Francisco.
Canada,.....	John J. Mason,.....	Hamilton.
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