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APRIL 24TH AND 25TH, A. L. 5883.

The Sixteenth 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 Temple, in the City of Saint John, commencing Tuesday the 24th day of April, A. L. 5883, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT :

- M. W. BENJAMIN R. STEVENSON, . . . Grand Master.
- R. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. HARRY BECKWITH, Senior Grand Warden.
- R. W. GEORGE F. PINDER, Junior Grand Warden.
- V. W. REV. RICHARD MATHERS, . . . Grand Chaplain.
- V. W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR., Grand Treasurer.
- V. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE, Grand Secretary.
- W. DAVID F. MERRITT, Senior Grand Deacon.
- W. E. LEE STREET, Junior Grand Deacon.
- W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM, Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
- W. JAMES ADAM, Asst. G. Dir. Ceremonies.

W. JOHN McALLISTER,.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. CHAS. U. HANFORD,.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY,.....	Grand Organist.
W. JOHN A. WATSON,.....	Grand Pursuivant.
W. CHARLES MASTERS,.....	Grand Steward.
W. MATTHEW L. MCFARLAND,..	"
W. ALEX. R. CAMPBELL,.....	"
W. THOMAS A. PETERS,.....	"
W. WILLIAM E. SKILLEN,.....	"
W. J. LEE FLEWELLING,.....	"
W. A. W. REED,.....	"
W. HENRY GRAHAM,.....	"
BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....	Grand Tyler.

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

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

On motion of R. W. Brother Robert Marshall, P. G. M., it was

Ordered, That the record of the last annual communication be not read; that it be accepted as read and be confirmed.

The minutes of the special communication, held at the Masonic Temple, Germain street, on the 17th November, 1882, were read and confirmed.

The Grand Secretary reported that the Board of General Purposes had appointed W. Brothers William R. Russell, Thomas A. Godsoe, and William B. Wallace, a Committee on Credentials.

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

The Committee on Credentials reported from time to time the following representatives in attendance and entitled to seats in Grand Lodge, viz:—

<i>Albion Lodge, No 1,.....</i>	Chas. Masters, W. M.
	J. Fred. Lawton, S. W.
	John A. Fish, J. W.
	R. T. Clinch, P. M.
	B. Lester Peters, P. M.
	Edward Willis, P. M.
	W. Watson Allen, P. M.
	Chas. H. Masters, P. M.
	Thomas A. Godsoe, P. M.
	Thomas Walker, P. M.
	Thomas M. Reed, P. M.
	George E. Fairweather, P. M.
	Henry J. Thorne, P. M.
	T. Nisbet Robertson, P. M.
	C. A. Robertson, P. M.
	Freeman W. Wisdom, P. M.
	James Adam, P. M.
	Rev. Richard Mathers,
<i>Saint John's Lodge, No. 2,....</i>	Arthur Everett, W. M.
	William F. Bunting, P. M.
	Hiram G. Betts, P. M.
	John D. Short, P. M.
	W. H. B. Sadleir, P. M.
	H. G. Hunt, P. M.
	Joseph C. Hatheway, P. M.
	George B. Hegan, P. M.
<i>Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,.....</i>	Thomas A. Peters, W. M.
	Samuel T. Strang, S. W.
	Robert Clerke, J. W.
	D. S. Stewart, P. M.
	James McNichol, Sr., P. M.
<i>Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5,....</i>	Benjamin R. Stevenson, W. M.
	W. D. Forster, P. M.

- Hiram Lodge, No. 6*,..... Harry Beckwith, P. M.
Sussex Lodge, No. 7,..... J. T. Whitlock, W. M.
 George F. Pinder, P. M.
 Henry Graham, P. M.
- Carlton Union Lodge, No. 8*,.. Augustus W. Reed, W. M.
 Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
 J. Henry Leonard, P. M.
 J. Alfred Clark, P. M.
 John C. Leonard, P. M.
- Midian Lodge, No. 9*,..... J. Lee Flewelling, P. M.
 G. Hudson Flewelling, P. M.
- Union Lodge, Portland, No. 10*,.. William B. Wallace, W. M.
 Robert Marshall, P. M.
 John A. Watson, P. M.
 Charles U. Hanford, P. M.
 Arch. McLeod, P. M.
 Henry Duffell, P. M.
- Woodstock Lodge, No. 11*,..... David F. Merritt, P. M.
- Northumberland Lodge, No. 17*, Walter H. Buck, W. M.
 E. Lee Street, P. M.
- Zion Lodge, No. 21*,..... William T. McLeod, W. M.
- New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22*,.. Benj. L. H. Hartt, W. M.
 S. K. F. James, J. W.
 James McNichol, Jr., P. M.
 A. R. Campbell, P. M.
 William R. Russell, P. M.
 Robert J. Melvin, P. M.
- Saint Martins Lodge, No. 30*,.. J. W. Taylor, S. W.
 W. E. Skillen, P. M.
 James Rourke, P. M.
- Campbellton Lodge, No. 32*,... John McAllister, P. M.
- Alexander Lodge, No. 33*,.... Albert Boone, W. M.
 Thomas D. Babbitt, J. W.

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

Grand Master's Address.

Officers and Members of Grand Lodge:—

I bid you all welcome to the sixteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the ancient and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, whereat we are assembled to take counsel together with regard to the interests and objects, as well general as special, of Freemasonry within this grand jurisdiction.

The good and true Mason views with delight the structure of this Grand Lodge, organized sixteen years ago with anxiety, yet with zeal and earnestness, the outcome of a noble sentiment, and one that has shown and shows that our noble institution has deep and permanent hold on the Masonic mind of New Brunswick; one that enobles every breast that feels the first impress of Masonry, whose recollection dies not with the Ritual, but glows with love and is animated with a warmth that is sure to inspire and invigorate the lover of Masonry, who rejoices to do battle for the benign activities of our institution, and energetically works to create a growth that ensures the efficient discharge of our traditional duties.

It is with great satisfaction I recur to the cordial and loyal good-fellowship and Masonic sentiment manifested at the close of our last annual communication, to the oneness of spirit that seemed to animate Grand Lodge representatives at that communication, and their gratification at the result of the very important financial questions that demanded their earnest and best business consideration and judgment, to the unity of the acceptance of the financial legislation of the communication and the cordial disposition and determination to work out in their lodges on their return the policy of that legislation.

Considering the situation I think I am justified in saying that at no communication of Grand Lodge heretofore was any question considered more calmly or in a more honest practical business manner than was the financial proposition presented for consider-

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ation, nor do I think there is any matter in the history of Grand Lodge that more particularly deserves praise and commendation than the conclusions then reached, or one that does more honor to the craft of New Brunswick, than the spirit of devotion and determination to maintain the integrity of the policy which has so frequently found expression in the addresses of Grand Master and the reports of the Board of General Purposes since the organization of this Grand Lodge and as frequently received the sanction and approbation of Grand Lodge. None will regret that his liberality is drawn upon, or that his devotion to the craft is called into positive activity, or that his self-sacrifice finds a worthy object to prompt it. Nor, I trust, will it ever be suggested that an unreasonable strain has been made upon this self-sacrifice, devotion and liberality. On the contrary, let there be a deepening sentiment that shall infuse a firm determination that the Masonic Temple shall be all that the most enthusiastic and devoted advocates of its erection designed or desired it to be—a home for Freemasonry in New Brunswick.

It was most gratifying to find early after the adoption of this legislation that lodges submitted for my approval amendments to their bye-laws, whereby provision was made for the increased charge on their revenues, and I have no more satisfactory matter to communicate to Grand Lodge than the fact that all the lodges within the jurisdiction have promptly and loyally paid the assessments made upon them under the financial legislation of the last communication of Grand Lodge.

This manifests that there is a determination that the labor of erecting a Masonic Temple shall be accomplished. For it shall never be said that we for years discussed and deliberated, then undertook and then failed. The integrity of masonic honor is involved. The suggestion that it should be tarnished by failure to complete what we have undertaken will be resented, and this sentiment will unite us in most determined effort and activity to accomplish what has been undertaken. But while this sentiment animates us, we must deal practically with the questions involved—carefully considering how other Grand Lodge jurisdictions have

dealt with such undertakings—for masonic temples seem to have been the object at one time or other of nearly all Grand Lodges. In their experiences we may find methods of administration that may materially assist to work off the financial pressure which for some time must considerably, if not severely, bear upon the craft of New Brunswick.

Pursuant to the resolutions adopted at the last annual communication of Grand Lodge a further subscription of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the stock of The New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company were duly made.

The resolution with regard to the issue of Debentures of Grand Lodge to pay for this stock having been found unworkable, I deemed it desirable to call a special communication of Grand Lodge to authorize in more definite terms with regard to these debentures and to adopt a form of contract that was deemed such as would best effectuate the intention of Grand Lodge. At this special communication of Grand Lodge, holden on the 17th day of November, 1882, a form of obligation of Grand Lodge was adopted.

Obligations for this ten thousand dollars as authorized, dated the 1st day of August, 1882, and issued in obligations of \$500 each, payable as follows: 4 of them in 4 years, 4 of them in 8 years, 4 of them in 12 years, 4 of them in 16 years, and 4 of them in 20 years, with interest at six per cent. payable semi-annually on the first days of February and August, were delivered. With these The Masonic Hall Company was enabled on the 22nd December, 1882 to effect an arrangement with regard to the liability of the company to the mortgagee, Bro. John W. Nicholson, whereby he accepted this ten thousand dollars on account of the principal of his mortgage and released the parties who were guarantors for \$14,000 thereof, and reduces the rate of interest on the balance (\$25,000) of his mortgage from seven per cent. to 6 per cent. per annum, and agreed to accept payment of, and to surrender any of these Grand Lodge obligations at any time Grand Lodge desired to pay it. This latter provision places within the reach of Grand Lodge a most desirable sinking fund for any balance, not less than \$500 which, may be to the credit of the separate account which

the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are required to keep of the special per capita assessment payable under the resolutions of Grand Lodge.

The interest due Bro. Nicholson at the date of settlement, 22nd December, 1882, \$4700 was settled as follows:—Cash \$1300; accrued interest on Grand Lodge obligations due at the date of settlement \$225; two promissory notes signed by eight brethren, one \$575 payable in six months, and one \$1000 payable in twelve months; and an abatement of interest allowed by Bro. Nicholson, \$1600; in all \$4700. It will thus be seen that the obligations of Grand Lodge were disposed of at par and accrued interest.

The notes of the eight brethren for \$575 and \$1,000 respectively will, I doubt not, be provided for by the Masonic Hall Company or by Grand Lodge. The makers are, and should be, treated as only guarantors thereof, and their obligation retired as soon as practically possible.

I take great pleasure in directing the attention of Grand Lodge to the liberality of Bro. Nicholson in dealing with the financial questions arising out of his relations with the Masonic Hall Company and the craft, in connection with the Masonic Temple.

The reports of the Board of General Purposes, and the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, will properly make further reference to the Masonic Temple and the results of the financial resolutions passed by Grand Lodge at its last special and regular communications and will, I doubt not, receive your fullest consideration.

In my address at last annual communication I, with pleasure, congratulated the Grand Lodge of Quebec that the difficulties existing between that Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, by reason that three lodges holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland held out against the Grand Lodge of Quebec, had been settled. It appears, however, that the Grand Lodge of Quebec does not yet hold full and undisputed control of all lodges within that jurisdiction. Three lodges, St. Paul, St. George and St. Lawrence, holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, still hold out and refuse to acknowledge the authority of the Grand

Lodge of Quebec, notwithstanding every possible fraternal effort to persuade them to do so. In these days when the doctrine of Grand Lodge territorial right and jurisdiction is so generally admitted, it is undesirable that this condition of Masonic relation should exist; and I trust ere long this Grand Lodge shall have the opportunity of congratulating our Sister Grand Lodge of Quebec, that her somewhat lengthy struggle for exclusive territorial right has been fully ended.

The V. W. Grand Secretary has received an application for recognition from the recently organized Grand Lodge of Arizona. He has also received a letter from the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Venezuela, setting forth certain alleged irregularities having occurred in that jurisdiction against the authority of the Grand Orient. I have directed these papers to be handed to the Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Bodies, whose report thereon will be submitted to you.

This Grand Lodge being without a representative near the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, I issued a commission to Bro. Frank C. McGee as the representative of this Grand Lodge near that Grand Lodge. Acknowledgment of this commission and cordial assurances of undertaking the discharge of its duties, have been received.

It is with great satisfaction I have to communicate to Grand Lodge that during the past year nothing has happened to disturb the relationships of this Grand Lodge with our sister Grand Lodges, and that entire cordiality with our brethren in freemasonry exists; that no difficulties have arisen to disturb the masonic harmony that has heretofore existed and I trust will ever exist between the several lodges within this jurisdiction, and that no complaints or irregularities have been submitted for my consideration and judgment.

In many lodges much greater activity is observable, membership therein has increased, and generally the membership within this jurisdiction has been maintained to the standard of last year, giving contradiction to the suggestion that one effect of the financial legislation of Grand Lodge with regard to the Masonic Temple would be to reduce membership.

I commend these several matters to your consideration, as we now enter upon the labors of this communication, fully assured that your deliberations will mature such measures as will preserve the harmony which now exists in this jurisdiction, and contribute to welfare of our beloved institution.

BENJ. R. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

It was moved by W. Bro. Watson Allen, and

Resolved, That the Grand Master's address be referred to a special committee to report upon the several questions contained therein.

Which committee was appointed as follows:

W. Bro. W. Watson Allen, R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, and
W. Bro. Thos. A. Peters.

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

Report of Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary begs to submit his annual Report and Account to April 24th, 1883.

1. The receipts of the office for the year just ended amount to two thousand six hundred and ninety-two dollars and eighty-five cents, viz. :—

Registration fees,.....	\$116 00
Certificates,.....	102 00
Annual dues,.....	1059 40
Dispensation fees,.....	24 00
Constitutions,.....	7 35
Funeral Services and Blanks,.....	4 40
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	\$1313 15
Special Bond Fund,.....	1379 70
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	\$2692 85

Which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer and an account in detail furnished the Committee appointed by the Board

of General Purposes to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

2. All the Lodges have completed their returns and payments in full have been received, with the exception of Sussex No. 4, and balances due on returns by Alley No. 14, Victoria No. 26, and Lebanon No. 28, amounting to forty-seven dollars.

The Returns show the following particulars:—

Initiated,.....	116
Passed,.....	113
Raised,.....	104
Joined,.....	26
Reinstated,.....	11
Withdrawn,.....	119
Suspended,.....	97
Died,.....	24

Total membership Dec. 27, 1882,..... 1961

There is a falling off in the membership of ninety-six as compared with the returns of 1881, caused chiefly by suspension of members for non-payment of dues.

3. By authority of the M. W. Grand Master sixteen dispensations were issued from the Office during the year for the following special purposes:—

To confer degrees at short intervals,.....	6
To elect officers,.....	1
To wear regalia in public,.....	9
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4. Albert Lodge, No. 34, Hopewell Corner, has notified me of an alteration in the bye-laws of the lodge, whereby the day of the regular communication is changed from the third Tuesday in the month to the Tuesday nearest the Full Moon of every month.

Approved of by the M. W. Grand Master.

Keith Lodge, No. 23, of Moncton, has notified me of an alteration in the bye-laws of the lodge, whereby the day of the regular

communication is changed from the first to the third Wednesday in each month.

Approved of by the M. W. Grand Master.

5. In accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge the old Warrants returned as records by the Grand Lodge of England were transmitted to the respective lodges, as follows:—Albion, No. 1; St. John's, No. 2; Sussex, No. 4; St. Marks, No. 5; Hiram, No. 6; Carleton Union, No. 8; Midian, No. 9; Union of Portland, No. 10; Woodstock, No. 11; St. George, No. 12; Corinthian, No. 13; Alley, No. 14; Howard, No. 15; Northumberland, No. 17; Miramichi, No. 18; Salisbury, No. 20; Zion, No. 21; New Brunswick, No. 22; Keith, No. 23, and Zetland, No. 24.

6. That according to instructions of Grand Lodge I made application to the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland for a return of the Warrants formerly held by lodges in this Province under these Grand Lodges. I have received the following replies:

The Grand Secretary of Scotland states the old Warrants were not in any case returned to that Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary of Ireland states that the Grand Lodge of Ireland has acceded to the request of this Grand Lodge for a return of old Warrants, and that he will forward all those remaining in his office at an early day.

I desire to record my acknowledgment to R. W. Bro. Wilkenson, our representative at the Grand Lodge of Ireland for the trouble he has taken to meet the wishes of our Grand Lodge in this matter.

7. I received a letter from V. W. Bro. John Isaacson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, acknowledging the receipt of my communication, informing him of the action of this Grand Lodge in entering into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec. He states that their Grand Lodge does not hold full and undisputed control over all lodges in her jurisdiction. Three Lodges, St. Paul, St. George, No. 440, and St. Lawrence, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge of England, from which body they hold Warrants, are existing in this city, refusing to

acknowledge the authority of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, notwithstanding every possible fraternal effort to persuade them to do so.

8. A Commission has been issued by direction of the M. W. Grand Master, under the seal of Grand Lodge, appointing R. W. Brother Frank C. McGee our representative at the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

9. Credentials were received at my office appointing R. W. Bro. Harry Beckwith, S. G. W., representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi at this Grand Lodge. These have been forwarded to him in due course.

10. Authenticated copies of the proceedings taken in the erection of the Grand Lodge of Arizona were received at this office, asking recognition by this Grand Lodge. I also received a circular from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Venezuela, setting forth certain irregularities that occurred in that jurisdiction against the authority of the Grand Orient. These letters have been handed to the Standing Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Bodies.

11. I received from V. W. Bro. Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, invitations for the M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Dep. Grand Master, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, V. W. Grand Treasurer, and V. W. Grand Secretary, to participate in the celebration of its Quarter Centennial Anniversary at Omaha, Sept. 23, A. D. 1882.

The resolution of thanks passed at the last annual session of Grand Lodge to our late Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, has been suitably and handsomely engrossed and illuminated by W. Bro. A. G. Beckwith, of Hiram Lodge, Fredericton, (who did the work as a labor of love, as he assures me, for the sake of the recipient,) and is now in the hands of the Grand Master for presentation at this session of Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master presented to R. W. Bro. Bunting, D. G. M., a copy of the resolutions passed at the last session of Grand Lodge, on his retirement from the office of Grand

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Secretary, handsomely engrossed and illuminated on vellum by W. Bro. A. G. Beckwith, of Hiram Lodge. No. 6.

12. I issued, by authority of Grand Lodge, as a payment of capital stock in the Masonic Hall Company, dated August 1st, A. D. 1882, twenty bonds of five hundred dollars each, as follows:

No. 1 to 4,	for four years,	Interest payable	Feb. 1st and Aug. 1st.
" 5 to 8,	"	"	"
" 9 to 12,	"	"	"
" 13 to 16,	"	"	"
" 17 to 20,	"	"	"

Rate of Interest 6 per cent.

13. Arrangements, similar to those of last year, have been made with the Intercolonial, St. John and Maine, New Brunswick, and Grand Southern Railways, which will enable brethren attending the Annual Communication to return home free of charge. Upon application, I will furnish each brother with a Certificate for that purpose.

My Financial Statement is herewith submitted:—

EDWIN J. WETMORE, Grand Secretary,

In account with the Grand Lodge.

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Cash received from Albion,	No. 1,	\$222	70
" " St. John's,	" 2,	159	40
" " Hibernia,	" 3,	227	20
" " Sussex,	" 4,		
" " Saint Marks,	" 5,	90	00
" " Hiram,	" 6,	91	50
" " Sussex,	" 7,	158	45
" " Carleton Union,	" 8,	132	30
" " Midian,	" 9,	22	00
" " Union Lodge of Portland,	" 10,	213	30
" " Woodstock,	" 11,	123	60
" " St. George,	" 12,	126	00
" " Corinthian,	" 13,	16	00

Cash received from Alley,	" 14,	29	00
" " Howard,	" 15,	80	00
" " St. Andrew,	" 16,	41	70
" " Northumberland,	No. 17,	102	20
" " Miramichi,	" 18,	78	50
" " Leinster,	" 19,	10	00
" " Salisbury,	" 20,	22	00
" " Zion,	" 21,	95	00
" " New Brunswick,	" 22,	122	20
" " Keith,	" 23,	78	50
" " Zetland,	" 24,	23	00
" " Restigouche,	" 25,	34	60
" " Victoria,	" 26,	79	50
" " St. John,	" 27,	45	50
" " Lebanon,	" 28,	23	00
" " St. Martins,	" 30,	19	20
" " Benjamin,	" 31,	58	00
" " Campbellton,	" 32,	58	50
" " Alexandria,	" 33,	48	00
" " Albert,	" 34,	61	00

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Cash paid Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers, \$2692 85

EDWIN J. WETMORE,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—Since making my Report, I have received from Victoria Lodge, No. 26, balance due by them, and the amount due by Sussex, No. 4, in full.

E. J. W.

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 the Board of General Purposes.

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

1. Since the last annual communication of grand lodge the transactions of the board have been confined almost exclusively to matters of ordinary routine. It is gratifying to be able to announce that there have been no cases of discipline, grievance or complaint brought to the notice of the board. Harmony and brotherly feeling appear to predominate throughout the length and breadth of the jurisdiction, and although the accessions to the roll of membership are not as large as in days gone by, no doubt the material admitted is well weighed and properly tested.

2. The business of the year was inaugurated by the election of W. Bro. John D. Short, Past Master of Saint John's Lodge No. 2, to the office of Vice-President of the Board, and the adoption of an order providing for regular stated meetings for the despatch of business.

3. In the report of the board one year ago, grand lodge was informed that R. W. Brother Bunting had donated one-half of his salary as Grand Secretary to the fund of general purposes, and it is with pleasure that grand lodge is again informed that the Right Worshipful Brother supplemented this act by relinquishing one-half of his salary for the year which terminated with his resignation of office. The Board voted him its grateful thanks for this act which was so liberal, and which helped to relieve the pressure upon the treasury of grand lodge.

4. At a special meeting of the board, convened on the twenty-eighth day of December last, a printed circular was received from Kingston, Jamaica, signed "A. C. Sinclair, Secretary," purporting to be issued by a committee of the "Jamaica Masonic Benevolence." It set forth that "a devastating fire had destroyed the greater part of the commercial and a large portion of the

residential sections of the town of Kingston ; that a large number of masons and their families were left in utter destitution, and immediate pecuniary aid was requested from the members of the fraternity throughout the British North American Provinces." As the name of the person subscribing to this circular was unknown to any member of the board, and as there were no references given, or any authentication offered to prove the *bona fide* character of the document, it was deemed prudent to obtain further and reliable information previous to sending a remittance. For this purpose the V. W. the Grand Secretary was instructed to write to the District Grand Master of Jamaica for an avouchment of the genuineness of the application and for other particulars, in order to justify the board in extending such assistance as our funds might permit. As the Grand Secretary has not received any reply to his letter, no further action has been taken in the matter. The members of the board and the craft generally in this locality, remember with feelings of the liveliest gratitude the spontaneous and munificent contributions which poured in from all quarters to relieve the necessities of masons and their families who were sufferers by the disastrous fire in the City of Saint John on the 20th day of June, 1877. Bearing these generous deeds in mind, they feel that, when an appeal is made to them under similar circumstances, their hearts and purses should be freely opened to their suffering and destitute brethren.

5. The following letter, which explains itself, was received from a Committee of the Directorate of the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company :

SAINT JOHN, N. B., 31st January, 1883.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The financial affairs of the Masonic Temple in this city having now been placed in such a position by the reduction of the indebtedness, that the success of the undertaking is positively assured, it is very desirable that an effort should be made immediately to finish and furnish the large lodge room for the use of the craft.

With this object in view, it has been deemed advisable that, in addition to other modes of raising the requisite funds which may be adopted, a Grand Masonic Fair should be held in this city at the time of the Centennial Exhibition in October next.

To carry out this undertaking successfully, it is necessary that the united efforts of the whole fraternity in St. John should be put forward.

The undersigned have been appointed a committee from the Board of Directors of the Masonic Hall Company, to aid in getting up and carrying on the work of the Fair, and they respectfully invite the hearty assistance and co-operation of grand lodge.

As a preliminary step in the matter, it is requested that a committee of three members of grand lodge be appointed to act with the undersigned, and similar committees from the other masonic bodies in the city, as an Executive Committee in the management of the Fair, and that the names of the members so appointed be transmitted to the secretary of the committee (Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson) at as early a day as possible.

It is also considered desirable that the fact that the Fair is to be held should be brought prominently before the whole fraternity, and large committees appointed to solicit contributions, and interest friends of the craft in the work.

If the suggestion meets with the approval of grand lodge, it is respectfully requested that a committee be appointed at once, and the work of preparation for the Fair entered upon immediately.

Commending the object to your most favorable consideration,

We are yours fraternally,

WM. F. BUNTING, CHAIRMAN,
ROBERT MARSHALL,
T. AMOS GODSOE,
W. WATSON ALLEN,
T. NISBET ROBERTSON, SECRETARY,

} Committee.

To H. J. Wetmore, Esq., Grand Secretary.

The board gave the letter a favorable consideration, and in accordance with the request it conveyed, appointed R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, P. G. M., V. W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., Grand Treasurer, and V. W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore, Grand Secretary, a committee to represent grand lodge in the general executive committee.

In this connection the Board desires to make an earnest and fraternal appeal to the craft throughout the jurisdiction to lend a generous and helping hand to carry the proposed scheme to a successful issue. The whole fraternity in the province are interested in its success, as the building, when completed according to the original design and intention, will become the permanent home of

grand lodge; and until such purpose be accomplished and suitable quarters be provided, the meetings of grand lodge must necessarily be curtailed of much of the interest the whole body of the craft so anxiously desire. The board looks forward with a degree of hopefulness to the successful realization of the effort now being put forward in this connection, feeling that "with a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether," the work will be accomplished at an early day. Anticipating the hearty co-operation of representatives in grand lodge assembled, and of the brethren generally, the board feels justified in giving the assurance that the next annual communication of grand lodge will be held in the more spacious and more suitably appointed apartments about to be fitted up.

The noble work performed by the craft at the Fair and Bazaar held in the autumn of 1879, reflected the utmost credit upon all who shared in the labors attending that magnificent and truly successful undertaking. The large sum realized at that time relieved, to a very considerable extent, the pressure which weighed so heavily upon the finances of the building committee.

What was accomplished then, can and will be supplemented during the coming autumn. The same will, the same energy, the same determination and the same liberality can and ought to be put into execution. Possessing all these requisites now as then, and exercising them with a like resolution, the Masonic Fair of this, the Centennial of our city will, it is to be hoped, exceed the most sanguine expectations.

6. The board, as the conservator of the finances of grand lodge, has exercised a reasonable economy in the expenditures of the year just terminated. No expense has been incurred which could be properly avoided, and until the engagements entered into by grand lodge to relieve the debt standing against the temple have been liquidated, the Board must continue to pursue this prudent and economical course.

The committee appointed by the board to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, discharged the duty entrusted to them in a careful and satisfactory manner.

They submitted a report which was adopted by the board, and is as follows :

To the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. :

The Committee appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the past masonic year, have attended to this duty, and have much pleasure in reporting that they find the accounts correct, and the books kept in a neat and systematic manner.

The following is a statement of receipts and expenditure, as shewn by the books :—

Balance on hand from last year,		\$253 67
Receipts during year as follows :		
Special Bond Acc.,	\$1378 50	
General Revenue,	1314 35	2692 85
Total,		\$2946 52
Expenditure :		
Special Bond Account,	\$805 00	
General,	1322 87	\$2127 87
Balance on hand as follows :		
Special Bond Acc.,	\$573 50	
General Revenue,	245 15	\$818 65

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

The assets of the Grand Lodge may be stated as follows :—

Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands,	\$818 65
Fund of Benevolence, invested,	1381 57
" " cash in Grand Treasurer's hands,	6 37
Masonic Hall Company, paid,	5000 00
Library,	555 74
Total,	\$7762 33

Respectfully submitted,

T. NISBET ROBERTSON, }
WM. J. LOGAN, } *Audit*
W. WATSON ALLEN, } *Committee.*

St. John, N. B., 16th April, 1883.

7. Acting upon the order contained in the resolution adopted by grand lodge at the last annual communication, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary have kept separate and distinct

accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the fund accruing under the increased annual dues, created to meet the principal and interest of the debt incurred by the issue of bonds to the extent of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Masonic Hall Company. The lodges have responded to the extra demand upon them with gratifying promptness, thus shewing a willingness to sustain this additional call upon their treasuries, which is worthy of the highest commendation.

The interest on these bonds is payable on the first days of February and August of each year, and the principal, in equal sums of two thousand dollars each, in four, eight, twelve, sixteen and twenty years. By an agreement with J. W. Nicholson, Esq., who is the holder of these bonds, and under authority of the board, the Grand Treasurer is empowered to take up any one of these bonds, before they become actually due, when the funds in his possession will permit. By this arrangement, the payment of considerable interest will be saved, and the final redemption of the bonds completed at an earlier period than was originally contemplated.

The amount received on account of this fund, up to the present date, has enabled the Grand Treasurer to pay the six months interest due February last. He has also redeemed one bond of five hundred dollars, and has deposited five hundred dollars, bearing four per cent interest, in the Dominion Savings Bank in this city. These deposits, by order of the board, are made in the names of R. W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson and R. W. Bro. William F. Bunting as trustees, any two of whom, the Grand Treasurer being one, are empowered to withdraw. The deposits will be continued until the sum of two thousand dollars accumulates—the amount required to meet the first series of the bonds, due August 1st, 1886. After the deposits reach this sum of two thousand dollars, the Grand Treasurer will redeem a bond when he has sufficient funds for that purpose; and in like manner he will continue to deposit and to pay interest and principal until the whole indebtedness is liquidated.

8. The board has appointed W. Bros. William R. Russell, T.

Amos Godsoe and William B. Wallace the Committee on Credentials for this communication of grand lodge, who, no doubt will give the closest attention to the important duty assigned to them.

9. In closing this report, the board trusts that a large number of representatives will be in attendance to take part in the deliberations of this annual communication. Under any circumstances, it feels warranted in venturing the statement that their legislation will be guided by a strict adherence to the ancient charges and landmarks of the society, and by wisdom and prudence.

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the Board,

W. F. BUNTING, *D. G. M.,*

President.

April 24th, 1883.

On motion of W. Bro. W. Watson Allen the foregoing report was received and laid on the table.

On motion of V. W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., Grand Treasurer, it was ordered that the election of officers for the ensuing year be held this evening at half-past eight o'clock.

The Library Committee submitted their report as follows :

Report of Library Committee.

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

The Library Committee report as follows :

The additions to the library during the year just ended have accrued almost entirely from the voluntary contributions of brethren and others who interest themselves in fostering and extending such a medium for the spread of masonic and general information. The funds of grand lodge, in consequence of its engagements for and on behalf of the masonic temple in St. John, cannot be devoted to any extent in the purchase of books, &c., hence the very limited amount expended by the committee. They trust, however, that in the near future some steps may be taken, or some way opened, for a more satisfactory increase in this department.

The committee have much pleasure in acknowledging contributions from the following :—

R. W. Bro. W. T. Wilkinson, P. J. G. W., and Representative

at the Grand Lodge of Ireland, a number of pamphlets, reports, circulars, &c., relating to the craft in Ireland.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri, a copy of the constitution, by-laws, standing resolutions, &c., of the Grand Lodge of Missouri ; a large volume bound in cloth, edition 1882.

Brother Robert Ballard, Malvern, England, a volume entitled "The solution of the Pyramid Problem, or Pyramid Discoveries, with a new theory as to their ancient use."

"Masonic, Historical and Biographical Memoranda," from the author, M. W. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, P. G. M. Bro. Drummond also presented a copy of report of the proceedings of the Grand Council of Georgia, from its organization 1841 to 1848.

Several numbers of the Bulletin of the Grand Orient of Brazil ; also the Bulletin of the Grand Orient of Belgium.

Bro. Joseph E. N. Holder of St. John, copies of old constitutions and proceedings.

R. W. Bro. John W. Woodhull, Grand Secretary, a reprint of the proceedings Grand Lodge of Wisconsin from its organization A. D. 1843 to 1852.

A copy of the Constitution and Digest of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, edition 1882.

W. Bro. Charles H. Masters, St. John, copies of "The Freemason's Chronicle," London, England, complete for the year just ended.

Copies of the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary and Pocket Book" for the years 1882 and 1883, by the publisher, Bro. Geo. Kenning, London.

Bro. John Haigh, Somerville, Massachusetts, copies of Old Proceedings of several Grand Lodges.

R. W. Bro. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary, a copy of reprint of the Proceedings Grand Lodge of Mississippi, from its organization A. D. 1818 to 1852.

R. W. Bro. S. Stacker Williams, Newark, Ohio, a large assortment of Proceedings of Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Councils, and Grand Commanderies.

E. Comp. Thomas H. Carswell of San Francisco, California, "The Hand Book of the Chapter * * * adapted to the work and

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lectures of the Grand Chapter of California ;" a neat volume bound in cloth.

Bro. James W. Slaton, Brooksville, Kentucky, a very large number of Proceedings of various Grand Bodies.

Bro. William Hacker, Shelbyville, Indiana, copies of Old Proceedings Grand Lodges of Maryland and West Virginia and Grand Chapter of Indiana.

R. W. Bro. Odell S. Long, Grand Secretary, a reprint of the Proceedings Grand Lodge of West Virginia from its organization A. D. 1865 to 1881, a nice volume, half morocco, pp. 690.

The publishers and proprietors of the subjoined masonic periodicals continue to furnish them to the library gratuitously.

The Canadian Craftsman, published at Port Hope, Ontario.

The Voice of Masonry, published at Chicago, Illinois.

The Liberal Freemason, published at Boston, Massachusetts.

The Masonic Advocate, published at Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Masonic Token, published at Portland, Maine.

The Freemason, published at Sydney, New South Wales.

The Corner Stone, published at New York.

The Masonic Chronicle, published at Columbus, Ohio.

The Masonic Chronicle, published at New York.

Early in the present year the chairman of the committee compiled a list of such proceedings as were wanted to complete the files of the various grand bodies. Printed copies were mailed to all these bodies and to many individual masons, with a request that they would favor our library with such spare copies as they might have in their possession. The parties addressed have very generally and very kindly responded to the call made upon them, and have thus enabled the committee to add a considerable number of books and pamphlets to the Library shelves.

For favors in this respect the committee desire to make special mention of the following brethren :—

Gil. W. Barnard, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain and Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery, Illinois.

Richard Lambert, Grand Recorder, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, Louisiana.

Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Recorder General, Grand Encampment, U. S.

Henry B. McIntire, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter, Delaware.

James C. Munds, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery, North Carolina.

Daniel McLellan, Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter, Canada.

DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter, Florida.

George F. Irvine, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery, West Virginia.

D. D. Moore, Grand Recorder, Grand Council, South Carolina.

John Carlovitz, Grand Recorder, Grand Council, Florida.

Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder, Grand Council, Massachusetts and Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Thomas H. Carswell, Grand Recorder, Grand Council, California.

Ira Berry, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter, and Grand Recorder, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, Maine.

George B. Edwards, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter, New Jersey.

Charles Bechtel, Grand Recorder, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery, New Jersey.

Angus Grant, Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter, Quebec.

John W. Murton, Secretary-General, Supreme Council 33° A. & A. Rite, Canada.

James Nesbit, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter, and Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery, Ohio.

J. E. Burke, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter, South Carolina.

Lewis G. Stephens, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter, District of Columbia.

A. P. Moriary, Asst. Secretary, General Supreme Council 33° A. & A. Rite, North Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S.

William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter, Nebraska.

Elihu B. Tufts, Grand Recorder, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, Vermont.

Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, Great Priory, Canada.

A large number of copies (some three hundred) of the reprint of

our proceedings remain unsold, which the committee think might be disposed of if a fair inducement was offered to brethren to engage in the work of selling them. When the book was issued the price was fixed at two dollars a copy, at which sum a few purchasers were found. For some time past no sales have been made, nor is there any likelihood of any more, unless some special effort be made to induce brethren to become purchasers.

As an inducement to brethren to engage in the sale or purchase of the book, the committee beg to propose the following to grand lodge:

1st. To reduce the price to \$1.50 per copy.

2nd. Ten copies or more in one order \$1.00 per copy.

If this proposal meets the concurrence of grand lodge, they suggest that the chairman of committee be authorized to issue circulars to the secretaries of the respective lodges in the jurisdiction, calling their attention to the scheme, and requesting their aid.

If in this way two hundred copies can be sold, and the proceeds placed to the credit of the library fund, the committee will be enabled to attend to the binding of a number of volumes, and likewise to make some further additions to the library.

During the year just ended the committee have expended the sum of twenty-two dollars and four cents (\$22.04).

The committee earnestly appeal to grand lodge, and to the craft in every section for continued contributions and assistance in every other way.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. BUNTING,
GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER,
EDWIN J. WETMORE.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, D. G. M., it was *Ordered*, That the report of the library committee be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted, and that the amount expended by the Committee (twenty-two dollars and four cents) be paid.

R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, D. G. M., submitted a report of the ritual committee, as follows:

Report of Ritual Committee.

To the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick.

The ritual committee beg to report that acting under the following resolution, viz. :—

“*Resolved*, That the ritual committee prepare a suitable ceremonial to be used in the installation of officers of private lodges, also in processions, and for other occasions, for which at present there is none provided in this jurisdiction,” adopted by grand lodge at the last annual communication; they have given careful consideration to the subject matter contained in it, and respectfully recommend that the installation ceremonial published by authority of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, with such alterations in the form and phraseology as our constitutions and local circumstances require, be adopted as the ceremonial to be used in the installation of the officers of subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

R. T. CLINCH,
B. LESTER PETERS,
JOHN V. ELLIS,
W. F. BUNTING,
THOMAS WALKER,
W. H. B. SADLEIR,
H. DUFFELL.

Which on motion of R. W. Brother Robert T. Clinch, D. G. M., was ordered to be received and laid on the table.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary read a letter received from W. Bro. W. Watson Allen, Sec'y of the Masonic Hall Company, as follows:

SAINT JOHN, N. B., 24th April, 1883.

R. W. Bro. E. J. Wetmore, Grand Secretary:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the last regular session of Grand Lodge, it was stated that several individual masons holding stock

in the Masonic Hall Company would voluntarily transfer such stock to Grand Lodge, reserving one or two shares for the purpose of qualifying themselves as members of the company, and accordingly a resolution relating to such transfer was passed in Grand Lodge.

I have much pleasure in stating that up to this date 126 shares have been voluntarily surrendered to Grand Lodge as below :

Name,	No. of paid up shares,	Transferred to Grand Lodge.
Bro. Robert Marshall,	20	18
" G. Ernest Fairweather,	20	19
" W. F. Bunting,	20	19
" J. S. Boies DeVeber,	20	19
" James McNichol, jr.,	10	8
" J. V. Ellis,	10	9
" Charles Masters,	5	4
" G. E. Fairweather,	5	4
" Henry Duffell,	5	4
" F. W. Wisdom,	5	4
" J. Fred. Lawton,	5	5
" Wm. J. Logan,	3	2
" H. J. Thorne,	3	2
" John A. Fish,	2	2
" J. R. Armstrong,	2	1
" W. Watson Allen,	2	1
" Thomas A. Peters,	5	4
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And a certificate of stock for 126 shares is herewith enclosed.

Yours fraternally,

W. WATSON ALLEN,
Sec'y & Treas. N. B. Masonic Hall.

Which on motion of V. W. James McNichol, jr., Grand Treasurer, was

Ordered To be received and entered in full on the minutes.

The committee on the recognition of sister Grand Lodges

submitted a report, which, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, D. G. M. was

Ordered To be accepted and the resolution therein contained be adopted.

Report of Committee on the Recognition of Sister Grand Lodges.

The Committee on foreign relations beg to report :

They have had before them a communication dated Caracas, June 5, 1882, emanating from the Grand Lodge of the United States of Venezuela, of which the following is a translation :

A. L. G. D. G. A. P. W.

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES OF VENEZUELA.

ORIENT OF CARACAS, June 5th, 1882.

To the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, Orient of St. John, Canada.
S.:F.:U.:

Beloved Brethren,—

Complying with a painful but inevitable duty to the Rr: Ll: belonging to this jurisdiction, and to the corresponding grand lodges, I have to inform these that recently one of those events took place in this city, of which the history of Freemasonry unfortunately records so many.

Some dissatisfied brethren, members of Lodges of our jurisdiction, because of not having some personal ambitions satisfied, and because the existing laws did not admit of certain pretensions being gratified, they declared themselves in open rebellion, disavowed their obligations, forgot their oaths, and carried the excess so far as to give the name of masonry to a meeting of men, who although received into the order, they had incurred the penalty of being placed on the irregularity list.

This Grand Lodge, as well as the Grand Orient of the United States of Venezuela dictated the resolutions that the case required, and I remit you the statement of the Log.: Simb.: from which the charter of constitution has been withdrawn, and the list of brethren who were excluded from the list of regular masons.

The doors of the masonic temple having been closed to them, they met at a private house and pretended to establish under their own auspices masonic bodies and authorities. Those of these that are legitimate in Venezuela appear on the list which I enclose.

Although there are no international masonic treaties, there exists a masonic morality which concerns the fraternity in all countries, and this demands that the legitimate authorities should mutually uphold each other, and should see that spurious bodies, the offsprings of illegality and disorder, should not meet with any encouragement and support in any place. Masonry does not possess any material power to restrain and conquer those who fail to do their duty, but it has the moral power, universal, and is more powerful, not only in punishing them, but by impressing upon them that are heedless, that they should leave their ways and return to their rehabilitation, which they certainly will regain if they show a tendency to repent the false step of which they are guilty of, and then come back and occupy honorable positions in the fraternity, and serve it usefully and faithfully.

In the course of the true interests of freemasonry, in the good accord with its many legitimate authorities, in the loving co-operation of the brethren that are depending upon them, you may depend and rest assured, respectable and beloved brethren, upon the grand lodge of Venezuela, of which I am this day the medium.

Trusting that you may on the first opportunity acknowledge the receipt of this, I take this occasion to offer you my services, and to send fraternal greetings.

The Grand Master. (Sgd.) F. M. MEYER. 33°

(Countersigned.) The Grand Secretary.

(Sgd.) N. RODRIQUER, 33°

It would appear that the grand lodge of Venezuela forms a part of the Grand Orient National of that country, which grand orient is composed of the supreme council of the A. & A. rite, two other bodies of that rite, and a symbolic grand lodge. It is contrary to the customary policy of this grand lodge to enter into fraternal relations with grand lodges which are not in every way

supreme governing bodies, or which have their legitimate authority weakened by union with the governing bodies of other alleged masonic degrees; and this policy, based as it is upon the assumption that there can be no bodies of masonry superior to the craft lodges, is in accordance with the ancient landmarks, and is justified by experience. Of course grand lodge, and all regular masons, are interested in the preservation of legitimate masonic authority in every country, and can have no sympathy with masons who set themselves up against the regular masonic authority under which they live, and under which they have entered the masonic society. The fact that we have not entered into fraternal relations with grand bodies of the kind referred to, is no imputation upon their legitimacy. It is simply that we do not think it expedient to enquire into the subject. In many of the grand orients efforts are continually being made to secure, or to re-establish the independence of the grand lodges of craft masonry and to free them entirely from dependence on other organizations. In the translation of the Venezuelan letter quoted above, it is not specifically stated what offences the excluded brethren have committed, and it might fairly be inferred from the tenor of the communication that they have been concerned in some movement like that which recently took place in Peru, to set up a new masonic authority. Of course brethren are bound everywhere by the general laws of masonry and by the local laws and regulations under which they have been admitted into the fraternity. A violation of these places the violator in such a position that he may be subjected to the infliction of the highest penalties imposed by the authority under which he lives. Nevertheless there will always be among craft masons a certain amount of sympathy with, and a desire for the success of, schemes to give the entire control of craft masonry to grand lodges, and to free it from the assumed authority over it of degrees, or of the holders of alleged degrees, of which it can have no knowledge. As the committee are unaware of the exact nature of the Venezuelan trouble, and as the grand lodge of New Brunswick is not in fraternal connection with the supreme masonic authority of Venezuela, they do not think it necessary to make any recommendation

to grand lodge as to action in the matter. The general tone of the communication suggests, however, that there is not such an unamasonic feeling prevailing in that country as to preclude hope of an amicable settlement of the difficulties, whatever they may be. The apology of the committee for this somewhat lengthy report on this point, is that they again desired to call the attention of the craft throughout this jurisdiction, to what may be considered as the settled policy of grand lodge in regard to the governing bodies of the craft in countries where Grand Lodges are not supreme, as well as to notice the increasing feeling in the craft in those countries in favor of the dissociating craft masonry from all connection with the so-called higher or superior degrees.

The committee have had under consideration a communication from the grand secretary of the grand lodge of Arizona, one of the territories of the United States of America, asking recognition from the grand lodge of New Brunswick. The committee have examined the proceedings of the grand lodge of Arizona as they appear in a printed pamphlet sent to the grand secretary. The grand lodge was regularly formed at Tucson on 23rd March, 1882, by a convention of the constitutional number of warranted lodges, the majority of them holding from the grand lodge of California, and the grand master and other grand lodge officers were duly elected and installed. Since the date named above the grand lodge of California and other grand lodges have recognized the new grand lodge. So far as the committee can discover no obstacle whatever exists to prevent this grand lodge from following their example. The committee therefore submit this resolution:

Resolved, That the grand lodge of Arizona be and is hereby recognized as a regular grand lodge, and that fraternal relations be established with the said grand lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,
EDWIN J. EVERETT, } *Committee.*
WM. F. BUNTING,

The Grand Secretary read the following letter from the secretary of the Masonic Hall Company:

SAINT JOHN, N B., 17th April, 1883.

R. W. Brother E. J. Wetmore, Grand Secretary, &c.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I take pleasure in informing you that at a meeting of the directors of the Masonic Hall Company, held the 25th of January last, the following resolution was unanimously carried, viz.:

“That when the large lodge room is finished and ready for occupancy, the present lodge room be placed at the disposal of the craft, free of rent, for a library, reading and club room, under the direction and control of grand lodge.”

In anticipation of the large room being finished before another session, it may be deemed advisable for Grand Lodge to take measures at the ensuing session in reference to rules and regulations in relation to the foregoing resolution.

Yours fraternally,

W. WATSON ALLEN,

Sec'y & Treas. of Masonic Hall Company.

Which on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, D. G. M. was referred to the Board of General Purposes, with authority to act in relation to the matter therein referred to.

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

TUESDAY EVENING,

24th April, 1883.

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

The Grand Secretary read a circular he had received since his report was completed from the Grand Lodge of Colon and Island of Cuba, requesting recognition by this Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge Simbolica Independent of Mexico.

Which on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, D. G. M. was received and referred to the committee on the recognition of sister grand lodges.

R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, Rep. of the Grand Lodge of Utah, read a communication from the Grand Lodge of Utah as follows :

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY OF THE
GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M., OF UTAH.
Salt Lake City, May 10, A. D., 1882.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—To avoid further misunderstanding, and to explain the position of the Masonic Fraternity of Utah towards the members of the Mormon Church living in this Territory, and the reason why they are excluded from receiving any of the privileges of Free Masonry, this Grand Lodge, in its Eleventh Annual Communication, (January 17th and 18th, A. D. 1882,) assembled, directed the undersigned to call your attention to the following facts concerning the subject :

Previous to the organization of the Grand Lodge of Utah, there were in the Territory three Lodges, working respectively by authority of the Grand Lodges of Montana, Kansas and Colorado. The Brothers composing these Lodges, although working under different Grand Jurisdictions and without receiving direct instructions from them, neither made Masons from members of the Mormon Church, nor admitted such who *were* Masons into their Lodges. This refusal shows plainly that these Brethren did not consider the followers of Brigham Young fit material for the Masonic Structure, and that they must have had sufficient reasons for objecting to associate in their Lodges with such who had in their mother country and prior to joining the Mormon Church taken the O. B. of a Mason.

At the organization of the Grand Lodge of Utah, A. D. 1872, the Mormon question was not directly approached, for the simple reason that it was supposed then, as now, that each individual Brother was familiar enough with the teachings and practices of the Mormon Church to know that a person believing in its doctrines

could not be made a Mason. The experience of the past decade has proved sufficiently that the Grand Lodge acted wisely in leaving the question an open one, and in depending entirely on the good judgment of its members,

While the Fraternity in Utah believes in and upholds the universality of the Masonic Institution, and recognizes the right of every Craftsman to join any church and embrace any creed he chooses, and demands of him only that he shall admit the theological belief taught on the threshold of our sacred Temple, and further *that he must be loyal to the Government under which he lives, and yield a willing obedience to all its laws*, the Masons in Utah contend that the latter important prerequisite is wanting in the Mormons, because one of the chief tenets of their Church in Utah is Polygamy, which a United States Statute has declared to be a crime, and which all civilized nations consider a relic of barbarism. It has been said that not all Mormons in Utah practise polygamy, and this is even so, but it is nevertheless true that all believe it to be a revelation of God, and consequently all of them by retaining membership in the Church, uphold the tenet and thereby teach and encourage others to enter into polygamous relations that make them abettors of the crime, and they are therefore, by the laws of our country, the decisions of our courts and the moral sense of an enlightened world, amenable and guilty. It is their application of the dogma to practical life, and their enjoining it upon all as a duty commanded by God, that constitutes their criminality, and not the simple belief in it. Hence every disciple of and adherent to the Mormon doctrine as taught by Brigham Young, is barred out of our Lodges, because we cannot comprehend that a deed committed in the jurisdiction of a sister Grand Lodge and there considered to be a crime in the eyes of Freemasonry as well as in the eyes of the law of the land, should be upheld and considered to be a religious tenet in Utah.

In view of the foregoing facts, every thinking Mason must admit that the course heretofore pursued by our Lodges is the only correct one, and that to be true to themselves and to the Craft at large, they can pursue none other. The Craftsmen of Utah have seen so

much of the evil doings of Mormonism that they have a perfect abhorrence of it, and will do all in their power to keep the noble and pure institution of Freemasonry free from its evil influences. The Grand Lodge of Utah is well aware of its singular and anomalous situation, but the Craft throughout the globe may be assured that as a link in the Masonic chain, it has in the past and will in future perform its sacred duty to the satisfaction of every sister Grand Lodge. For further information concerning this subject, I refer to our Proceedings of 1879, p. 29; and 1882, pp. 28 and 78, copies of which were mailed to you at the time and which will more fully elucidate our past actions. Our future intentions in the premises may be judged thereby.

The Grand Lodge of Utah desires to acquaint the Masonic world with its position and standing towards the believers in the teachings of Brigham Young, and that this may be accomplished, you, dear Brother, as its Grand Representative, are most fraternally solicited to prepare a report covering the subject as hereinbefore stated, and submit it to your Most Worshipful Grand Lodge at its next annual Communication, with the request that it be published with the Proceedings. Should you be prevented from attending the Communication, please intrust another competent Brother with our request, as it is the desire of our Grand Lodge to bring the matter without delay to the notice of every Mason throughout the globe.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this, and communicate to me the result of your action, and with Masonic salutations, believe me to be

Fraternally Yours,

CHRISTOPHER DIEHL,
Grand Secretary.

To W. F. BUNTING, Esq.,
*Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Utah,
near the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, St. John, N. B.*

And then moved the following motion:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick desire to express its accord with the stand taken by the Grand Lodge of

Utah, in relation to the Mormon question, and the Mormon population in that jurisdiction.

And further Resolved, That this Grand Lodge is of opinion that persons like the Mormons whose professions and practices are in violation of the genius of civilization and the laws of the country they inhabit, should be debarred from admission into the Masonic fraternity.

Which on Bro. Bunting's motion was ordered to be received and laid on the table.

R. W. Bro. Harry Beckwith, S. G. W., presented his commission as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, dated December, 13th, 1882, and authenticated by the signatures of M. W. Bro. Frederick Speed, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. L. Tower, Grand Secretary.

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

On motion of R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, P. G. M., the report of the Ritual Committee was taken up for discussion and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report presented by the Ritual Committee be referred to that Committee to prepare a Ritual in accordance with the report, and that the Board of General Purposes be authorized to publish the same.

On motion of V. W. Bro. James McNichol, jr., Grand Treasurer, it was

Ordered, That the Board of General Purposes furnish one copy of the Ritual, when printed, to each Lodge in the jurisdiction.

In accordance with the order of the day, and on motion of R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of the elective officers.

The Grand Secretary read the regulations relative to the election of officers.

W. Bro W. Watson Allen, T. Nisbet Robertson, and H. J. Thorne were appointed scrutineers, and were duly qualified to act as such.

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

M. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING,.....Grand Master.
 R. W. THOMAS A. GODSOE,.....Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. HENRY GRAHAM,.....Senior Grand Warden.
 R. W. DAVID F. MERRITT,.....Junior Grand Warden.
 V. W. REV. RICHARD MATHERS,.....Grand Chaplain.
 V. W. JAMES McNICHOL, Jr.,.....Grand Treasurer.
 BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....Grand Tyler.

At the conclusion of the election the M. W. Grand Master thanked the scrutineers for the able and faithful manner in which they had discharged their duties.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. James McNichol, jr., Grand Treasurer, that the salary of the Grand Secretary be reduced to two hundred dollars per annum for the future.

Which motion was negatived.

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

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,

April 25th, 1883.

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

The committee appointed at the annual communication of Grand Lodge in 1882 to prepare a circular under the seal of grand lodge and the signature of the grand secretary, containing all information in regard to the financial condition of the masonic hall company, and address copies to the con-

stituent lodges of the jurisdiction, made the following report:
To the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

The committee appointed at the last annual communication to prepare and forward a circular to the private lodges in the jurisdiction, for the purpose of affording the craft all necessary information in relation to the masonic temple in Saint John, report:

That they have fulfilled the duty assigned to them, and herewith append a copy of the circular sent to the lodges, as directed.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. BUNTING,
 EDWIN J. WETMORE.

April 25th, 1883.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, FREE AND
 ACCEPTED MASONS.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

To the W. M. Wardens and Brethren of.....Lodge, No.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Grand Lodge at its recent session, after a full discussion of the question, decided to increase the per capita tax upon the respective lodges, at the rate of sixty (60) cents per member on each member outside of the city of Saint John (East side), and one dollar per member on each member within the city (East side), the same to be included in the annual returns to the office of the Grand Secretary, and to form a distinct fund to be applied towards the redemption of the debt on the Masonic Hall; and by resolution decided that a circular should be sent to each lodge containing a statement of the affairs of the Masonic Hall.

The erection in Saint John—the commercial metropolis of the Province—of a hall in which should be the home of grand lodge is an idea as old as grand lodge itself. It was referred to in the address of the first grand master of grand lodge; it has been echoed and re-echoed by his successors; and grand lodge itself, year by year, has affirmed the idea, until it became an actual matter of public policy—if the term can be so used—that here in this city should be proper apartments where might be exhibited with all

fulness of detail and completeness of ceremonial the ritual of the craft; where should be collected the books of its library, and all those other treasures—historical and archaeological—which, by reason of their connection with kindred sciences, it would be natural for the craft to collect.

There grew up in grand lodge a consensus of opinion on the subject; and it was felt that it would give dignity and character to the fraternity in this city, which would reflect upon the entire jurisdiction, to have a place where, when grand lodge assembled, its members, coming from all parts of the Province, could meet amid such surroundings as to impress upon them most effectively that they represented a society which expresses some of the highest forms of human thought, feeling and sentiment.

Furthermore, it was believed that this could be done without placing any material burden upon the craft; that, on the contrary, when the building was completed it would yield a revenue, not to the craft in the city, but to grand lodge itself; a revenue which it could apply to its charity fund, and which would thus help to swell the great stream of benevolence, private or organized, which is ever flowing out from the fraternity. For, although the Freemasons in the city would occupy the rooms, they would have to pay rent for them as they are now doing.

After much consideration it was found that it would be best to establish a company to carry on the work, for legally grand lodge could not do it without incorporation, and incorporation was not a desirable thing, as it would involve the liability of being sued and brought into court, with all its books, papers, and perhaps the unfolding of all its private affairs. Instead, the company was formed and incorporated under the corporate name of "The New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company" by an Act of the General Assembly, 35 Vic., cap. 55, page 105 of Acts of 1872.

To enable every brother to participate, the shares were placed at \$20 each; but the underlying idea always was that as time went on the shares should be surrendered to grand lodge, and only enough be left in the hands of private brethren to meet the necessities of and preserve a corporate existence.

It was believed that the rents from the stores and other rooms in the building would meet the interest on the mortgage, and this, indeed, seemed to be the view of the mortgagee. But unfortunately, all ordinary calculations, not only of the directors, but of the shrewdest business men in the city, as to the value and product of real estate, have proved fallacious, owing to the disastrous depreciation of this description of property by the fire of 1877, and that which it was supposed would yield a revenue, has (it is hoped only temporarily) become a heavy burden.

It is unnecessary to detail further the proceedings of the craft in relation to the Hall. The present building was constructed at a cost of some \$65,000, collected and raised from the following sources, viz. :—

Subscriptions paid by private brethren,	\$8,250	
“ “ Masonic bodies,	7,000	
“ “ Grand Lodge,	7,500	
Proceeds of Masonic Fair,	5,900	
Loaned from Fund of Charity,	1,200	
“ “ Union Lodge of Portland,	600	
		\$30,450
Loaned on Mortgage at 7 per cent.,		35,000
		<u>\$65,450</u>

The actual state of affairs at present, or rather as it will be on 22nd June next (at which date the half-yearly interest matures, and therefore, as the calculation will be more simple, this statement is based as though it were made on 22nd June next), is :

Mortgage,	\$35,000	00
Arrears of Interest to 22nd December last,	\$2,326	22
Half-year's interest to 22nd June, 1882,	1,225	00 3,551 22
Total amt. due mortgagee on 22nd June next,		<u>\$38,551 22</u>

Our present yearly income and expenditure are as follows :

EXPENDITURE :

City Taxes,	\$300 00	
Insurance,	255 00	
Water,	70 00	
Other,	200 00	
		\$825 00
Interest on \$35,000 at 7 per cent.,...	2,450 00	
		\$3,275 00

INCOME :

Rent,	\$1,380 00	
Grand Lodge Subscription,	500 00	
		\$1,880 00

Leaving a yearly deficiency of \$1,395.

The above item of rent, which is in excess of last year some \$145, is the rent derivable for the year commencing 1st May, 1882, and includes the sum of \$400 paid by the Masonic bodies for the use of the lodge room. The item of \$500 is the yearly payment by grand lodge of its subscription to stock some years ago, \$7,500 of which is paid up and the balance will be paid in five years. A saving of the item of \$300 city taxes will also be effected, as under the Assessment Act, the building belonging to a charitable institution is relieved from taxation. Such being the present state of affairs, the following was proposed and accepted by grand lodge as a means of reducing the liability: First, to pay the arrearages of interest. This it is proposed to do by collecting balance of subscriptions to stock amounting to some \$3,500, together with cash on hand derived from the quarter's rent.

Second, to issue \$10,000 in debentures bearing interest at six per cent., which sum it is proposed to pay on account of the mortgage.

This will reduce the mortgage to \$25,000, and the mortgagee has signified his willingness to accept 6 per cent.: and the yearly income and expenditure would be as follows:

INCOME :

Rent,	\$1,380 00	
Per capita,	1,473 00	
		\$2,853 00

EXPENDITURE :

Insurance,	\$255 00	
Water,	75 00	
Other,	200 00	
		\$530 00
\$25,000 at 6 per cent.,	\$1,500	
\$10,000 bonds at 6 per c., ..	600	2,100 00
		\$2,630 00

which would leave a clear surplus of \$223 each year, to be applied towards the redemption of the debentures as they mature.

In thus intimating the action of grand lodge, it is suggested that the various lodges, in order to meet the payments of their annual returns, should take immediate steps to increase the monthly dues of their members to an amount corresponding to the increased per capita tax.

In submitting this circular for the information of the various lodges, grand lodge cannot refrain from expressing the confidence felt that its action will be met by the brethren in that truly masonic and fraternal manner and spirit that has always characterized the associations and relations subsisting between grand lodge and the various lodges of its jurisdiction; and that a cheerful co-operation on the part of the craft, and hearty response to its action will thus secure to grand lodge the accomplishment of the great object that so long has engrossed the craft,—and which, so far as it has progressed to this time, is a monument of the struggles and trials that have been undergone in order to obtain it—a home for grand lodge. The loss of the building at the present time means the loss of \$30,000 to the craft generally, and that willing compliance on the part of the brethren which is so desirable will soon place the whole structure on a free and secure basis and far beyond financial difficulty, and further, will place the craft in a position that ere long

grand lodge itself will be able to render that assistance to the craft that it now stands so much in need of.

Given under my hand and the seal of grand lodge, at the city of Saint John, this fifth day of May, A. D. 1882.

{SEAL}

By order of grand lodge,

EDWIN J. WETMORE,

Grand Secretary.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, D. G. M., it was *Ordered*, That the reports of the grand treasurer, and grand secretary be taken from the table and adopted.

On motion of V. W. James McNichol, jr., grand treasurer, it was

Ordered, That the report of the board of general purposes be adopted.

On motion of V. W. James McNichol, jr., grand treasurer, *Resolved*, That the thanks of grand lodge be recorded to the superintendents of the several lines of railways for their kindness in carrying brethren to and from St. John at this session of grand lodge at reduced fares.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, D. G. M., *Resolved*, That the best acknowledgment of grand lodge be returned to sister grand bodies, and to various individual masons for their very handsome contributions to the library.

The M. W. grand master addressed grand lodge as follows:
Brethren of Grand Lodge:—

I avail myself of the few minutes that must elapse before the order of the day for the installation of grand master is called, as a suitable opportunity to convey to you, in cordial expression of masonic regard, the very great obligation I recognize as due from me to you for your many manifestations of kindness, cordiality, consideration, and courtesy extended to me during the time I have been honored with supreme command in the grand east, and to say that these shall ever bear deep impress on my memory. I

feel that I shall not be charged with egotism if I say that I accept these manifestations as your appreciation of the manner in which I have discharged the duties of grand master.

It has been arduously my endeavor so to administer the great trust you committed to my care by my installation as grand master, that I should satisfy myself and the craft. I do not feel that I have entirely satisfied my own measure of all the duties of grand master. I can only claim that I have discharged them as best I possibly could, and with an honest endeavor to satisfy the craft. If they are satisfied, I am amply rewarded.

I feel it due to you also to say that I am deeply grateful to the craft in New Brunswick for the honor of being twice elected to the office of grand master, because with its pleasures and responsibilities, there was cast upon me the duty of making myself more familiar with the science, policy, and laws of masonry, and because I recognize that, by being compelled to discharge that duty, I have more thoroughly learned and realized what will be learned and felt by all, from the youngest entered apprentice in the north-east corner of the lodge to the grand master in the grand east, that the more they study, and the deeper they drink at the fountain of masonry, the greater and more positive will be their admiration and regard for our beloved institution. I am also grateful (and I trust I may be considered to say it with proper modesty and becoming humility) because I feel I can, with honesty and in all sincerity say, that I conceive the discharge of the duty cast upon me of familiarizing myself with the spirit of masonry, imperfect though that discharge may have been, has made me a better man.

I am also grateful that the important financial legislation which has engaged the consideration of grand lodge while I have been grand master, has been so cordially and loyally accepted by the craft throughout this grand jurisdiction. Finance ministers often times find themselves anxiously considering the result of measures they may be called upon to take for the purpose of discharging the important trusts committed to them. During my period of government as grand master my best attention and consideration has been asked to the assessments involved in the obligations of grand lodge

in connection with the masonic temple, and my mind was often anxious in the matter. The calmness with which this subject has been dealt with was earnestly solicited, and I rejoice that well matured legislation thereupon has been had under my grand mastership.

I sincerely hope that the financial legislation, if any, that may be required under the government of my successor, shall receive the same applause as did the announcement in my address at this communication that all the lodges within the jurisdiction had promptly and loyally paid their assessments, and that his concluding remarks on retiring from the grand east may receive the applause you have been pleased to accord to these few observations, impromptu made, in addressing you for the last time as grand master.

On motion, grand lodge proceeded to the installation of officers for the ensuing year, when M. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, grand master elect, was invested and installed by M. W. Bro. Benjamin R. Stevenson, and was saluted and proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick.

Bro. Stevenson then addressed him as follows:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,—I feel that I will be pardoned, if in addition to the ordinary ceremonial of installation, I take advantage of this opportunity to express the very great pleasure and satisfaction I personally have in installing you into the high and dignified office of grand master, because I feel that you, who have long time been, as grand secretary, worthily called the right hand of grand lodge, have now most fittingly and justly become the head of grand lodge, and that by so much as the hand that executes is inferior to the mind that conceives and designs, by so much as the hand that distributes, is inferior to the heart that inspires the gifts of masonic charity, by so much—yea and more, will your works as grand master exceed and excel your work as grand secretary, and that in beauty as of the south, in strength as of the west,

in wisdom as of the grand east, you will administer the government and affairs of this grand lodge, and that the same felicity and harmony, the same order and method, the same zeal and love for masonry which irradiates every page of the history of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, as recorded by your master hand as grand secretary, and which has won for you the admiration and esteem of your brethren throughout the jurisdiction will intensify that admiration and irradiate and adorn your work as grand master.

And to you, brethren, I feel that I will be permitted to say to you, brethren in grand lodge, to you, like "the flag that has braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze," let your Bunting be as that which shall inspire and incite in you chivalrous loyalty, high purposes, noble works, grand aspirations, and magnanimous charity. Render to him such honor and homage as is becoming in you as masons, and such as becometh the dignity and sovereignty of the office of grand master.

And you, most worshipful sir, will permit me to say in cordial expression of sincere friendship and esteem, seize firmly with thy grand master hand the sceptre of thy power within the jurisdiction of the grand lodge of the ancient and honorable fraternity of free and accepted masons of New Brunswick; grasp with thy mastermind the destinies of thy masonic kingdom; unfurl your banners and lead the craft and masonry onward to victory: And may the Great Architect of the Universe bless and protect you and your works.

The following elected officers were invested and installed by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz:—

R. W. THOMAS A. GODSOE, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. HENRY GRAHAM, Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. DAVID F. MERRITT, Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. RICHARD MATHERS, Grand Chaplain.
V. W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR., Grand Treasurer.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments to office, and installed those who were present, viz.:

V. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE, Grand Secretary.

W. E. LEE STREET,.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN McALLISTER,.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM,.....	Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. JAMES ADAM,.....	Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
W. THOMAS A. PETERS,.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE,.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. J. C. HATHEWAY,.....	Grand Organist.
W. JOHN C. LEONARD,.....	Grand Pursuivant.
W. ARTHUR EVERITT,.....	Grand Steward.
W. CHARLES MASTERS,.....	"
W. JULIUS T. WHITLOCK,.....	"
W. AUGUSTUS W. REED,.....	"
W. WALTER H. BUCK,.....	"
W. WILLIAM T. McLEOD,.....	"
W. B. L. H. HARTT,.....	"
W. ALBERT BOONE,.....	"

The committee on the grand master's address submitted a report, which, on motion of W. Bro. W. Watson Allen, was received and the recommendations therein, adopted, viz. :—

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.

To the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of N. B. :

The committee endorse the noble sentiments expressed by the grand master in regard to the growth of masonry in our midst, and the love and admiration of our institutions, which a strict observance of our ancient landmarks has developed as evidenced by the progress of grand lodge and the zeal and earnestness for its welfare, and can assure the grand master on behalf of grand lodge, that the harmony and loyalty now existing is a matter of congratulation not only to him, but to the craft generally.

The legislation of grand lodge in reference to financial questions discussed at the last regular and special communications, had an important bearing upon the future of masonry in this Province, and we feel that the loyalty and devotion of individual lodges in so

promptly taking the necessary steps to meet the result of such legislation, largely tended to strengthen and maintain the sentiment already so deeply existing—the establishment of a home for grand lodge—and we freely concur with the grand master that the state of affairs in reference thereto, and as reported by him to grand lodge is most satisfactory.

The suggestion that we should profit by the example of other grand lodges who have passed through financial difficulties is worthy of adoption, and your committee would suggest that steps should be taken to procure from such bodies all the information relating thereto, and that the same should be laid before grand lodge at a subsequent session, in order that anything of practical utility and profit should be adopted by grand lodge in respect thereto.

Your committee feel that it is a matter of congratulation that the obligations of grand lodge, pursuant to the resolutions adopted at the last regular and special communications of grand lodge are so favorably disposed of, and feel that the interests of grand lodge have been fully conserved in reference to the settlement of these financial difficulties. And, in view of the friendly feeling and liberality of Bro. Nicholson in regard thereto submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick, be tendered to Bro. John W. Nicholson for his liberality in dealing with the financial question arising out of his relations with the masonic hall company and the craft in connection therewith, and to the brotherly feeling and kindness exhibited by him in reference thereto.

And recommend that a copy of the same be forwarded to Bro. Nicholson.

Your committee regret that the difficulties of the Grand Lodge of Quebec exist, and express the hope that a satisfactory settlement of them may be made in the near future.

Your committee congratulates this grand lodge in the extension of fraternal relations to and appointment of a representative near the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

Grand Lodge must take gratification in acknowledging the harmony that has existed with sister grand lodges through the past masonic year, as well as that which prevails within this jurisdiction, and take great pleasure in congratulating grand master upon the excellent administration and earnest devotion in the discharge of the duties of his high office, in consequence of which such a felicitous state of affairs exist.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. WATSON ALLEN,
ROBERT MARSHALL, } *Committee.*
THOMAS A. PETERS,

On motion of W. Bro. E. Lee Street, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of grand lodge be tendered to the individual members of the masonic hall company who have voluntarily transferred their stock to grand lodge.

On motion of W. Bro. F. W. Wisdom, it was—

Ordered, That the committee on credentials receive the thanks of grand lodge for the efficiency and faithfulness with which they have discharged the duties assigned them.

The following brethren were appointed members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year, viz.:—

R. W. EDWARD WILLIS.	R. W. HENRY DUFFELL.
V. W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR.	W. THOMAS WALKER.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON.	W. THOMAS A. PETERS.
W. JOHN D. SHORT.	W. W. WATSON ALLEN.
W. WILLIAM J. LOGAN.	W. W. H. B. SADLEIR.

The M. W. the grand master appointed the following standing committees:—

Ritual Committee:

R. W. Robert T. Clinch, R. W. B. Lester Peters, R. W. John V. Ellis, R. W. Henry Duffell, M. W. Wm. F. Bunting, G. M., W. Thomas Walker, W. W. H. B. Sadleir.

Library Committee:

M. W. Wm. F. Bunting, G. M., R. W. Edwin J. Wetmore,
W. Geo. E. Fairweather.

Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges:

R. W. John V. Ellis, R. W. Benjamin R. Stevenson, W.
Edwin Everitt.

Committee on Warrants to New Lodges:

R. W. B. Lester Peters, R. W. Edward Willis, R. W. D. F.
Merritt.

No further business offering, the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons was closed in *ample* form.

EDWIN J. WETMORE,
Grand Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES
For the year ending 27th December, 1882.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.
1	Albion,.....	6	4	6	1	1	6	4	..	..	139
2	Saint John's,.....	5	5	5	4	2	13	7	..	3	101
3	Hibernia,.....	15	16	13	1	..	12	..	..	2	114
4	Sussex,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	20
5	Saint Mark's,.....	7	5	7	..	..	3	..	..	2	55
6	Hiram,.....	1	8	12	3	..	3	..	..	..	84
7	Sussex,.....	8	12	13	1	1	4	1	..	3	119
8	Carleton Union,.....	5	5	4	2	1	3	8	..	1	106
9	Midian,.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	22
10	Portland Union,.....	5	5	3	2	..	13	1	..	..	137
11	Woodstock,.....	6	8	9	..	..	4	23	..	2	97
12	Saint George,.....	5	5	4	..	..	2	12	..	..	102
13	Corinthian,.....	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	16
14	Alley,.....	7	3	3	1	..	4	7	..	2	36
15	Howard,.....	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	52
16	Saint Andrew,.....	5	4	3	1	1	4	..	..	2	38
17	Northumberland,.....	3	3	3	1	..	10	5	..	..	82
18	Miramichi,.....	4	3	1	..	..	1	8	..	1	66
20	Salisbury,.....	4	3	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	22
21	Zion,.....	4	3	3	1	..	1	..	..	1	76
22	New Brunswick,.....	4	5	3	1	..	7	8	..	..	75
23	Keith,.....	3	1	1	..	..	3	2	..	..	64
24	Zetland,.....	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	23
25	Restigouche,.....	1	1	1	2	1	3	..	..	..	25
26	Victoria,.....	5	5	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	65
27	St. John,.....	3	4	2	..	..	2	..	..	1	32
28	Lebanon,.....	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
30	Saint Martin's,.....	4	5	4	3	1	6	8	..	..	18
31	Benjamin,.....	2	2	1	..	..	2	3	..	..	40
32	Campbellton,.....	2	2	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	49
33	Alexandria,.....	7	7	7	..	..	3	..	..	1	32
34	Albert,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
	Total,.....	116	113	104	26	11	119	97	..	24	1961

ROLL OF LODGES,

With Time of Meeting, and Address of Masters and Secretaries.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Regular Communication.	Name and Address of W. M.	Name and Address of Secretary.
1	Albion,	First Friday,	Charles Masters, St. John,	T. Nisbet Robertson, St. John.
2	Saint John's,	First Tuesday,	Arthur Everitt, St. John,	Arthur W. Sharp, St. John.
3	Hibernia,	Second Tuesday,	Thomas A. Peters, St. John,	G. Gordon Boyne, St. John.
4	Sussex,	Thursday on or after full moon,	Stephen W. Palmer, Dorchester,	Alexander McKay, Dorchester.
5	Saint Mark's,	First Thursday,	Benjamin R. Stevenson, St. Andrews,	George F. Stickney, St. Andrews.
6	Hiram,	First Thursday,	John A. Morrison, Jr., Fredericton,	Charles Brodie, Fredericton.
7	Sussex,	First Wednesday,	Julius T. Whitlock, St. Stephen,	George F. Pinder, St. Stephen.
8	Carleton Union,	First Thursday,	A. W. Read, Carleton,	John B. Wilmot, Carleton.
9	Midian,	Second Tuesday,	Osborne M. Flewelling, Clifton,	H. D. Wetmore, Clifton.
10	Union of Portland,	Third Thursday,	William B. Wallace, St. John,	John B. Andrews, St. John.
11	Woodstock,	First Wednesday,	Allison B. Connell, Woodstock,	Charles N. Scott, Woodstock.
12	Saint George,	First Tuesday,	Alfred M. Mealy, St. George,	Louis B. Messenett, St. George.
13	Corinthian,	Second Wednesday,	Allen McN. Travis, Ossekeag,	Henry Hallett, Ossekeag.
14	Alley,	First Thursday,	Jason C. Davis, Upper Mills,	Rex M. King, Upper Mills.
15	Howard,	First Tuesday,	James Scott, Hillsborough,	John A. Beattie, Hillsborough.
16	Saint Andrew,	Monday on or after full moon,	John Taylor, Richibucto,	James McDougall, Richibucto.
17	Northumberland,	Second Tuesday,	Walter H. Buck, Newcastle,	William Feran, Newcastle.
18	Miramichi,	Third Tuesday,	Alex. J. Loggie, Chatham,	Thomas F. Gillespie, Chatham.
20	Salisbury,	First Tuesday,	John Gowland, Salisbury,	James Bentley, Salisbury.
21	Zion,	First Wednesday,	Wm. F. McLeod, Sussex,	John F. Rogers, Sussex.
22	New Brunswick,	Second Thursday,	J. Allen Hartt, St. John,	Alexander Morrison, St. John.
23	Keith,	Third Wednesday,	Geo. H. Pick, Moncton,	Charles H. Webb, Moncton.
24	Zetland,	Third Wednesday,	Walter J. Norfolk, Shediac,	William B. Deacon, Shediac.
25	Restigouche,	Tuesday on or after full moon,	Wm. Draper, Dalhousie,	Henry A. Johnson, Dalhousie.
26	Victoria,	Second Thursday,	John S. Andrews, Milltown,	Robert J. Love, Milltown.
27	Saint John,	Thursday on or after full moon,	George W. Mersereau, Bathurst,	George M. Smith, Bathurst.
28	Lebanon,	Second Monday,	Harvey Phinney, Sackville,	Richard Wilson, Sackville.
30	Saint Martin's,	First Wednesday,	Joseph V. Skillen, St. Martins,	Wm. E. Skillen, St. Martins.
31	Benjamin,	First Tuesday,	J. Allen Perley, Andover,	Robert B. M. Wiley, Andover.
32	Campbellton,	Second Friday,	William W. Doherty, Campbellton,	John C. Ferguson, Campbellton.
33	Alexandria,	First Tuesday,	Albert Boone, Gibson,	Edgar Hanson, Gibson.
34	Albert,	Tuesday nearest the full moon.	Robert C. Bacon, Hopewell Hill, A. C.	William A. Trueman, Albert, A. C.

SUSPENSIONS, A. D. 1882.

Albion Lodge, No. 1,	J. S. Boies DeVeber.
“ “	John Kerr.
“ “	John N. Thornton.
“ “	James A. Belyea.
Saint John's, Lodge, No. 2,	John Alexander.
“ “ “	George W. Fletcher.
“ “ “	Charles W. Godsoe.
“ “ “	Samuel J. Golding.
“ “ “	John Ross.
“ “ “	Thos. Overton Sandall.
Sussex Lodge, No. 4,	Silas C. Charters.
“ “	Rufus Outhouse.
“ “	Alfred E. Oulton.
“ “	Angus McLeod.
“ “	John Cook.
“ “	Edward Chambers.
“ “	Alfred Bishop.
“ “	Nelson Beckwith.
Sussex Lodge, No. 7,	Alex. S. McKenzie.
Carleton Union, Lodge. No. 8,	Joseph S. Wetmore.
“ “ “	Thomas E. Streek.
“ “ “	William W. Clark.
“ “ “	William Buchanan.
“ “ “	Wm. A. Cunningham.
“ “ “	Shanklin Thompson.
“ “ “	George McKilligan.
“ “ “	Michael T. Lynch.
Midian Lodge, No. 9,	John McKinley.
The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10,	Hugh McLellan.
Saint George Lodge, No. 12,	R. P. Gillmor.
“ “ “	George Helms.
“ “ “	W. A. Dunham.
“ “ “	Dominicas Millikin.
“ “ “	John Matheson.

Saint George Lodge, No. 12,	R. H. Stuart.
“ “ “	James McMahan.
“ “ “	Luther Green.
“ “ “	Thomas B. Goss.
“ “ “	Daniel Seelye.
“ “ “	Robert Johnson.
“ “ “	Daniel C. Rose.
“ “ “	Allen McVicar.
“ “ “	Daniel H. Justason.
“ “ “	Thomas Maxwell.
“ “ “	Henry A. Boone.
“ “ “	James Crawney.
“ “ “	William A. Morgan.
Corinthian Lodge, No. 13,	Allen C. Otty.
“ “ “	Charles Campbell.
“ “ “	Washington Alden.
“ “ “	George G. Melick.
“ “ “	George U. Hay.
“ “ “	Joshua C. Upham.
“ “ “	Elias Fowler.
“ “ “	William Otty.
“ “ “	Edward Terris.
“ “ “	Charles H. Sherwood.
“ “ “	Frederick M. Sproul.
“ “ “	George Gardner.
Saint Andrew Lodge, No. 16,	Robert Baldwin.
“ “ “	Charles Lee Barnes.
“ “ “	John G. Miller.
“ “ “	Ewen McDougal.
“ “ “	Rev. Isaac N. Parker.
“ “ “	James Smith Scott.
“ “ “	William Scott.
Northumberland Lodge, No. 17,	Wesley C. Holdsworth.
“ “ “	Joseph Mills.
Miramichi Lodge, No. 18,	Phineas Williston.
“ “ “	Joseph R. Goggin.

Miramichi Lodge, No. 18,	Charles McLean.
“ “ “	Alexander G. Williston.
“ “ “	Charles B. Coigley.
New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,	William Johnston.
“ “ “	Samuel Baker.
“ “ “	S. R. Catherine.
“ “ “	F. Churchill.
“ “ “	Robert W. Lorne.
“ “ “	A. Morrow.
“ “ “	W. W. Dudley.
“ “ “	James W. Dann.
Zetland Lodge, No. 24,	John W. Wilbur.
“ “ “	Harvey K. Ayer.
Victoria Lodge, No. 26,	Levi W. Morrison.
“ “ “	Rev. Archie McDougal.
“ “ “	Livingston T. Perkins.
“ “ “	John C. McLeod.
“ “ “	Samuel F. Pomeroy.
“ “ “	Stanley G. Olive.
Saint Martins Lodge, No. 30,	Charles R. Lovitt.
“ “ “	Hugh McQuiston.
“ “ “	Joseph Carson.
“ “ “	William R. Brown.
“ “ “	William H. Moran.
“ “ “	Thomas H. Bradshaw.
“ “ “	Hiram Mosher.
“ “ “	Daniel Pattinson.

Restorations to Membership, A. D. 1882.

Albion Lodge, No. 1,	Wm. Albert Lockhart.
Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,	Wm. W. Wallace.
“ “ “	David Carmichael.
Sussex Lodge, No. 7,	William J. Boyd.
Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,	Frederick A. Clark.

St. Andrew Lodge, No. 16.	Gordon Livingston.
“ “ “	Robert N. Doherty.
“ “ “	Charles Carr.
Northumberland Lodge, No. 17,	A. R. B. Shrewsbury.
New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,	Stephen Lloyd.
Restigouche Lodge, No. 25,	Robert Mills.
Saint Martin's Lodge, No. 30,	William H. Kennedy.

Deaths A. D. 1882.

Albion Lodge, No. 1,	Charles Duff.
“ “ “	James Milligan.
Saint John's Lodge, No. 2,	Charles Watts.
“ “ “	Edward L. Barteaux.
Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,	William W. Barlow.
“ “ “	William E. Everitt.
Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5,	Camsby Morrison.
“ “ “	George M. Johnson.
Sussex Lodge, No. 7,	James King.
“ “ “	Samuel Mitchell.
“ “ “	Isaac Kennedy.
Midian Lodge, No. 9,	David Wetmore.
Woodstock Lodge, No. 11,	Alexander Gibson.
“ “ “	Robert A. Hay.
Saint George Lodge, No. 12,	Charles McGee.
“ “ “	Samuel W. Smith.
Corinthian Lodge, No. 13,	Rolla A. Ford.
“ “ “	Nathaniel R. Gorham.
Alley Lodge, No. 14,	Jonathan Dresser.
Northumberland Lodge, No. 17,	Elijah Fowler.
“ “ “	William Watt.
Salisbury Lodge, No. 20,	Stephen S. Colpitt.
Zion Lodge, No. 21,	William McMillan.
Saint John Lodge, No. 27,	John Chalmers.
Albert Lodge, No. 34,	Gideon V. Copp.

Grand Secretaries of Grand Lodges.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	Fay Hempstead,	Little Rock.
British Columbia,	Edgar Crow Baker,	Victoria, V. I.
California,	Alexander G. Abell,	San Francisco.
Canada,	J. J. Massin,	Hamilton.
Colon and Island Cuba,	Aurelio Almeida,	Havana.
Colorado,	Edward C. Parmalee,	Georgetown.
Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Dakota,	Charles T. McCoy,	Ben Homme.
Delaware,	William T. Hayes,	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia,	William R. Singleton,	Washington.
England,	Lt. Col. Shadwell H. Clerk,	London.
Florida,	DeWitt C. Dawkins,	Jacksonville.
Georgia,	J. Emmett Blackshear,	Meca, Ga.
Idaho,	Jas. H. Wickersham,	Silver City.
Illinois,	Loyal L. Munn,	Freeport.
Indiana,	William H. Smythe,	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory,	Rev. J. S. Murrow,	A-to-ka.
Iowa,	Theodore S. Parvin,	Iowa City.
Ireland,	The Earl of Bandon,	Dublin.
Kansas,	John H. Brown,	Wyandotte.
Kentucky,	H. B. Grant,	Louisville.
Louisiana,	James C. Batchelor,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Manitoba,	Hbt. DuPri, LeCappellain,	Winnipeg.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Medairy,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	Sereno D. Nickerson,	Boston.
Michigan,	William P. Innis,	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota,	A. T. C. Pierson,	Saint Paul.
Mississippi,	J. L. Power,	Jackson.
Missouri,	Rev. John D. Vincent, D.D.,	Saint Louis.
Montana,	Cornelius Hedges,	Helena.
Nebraska,	William R. Bowen,	Omaha.

Nevada,	John D. Hammond,	Carson.
New Brunswick,	Edwin J. Wetmore,	Saint John.
New Hampshire,	George P. Cleaves,	Concord.
New Jersey,	Joseph H. Hugh,	Trenton.
New Mexico,	David G. Miller,	Santa Fe.
New South Wales,	Nicholas Weeks,	Sydney.
New York,	Edward M. L. Ehlers,	New York.
North Carolina,	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia,	Benjamin Currin,	Halifax.
Ohio,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Oregon,	Frelon J. Babcock,	Salem.
Pennsylvania,	Michael Nisbet,	Philadelphia.
P. E. Island,	George W. Wakeford,	Charlottetown.
Quebec,	John H. Isaacson,	Montreal.
Rhode Island,	Edwin Baker,	Providence.
Scotland,	D. Murray Lyon,	Edinburgh.
South Carolina,	Charles Inglesby,	Charlestown.
Tennessee,	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Texas,	C. H. Bringham,	Harris Co.
Utah,	Christopher Diehl,	Salt Lake City.
Vermont,	William H. Root,	Burlington.
Virginia,	William B. Isaacs,	Richmond.
Washington,	Thomas M. Reid,	Olympia.
West Virginia,	Odell S. Long,	Wheeling.
Wisconsin,	John W. Woodhull,	Milwaukee.
Wyoming,	John H. Symons,	Laramie.

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Arkansas,	J. H. Vanhose,	Fayetteville.
British Columbia,	Coote M. Chambers,	Victoria.
Canada,	T. B. Pardee,	Sarnia.
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England,	E. Brackstone Baker,	London.
Idaho,	Joseph Pinkham,	Boise City.

Indiana,	Thomas H. Lynch,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	Rev. W. W. Estabrooke,	Burlington.
Ireland,	William T. Wilkinson,	Dublin.
Kentucky,	William H. Phythian,	Frankfort.
Louisiana,	Edwin Marks,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Denison E. Seymour,	Calais.
Manitoba,	Geo. F. Newcomb,	Winnipeg.
Michigan,	D. Burnham Tracy,	Detroit.
Minnesota,	James N. Castle,	Stillwater.
Missouri,	Wm. R. Stubblefield,	St. Louis.
Mississippi,	Frank C. McGee,	Enterprise.
Nebraska,	Edwin A. Allen,	Omaha.
New Jersey,	Joseph W. Martin,	Rahway.
New South Wales,	Charles DeBoos,	Temora.
New York,	Edmund L. Judson,	Albany.
Nova Scotia,	William Taylor,	Halifax.
Oregon,	Stephen G. Bunting,	Portland.
Prince Edward Island,	John W. Morrison,	Charlottetown.
Quebec,	Thomas P. Butler,	Montreal.
Rhode Island,	Myer Noot,	Providence.
Scotland,	Alexander Hay,	Edinburgh.
Tennessee,	Joseph M. Anderson,	Lebanon.
Texas,	James F. Miller,	Gonzales.
Utah,	Christopher Diehl,	Salt Lake City.
West Virginia,	George W. Atkinson,	Charleston.
Wisconsin,	Harvey E. Hubbard,	LaCrosse.
Wyoming,	Edgar P. Snow,	Cheyenne.

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

Arkansas,	Alfred F. Street,	Fredericton.
British Columbia,	Thos. F. Gillespie,	Chatham.
Canada,	John V. Ellis,	Carleton.
Colon and Cuba,	Rev. Francis Partridge,	Halifax.
England,	Robert T. Clinch,	Saint John.

Florida,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Idaho,	John A. Beatty,	Hillsborough.
Indiana,	Robert T. Clinch,	Saint John.
Iowa,	Robert Marshall,	Saint John.
Ireland,	James McNichol, jr.,	Saint John.
Kentucky,	Thomas J. Robinson,	Milltown.
Louisiana,	Edwin J. Wetmore,	Carleton.
Maine,	David Brown,	Saint Stephen.
Manitoba,	William F. Dibble,	Woodstock.
Michigan,	Benjamin R. Stevenson,	Saint Andrews.
Minnesota,	Charles Ketchum,	Saint John.
Missouri,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Mississippi,	Harry Beckwith,	Fredericton.
Nebraska,	William Wedderburn,	Hampton.
New Jersey,	Robert R. Call,	Newcastle.
New South Wales,	Edward L. Wetmore,	Fredericton.
New York,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Nova Scotia,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Oregon,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Prince Edward Island,	G. Hudson Flewelling,	Clifton.
Quebec,	Edward Willis,	Saint John.
Rhode Island,	D. A. E. Hutchison,	Douglastown.
Scotland,	T. Nisbet Robertson,	Saint John.
Tennessee,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Texas,	David R. Munro,	Portland.
Utah,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
West Virginia,	Henry Duffell,	Saint John.
Wisconsin,	John V. Ellis,	Carleton.
Wyoming,	David Main,	Saint Stephen.

Officers of Grand Lodge, A. D. 1883-84.

M. W. Grand Master,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
R. W. Dep. G. Master,	Thomas A. Godsee,	Saint John.
R. W. Sen. G. Warden,	Henry Graham,	Saint Stephen.

R. W. Jun. G. Warden, . . . David F. Merritt, Woodstock.
 V. W. Grand Chaplain, . . . Rev. Richard Mathers, . . . Saint John.
 V. W. Grand Treasurer, . . . James McNichol, jr., . . . Saint John.
 V. W. Grand Secretary, . . . Edwin J. Wetmore, . . . Saint John.
 W. Sen G. Deacon, . . . E. Lee Street, Newcastle.
 W. Jun. G. Deacon, . . . John McAllister, Campbellton.
 W. G. D. Ceremonies, . . . Freeman W. Wisdom, . . . Saint John.
 W. Ass't G. D. Cer., . . . James Adam, Saint John.
 W. G. Sword Bearer, . . . Thomas A. Peters, Saint John.
 W. G. Standard Br., . . . William B. Wallace, . . . Saint John.
 W. G. Organist, J. C. Hatheway, Saint John.
 W. Grand Pursuivant, . . . John C. Leonard, Saint John.
 W. Grand Stewards, . . . Charles Masters, Saint John.
 " " . . . Arthur Everitt, Saint John.
 " " . . . Julius T. Whitlock, . . . Saint Stephen.
 " " . . . Augustus W. Reed, . . . Saint John.
 " " . . . Walter H. Buck, Newcastle.
 " " . . . W. T. McLeod, Sussex.
 " " . . . B. L. H. Hartt, Saint John.
 " " . . . Albert Boone, Gibson.

Board of General Purposes.

M. W. William F. Bunting, Grand Master; R. W. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M.; R. W. Robert T. Clinch, P. G. M.; R. W. William Wedderburn, P. G. M.; R. W. John V. Ellis, P. G. M.; R. W. Robert Marshall, P. G. M.; R. W. Benjamin R. Stevenson, P. G. M.; R. W. Thomas A. Godsoe, D. G. M., (President); R. W. Henry Graham, S. G. W.; R. W. D. F. Merritt, J. G. W.; V. W. Edwin J. Wetmore, Grand Secretary, (Secretary); R. W. Edward Willis; R. W. Henry Duffell; V. W. James McNichol, jr.; W. T. Nisbet Robertson; W. John D. Short; W. William J. Logan; W. Thomas Walker; W. Thomas A. Peters; W. W. Watson Allen; W. H. B. Sadleir.

Ritual Committee.

R. W. Robert T. Clinch, R. W. B. Lester Peters, R. W. John V. Ellis, R. W. Henry Duffell, M. W. William F. Bunting, G. M., W. Thomas Walker; W. W. H. B. Sadleir.

Library Committee.

M. W. William F. Bunting, G. M., W. George E. Fairweather, V. W. Edwin J. Wetmore.

Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges.

R. W. John V. Ellis, R. W. B. R. Stevenson, W. Edwin Everett.

Committee on Warrants to New Lodges.

R. W. B. Lester Peters, R. W. Edward Willis, R. W. D. F. Merritt.

PROCEEDINGS
OF A
SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

HELD ON THE 17TH NOVEMBER, A. D. 1882.

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 Temple, Germain street, in the City of St. John on Friday the 17th day of November, A. L. 5883, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

PRESENT :

M. W. BENJAMIN R. STEVENSON, . . . Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. HARRY BECKWITH, S. G. Warden.
R. W. HENRY DUFFELL, as. J. G. Warden.
V. W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR., Grand Treasurer.
V. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE, Grand Secretary.
W. W. WATSON ALLEN, as. Senior Grand Deacon.
W. A. R. CAMPBELL, as. Junior Grand Deacon.
W. F. W. WISDOM, Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON, as. Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
W. W. H. B. SADLER, as. Grand Sword Bearer.
W. WM. B. WALLACE, as. Grand Standard Bearer.
W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY, Grand Organist.
W. JOHN A. WATSON, Grand Pursuivant.
W. ARTHUR EVERITT, Grand Steward.
W. MATTHEW MACFARLAND, do.
W. B. L. H. HART, do.

W. D. S. STEWART, Grand Steward.
W. R. J. MCADOO, do.
W. CHAS. U. HANFORD, do.

BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER, Grand Tyler.

R. W. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M.; W. Geo. B. Hegan, P. M., No. 2; W. Wm. R. Russell, P. M., No. 22; W. M. N. Powers, P. M., No. 3; W. Thos. A. Peters, W. M., No. 3; W. James McNichol, Sr., P. M., No. 3; W. John Mullin, P. M., No. 3.

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

The Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge, as follows:—

Officers and Members of Grand Lodge :

At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge holden in April last, after mature consideration of a large representation of the several lodges in this jurisdiction, it was resolved as follows :

Resolved, That Grand Lodge subscribe for a further amount of Stock in the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company to the extent of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000);

And further Resolved, That debentures to that amount bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, shall be issued in payment of the same, said debentures to be in sums of five hundred dollars each, redeemable in twenty years, with the option of redemption of any part of the said debentures at the expiration of five years from the date of issue; such debentures to be signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary and sealed with the seal of Grand Lodge;

And further Resolved, That for the purpose of providing for the payment of interest, and towards a sinking fund, to meet the principal of the debentures, each lodge in the Province outside of the City of Saint John, (east side of the harbor) shall pay yearly with the annual returns, a sum equal to sixty cents for each member on its roll at the end of each year, and in like manner, the lodges in the City of Saint John, on the east side of the harbor, shall pay a sum equal to one dollar for each member on their roll.

The object of Grand Lodge in adopting these resolutions was to make provision for the embarrassment arising out of the indebted-

ness of the Masonic Hall Company in connection with the Masonic Temple in this city.

In working out the intention of these resolutions it has not been found convenient, or advisable to issue debentures in the form which would comply with the strict interpretation of these resolutions.

That therefore more specific resolutions, and more exact provisions might be had to authorize the issuing of a declaration of the obligation which Grand Lodge will assume under these resolutions, I have thought it most advisable to consult you, and accordingly have summoned this Special Communication of Grand Lodge, and commend this matter to your careful consideration.

On motion of W. Bro. W. Watson Allen, it was

Ordered, That the Address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to a committee to report upon.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren a committee on the address.

R. W. Wm. F. Bunting, D. G. M.

R. W. John V. Ellis, P. G. M.

R. W. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M.

V. W. James McNichol, Jr., Grand Treasurer.

W. W. Watson Allen, P. M., Lodge No. 1.

The committee retired and prepared the following report:

Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, submit a report and beg to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Whereas Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication held April last passed the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, That Grand Lodge subscribe for a further amount of Stock in the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company to the extent of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000);

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dred dollars each, redeemable in twenty years, with the option of redemption of any part of the said debentures at the expiration of five years from the date of issue; such debentures to be signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary and sealed with the seal of Grand Lodge;

And further Resolved, That for the purpose of providing for the payment of interest, and towards a sinking fund, to meet the principal of the debentures, each lodge in the Province outside of the City of Saint John (east side of the harbor), shall pay yearly with the annual returns, a sum equal to sixty cents for each member on its roll at the end of each year, and in like manner, the lodges in the City of Saint John, on the east side of the harbor, shall pay a sum equal to one dollar for each member on their roll.

And whereas it has been found impracticable for Grand Lodge in the absence of legal authority to issue debentures, and it is deemed advisable in order to carry out the spirit and intention of Grand Lodge as explained in said resolutions to issue a certificate of indebtedness attached to the debentures of the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company, covering the said sum of \$10,000, guaranteeing the payment by Grand Lodge of the principal and interest thereof; therefore

Resolved, That the form of said certificate to be attached to the annexed bond of the Company issued in conformity with the Act of Assembly 41 Vic. Chap. 19, be as follows:

This is to certify that the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick as a payment for capital stock in the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company, doth hereby acknowledge that the above Bond, No. for dollars of the Company is a charge upon the funds of Grand Lodge, and that Grand Lodge will provide for the payment of the above Bond at maturity, and also for the payment of the half yearly interest thereon according to the terms thereof. This Certificate is issued under Resolution of Grand Lodge.

In testimony whereof, the Grand Master, and Grand Secretary have hereunto signed their names, and affixed the seal of the said Grand Lodge this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

Grand Master.

Grand Secretary.

And further Resolved, That the above Certificate be issued under the hands of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary and sealed with the seal of Grand Lodge, and be taken and adopted as the certificate to give effect to the said resolutions of Grand Lodge.

And further Resolved, That the Certificate Bonds be issued, redeemable as follows :

\$2000 in Five	years	from the date of issue.
2000 in Eight	years	“ “
2000 in Twelve	years	“ “
2000 in Sixteen	years	“ “
2000 in Twenty	years	“ “

That such date of issue be the first day of August, A. D. 1882.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. F. BUNTING.
JOHN V. ELLIS.
JAS. McNICHOL, JR.
EDWARD WILLIS.
W. WATSON ALLEN.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 17, 1882.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, D. G. M., it was

Ordered, That the report of the committee be received and the resolutions therein adopted.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, it was

Ordered, That upon the execution of these bonds they be handed over to the Masonic Hall Company.

The M. W. Grand Master stated that the business on which Grand Lodge had been summoned having been completed, he would take the opportunity of thanking the brethren for their attendance, and trusted that the business they had attended to during the evening would prove very satisfactory.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in *ample form*.

EDWIN J. WETMORE,
Grand Secretary.

Standing Resolutions, Decisions, &c., having the force of law.

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

—Grand Lodge, January 1868.

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

—Grand Lodge, January 1868.

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

—Grand Lodge, September 1868.

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

Therefore Resolved, That the board is empowered to make such regulations as it may deem expedient, as to the manner of drawing moneys for the payment of its orders, etc., and the grand treasurer is authorized and required to honor and pay out of the funds of grand lodge all orders and drafts so made upon him by the board.

—Grand Lodge, September 1868.

Resolved, That in the system of representation with other grand lodges no higher rank than that of past senior grand warden shall be conferred by this grand lodge, upon representatives from such grand lodges.

—Grand Lodge, September, 1868.

Resolved, That no higher title than "right worshipful" be conferred on any past grand officer.

—Board General Purposes, October 1868.

Resolved, That the board of general purposes be directed to prepare annually a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of grand lodge up to the first September of each year, and have the same printed and placed in the hands of the members of grand lodge on the first day of each annual session.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1869.*

Resolved, That the sole right of issuing the constitution is vested in grand lodge.

Grand Lodge, September 1869.

Resolved, That the board of general purposes be empowered to employ from time to time, such brother or brethren as may be competent to instruct lodges in the work, and that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated out of the funds of grand lodge, to aid lodges requiring such lecturer, the distribution to be made as the board may deem advisable.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1870.*

Resolved, That the term "seafaring men," in section two of the constitution, under the title "Proposing Members," does not extend or apply to persons employed in vessels known as "coasters," or in any vessels trading or plying between ports on the Atlantic seaboard of North America.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1870.*

Resolved, That the grand secretary address a circular to the respective lodges to the effect, that they must not employ any brother to impart instruction in the ritual, for remuneration, unless it be a brother authorized by the grand master or board of general purposes.

Board General Purposes, February 1871.

Resolved, That the work exemplified during the current session be the work and ritual of this jurisdiction, and the respective lodges are hereby required to make themselves fully acquainted with it, and to practice it for the time to come.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1871.*

Resolved, That applications for dispensations or the transmission of any masonic matter by telegram is hereby deprecated, and that no notice be taken of such telegrams by the grand master or grand secretary, unless they convey applications of the most extreme urgency.

—*Board General Purposes, August 1873.*

Candidates must be physically qualified to fulfil all the requirements of initiating, passing and raising, and that however much it may be regretted that in particular instances the craft is, by an adherence to the ancient regulations, deprived of the membership of otherwise worthy applicants, the interests of freemasonry are best conserved by a due observance of the ancient landmarks of the fraternity.

Grand Master, 1873.

Resolved, That the various lodges be required to have the petitions of candidates read in full.

Resolved, That the applications of candidates be handed to the investigating committee who will be required to append their report thereon.

Resolved, That when 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.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1874.*

Resolved, That the lodges of instruction shall be held only in the regular place of meeting of the lodges under whose authority they may be authorized to work.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1875.*

Resolved, That at each annual communication of grand lodge the most worshipful the grand master shall appoint a ritual committee and a library committee.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1875.*

Resolved, That when a new lodge opened under a dispensation or warrant, may require instruction in the work and ritual, the grand master shall be empowered, if he deem it necessary, to appoint a competent brother to visit the lodge for the purpose of giving the officers proper instruction, and such proportion of the expense incurred which to the grand master may appear just and right, shall be paid by the board of general purposes, upon the certificate or recommendation of the grand master.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1876.*

Resolved, That it is not advisable to touch the fund (Fund of Benevolence) except in case of some extraordinary emergency, until the principal shall have reached a figure when it will yield an annual income of at least one hundred and twenty dollars, say six per cent. on two thousand dollars.

—*Board of General Purposes, September 1877.*

Resolved, That no lodge or brother shall print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the constitution of this grand lodge, or any portion thereof.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1878.*

Resolved, That in order to facilitate the business of grand lodge at the annual communications and to place matters of interest before representatives to enable them to legislate in respect thereto, it shall be incumbent on the grand master, deputy grand master, grand treasurer and grand secretary to have their addresses, reports, etc., completed in time to have them printed previous to the opening of grand lodge.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1878.*

Resolved, That until further ordered, the hour of three in the afternoon, shall be the time for opening grand lodge at its annual communications.

—*Grand Lodge September 1878.*

Resolved, That this grand lodge does hold as a matter of unquestionable masonic law, that when an independent grand lodge has been duly organized in any political territory, it has the undoubted right to exclusive masonic jurisdiction within that territory, and that the erection or continuance of lodges by any other grand body against the supremacy of the local grand lodge, is an invasion of masonic territory alike subversive of good government and disloyal to masonic constitutional authority.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1878.*

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick views with great surprise and profound regret the action taken by the Grand Orient of France in striking out from her affirmation of masonic principles the declaration of belief in the existence of God and in the immortality of the soul. That such action is in direct antagonism to the fundamental principles of freemasonry and distinctly opposed to the ancient charges, landmarks and traditions of the fraternity:

And further resolved, That this Grand Lodge, in consequence of such action, does hereby suspend all fraternal communication with the Grand Orient of France, while she persists in a course so contrary to the spirit and genius of our ancient craft:

And further resolved, That this grand lodge cannot recognize as "true and genuine" brethren, any who have been initiated in lodges that either deny or ignore a belief in the Great Architect of

the Universe and the immortality of the soul. All lodges within this jurisdiction are therefore directed not to admit as a visitor any brother hailing from a lodge under the Grand Orient of France, unless,—first, he proves that he has been initiated according to the ancient rites and ceremonies in a lodge professing belief in the Great Architect of the Universe; and second, nor unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential landmark of freemasonry.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1878.*

Resolved, That at each annual communication of grand lodge there shall be appointed a committee of three to whom shall be referred during the recess of grand lodge, communications and other documents from other grand bodies who ask to enter into fraternal intercourse, or seek recognition.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1878.*

Resolved, That at each annual communication of grand lodge, there shall be appointed a committee of three, to whom the grand master may refer, during the recess of grand lodge, the petitions of lodges under dispensation who desire to receive warrants of constitution, and such committee shall report at the next annual communication.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1878.*

Resolved, That the term "candidate," in the tenth section of the constitution, under the title "Proposing Members," refers to candidates for admission into the fraternity and not to brethren for affiliation, and the word should there be so construed.

—*Grand Lodge, April 1880.*

Resolved, That for the future, all proposed amendments to the book of constitutions shall be inserted in the usual summonses issued to the members of grand lodge.

—*Grand Lodge, April 1880.*

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