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THE Twenty-Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held at the Masonic Temple, Germain Street, in the City of Saint John, commencing the 28th day of April, A. L. 5891, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

M. W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D.,	....	Grand Master.
R. W. HENRY A. WHITE,	....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN D. SHORT, as	....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. R. L. MALBY,	....	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. D. F. MERRITT,	....	District Deputy G. M. No. 4.
W. REV. GEO. M. CAMPBELL, as	....	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. HENRY J. THORNE,	....	Grand Treasurer.
V. W. EDWIN J. WETMOORE,	....	Grand Secretary.
W. JOHN C. LEONARD,	....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. GEORGE ACKMAN, as	....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN A. WATSON,	....	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. W. A. BLACK,	....	Asst. G'd Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. J. M. FOWLER, as	....	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. D. JORDAN, as	....	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. W. A. EWING,	....	Grand Organist.
W. ROBERT CLERKE,	....	Grand Pursuivant.
W. W. G. ROBERTSON,	....	Grand Steward.
W. R. L. SMITH,	....	"
W. P. A. MELVILLE,	....	"
W. J. E. MASTERS,	....	"
W. JOHN STEVENSON,	....	"
R. W. GEORGE F. STICKNEY, as	....	"
DINGEE SCRIBNER,	....	Grand Tyler.

With a large number of Past Grand Officers and Members of Grand Lodge.

The Representatives from the following Grand Lodges were in attendance :

Canada, Delaware, England, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Ireland, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New South Wales, New York, Nova Scotia, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Scotland, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Victoria, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

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

The W. the Acting Grand Chaplain led in prayer; and Grand Lodge united in singing a hymn, W. Bro. Ewing at the organ.

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

On motion of V.W. Bro. H. J. Thorne, Grand Treasurer, it was

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Communication, as they have been printed and distributed throughout the jurisdiction, and that they be now taken as read and confirmed.

The minutes of the Special Communication held on the 24th June, 1890, at the Masonic Temple, and of the Special Communication held at the Masonic Hall, Moncton, on the 3rd September, 1890, were each read and confirmed.

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

R. W. Bro. Henry A. White, Deputy Grand Master, reported that the Board of General Purposes had appointed W. Bros. P. A. Melville, W. H. Patton, and David S. Stewart a Committee on Credentials.

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

ALBION LODGE, No. 1.

WM. G. ROBERTSON, W. M.	F. W. WISDOM, P. M.
GEORGE D. FROST, S. W.	FRANK L. TUFTS, P. M.
THOMAS WALKER, P. M.	T. NISBET ROBERTSON, P. M.

GEORGE R. SANGSTER, P. M.	HENRY J. THORNE, P. M.
EDWIN J. EVERETT, P. M.	THOMAS A. GODSOE, P. M.
CHARLES MASTERS, P. M.	B. LESTER PETERS, P. M.
R. T. CLINCH, P. M.	THOMAS F. RAYMOND, P. M.
CHARLES McLAUCHLAN, P. M.	W. WATSON ALLEN, P. M.

SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.

WILSON L. DOBBIN, S. W.	C. H. L. JOHNSTON, P. M.
ARCHIBALD BAUER, J. W.	ARTHUR EVERITT, P. M.
H. G. HUNT, P. M.	FRED. SANDALL, P. M.
WILLIAM A. EWING, P. M.	W. H. B. SADLEIR, P. M.
JOHN D. SHORT, P. M.	ARTHUR W. SHARP, P. M.
GEORGE B. HEGAN, P. M.	

HIBERNIA LODGE, No. 3.

F. W. THOMSON, W. M.	GEORGE KILNAPP, P. M.
J. A. MAGILTON, S. W.	ROBERT CLERKE, P. M.
W. ALEX. PORTER, J. W.	D. S. STEWART, P. M.
M. N. POWERS, P. M.	RICHARD RODGERS, P. M.
JOHN JOHNSTON, P. M.	

SAINT MARK'S LODGE, No. 5.

GEORGE F. STICKNEY, P. M.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 6.

ALEX. BURCHILL, P. M.	DANIEL JORDAN, P. M.
GEORGE TODD, P. M.	

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 7.

C. H. SMITH, W. M.

CARLETON UNION LODGE, No. 8.

JOHN V. ELLIS, W. M.	EDWIN J. WETMORE, P. M.
W. A. DOUGHERTY, S. W.	JOHN C. LEONARD, P. M.
W. J. CORNFIELD, J. W.	R. H. McWILLIAMS, P. M.
GEORGE F. HARDING, P. M.	J. HENRY LEONARD, P. M.
J. ALFRED CLARK, P. M.	ISAAC O. BEATTEAY, P. M.
SAMUEL L. BRITTAIN, P. M.	WM. J. ERVIN, P. M.

MIDIAN LODGE, No. 9.

EDWARD BATES, W. M.

THE UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND, No. 10.

BENJAMIN S. BLACK, W. M. ROBERT L. SMITH, P. M.
 H. LAWRENCE STURDEE, S. W. HENRY DUFFELL, P. M.
 R. W. W. FRINK, J. W. ROBERT MARSHALL, P. M.
 JOHN A. WATSON, P. M. THOMAS KEDEY, P. M.

WOODSTOCK LODGE, No. 11.

C. W. JENNER, W. M. DONALD MUNRO, P. M.
 D. F. MERRITT, P. M.

SAINT GEORGE LODGE, No. 12.

GEORGE F. HIBBARD, P. M.

LODGE ST. ANDREW, No. 16.

WILLIAM A. BLACK, P. M. JOHN STEVENSON, P. M.

NORTHUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 17.

JAMES FALCONER, W. M. R. L. MALTBY, P. M.
 D. McGRUAR, P. M.

MIRAMICHI LODGE, No. 18.

P. H. C. BENSON, W. M. F. E. DANVILLE, P. M.

ZION LODGE, No. 21.

GEORGE H. WALLACE, J. W. GEORGE COGGAN, P. M.
 HENRY A. WHITE, P. M. WILLIAM T. McLEOD, P. M.

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 22.

H. V. COOPER, W. M. WILLIAM R. RUSSELL, P. M.
 GEORGE E. DAY, S. W. JAMES McNICHOL, P. M.
 FRED. L. HEA, J. W. S. F. MATTHEWS, P. M.
 A. R. CAMPBELL, P. M. W. H. PATTON, P. M.
 R. J. McADOO, P. M. ANDREW McNICHOL, P. M.
 ROBERT J. MELVIN, P. M.

KEITH LODGE, No. 23.

GEORGE M. CAMPBELL, W. M. GEORGE M. JARVIS, P. M.
 C. E. SPENCER, S. W. J. E. MASTERS, P. M.
 GEORGE L. EDGETT, J. W. EDWARD TWEEDIE, P. M.
 GEORGE ACKMAN, P. M.

RESTIGOUCHE LODGE, No. 25.

H. A. JOHNSON, W. M. W. S. SMITH, J. W.
 JAMES E. STEWART, P. M.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 26.

BURTON H. KERR, J. W. JOHN S. ANDREWS, P. M.

SAINT JOHN LODGE, No. 27.

PERCY WILBUR, W. M. A. J. H. STEWART, P. M.
 LEWIS CORBETT, P. M.

SAINT MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 30.

ROBERT McFEE, J. W. PARK A. MELVILLE, P. M.
 ANDREW SKILLEN, P. M. JUDSON M. FOWLER, P. M.
 WILLIAM E. SKILLEN, P. M. R. G. DEVITT, P. M.

CAMPBELLTON LODGE, No. 32.

J. A. JOHNSON, S. W. J. C. FERGUSON, P. M.
 JAMES W. PATTERSON, P. M.

Grand Master's Address.

THE M. W. the Grand Master delivered his Annual Address as follows:

Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful, and Worshipful Brethren:

Under the Providence of the Grand Architect of the Universe, we are again permitted to assemble here, to exchange fraternal greetings and to enter heartily into all business furthering the interests of our beloved order. It affords me great pleasure to extend to you a cordial welcome to this—the twenty-fourth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

Let us humbly pray that our deliberations may be richly blessed, and that our labors may result in good to ourselves, renewed prosperity to our craft, and blessings to mankind. The past year has been one of peace and harmony, not unmixed with sorrow. We are seldom permitted to remain long without being reminded that "even in the midst of life, we are in death," and that sooner or later we shall be called "to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns." Brethren, may we so live that we may be found ready when the gavel summons us.

These emblems of mourning on my left speak silently, but eloquently, of some who have recently gone.

It is with feelings of deepest regret that I announce to you the demise of R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M. He died at his residence, in this City, on the 5th March, in the 56th year of his age. As a public man he was well known, taking an active interest in all that pertained to our civic and provincial well being. His Masonic career extended over a period of nearly thirty-five years, he having been initiated in Hibernia Lodge, June 10th, 1856. As a Past Master of Leinster Lodge he took an active part in the formation of this Grand Lodge, and his active interest in the craft never ceased so long as his health enabled him to join in our assemblies. In his domestic relations he was a pattern of what we all should be, and his gentle and kindly nature endeared him to a large circle of warm personal friends.

David R. Munro, a Past Master of The Union Lodge of Portland, and representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas near this Grand Lodge, died at Roanoke, Va., on July 9th, 1890. He filled the chair of The Union Lodge of Portland at the time of the formation of this Grand Lodge, and up to the time of his removal from this city was one of the most active and earnest members of the craft. The news of his death was received with marks of deep sorrow and regret, and his brethren, both by words and deeds, marked their keen appreciation of their loss and testified to their esteem and loving remembrance.

David Brown, a Past Master of Sussex Lodge, died at his residence in St. Stephen, April 12th, 1891. He was the first Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, and for many years took a very active part in its deliberations. In the valley of the St. Croix he was well known for his good Masonic work. In the community in which he lived he was universally respected and esteemed.

We unite with Sister Jurisdictions in deploring the loss of many great and noble ones among the craftsmen.

Edmund L. Judson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York and representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near that Grand Lodge, died March 8th, 1890, at the city of Albany. "He was a man of unquestioned ability, spotless character and most lovable disposition."

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Franklin Huller, Grand Master of Masons of Tennessee, died April 6th, 1890.

R. W. Bro. John S. Tyson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, was drowned, July 26th, 1890.

R. W. Bro. Caleb Henry Benton, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, died suddenly November 10th.

The Grand Lodge of England mourns the loss of the Earl of Carnarvon, eminent both as a statesman and a Mason. At the time of his death, June 18th, 1890, he was pro Grand Master of England.

Scottish Masonry has suffered a more than usually severe loss in the death of the Earl of Rosslyn, a most devoted Mason and a man distinguished alike in social and political life. Descended from a family whose name has been associated for generations with the history of Scottish Masonry, he worthily upheld the renown of his ancient race, and filled with distinguished ability the office of Grand Master for Scotland, and at the time of his death was the head of Templar Masonry in that country.

Our Brethren in Massachusetts have lately been called upon to mourn the loss of W. Bro. Alfred F. Chapman, a widely known and prominent member of the craft, who died suddenly March 20th, 1891. Probably no Mason in the neighboring commonwealth was better known to us or more highly esteemed, and when year by year his annual vacation brought him here, I know that many of you were delighted to renew a friendship which had existed for years, and which had been a source of unalloyed pleasure and of Masonic instruction.

June 14th last I received a communication from William Ronaldson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, dated Christ Church, May 1st, informing me of the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and requesting fraternal recognition and co-operation.

Henry Thompson, Esq., had been elected and installed as Grand Master. It is stated that a majority of the Lodges holding warrants of constitution under the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, had formed themselves into this Grand Lodge.

In November a circular was received, presumably from the Provincial Grand Master under Scotland of the North Island of New Zealand, Sir Frederick Whittaker, containing a vigorous protest against the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. It appears from this document that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had "refused to recognize the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and had instructed their Brethren not to hold Masonic intercourse with anyone in obedience to it." By my direction the Grand Secretary has handed these communications to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges, and I doubt not you will give their report the attentive consideration its importance demands. For my own part I have no recommendation to make on the subject, as the information which so far has come to hand is not in my opinion sufficiently explicit as to the mode of procedure adopted in organizing this new Grand Body.

I very much regretted that I was unable to accept an invitation to be present at the dedication of the Masonic Temple in Denver, on the 3rd day of July last. The proceedings on that occasion were of very great interest and included the dedication of the building by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado, and of the Chapter and Commandery Rooms by the Officers of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery respectively. A most cordial invitation was extended to the Officers of this Grand Body to attend, but the distance to be travelled and the pressure of ordinary business rendered it impossible that we could be represented.

On New Year's Day, I received the following courteous telegram:

TO THOS. WALKER:

May this New Year be to you and the Craftsmen of your jurisdiction, the brightest and happiest of all the years, and may it bring with it oceans of fraternity, fellowship, and prosperity.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario.*

To which I sent the following answer:

TO J. ROSS ROBERTSON:

We reciprocate your fraternal greeting, and trust that as time rolls on the Craftsmen of this Dominion may be more firmly united in bonds of brotherly love.

THOS. WALKER,

Grand Master of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

W. Bro. William J. Beattie, of Brooklyn, has been commissioned to represent this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of New York, in place of R. W. Bro. Edmund L. Judson, deceased.

W. Bro. T. H. Crawford has been appointed to represent the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Oregon, in place of W. Bro. Stephen G. Bunting, the latter having removed beyond the jurisdiction of the latter Grand Lodge.

V. W. Bro. Canon Watson, to represent the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

And W. Bro. William T. Perkins, of Bismarck, to represent the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

I instructed the Grand Secretary to forward the name of W. Bro. G. F. Stickney to represent the Grand Lodge of Michigan, near this Grand Lodge, in place of R. W. Bro. Benjamin R. Stevenson, deceased.

Also the name of R. W. Bro. H. A. White, to represent the United Grand Lodge of Victoria near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Also W. Bro. John Johnston, P. M. of Hibernia Lodge, to represent the Grand Lodge of North Dakota near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Also W. Bro. John A. Watson, to represent the Grand Lodge of Texas near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, in place of W. Bro. D. R. Munro, deceased.

I have also nominated V. W. Bro. H. J. Thorne for appointment as representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, in place of R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, deceased.

A communication having been received from the Grand Lodge of Vermont asking for an exchange of representatives, I directed the Grand Secretary to nominate R. W. Bro. D. F. Merritt for appointment as representative of that Grand Lodge.

In order that Freemasons might, as a body, do honor to Almighty God by public worship, a service was held on June 24th, the Festival of St. John Baptist. Grand Lodge on this occasion was accompanied by the city Lodges, with Sussex Lodge (St. Stephen) and Zion Lodge, whose numbers were swelled by visiting brethren.

St. Paul's Church was placed at the disposal of the fraternity by the kindness of the Rev. Canon DeVeber, and the service was conducted by him in a deeply impressive manner. The music was of a high order — the anthem being particularly beautiful and effective. An eloquent sermon upon Charity was preached by the V. W. the Rev. O. S. Newnham, Grand Chaplain, and was listened to with deep attention by a large congregation, composed of Freemasons and their friends. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, the representation was very large, and I marked, with, perhaps, pardonable pride, the imposing appearance and dignified bearing of the craft, who seemed to enter fully into the spirit of the occasion.

I had much pleasure in acceding to a request received from the Trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association of the town of Moncton, that the corner stone of their hall, in course of erection there, might be laid with Masonic ceremony. To this end I convened a special Communication of Grand Lodge, at Moncton, and asked the assistance and co-operation of the Lodges within this jurisdiction. The response to this call was very gratifying, and on the 3rd day of September last, in the presence of a large gathering of the craft, and surrounded by a great representative concourse of citizens, I had the honor of laying the foundation stone of this new hall.

I had much pleasure on this occasion in accepting the escort tendered by the Encampment of St. John, Knights Templar, and that body, under command of Eminent Commander W. H. B. Sadleir, formed escort to Grand Lodge in the public procession. It affords me gratification now to acknowledge with many thanks their services on that occasion.

Among the questions submitted to me for decision, few were of general interest. I regret to say that some questions appeared to arise from an ignorance of the plain rules of our Constitution. He to whom is entrusted the government of a Lodge should remember that he is expressly directed to "search the Book of Constitution at all times."

Questions which may be of general interest are as follows:

A communication was received from W. Bro. W. A. Black, a Past Master of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16, complaining that a dimit, which he had applied for for W. Bro. John F. Brine, and which had been granted by the Lodge, had been withheld.

It appeared from the correspondence submitted, that on the 10th day of March, Past Master W. A. Black, acting under written instructions from Past Master J. F. Brine, applied for a dimit for said brother, who had removed beyond this jurisdiction. That said dimit was ordered to be granted by the Lodge, on dues being paid. That said dues were paid in full March 31st, and the dimit then made out. That waiting the signature of the Junior Warden, the dimit remained in the hands of the Secretary. That at the next meeting of the Lodge, a charge was preferred against Bro. Brine, and the dimit, by vote of the Lodge, was withheld. Bro. Black held that the dimit should issue, and referred the question to the Grand Master for decision.

Chase, in his Digest of Masonic Law, says: "The vote of the Lodge dimit, though no certificate of such vote be issued. A dimit having been voted, neither the Master or Secretary can refuse to deliver the brother a certificate of the same, if he requests it. A vote to dimit cannot consistently be reconsidered."

Robertson, in his Digest of Masonic jurisprudence, says: "After a dimit is granted, it cannot be withheld because a charge is subsequently preferred against the brother."

I therefore ruled that the dimit must issue, and directed the Grand Secretary so to inform the Lodge.

In reply to enquiries "In which Degree should business of a Lodge be transacted," answered: "As all members of Lodges, under an amendment to our Constitution, must be M. M., it would be better that all business should be transacted in that degree, but it is not imperative."

"As to exact force of reading minutes at close of meetings," answered: "That minutes are read at close of meeting merely that any errors may be corrected while the subjects are fresh in the minds of those present, and have no force of approval or confirmation."

November 17th, received a communication from Lodge St. Andrew, in reference to Bro. Charles Carr's petition to rejoin Lodge St. Andrew, he being a dimitted brother and a resident of Cambridge, Mass. They

wish to know "Whether Bro. Carr, having a dimit, can be re-admitted without the sanction of a Lodge where he now resides," answered: "That there can be no objection to Bro. Carr joining his mother Lodge."

Clause in Constitution, Sec. 3, page 43, refers to initiation of Candidates, and does not refer to joining members.

The most pleasing of my official duties during the year have been those of visitations, though I have again to record my regret that I have come far short of what I had hoped to accomplish.

May 21st, I paid an official visit to Victoria Lodge, No. 26, Milltown, W. Bro. Andrew Mungali, W. M. I was accompanied by a staff of Grand Lodge officers, some from St. John and some from St. Stephen. I had also the assistance of W. Bro. J. R. Wren, D. G. M. for District No. 5. The work of the Third Degree was exemplified by the W. M. and officers of the Lodge, and was highly creditable to all concerned, though not strictly in accordance with the Ritual. The attendance at the meeting was good, and the well-known hospitality of the inhabitants of the St. Croix Valley did not fail here, for we were most hospitably entertained. This Lodge appears to be in a sound and flourishing condition, the officers enthusiastic, eager for instruction, and willing to profit by it.

May 28th, I paid an official visit to Keith Lodge, No. 23. We received a most courteous and fraternal welcome, and after the Lodge was closed were royally entertained at supper. By request of the W. M., Bro. J. E. Masters, the Third Degree was conferred by the officers of Grand Lodge. I am glad to be able to report that the condition of Keith Lodge is highly satisfactory.

December 27th, St. John Evangelist day, I visited officially Albion Lodge, and installed W. Bro. W. G. Robertson, who had been re-elected to the chair.

January 13th, visited Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, and, in the presence of a large assemblage of Craftsmen, installed the W. M. elect. After work, came refreshment, which, needless to say, was of a most bountiful character.

January 15th, I visited The Union Lodge of Portland and installed the W. M. In all my Masonic experience I never saw a better meeting than this.

February 5th, visited Carleton Union Lodge, R. W. Bro. J. V. Ellis in the chair. We met with a warm welcome, and enjoyed the courteous hospitality of the Lodge. I witnessed the work of the E. A. Degree, which was most creditable to the officers of the Lodge. Under

the able leadership of the distinguished brother who now occupies the chair, this Lodge has embarked upon a new era of prosperity.

On the evening of April 16th, by special invitation of the W. M., Wardens and Brethren, I attended the regular communication of The Union Lodge of Portland. The occasion was one of great interest, as then was celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of R.W. Bro. Henry Duffell's entrance into the Craft.

I feel assured that Grand Lodge will unite with me in congratulations to this eminent Mason, who has been so long distinguished for his loyalty to the order, his enthusiasm in Masonic work, and his regular attendance at all stated meetings.

In June last P.M. Andrew Skillen completed the fiftieth year of his masonic life. This event was celebrated by St. Martin's Lodge, and our respected and venerable brother was made the recipient of a valuable jewel, and received the hearty congratulations of the brethren. We are, I am sure, all rejoiced to see him here in his place in Grand Lodge still taking an active interest in the work of the craft.

In my official visits I was accompanied by a staff of Grand Lodge officers and acting officers, to whom I desire to return my sincere thanks.

I would ask Grand Lodge to take into consideration the advisability of issuing a certificate to Past Masters. In many jurisdictions this is done, and doubtless most Past Masters here would be glad to possess documentary evidence of their rank. Should Grand Lodge think favorably of this proposal, the details could be left in the hands of the Board of General Purposes, as to form of certificate and fee to be charged.

Permit me to call the attention of Grand Lodge, and through Grand Lodge the attention of the Craft in this jurisdiction, to the following circular received from the President of the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada:

GENERAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES
AND CANADA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

TORONTO, CAN., February 20th, 1891.

To all Masonic Boards of Relief and Lodges in the United States and Canada:

BRETHREN: The General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada was organized in the City of Baltimore, Maryland, on the 1st day of September, 1885, for the purpose of discovering and publishing to its contributors all persons who were practicing fraud upon the charities of the Masonic fraternity, by appeals for financial aid, without proper claims to the same. This organization was effected by delegates from numerous Boards of Relief throughout the two countries, which

had long understood the necessity for unity and co-operation, in order to successfully cope with an evil which had grown wide-spread, and almost unbearable, and which was rapidly depleting the funds of the fraternity, donated for charitable disbursement.

The Association has discovered and published, down to this date, 909 persons actually known to have fraudulently obtained, or attempted to obtain, money and other aid from the fraternity. Many of these persons are known to have secured a comfortable living for several years by this despicable and vicious practice. Every contributor to the Association has been warned against these persons, by means of a descriptive circular issued monthly; a copy of which is herewith enclosed. In addition, the Association has prepared and printed a complete Index, showing name, Lodge and country of the persons published, in order that ready reference may be made by all contributors applied to for assistance, and representing a Masonic connection and claim. Large sums of money, in the aggregate, have been saved by Boards of Relief in large cities, and many Lodges have acknowledged the value of the warnings in avoiding attempted imposition.

The cost of membership in this Association is one cent per capita per year, but no subscription for membership or less than one dollar can be received. This is intended to cover only the cost of gathering and imparting the information the Association is organized to supply. The Index (in book form, containing all the warnings from organization, to March, 1890), is supplied to contributors at the price of \$2 each—simply the cost of printing.

Intelligent Masons need not be told of the valuable work performed by this Association, or of the necessity for its existence, as these are sufficiently obvious. Nearly every brother has, at some time, been victimized by some Masonic mendicant, who, upon investigation, was found to be without claim. Our Association purposes to abate this evil, and in order to do so most thoroughly and completely, asks the aid and co-operation of every Board of Relief and Lodge in North America. As will be seen, the annual cost of membership is nominal; even less than the cost of investigation, and temporary aid pending the same, in a single instance.

Correspondence with our President, Secretary, or other officer, is fraternally solicited, if information is desired upon any point as to the purposes or work of the Association. No officer of the Association (except the Secretary) is paid for any service performed in this connection, nor are any of the funds used, except for the mere expenses, as above set forth.

Fraternally yours,

D. W. PENINGTON, M.D.,
Secretary,

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,
President.

1 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, Md.

In a letter accompanying this document, M. W. Bro. Robertson says: "I fraternally ask you to read the enclosed circular and place it before the proper committee of your Grand Lodge, with a view to the affiliation of your jurisdiction with our Association."

The Masonic Board of Relief in this city has for some time been affiliated with the above Association, and the Secretary of the Board, Past Grand Master McNichol, assures me that they have derived much benefit therefrom. Money has been saved which otherwise would have gone to unworthy objects, and more certainty secured in a proper application of relief. I leave it to your deliberation whether or not it would be well to extend this to our entire province by an affiliation

secured by Grand Lodge itself, or whether this should be left in the hands of each subordinate Lodge.

I have approved a change in the By-Laws of Zion Lodge: "To change night of meeting to Third Monday in each month." This not proving satisfactory, the night of meeting was changed to the "First Monday in each month," which change I also approved.

I have also approved a change in the By-Laws of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, making an alteration in the amount of their dues.

The Ritual Committee, after consultation with the Worshipful Masters of the city Lodges, has arranged to have the work of F. C. and M. M. Degrees exemplified before Grand Lodge at this Communication.

This evening at an Emergency Communication of Hibernia Lodge the F. C. Degree will be worked. To-morrow evening at an Emergency Communication of Albion Lodge the M. M. Degree will be conferred.

It was moved by W. Bro. S. F. Matthews, seconded by R. W. Bro. George F. Stickney, and

Resolved, That the Address of the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to report upon the several matters contained therein.

Which Committee was appointed as follows:

R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, W. Bro. S. F. Matthews, and R. W. Bro. D. F. Merritt.

Report of Grand Secretary.

THE V. W. the Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report and Account as follows:

To the GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M., of New Brunswick:

1. The receipts of my office since the last Annual Communication amount to two thousand two hundred and thirty-four dollars and twenty cents, upon the following accounts, viz.:

Registration Fees,	\$ 408 80
Certificates,	91 00
Annual Dues,	1,624 80
Annual Balance Due, 1889,	69 70
Dispensation Fees,	15 50
Constitutions,	5 10
Services and Blanks,	5 30
Floating Debt,	14 00
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	\$2,234 20

All of which was paid to the Grand Treasurer, and a detailed account handed to the Committee appointed by the Board of General Purposes to audit the same.

The returns show the following particulars:

Initiated,	95
Passed,	93
Raised,	82
Joined,	24
Reinstated,	6
Withdrawn,	52
Suspended,	43
Excluded,	1
Died,	27

Total membership, December 27th, 1890, 1,880, showing a decrease in membership of five, as compared with the returns of 1889.

2. By authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, thirteen dispensations were issued for the undermentioned purposes:

To confer degrees at short intervals,	7
To wear regalia at divine service,	3
To wear regalia at social,	1
To wear regalia at funeral,	2

3. I have issued upon special and the regular annual returns ninety-one Certificates on parchment.

4. Official notice has been received of the death of R. W. Bro. Edward L. Judson, P. G. M., representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, near the Grand Lodge of New York.

Also the death of M. W. Bro. Benjamin Franklin Haller, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of Minnesota records the death of three of their Past Grand Masters, R. W. Bro. Caleb H. Berton, R. W. Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, and R. W. Bro. J. H. Bowes.

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of California announces the death of their Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. Alexander G. Abell, who passed away on the 28th of December.

5. Notices were issued from my office, by direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, for Special Communication of Grand Lodge, on the 24th of June, 1890, to attend Divine Service at St. Paul's Church, and for Special Communication to lay the corner stone of the Y. M. C. A. building at Moncton, September 3rd.

	<i>Brought forward,</i>	.....	\$1,724	70
To Cash received from Restigouche,	.....	" 25,	30	10
" " " Victoria, ..	.....	" 26,	106	50
" " " St. John, ..	.....	" 27,	34	40
" " " Lebanon, ..	.....	" 28,	35	20
" " " St. Martins,	.....	" 30,	41	60
" " " Benjamin,	.....	" 31,	52	60
" " " Campbellton,	.....	" 32,	49	20
" " " Alexandria,	.....	" 33,	32	60
" " " Albert, ....	.....	" 34,	41	60
" " " Corinthian for 1889,	" 18,	16	40
" " " Restigouche " 1889,	" 25,	53	30
" " " Keith, Special Collection,	" 23,	14	00

\$2,234 20

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Paid Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers, \$2,234 20

The returns have been received from all the Lodges, with the exception of three.

EDWIN J. WETMORE,
Grand Secretary.

Saint John, N. B., April 21st, 1891.

Report of Grand Treasurer.

HENRY J. THORNE, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. and A. M.

1890.	DR.		
April 15.	To balance in Bank B. N. A.,	\$1,646	31
" 15.	" Savings Bank,	385	08
" 28.	To Floating Debt Fund,	14	00
" 28.	" Capital Account,	\$69	40
July 1.	" Interest, Savings Bank,	15	96
1891.			
Jan. 15.	" Capital Account,	479	50
Feb. 3.	" "	533	50
Mar. 14.	" "	322	00
" 21.	" "	199	00
April 11.	" "	299	10
		1,902	50
April 20.	To Cash from Grand Secretary,	317	70
		\$4,281	50

1890.	CR.	Exp. Acct.	Interest.	Bond Acct.
April 16.	By Bond No. 11,			\$500 00
" 16.	Interest on Bond No. 11, ..		\$3 75	
" 28.	Masonic Hall Co.,			14 00
May 1.	Six mos. int. on \$3,500, ..		105 00	
" 26.	G. G. Boyne,	\$6 00		
" 30.	Masonic Hall Co.,	20 00		
June 3.	D. Scribner,	6 00		
May 19.	Grand Secretary, postage, ..	6 66		
" 19.	Ellis, Robertson & Co.,	98 00		
" 19.	Estate W. Elder,	15 00		
" 19.	Miss Miles,	10 32		
" 24.	Insurance,	22 50		
Aug. 2.	Six mos. int. on \$4,500,		135 00	
" 2.	Bond No 6,			500 00
" 7.	Grand Secretary, on acct., ..	50 00		
" 18.	Six mos. int. on \$3,500,		105 00	
Oct. 28.	Insurance,	2 50		
Nov. 4.	Six mos. int. on \$3,500, ..		105 00	
" 19.	Order Grand Master,	20 00		
Dec. 1.	Six mos. int. on \$1,500,		45 00	
1891.				
Feb. 3.	Grand Secretary on acct., ..	50 00		
" 3.	Six mos. int. on \$7,000		210 00	
Mar. 9.	Twelve mos. int. on \$2,000,		120 00	
" 11.	Bond No. 12,			500 00
		\$306 98	\$828 75	\$1,514 00
Total Interest Account,				828 75
Total Expense Account,				306 98
Balance in Bank B. N. A.,				1,013 08
" " Savings Bank,				300 99
Cash on Hand,				317 70
				\$4,281 50

On motion of W. Bro. J. C. Leonard, S. G. D., it was
Ordered, That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand
Treasurer be received and lie on the table.

Report of the Board of General Purposes.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., April 15th, 1891.

To the GRAND LODGE of F. and A. M., of New Brunswick:

The Board of General Purposes herewith submit their annual report:

At the first meeting, held on the 7th day of May, 1890, V. W. Bro. H. J. Thorne was elected vice-president.

It was resolved that the regular meetings of the Board be held on the first Monday in August, November, February, and April, at eight o'clock, p.m.

In reference to the communication brought before the Board by the Grand Secretary, from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, relating to a grand Masonic Bazaar, the Board decided that it was not practicable for the Craft in this jurisdiction to take any general or united action in the matter.

In his address to Grand Lodge (page 291) in 1890, the M. W. the Grand Master directed attention to the clause in the Constitution, Sec. 27, "Private Lodges," referring to brethren who are returned as withdrawn, they having left the country, and the Lodge, by vote, having considered them withdrawn. The question arose as to the *status* of a brother who desired to regain his former standing in his Lodge. The Grand Master properly advised that the brother should apply as a joining member and be subject to a ballot. The Grand Master asked Grand Lodge to consider the advisability of having legislation to meet such a case. The committee on the Grand Master's Address (page 307) recommended that the subject be referred to the Board, and it was so referred. At a meeting of the Board, on 27th November, the whole subject was remitted to a sub-committee, and their conclusion is embraced in a report submitted to the Board. After some discussion, the Board decided to let the report lie upon its table for further consideration, and thus no change in the Constitution is proposed at the present time. In the meantime the advice or ruling of the Grand Master, in the case referred to, may be safely accepted as declaring the correct practice under the law as it now stands.

The Board appointed brothers W. Watson Allen, W. R. Russell, and T. A. Godsoe, as Audit Committee of the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and they reported as follows:

SAINT JOHN, N. B., 21st April, 1891.

To the Board of General Purposes of GRAND LODGE, F. and A. M.:

The Audit Committee beg to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the current Masonic year, and find the same correct.

The books show the following statement:

Balance brought forward from last audit, \$1,646 31	
Dominion Savings Bank,	385 08
	\$2,031 34

Receipts for the year:

General Revenue Account,	\$2,220 20
Interest Account,	15 96
Special Fund (Masonic Hall),	14 00
	2,250 16
Total,	\$4,281 50

Expenditures:

Bonds Nos. 6, 11, 12, \$500 each,	\$1,500 00
Interest Account,	828 75
Expense Account,	306 98
Special (Masonic Hall),	14 00
	\$2,649 73

Cash Balance:

In hand of Grand Treasurer,	317 70
Bank of British North America,	\$1,013 08
Dominion Savings Bank,	300 99
	1,631 77
	4,281 50

The Grand Treasurer has submitted vouchers for all his expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

W. WATSON ALLEN, }
THOMAS A. GODSOE, } *Audit Committee.*

Brothers P. A. Melville, W. H. Patton, and David S. Stewart are appointed Credential Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WHITE,
President of the Board of General Purposes.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P.G.M., the foregoing report was received and laid on the table.

On motion of R. W. Bro. James McNichol, P.G.M., and seconded by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P.G.M., it was

Ordered, That the election of the elective officers of Grand Lodge be held this evening, immediately after the exemplification of the work in the F. C. Degree.

The Committee on the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master submitted the following report:

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

The Committee on the Address of the Grand Master beg leave to recommend that so much of the address as relates to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand be referred to the committee on recognition of Sister Grand Lodges. The Committee ask leave to make a further report.

JOHN V. ELLIS,
S. F. MATTHEWS,
D. F. MERRITT.

V. W. Bro. Henry J. Thorne, Grand Treasurer, presented his commission as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, dated 24th April, A. L. 5891, and authenticated by the signatures of M. W. Bro. Frank Edgar, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John, H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary.

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

R. W. Bro. D. F. Merritt, P. J. G. W., presented his credentials as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont for the term of five years from the 1st day March, A. D. 1891, having the signatures of M. W. Bro. George W. Wing, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Warren J. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

Bro. Merritt was duly received and acknowledged as such representative and saluted with the usual honors.

R. W. Bro. George F. Stickney, P. S. G. W., presented his Commission, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, dated 5th December, A. D. 1890, having the signature of R. W. Bro. William P. Innes, Grand Secretary. Whereupon the R. W. Bro. was duly received and acknowledged as such representative.

W. Bro. John A. Watson, Grand Director of Ceremonies, presented his commission as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas, dated 16th March, A. D. 1891, and authenticated by the signatures of M. W. Bro. George W. Tyler, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Swain, Grand Secretary.

Bro. Watson was duly received and saluted with the usual honors.

R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P.G.M., submitted the report of the Committee on the Recognition of Sister Grand Lodges; and moved that the report be received and laid on the table. Carried.

Report of Committee on Recognition of Sister Grand Lodges.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 27, 1891.

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

The Committee on the Recognition of Sister Grand Lodges beg leave to report:

The Committee renew their request of last year that the application of the Grand Lodge of Peru for recognition and fellowship stand over. There are now twenty-six Lodges owing allegiance to this Grand Lodge, three of which are dormant. Twenty of these Lodges are in Peru, one in Ecuador, and five in Bolivia. The Committee are uncertain as to whether the subordinate Lodges which originally formed this Grand Lodge were regular Craft Lodges; or, indeed, whether it was first formed by warranted Lodges or by individual Masons. No harm can result from further delay.

A communication has been laid before the Committee, under date 12th September, 1890, announcing that V. W. Bro. Gamaliel Arenas has succeeded the late Pedro J. Ramirez, for some time Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico. We have never entered into fraternal relations with the Freemasons of Mexico, as for a long time some of the bodies appeared to be semi-political organizations, and they appeared to have a system of government unknown to the craft here. Recently there has been a movement, partially successful at least, to place the craft Lodges under a system of government of

their own, and to restore the independence of Ancient Masonry, which was too long subject to external influences. In this work Bro. Ramirez took an active and intelligent part, and the Committee learn of his death with regret.

There are documents from the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Egypt: in the case of the latter asking this Grand Lodge to enter into fraternal communication with it, and to exchange representatives. The names are submitted of Leonida Drasinov, Domenico Sciarrone, and Osman Pascia Orphi, any one of whom will be acceptable as our representative in Egypt. The Committee respectfully advise Grand Lodge not to enter into fraternal relations with this organization. The Supreme Council itself does not appear to be an independent Masonic authority, but is a part of a Grand Orient, which is composed of a Grand body having control over Craft Lodges, and of other bodies having control of different Rites, such as the Swendenborgian Rite, the Rite of Memphis, an order of Masonic Knighthood, so called, and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The Committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to inform the Count Frederick G. de Nichechievick, at Alexandria, that at the present time the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick does not see its way clear to the establishment of the fraternal relations desired.

Application for recognition of a Grand Lodge recently organized in the Island of New Zealand, is dated from Christ Church, N. Z., 1st May, 1890, and is signed, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, by William Ronaldson, Grand Secretary. It sets forth that a majority of the Lodges of Freemasons in the colony, holding of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland have formed themselves into an independent Grand Lodge, and that Henry Thomson, Esq., has been installed Grand Master; that the movement has been carried out from no feeling of antagonism to the parent Grand Lodges, for whom is felt the most sincere affection and gratitude, but solely from a conviction arrived at after much earnest and thoughtful deliberation that this course of action was conducive to the good of the craft, and would help to strengthen and increase its usefulness in the colony; that Freemasonry has been established nearly fifty years in New Zealand; and that while the craft is grateful for the fostering care of the parent Grand Lodges, it is now sufficiently strong to exercise the right of self government with credit to itself and honor to those Grand Lodges from which it has sprung.

The papers submitted to the Committee give the proceedings at the installation of the Grand Master, at Christ Church, on 30th of April last, and subsequent proceedings of Grand Lodge, all of which are quite regular. But there had been a preliminary convention at Wellington,

in September, 1889, at which the resolution was come to, to form a Grand Lodge. The convention then adjourned until April 30th, on which date, as already stated, Grand Lodge was formally organized. In the absence of the report of this convention your Committee have no exact information immediately available as to the number of Lodges which gave in their adhesion to the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. The circular of Very Worshipful Bro. Ronaldson says that the majority of the Lodges in the Island have united in the formation. The Committee have carefully examined such other sources of information as were at their hand, and they find that there were about one hundred and thirty-five Lodges in New Zealand, under nine Provincial Grand Masters, and this does not include a Lodge lately established by the Grand Orient of France; they find it stated in the Australian Masonic journals that three-fifths of the active working Lodges in the colony united in the movement and are adherents of the new Grand Lodge; they find that the proposal to establish a Grand Lodge was discussed throughout the Island among the craft a year and a half before any movement was made; and that in different localities, Masonic Unions were formed to collect and disseminate information upon the subject; that some time before the last step was finally taken the Provincial Grand Masters asked for delay, which delay was acceded to; and that when no result was reached, a forward movement was again made. The Committee are of opinion that New Zealand is entitled to have its own Masonic government; that the fullest publicity was given to the proceedings prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge; that a majority of the Lodges in the colony were assenting parties to the formation; that the Grand Lodge in New Zealand is regularly formed and duly organized, and that it should be recognized by the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and fraternal relations with it established as soon as practicable.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,
EDWIN J. EVERETT,
DAVID F. MERRITT.

Grand Lodge took recess until three o'clock in the afternoon.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

APRIL 28th, 1891.

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

The V. W. Rev. O. S. Newnham, Grand Chaplain, who was absent from the morning session, took his seat.

Telegrams were received and read from R. W. Bro. E. Lee Street, P. D. G. M.; from R. W. Bro. E. G. Vroom, Senior Grand Warden, and from R. W. Bro. J. T. Whitlock, P. D. G. M., expressing their regrets that important business rendered it impossible for them to attend Grand Lodge at this session.

R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., read a despatch he had received from W. Bro. D. Burnham Tracey, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Michigan, conveying kind regards to officers and members of Grand Lodge, and regretting he could not attend this meeting.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters submitted their annual reports, and they were read from the Grand Secretary's table.

On motion of R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, it was

Ordered, That the reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters be received and lie on the table.

The M. W. the Grand Master read a memorial he had received from Restigouche Lodge, No. 25, setting forth the action of the Lodge in the matter of a charge made against a brother for unmasonic conduct.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. G. M.,

That these papers be referred to a Committee of three to examine and report upon.

R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis moved in amendment, seconded by V. W. Bro. H. J. Thorne,

That the whole matter be referred to the Board of General Purposes for their consideration.

The amendment was carried.

R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. G. M., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, The constitution of Grand Lodge provides that "The annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall be holden in the city of St. John on the Fourth Tuesday of April in each year;" and

Whereas, It is deemed advisable to consider whether the time of meeting shall be changed, and the Grand Lodge given the opportunity to fix from year to year the place of its annual communication; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of General Purposes be hereby instructed to take the matter into consideration during recess, and make such recommendation in the premises as may be deemed expedient in the interest of Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., moved, seconded by W. Bro. Edwin J. Everett, the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Recognition of Sister Grand Lodges be taken from the table, and its conclusions adopted.

Also, the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick recognizes the Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand, as a regularly constituted Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over the craft in the Colony of New Zealand, and fraternally welcomes it into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges.

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

TUESDAY EVENING.

APRIL 28th, 1891.

Grand Lodge resumed business at 7.30 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced that Grand Lodge would take recess for the purpose of the exemplification of the work of the F. C. Degree. An Emergency Communication of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, was held for the purpose, the M. W. the Grand Master acting as W. M., assisted by a staff of officers from the several city Lodges.

Grand Lodge resumed business at nine o'clock.

The time appointed for the election of the elective officers of Grand Lodge having arrived, it was, on motion of R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M.,

Ordered, That Grand Lodge proceed with the order of the day.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed W. Bros. T. Nisbet Robertson, J. Alfred Clark, and James E. Masters to act as Scrutineers. The Scrutineers having been duly qualified, the regulations of the Grand Lodge relative to the election of officers were read by the Grand Secretary.

Upon the several ballotings, the Scrutineers reported the following brethren as having received a majority of the votes cast, and they were declared duly elected:

M. W. Bro. THOMAS WALKER,	(re-elected) Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. DAVID F. MERRITT,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. JAMES E. MASTERS,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Bro. DANIEL JORDAN,	Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. Bro. REV. G. M. CAMPBELL, ...	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. Bro. HENRY J. THORNE,	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,	Grand Tyler.

The M. W. the Grand Master thanked the Scrutineers for the manner in which they had discharged their duties.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the installation of officers take place at eleven o'clock to-morrow forenoon.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until eleven o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

APRIL 29th, 1891.

Grand Lodge resumed business at eleven o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The hour appointed for the installation of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, M. W. Bro. Thomas Walker, Grand Master re-elect, was invested and installed by Past Grand Master B. Lester Peters, and was saluted and proclaimed "Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Antient and

Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

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

V. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,	Grand Secretary.
W. ISAAC O. BEATTEAY,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. ANDREW McNICHOL,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN A. WATSON,	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. PARK A. MELVILLE,	Asst. G'd Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. DANIEL McGRUAR,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. J. C. FERGUSON,	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. WILLIAM A. EWING,	Grand Organist.
W. WILLIAM G. ROBERTSON,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. F. W. THOMSON,	Grand Steward.
W. D. C. FIRTH,	"
W. C. H. SMITH,	"
W. H. A. JOHNSON,	"
W. PERCY WILBUR,	"
W. B. S. BLACK,	"
W. EDWARD BATES,	"
W. C. W. JENNER,	"
W. L. A. FENWICK,	"
W. P. H. C. BENSON,	"

The following officers, elected and appointed—as also the District Deputy Grand Masters—being present were installed, invested, and proclaimed, viz.:

R. W. DAVID F. MERRITT,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. JAMES E. MASTERS,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. DANIEL JORDAN,	Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. G. M. CAMPBELL,	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. HENRY J. THORNE,	Grand Treasurer.
V. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,	Grand Secretary.
W. ISAAC O. BEATTEAY,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. ANDREW McNICHOL,	Junior Grand Deacon.
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W. W. A. EWING,	Grand Organist.
W. WILLIAM G. ROBERTSON, ..	Grand Pursuivant.
W. C. H. SMITH,	Grand Steward.
W. B. S. BLACK,	"
DINGEE SCRIBNER,	Grand Tyler.

The M.W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year, viz.:

R.W. H. A. WHITE.
 R.W. G. M. JARVIS.
 R.W. HENRY DUFFELL.
 R.W. T. AMOS GODSOE.
 W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON.
 W. W. WATSON ALLEN.
 W. W. H. B. SADLEIR.
 V.W. CHARLES MASTERS.
 V.W. HENRY J. THORNE.
 R.W. JOHN D. SHORT.

The M.W. the Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

Ritual Committee:

M.W. THOMAS WALKER.
 R.W. R. T. CLINCH.
 R.W. B. LESTER PETERS.
 R.W. JOHN V. ELLIS.
 R.W. HENRY DUFFELL.
 R.W. WM. F. BUNTING.
 W. W. H. B. SADLEIR.
 W. HARRY BECKWITH.
 R.W. T. AMOS GODSOE.
 W. J. C. HATHEWAY.
 W. W. A. EWING.
 W. W. A. MACLAUHLAN.

On Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges:

R.W. JOHN V. ELLIS.
 W. EDWIN J. EVERETT.
 R.W. D. F. MERRITT.

Library Committee:

W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON.
 W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE.
 R.W. JOHN D. SHORT.

Committee on Warrants to New Lodges:

R.W. B. LESTER PETERS.
 W. J. HENRY LEONARD,
 W. JOHN A. WATSON.

On motion of R. W. Bro. James McNichol, P.G.M., seconded by R.W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P.G.M., V. W. Bro. O. S. Newnham was created a permanent member of Grand Lodge, with the rank of Past Grand Chaplain.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James McNichol, P. G. M., seconded by W. Bro. John A. Watson, G. D. of Ceremonies, and unanimously

Resolved, That Grand Lodge place in its proceedings memorial pages to those deceased in this jurisdiction, and also those in other jurisdictions alluded to in the Grand Master's Address.

On motion of R.W. Bro. James McNichol, P.G.M., it was

Ordered, That the Reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters be taken from the table and referred to the M.W. the Grand Master for his perusal, and publication of so much of them as may be of general importance.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address submitted the following report:

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.

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

The Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master submit the following report:

The cordial welcome of the Grand Master to the brethren at this the annual communication of Grand Lodge, and the opportunity for the exchange of fraternal greetings are, the Committee believe, fully appreciated by the members of Grand Lodge. It is a pleasure of no ordinary kind to meet in annual session; to hail each other on the level of one common brotherhood, and to do our share to further the interests of this great fraternity.

The touching allusions of the Grand Master to the brethren of this jurisdiction and to those of other jurisdictions who have been summoned from their earthly labors will meet with a response in every heart. In all their offices and stations the brothers whose names are mentioned by the Grand Master labored with industry, fervency and

zeal, and the good that was in their lives will have its just influence on the world. It is a melancholy satisfaction, in view of our own loss, to extend our sympathy to those who mourn the friends and brothers who have gone out forever from among them.

The various duties which the M. W. the Grand Master has been called to discharge, publicly and privately, have been faithfully discharged by him. The public appearance of the craft, both at St. John and at Moncton, reflected credit upon Grand Lodge and upon local Masonic bodies. The attendance at Divine service in St. Paul's Church, on St. John's Day last, was very large, and all the circumstances fully justified this excellent method of observing the festival of one of the most eminent of the Christian patrons of Freemasonry.

The decisions made by the Grand Master on points of law submitted to him for decision appear to your Committee to be according to the law and to the general practice of this jurisdiction. One of these decisions the Committee desire particularly to accentuate: while it is the general practice on this continent to require persons who desire to become members of our society to apply to the Lodge nearest to their place of residence in the Masonic jurisdiction in which they live, there is nothing to prevent a brother from retiring from that Lodge and joining any other which will receive him. It is better, as a rule, for reasons that are obvious, for a brother to belong to a Lodge near to his residence, or one whose meetings he can attend with regularity.

The courteous reception of the Grand Master by the different Lodges which he has visited shows the good feeling of the craft to one well deserving of it, both because of his zeal and his knowledge. It also shows how welcome these visitations are to the Lodges to which they are made, and should encourage the Grand Master and the Grand Officers to extend and increase them to the best of their ability.

The Committee regard with favor the suggestion of the Grand Master to issue a certificate of rank to Past Masters, and they recommend Grand Lodge to pronounce upon the question at this session.

The Committee believe that it would be a great advantage to the craft throughout the Province, to be affiliated with the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada as the Lodges in this city practically are now, and recommend that attention be specially directed to the matter by circulars from the office of the Grand Secretary during the recess. It is of the utmost importance that the relief which we bestow should be bestowed worthily.

The Committee heartily join the Grand Master in his congratulations to R. W. Bro. Henry Duffell in his fifty years of membership, and they think that Grand Lodge itself should be congratulated on having

on its roll of members a craftsman so skilled, so earnest, and so faithful. They also join in the congratulations extended to W. Bro. Andrew Skillen, P. M., whose presence in Grand Lodge they recognize with pleasure; and they trust that both of these venerable and esteemed Masons will long continue able to give the Craft the benefit of their Masonic experience and wisdom.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,
S. F. MATTHEWS,
D. F. MERRITT.

On motion of R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., it was

Ordered, That paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the above report be adopted.

Bro. Ellis also moved:

Resolved, That Grand Lodge affirm that it is desirable to provide a Certificate for Past Masters, and that the matter be referred to the Board of General Purposes to procure designs for such a Certificate, estimates of cost, and other details, and submit the same at next annual session. Carried.

The remaining sections of the report were adopted.

W. Bro. Park A. Melville moved, seconded by W. Bro. Edwin J. Everett, and it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's be adopted as a whole.

On motion of R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, seconded by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., the following resolution was unanimously adopted by a standing vote:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick records its sense of the loss sustained by the Craft in the death of R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, Past Deputy Grand Master, and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; of R. W. Bro. David Brown, P. J. G. W., and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine; and of W. Bro. David R. Munro, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas, who were members of this Grand Lodge at and took an active part in its formation, who ever manifested an earnest interest in the affairs of the fraternity, and whose zeal for the Craft was constantly displayed in all their connections with it;

Further Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to convey to the widow and family of each of our deceased brothers an expression of the fraternal sympathy of the Grand Lodge with them in their bereavement.

On motion of the V.W. the Grand Secretary, it was

Ordered, That the Reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Board of General Purposes be taken from the table and adopted.

V. W. the Grand Secretary moved, seconded by Bro. John A. Watson,

That the best thanks of Grand Lodge be extended to the Managers of the Intercolonial and Shore Line Railways for the facilities offered by them to the brethren attending this session. Carried unanimously.

Grand Lodge took recess until half-past seven this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

APRIL 29th, 1891.

Grand Lodge resumed business at half-past seven o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

It being the hour named for the exemplification of the work of the Master Mason's Degree, Grand Lodge took recess.

A special communication of Albion Lodge, No. 1, was opened in the F. C. Degree; and was continued in the Master's Degree. The Grand Master, with the aid of the corps of assistants from the city Lodges who had officiated with him on the preceding evening, conferred the Degree; and on this, as on the previous occasion, the excellence of the music by the choir under the direction of the Grand Organist, materially assisted in the admirable rendering of the work, which was witnessed by a large gathering of the brethren.

Albion Lodge was closed.

Grand Lodge resumed business.

On motion of R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P.G.M., seconded by W. Bro. John C. Leonard, P.S.G.D., it was unanimously

Resolved, That the V. W. the Grand Secretary enter upon the records of Grand Lodge a suitable minute of the presentation of an Address and Jewel by Albion Lodge, No. 1, to the M. W. the Grand Master, Thomas Walker.

[In accordance with the requirement of the above resolution the Grand Secretary makes a minute of the fact that just before Albion Lodge closed, its W. Master, Bro. W. G. Robertson, addressing the Grand Master, said Albion Lodge had commissioned him to perform a pleasing duty. He then read a handsomely engrossed address in which the Lodge expressed its satisfaction at the fact that the Grand Master had been for the third time elected to preside over Grand Lodge, congratulated him upon his faithful discharge of his official duty, assured him of brotherly regard and esteem, and presented him with a Past Grand Master's Jewel in gold, bearing a suitable inscription. The Grand Master warmly and feelingly thanked the Master, Wardens, and brethren of Albion Lodge—his mother Lodge—for the generous and hearty expression of their good will, and for the beautiful jewel which accompanied it.]

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Worshipful Masters of Albion and Hibernia Lodges for the facilities extended by them to Grand Lodge for the exemplification of the work.

The M. W. the Grand Master expressed his thanks to the W. Master of each Lodge for the interest manifested by them and the assistance they had given him.

The M. W. the Grand Master expressed his pleasure at the attendance of so many of the officers and members of Grand Lodge, and congratulated the Craft on the harmonious and pleasant way in which the business had been transacted.

All business having been finished, Grand Lodge was closed in *ample* form.

E. J. WETMORE,
Grand Secretary.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters.

IN accordance with resolution of Grand Lodge the Grand Master directs the printing of the following, from reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters:

DISTRICT No. 1.

R. W. Bro. H. A. White, as Deputy for this district, says:

My first visit was to Saint Martin's Lodge, on June 7th. It was a Regular Communication, and it was expected that all the Degrees would be conferred; but owing to the candidates being unavoidably absent, I was deprived of the privilege of seeing the work performed. However, it is generally known that Saint Martin's Lodge is very proficient. I examined the books of the Lodge and found everything in first-class shape. On the following day (Sunday) I had the pleasure of accompanying the members, together with some visiting brethren, to the Episcopal Church, where a most eloquent and impressive service was rendered by the Rev. Mr. Sherman. The day was very unfavorable, but there was a good representation, and the Lodge made a very creditable showing.

My next official visit was to my own Lodge, Zion, No. 21, of Sussex, on January 5th, when I had the pleasure of installing the W. M. and officers of the Lodge. I need only say of this Lodge that it is progressing, and although not making many new members, yet it is making steady advances. I found upon examination of the books of the Lodge that everything looked prosperous, and the Lodge had been able to make a considerable reduction in the indebtedness against their hall, and have great hopes that in the near future they will be free of debt.

My next official visit was to Midian Lodge, Clifton, on January 13th, when I had the pleasure of installing the officers. A number of brethren came out from St. John, and we spent a very pleasant evening. I can only report of this (as my predecessors have done), that all is doing that possibly can be done under existing circumstances to keep the Lodge alive. There are so few members, and they so scattered, that it is impossible to hold regular communications. However, they meet occasionally, and I trust that the newly elected Master, W. Bro. Bates (although living in St. John), will make extra efforts to revive a greater interest in their Lodge. I found the books of this Lodge in first-class shape, but no business had been done during the year.

I now come to Corinthian Lodge of Hampton, and I regret exceedingly that I am compelled to make so unfavorable a report. . . . I made every effort to try and get the brethren of this Lodge to come

together and elect officers, but it was useless; they seem to have lost all interest in the Lodge, and while they were working under many disadvantages, yet I can see no good reason for their giving up so easily. . . . I scarcely know what suggestions to offer, but would think it better to call in the warrant of this Lodge for the present.

DISTRICT No. 2.

R. W. Bro. H. B. Fleming, District Deputy Grand Master for this district, reports:

During the year I have visited all the Lodges in this district, with the exception of Salisbury Lodge.

On June 11th, I visited Zetland Lodge, Shediac, accompanied by R. W. Bro. H. A. White, who conferred the Third Degree upon one candidate. I regret very much that I have not been able to visit them since.

On June 9th, I visited Lebanon Lodge, Sackville, and conferred the First and Third Degrees. I have made several visits to this Lodge during the year, and assisted them in their work. January 5th, I installed their officers, assisted by Past Master A. E. Wilson, of Sussex Lodge, No. 4, and Bro. Reid, of Albion. Lebanon Lodge has done good work the past year, and is in a prosperous condition.

On October 28th, I visited Albert Lodge, Albert, and conferred the Third Degree on one candidate; found this Lodge in splendid form, with good hall; members taking deep interest, and officers doing good work.

On December 2nd, I visited Howard Lodge, Hillsboro, and conferred the Third Degree on one candidate, and elected officers for 1891. . . . The membership is small and scattered, consequently it is difficult at times to get enough members to attend regular meetings. Still they are determined to try and do something the coming year.

On December 27th, I visited Keith Lodge, Moncton, and installed their officers, assisted by R. W. Bros. G. M. Jarvis, and W. Bros. J. E. Masters and Geo. Ackman. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition and doing good work.

On February 19th, I was called upon to officiate at the funeral of our esteemed Bro. Nicol McLaren, a very respected member of Keith Lodge.

On January 8th, I visited Sussex Lodge, No. 4, Dorchester, and installed their officers, assisted by Past Masters Wilson and Chapman.

I have examined the books of the Lodges I visited, and find they are kept in a creditable manner.