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M.:W.: His Honour JUDGE FORBES,
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SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Communication of
Grand Lodge will be held at Masonic Hall,
Germain Street, Saint John, on Tuesday,
the 27th day of August, A.D. 1901.

Proceedings

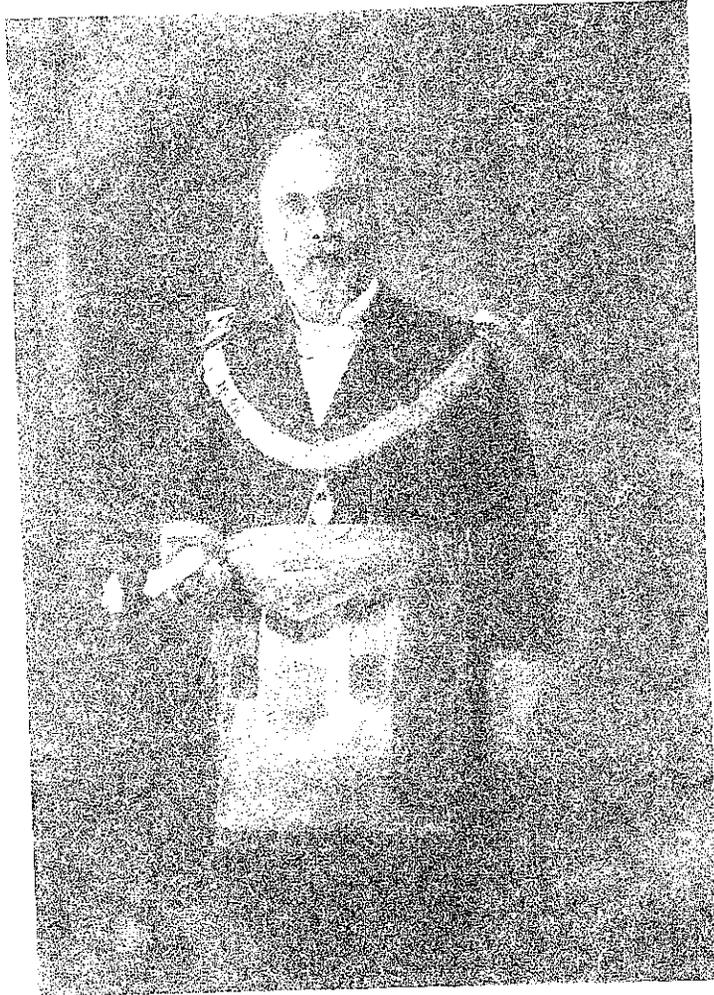
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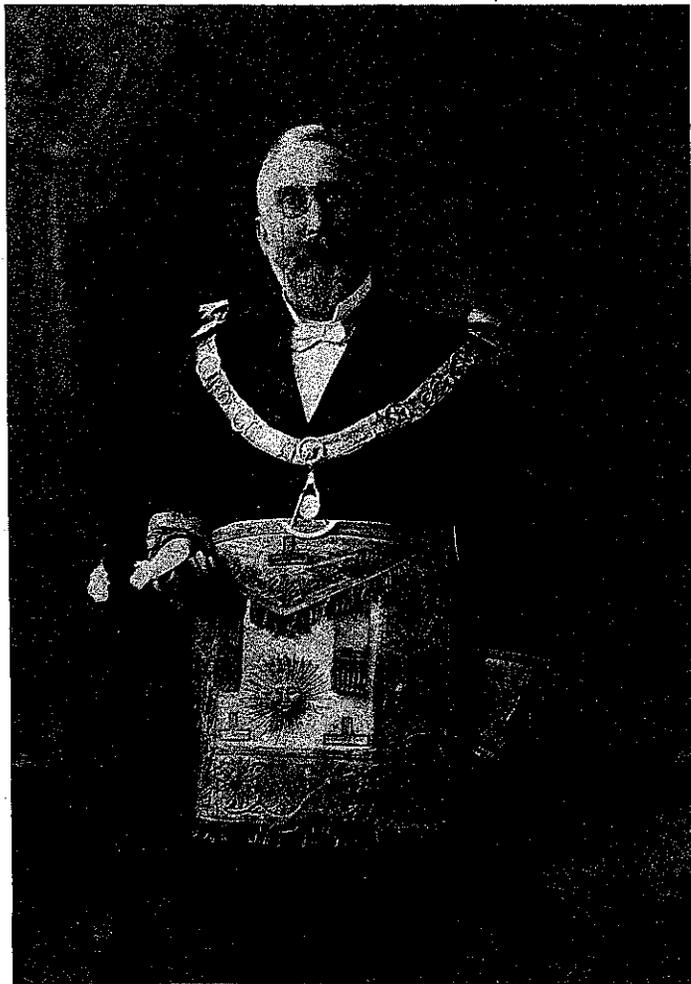


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OF AN

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

HOLDEN AT THE CITY OF FREDERICTON, JUNE 24, 1900.

Pursuant to a summons issued by direction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, an Emergent Communication of "The Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick" was held at Masonic Hall, in the City of Fredericton, on Sunday, the 24th day of June, A. L. 5900, A. D. 1900.

PRESENT:

R. W. W. A. D. STEVEN, D. G. M. as Grand Master.
R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL, Past Grand Master.
R. W. JULIUS T. WHITLOCK, Past Grand Master.
R. W. ALEX. BURCHILL, P. D. G. M., as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. GEORGE COGGON, Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. DONALD MUNRO, as Junior Grand Warden.
BRO. THE REV. SCOVIL NEALES, .. as Grand Chaplain.
V. W. EDWIN J. EVERETT, Grand Treasurer.
V. W. J. TWINING HARTT, Grand Secretary.
W. J. T. ALLEN DIBBLEE, as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. R. J. MCADOO, as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. ARCHIBALD BAUER, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
R. W. H. BECKWITH, P. D. G. M., .. as Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. J. W. PATTERSON, as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. WHITMAN BREWER, as Grand Standard Bearer.
R. W. FRED. SANDALL, as Grand Organist.
R. W. JAMES D. FOWLER, P. G. W., as Grand Pursuivant.
W. ROBERT T. LEAVITT, Grand Steward.
W. E. L. HAGERMAN, Grand Steward.
W. HOLLAND BOONE, Grand Steward.
W. JOHN MCKENZIE, as Grand Steward.
W. G. HUGH HARRISON, as Grand Steward.
W. ALEXANDER BOYD, as Grand Steward.
W. RICHARD M. PINDER, as Grand Tyler.

Also the following members of Grand Lodge :

George D. Frost, P.G.W.,	Albion Lodge, No. 1.
Herman Sullivan, W.M.,	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
A. M. Rowan, S.W.,	" " "
Thomas A. Peters, P.G.D.,	" " "
Fred. St. John Bliss, W.M.,	Hiram Lodge, No. 6.
H. V. Bridges, S.W.,	" " "
Robert S. Barker, J.W.,	" " "
Alfred F. Street, P.G.W.,	" " "
A. G. Beckwith, P.G.D.,	" " "
M. Tennant, P.M.,	" " "
John Black, P.G.D.,	" " "
S. L. Morrison, G. Sword Bearer,	" " "
E. Cadwallader, P.G. Std. Bearer,	" " "
William E. Smith, P.M.,	" " "
R. W. L. Tibbitts, P.M.,	" " "
S. H. McKee, P.M.,	" " "
W. Walter Inches, P. Asst. G. D. of C.,	Sussex Lodge, No. 7.
Thos. W. Allen, P.M.,	Woodstock Lodge, No. 11.
J. D. Phinney, P.G. Sword Bearer,	St. Andrew Lodge, No. 16.
R. L. Maltby, P.G.W.,	Northumberland Lodge, No. 17.
Benjamin Kilburn, W.M.,	Benjamin Lodge, No. 31.
Barnett M. Mullen, W.M.,	Alexandria Lodge, No. 33.
John G. Hall, P. Asst. G.D. of C.,	" " "
Charles L. French, P.M.,	" " "
George B. Smith, J.W.,	" " "

And a large number of Master Masons.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, at 2.45 o'clock.

R.W. Brother Robert Marshall referred to the regretted absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. But a short time before the hour fixed for the opening of Grand Lodge he had received a telegram from the Grand Master desiring him to convey to Grand Lodge the great regret he felt at his enforced absence.

Moved by R.W. Brother Julius T. Whitlock, P.G.M., seconded by R.W. Brother Robert Marshall, P.G.M. :

That the sympathy of Grand Lodge be extended to the M.W. the Grand Master in this time of sorrow and anxiety consequent on the illness of Mrs. Forbes.

Carried.

By direction of the M.W. Grand Master in the chair, the Grand Director of Ceremonies formed a procession of Grand Lodge and the Brethren in attendance.

The procession so formed (Grand Lodge being escorted by a detachment of The Encampment of Saint John, Knights Templars, under Noble and Eminent Commander William B. Wallace) proceeded by way of Carleton, Queen, and Church streets to Christ Church Cathedral, music being furnished by the Band of the 71st Regiment.

Divine Service, conducted throughout by Right Worshipful The Very Reverend Francis Partridge, D.D., P.D.G.M., Dean of Fredericton, commenced at 3.30 o'clock.

The service included Psalms cxxii, cxxxiii, and cl. The lessons were taken from 1 Chronicles xxviii, 2, and Revelations xxi, 10.

The preacher took for his text 1 Kings viii, 57-58 :

"The Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers ; let him not leave us or forsake us.

"That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers."

Upon conclusion of the service a procession was re-formed and returned by way of Brunswick, Regent, King, York, Queen, and Carleton streets to Masonic Hall, when the M.W. the Grand Master in the chair, and the officers of Grand Lodge resumed their stations.

Moved by R.W. Brother Robert Marshall, P.G.M., seconded by R.W. Brother Alexander Burchill, P.D.G.M. :

That the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge be extended and conveyed to Right Worshipful The Very Rev. Dean Partridge, P.D.G.M., and P.G. Chaplain, for his eloquent and practical sermon preached before

Grand Lodge on this the Festival of Saint John the Baptist, and that we hail with delight his presence once more in our midst.

Carried.

Resolved, On motion of R.W. Brother Julius T. Whitlock, P.G.M., and R.W. Brother Donald Munro, P.G.W.:

That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral for the great privilege which the Craft has this day enjoyed of worshipping within its sacred walls.

Moved by W. Brother J. T. Allen Dibblee, P.G.D., and

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to The Encampment of Saint John, Knights Templars, for the effective escort furnished by it in to-day's procession.

Moved by V.W. Brother Edwin J. Everett, Grand Treasurer, seconded by W. Brother J. T. Allen Dibblee, P.G.D.:

That the thanks of Grand Lodge be voted the Brethren of Hiram Lodge for the cordial reception given by them to the members of Grand Lodge.

Carried.

The resolution was acknowledged by the Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge, W. Brother Fred. St. John Bliss, and by R.W. Brother Harry Beckwith, P.D.G.M.

The M.W. Grand Master in the chair, addressing Grand Lodge, warmly thanked the Brethren for their presence and support, and spoke with regret of the absence of the Grand Master.

Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Thirty-Third Annual Communication

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE Thirty-Third Annual Communication of "The Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," was held at Masonic Hall, Germain Street, in the City of Saint John, on Tuesday, the 28th day of August, A. D. 1900, A. L. 5900.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER:

- M.W. HIS HONOR JUDGE JAMES GORDON FORBES in the East.
- R.W. JOHN V. ELLIS, M.P., Past Grand Master.
- R.W. ROBERT MARSHALL, Past Grand Master.
- R.W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D., .. Past Grand Master.
- R.W. JULIUS T. WHITLOCK, Past Grand Master.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

R.W. W. A. D. STEVEN.

- R.W. GEORGE F. PINDER, Past Deputy Grand Master.
- R.W. JOHN A. WATSON, Past Deputy Grand Master.
- R.W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL, Past Deputy Grand Master.
- R.W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE, Past Deputy Grand Master.
- R.W. GEORGE COGON, Senior Grand Warden.
- R.W. GEORGE S. DODGE, Junior Grand Warden.
- BRO. THE REV. S. B. HILLOCK, as Grand Chaplain.
- V.W. EDWIN J. EVERETT, Grand Treasurer.
- V.W. J. TWINING HARTT, Grand Secretary.
- R.W. A. MCNICHOL, as Senior Grand Deacon.
- R.W. DONALD MUNRO, as Junior Grand Deacon.

W. ARCHIBALD BAUER, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 W. JOSEPH A. MAGILTON, Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 W. STEWART L. MORRISON, Grand Sword Bearer.
 W. JOHN C. LEONARD, as Grand Standard Bearer.
 W. WILLIAM A. EWING, Grand Organist.
 W. ROBERT CLERKE, as Grand Pursuivant.
 W. ROBERT T. LEAVITT, Grand Steward.
 W. E. L. HAGERMAN, Grand Steward.
 W. FRANK A. GODSOE, Grand Steward.
 W. HENRY B. PECK, Grand Steward.
 BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER, Grand Tyler.

The following representatives of Sister Grand Lodges were in attendance :

GRAND LODGE OF

R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS, Canada in Ontario.
 R. W. THOMAS WALKER, England.
 R. W. A. McNICHOL, Ireland.
 R. W. DONALD MUNRO, Manitoba.
 R. W. GEORGE B. HEGAN, New Zealand.
 W. ARTHUR I. TRUEMAN, Quebec.
 W. ARTHUR W. SHARP, South Australia.
 W. THOMAS FINLAY, Alabama.
 W. J. ADOLPHUS HOYT, Belgium.
 R. W. W. A. D. STEVEN, California.
 R. W. A. McNICHOL, Colorado.
 W. ALFRED A. STOCKTON, Egypt.
 R. W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE, Florida.
 W. WILLIAM T. McLEOD, German Union.
 R. W. JOHN D. SHORT, Georgia.
 R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL, Italy.
 R. W. GEORGE F. PINDER, Iowa.
 M. W. HIS HONOR JUDGE FORBES, Mexico.
 R. W. JULIUS T. WHITELOCK, Maryland.
 R. W. THOMAS WALKER, Minnesota.
 V. W. J. TWINING HARTT, Missouri.
 W. R. J. McADOO, Montana.
 W. GEORGE E. FAIRWEATHER, Netherlands.
 R. W. HENRY GRAHAM, New York.
 W. JOHN JOHNSTON, North Dakota.
 W. ARCHIBALD BAUER, North Carolina.

W. ANDREW MUNGALL, Oregon.
 R. W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL, Ohio.
 W. BENJAMIN S. BLACK, South Carolina.
 R. W. GEORGE D. FROST, Tennessee.
 R. W. JOHN A. WATSON, Texas.
 W. JOSEPH A. MAGILTON, Virginia.
 W. A. W. MACRAE, Washington.
 R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS, Wisconsin.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form at the hour of 2.30 in the afternoon, the Grand Chaplain offering solemn prayer and the Brethren joining in reading the 24th Psalm.

The M. W. the Grand Master directed the Grand Pursuivant to admit all Master Masons in good standing and properly clothed.

Moved by R. W. Brother Robert Marshall, P.G.M., seconded by R. W. Brother A. McNichol, P.G.W., and

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

The minutes of the Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge, held at the City of Fredericton on Sunday, June 24th, 1900, were read and confirmed.

The Credential Committee, composed of W. Brothers J. B. M. Baxter, Thomas Finlay, and LeB. Wilson, reported the following members in attendance and entitled to seats in Grand Lodge :

ALBION LODGE, No. 1.

LeB. Wilson, W.M.	Thomas Walker, M.D., P.G.M.
Alfred Dodge, S.W.	Alfred A. Stockton, P.M.
John R. McIntosh, J.W.	W. Watson Allen, P.M.
Edwin J. Everett, G.Treas.	Frank L. Tufts, P.M.
George E. Fairweather, P.G.D.	George D. Frost, P.G.W.
J. Adolphus Hoyt, P.M.	Frank A. Godsoe, Gd.Steward.
The Rev. R. Mathers, P.G.Chaplain.	

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.

R. Duncan Smith, W.M.	Frederick Sandall, P.G.W.
Henry S. Bridges, J.W.	Charles H. L. Johnston, P.M.
John D. Short, P.G.W.	Arthur W. Sharp, P.M.
George B. Hegan, P.G.W.	William A. Ewing, G.Org.
Arthur I. Trueman, P.M.	Archd. Bauer, G.D. of C.
His Honor Judge Forbes, G.M.	Alex. W. MacRae, P.M.
Arthur Everitt, P.G.Swd.B.	Thomas Finlay, P.M.

HIBERNIA LODGE, No. 3.

Herman Sullivan, W.M.	Thomas A. Peters, P.M.
Alex. M. Rowan, S.W.	Robert Clerke, P.G.D.
William E. Raymond, J.W.	Went. E. Wilson, P.G.D.
John Mullin, P.G.Std.B.	J. A. Magilton, Asst. G.D. of C.
John Johnston, P.G.Std.B.	Henry B. Peck, G.Steward.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 4.

George M. Fairweather, W.M.	William D. Wilbur, P.M.
S. Edgar Wilson, P.M.	W. A. D. Steven, D.G.M.
Allan W. Chapman, P.G.W.	

HIRAM LODGE, No. 6.

Robert S. Barker, J.W.	Richard W. L. Tibbitts, P.M.
Alex. Burchill, P.D.G.M.	Stewart L. Morrison, G.Swd.B.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 7.

James Vroom, W.M.	Henry Graham, P.G.W.
Edwin G. Vroom, P.G.W.	Julius T. Whitlock, P.G.M.
George F. Pinder, P.D.G.M.	John A. Boyd, P.M.

CARLETON UNION LODGE, No. 8.

Alban F. Emery, S.W.	W. C. Rudman Allan, P.M.
William J. Watson, J.W.	C. Berton Lockhart, P.G.Pur.
Samuel L. Brittain, P.M.	The Rev. W. H. Sampson, P.M.
John V. Ellis, P.G.M.	John B. M. Baxter, P.M.
John C. Leonard, P.G.D.	Jarvis Wilson, P.G.D.
A. W. Reed, P.Asst.G.D. of C.	

THE UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND, No. 10.

John R. Warner, W.M.	William B. Wallace, P.D.G.M.
M. B. Edwards, S.W.	Benjamin S. Black, P.M.
F. J. G. Knowlton, J.W.	J. Twining Hartt, G.Secretary.
Robert Marshall, P.G.M.	Charles J. Coster, P.M.
John A. Watson, P.D.G.M.	R. T. Leavitt, G.Steward.

WOODSTOCK LODGE, No. 11.

Donald Munro, P.G.W.	E. L. Hagerman, G.Steward.
C. William Jenner, P.G.D.	John McKenzie, P.M.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 13.

George M. Wilson, W.M.	E. G. Evans, P.M.
George U. Hay, P.M.	

SAINT ANDREW LODGE, No. 16.

Isaac W. Doherty, P.G.W.	James D. Phinney, P.G.Swd.B.
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NORTHUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 17. — William A. Wilson, P.M.

MIRAMICHI LODGE, No. 18. — Robert Murray, D.D.G.M.

SALISBURY LODGE, No. 20. — Thomas Cochran, W.M.

ZION LODGE, No. 21.

Robert Morrison, W.M.	George Coggon, S.G.W.
D. Hall Fairweather, J.W.	Wm. T. McLeod, P.M.
	James T. Kirk, P. M.

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 22.

George A. Chamberlain, J.W.	Andrew McNichol, P.G.W.
R. J. McAdoo, P.G.D.	S. F. Mathews, P.M.
R. J. Melvin, P.M.	George E. Day, P.G.Pur.
Alex. R. Campbell, P.G.W.	George S. Dodge, J.G.W.

RESTIGOUCHE LODGE, No. 25. — William Draper, P.M.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 26. — Andrew Mungall, P.M.

ST. MARTINS LODGE, No. 30.

William E. Skillen, P.G.W.	Joseph T. Skillen, P.M.
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BENJAMIN LODGE, No. 31.

Rev. S. Bacon Hillock, S.W.	Hon. G. T. Baird, P.G.Swd.B.
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CAMPBELLTON LODGE, No. 32. — John White, P.G.D.

ALBERT LODGE, No. 34.

J. Howe Dickson, P.M.	W. Alder Trueman, P.M.
	James E. Fullerton, P.M.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M.W. the Grand Master then delivered his annual address:

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

Again in the good providence of God we meet in this our Thirty-Third Annual Communication, and in accordance with the custom established and followed by my predecessors, I now proceed to render to you an account of my official acts during the past Masonic year.

As no Masonic work can fittingly be begun or continued without invoking the blessing of Deity, let us approach the throne of grace, thanking our Heavenly Father for all the blessings bestowed upon us during the past year and imploring His guidance and protection in the future. We proceed to give you such information and instruction as may be useful and interesting.

I am gratified to announce the continued welfare of the Craft in this jurisdiction, a very respectable increase in numbers and income, whilst the standards of Freemasonry have been held aloft, and the moral and spiritual teachings of our ritual have been impressed on all who have entered our gates with zealous faithfulness.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer will afford you detailed information of the progress of the Craft and the financial and business transactions for the year.

Although our greetings to-day, as we assemble, abound with rejoicings, there is a tenderness and a sympathy unmistakable in our friendship as our thoughts turn to the Fraternal Dead.

In every onward step in the pathway of life we receive reminders that its end is the grave. The death of those in distant places, or of those even in our immediate vicinity, not within the circles in which we move, receive only passing consideration; but when the grim messenger summons one endeared to us by the close tie of blood or fraternity we keenly feel the loss.

To-day we mourn the death of one within our circle, W. Brother Charles F. Harrison, Past Master of The Union Lodge of Portland, and a member of our Committee on Foreign Relations, one who, by his kindly disposition and marked courtesy, earned and maintained through life a warm place in the esteem of the Craft. W. Brother Harrison was descended from Loyalist stock; he was born in the City of Saint John and early developed a love for the military profession. When the red hand of rebellion threatened our possessions in the Northwest, W. Brother

Harrison was among the first to volunteer, joining the Toronto Contingent, and was actively engaged in the campaign until its close, for which he received a medal. On the startling intelligence of the invasion of British territory by an insolent invader, he at once volunteered for Queen and Empire; his services were accepted, and he discharged the duties of the responsible position entrusted to him with faithfulness and ability. Stricken down by enteric fever he died at his post, and his ashes mingle with those of so many brave men who laid down their lives for freedom and to destroy tyranny. Whilst he sleeps his last sleep in a distant land, we believe his spirit has winged its flight to the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

Brother Crombie, an old and valued member of Saint John's Lodge, No. 2, passed to his rest on the 25th day of January last. He was one of the silent members of the Craft who, by his life of honest toil and faithful discharge of duty, preached in language louder than words how a Mason should live and die.

Within a few days another of our members, at the ripe age of ninety-three years, W. Brother Thomas E. Raymond, passed quietly away to that bourne from whence no traveller returns. Brother Raymond joined our order in 1838, and for a long period was actively connected with Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, and in all the walks of life exemplified the principles of our order in a marked degree.

Past Master Brother William R. Russell, of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, entered into rest on the 11th September, 1899.

W. Brother John H. Rose, of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, St. Stephen, on October 10th, 1899.

W. Brother Samuel T. Strang, of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, on November 6th, 1899.

W. Brother William A. P. Rhodes, of St. Andrews, No. 16, on December 15th, 1899.

W. Brother Ronald Currie, Worshipful Master of Restigouche, No. 25, on December 16th, 1899.

W. Brother George Creighton, of Hiram Lodge, No. 6, on April 2nd, 1900, and

W. Brother C. P. Warman, of Keith Lodge, No. 23, on July 28th, 1900, who was buried with Masonic honors; the Deputy Grand Master officiating.

Since the meeting of Grand Lodge was summoned, our esteemed and well beloved Right Worshipful Brother E. Lee Street, of Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, P.D.G.M., has been called home, and we shall not have the pleasure of his presence at our convocations again. Brother Street was descended from Loyalist stock, a bright and skilful Mason who loved the Order. He was a punctual attendant at our meetings, and the

esteem in which he was held was evidenced by his being elected Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Lodge in 1888. He was wise in counsel, correct in judgment, faithful in the discharge of duty, and was endeared to the Brethren by his urbanity and kindness towards all. "Soft be thy couch and sweet thy slumber," Brother, until we meet in the Great Lodge above.

I recommend that a page of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge be devoted to perpetuate the memory of these Brethren who have joined the great majority.

Our sister jurisdictions have suffered more severely than our own.

Quebec mourns the loss of their Past Grand Master R. W. Brother John Hamilton Graham, who for nine years ruled wisely over that Grand Lodge.

Connecticut mourns the loss of three Past Grand Masters, Brothers Walsh, Buckingham, and Phelps.

Michigan: Past Grand Masters Brothers Gross and Partridge.

Arkansas: Past Grand Masters Brothers Gee and Williams.

Kansas: Past Grand Master Brother Sheldon and Past Deputy Grand Master Brother Halliday.

Nebraska: Grand Treasurer Brother Christian Hartman.

Minnesota: Past Grand Master Brother Alphonso Barto.

Illinois: Past Grand Master Brother Harrison Dillis.

Colorado: "The Old Tyler," W. Brother Tom Linton.

Montana: R. W. Deputy Grand Master Brother Henry Chappell.

Nova Scotia mourns the death of Past Grand Master Brother Lewis W. Johnston and Past Deputy Grand Master Brother Mahon.

It is proper we should mark our sense of the loss the Craft has sustained by a tablet page to their memory in our Minutes.

In the month of May last, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary, I visited Salisbury Lodge, No. 20, which had for a number of years ceased working, and after a most satisfactory meeting with the old members they expressed their desire to be revived, and I directed the Deputy Grand Master to meet with them on the fourth Tuesday in June to re-organize the Lodge, which he advises me he did and the prospect for renewed usefulness for Salisbury Lodge is most encouraging. We are delighted to have the representatives of that Lodge with us, thus supplying a missing link in our Masonic circle.

During the year I visited the following Lodges officially:

Albion Lodge, No. 1, presided over by Worshipful Master Wilson, and found it occupying its time honored position: first in work and first in the hearts of its members.

The occasion of my official visit to my mother lodge, St. John's, No. 2, was marked by a banquet, to which the members of Grand Lodge were invited, and under the admirable rule of W. Brother Thomas Finlay the time was most profitably spent. St. John's feels justly proud of the honor of having given three Grand Masters to the Craft since the formation of Grand Lodge. The M. M. Degree was conferred in a workman-like manner.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, one of the largest and most prosperous Lodges in the jurisdiction, I found presided over by Worshipful Brother H. B. Peck; and here let me commend to Grand Lodge the deep interest the Past Masters of this Lodge take in its prosperity as evidenced by their attendance. Brethren should remember that they owe a debt of gratitude to the Lodge which elevates them to the high position of Master; that that honor is not intended to clothe them in blue that they may enjoy a sweet repose, but that they should, by a constant attendance and by their counsel and advice, evidence their interest in the Lodge as well as an example to the younger members. Brethren do not leave all the work and ruling to the Worshipful Master; you owe it to your Lodge and the Craft that you should aid and assist.

Carleton Union Lodge was next visited, and I found this Lodge in a highly prosperous condition, comfortably housed in their beautiful lodge room. The attendance was large and this Lodge, eminent for the skill and zeal of so many distinguished Masons, is successfully emulating the high standard their predecessors have set them, and you will agree with me that this requires no feeble effort.

I next visited The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, which is presided over by W. Brother Warner, zealous and thorough in all he undertakes. In the home of the Grand Secretary we would naturally expect perfection in ritual and decorum, and we were not disappointed. The attendance was large, the work was admirably done, and we found the Lodge in a prosperous condition.

New Brunswick Lodge, the youngest of our city lodges, was next visited and at the request of the Worshipful Master I installed the officers. After the close of the Lodge we were invited to luncheon, where we were hospitably entertained. The Lodge has among its members some of the most accurate ritualists in the Craft, and I predict for New Brunswick Lodge a bright and prosperous future.

On the 4th of January last, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, and W. Brothers Magilton, Smith and Brother J. W. Wetmore, I visited Hiram Lodge, Fredericton, where we were most cordially received by the Worshipful Master and a large and enthusiastic membership. The M.M. Degree was accurately and admirably conferred. The Lodge was found in a flourishing and progressive condition. Following labor the members

of Grand Lodge were hospitably entertained at a banquet at the Barker House. The charm of the entertainers was only exceeded by the brilliancy of the entertainment, and an evening of unusual pleasure was spent. The interests of our Order is in skilful hands in the capital city of our province. The Lodge is ably presided over by W. Brother F. St. John Bliss.

On the 5th of January, I visited, with a number of the Brethren from Fredericton, Alexandria Lodge at Marysville, installed their officers, and it was with great satisfaction I inducted W. Brother Mullins into the Oriental Chair of that Lodge. After labor we were invited to be the guests of Alexandria Lodge at a most delightful banquet, where indeed we had a "feast of reason and a flow of soul." Great possibilities lie before this Lodge, and we shall be grievously mistaken unless the Brethren of Alexandria Lodge go not in and possess the good land.

On the 6th day of February last, I visited Sussex Lodge, No. 7, St. Stephen. I was accompanied by the following Grand Officers: V.W. Brother J. T. Hartt, Grand Secretary; W. Brother J. A. Magilton as Grand Director of Ceremonies; Brother J. W. Wetmore as Grand Treasurer, and Brother Capt. Pratt as Senior Grand Deacon. I found this Lodge presided over by W. Brother James Vroom, who has done so much to advance the interests of Masonry by tongue and pen. They met in a beautiful and well-appointed hall, and we found the Lodge in a flourishing condition. We had a most delightful meeting, renewing old friendships and making new. The records of the Lodge are perfectly kept, and could it be otherwise in the hands of that accurate scribe W. Brother Past Master McFarlane? This Lodge eminently illustrates the tenets of our profession. There was a fair representation from the town of Calais, evidencing that there are no border towns in Freemasonry. We were most hospitably entertained in their convenient banquet hall adjoining, which is admirably adapted for such functions.

On Wednesday evening, the 7th, I purposed visiting St. Mark's Lodge, St. Andrews, but owing to some unforeseen circumstances it was not found convenient to receive us on that evening, and that pleasure is still in store for us.

On Thursday evening, the 8th, we visited Victoria Lodge, Milltown, accompanied by R.W. Brother Whitlock, P.G.M., and a splendid delegation from Sussex Lodge. We found a large number of the Brethren present. The E. A. Degree was conferred, and I was particularly struck with the earnest and impressive manner in which the officers conducted the ceremony of this Degree. This Lodge, though one of the youngest in our jurisdiction, is doing good work, and with the aid of those distinguished Brethren, Mungall and Laughlin, I feel satisfied that the Lodge will yet attain greater usefulness, and will reflect honor on the royal

name they bear. We were most royally entertained by the Lodge at a banquet, where we met several of our Brethren from the Maine jurisdiction, whose greetings and good wishes we enjoyed. "God be with you till we meet again."

Whilst in St. Stephen, accompanied by R. W. Brother Past Grand Master Whitlock, I visited that distinguished representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Maine, R. W. Brother D. E. Seymour, who I found confined to his bed with a broken leg. The aged patriarch was exceedingly bright and patient, and it was pleasant to hear his cheery voice full of hope, and anxious to be among his Brethren again, a wish which we all reciprocated. His parting words to us were: "I will be with you on St. John's Day in Fredericton."

We had the pleasure of meeting the Worshipful Master of Alley Lodge, No. 14 on our pilgrimage, and he advised us that it would not be profitable to visit that Lodge at that time, as so many of the Brethren were away from home, so the pleasure of meeting that hospitable Lodge is something to look forward to, and which we hope to accomplish at no distant day.

I cannot close this report of my visit to the valley of the St. Croix without specially acknowledging my obligations to Past Grand Master Whitlock, whose guest I was during my stay there. His hospitality and his thoughtful attention is a green spot in memory's sweet page, and here and now I desire to tender to him not only my own thanks but those of Grand Lodge.

On April 3rd, accompanied by V. W. Brother J. T. Hartt, Grand Secretary, Brother Theo. Cushing as Grand Director of Ceremonies, Brother H. H. Macdonald as Grand Sword Bearer, and W. Brother Allan, Past Master of Devonshire Lodge, holding under the Grand Lodge of England, as Grand Chaplain, I visited Benjamin Lodge at Andover. The night was stormy, but we had quite a good attendance. This Lodge I found presided over by W. Brother Kilburn, who had travelled nine miles from his place of business to be present with us, evidencing great zeal and interest in the Lodge. The M. M. Degree was conferred on two candidates, one of whom had travelled twenty-four miles to be present. We had also some visitors from Fort Fairfield. Here I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of that eminent Mason, Rev. Brother Hillocks, who has placed the Craft under great obligations by his brilliant and eloquent sermons. After labor we were hospitably refreshed at a most substantial banquet.

Owing to serious illness in my family, I was compelled to return to St. John, and was therefore unable to visit Carleton Lodge, No. 35, at Florenceville, but the official visitation was held by the Grand Secretary and the other Brethren, and they report to me they found this, the junior

Lodge on our roll, in a prosperous condition. The M. M. Degree was conferred on three candidates, and the Brethren were most hospitably entertained.

On Thursday evening, the 5th of April, I officially visited Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, accompanied by the other members of Grand Lodge; we found them quartered in a most luxurious hall with all the necessary appointments. These enthusiastic Brethren have laid under tribute the lightnings of heaven to aid them in the mysteries of the work. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance of the members of the Lodge. After labor we adjourned to the Windsor Hotel, where we were most bountifully entertained. The eminence attained by so many members of this Lodge as skilled Masons needs no eulogy at my hands, and I have every confidence the Lodge will be wisely governed by the present Worshipful Master, Brother Harrison.

In March last I received a petition from Brother Joseph W. Spragge and seven other Brother Master Masons at McAdam praying to be formed into a Lodge under the name of "Ashlar." The papers being in order I issued a dispensation to these Brethren as prayed for, and on Friday, the 6th of April, I had the great pleasure, with the assistance of a large delegation of the Brethren from St. Stephen, of instituting Ashlar Lodge, U. D., with Brother Spragge as Worshipful Master, Brother Hoyt as Senior Warden, and Brother Morton, as Junior Warden. The E. A. Degree was exemplified by Worshipful Master Brother James Vroom, of Sussex Lodge, who stands somewhat in the relation of a godfather to this most promising Lodge. We heartily recommend that the prayer of these petitioners for a charter be granted, and we trust the rough Ashlar, under the skilled hands of the Brethren of that Lodge, may become the perfect Ashlar, fitted for that spiritual Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

After labor we and the visiting Brethren were most bountifully entertained at the adjoining Junction House, whose large dining room we well filled. The duties of host and presiding officer were discharged by Worshipful Master Spragge with grace and dignity. Music by a well appointed band, speeches, songs, and anecdote beguiled the evening, and we separated delighted men and better Craftsmen.

On the 9th day of March, with Senior Grand Warden Coggon, the Grand Secretary, Grand Director of Ceremonies Bauer, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies Magilton, and other members of Grand Lodge, I visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 13, at Hampton, which I found in a highly prosperous condition, under the wise rule of Worshipful Master Wilson. The F. C. Degree was conferred and the work well done. The officers, principally young men, being aided and counselled by Past Masters Evans and Warneford, we have a right to expect they will maintain their

reputation as apt and skilled workmen. The records and other books of the Lodge were well kept. After labor we were entertained with light refreshments, and we left them with an assurance of another visit at an early day.

On Monday, the 7th day of May, I visited Zion Lodge, No. 21, accompanied by the V.W. the Grand Chaplain, the V.W. Grand Secretary, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Brother Tweedie from Hampton. Here we found this Lodge ably presided over by W. Brother Morrison. The attendance was large, including many old and valued Brethren. The M. M. Degree was conferred and the work was all that we would expect from the mother lodge of our R.W. Senior Grand Warden, whose Masonic zeal has not dimmed nor his mental vigor abated. Seldom have we heard the lecture of this Degree more accurately or impressively delivered than by him that evening. The Lodge we found in a flourishing and vigorous condition. After labor a most bountiful and elegant repast awaited us in their convenient banquet hall, prepared by the lady friends of the members. Rarely has it been our good fortune to sit down to a more artistically decorated table and the presence of the ladies, "God bless them," added not a little to the enjoyment. Time, that relentless enemy, hurried us away, all too soon, to catch our train. Scarce had we time to thank our kind hostesses for their unstinted hospitality. But we left our Grand Chaplain, who with song and speech delighted them all.

On Wednesday, the 16th day of May, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, the V.W. Grand Secretary, W. Brother Magilton as Grand Director of Ceremonies, W. Brother W. Watson Allen as Grand Chaplain, and Brother J. W. Wetmore as Grand Treasurer, I officially visited Keith Lodge, No. 23, at Moncton. We found this old and reliable Lodge well housed in a most comfortable hall. The work was well done. The Lodge was presided over by W. Brother Hall as Worshipful Master, and I was delighted to meet so many of the old and tried members of the Grand Lodge at their posts, and I have great pleasure in reporting that Keith Lodge holds her proud and honorable position as a member of Grand Lodge. After labor we were invited to a substantial luncheon in their banquet hall, and the evening was most profitably spent.

On Thursday morning we proceeded to Dorchester under the guidance of your indefatigable Deputy Grand Master, whose guests we were, and on the evening of that day we officially visited Sussex Lodge, No. 4. We had not the pleasure of inspecting their work, as there was none in readiness for that evening. We found the Lodge well manned and after a most interesting exchange of fraternal greetings we were tendered the hospitalities of the Lodge at a banquet in the Windsor Hotel, where we

were most hospitably entertained. We found that we had not only the Craft with us but also the leading citizens of Dorchester. The evening was profitably spent. This Lodge wants more frequent visits of Grand Lodge, more personal contact with the outside Craft. Let us extend to old Sussex, No. 4, our warm personal aid and we may hope it shall soon attain to its past high standard.

Severe and prolonged illness in my family prevented me completing what I hoped to accomplish during the year: to officially visit every Lodge in the jurisdiction; and I desire here to thankfully acknowledge the kind sympathy of the Brethren amidst the gloom and fear which darkened my home. Your fraternal consideration has impressed on my mind that you practice not theoretically but practically the noble tenets of our profession.

May I urge on my successor in this high and important position to which your suffrages have elevated me and which I have so inadequately filled for the past year, the necessity of visiting every Lodge within the jurisdiction. Let me assure him he will perform a delightful duty which will enrich him with new friendships and strengthen and endear the old. The benefits and results are by no means the Craft's, they will assuredly be his own.

On assuming the duties of Grand Master I was somewhat surprised at our limited representation at foreign Grand Lodges. We were only represented at four Grand Lodges outside of the neighboring republic. I observed that some of the Lodges in the United States are agitating the abolishing of this time honored aid to the perpetuation of what we claim to be the universality of Freemasonry. They seemed to think it monarchial savoring of plenipotentiaries and ambassadors, and distasteful to their republican sensibilities. To us it should be doubly dear, even if it were not an ancient landmark to be sacredly guarded as all landmarks should.

My Brethren, the world is getting smaller, time and distances are reduced to a minimum, and it is well to cultivate the closest relations with our Brethren everywhere.

The whole trend of the century's civilizing agency has been in the direction of unifying humanity. The most striking symbol of the ages movement is the sub-marine cable, which binds together the continents with an electric and mystic tie as with a nerve of common life. The nations touch elbows, every occurrence in the remotest corner of the planet flashes its influence around the world as though it were winged with light. After Waterloo, swift couriers succeeded in carrying the news from Brussels to London in three days. After the collision between Liberty and Tyranny at Paardeberg, in which our heroic sons so nobly assisted, the flags of victory were flying over St. John before the smoke had lifted from the battlefield.

Consequently, after my appointment, I entered into correspondence with the Grand Lodges of Europe and other foreign countries, and everywhere my offer for an exchange of representatives was most cordially reciprocated, and I have the pleasure of announcing to Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodges' Union of Germany have agreed to appoint representatives near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. The Grand Orient of Greece has honored us by appointing our distinguished V. W. Brother Rev. Dean Partridge their representative near this Grand Lodge, a Brother whom we welcome with peculiar pleasure, as we know none who can so well represent the classic land of Greece.

The Grand Orient of Italy, not to be outdone by her ancient neighbor, has accredited to us the R. W. Past Grand Master Marshall. In the appointment of our distinguished Brother to represent them near this Grand Lodge, may we take it as an omen that Freemasonry will yet attain to its pristine glory in that historic land.

The land of the Pharaohs, stimulated by the example of her juvenile neighbors as she looks down upon them from her high pedestal of sixty centuries, has sent us a no less honored representative than Past Master Alfred A. Stockton as the representative of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, who we are pleased to invite to the East to aid us with his counsel and ancient experience.

The Grand Dieta of Mexico has done me the honor to appoint me the representative of the land of the Montezumas. This most interesting Grand Dieta numbers over two hundred and twenty-five subordinate Lodges and over twenty-two thousand members.

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia has appointed our esteemed W. Brother the Hon. Mr. Justice McLeod as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee has appointed R. W. Brother George D. Frost as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec has appointed W. Brother Arthur I. Trueman as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont has appointed R. W. Brother Josiah R. Murphy, Past Master of Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of Arizona has appointed R. W. Brother Hendry B. Fleming, Past Master of Keith Lodge, No. 23, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has appointed W. Brother William G. Robertson (succeeding his father and brother) as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana has appointed W. Brother W. Alexander Porter, Past Master of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of Alabama has appointed W. Brother Thomas Finlay, Past Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has appointed W. Brother George K. Cochran, Past Master of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan at my request has renewed for a term of three years their commission to W. Brother W. D. Forster, of Alley Lodge, No. 14, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of California has appointed R. W. Brother W. A. D. Steven, of Sussex Lodge, No. 4, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of Washington has appointed W. Brother Alex. W. Macrae, Past Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of South Dakota has appointed W. Brother D. C. Firth, Past Master of Campbellton Lodge, No. 31, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina has appointed W. Brother Archibald Bauer, Past Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire has appointed W. Brother Allison B. Connell, Past Master of Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of New Mexico has appointed W. Brother William A. Park, Past Master of Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of South Australia has appointed W. Brother Arthur W. Sharp, Past Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of Montana has appointed W. Brother Robert J. McAdoo, Past Master of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge of Hamburg, Germany, has appointed W. Brother William T. McLeod, Past Master of Zion Lodge, No. 21, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Orient of the Netherlands has appointed W. Brother George E. Fairweather, of Albion Lodge, No. 1, as their representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Thus adding twenty-four accredited representatives to the Grand Lodge for the past year.

I have made the following appointments during the year, and commissions have been issued to them as representatives near their respective Grand Lodges :

January 31. M.W. Brother John H. Small, Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near that Grand Lodge.

January 31. W. Brother Percy B. Dixon, of the City of Mobile, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

February 5. W. Brother John J. Sweeney, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

February 10. W. Brother I. G. Hunt, M.D., representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

February 10. W. Brother John Tonningson, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of California.

February 10. W. Brother W. A. Fairweather, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Washington.

February 14. W. Brother William A. Hamelle, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

March 1. M.W. Brother J. J. Kelly, Past Grand Master, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

March 20. W. Brother Henry Caldwell, of the City of Mexico, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Dieta of Mexico.

March 20. W. Brother Benjamin O. Aldrich, of Keene, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

March 20. W. Brother Ettore Ferrari, of the City of Rome, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Orient of Italy.

March 20. W. Brother Nahle Bey Sakleh, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

March 20. W. Brother Nicolas Philon, of Piraeus, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Orient of Greece.

July 9. W. Brother G. A. Laeisz, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, Germany.

July 9. W. Brother Frederick D. Harris, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

July 19. W. Brother Addison S. Tibbits, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

I have nominated the following Brethren for appointment as representatives of the several Grand Lodges designated, near this Grand Lodge, whose commissions are not yet to hand :

W. Brother W. H. Laughlin to represent the Grand Lodge of Hesse, Germany.

W. Brother Hugh H. McLean to represent the Grand Lodge Symbolic of Hungary.

R.W. Brother E. G. Vroom, to represent the United Grand Lodge of Portugal.

R.W. Brother Dr. I. W. Doherty to represent the Grand Lodge of Saxony.

W. Brother E. G. Evans to represent the Grand Lodge of Sweden.

R.W. Brother R. L. Maltby to represent the Grand Mother Lodge of the Three Globes at Berlin.

Brother R. S. Barker to represent the Grand Countries' Lodge at Berlin.

W. Brother C. J. Coster to represent the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship at Berlin.

W. Brother John Black to represent the Grand Lodge of Norway.

R.W. Brother John McAllister, of Campbellton Lodge, No. 32, to represent the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland.

W. Brother Walter W. Inches to represent the Grand Lodge of Denmark.

W. Brother Percy C. Warneford to represent the Grand Lodge of Frankfort-on-the-Main.

R.W. Brother James Vroom to represent the Grand Lodge of Brazil.

W. Brother W. Watson Allen to represent the Grand Lodge of Hayti.

R.W. Brother Frederick Sandall to represent the Grand Lodge of Santo Domingo.

W. Brother J. B. M. Baxter to represent the Grand Lodge of Chili.

W. Brother John McFadden, Past Master of Zetland Lodge, to represent the Grand Lodge of Uruguay.

W. Brother F. St. John Bliss to represent the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

W. Brother R. Duncan Smith to represent the Grand Lodge of the Sun, Bavaria.

The reports of various Deputy District Grand Masters I herewith submit, and I commend them to your careful perusal. The suggestions offered by these Brethren await your action.

On the 18th day of August, instant, I received a petition from a number of Master Masons resident at Petiscodiac, in the county of Westmorland, praying to be formed into a Lodge under the name of Steven Lodge, U. D., with Brother Rev. Joseph Pascoe as Worshipful Master, Brother W. Sears King as Senior Warden, and Brother W. Bernard Ryan, Junior Warden. They having complied with all the provisions of the Constitution, I have issued a Dispensation as applied for, and directed the Deputy Grand Master to proceed to Petiscodiac and institute said Lodge.

On the 12th day of July last, I received a petition from John E. Hickey and twelve other Master Masons at Sackville, in the county of Westmorland, praying to have the warrant of Lebanon Lodge, No. 28 restored to them.

I have submitted the papers to the Board of General Purposes, believing that Grand Lodge alone is competent to restore a warrant once surrendered. From the information I can obtain, I recommend the prayer of the petition be granted, and Lebanon Lodge, No. 28, welcomed into our ranks, supplying a second missing link from our Masonic circle.

I beg to acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered me by Deputy Grand Master Steven.

The Craft owe a debt of gratitude to R. W. Brother Steven for the great interest he has taken in the establishment and resuscitation of the Lodges in the counties of Albert and Westmorland.

The one hundredth anniversary of the death of W. Brother George Washington was a red-letter day in the Masonic calendar of our Brethren in the United States. In his native State, Virginia, the celebration assumed somewhat of a national character. Your Grand Master was most cordially invited to be present and take part, but was unable to accept, which he sincerely regrets. It is well to contemplate what this Masonic demonstration teaches, that the virtues of the distinguished Mason are more permanent than political or military power.

Brethren, be it our aim, from the youngest entered apprentice who stands in the Northeast corner of the Lodge, to the Worshipful Master who presides in the East, to build character on the sure foundation on which he built, for it will assuredly abide when all else has passed away.

I summoned a Special Communication of Grand Lodge to assemble in the City of Fredericton to join with the Brethren of Hiram Lodge in attending Divine service in Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday the 24th June last, being the Feast of St. John the Baptist. The Craft was in charge of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master Steven, I, unfortunately

being prevented from being present. The day was all that could be desired, and the service was in charge of R. W. Brother the Very Rev. Dean Partridge, Past Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and I am assured was in full accord with the beautiful edifice in which you worshipped. The sermon was eloquent and scholarly, and I earnestly recommend it be published with the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

Three other services were held on the occasion of this festival: one at Florenceville, conducted by Brother the Rev. Mr. Horrick, of Benjamin Lodge; one at Hampton, conducted by Brother the Rev. Mr. Schofield; and that at St. Andrews, by the Rev. Canon Ketchum; dispensations were applied for and cheerfully issued. The benefits which accrued to the Craft by these religious services are not only for time but for eternity, and we owe our Brethren who led our devotions a deep debt of gratitude.

The Grand Lodge placed at my disposal the sum of two hundred dollars to enable me to secure the services of distinguished ritualists within the jurisdiction, and I have required the services of the Grand Secretary in Charlotte county, those of the Deputy Grand Master in Westmorland and Albert counties, and of W. Brother Robert Clerke to assist the Brethren of Ashlar Lodge. I think the amount expended was well employed, and would recommend you make similar provision for my successor in office.

Scarcely had our Grand Lodge closed its last session before the challenge to arms had been impudently flung in the face of Queen and country by a tyrannical oligarchy in South Africa, menacing the very existence of our Colonial Empire in that continent. The great Empire, of which we form no inconsiderable part, promptly accepted the gage of battle, and a cruel and relentless war has raged on the blood-stained veldt of Africa. The almost instantaneous response, nay tender of services, which arose from every corner of the Empire "on which the sun never sets," is an object lesson to the whole world, and the grand old Empire, to which we owe our allegiance, was found as live and vigorous as of yore, and our Brethren of the Craft (of which our distinguished commander-in-chief is an honored Brother) in obedience to the patriotic teachings of our Order, were to the front, and the cry "for Queen and country" resounded from shore to shore. The glory which has crowned the united arms of our Empire as we stood shoulder to shoulder on the battlefield has done more to cement this great Empire into one homogeneous whole than any event of the century.

The friendly and natural alliance with our Brethren of the neighboring republic has placed our Anglo-Saxon race in the front rank as champions of freedom and liberty, and assures us that our place among the nations of the earth must be that of arbitrators and protectors. Let

it be ours not only to teach, but to practise, those noble tenets of our profession, and so become better fitted to discharge these solemn and responsible duties which, in the good providence of God, we are called upon to fill.

And now, my Brethren, the trust reposed in me by you a year ago I return to you, fully realizing the great honor done me and the imperfect manner in which I have discharged these duties. Much that I hoped to accomplish I have failed to do; "man proposes, but God disposes." To the officers of Grand Lodge, who on all occasions I have ever found ready to assist, I beg to tender my sincere thanks, and would specially commend the valuable assistance at all times rendered me by the Grand Secretary.

I cannot close this report in more fitting language than that used by Past Grand Master Pownell in closing the recent session of the Grand Lodge of New York: "We shall have crossed the threshold of the new century ere the Grand Lodge assembles at its Thirty-Fourth Annual Communication. The glory of the nineteenth century is recorded history while the triumphs of the twentieth century lie beyond our vision. We can only be certain that the bygone days will create the strength or the sweetness of the days that are before us, and the past will become incarnate for good or evil, not only in our own lives but in the lives of our fellow men. The consciousness of much accomplished must be to us an inspiration, that the future holds for us a realization of our loftiest ideals and noblest aspirations. The past is secure, the future opens rich with promise.

Farewell to the past! Welcome and all hail to the future!"

J. GORDON FORBES,
Grand Master.

The conclusion of the address was greeted with applause, and on motion it was

Resolved, That the address of the Grand Master be referred to a special committee of three members whose duty it shall be to report thereon to Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed as such committee R. W. Brother Donald Munro, P. G. W., R. W. Brother Julius T. Whitlock, P. G. M., and W. Brother Fred. St. John Bliss.

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

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

The Grand Secretary has the honour to submit his annual report and account.

The receipts of my office during the year just ended amount to one thousand six hundred and one dollars and seventy-seven cents, viz.:

Registration Fees, Certificates, etc.,	401 00
Dispensations, Constitutions, etc.,	77 07
Annual dues,	1,123 70
	<u>\$1,601 77</u>

The detailed account of these receipts is as follows:

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Cash received from Albion Lodge,	No. 1,	\$123 50
" " " St. John's Lodge,	" 2,	145 80
" " " Sussex Lodge,	" 4,	26 80
" " " St. Mark's Lodge,	" 5,	31 80
" " " Hiram Lodge,	" 6,	87 00
" " " Sussex Lodge,	" 7,	84 97
" " " Carleton Union Lodge,	" 8,	59 60
" " " The Union Lodge of Portland,	" 10,	125 50
" " " Woodstock Lodge,	" 11,	105 10
" " " St. George Lodge,	" 12,	44 20
" " " Corinthian Lodge,	" 13,	42 80
" " " Alley Lodge (1898),	" 14,	20 00
" " " Alley Lodge (1899),	" 14,	27 20
" " " Howard Lodge,	" 15,	35 00
" " " Saint Andrew Lodge,	" 16,	23 70
" " " Northumberland Lodge (1898),	" 17,	46 70
" " " Miramichi Lodge,	" 18,	46 00
" " " Zion Lodge,	" 21,	73 40
" " " New Brunswick Lodge,	" 22,	70 00
" " " Keith Lodge,	" 23,	89 65
" " " Restigouche Lodge,	" 25,	20 20
" " " Victoria Lodge,	" 26,	63 80
" " " St. John Lodge (1898),	" 27,	23 80
" " " St. John Lodge (1899),	" 27,	28 40
" " " St. Martins Lodge,	" 30,	24 20
" " " Campbellton Lodge,	" 32,	30 10
" " " Alexandria Lodge,	" 33,	27 80
" " " Albert Lodge,	" 34,	35 00
" " " Carleton Lodge,	" 35,	19 75
" " " Ashlar Lodge, U.D.,	" 36,	15 00
Donation from collection, special service,		5 00
		<u>\$1,601 77</u>

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By cash paid Grand Treasurer as per receipt book, \$1,601 77

Since the accounts were closed the sum of \$162.00 has been received from Lodge No. 3, and there are several small outstanding balances, which, together with the fees and dues payable by Lodge No. 17, amount to \$39.15. The return of Benjamin Lodge, No. 31, has been received at the last moment, but no return for 1899 has been made by Lodge 24.

The Lodge returns show the following particulars :

Initiated,	104
Passed,	105
Raised,	95
Joined,	14
Reinstated,	13
Withdrawn,	25
Suspended,	35
Died,	30

These figures indicate that the subordinate Lodges have increased their membership by thirty-two, so the strength of the Craft at the end of our Masonic year was 1,810.

I beg to remind Secretaries of Lodges that the full Christian names of a newly admitted Brother should be inserted in the return, together with his age, residence, and occupation, in order that these particulars may be fully registered in the Grand Lodge records. Also, that when the date upon which a Brother has received the E.A. or F.C. degree has once been reported, it need not and should not be entered in a subsequent return ; also that the fee of four dollars prescribed for registration and certificate is payable upon a Brother's *initiation*, and should not be withheld until the Master Mason's degree is conferred.

Following the example set, at least once, by the eminent Brother who first filled this office, I append some comments upon the returns for 1899 :

ALBION, No. 1. Dates of degrees conferred in 1898 again inserted. Otherwise correct.

ST. JOHN'S, No. 2. Same error as to dates, ages, etc., previously returned.

HIBERNIA, No. 3. Former Lodge of a joining member omitted. Initials of candidates given in seven cases.

SUSSEX, No. 4. Installation of officers in March, though no dispensation therefor. Return correct.

ST. MARK'S, No. 5. Former dates again inserted. Age of candidate omitted.

HIRAM, No. 6. Correct in all respects.

SUSSEX, No. 7. Initial of a joining member inserted ; otherwise correct.

CARLETON UNION, No. 8. Initials used in three cases ; otherwise correct.

WOODSTOCK, No. 11. The same.

ST. GEORGE, No. 12. The same.

CORINTHIAN, No. 13. The same.

ALLEY, No. 14. The same.

HOWARD, No. 15. Correct, save that registration fees were not entered.

ST. ANDREW, No. 16. Contains name which should have been in last year's return, as E.A. degree was conferred November 28th, 1898. Otherwise correct.

NORTHUMBERLAND, No. 17. Contains an initial ; otherwise correct.

MIRAMICHI, No. 18. The same.

ZION, No. 21. Surnames of candidates placed before Christian names, also of officers ; dates of election, installation, and post office addresses omitted.

NEW BRUNSWICK, No. 22. Registration fee of Brother initiated omitted.

KEEPE, No. 23. Some initials used ; otherwise correct.

RESTIGOUCHE, No. 25. Contains name which should have been returned last year as degrees were conferred in 1898. Surnames placed before Christian names.

VICTORIA, No. 26. Correct in all respects.

ST. JOHN, No. 27. Contains dates of two degrees which should have appeared in 1898 return. Two registration fees should also have been included in 1898 return. No date given of election and installation.

ST. MARTIN'S, No. 30. Dates formerly returned again inserted ; otherwise correct.

CAMPBELLTON, No. 32. Correct in all respects.

ALEXANDRIA, No. 33. No errors in what return contains.

ALBERT, No. 34. Correct in all respects.

CARLETON, No. 35. No errors in what return contains.

During the year the Grand Master has authorized the issue of twenty-seven dispensations and for the following purposes :

To confer Degrees at short intervals,	19
To install officers,	2
To wear regalia at Divine service,	4
To elect officers,	1
Authorizing Brethren at McAdam to meet as Ashlar Lodge, No. 36,	1
	27

Fifteen commissions, under the seal of Grand Lodge, have issued appointing representatives near Foreign Grand Bodies ; and from Foreign Grand Bodies have been received twenty-four commissions, constituting Brethren in this jurisdiction as their Grand Representatives.

J. TWINING HARTT,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of R. W. Brother Julius T. Whitlock, P. G. M., the report was received and laid on the table.

The V. W. the Grand Treasurer submitted and read the annual statement of the accounts of Grand Lodge and of the Fund of Benevolence:

EDWIN J. EVERETT, GRAND TREASURER.

In account with the GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick.

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1899.			
Aug. 18.	Balance brought forward, viz.:		
	Dominion Savings Bank,	\$283 11	
	Bank of New Brunswick,	1,059 07	
			\$1,342 18
1900.			
Jan. 5.	Interest on \$2,000 Bond of Masonic Hall Company, for one year to January 1, 1900, for Fund of Benevolence,	\$100 00	
Feb. 1.	Interest on \$500 Bond of Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., six months to February 1, 1900, for Fund of Benevolence,	10 00	
March 6.	Cash of Grand Secretary,	305 30	
April 12.	Cash of Grand Secretary,	192 40	
May 1.	Cash for Bond No. 7, E series, \$500, at 4% interest,	500 00	
	8. Cash of Grand Secretary,	131 60	
June 26.	Cash of Grand Secretary,	120 00	
July 1.	Interest on deposit in Savings Bank, ...	8 49	
	25. Cash of Grand Secretary,	125 00	
Aug. 1.	Interest on Bank deposits of Fund of Benevolence,	7 98	
	Interest on \$500 Bond of Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., six months to August 1, 1900, for Fund of Benevolence,	10 00	
	6. Cash of Grand Secretary,	185 00	
	18. Cash of Grand Secretary,	320 00	
	23. Cash of Grand Secretary,	222 47	
			2,238 24
			<u>\$3,580 42</u>

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1900.	BOND AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.		
May 1.	Paid Bonds Nos. 9 and 10, C series, \$500 each, due May 1, 1900,	\$1,000 00	
Aug. 1.	Paid Interest on Bonds,	370 00	\$1,370 00
1899.	EXPENSE ACCOUNT.		
Sept. 15.	Masonic Hall Company, rent,	20 00	
	Dingee Scribner, tyling,	6 00	
	G. Gordon Boyne, services,	6 00	
Nov. 7.	Grand Secretary, three months' salary, ..	62 50	
17.	R. W. W. Frink, insurance on regalia, ..	2 00	
	Repairing regalia,	1 90	
1900.			
March 6.	Barnes & Co., envelopes,	2 75	
	George E. Day, printing Installation Ceremonies,	26 00	
	Globe Publishing Company, printing Proceedings, etc.,	128 90	
	Grand Secretary, three months' salary, ..	62 50	
	Grand Secretary, postages, etc.,	19 83	
	Flood & Sons, Frames for Portraits of Past Grand Masters,	22 50	
	Library Committee,	20 00	
	W. Cruickshanks, printing Parchment Certificates,	55 43	
May 8.	Balance on Portraits of Past Grand Masters Clinch and Peters,	15 00	
	Grand Secretary, three months' salary, ..	62 50	
June 20.	Travelling Expenses, holding Lodges of Instruction,	90 41	
28.	Repairing regalia,	32 55	
July 9.	Expenses of Session, Grand Lodge at Fredericton, St. John's Day,	73 50	
Aug. 6.	Grand Secretary, three months' salary, ..	62 50	
	Globe Publishing Company, printing, ...	27 00	
	7. "Gazette" and "Telegraph," advertising, ..	9 00	
	J. & A. McMillan, Record Book,	6 50	
	D. R. Jack, insurance on regalia,	12 00	
23.	Grand Secretary, postages,	26 72	
			853 99
	FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.		
Aug. 23.	Deposited to credit of this fund,	\$127 98	127 98
Aug. 23.	Balance on hand, viz.:		
	Dominion Savings Bank,	291 60	
	Bank of New Brunswick,	936 85	
			1,228 45
			<u>\$3,580 42</u>

EDWIN J. EVERETT,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., August 23rd, 1900.

EDWIN J. EVERETT, GRAND TREASURER.

In account with FUND OF BENEVOLENCE of Grand Lodge :

1899.			
Aug. 18.	Cash in Bankers' hands,	\$166	20
1900.			
Jan. 5.	Interest on Masonic Hall Company Bond, \$2,000, at 5%.....	100	00
Feb. 1.	Interest on Grand Lodge Bond, \$500, six months at 4%.....	10	00
Aug. 1.	Interest on Grand Lodge Bond, \$500, six months at 4%.....	10	00
	Interest on deposits in Bankers' hands, at 3½%.....	7	98
			<u>\$294 18</u>
1900.			
	CR.		
Aug. 23.	Cash deposited with Bankers,	\$294	18
			<u>\$294 18</u>

ASSETS OF FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

New Brunswick Masonic Hall Co. Bond, ..	\$2,000	00
Grand Lodge of New Brunswick Bond, ...	500	00
Cash in Bankers' hands,	294	18
		<u>\$2,794 18</u>

EDWIN J. EVERETT,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., August 23rd, 1900.

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

Resolved, That the statement of the Grand Treasurer be received and lie on the table.

R. W. the Deputy Grand Master submitted to Grand Lodge the following report of the Board of General Purposes :

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

The Board of General Purposes presents to Grand Lodge the following report of its proceedings during the past year. The report must necessarily be very brief, as no matters were referred to the Board by Grand Lodge, and during the recess but few questions, and those of only minor importance, have arisen for consideration.

At its first meeting, September 13th, 1899, the Board elected Worshipful Brother Mr. Justice McLeod Vice-President.

By direction of the Board the Proceedings of 1899 were printed in the usual form, and distributed, and a new edition (three hundred copies) of the installation ceremony was likewise procured.

The Grand Treasurer having reported that two (2) of the Grand Lodge bonds would fall due on the 1st May, one of which only would be paid off, a new bond at four per cent., viz., E series No. 7, was issued to replace the second one.

It will be remembered that Grand Lodge, in 1894, formally sanctioned a scheme under which one Grand Lodge bond is annually redeemed and under which new bonds are issued, as occasion requires, to replace others as they fall due.

At its last meeting, held on the 23rd instant, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master laid before the Board a petition from thirteen Craftsmen of Sackville praying that the Lodge formerly existing there, viz., Lebanon Lodge, No. 28, be revived. The warrant of this Lodge was surrendered in 1894. The Board, after consideration, concurred in advising that the Grand Master should submit the papers to Grand Lodge with his recommendation that Grand Lodge re-issue the original warrant and empower the Brethren to meet at Sackville as Lebanon Lodge and resume Masonic labor.

The Committee appointed to audit the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary has submitted the following report, which has been adopted by the Board and is now presented to Grand Lodge.

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

Your Committee appointed to audit the books and accounts, etc., of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary submit the following as the result of their efforts. We find the Receipts as follows :

Balance from last year,	\$1,342	18
Bond No. 7, E Series, 4% interest,	500	00
Interest, including Savings Bank Account \$8.49,	136	47
Lodge Payments, including \$5.00 from Collection at Special Services towards Printing,	1,601	77
Total,	\$3,580	42

<i>Expenditures :</i>	
Bonds Nos. 9 and 10, C Series, \$500 each,	\$1,000 00
Interest on Bonds, 12 months,	370 00
Fund of Benevolence,	127 98
Expense Account, per Vouchers,	853 99
	<u>2,351 97</u>

Balance on hand, 20th August, 1900,

\$1,228	45
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Deposits :

Dominion Savings Bank,	\$291 60	
Bank of New Brunswick,	936 85	
		<u>\$1,228 45</u>

The Fund of Benevolence holds a Bond of the Masonic Hall Company for two thousand dollars, bearing interest at five per cent. per annum; another Bond of the same corporation, guaranteed by Grand Lodge for \$500 at four per centum and Bank deposit (Dominion Savings Bank) of two hundred and ninety-four dollars and eighteen cents.

Respectfully submitted,
 FRED. SANDALL,
 W. ALEX. PORTER, } *Audit Committee.*

St. John, N. B., August 23rd, 1900.

The Credential Committee for the present Communication is composed of Worshipful Brothers Thomas Finlay, LeBaron Wilson, and J. B. M. Baxter.

W. A. D. STEVEN, D.G.M.,
President.

Moved by R. W. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., and
Resolved, That the report of the Board be received and adopted.

On due motion it was

Resolved, That when Grand Lodge takes recess it take recess until the hour of 7.30 o'clock this evening. And

Further Resolved, That the election of the elective Grand Officers be the order of business at 7.30 o'clock when Grand Lodge resumes labour.

The M.W. the Grand Master directed that the reports submitted to him by the District Deputy Grand Masters for the past year be laid on the table.

Resolved, That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be taken from the table and referred back to the M.W. the Grand Master in order that such portions thereof as he may deem advisable may be printed in the annual Proceedings.

R. W. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., submitted the following report of the special committee on the union of the Grand Lodges of the Maritime Provinces, and moved that the same be adopted.

The committee appointed under resolution of Grand Lodge last year, as printed at page 531 of the Proceedings, in regard to an amalgamation of the Grand Lodges of the Maritime Provinces, respectfully report that efforts to get a meeting of the joint committees were not successful, and that, therefore, nothing was done. It may be wise to continue the committee another year, and it is recommended that this be done.

Fraternally submitted.
 JOHN V. ELLIS.
 J. G. FORBES,
 JOHN A. WATSON.

The motion for the adoption of the report was carried.

W. Brother the Rev. W. H. Sampson, on behalf of the special committee on suspension of members, submitted the following report, and on motion it was

Resolved, That the report be received and lie on the table.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

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

The Committee, to whom paragraph 5, sub-section 3, of last year's report of the Board of General Purposes, dealing with suspension of members, was referred, report as follows :

That they find the subject so submitted to them has been the occasion of much discussion in other jurisdictions, and is admittedly a very difficult and perplexing one.

In the United States and Canada we find that in the last ten years the membership has been reduced about thirty per cent. by suspensions for non-payment of dues, as the following table will shew :

YEAR.	RAISED.	SUSPENDED.
1891	38,186	12,597
1892	43,345	14,113
1893	43,127	13,035
1894	42,930	13,641
1895	39,524	15,052
1896	41,543	17,944
1897	44,566	18,933
1898	42,394	19,177
1899	43,542	19,122
1900	45,913	17,039
Total,	424,960	160,653

It will be seen from the above that the evil is great and therefore may require drastic measures to overcome it, but while we are not prepared to report a complete change in the system of charging dues or their collection, we submit the following recommendations for the consideration of Grand Lodge.

First, with a view of preventing the accumulation of arrearages, as mentioned in the report of the Board, we would recommend the following :

That section 26 of Private Lodges in the Constitution be amended by adding before the word "no" in line nine of said section the words, "The names of all members of Lodges that are twelve months and upwards in arrears for dues must be reported and read by the Secretary in open Lodge at the first regular meeting of the Lodge after such default, and the Lodge shall thereupon consider the cause of the non-payment and take action thereon," but

Second, with a view of introducing a system of life membership we would recommend the following :

That Grand Lodge amend its Constitution by adding the following section under the heading of Proposing Members: "Every Lodge may by by-law admit their members to life membership on such terms as such Lodge may determine, provided that any amount paid for such life membership be placed in the hands of a Board of Trustees appointed for the purpose, and by them invested, the income (and, in case of the death of such life member, the corpus) to be paid into and form part of the funds of the Lodge."

Third, with a view of assisting Lodges to maintain their membership and keep members on their roll we recommend the following :

That Grand Lodge amend its Constitution under the heading of Fees by the following addition to that section :

"(a). Every Lodge may by by-law adopt a system of voluntary contributions from its members in lieu of dues, and thereupon the *per capita* tax payable towards the fund for Grand Lodge purposes shall be from time to time reduced in proportion to the increase of the membership of such Lodge."

(b). By adding the following to section 29 of Private Lodges :

"And in such case there shall be no member's fee payable to Grand Lodge for him for the year for which such dues are remitted," so that section 29 will read as follows :

"29. — By a vote of the Lodge the dues, or any portion of the dues, of any member in indigent circumstances may be remitted, and in such

case there shall be no member's fee payable to Grand Lodge for him for the year for which such dues are remitted."

On behalf of the Committee.

WILLIAM B. WALLACE,

Chairman.

St. John, N. B., August 25th, 1900.

The following report of the Library Committee was then submitted:

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

The Library Committee would report that finding that there was no accommodation for the publications of the past few years a set of shelves was obtained and all the Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges, so far as received, have been placed in position.

This entailed the moving of every book in the Library, as no spaces had been left between the reports of the various Grand Bodies. To obviate this, side support or clamps have been procured so that there are now spaces reserved into which the publications of the next three or four years can readily be placed.

The Library is now neatly and methodically arranged. To accomplish this an expenditure has been incurred in excess of the amount voted last year, and it is recommended that the usual grant be made to the incoming committee.

W. A. EWING,

J. TWINING HARTT,

Library Committee.

On motion, duly seconded, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Library Committee be adopted, and that the usual grant of \$20.00 be made to the committee for the ensuing year.

Read the following letter received from R. W. Brother the Very Reverend Dean Partridge :

FREDERICTON, June 30, 1900.

MY DEAR AND W. BRO. HARTT :

The resolutions, so beautifully written, of the Grand Lodge, have been received by me with much satisfaction; and we at the Cathedral are gratified to learn that our endeavours to provide a service which should be equal to the occasion are appreciated by the Craft as represented in Grand Lodge.

I enclose a draft for \$5.00 towards the expenses of the printing, which is taken from the collection on Sunday afternoon, and which I hope you will kindly accept.

With all best wishes, believe me,
Yours sincerely and fraternally,

FRANCIS PARTRIDGE.

V.W. J. TWINING HARTT, *Grand Secretary.*

Read petition of the Brethren at McAdam working under dispensation as Ashlar Lodge, praying that a Warrant of Constitution be granted them. The petition was accompanied by the records of the Lodge and an abstract of the work done since the dispensation was issued.

Resolved, That the petition and Lodge records be referred to the Committee on Warrants for examination and report.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address here made a special verbal report recommending that the section of the address referring to Lebanon Lodge, and the correspondence thereon, be referred to the Committee on Warrants.

On motion of R.W. Brother Donald Munro, P.G.W., seconded by R.W. Brother Julius T. Whitlock, P.G.M., it was

Resolved, That the special report of the committee be adopted and its recommendation carried into effect.

The following report was submitted, received, and adopted :

The Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges respectfully report that no matter was brought to their consideration requiring action by Grand Lodge at the present session.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS.
A. R. CAMPBELL.

Resolved, on due motion: That the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be taken from the table and filed.

Grand Lodge then took recess.

TUESDAY EVENING,

August 28th, 1900.

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 7.30 o'clock, the M.W. His Honor Judge Forbes, Grand Master, in the East.

Grand Lodge proceeded at once to the order of the day: the election of officers.

The sections of the Constitution relating to elections having been read, the M.W. Grand Master appointed as scrutineers Worshipful Brothers R. W. L. Tibbitts, W. Alder Trueman, and William T. McLeod.

Upon the several ballotings the scrutineers reported the following Brethren as having, in each case, received a majority of the votes cast, and they were thereupon declared duly elected to their respective offices :

HIS HONOR JUDGE J. GORDON FORBES,Grand Master (re-elected).
DONALD MUNRO,Deputy Grand Master.
BENJAMIN S. BLACK,Senior Grand Warden.
JAMES VROOM,Junior Grand Warden.
THE REV. WILLIAM H. SAMPSON,Grand Chaplain.
EDWIN J. EVERETT,Grand Treasurer (re-elected).
Brother DINGEE SCRIBNER, on due nomination, was re-elected Grand Tyler.

It was resolved, That when Grand Lodge takes recess it take recess until 3 o'clock to-morrow.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

W. Brother Andrew Mungall presented his Credentials as grand representative of The Grand Lodge of Oregon. The Commission was dated at Salem, 20th July, 1897, and signed by W. H. Hobson, Grand Master, and James F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

M.W. His Honor Judge Forbes presented his Credentials as representative of The Grand Dieta Simbolica of Mexico, bearing date the 3rd March, 1900.

W. Brother Robert J. McAdoo presented his Credentials as representative of The Grand Lodge of Montana, dated at Helena, the 13th day of March, 1900, and signed by Theo. Brantly, Grand Master, and Cornelius Hedges, Grand Secretary.

W. Brother Alexander W. MacRae presented his Credentials as representative of The Grand Lodge of the State of Washington, dated at Olympia, the 3rd day of February, 1900, signed by William Morris Seeman, Grand Master, and Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary.

W. Brother Arthur I. Trueman presented his Credentials as representative of The Grand Lodge of Quebec, dated at Montreal, March, 1900, signed by B. Tooke, Grand Master, and John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary.

The Commissions having been read, the above representatives were called to the East, received with Grand Honors, and welcomed by the M.W. Grand Master.

Grand Lodge then took recess to enable the Brethren to attend the Grand Master's banquet at the Assembly Rooms, Mechanics' Institute.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,

August 29th, 1900.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3 o'clock this afternoon, the M.W. The Grand Master in the East.

The Committee on Warrants submitted the following report:

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

The Committee on Warrants to New Lodges have carefully examined the papers submitted on behalf of Ashlar Lodge, U.D., working at McAdam Junction, in the County of York, under dispensation from the Grand Master, since April 6, 1900. The report of the work done at the several meetings is satisfactory, and your committee would recommend that Grand Lodge issue a warrant as prayed for.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Committee on Warrants.

August 29, 1900.

THOMAS WALKER.

Moved by R.W. Brother Donald Munro, P.G.W.:

That the report of the committee be adopted, and that a Warrant of Constitution issue to Ashlar Lodge, No. 36.

Carried.

The same committee then made a further report as follows:

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

The Committee on Warrants to New Lodges, to whom was referred the section of the Grand Master's Address relating to Lebanon Lodge, and also the petition of the Brethren at Sackville praying that the warrant of Lebanon Lodge, No. 28, be restored, beg leave to report that after due consideration they would respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted. In so doing your committee would suggest that, in view of the statement that some of the petitioners are suspended Masons, special care should be exercised to see that, previous to the restoration of the warrant, these Brethren are restored to good Masonic standing.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

THOMAS WALKER.

On motion of R.W. Brother Thomas Walker, P.G.M., it was

Resolved, That this report be adopted, and that the Warrant of Lebanon Lodge, which had been surrendered in 1894, be now restored to the petitioners, and that they be empowered to meet thereunder as Lebanon Lodge, No. 28.

R.W. Brother Thomas Walker, P.G.M., gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he would move an amendment to Section I "Of District Deputy Grand Masters," to the effect that Ashlar Lodge, No. 36, at McAdam, in the County of York, be added to and form part of District No. 5.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

R.W. Brother Robert Marshall, P.G.M., presented his Credentials as representative of The Grand Orient of Italy.

W. Brother Alfred A. Stockton presented his Credentials as representative of The National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

W. Brother Archibald Bauer presented his Credentials as representative of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Dated at Raleigh, the 15th day of February. Signed B. G. Royston, Grand Master, and John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.

The Brethren were cordially welcomed in their representative capacities by the M.W. Grand Master and accorded the Grand Honors.

REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address presented their report:

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

The Committee on the Address of the M.W. Grand Master are very much gratified to learn of the continued harmonious welfare of the Craft within the entire jurisdiction, and of the material increase in membership and income.

The kindly allusions of the Grand Master to the Brethren who have been called from labor will find a fraternal response in the hearts of the members to whom our departed Brethren were endeared, and we are sure that Grand Lodge will concur in the friendly expressions of sympathy to the deceased of other jurisdictions, and in his recommendations regarding the above.

The record of the Grand Master's official visits is a most gratifying one, and we feel assured that a very great amount of good to the Craft will result from the faithful manner in which these arduous duties have been performed.

We are sure that Grand Lodge deeply sympathizes with him in the severe and prolonged illness in his home, and we hope and trust that his estimable wife may be speedily restored to health once more.

The committee note with pleasure that his efforts to cultivate closer fraternal relations with Sister Grand Lodges have met with such a hearty response, and representatives have been exchanged with so many Grand Lodges not heretofore represented at this Grand Lodge.

Regarding the meeting of Grand Lodge at the City of Fredericton for the purpose of attending Divine Service on St. John's Day, the committee believe that this departure is one that will meet with the hearty approval of Grand Lodge, and it is to be hoped that similar services will be held in different parts of the jurisdiction.

We are in cordial sympathy with the M.W. Grand Master's references to the union of the Imperial and Colonial forces in the unhappy war in South Africa as an evidence and pledge of the unity of the Empire, and his felicitous recognition of the growing feeling of friendship between our people and those of the neighboring republic, which, let us hope, will continue to grow until the Anglo-Saxon race shall become inseparable, and Anglo-Saxon freedom extend its influence to all the nations of the earth.

The committee note with very great pleasure the reviving of Salisbury Lodge and of Lebanon Lodge, and the organization of two new Lodges, Ashlar at McAdam, and Steven Lodge at Petitcodiac.

Regarding the recommendation of placing \$200 at the disposal of the Grand Master to enable him to secure the services of competent ritualists within the jurisdiction, we most heartily concur with the Grand Master's recommendation, and trust that the same will be granted.

The committee believe that Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on the manner in which our distinguished M.W. Grand Master has discharged the duties devolving upon him, and which must have been at great sacrifice of time and expense; upholding the honor and dignity of the position so acceptably to the members of the Craft.

Respectfully submitted.

DONALD MUNRO,
F. St. J. BLISS,
JULIUS T. WHITLOCK, } Committee.

Moved by R.W. Donald Munro, P.G.W., seconded by W. Brother Arch. Bauer, G.D. of C. :

That the report of the Committee on the Address of the Grand Master be received and adopted.

Carried.

Moved by W. Brother A. W. Sharp, seconded by R.W. Brother A. McNichol, P.G.W. :

That the sum of \$200 be placed at the disposal of the Grand Master to pay the expenses of providing such instruction in ritual to Lodges outside of the City of Saint John as may be deemed necessary.

Carried.

R.W. Brother Thomas Walker, P.G.M., gave notice that at the next Regular Communication he would move an amendment to Section 1 of "Board of General Purposes," providing that the Grand Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Board.

R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., at the request, and on behalf of Brother Frank Gallagher, prayed the acceptance by Grand Lodge of a framed certificate, issued to his father the late Major Gallagher, who in 1807 was admitted to the fraternity in Halifax, N. S. As the certificate was ninety-three years old Brother Gallagher thought the Grand Lodge would be glad to place it with its other treasures.

And on his motion it was

Resolved, That the certificate be accepted and the thanks of Grand Lodge conveyed to Brother Gallagher.

Moved by R.W. Brother William B. Wallace, P.D.G.M. :

That the report of the Special Committee on Suspensions be taken from the table and considered.

Carried.

Moved by R.W. Brother William B. Wallace, P.D.G.M., seconded by W. Brother The Rev. William H. Sampson :

That the report be referred back to the committee in order that it may ascertain the opinions of the Subordinate Lodges thereon, and report at the next Annual Communication, and that the Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, the Junior Grand Warden, and the Grand Secretary be added to the committee.

Carried.

The Grand Master, His Honor Judge James Gordon Forbes, was invested and installed by R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., and was saluted and proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick.

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

V.W. J. TWINING HARTT, Grand Secretary.
 W. WALTER W. INCHES, Senior Grand Deacon.
 W. FRED. ST. JOHN BLISS, Junior Grand Deacon.
 W. J. B. M. BAXTEE, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 BRO. ROBERT S. BARKER, Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 W. GEORGE M. FAIRWEATHER, .. Grand Sword Bearer.
 W. E. L. HAGERMAN, Grand Standard Bearer.
 W. WILLIAM A. EWING, Grand Organist.
 W. JOHN R. WARNER, Grand Pursuivant.
 W. HERMAN SULLIVAN, Grand Steward.
 W. GEORGE M. WILSON, "
 W. F. H. HALL, "
 W. BENJAMIN KILBURN, "
 W. WILLIAM A. WILSON, "
 W. JAMES MCINTOSH, "
 W. J. WILLIAM SMALLEY, "
 W. BARNETT M. MULLEN, "
 W. JOSEPH A. MAGILTON, Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 1.
 W. W. ALDER TRUEMAN, Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 2.
 W. WILLIAM A. WILSON, Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 3.
 W. ANDREW MUNGALL, Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 5.

The following Grand Officers, elected and appointed, being present, were duly invested and installed into their respective offices :

R.W. DONALD MUNRO, Deputy Grand Master.
 R.W. BENJAMIN S. BLACK, Senior Grand Warden.
 R.W. JAMES VROOM, Junior Grand Warden.
 V.W. THE REV. WM. H. SAMPSON, Grand Chaplain.
 V.W. EDWIN J. EVERETT, Grand Treasurer.
 V.W. J. TWINING HARTT, Grand Secretary.
 W. J. B. M. BAXTER, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 W. E. L. HAGERMAN, Grand Standard Bearer.
 W. WILLIAM A. EWING, Grand Organist.
 BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER, Grand Tyler.

The M.W. Grand Master made the following appointments to the Board of General Purposes:

R. W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE, Past Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. FREDERICK SANDALL, Past Grand Warden.
 V. W. EDWIN J. EVERETT, Grand Treasurer.
 W. MR. JUSTICE McLEOD, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 W. AUGUSTUS W. REED, Past Asst. Gd. Dir. of Ceremonies.
 W. FRED. ST. JOHN BLISS, Junior Grand Deacon.
 W. W. ALEX. PORTER, Past Grand Sword Bearer.
 W. THOMAS FINLAY, Past Master.
 W. JOHN JOHNSTON, Past Grand Standard Bearer.
 W. DAVID DEARNESS, Past Grand Standard Bearer.

The usual standing committees were likewise appointed by the Grand Master.

Moved by R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., seconded by R.W. Brother Julius T. Whitlock, P.G.M.:

That the rank and dignity of Past Deputy Grand Master be conferred on R.W. Brother Isaac W. Doherty, Past Grand Warden, in recognition of his long, valuable, services to Masonry in this jurisdiction.

Carried.

The R.W. Brother feelingly acknowledged the resolution and was greeted with applause.

The business of the Thirty-Third Annual Communication being now ended, Grand Lodge was closed in *ample* form by M.W. the Grand Master, and with solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain at the hour of 5 o'clock, p.m.

J. Swining Hartt.

Grand Secretary.

REPORTS

OF

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

I beg leave to submit my official report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1.

Owing to my business taking me away from home so much I was not able to visit all the Lodges in my district as I had contemplated.

On April 19th, I paid my first official visit to The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, when I witnessed the conferring of the second degree by the master and his officers in a very creditable manner. The Lodge is in good financial condition, and the records kept accurately.

On May 1st, accompanied by W. Brother Dearness, I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 2, when the second degree was conferred. The work was very smoothly done. I found the records kept in an excellent manner, and the Lodge in good financial condition.

My next visitation was to Albion Lodge, No. 1, where I received a cordial reception from the officers and members. I witnessed the work of the second degree, which was executed in splendid style. On examination of the records I found that the Lodge was in good order and was enjoying its usual prosperity.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. D. FROST,
D.D.G.M., No. 1.

DISTRICT No. 2.

To the M.W. the Grand Master:

Herewith I submit the following report: On December 27th, St. John's night, I visited Keith Lodge, No. 23, and installed its officers. I found the books in good order. I am pleased to report that this Lodge still maintains that interest in Masonry which it has been heretofore credited with.

On January 3rd, 1900, I arrived at Hillsborough and met with the brethren of Howard Lodge, No. 15, for the purpose of instructing them in their work, and I spent several days with them. I have much pleasure in stating that in the future a greater interest will be taken by all the members of this Lodge, and have no doubt Howard will give a good account of itself.

On January 10th, I visited Zetland Lodge, No. 24, Shediac. I was kindly received by the brethren. I installed the officers. The officers of Zetland worked the second degree upon a candidate in a very creditable manner. This Lodge has not made much progress. They have a fine hall to meet in, and well equipped with working tools, etc., and are clear of debt. If the majority of the members of this Lodge would only exert themselves Shediac would have a good working Lodge. Had it not been for the energy of some of the older members Zetland Lodge would not be in existence to-day.

On January 15th, I had much pleasure in officially visiting St. Andrew Lodge, No. 16. I was most cordially received. The E.A. degree was worked by the officers in a very creditable manner. St. Andrew always had the reputation of doing good work, and from what I saw during my visit it has nothing to fear. I examined the books, found them in order and neatly kept.

On May 18th, I accompanied the M.W. Grand Master and V.W. Grand Secretary to Salisbury. The M.W. Grand Master called a meeting of the members of Salisbury Lodge, No. 20. The members being anxious to re-organize, a resolution was passed asking for a dispensation to elect and install officers. On June 5th, I visited Salisbury Lodge. I took the chair at 8 o'clock and opened Lodge. After reading dispensation proceeded with election of officers. There were present quite a number of the members of old Salisbury Lodge, and everyone seemed much pleased at being able to once more meet together.

On July 3rd, I again visited Salisbury Lodge. I took the chair at 7.30 o'clock, after the regular business, and installed the officers. I was assisted by W. Brother E. W. Givan, of Keith Lodge, and W. Brother Kirk, of Zion Lodge, Sussex. After Lodge was closed we were invited by the W.M. and Brethren of Salisbury Lodge to the Dominion Hotel and partook of their hospitality.

On July 5th, at the request of the Brethren of old Lebanon Lodge, I visited Sackville and attended a meeting called for the purpose of re-organizing Lebanon Lodge. The meeting was well attended and the members present decided to make application to the M.W. Grand Master for restoration of charter. A petition was drawn up and signed by a number of the members.

On July 6th, I attended a meeting at Petitcodiac, held by the Brethren of that place, for the purpose of organizing a Lodge. After the matter was discussed a petition was drawn up and signed by the Brethren. The chances for a Lodge at Petitcodiac are good. There are a number of Brethren residing at Petitcodiac who never attend Lodge owing to the distance they have to travel and the expenses they are put to in so doing.

Fraternally yours,

W. A. D. STEVEN,
D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 3.

To the M. W. the Grand Master :

I beg to submit the following as my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 3.

During the past year I have visited all the Lodges within my District with the single exception of St. John Lodge, which has not been holding meetings for a number of months past, and I regret to say I was unable to succeed in having one called at which I might make my visit.

On the 23rd day of October last, I visited St. Andrew Lodge and found everything in a very satisfactory condition, excepting that it has not of late been making any additions to its number.

On the 6th of June last, accompanied by Brother W. R. Gould, of Miramichi Lodge, I visited Restigouche Lodge and exemplified the third degree. As the number of its members is not large, and a majority of them reside out of town, it is difficult to secure a satisfactory attendance at meetings.

On the following day, again accompanied by Brother Gould, I visited Campbellton Lodge and found everything in a flourishing and growing condition. The first and third degrees were conferred by the regular officers in a very gratifying manner.

On the 10th of July last, accompanied by over half a score of Brethren of Miramichi Lodge, I visited Northumberland Lodge and found everything satisfactory. There was no work, but a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent by those present. This Lodge is in a healthy condition.

On the 17th of July last, I visited Miramichi Lodge officially, when the first and third degrees were conferred by the regular officers in a highly creditable manner. This Lodge is active and has added quite a number to its roll during the current year.

At all these Lodges I examined the books and records and found them well and neatly kept. With the exception of St. John all are in a good financial condition, but that Lodge I understand not to be so, and that that is mainly the cause of its not being in good working order.

It is quite a number of years since a Grand Master has honored the Lodges in this district with a visit, and the Brethren are most anxious and hopeful that they will not be overlooked by the Grand Master for the next year.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT MURRAY,
D.D.G.M., No. 3.

Chatham, N. B., August 18th, A.D. 1900.

DISTRICT No. 4.

To the M. W. the Grand Master:

In making my official report it gives me great pleasure to say that no discord exists in any of the Lodges in this District, and that they all seem to be laboring for the welfare of the Fraternity. I visited all the Lodges in this district and found them in good working order, the books well kept and the dues well collected, and the officers deeply interested in their work. A fair amount of work is being done and everything indicates prosperity for Masonry in this jurisdiction.

On making my official visits to the several Lodges everything was done to make my visits as pleasant as possible.

On Wednesday evening, June 6th last past, in company with P.M. Brother Alexander Burchill, of Hiram Lodge, No. 6, I visited Alexandria Lodge, No. 33, at St. Marys. The Lodge is strong financially, and I found the books in connection with the Lodge neatly and systematically kept. There were no degrees conferred during my visit. After the Lodge was closed refreshments were served and a very pleasant hour was spent in social conversation.

The meeting was a special one convened by the kindness of the W.M. in order that I might have an opportunity of visiting the Lodge on that evening.

On Thursday evening, June 7th, I visited Hiram Lodge, No. 6, at Fredericton, of which Brother Fred. St. John Bliss is Worshipful Master. I was received with all the honors due the representative of the M.W. Grand Master.

The third degree was conferred on three candidates during the evening. I cannot speak too highly or say too much in praise of this Lodge. The Worshipful Master is certainly very proficient in the work of his office. All the officers of the Lodge are striving to see how near perfection they can bring the work.

On Thursday evening, June 14th, I visited Carleton Lodge, No. 35, at East Florenceville, Carleton county, of which Brother J. W. Smalley is Worshipful Master. The third degree was conferred on two candidates during the evening.

The different officers discharged their duties in a very creditable manner and showed that they were well up in their work.

On Thursday, the 7th of August, instant, I visited Benjamin Lodge at Andover, of which Brother Benjamin Kilburn is Worshipful Master. Although the night was extremely hot, and the members had no knowledge of my intended visit, the attendance was large. The first degree was conferred on one candidate.

I carefully examined the books of this Lodge, and their neat appearance showed that the Secretary, P.M. Brother Alexander Stratton, attends well to the work assigned him by the Lodge.

On the 27th of December last past, I installed the officers of Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, of which Brother G. H. Harrison is the Worshipful Master. Degrees have been conferred at nearly every meeting during the past year.

Thanking you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the confidence reposed in me in appointing me to my present official position, and the Brethren for their uniform courtesy,

I remain, very truly and fraternally yours,

JOSIAH R. MURPHY,
D.D.G.M., No. 4.

DISTRICT No. 5.

To the M. W. the Grand Master :

I beg to submit my official report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 5.

During the year I have visited all the Lodges in my district except St. Mark's Lodge at St. Andrews. I regret that professional engagements on the day of the Regular Communications of St. Mark's prevented me from making its officers and members an official visit.

All the Lodges in my district are strong in membership, doing good work, and in very satisfactory financial condition. Sussex Lodge, of St. Stephen, easily leads in my district in all those requisites which go to make a banner Lodge.

The following is a statement of my official visits during the year :

On the 14th December last, accompanied by S.G.D. R. W. Whitlock, I visited my mother Lodge, Victoria, No. 26, of Milltown. The M.M. degree was conferred in a correct and very impressive manner. On December 27 last, I installed the Worshipful Master and officers of Victoria, No. 26.

On the first Tuesday in May last, I visited Sussex Lodge of St. Stephen. There was no work, but the Master and officers exemplified the E.A. degree in a very correct manner.

On Thursday, May 3rd last, accompanied by P.G.M. J. T. Whitlock, of Sussex, S.G.D. R. W. Whitlock, W.M. Vroom, W.M. Watters, and officers of Victoria Lodge, I visited St. George Lodge, No. 12, and received a very cordial and hearty greeting from the members of the Craft in the Granite City. With the assistance of the visiting Brethren the E.A. degree was conferred on one candidate, and the M.M. degree on two candidates. W.M. Vroom, of Sussex, No. 7, took the chair and conferred the E.A. degree, and I conferred the M.M. degree, after which we enjoyed the well known hospitality of St. George Lodge.

On the first Thursday of the present month, I visited Alley Lodge, No. 14.

In conclusion I wish to state that the Craft in this district have been much benefited by the visit of the Grand Secretary in the capacity of Grand Lecturer.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM H. LAUGHLIN,
D.D.G.M., No. 5.

SERMON

PREACHED BEFORE GRAND LODGE BY R.W. THE
VERY REVEREND FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, D.D.,
P. D. G. M., AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,
FREDERICTON, ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE
THE 24TH, 1900.

"The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us;

That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers." I Kings viii., 57, 58.

The dedication of King Solomon's temple is a scene which has indelibly impressed itself upon the imagination of mankind. Surrounded by civilizations of a high order, having on either side the magnificence of Assyria and the mighty power of Egypt, and learning their principles and methods of work, there is introduced for the first time into the Kingdom of Israel the idea of a building of exceeding richness and costliness for the centralization of the worship of the true God. Although the nation had not within itself the men who could build an edifice so imposing, and had to import them from a neighboring state, yet the plan itself was from God, and the design imagined and set down by men inspired from Him. The names of Hiram, the widow's son, of Aholiab and Bezaleel, with others associated with them, are sufficient evidence of the truth of this. And the statement of King David, who conceived though he was not permitted to carry out the purpose of erecting a glorious shrine for the worship of God, expressly ascribes even the details of the work to the revelation of the Almighty.

Imagine if you can the extraordinary sight which met the eye on that morning when Solomon the magnificent, in the gorgeous robes of his kingly majesty, uniting in his person the offices of king and priest, solemnly dedicates to the God of his father and himself the stately fane, and invokes upon the temple in its various uses the blessing of heaven. For eloquence of expression, for largeness of conception, and for the

spirit of true and heartfelt devotion which thrills even yet the soul of him who reads it, that wondrous prayer of the king stands unrivalled. And the vast multitudes who thronged the temple space, and had their part in the uplifting worship; the well-trained band of singers with their instruments of music; the organized array of overseers and workmen, whose disciplined obedience alone made possible the completion of so stupendous a task; the procession of priests and Levites and officials of all kinds, so necessary to the perfecting of the ceremonial details, combine to create a spectacle which has hardly been surpassed in the history of the world. What wonder if the whole series of events has proved the foundation of building orders in all succeeding time! What wonder if through the ages there exist the traditions which have survived the vicissitudes of change! What wonder if even until this day the imagination still clings to these historic scenes, and inspires with undying power the gatherings of men, the creations of the poet, the realities of scenic display, and the innate desire of the human mind for the due and authorized exhibition of ritual observance!

We are gathered to-day within the sacred walls of this cathedral, in itself a beautiful and artistic temple for the worship of the God of Israel and of Christendom, as representatives in this province of an organization of men of world-wide reputation and of acknowledged usefulness. And although no educated Mason would now claim an hereditary and unbroken succession from the undoubtedly historical lodges of the time of Solomon (which would be an impossible thing), yet the traditions, the ceremonies, and the spirit of these ancient craftsmen have lived and are vital in our Order.

Free Masonry is, at the close of this nineteenth century no mere childish and contemptible medium for the display of finery and empty pomp. It is no machinery for the encouragement of disloyalty either to God or man. It is no substitute for the religion of the home or of the church. It is no system of philosophy or of ethics which is intended to supersede or to supplement the revelation which has been vouchsafed to the world. It is a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. It inculcates the highest and deepest moral lessons. Its universality denotes its hold on the needs of mankind. It seeks no notoriety. It canvasses for no membership. It goes quietly on its beneficent way. It neither exploits nor conceals its noble and helpful ambitions. Its aid is given without ostentation and without hypocrisy. The needs of the widow and fatherless, of the wanderer and the outcast, are met, if found worthy, with a generosity and a brotherly open-heartedness which neither craves nor allows recognition. It lets not its left hand know what its right hand doeth.

And yet it has been assailed with a virulence which is often as bitter as it is unaccountable. It has been proscribed with the ban and attacked with the anathema. It has been ridiculed in pulpit and in the press. It has been beset with the open assault and scourged with the covert sneer. It has been the opprobrium of the narrow minded and the butt of the bigot.

In these days of enlightenment nothing, however ancient and venerable, can long withstand the force of public opinion, which does not deserve to live and flourish. The tendency of the age is to test everything. "Prove all things" is a popular maxim. "Hold fast that which is good" is an aphorism more honored in the breach than in the observance—a motto proverbial, but worthy of greater confidence than it receives.

Is there any defence of Free Masonry which may carry conviction? Any justification which may let others know that which is a law to ourselves? Undoubtedly there is. We Masons do not shrink from the examination of our tenets, nor complain that a vindication of our position is asked. On the contrary, we invite investigation, and court inquiry.

On an occasion like this, when the Grand Lodge of our Province gathers here for worship, it ought not to be out of place that we spend a few moments in thoughts that arise in this connection; and offer to ourselves, if not to the outside world, some reasons for our existence which may bear the strongest tests.

In the first place, Free Masonry, as we know it, satisfies the social instincts of men.

There are beings and systems which rejoice in isolation. This is the main principle of monasticism. To dwell apart from the haunts of men and the temptations of the world; to escape thus the responsibilities which rest upon those who mingle in society and face the problems of life; this to some seems the meaning of religion. Nevertheless, it is this social instinct which has given education to man, and to nations law and history. It is this which has made each generation live in the supplementary life of the generation which is past, in addition to its own; so that the social bond embraces all generations, and makes of humanity a perpetual association, in which every individual influence affects other individuals for their mutual and physical advantage, and for the progress of their intellectual and moral organization. And how much has this wonderful sentiment wrought for mankind! It is that which urges men to ameliorate the lot of their fellows, to elevate them by their example, by education, by a humane code of punishment which aims at reformation; and lastly by the formation of all sorts of associations of charity, and

not of charity only, but for mutual help and comfort. It is this fact, that we are all members one of another; that we cannot get along without leaning on our brethren; that we acknowledge that it is not good for man to be alone; which creates such societies as that which I am addressing to-day.

But there is another instinct which shows itself most unmistakably among those which strongly influence humanity. It is the love of ritual.

Among the commonest and most easily satisfied impulses of mankind is that outward demonstration of inward sentiment which issues in ritual. This manifests itself in every relation of life. In very few personalities does it conceal itself. In the large majority it is apparent. This feeling of the human mind declares itself in music, in the drama, and in private society. It refuses to dwell unknown. It finds its expression in the uniform of the soldier and sailor, in the badge of the detective, in the signboard on the street, in the advertising column, in the flag of the nation. It will not be hid. There is a subtle and indefinable impulse towards the easily seen and admired that leads many men to adopt the external and be satisfied with it. Others will use it for their own purposes, while despising it in their hearts. But the majority love it. And it would be very unphilosophical for the student of human nature to think little of it. Is it altogether unreasonable and foolish? By no means. Man is as he is made. Some natures are prone to display, and love a show. They are at home in a procession and shine in a Lodge room. Their gifts find an outlet in these ways. And can anyone give a cogent reason why they should not? Others look down on "that kind of thing, you know," and fancy that a man who enjoys it is a fool. I doubt whether the latter is as much to blame as the former, for he follows his instincts, while the other disdains them. These tendencies are in human nature, and as long as they are innocent they should not be scorned. The majority revel in them; and he who sneers at them may avoid them.

But there is a higher sphere yet in which the Free Mason finds himself. Man would be a sorry animal if his selfish instincts got the upper hand of him. Very soon in the journey of life the need of helping and being helped arises. And there is a very real satisfaction in knowing that you are pledged to your neighbor and he to you, in a compact for mutual help. This help and defence, both of which are incumbent on the Mason, constitutes a bond of union between men which cannot be despised or ignored. It is a power in the business world. It is a safeguard in family life. "It blesses him who gives and him who takes." Will anyone say that this is puerile?

Then there is the expansion of the same idea, which takes the name of "Charity." If you want to know what this means read 1 Cor. xiii. The widow's heart is comforted and cheered for God's sake, and in memory of the widow's son. The fatherless are provided for; the stranger is met with kindness and sympathy; and the Mason is trained by every means, in the ceremonies, by precept and by example, to open his heart and his purse to a distressed worthy brother, his widow, or orphans. Of course there are other societies with the same object. But they do but copy Free Masonry, which is the mother and originator of them all. Surely this needs neither defence nor justification in a world of sorrow!

Nor is there less insistence upon the virtue of patriotism. That holy love of country, which is inherent in all races and keeps the world moving, which thrills the pulse and fires the heart and nerves the arm, what man in the whole land is a more ardent patriot than the Mason? The bitterness of party politics is studiously excluded from the Lodge room, as are the acerbities of religious partizanship. But to be true to his God, his country, his neighbor and himself is one of the landmarks of the Craftsman. Thus in every word and work which go to make up the true man, the Mason finds his happiness. The things which make for peace are diligently pursued. But should the country call her sons to arms to fight for God and right, none responds to that cry for sacrifice more promptly than the Mason.

In the day when our sons and brothers are contending on battlefields red with their blood, and when in all appearance the Empire will find herself in yet worse straits, do we need to defend our noble Order in her teaching of patriotism?

But, above all things, Free Masonry is a system which upholds and demands belief in God. No atheist can be made a Mason. No blasphemer can be encouraged within the precincts of her Lodge, or find an honored place in her activities. If temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice are among her distinguishing features; if brotherly love, relief, and truth stand high among her tenets; belief in God, trust in his providence, respect and reverence for his word, obedience to his laws, are essential parts of the Masons' creed.

It is therefore easy to see that this institution, so widespread, so tenacious of life, so fascinating, so supremely useful, and so religious in the best and truest sense of the word, is and must be a most powerful agency for good, and that especially in an age of the loosening of religious sanctions and the neglecting of the ordinances of God. Free Masonry has been attacked, denounced and proscribed as atheistic and revolutionary. If it ever has seemed to be either the one or the other it has only been when haters of God and subverters of the public weal

have wrongly and wickedly taken advantage of her shelter, or privately used her, against her own principles, in furtherance of their unholy schemes.

The sublime teachings which have been enumerated are as open and clear as God's daylight. Masonry is wrongly deemed a secret society. Its doctrines are pure and seek the light. The more they are followed the better for mankind. The more they are displayed to the world the nobler will the world be. Any secrecy there may be is only that of recognition and self-defence. Every society has the right of prescribing the conditions of admission, and the methods by which it is accomplished. And if participation in the ceremonies is denied except to those who are duly qualified, or if the ritual is hidden from all who are not members of the Order, is Masonry alone in this? We solicit none to join our ranks. If obloquy assail us, we go calmly on our way; in the assurance that our motives are good, our teachings pure, our ceremonies instructive, our traditional heritages interesting and genuine, and the usefulness of the Order admitted by all ingenious observers.

Brethren of the mystic tie! We welcome you to our beautiful Cathedral, itself a noble example of the builder's art. You are gathered to worship the Lord God of our fathers, Israel's God and ours. We cannot doubt that his blessing is bestowed upon all works of piety and charity done in his name. Our order, with its traditions grey with the lichen of antiquity, and maintaining its connection with a glorious past in its ritual and working, ministering as it does in so many directions to the needs and instincts of mankind, both deserves and receives respect and consideration. It will continue to do so just so long and so far as its members are true to its great ideal, and are proud of its past achievements. So long as charity, patriotism, purity, fidelity to trust are foremost in the world's estimation and obtain the world's admiration, just so long will our Order flourish and increase.

Let me exhort you as you value your heritage, to keep it intact, to practise its high and lofty precepts, and to proclaim its virtues in your lives. Then there shall be no longer heard the voice of detraction or slander. Men shall honor us. The Lord our God shall be with us as he was with our fathers. Free Masonry shall be, as it was intended to be, the most potent handmaid of religion. And he whom we worship to-day, and whose blessing we implore in all our deliberations, shall command upon us his blessing, and crown our lives by admitting us to the Celestial Lodge above, where he, the Great Architect of the Universe, himself eternally presides.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE.

1900-1901.

M.W. Grand Master.	HIS HONOR JUDGE FORBES.	St. John.
R.W. Deputy Grand Master,	DONALD MUNRO,	Woodstock.
R.W. Senior Grand Warden,	BENJAMIN S. BLACK, ..	St. John.
R.W. Junior Grand Warden,	JAMES VROOM,	St. Stephen.
V.W. Grand Chaplain.	THE REV. W. H. SAMPSON,	St. John, West.
V.W. Grand Treasurer,	EDWIN J. EVERETT,	St. John.
V.W. Grand Secretary,	J. TWINING HARTT,	St. John.
W. Senior Grand Deacon,	WALTER W. INCHES, ...	St. Stephen.
W. Junior Grand Deacon.	FRED. ST. JOHN BLISS,	Fredericton.
W. Grand Director of Ceremonies.	J. B. M. BAXTER,	St. John, West.
Bro. Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.	ROBERT S. BARKER, ...	Fredericton.
W. Grand Sword Bearer,	GEO. M. FAIRWEATHER,	Dorchester.
W. Grand Standard Bearer,	E. L. HAGERMAN,	Woodstock.
W. Grand Organist,	WILLIAM A. EWING,	St. John.
W. Grand Pursuivant,	JOHN R. WARNER,	St. John.
W. Grand Steward,	HERMAN SULLIVAN, ...	St. John.
W. " "	GEORGE M. WILSON, ...	Hampton.
W. " "	FRANK H. HALL,	Moncton.
W. " "	BENJAMIN KILBURN, ..	Andover.
W. " "	WILLIAM A. WILSON, ...	Newcastle.
W. " "	JAMES McINTOSH,	Chatham.
W. " "	J. WILLIAM SMALLEY, ..	Florenceville.
W. " "	BARNETT M. MULLEN, ...	St. Marys.
Grand Tyler,	DINGEE SCRIBNER,	St. John.
Dis. Dep. Grand Master, No. 1,	JOSEPH A. MAGILTON, .	St. John.
" " "	No. 2, W. ALDER TRUEMAN, ..	Albert.
" " "	No. 3, WILLIAM A. WILSON, ...	Newcastle.
" " "	No. 4, THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,	Woodstock.
" " "	No. 5, ANDREW MUNGALL, ...	Milltown.

ROLL OF LODGES.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	REGULAR COMMUNICATION.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF W.M.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SECRETARY.
1	Albion,	Saint John,	First Friday,	LeBaron Wilson, Saint John,	Frank L. Tufts, Saint John.
2	Saint John's,	Saint John,	First Tuesday,	R. Duncan Smith, Saint John,	Fred. E. Flewelling, Saint John.
3	Hibernia,	Saint John,	Second Tuesday,	Herman Sullivan, Saint John,	Joseph A. Magilton, Saint John.
4	Sussex,	Dorchester,	Thursday on or after full moon,	George M. Fairweather, Dorchester, ..	S. Edgar Wilson, Dorchester.
5	Saint Marks,	Saint Andrews, ..	First Thursday,	William Clarke, Saint Andrews,	George H. Lamb, Saint Andrews.
6	Hiram,	Fredericton,	First Thursday,	Fred. St. John Bliss, Fredericton,	Alexander Burchill, Fredericton.
7	Sussex,	Saint Stephen, ..	First Tuesday,	James Vroom, Saint Stephen,	P. G. MacFarlane, Saint Stephen.
8	Carleton Union, ..	Saint John, West, .	First Thursday,	Edward C. Woodworth, St. John, West,	Uriah Drake, Saint John, West.
9	Midian,	Clifton,			
10	Union of Portland, .	Saint John,	Third Thursday,	John B. Warner, Saint John,	J. Twining Hartt, Saint John.
11	Woodstock,	Woodstock,	First Thursday,	G. Hugh Harrison, Woodstock,	Donald Munro, Woodstock.
12	Saint George,	Saint George,	First Tuesday,	R. J. Dodds, Saint George,	C. Johnson, Jr., Saint George.
13	Corinthian,	Hampton,	Second Friday,	George M. Wilson, Hampton,	Robert H. Smith, Hampton.
14	Alley,	Upper Mills,	First Thursday,	Granville Chase, Baring, Maine,	Edward T. Towers, Baring, Maine.
15	Howard,	Hillsboro,	First Tuesday,	John Taylor Lewis, Hillsboro,	Williams Woodworth, Surrey.
16	Saint Andrew,	Richibucto,	First Monday on or after full moon,	James McDougall, Richibucto,	William D. Carter, Richibucto.
17	Northumberland, .	Newcastle,	Second Tuesday,	The Rev. P. G. Snow, Newcastle,	C. E. Fish, Newcastle.
18	Miramichi,	Chatham,	Third Tuesday,	James McIntosh, Chatham,	William Johnston, Chatham.
20	Salisbury,	Salisbury,	First Tuesday,	Thomas Cochran, Salisbury,	John W. Patterson, Salisbury.
21	Zion,	Sussex,	First Monday,	Robert Morrison, Sussex,	Murray Huestis, Sussex.
22	New Brunswick, ..	Saint John,	Second Thursday,	Frank Fales, Saint John,	George Thompson, Saint John.
23	Keith,	Moncton,	Third Wednesday,	Frank H. Hall, Moncton,	E. W. Givan, Moncton.
24	Zetland,	Shediac,	Second Wednesday,	James Inglis, Shediac,	W. B. Deacon, Shediac.
25	Restigouche,	Dalhousie,	First Tuesday on or after full moon,	A. G. Ferguson, M.D., Dalhousie,	James E. Stewart, Dalhousie.
26	Victoria,	Milltown,	Second Thursday,	William T. Watters, Milltown,	William H. Laughlin, M.D., Milltown.
27	Saint John,	Bathurst,	First Thursday on or after full moon,	Robert Miller, Glen Anglin,	William J. Kent, Bathurst.
28	Lebanon,	Sackville,	Second Monday,		
30	Saint Martins,	Saint Martins,	First Monday,	Simon V. Skillen, Saint Martins,	William E. Skillen, Saint Martins.
31	Benjamin,	Andover,	First Tuesday,	Benjamin Kilburn, Kilburn,	Alexander Straton, Andover.
32	Campbellton,	Campbellton,	First Thursday,	James P. Jardine, Campbellton,	D. C. Firth, Campbellton.
33	Alexandria,	Saint Marys,	First Monday,	Barnett M. Mullen, M.D., Saint Marys, .	Charles A. Handley, Marysville.
34	Albert,	Albert,	Tuesday nearest full moon,	John H. McPherson, Albert,	J. Alex. Fullerton, Albert.
35	Carleton,	East Florenceville, .	Thursday nearest full moon,	J. William Smalley, Upper Peel,	W. W. Melville, Bath.
36	Ashlar,	McAdam,	Third Thursday,	Joseph R. Spragge, McAdam,	George W. Rothwell, McAdam.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, 1899.

Lodge No.	NAME OF LODGE.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Re-instated.	Suspended.	Died.	Withdrawn.	Total Membership.
1	Albion,	5	4	6	..	1	3	1	6	102
2	Saint John's,	13	13	13	1	1	..	3	2	88
3	Hibernia,	6	5	4	2	..	2	3	..	132
4	Sussex,	1	1	1	..	2	2	..	..	36
5	Saint Mark's,	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	..	38
6	Hiram,	9	10	9	..	1	..	2	1	80
7	Sussex,	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	..	124
8	Carleton Union,	2	5	3	..	..	..	1	..	86
9	Midian, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
10	The Union Lodge of Portland,	6	7	5	..	..	3	3	1	97
11	Woodstock,	4	5	5	2	..	..	5	2	140
12	Saint George,	4	3	..	..	2	..	1	..	47
13	Corinthian,	4	5	3	1	..	..	..	..	43
14	Alley,	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	32
15	Howard,	5	3	2	..	..	..	..	1	25
16	Saint Andrew,	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	32
17	Northumberland,	3	2	2	..	..	5	1	2	55
18	Miramichi,	4	4	4	..	..	..	1	..	51
20	Salisbury, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
21	Zion,	8	7	5	..	..	..	..	..	59
22	New Brunswick,	3	3	3	..	1	1	2	2	54
23	Keith,	6	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	107
24	Zetland, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
25	Restigouche,	1	1	1	..	2	1	1	2	27
26	Victoria,	4	4	4	2	..	..	..	1	73
27	Saint John, .....	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	34
30	Saint Martins,	2	3	4	..	1	..	..	..	27
31	Benjamin,	4	5	7	1	..	..	..	..	53
32	Campbellton,	2	2	2	1	..	7	..	..	31
33	Alexandria, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	36
34	Albert,	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	3	40
35	Carleton, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
		104	105	95	14	13	35	30	25	1817

DEATHS, A.D. 1899.

William H. Quinn, Albion Lodge, No. 1.
 Joseph C. Hatheway, ... Saint John's Lodge, No. 2.
 James S. May, "
 John Thomas, "
 I. Edgar Golding, Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
 Samuel T. Strang, "
 Wesley VanWart, Hiram Lodge, No. 6.
 Thomas Stanger, "
 John H. Rose, Sussex Lodge, No. 7.
 David McLaughlin, "
 Charles O. Barker, "
 Hugh Morrison, Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
 Samuel Piercey, The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
 Thomas H. Keohan, ... "
 George Smith, "
 Randolph K. Jones, ... Woodstock Lodge, No. 11.
 David F. Merritt, "
 John W. Tapley, "
 Robert Donaldson, "
 William T. Drysdale, ... "
 Rev. Ronald E. Smith, .. Saint George Lodge, No. 12.
 William A. P. Rhodes, .. Saint Andrew Lodge, No. 16.
 John Fish, Northumberland Lodge, No. 17.
 Hugh Marquis, Miramichi Lodge, No. 18.
 William H. Patton, ... New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.
 William R. Russell, "
 Ronald Currie, Restigouche Lodge, No. 25.
 Henry A. Berry, Victoria Lodge, No. 26.
 Francis J. Gatain, Saint John Lodge, No. 27.
 Jared Boone, Alexandria Lodge, No. 33.

SUSPENSIONS, A.D. 1899.

Charles McLauchlan,	Albion Lodge, No. 1.
William H. Davies,	"
George McLeod,	"
Edward G. Allen,	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
Edward V. Rourke,	"
John Fraser,	Sussex Lodge, No. 4.
John J. Wooten,	"
Joseph Richardson,	Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5.
Thomas McCracken,	"
Samuel O. Turner,	"
Sidney H. Guptil,	"
L. E. Richardson,	"
Arthur V. Clark,	"
Hugh Love,	Sussex Lodge, No. 7.
William Theickens,	"
Herbert Dow,	"
George F. Calkin,	The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
Andrew Norwood,	"
Francis E. Craibe,	"
Henry A. Meek,	Saint Andrew Lodge, No. 16.
John Beattie,	Northumberland Lodge, No. 17.
R. C. Boyce,	"
R. H. Greenly,	"
Charles Reid,	"
John Robinson, Jr.,	"
James P. Wilson,	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.
Duncan Cook,	Restigouche Lodge, No. 25.
Robert J. Nair,	Campbellton Lodge, No. 32.
John C. Ferguson,	"
Charles P. Atkinson,	"
Richard Keith,	"
H. Hemmingson,	"
Alex. J. McDonald,	"
George H. Johnson,	"
Walter B. Tarris,	Albert Lodge, No. 34.

WITHDRAWALS, A.D. 1899.

Henry J. Thorne,	Albion Lodge, No. 1.
Lewis E. Tapley,	"
Chas. H. Cowperthwaite,	"
Peter Campbell,	"
David S. Mitchell,	"
Darius B. Warner,	"
Rev. Thomas Marshall,	Saint John's Lodge, No. 2.
Henry A. Brockington,	"
Robert Ross,	Hiram Lodge, No. 6.
Clement H. McCully,	The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
James Semple,	Woodstock Lodge, No. 11.
George A. Densmore,	"
Arthur Edgett,	Howard Lodge, No. 15.
George W. Wilson,	Saint Andrew Lodge, No. 16.
David W. Fowler,	Northumberland Lodge, No. 17.
Charles Robinson,	"
John J. Wallace,	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.
W. Grant Foss,	"
William Currie,	Restigouche Lodge, No. 25.
Newton Ferguson,	"
Alexander G. Robinson,	Alexandria Lodge, No. 33.
Andrew C. Graves,	Albert Lodge, No. 34.
James S. Atkinson,	"
Daniel N. Baldwin,	"

RE-INSTATED TO MEMBERSHIP, A.D. 1899.

Charles D. Jordan, Albion Lodge, No. 1.
 Henry A. Brockington, Saint John's Lodge, No. 2.
 Mariner Atkinson, Sussex Lodge, No. 4.
 Thomas Anderson, "
 Robert Ross, Hiram Lodge, No. 6.
 John A. Grant, Sussex Lodge, No. 7.
 Valentine V. Vanstone, "
 George Lambert, Saint George Lodge, No. 12.
 Samuel McKay, "
 John T. Lockhart, New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.
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 William McEwen, "
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British Columbia, W. J. Quinlan, Nelson.
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 Manitoba, James A. Ovas, Winnipeg.
 New Zealand, Malcolm Niccol, Auckland.
 New South Wales, }
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 Scotland, D. Murray Lyon, Edinburgh.
 South Australia, J. H. Cunningham, Adelaide.
 Tasmania, John Hamilton, Hobart.
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 Belgium, }
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 Colorado, Ed. C. Parmelee, Denver.
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 District of Columbia, William R. Singleton, Washington.
 Florida, Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville.
 Georgia, William A. Wolibin, Macon.
 Idaho, Theo. W. Randall, Boise City.
 Illinois, J. H. C. Dill, Bloomington.
 Indiana, William H. Smythe, Indianapolis.
 Indian Territory, Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka.

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Kansas,	Albert K. Wilson,	Topeka.
Kentucky,	Henry B. Grant,	Louisville.
Louisiana,	Richard Lambert,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Stephen Berry,	Portland.
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South Dakota,	George A. Pettigrew,	Flandreau.
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Ohio,	Alexander Burchill,	Fredericton.
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Switzerland,	John McAllister,	Campbellton.
Tennessee,	George D. Frost,	Saint John.
Texas,	John A. Watson,	Saint John.
Utah,	Robert W. Whitlock,	Saint Stephen.
Virginia,	Joseph A. Magilton,	Saint John.
Vermont,	Josiah R. Murphy,	Woodstock.
Washington,	Alexander W. MacRae,	Saint John.
Wisconsin,	The Hon. John V. Ellis,	Saint John.
West Virginia,	William A. MacLauchlan,	Saint John.
Wyoming,	Adolphus G. Beckwith,	Fredericton.

THE DEAD.

In Memoriam.

R.:W.: E. LEE STREET,

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

DIED AUGUST, 1900.

"A bright and skilful Mason who loved the Order, * * and who was endeared to the Brethren through his urbanity and kindness towards all."

From Address of Grand Master.

In Memoriam.

W.: WILLIAM R. RUSSELL,

Past Master New-Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.

Died September 11th, 1899.

W.: JOHN H. ROSE,

Past Master Sussex Lodge, No. 7.

Died October 10th, 1899.

W.: SAMUEL T. STRANG,

Past Master Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.

Died November 6th, 1899.

W.: WILLIAM A. P. RHODES,

Past Master St. Andrew Lodge, No. 16.

Died December 15th, 1899.

In Memoriam.

W.: RONALD CURRIE.

Worshipful Master Restigouche Lodge, No. 25.

Died December 16th, 1899.

W.: GEORGE CREIGHTON,

Past Master Hiram Lodge, No. 6.

Died April 2nd, 1900.

W.: CHARLES F. HARRISON,

Past Master The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.

Died on Service in South Africa June 10th, 1900.

W.: C. P. WARMAN.

Past Master Keith Lodge, No. 23.

Died July 28th, 1900.

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