

*Address of the Grand Master*

*W. W. Benjamin R. Harrison*

*R. Andrews, N. B.*

*Address of the Grand Secretary*

*R. W. William F. Bonding*

*R. John, N. B.*

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

The Fifteenth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be held in the Masonic Temple, City of St. John, on Tuesday, the 25th day of April, A. D. 1882, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

**PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**Grand Lodge**

OF

**NEW BRUNSWICK**

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OF THE  
GRAND LODGE  
OF THE  
ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY  
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*Free and Accepted Masons*  
OF  
NEW BRUNSWICK,  
Held at Saint John, April 26th and 27th, A. D. 1881.

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The fourteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Saint John, commencing Tuesday the 26th day of April, A. L. 5881, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Present:

M. W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Grand Master.  
R. W. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,.....Deputy Grand Master.  
R. W. GEORGE F. STICKNEY,.....Senior Grand Warden.  
R. W. GEORGE TODD,.....Junior Grand Warden.  
V. W. REV. DONALD MACRAE,.....Grand Chaplain.  
V. W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,.....Grand Treasurer.  
V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.  
W. GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER,.....Senior Grand Deacon.  
W. WILLIAM J. LOGAN,.....Junior Grand Deacon.  
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.  
W. WM. H. B. SADLER,.....Asst. G. Dir. Ceremonies.

W. ARCHIBALD McLEAN,.....Grand Sword Bearer.  
 W. B. C. BARCLAY BOYD,.....Grand Standard Bearer.  
 W. GEO. F. DEVINE,.....Grand Organist.  
 W. CHARLES U. HANFORD,.....Grand Pursuivant.  
 W. ROBERT J. MELVIN,.....Grand Steward.  
 W. CHARLES MASTERS,....."  
 W. JOHN A. WATSON,....."  
 W. ARTHUR EVERITT,....."  
 W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE,....."  
 W. CHARLES H. MASTERS,....."  
 Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....Grand Tyler.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form.

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

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

*Ordered*, that the grand secretary dispense with reading the records of the last annual communication, as they have been printed and distributed throughout the jurisdiction, and that they be taken as read and be confirmed.

The Grand Secretary reported that W. Bro. William R. Russell, W. Bro. Thomas Walker and R. W. Bro. G. H. Flewelling, are the Committee on Credentials, appointed by the Board of General Purposes.

The M. W. the Grand Master directed the Grand Pursuivant to admit all master masons in good standing.

The committee on credentials reported from time to time the following representatives in attendance and entitled to seats in grand lodge, viz:

*Albion Lodge, No. 1*,.....Thomas A. Godsoe, W. M.  
 B. C. Barclay Boyd, S. W.  
 Charles Masters, J. W.  
 B. Lester Peters, P. M.  
 Archibald Rowan, P. M.  
 Thomas M. Reed, P. M.  
 Edwin J. Everett, P. M.  
 T. Nisbet Robertson, P. M.  
 George E. Fairweather, P. M.  
 Freeman W. Wisdom, P. M.  
 James Adam, P. M.  
 James A. Hoyt, P. M.  
 Thomas Walker, P. M.  
 John A. Chesley, P. M.

*St. John's Lodge, No. 2*,.....Wm. H. B. Sadleir, W. M.  
 Arthur W. Sharp, J. W.  
 William F. Bunting, P. M.  
 William Wedderburn, P. M.  
 John D. Short, P. M.  
 Hiram G. Betts, P. M.  
 John Buchanan, P. M.  
 James G. Forbes, P. M.

*Hibernia Lodge, No. 3*,.....William J. Logan, W. M.  
 Thomas A. Peters, S. W.  
 Thomas Logan, J. W.  
 James McNichol, Sr., P. M.  
 Mark N. Powers, P. M.

*Sussex Lodge, No. 4*,.....Alexander McKay, W. M.  
 Stephen W. Palmer, P. M.  
 Edmund A. Charters, P. M.

*St. Mark's Lodge, No. 5*,.....Benj. R. Stevenson, P. M.  
 George F. Stickney, P. M.  
 William D. Forster, P. M.

- Hiram Lodge, No. 6*,..... George Todd, P. M.  
Alexander Burchill, P. M.  
Harry Beckwith, P. M.
- Sussex Lodge, No. 7*,..... Samuel Weelock, P. M.  
Henry Graham, P. M.
- Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8*,..... Isaac O. Beatteay, W. M.  
Augustus W. Reed, S. W.  
Walter H. Allan, J. W.  
Charles Ketchum, P. M.  
Samuel L. Brittain, P. M.  
Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.  
John V. Ellis, P. M.  
J. Henry Leonard, P. M.  
Richard N. Knight, P. M.  
J. Alfred Clark, P. M.  
James F. Ellis, P. M.  
William J. Ervin, P. M.
- Midian Lodge, No. 9*,..... J. Lee Flewelling, W. M.  
Rev. H. S. Wainwright, J. W.  
David Wetmore, P. M.  
G. Hudson Flewelling, P. M.  
Rev. Francis Partridge, P. M.  
Rev. David J. Wetmore, P. M.
- Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10*,..... John A. Watson, W. M.  
William B. Wallace, S. W.  
Matthew L. Macfarland, J. W.  
Robert Marshall, P. M.  
Henry Duffell, P. M.  
Charles U. Hanford, P. M.  
Archibald McLean, P. M.
- Woodstock Lodge, No. 11*,..... David F. Merritt, W. M.

- Northumberland Lodge, No. 17*,..... Charles E. Fish, W. M.  
William A. Park, P. M.
- Miramichi Lodge, No. 18*,..... David T. Johnstone, W. M.  
Alexander J. Loggie, S. W.  
Thomas F. Gillespie, P. M.  
John Fotheringham, P. M.
- Leinster Lodge, No. 19*,..... W. Watson Allen, W. M.  
Josiah Fowler, S. W.  
Edward Willis, P. M.  
Henry J. Thorne, P. M.  
Charles H. Masters, P. M.
- Salisbury Lodge, No. 20*,..... John W. Patterson, W. M.
- Zion Lodge, No. 21*,..... Andrew J. Munroe, S. W.  
William T. McLeod, J. W.  
Henry A. White, P. M.  
William A. Henderson, P. M.  
John S. Maclaren, P. M.  
George Coggan, P. M.  
Rev. Chas. S. Medley, P. M.  
Henry Teakles, P. M.
- New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22*,..... Alex. R. Campbell, W. M.  
William H. Patton, S. W.  
Andrew McNichol, J. W.  
James McNichol, Jr., P. M.  
William R. Russell, P. M.  
Wm. G. McFarlane, P. M.  
Robert J. McAdoo, P. M.  
David Dearness, P. M.  
Robert J. Melvin, P. M.
- Keith Lodge, No. 23*,..... George Ackman, W. M.
- Lebanon Lodge, No. 28*,..... Blair Estabrooks, P. M.

*St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30, . . . William E. Skillen, P. M.*

*Benjamin Lodge, No. 31, . . . Thomas T. Beveridge, P. M.*

*Campbellton Lodge, No. 32, . . . Malcolm Paterson, P. M.*

Robert M. Stevens, P. M.

John Mair, P. M.

*Albert Lodge, No. 34, . . . John E. Montgomery, W. M.*

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

#### Grand Master's Address.

*To the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge:—*

BRETHREN,—How quickly run the sands of time ! Our ceremonial and our ritual constantly remind us of time's ceaseless flight, and we who come here year by year to attend to the business of grand lodge, have practical illustration of the swiftness with which months roll by, and of our own sure, though silent, progress towards eternity. Many of us have met here regularly in annual communication for the last thirteen years. The interval since last year seems short indeed, and all the years that are past are now but as yesterday.

Do we realize that in these years many generous and faithful brothers have been called away ! We who hold them in remembrance have had our own days shortened. We shall soon follow them ; our lives shall pass away as a cloud, and shall be dispersed as a mist which no man remembereth.

Young as is our grand lodge, I see in it to-day active brethren, to whom the memory of those who were leaders in the craft when I entered it, is only a tradition. We have almost ceased to talk about those brethren who were the active members some thirty years ago. It shall be with ourselves, as with them. And brethren will come here and exchange fraternal greetings and talk over their past, and anticipate their future, with no thought of us. This may cause us feelings of sadness ; but, nevertheless it is our duty to do faithfully, honestly, and with our best endeavors, that which is before us. Though we speak no longer in

commendation of the virtues of those who have passed away, we are the better in body and mind for what was good in them. The good of all ages is ours, and we shall best discharge the debt of gratitude we owe to those from whom we have received these treasures by transmitting them bright and pure to those who shall come after us. To do this may not be an easy task ; for the strict performance of the simplest duty calls many times for sacrifices of our personal inclinations. It is a great doctrine of our society that the whole human race is to be regarded as one family ; members of which, without reference to rank or station or possession or location, are to aid and protect and assist each other. It is very easy to repeat the formula in which these things are taught. Let him who will rule, himself practice the teaching. His interests, his personal feelings, his prejudices, may all have to be restrained and kept under subjection. He may have to bear with misrepresentation, jealousy, and doubt. He may have to contend for many things which he knows to be right, though they may not be approved of by others, and pursue a course of action contrary to the prevailing thoughts and feelings. But, if he put his hand to the plow he must not look back. Let none say then there are no opportunities for masonic work. The world is open to our labors. Let each do what he can. The good that we accomplish will live after us, though we ourselves be forgotten ; though our deeds be unrecorded and unknown.

Our relations with sister grand lodges continue to be of the most satisfactory character, and no questions have arisen during the year requiring any very special exercise of authority on my part, or explanation on behalf of grand lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has filled the vacancy caused by the death of its late representative, our lamented R. W. Brother Robert Gowan, by the appointment of Worshipful Brother T. Nisbet Robertson, Past Master of Albion Lodge, No. 1, and Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, as its representative near this grand lodge. The Grand Lodge of New South Wales which we recognized at our last session has appointed Worshipful Brother Edward L. Wetmore, Past Master of Hiram Lodge, No. 6, of Fredericton, York County, its representative near this grand lodge.

The lately formed United Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba, has appointed our respected Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother the Reverend Francis Partridge, its representative near this

grand lodge; and the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island has appointed Worshipful Brother, D. A. Ernest-Hutchison, Past Master of Minamichi Lodge, No. 18, its representative near this grand lodge; and I feel assured that we shall have the pleasure of cordially greeting these most worthy brethren as the duly accredited representatives of these grand lodges respectively during our present session.

I beg to inform grand lodge that I have issued a commission to Worshipful Brother Juan Francisco Prieto, as our representative at the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba; and to Worshipful Brother Charles De Boos as our representative at the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, as well as to Worshipful Brother Myer Noot, as our representative at the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. The brothers chosen for the positions will, I believe, fairly and faithfully represent our interests should necessity arise. Although the position of a grand representative appears to be purely honorary, the interchange of such appointments seems naturally to follow the agreement to enter into fraternal relations, and the system would seem to warrant the anticipation of most favorable results.

The United Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba has sent us a circular letter pointing out why we should not recognize one of the organizations claiming to be the lawful masonic centre in Spain; and asking us that, should we do so, we should not recognize their authority over the Island of Cuba. We have not seen our way clear to enter into fraternal relations with any of the powers now contending for supreme authority in Spain, and are not likely to do so until they bring some degree of order out of the chaos which apparently reigns there. And even if we do, we shall do nothing to affect the sovereignty of the United Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba. In September, 1878, we deliberately resolved as follows:—

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

These are the views of masonic sovereignty entertained by this grand lodge; and while it is only fair and just and reasonable that lodges existing on the Island at the time of the formation of the United Grand

Lodge, should be allowed a reasonable time in which to make their arrangements for uniting with the grand lodge, there can be no doubt at all that we would not recognize as regular a lodge formed in Cuba by any Spanish or other outside masonic authority since the formation of the United Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba.

At RESE.—The Grand Orient of Italy informed us of the death, on the 11th day of May last, of its Venerable Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Brother, GIUSEPPE MAZZONI, at the age of 72 years. A senator of the kingdom of Italy, a patriot honored and trusted by his countrymen, and a worthy and distinguished mason, he filled up his life with years of active labor for his country and mankind, and leaves after him works that will survive.

We have also been notified by the Grand Lodge of Illinois of the death of its treasurer, Right Worshipful Brother ORLIN H. MINER, a brother dearly beloved in that jurisdiction “for the purity of life that distinguished his course as a citizen and as a mason.”

We were all deeply pained to hear of the death of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Nova Scotia. Within a comparatively short period, the grim intruder against whose entrance the strictest tiling is of no avail, has entered the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and with imperious summons called from its Grand East the presiding officers. The M. W. Brother, ALLEN HILL CROWE, was only in his 47th year. He had long been one of the most active, as he was one of the best informed masons in America. He was a genial, well-disposed man, of kindly manners, with a warm heart, a liberal hand, and deservedly respected by the whole brotherhood of Nova Scotia. I think he must have been greatly liked by his intimate friends, for his personal qualities alone. In this city he had many acquaintances, to whom his death came home with much force. It seemed to me proper, both on personal grounds and out of respect to our sister jurisdiction, to have our grand lodge represented at the funeral. After consulting with several of our members, I decided to attend to that melancholy duty myself, and with our right worshipful grand secretary, I went to Halifax, and participated in the last rites over all that was mortal of our dear departed brother.

“It is not death to die,  
“To leave this weary road,  
“And, ‘midst the brotherhood on high,  
“To be at home with God.”

To our brethren in these and all other jurisdictions who have suffered

during the year by "the hand of death, which respects not high position, but wields the fatal scythe with stern impartiality," we send our sincere and heartfelt condolences.

I am glad to be able to announce to you that the difficulties existing in the Province of Quebec, arising out of the persistence of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in warranting lodges there, have been satisfactorily settled; all the parties having come to an amicable understanding, the Grand Lodge of Scotland practically withdrawing from that province. The Grand Lodge of Illinois, which had broken off fraternal relations with Scotland, in defence of the principle of grand lodge sovereignty as understood on this continent, notifies us that it has resumed fraternal relations. Let us hope that this whole question is now but a matter of history, and will never again be made the subject of discussion.

In our own province, the year has been a very quiet one; although I think that more active work was done than in the year preceding. Harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, and I have not been called upon to interfere in any very important matter, or to do more than to give counsel and advice. Our laws are generally well observed; although there is at times a tendency observable to stretch them to suit particular cases. A case comes under my notice, in which a lodge having failed to elect officers on the day set apart for election by the constitution, proceeded to elect at another meeting. I am quite satisfied that a private lodge has not power to do so. The constitution fixes the day of election, and failure to elect on that day should be reported to the grand master through the grand secretary, and an application should be made to authorize an election at some other time. If this is not done, the law might be constantly set aside, and other irregularities would soon follow.

On behalf of the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company, and as its president, it affords me great pleasure to reiterate how deeply the members of that company, as well as the members of the craft, who interest themselves in the welfare of this laudable undertaking, appreciate the continued and substantial aid given by this grand lodge towards the funds of this company. Grand lodge now holds stock to the extent of ten thousand dollars. The generous way in which grand lodge has anticipated the payment of stock by the adoption of the recommendation of the committee on the grand master's address of last year, has done much to restore the confidence of the brethren, in the ability of the fraternity of this province, embracing, as it does, over two thousand masons, to own and control the "New Brunswick

Masonic Temple." So that in the future, sooner or later, the hall and premises may be largely the property of grand lodge. This is an end worthy of our best efforts and the noble action of grand lodge, at a time when great strain was made upon the directors of the company and upon its stockholders, has done much to make it almost a certainty, that the end I have mentioned will yet be attained.

Notwithstanding the generous action just referred to, and the other efforts which have been made, much yet remains to be done. The necessity and duty of aiding the "hall," in which we are all, as masons, so deeply interested, must be apparent to every thoughtful member of the fraternity.

The progress that we have made since the matter was first mooted, is very great indeed; we have bought and paid for the ground and we have built a substantial and commodious edifice; not furnished it is true; but, yet, affording us accommodation; leaving a considerable burden of debt, though, not beyond our means, if we strive hard and labor earnestly together for its ultimate ownership.

That the craft in New Brunswick should own such a noble building as this, is indeed an object worthy of their ambition, and one for which they should make every reasonable sacrifice. All that has been accomplished so far has been without any serious burden to any individual brother; no one can feel any poorer for what he has given, and it is greatly to be regretted that out of all the masons in this jurisdiction, not more than one hundred and fifty have, as yet, contributed to its erection. All honor to those, and may their numbers rapidly increase. But the grand lodge itself and the bodies in the city have loaded themselves to their utmost, and they are so deeply involved, and the fame and the credit of the whole craft so deeply concerned in it, that we must not relax our hold of the plow until the soil is thoroughly tilled. We have come safely through our worst days. Some good brothers may despond; yet in San Francisco, in New York, in Boston, our brethren have seen harder times than we have seen, and they are nobly struggling through their difficulties.

Two ideas, as you are aware, underlie the effort to erect this building. First, that the craft in New Brunswick shall own here a hall which shall contain their library and their treasures, which shall be the home of freemasonry, where there shall be ample accommodation for grand lodge meetings, and for the exemplification of our ritual and for the other work of our institution—such as should be seen in a metropolitan city. Next, that the revenues arising from it should



largely contribute towards a provincial fund of benevolence for the widows and orphans of masons throughout the province.

The great decline in the value of real estate in the city makes the consummation of the latter object at present a distant one; but I believe that even in this respect we have seen our worst days, and that surely, if slowly, the rents will increase, and that ultimately our idea will be fully realized.

Now my brethren, our burden, in this matter, heavy as it is, if spread over our membership, would be comparatively nothing. A tax of fifty cents a year on our membership, for the purposes of the hall, would give us upwards of a thousand dollars a year to meet the interest and to help to redeem the principal. Perhaps at this present moment there is no necessity for this; what is most needed is united, determined, persistent action to carry on this great work to its final and successful completion.

Brethren, I again ask for this *work* your best consideration, your earnest sympathy, your hearty good wishes, and such means as you can afford to give; this co-operation will, doubtless, bring about in the end, that measure of success for which we should all so earnestly labor.

And now, my brethren, at the close of this my third term, it is a matter of especial gratification to me, to feel that I shall hand the "gavel" of the high office, which by your generous suffrages, I have so long occupied, over to my successor, in the assurance, that, during these years, with the aid and guidance of the "Great Architect," to Whom we all should look for strength, I have been enabled so to discharge its various and onerous duties that, to-day, harmony and goodwill prevail within our jurisdiction. In giving utterance to these thoughts, however, no brother is more sensible than myself, of the fact that the measure of success which has attended our labors, is more largely due under Divine Providence, to the kind, unwavering, and faithful support of yourselves, my brethren, of grand lodge, and of the other members of our fraternity throughout the province, than to any merit of my own. Remembering then, how deeply I am indebted to my brethren for the harmony and success of our labors, I will, with your permission, close this my third annual message with these words:

*"The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face to shine upon thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace."*

ROBERT MARSHALL,  
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M. and

*Resolved*, That the address of the grand master be referred to a special committee to report upon the several subjects contained in it.

Which committee was appointed as follows:

R. W. Bro. Thomas F. Gillespie, W. Bro. Geo. E. Fairweather and R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis.

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

#### Report of Grand Secretary.

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

The Grand Secretary begs to submit his annual report and account.

1. The receipts of my office for the year just ended amount to two thousand one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and sixty-five cents, viz.:

Registration fees,.....	\$122 00
Certificates,.....	73 00
Annual dues,.....	888 80
Dispensation fees,.....	15 00
Constitutions,.....	1 50
Reprints,.....	6 00
Blank forms,.....	2 35
Loans per order board general purposes,.....	1050 00

Total, .....\$2,158 65

Which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer and an account in detail furnished the committee appointed by the board of general purposes to audit the books, etc., of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

2. All the lodges in the jurisdiction have completed their returns and payments in full, I have, consequently, much pleasure in stating that there are no outstanding debts due by any lodge.

The returns shew the following particulars:

[April, 1881]

Initiated,.....	62
Passed,.....	56
Raised,.....	60
Joined,.....	16
Reinstated,.....	17
Withdrawn,.....	111
Suspended,.....	84
Died,.....	16
Total membership Dec. 27th, 1880,.....	2059

A reference to the foregoing will shew that the additions to the numerical strength of the respective lodges during the year were ninety-five, and the number who ceased to be members, two hundred and eleven, making a diminution in the membership of one hundred and sixteen.

At the close of the year 1878, the number of members in the jurisdiction was 2,317, which was the largest since the formation of grand lodge. In the last two years, therefore, the decrease has been 258. It is to be hoped that this falling off will now cease and the reports of suspensions for non-payment of dues be few and far between.

3. By authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, seven dispensations were issued from my office during the year, for the following special purposes :

To confer degrees at short intervals,.....	4
To wear regalia in public, .....	3

4. Under the impression that a review of the returns of the respective lodges, for the year ending December 27th, 1880, may be of interest to grand lodge, I beg to submit the following particulars therefrom

Albion Lodge, No. 1—Returns correct in every particular.

St. John's, No. 2—The same.

Hibernia, No. 3—The same.

Sussex, No. 4—The same.

St. Mark's, No. 5—Under the heading, "ceased to be members," the word "withdrawal" was omitted. Correct otherwise.

Hiram, No. 6—Correct in every particular.

Sussex, No. 7—The same.

Carleton Union, No. 8—The same.

Midian, No. 9—The same.

Union of Portland, No. 10—Record of M. M. degree to a candidate omitted. Otherwise correct.

Woodstock, No. 11—Correct in every particular.

St. George, No. 12—The same.

Corinthian, No. 13—The installation of officers was not held until the February meeting; the W. M. returned also as a P. M.; no appointments to the offices of Senior and Junior Stewards, Director of Ceremonies and Inner Guard; return forwarded very late.

Alley, No. 14—The W. M. returned also as a P. M.

Howard, No. 15—Cause of cessation of membership of two brethren not stated; the name of a brother "withdrawn" omitted; the W. M. returned also as a P. M.

St. Andrew, No. 16—Correct.

Northumberland, No. 17—The same.

Miramichi, No. 18—The same.

Leinster, No. 19—This lodge did not elect or instal officers for the current year.

Salisbury, No. 20—Correct; the returns were sent in late consequent upon the illness of the secretary.

Zion, No. 21—Correct.

New Brunswick, No. 22—The same.

Keith, No. 23—Five past masters—four suspended and one withdrawn—were erroneously included in the list of past masters representing the lodge.

Zetland, No. 24—The name of a brother "withdrawn" omitted; no election or installation of officers for the current year; all the old officers continued except the Senior Warden, which office is vacant. It appears that this lodge has held but few meetings since the destruction of its hall by fire October, 1879.

Restigouche, No. 25—Correct.

Victoria, No. 26—The same; return sent in late.

St. John, No. 27—The same; return sent in late.

Lebanon, No. 28—The election and installation of officers were not held at the time provided by the constitution; the W. M. returned also as a P. M.

St. Martin's, No. 30—Correct, except an error in the name of a brother suspended.

Benjamin, No. 31—Correct.

Campbellton, No. 32—The same.

Alexandria, No. 33—The W. M. returned as a P. M. also.

Albert, No. 34—The election of the W. M. was not confirmed; a new election was held in January and the installation in February.

I have always found the various secretaries ready and willing to be guided by my instructions and ever cheerful to correct any errors which inadvertently occur in their returns.

5. Commissions have been issued under the seal of grand lodge appointing representatives at the following sister grand lodges:

M. W. Bro. Juan Francisco Prieto, Past Grand Master, at the United Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba.

W. Bro. Myer Noot of Providence, at the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

W. Bro. Charles DeBoos of Temora, at the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

6. I have received and forwarded commissions for the following brethren, as representatives at this grand lodge:

R. W. Bro. Francis Partridge, D. G. M., from the Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba.

W. Bro. D. A. E. Hutchison, P. M., Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

W. Bro. Edward L. Wetmore, P. M., Hiram Lodge, No. 6, from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

7. On the 24th day of July last I received a note from Bro. J. N. Wilson, resident at Fredericton Junction, asking information as to the course usually pursued in the formation of a new lodge, the paraphernalia necessary to the equipment of a new lodge, the probable cost, etc., etc. I gave the brother all the information he desired, but as I have not heard anything further from him, it is likely the project has been dropped. As there are very few members of the fraternity in that locality, and as it is sparsely settled, it is doubtful if an efficient lodge could be established and worked there for the present.

8. I have handed to the committee on the recognition of sister grand lodges, a communication received from the Grand Master of the Saint John's Grand Lodge of Hungary, asking the recognition of this grand lodge and the opening of fraternal relations by the exchange of representatives.

9. Benjamin Lodge, No. 31, of Andover, has notified me of an al-

teration in the bye-laws of the lodge, whereby the day of the regular communication is changed from "the first Tuesday in the month" to "the Tuesday on or after each full moon," which alteration has received the sanction of the M. W. the Grand Master.

10. There has been filed in my office a notice from the board of general purposes, that certain alterations will be proposed to grand lodge to be made in section twenty-six of the constitution, under the title "private lodges," whereby the amended section will read, as follows:

"Every lodge has the power of suspending or excluding a member for unmasonic conduct or for non-payment of dues. No lodge shall suspend or exclude any member for unmasonic conduct without giving him due notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself. When the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the votes of the brethren shall be given by ballot. No lodge shall suspend or exclude a brother for non-payment of dues until by vote of the lodge, a notice has been sent to him, of his default under the bye-laws of the lodge, appointing a time at which his default will be considered. At the time appointed he may be suspended or excluded by a vote of the lodge. The name of every brother suspended or excluded in any case, together with the cause of his suspension or exclusion, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and to every lodge in the province."

In accordance with the standing order of grand lodge this proposition has been notified to all representatives in the summonses for this communication.

11. Although a spirit of harmony and a proper masonic feeling appear to prevail in the lodges generally, there are in several of them the signs of a want of interest and vigor. One lodge is now making preparations for surrendering its warrant, and it is quite probable that one or two others may be compelled to pursue the same course unless an earnest and fostering care be exercised over them. Drooping and weak lodges cannot be strengthened and properly nurtured by means of correspondence from a central point like the grand secretary's office. They require the occasional presence of a grand master or other officer in authority to enliven, to cheer and to encourage them. How pleased the brethren of a country lodge feel and how anxious they are to attend a meeting, when a visit from the grand master is announced.

12. Arrangements similar to those of last year have been made with the several railways leading to St. John, which will enable brethren attending this annual communication to return home free of charge. Upon application, I will furnish each brother with a certificate for that purpose.

13. My financial statement is herewith submitted :

WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary,

*In account with the Grand Lodge*

Dr.

Cash received from Albion,.....	No. 1,	\$55 30
" " St. John's,.....	" 2,	55 10
" " Hibernia,.....	" 3,	51 30
" " Sussex,.....	" 4,	12 20
" " St. Mark's,.....	" 5,	30 10
" " Hiram,.....	" 6,	48 70
" " Sussex,.....	" 7,	39 15
" " Carleton Union,.....	" 8,	48 10
" " Midian,.....	" 9,	10 40
" " Union of Portland,.....	" 10,	72 90
" " Woodstock,.....	" 11,	62 30
" " St. George,.....	" 12,	62 70
" " Corinthian,.....	" 13,	12 80
" " Alley,.....	" 14,	19 20
" " Howard,.....	" 15,	24 60
" " St. Andrew,.....	" 16,	21 20
" " Northumberland,.....	" 17,	55 10
" " Miramichi,.....	" 18,	38 10
" " Leinster,.....	" 19,	21 50
" " Salisbury,.....	" 20,	16 00
" " Zion,.....	" 21,	34 40
" " New Brunswick,.....	" 22,	43 50
" " Keith,.....	" 23,	69 70
" " Zetland,.....	" 24,	9 60
" " Restigouche,.....	" 25,	11 20
" " Victoria,.....	" 26,	29 20
" " St. John,.....	" 27,	15 10
" " Lebanon,.....	" 28,	14 00
" " St. Martin's,.....	" 30,	32 10

Cash received from Benjamin,.....	No. 31,	\$20 00
" " Campbellton,.....	" 32,	25 10
" " Alexandria,.....	" 33,	19 20
" " Albert,.....	" 34,	22 80
" " Brethren for reprints,....		6 00
Cash loaned from W. C. & T. A. Godsoe,.....		1050 00

\$2158 65

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Cash paid Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers,...

2158 65

WM. F. BUNTING,

*Grand Secretary.*

The V. W. the Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows :

### Report of Grand Treasurer.

JAMES McNICHOL, Jr., Grand Treasurer,

*In account with Grand Lodge F. & A. M. :*

1880.	Dr.	
April 20,	Balance in Bank B. N. A.,.....	\$ 21 28
Dec. 20,	Received from Grand Secretary,.....	550 00
1881.		
Jan'y 29,	" " " .....	630 00
Feb'y 15,	" " " .....	150 00
" 28,	" " " .....	600 00
April 8,	" " " .....	168 65
		<u>\$2179 93</u>

1880.	Cr.	
May 3,	By paid D. Scribner, Grand Tyler,.....	\$ 12 00
"	" Mrs. Sharp, repairing regalia,.....	2 00
"	" Grand Secretary, one year's salary,....	400 00
June 14,	" Wm. Elder, advertising,.....	4 50
"	" Sun Publishing Co.,.....	4 50
17,	" Campbellton Lodge, donation,.....	100 00
Oct. 18,	" Imperial Insurance Co.,.....	15 00
"	" Masonic Hall Committee, 6 mos. rent,	7 00
"	" J. & A. McMillan, note paper, etc.,...	4 50
"	" Edward Willis, printing,.....	61 00
Dec. 17,	" Roger Hunter, printing,.....	10 70
"	" Ellis, Robertson & Co., printing,.....	17 50
"	" Library Committee, on acct. book case,	25 00

[April,

1881.			
Feb'y 16,	"	Grand Lodge bond, \$550, int't \$25.67,	575 67
26,	"	Masonic Hall Committee to 1st inst.,...	4 50
	"	J. & A. McMillan, envelopes and print'g,	3 25
	"	Official Visitation account, .....	29 90
March 1.	"	Grand Lodge Bond, No. 2, .....	500 00
	"	Interest on bonds to date, .....	225 00
April 6,	"	Masonic Hall Committee, rent, etc.,...	4 50
	"	G. Secretary, postage, telegrams, etc.,	33 49
14,	"	Balance in Bank B. N. A., .....	139 92
			<u>\$2179 93</u>

## ASSETS OF GRAND LODGE.

Balance in Bank, .....	\$139 92
Fund of Benevolence, invested, .....	1229 60
" " cash, .....	6 37
Masonic Hall Stock, paid, .....	3500 00
	<u>\$4875 89</u>

JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,  
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., 14th April, 1881.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M., the foregoing reports of the grand secretary and grand treasurer were received and ordered to lie on the table.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, as president of the board of general purposes, submitted the annual report of the board, as follows:

### Report of the Board of General Purposes.

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit their annual report:

1. The board was duly organized at its first meeting held after the annual communication of grand lodge; W. Bro. J. H. Leonard being elected vice-president.
2. In accordance with the order of grand lodge at the last annual communication, the board authorized the issue, under signature of the

Grand Master and Grand Secretary, of three debentures for (\$500) five hundred dollars each, which were handed to the Secretary-Treasurer of the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company.

3. There not being sufficient funds in hand to meet the present liabilities of grand lodge, the board on the 14th June last authorized the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to negotiate a loan of (\$550) five hundred and fifty dollars, payable on the first day of March, 1881. This was accordingly effected, with interest at 7 per cent, and was retired at maturity.

4. The Grand Secretary having brought to the notice of the board that no provision had been made for the accommodation of the books and papers of grand lodge, and the board having ascertained that one-half of the book case used to contain the masonic library of grand lodge could be utilized for that purpose, authorized the payment of (\$25) twenty-five dollars, one-half cost of such book case, on the understanding that when the whole of the space should be required for the masonic library, such sum should be repaid into the funds of grand lodge out of any funds appropriated to the library committee.

5. It has been the happiness of the board for several years past to have no case of irregularity or unmasonic conduct brought before it. The board regrets that this year it has been called upon to consider a most serious breach of masonic and moral probity. At the meeting of the board, held on October 18th, 1880, a communication was read from the Secretary of Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, detailing the following facts:

(A). That a charge had been made at a regular communication of the said lodge, in due form, against Bro. John Melick, a master mason and member of that lodge, of being guilty of the crime of forgery on three several bills of indictment; that he pleaded guilty thereto, and was sentenced by the judge of the county court to serve a penal term for such crime.

(B). That upon direction of the W. M. of the said lodge, the said Bro. John Melick was cited to appear and answer the charge; and that in reply Bro. Melick pleaded guilty and threw himself on the merciful consideration of the lodge.

(C). That Bro. Melick was forthwith suspended by vote of the lodge; and a communication was ordered to be sent to grand lodge, asking that Bro. John Melick be expelled from the fraternity.



The board having given careful consideration to this case, and having before it (a) the above letter; (b) the charge made, and duly signed by a member in good standing of the said lodge; (c) the letter of Bro. Melick, acknowledging his guilt and the justice of his sentence; and (d) extract of the records of the county court, under signature of the Deputy Clerk thereof, setting forth the several indictments, with the plea of "guilty," and the sentence of the court, feels it to be its painful duty to recommend grand lodge to expel John Melick from the craft.

6. It will be remembered that the subject of the frequent suspensions of members of the craft by the various lodges for non-payment of dues was brought to the notice of grand lodge at its last annual communication. The board has considered the matter to be one of great importance. Having reason to believe that irregularities prevail in lodges in dealing with the suspension of brethren for non-payment of dues, the board submitted the matter to a special committee, and in accordance with their report, would recommend for the action of grand lodge that section twenty-six of the constitution, under the head "private lodges," be amended so as to read as follows:

"Every lodge has the power of suspending or excluding a member for unmasonic conduct, or for non-payment of dues, but no lodge shall suspend or exclude any member for unmasonic conduct without giving him due notice of the charge preferred or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself. When the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the votes of the brethren shall be given by ballot.

"No lodge shall suspend or exclude a brother for non-payment of dues until by vote of the lodge a notice has been sent to him of his default under the bye-laws of the lodge, appointing a time at which his default will be considered. At the time appointed he may be suspended or excluded by a vote of the lodge. The name of every brother suspended or excluded in any case, together with the cause of his suspension or exclusion, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary and to every lodge in the province."

Notice of this amendment has been given by the Grand Secretary in issuing summonses to grand lodge.

7. A statement having been made to the board by the V. W., the

Grand Secretary that the revenue of grand lodge from fees and dues payable by the respective lodges in the jurisdiction will be much less than that of the previous year, and will be inadequate to meet the engagements of grand lodge; it was ordered by the board that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be authorized to affect a loan of \$500 to meet the coming demands upon grand lodge, and to issue a bond in security for payment of the same, under their respective signatures and the seal of grand lodge. This has been done, and the amount is payable in one year from February 28th last, with interest at seven per cent.

8. The report of the audit committee on the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer is herewith submitted, as follows:

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

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

The following statement of receipts and expenditures is compiled from the books:

Balance on hand from last year,.....	\$ 21 28
Receipts from all sources during the year,.....	2,158 65

Total,..... \$2,179 93

Expenditure for all purposes during the year,.....	2,040 01
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Leaving a balance in the hands of Grand Treasurer of,.....	\$ 139 92
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The Grand Treasurer has submitted proper vouchers for all expenditures.

The present assets of grand lodge are as follows:

Balance in hands of grand treasurer,.....	\$ 139 92
Fund of benevolence, amount invested,.....	1,229 00
" " cash on hand,.....	6 37
Masonic hall company stock, paid up.....	3,500 00

Total,..... \$4,875 89

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY DUFFELL,	} Audit Committee.
T. NISBET ROBERTSON,	
HENRY J. THORNE,	

St. John, N. B., 19th April, 1881.

9. The board congratulates grand lodge upon the harmonious condition of the craft throughout the jurisdiction, illustrating as it does, the working of the sublime principles of freemasonry, and feels confident that although the revenue from private lodges has, during the

present year fallen off, the same may be accounted for by natural causes, and is by no means owing to any lessened estimation of the fraternity in general.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, D. G. M.,  
President.

The foregoing report of the board of general purposes was laid upon the table, on motion made by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M.

#### Report of Committee on Ritual.

The Ritual Committee submitted the following report:

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

The Committee on ritual report:

Your Committee, with the approval of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, have arranged with the city lodges for the exemplification of the work of the three degrees at the present session of grand lodge.

The degree of "Entered Apprentice" by New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, W. Bro. Campbell, W. Master.

The degree of "Fellow Craft," by Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, W. Bro. Watson, W. Master.

The degree of "Master Mason," by Albion Lodge, No. 1, W. Bro. Godsoe, W. Master.

Your committee request that grand lodge will so arrange the business of the session as to permit these degrees to be exemplified in the evening, as follows:

The first degree on this evening, beginning at 7.30 o'clock.

The second degree on Wednesday evening, beginning at 7.30 o'clock.

The third degree on Wednesday evening following the work of the second.

In the expectation that this arrangement will meet with the approval

of grand lodge the private lodges have been summoned for the times as above stated.

Respectfully submitted,

B. LESTER PETERS,  
JOHN V. ELLIS,  
H. DUFFELL,  
THOMAS WALKER,  
JOS. C. HATHEWAY,  
W. H. B. SADLEIR.

Which report, on motion of R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., was received and the request of the committee acceded to.

#### Report of Library Committee.

The Library Committee submitted their annual report and account, as follows:

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

The Library Committee submit a report, as follows:

Since the date of the last report there have been presented to the library:

By Bro. John Moore of Ottawa, The Masonic Harp, a collection of Masonic Odes, Hymns, Songs, &c., by Geo. W. Chase; The Secret Warfare of Freemasonry against Church and State, translated from the German; Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, from 1844 to 1853; The Templars' Chart, or Hieroglyphic Monitor, by Jeremy L. Cross; also, a number of pamphlets, magazines, &c.

By W. Bro. James G. Forbes of St. John, Text Book of Masonic Jurisprudence by A. G. Mackey: The True Masonic Guide by Robert Macoy.

By W. Bro. Charles H. Masters of St. John, copies of "The Freemasons' Chronicle," London, England.

By the Grand Secretary of Connecticut, R. W. Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler, Memorial of Israel M. Bullock, Grand Master of Connecticut.

By R. W. Bro. Wm. Thos. Wilkinson of Dublin, representative at

the Grand Lodge of Ireland, The Irish Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for 1881; also printed reports, pamphlets, &c.

By R. W. Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa, Copies of Constitutions, Statutes, &c.: proceedings of the General Grand Encampment of the U. S. from its organization, 1816 to 1877, nearly complete.

By R. W. Bro. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary, two copies Constitution, Statutes, &c., of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

By R. W. Bro. Hiram Bassett, Grand Secretary, a copy of the Constitution, Digest, &c. of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

By R. W. Bro. John W. Woodhull, Grand Secretary, a copy of the Constitution Grand Lodge of Wisconsin: also copies of the proceedings Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Wisconsin.

By Bro. J. E. N. Holder of St. John, a collection of by laws of lodges, &c., and other pamphlets.

By Bro. S. Stacker Williams of Ohio, proceedings of Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Councils and Grand Commanderies.

By R. W. Bro. G. J. Barnet of Havana, Cuba, back numbers of the official bulletin of the Grand Lodge of Colon.

By Frater John W. Murton, Secretary General, the complete proceedings of the Supreme Council 33° A. and A. Scottish Rite of Canada.

By R. W. Bro. Nicholas Weekes, Grand Secretary, a copy of the reprint of the proceedings Grand Lodge New South Wales—1877 to 1880.

By R. W. Bro. Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary, a copy of the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

By Frater Geo. B. Edwards, Grand Secretary, proceedings of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of New Jersey.

By Frater Charles Bechtel, Grand Recorder, proceedings of the Grand Council of New Jersey.

By Frater Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ontario, a complete set of the proceedings of the Great Priory of Canada: a complete set of the proceedings Grand Council R. & S. M. of New Brunswick; also other pamphlets.

By Frater Grove B. Cooley, Grand Recorder, the proceedings Grand Council of Minnesota nearly complete.

By Frater Christopher G. Fox, General Grand Secretary, the proceedings General Grand Chapter of the United States from organization 1797 to 1880 nearly complete.

By R. W. Bro. DeW. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary, the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Florida from organization 1847 to 1880 nearly complete; also a copy of the constitution.

By Frater Richard Lambert of New Orleans, copies of proceedings Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Louisiana.

By R. E. Comp. Wm. H. Mayo, Grand Secretary, a copy of the Constitution Grand Chapter of Missouri.

By R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., St. John, a large collection of proceedings of various grand bodies.

By R. W. Bro. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, proceedings of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Alabama.

By R. W. Bro. William Taylor, representative at the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the complete proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

By R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada nearly complete.

By R. W. Bro. John D. Hammond, Grand Secretary, back proceedings Grand Lodge of Nevada.

By Frater G. W. Barnard, Grand Recorder, copies of the proceedings Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Illinois; also constitutions and other pamphlets.

By Frater W. B. Langridge, Grand Recorder, the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Iowa, quite complete, from the date of their several organizations to the present time.

By Bro. James S. Reeves of Niles, Michigan, copies of the proceedings of various grand bodies.

By R. W. Bro. William Hacker, P. G. M. &c. of Indiana, the proceedings (nearly complete) Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery (complete) of Indiana; also copies of statutes, manuals and other pamphlets.

By R. W. Bro. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary &c., a large collection of the proceedings Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Maine, completing the files of those grand bodies from their organization to the present date.

By R. W. Bro. E. C. Parmelec, Grand Secretary, copies to complete the proceedings Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Colorado.

By M. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, G. M. St. John, a large assortment of proceedings of various grand bodies.

By the Library Committee Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a pamphlet containing the early proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, being part third of the series, covering the years 1799 to 1804.

By R. W. Bro. David Brown, of St. Stephen, copies of the Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror for the years 1869, 1870 and 1871 : copies of the old proceedings Grand Lodge of New Brunswick : a copy of the Constitutions Grand Lodge of Ireland, A. D. 1857 : also other pamphlets.

By Comp. Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, copies of the proceedings Grand Council of Pennsylvania.

By R. E. Comp. James W. Staton, Brooksville, Kentucky, Volume 1, reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, from its organization 1817 to 1853 inclusive.

By R. W. Bro. Alexander G. Abell, Grand Secretary, a pamphlet containing a catalogue of the Masonic Library of the Grand Lodge of California.

By Bro. Wm. T. Randle of the Library Committee Grand Lodge of Tennessee, copies of the proceedings Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Tennessee.

By M. W. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond of Portland, Maine, a copy of the reprint of the proceedings of the Supreme Council 33°, A. & A. Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States, Vol. II. part 1, A. D. 1860 to 1866.

The Committee have added to the Library by purchase, nine volumes of the Freemasons' Quarterly Review, London : first series A. D. 1834 to 1842 inclusive ; and the London Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Diary for 1880 and 1881.

They acknowledge with pleasure the reception, free of cost, of the following periodicals :

The Canadian Craftsman, published at Port Hope, Ontario.  
The Voice of Masonry, published at Chicago, Illinois.  
The Liberal Freemason, published at Boston, Massachusetts.  
The Freemasons' Monthly, published at Kalamazoo, Michigan.  
The Masonic Advocate, published at Indianapolis, Indiana.  
The Masonic Token, published at Portland, Maine.

The Freemason, published at Sydney, New South Wales.

The Corner Stone, published at New York.

In the month of August last there was organized at Chicago, Illinois, an association of freemasons under the title of "The Masonic Collectors' Association," the object of which is to facilitate the collection and preservation of everything appertaining to the literature, history and rituals of freemasonry.

Any freemason engaged in the collection and preservation of masonic books, papers, manuscripts or medals, for the purpose of forming a library, either public or private, and not engaged in selling or bartering the same for profit, and who shall pay an initiation fee of three dollars, shall be eligible to membership.

The association has it in contemplation to promote the reprinting the proceedings of Grand Masonic Bodies, whose proceedings are scarce or out of print, and also the translation and reprinting of foreign masonic documents.

The committee believe that the establishment of this association will eventually be productive of much good to masonic libraries and the craft generally, and should receive proper encouragement and support. The president of the association is Bro. James W. Staton, Brooksville, Kentucky, and the secretary, Bro. S. Stacker Williams, Newark, Ohio.

The committee having no means of taking care of the largely increasing accumulation of books, pamphlets, &c., purchased a large book case at a cost of fifty dollars, one half of which has been assumed by the board of general purposes for the accommodation of the books and papers of the grand secretary, and one half of the cost made chargeable to the fund of general purposes of grand lodge.

The account current of the committee with grand lodge stands, as follows :

Balance on hand, as per last report, .....	\$32 50
Cash from grand treasurer, one half cost of book case, .....	25 00
Balance due the committee, .....	50 80
	<hr/> \$108 30
Expended for books, .....	\$22 70
Subscriptions to periodicals, .....	28 85
Printing circulars, .....	3 75
Subscription to Masonic Collectors Association, .....	8 00
C. E. Burnham & Co, for book case, .....	50 00
	<hr/> \$108 30

Faternally submitted,

W. F. BUNTING,  
GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER,  
B. C. BARCLAY BOYD.

St John, N. B., 26th April, 1881.

Whereupon it was moved by R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., and

*Resolved*, That the report of the library committee be received and the thanks of grand lodge tendered to the several donors.

On motion of R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., it was

*Ordered*, That the election of the elective officers of grand lodge take place this evening at half past eight o'clock, or immediately after the exemplification of the E. A. degree.

R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., announced, on behalf of the ritual committee, that the ceremonial of the E. A. degree will be fully exemplified this evening, commencing at half-past seven o'clock, by the worshipful master, officers and members of New Brunswick Lodge No. 22.

The Committee on the recognition of Sister Grand Lodges submitted a report which, on motion of R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., was received and the recommendations adopted, viz :—

#### Report of Committee on Recognition of Sister Grand Lodges.

The Committee on Recognition of Sister Grand Lodges submit a report.

They have had before them two communications, written in excellent English, from the secretary of the "St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary, which are annexed to this report, marked A and B, asking for recognition and an exchange of representatives. There are not, however, any other papers from the grand secretary before your committee, dealing with the information, history or statistics of the grand lodge of Hungary. From unofficial sources the committee learn that there are two grand bodies in Hungary both working harmoniously together. One of them, the Grand Orient, works what is known as the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and controls a system of thirty-

three degrees ; the other the St. John's Grand Lodge, which works only the degrees known to the grand lodge of New Brunswick. There are attached to the former about twenty-two lodges ; to the latter about twenty-five. The St. John's grand lodge has been in existence over ten years, and is recognized by the grand lodge of England and several European grand lodges, and there is no reason to doubt the regularity of its formation or the legality of its existence. The committee find, however, by the proceedings of the grand lodge of the State of New York, sessions 1878 and 1879 that the grand lodge of Hungary has entered into fraternal correspondence with the illegitimate organization called the Prince Hall grand lodge of Massachusetts, and an organization which claims masonic jurisdiction in the State of Ohio, in defiance of the lawful authority of the grand lodges of these states, with which we are in fraternal correspondence. The New York committee on foreign correspondence in their report in 1879, said that the grand lodge of Hungary was not recognized by any grand lodge in the United States for the reason above stated. Your committee feel it is a part of the public law of freemasonry on this continent that but one grand lodge with sole jurisdiction should exist in each state, territory or province, and that such a principle must in the general interest be rigidly upheld. It is possible that when the grand lodge of Hungary entered into fraternal relations with these illegitimate organizations it was not aware of their character, nor of the attitude in which they stood to regular freemasonry, but so long as their relations continue, an intimate connection with the grand lodge of Hungary would be to place the grand lodge of New Brunswick in a very unfortunate position towards her sister grand lodges in America, and would certainly weaken her very much in any appeal to them to sustain her authority in case her jurisdiction were invaded. They hope that on a review of the situation the St. John's grand lodge of Hungary will see its way clear to take such steps as shall secure for her recognition from all the regular grand lodges in America. The committee are reluctantly compelled to recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the grand secretary be directed to inform the grand lodge of Hungary that the grand lodge of New Brunswick is actuated towards her by the kindest fraternal sentiments, and is willing to enter into fraternal relations with her, but that it appears that the grand lodge of Hungary is in correspondence with organizations claiming to be masonic, but which are held by the general consent of all regular grand lodges in America to be irregular and clandestine ; that in con-



sequence very serious obstacles stand in the way of the accomplishment of the wishes of the grand lodge of Hungary; that the grand lodge of New Brunswick sincerely hopes that the grand lodge of Hungary will as speedily as possible take steps to remove these obstacles, and thus enable a design to be carried out which would be to the advantage of the freemasons of Hungary and of New Brunswick.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,  
EDWIN J. EVERETT,  
EDWARD WILLIS.

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BUDAPEST, June 27th, 1880.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, Or: St. John.*

M. W. GRAND MASTER, R. W. & W. BRETHREN:

The St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary has lately celebrated the first decennium of its existence, and having been solemnly and in due form recognized by many of the prominent grand lodges,—amongst which the G. L.L. of England, Sweden, Denmark, Ireland, eight from Germany, the Grand Orient of Netherlands, Belgium, Hungary and many others,—wishes to enlarge and fortify the bond which brotherly unites the lodges of the globe, and for this purpose, begs to propose to agree with her the systems of mutual representatives, by which the relations between your M. W. Grand Lodge and the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary may become more active and intimate for the benefit of the union. Hoping that the circumstances of our being acknowledged by upsaid grand lodges may seem to the M. W. and loving brethren as a sufficient proof of the correctness of our grand lodge, as well as of our attachment to the old charges, we believe that you will not only kindly receive our proposal, but also take into consideration and agree with our request, at once acknowledging our grand lodge. Expecting so, we beg to make at once the usual terna proposal, as follows:

1st. Cornel Ielenffy, Worshipful Master of Lodge Tisza, at Marmaros Szizet, Grand Tyler of G. L.

2nd. Gustav Pokorny, Worshipful Master of Lodge Phoenix at Losonez.

3rd. Dr. Adolphus Persz, Worshipful Master of Lodge Harmonia at Hermanstadt.

Begging you may be pleased to designate one of said brethren and nominate him as your representative with us, and give us also your similar proposal, we shall not hesitate to answer by nominating our representative with you, wishing to see our relations introduced at an early hour.

In expectation of your kind answer we are fraternally the Grand Master, Grand officers and members of St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary.

The Grand Master,  
PULSZKY.

The Grand Secretary,  
A. UHL.

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BUDAPEST, February 5th, 1881.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, St. John.*

DEAR SIR AND BRETHREN:

On answering your kind letter of the 23rd September, I beg to inform you that in Hungary there is, besides our grand lodge, the Grand Orient of Hungary, residing at Budapest, working the French rite. It was erected some years ago by the Grand Orient de France.

As we have remarked, the grand orient works in the French rite, with thirty-three degrees, whilst our St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary knows but three degrees.

We incline to hope that this information may be considered sufficient to allow the realization of our being acknowledged also by your most worshipful grand lodge.

I am dear brethren, with most hearty greetings, fraternally yours,

A. UHL,

Grand Secretary of the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Francis Partridge, D. G. M., presented his commission as the representative of the United Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba, dated at Havana, Cuba, 29th day of July, A. L. 5880, and authenticated by the signatures of M. W. Bro. Antonio Govin, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Aurelio Almeida, Grand Secretary.

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

W. Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson, P. G. D. C., presented his commission as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, dated at Edinburgh, Scotland, the 6th day of August A. L. 5880, and authenticated by the signatures of M. W. Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Grand Master and R. W. Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary.

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

The V. W. the Grand Secretary presented the commission of W. Bro. D. A. E. Hutchison as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, dated at Providence, R. I., the 19th day of August A. L. 5880, and authenticated by the signatures of M. W. Bro. Edward L. Freeman, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary stated that he presented the commission at the request of Bro. Hutchison, who was unavoidably prevented from attending by pressure of business.

Whereupon the commission was duly accepted and the Worshipful Brother acknowledged and recognized as the representative aforesaid.

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

#### TUESDAY EVENING.

*26th April, 1881.*

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

Grand Lodge took a recess for the purpose of witnessing

the work of the E. A. degree by the Worshipful Master and officers of New Brunswick Lodge No. 22: after which grand lodge was called to order again.

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

W. Bros. J. Alfred Clark, Harry Beckwith and Henry Graham were appointed scrutineers and duly qualified to act as such.

Upon the several balloting the scrutineers reported the following brethren as having respectively received a majority of all the votes cast, and they were therefore declared constitutionally elected to the respective offices, as follows:

M. W. BRO. BENJ. R. STEVENSON, .. Grand Master.  
R. W. BRO. HENRY DUFFELL, ..... D. G. Master.  
R. W. BRO. HENRY A. WHITE, ..... S. G. Warden.  
R. W. BRO. THOS. T. BEVERIDGE, ... J. G. Warden.  
V. W. BRO. REV. CHAS. S. MEDLEY, .. Grand Chaplain.  
V. W. BRO. JAMES McNICHOL, JR., ... Grand Treasurer.  
BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER, ..... Grand Tyler.

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

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

*27th April, 1881.*

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

The committee on the grand master's address submitted a report, which report was received and adopted, on motion of W. Bro. George E. Fairweather, S. G. D., viz.:

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

The committee on the Grand Master's address submit a report.

The committee approve of the sentiments with which the Grand Master addressed grand lodge, and appreciate his reflections upon the changes which time has wrought in our membership.

The committee are glad to believe that grand lodge will rejoice over the fact that our relations with sister grand lodges continue to be of the most harmonious character. They congratulate the brethren who have been chosen to represent sister jurisdictions and entertain no doubt that the trusts committed to these brethren will be faithfully discharged.

The views expressed by the Grand Master in regard to the question of territorial jurisdiction, as it affects the authority of the grand lodge of Colon and Cuba, fairly state the opinion of grand lodge on the general principle, and the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba may, the committee believe, fully rely upon the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick to sustain its lawful authority in so far as our grand lodge can do so.

The settlement of the difficulties between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and that of Scotland cannot fail to give satisfaction, and, the committee think, both grand lodges may be congratulated on the restoration of fraternal relations.

The harmony prevailing in the jurisdiction must be as satisfactory to the grand lodge as it is to the Grand Master, and the committee are glad to observe that breaches of constitutional law are of rare occurrence. They commend to the special notice of private lodges the paragraph in the Grand Master's address relating to elections, the opinion there laid down, being, they believe, a correct one, and they trust that not only will private lodges carefully consider the laws of grand lodge, but, on all occasions where a doubt exists, seek advice from the Grand Master.

The committee cordially endorse the views expressed by the Grand Master in regard to the hall. The interest and the honor of the craft are bound up in this undertaking, and there should be no relaxation of the most strenuous effort to carry the work to successful accomplishment. The hall should, indeed, be regarded by brethren from all parts of the jurisdiction as a permanent home for the craft. If each brother would take it upon himself to bear a small portion of the

burden the load would be light indeed. The experience of grand lodge at its present session must satisfy every brother that some of the larger rooms cannot be finished too soon for the comfort of grand lodge at its annual sessions, and the necessity of prosecuting the work must be thus forcibly brought home, not merely to the masons of the city of St. John, but to all members from outlying districts. They express the ardent hope and belief that the Grand Master elect, will, as his predecessors have done, give to the hall the best assistance that it is in his power to bestow upon it, and that he will, as opportunities offer, impress upon the craft the importance of the undertaking to the welfare of the fraternity in this province.

The committee are satisfied that they but express the general feeling of the craft when they say that the Grand Master in retiring from his position carries with him the warm fraternal regard of his brethren. Connected with grand lodge since its formation, active in its organization, in attendance upon its committees, serving in various offices and in all continually keeping in view the welfare of grand lodge, the Grand Master has ever shown his hearty attachment to the fraternity. The committee earnestly hope that retirement from high office at the end of a service extending over nearly three years will not retire the Grand Master from active service in the craft, but that grand lodge will have in the future, as it has had in the past, the benefit of the experience, judgment, zeal and moderation of our most worshipful brother.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS F. GILLESPIE,  
GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER,  
JOHN V. ELLIS.

The committee on the grand master's address submitted a further report, which report and the resolutions contained in it were received and adopted, on motion of R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., viz.:

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

The committee on the grand master's address submit a report.

The committee referring to that portion of the address relating to deceased brethren in other jurisdictions, do not feel it necessary to

add anything to the sentiments so kindly and appropriately uttered by the grand master, further than to recommend the adoption of the following resolution relating to the death of the grand master of Nova Scotia.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick extends fraternal sympathy to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in the loss it has sustained by the death of M. W. Bro. Allen H. Crowe, grand master of that masonic jurisdiction; who gave years of earnest, zealous and faithful work to the interests of the fraternity, and whose amiable and excellent character earned for him the esteem and love, not only of freemasons, but of the people of his native province and of many private friends in New Brunswick;

*And further Resolved*, That in conveying this expression to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the grand secretary be directed to request the grand secretary of Nova Scotia to convey to the widow and orphans of our deceased brother, our deep sympathy with them in their great bereavement, and our earnest prayer that Almighty God in His goodness and mercy, will tenderly protect and guard them.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. F. GILLESPIE,  
GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER,  
JOHN V. ELLIS.

The report of the board of general purposes was taken up for consideration, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M.,

That the amendment to the constitution proposed in the sixth paragraph of the report be adopted.

Which motion was carried and the proposed amendment agreed to.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Henry Duffell, P. S. G. W., the recommendation contained in the fifth paragraph of the report was unanimously adopted, and John Melick was thereupon declared expelled from freemasonry.

On motion of R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, the report in full was adopted.

It was moved by W. Bro. James G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2,

That the report of the grand secretary be adopted.

In amendment, it was moved by R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis,

That the report be taken up section by section.

Which amendment was negatived and the motion adopted.

On motion of R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., the report of the grand treasurer was adopted.

It was moved by the Grand Secretary, and

*Ordered*, That the balance, amounting to \$50.80, due the library committee as per their report, be paid them.

The following resolution was proposed by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., seconded by W. Bro. James G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and *unanimously* adopted:

*Resolved*, That Very Worshipful Brother the Reverend Donald Macrae of St. John's Lodge No. 2, Past Grand Chaplain, Doctor of Divinity, be constituted a member of this grand lodge with the rank and distinction of a Past Grand Chaplain.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, and

*Resolved*, That the thanks of grand lodge be tendered to the superintendents of the respective railways for the reduced fares charged to brethren attending this session.

On motion of W. Bro. F. W. Wisdom, G. D. C., it was

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

On motion of W. Bro. James G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, grand lodge proceeded to the installation of officers for the ensuing year, when M. W. Bro. Benjamin R. Stevenson, Grand Master elect, was invested and installed by R. W.

Bro. Robert Marshall, P. G. M., and was saluted and proclaimed "Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

In the exercise of his prerogative the M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following office bearers for the ensuing year:

V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING,.....	Grand Secretary.
W. WILLIAM A. PARK,.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. DAVID F. MERRITT,.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM,.....	Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. WM. H. B. SADLEIR,.....	Asst. G. Dir. Ceremonies.
W. GEORGE ACKMAN,.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. HARRY BECKWITH,.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. GEO. F. DEVINE,.....	Grand Organist.
W. JAMES ADAM,.....	Grand Pursuivant.
W. ARTHUR EVERITT,.....	Grand Steward.
W. ALEXANDER MCKAY,.....	"
W. RICHARD M. PINDER,.....	"
W. HENRY GRAHAM,.....	"
W. ISAAC O. BEATTEAY,.....	"
W. J. LEE FLEWELLING,.....	"
W. MATTHEW L. MACFARLAND,.,	"
W. CHARLES P. WARMAN,.....	"
W. DAVID T. JOHNSTONE,.....	"
W. JOHN W. PATTERSON,.....	"
W. ALEX. R. CAMPBELL,.....	"
W. JOHN MCKENDRICK,.....	"

The following officers, elected and appointed, were invested and installed by the M. W. the Grand Master, and duly saluted and proclaimed:

R. W. HENRY DUFFELL,.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. HENRY A. WHITE,.....	Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. THOS. T. BEVERIDGE,.....	Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING,.....	Grand Secretary.
W. WILLIAM A. PARK,.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. DAVID F. MERRITT,.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM,.....	Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
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W. ARTHUR EVERITT,.....	Grand Steward.
W. ALEXANDER MCKAY,.....	"
W. ISAAC O. BEATTEAY,.....	"
W. MATTHEW L. MACFARLAND,.,	"
W. DAVID T. JOHNSTONE,.....	"
W. JOHN W. PATTERSON,.....	"
W. ALEX. R. CAMPBELL,.....	"
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....	Grand Tyler.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following brethren members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year:

R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....	Past D. G. Master.
V. W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,.....	Grand Treasurer.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,.....	Past G. D. Ceremonies.
W. WILLIAM J. LOGAN,.....	W. Master Lodge No. 3.
W. JOHN A. WATSON,.....	W. Master Lodge No. 10.
W. ROBERT J. McADOO,.....	Past J. G. Deacon.
R. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,.....	Past D. G. Master.
W. JOHN D. SHORT,.....	Past G. D. Ceremonies.
W. THOMAS A. GODSOE,.....	W. Master Lodge No. 1.
W. ROBERT J. MELVIN,.....	P. M. Lodge No. 22.



The following standing committees were appointed.

*Ritual Committee :*

R. W. Robert T. Clinch, R. W. B. Lester Peters, R. W. John V. Ellis, R. W. Henry Duffell, W. Thomas Walker, W. Joseph C. Hatheway, and W. Wm. H. B. Sadleir

*Library Committee :*

R. W. William F. Bunting, W. George E. Fairweather, and W. B. C. Barclay Boyd.

*Committee on recognition of sister Grand Lodges :*

R. W. John V. Ellis, W. Edwin J. Everett and R. W. Francis Partridge.

*Committee on Warrants to New Lodges.*

R. W. B. Lester Peters, R. W. Edward Willis and R. W. Thomas F. Gillespie.

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

*27th April, 1881.*

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

Grand Lodge took a recess and witnessed the work of the F. C. degree by the W. M. and officers of Union Lodge of Portland No. 10, and the work of the M. M. degree by the W. M. and officers of Albion Lodge No. 1; after which grand lodge was called to order again.

The following resolution was moved by R. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, G. S. and *unanimously* adopted :

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of grand lodge be accorded to the ritual committee for the time, care and labor bestowed in the preparation of the *work* exemplified at this communication, and to the worshipful masters, officers and brethren of Albion Lodge No. 1, Union Lodge of Portland No. 10 and New Brunswick Lodge No. 22 for the admirable manner in which the several degrees have been rendered by them.

No further business offering, the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, was closed in *ample* form at fifteen minutes past eleven o'clock, p. m.

*Wm. F. Bunting  
Grand Secy.*

## SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, 1880.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Members.
1	Albion.....	2	3	3	2	2	11	3	...	2	128
2	Saint John's.....	3	1	1	1	...	15	4	...	1	119
3	Hibernia.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	17	...	...	107
4	Sussex.....	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	28
5	Saint Mark's.....	1	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	54
6	Hiram.....	1	1	1	2	...	4	...	...	1	86
7	Sussex.....	1	1	1	...	...	4	...	...	1	112
8	Carleton Union.....	1	2	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	12
9	Midian.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
10	Union of Portland.....	6	5	5	...	3	1	3	...	1	143
11	Woodstock.....	9	8	10	1	2	7	...	...	1	95
12	Saint George.....	2	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	32
13	Corinthian.....	...	...	1	...	...	3	2	...	...	34
14	Alley.....	1	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	44
15	Howard.....	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	43
16	Saint Andrew.....	2	2	5	1	...	4	...	...	1	84
17	Northumberland.....	3	3	3	1	...	2	...	...	1	79
18	Miramichi.....	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	45
19	Leinster.....	2	2	3	...	...	1	8	...	...	25
20	Salisbury.....	2	3	6	2	...	3	...	...	...	71
21	Zion.....	2	4	...	...	...	5	8	...	...	65
22	New Brunswick.....	1	1	...	...	...	7	9	...	2	24
23	Keith.....	1	1	1	...	...	1	6	...	...	23
24	Zetland.....	1	1	2	...	...	2	...	...	1	34
25	Restigouche.....	1	1	...	...	...	6	7	...	1	30
26	Victoria.....	1	1	...	...	...	5	2	...	...	30
27	Saint John.....	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	25
28	Lebanon.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
29	Saint Martin's.....	2	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	30
30	Benjamin.....	2	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	44
31	Campbellton.....	2	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	28
32	Alexandria.....	5	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	1	22
33	Albert.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2059
34	Total.....	62	56	60	16	17	111	84	...	16	2059

## ROLL OF LODGES,

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

No.	Name of Lodge.	Regular Communication.	Name and Address of W. M.	Name and Address of Secretary.
1	Albion.	First Friday,	T. Amos Godsoe, St. John.	T. Nisbet Robertson, St. John.
2	Saint John's.	First Tuesday,	Wm. H. B. Sadleir, St. John.	Hiram G. Betts, St. John.
3	Hibernia.	Second Tuesday,	William J. Logan, St. John.	G. Gordon Boyne, St. John.
4	Sussex.	Thursday on or after full moon,	Alexander McKay, Dorchester.	Edmund A. Charters, Dorchester.
5	Saint Mark's.	First Thursday,	William D. Hartt, St. Andrews.	George F. Stickney, St. Andrews.
6	Hiram.	First Thursday,	Richard M. Pinder, Fredericton.	Harry Beckwith, Fredericton.
7	Sussex.	First Wednesday,	Julius T. Whitlock, St. Stephen.	George F. Pinder, St. Stephen.
8	Carleton Union.	First Thursday,	Isaac O. Beattie, Carleton.	Richard H. McWilliams, Carleton.
9	Midian.	Second Tuesday,	J. Lee Flewelling, Rothesay.	David P. Wetmore, Clifton.
10	Union of Portland.	Third Thursday,	John A. Watson, St. John.	John Henderson, St. John.
11	Woodstock.	First Wednesday,	David F. Merritt, Woodstock.	Charles N. Scott, Woodstock.
12	Saint George.	First Tuesday,	George Farquharson, St. George.	Louis B. Messenett, St. George.
13	Corinthian.	Second Wednesday,	George L. Taylor, Hampton.	Henry Hallett, Ossekeag.
14	Alley.	First Thursday,	David U. Porter, Upper Mills.	Rex M. King, Upper Mills.
15	Howard.	First Tuesday,	Charles P. Warman, Hillsborough.	John A. Beatty, Hillsborough.
16	Saint Andrew.	Monday on or after full moon,	James C. Moody, Richibucto.	T. Wetmore Bliss, Richibucto.
17	Northumberland.	Second Tuesday,	Charles E. Fish, Newcastle.	William Masson, Newcastle.
18	Miramichi.	Third Tuesday,	David T. Johnstone, Chatham.	Thomas F. Gillespie, Chatham.
19	Leinster.	Second Friday,	W. Watson Allen, St. John.	Henry J. Thorne, St. John.
20	Salisbury.	First Tuesday,	John W. Patterson, Salisbury.	James Bentley, Salisbury.
21	Zion.	First Wednesday,	Joseph R. Tyrell, Sussex.	Alfred E. McLeod, Sussex Vale.
22	New Brunswick.	Second Thursday,	Alex. R. Campbell, St. John.	Stephen K. F. James, St. John.
23	Keith.	First Wednesday,	George Ackman, Moncton.	R. Thompson Taylor, Moncton.
24	Zetland.	Third Wednesday,	Ambrose H. Newman, Moncton.	William B. Deacon, Shediac.
25	Restigouche.	Tuesday on or after full moon,	Wm. G. Disbrow, Dalhousie.	Henry A. Johnson, Dalhousie.
26	Victoria.	Second Thursday,	George F. Todd, Milltown.	Robert Ray, Milltown.
27	Saint John.	Thursday on or after full moon.	Robert Miller, Glen Anglin.	Charles H. Mann, Bathurst.
28	Lebanon.	Second Monday,	Harvey Phinney, Sackville.	Blair Estabrooks, Sackville.
29	Saint Martin's.	First Wednesday,	Jacob H. Mosher, St. Martin's.	Wm. E. Skillen, St. Martin's.
30	Benjamin.	Tuesday on or after full moon,	Albert D. Olmstead, Andover.	J. Allan Perley, Andover.
31	Campbellton.	Second Friday,	John McKendrick, Campbellton.	Wm. W. Doherty, Campbellton.
32	Alexandria.	First Tuesday,	Dani. S. Dougherty, Gibson Station.	Edgar Hanson, Fredericton.
33	Albert.	Third Tuesday,	Jno. E. Montgomery, Hopewell Cor.	Rufus P. Steeves, Harvey Corner.

## SUSPENSIONS, A. D. 1880.

Albion Lodge, No. 1,	Alexander R. Ferguson.
" " "	Norris Best.
" " "	George H. Whiting.
St. John's Lodge, No. 2,	Albert Harrison.
" " "	Edward J. Ross.
" " "	Robert Robertson, Jun'r.
" " "	Jacob D. Underhill.
Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,	Thomas A. Ellis.
" " "	Edwin J. Hilyard.
" " "	Frank G. Lansdowne.
" " "	John Masson,
" " "	John McDougall.
" " "	John R. Hamilton.
" " "	Andrew G. Smith.
" " "	Joseph H. Smith.
" " "	James H. Dickie.
" " "	Robert Wales.
" " "	John M. Logan.
" " "	Frederick McLaughlin.
" " "	Thomas B. Welch.
" " "	William W. Wallace.
" " "	Joseph Isaacs.
" " "	William H. Olive.
" " "	John S. Seaton.
Sussex Lodge, No. 4,	Solomon Crossman.
Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10,	William Brayley.
" " "	William M. Jordan.
" " "	John Melick.
Howard Lodge, No. 15,	William Dawson.
" " "	Frederick K. Evans.
St. Andrew Lodge, No. 16,	Robert N. B. Doherty.
" " "	Robert T. Ferguson.

St. Andrew Lodge, No. 16,	George Irving.
" " "	Thomas McNeil.
" " "	James A. Jardine.
" " "	George D. Miller.
" " "	James L. Murphy.
" " "	John T. Caie.
" " "	James B. Russ.
" " "	William Wheten.
" " "	Gordon Livingston.
" " "	Charles Carr.
" " "	Anthony A. Bubb.
" " "	Alexander C. Morrison.
Zion Lodge, No. 21,	William Sears.
" " "	Daniel L. Trites.
" " "	George Morton.
" " "	Peter Pittfield.
" " "	James Sproul.
" " "	Gilbert E. Hetherington.
" " "	David Wilson.
" " "	Thomas Morton.
Keith Lodge, No. 23,	Charles A. Holstead.
" " "	Duncan C. King.
" " "	Amos H. Chandler.
" " "	John B. Elliott.
" " "	Eben Olive.
" " "	William R. Baggs.
" " "	Steadman Crandall.
" " "	John S. Trites.
Zetland Lodge, No. 24,	William Carpenter.
" " "	Thomas Boardman.
" " "	David Kirk.
" " "	Octavius C. Dezmozos.
" " "	Charles Jarvis.
" " "	Andrew R. Weldon.
" " "	James L. Mugridge.
" " "	David R. B. White.
" " "	Thomas E. Smith.
Restigouche Lodge, No. 25,	Gavin Hamilton.
" " "	Peter S. McDonald.
" " "	Harvey A. Manderson,

Restigoncho Lodge, No. 25,	Norman McL. Carswell.
" " "	Dugald Carmichael.
" " "	William Winton.
St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30,	Thomas Brown.
" " "	Thomas Carson, junr.
" " "	Alexander Clarke.
" " "	William H. Kennedy.
" " "	James Clawson.
" " "	Joseph W. Green.
" " "	James Pattinson.
Benjamin Lodge, No. 31,	Robert Kertson.
" " "	W. Frederick Kertson.

### Expulsion

By Grand Lodge, John Melick.

### Restorations to Membership, A. D. 1880.

Albion Lodge, No. 1,	Thomas W. Peters.
" " "	John A. Edwards.
Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10,	Thomas W. Prince.
" " "	Stephen T. Golding.
" " "	Marshall D. Austin.
Woodstock Lodge, No. 11,	Stephen B. Appleby.
" " "	Samuel S. Burpee.
Alley Lodge, No. 14,	James D. Woodcock.
Leinster Lodge, No. 19,	John W. Morse.
New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,	John Smith.
" " "	Henry Dunn.
" " "	James W. Melick.
" " "	James W. Dann.
Victoria Lodge, No. 26,	George C. McAllister.
" " "	Phineas N. Tyler.
" " "	Edmund S. Smith.
" " "	James McEvoy.

### Deaths, A. D. 1880.

Albion Lodge, No. 1,	William Waterbury.
" " "	Samuel R. Thomson.
St. John's Lodge, No. 2,	Mathias Mathiason.
St. Mark's Lodge, No. 5,	Hugh Maloney, jr.
Hiram Lodge, No. 6,	Alfred Whitehead.
Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,	Wellington Fanjoy.
Woodstock Lodge, No. 11,	Frederick T. Bridges.
St. George Lodge, No. 12,	John Clayburn.
Corinthian Lodge, No. 13,	William Craig.
St. Andrew Lodge, No. 16,	John Johnson.
Northumberland Lodge, No. 17,	Daniel J. Clarke.
Zetland Lodge, No. 24,	Thomas Irving.
" " "	Samuel Ingles.
Victoria Lodge, No. 26,	William Sproul.
St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30,	James A. Smith.
Alexandria Lodge, No. 33,	John T. Gibson.

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 Maine,.....Ira Berry,.....Portland.  
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 Michigan,.....William P. Innes,.....Grand Rapids.  
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 Mississippi,.....John L. Power,.....Jackson.  
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 Montana,.....Cornelius Hedges,....Helena.  
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 New York,.....James M. Austin,....New York.  
 North Carolina,.....Donald W. Bain,....Raleigh.  
 Nova Scotia,.....Benjamin Curren,....Halifax.  
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 Oregon,.....F. J. Babcock,.....Salem.  
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 Quebec,.....Thomas P. Butler,....Montreal.  
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 England,.....Robert T. Clinch,.....Saint John.  
 Florida,.....B. Lester Peters,.....Saint John.  
 Idaho,.....John A. Beatty,.....Hillsborough.  
 Indiana,.....Robert T. Clinch,.....Saint John.  
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 Louisiana,.....Edwin J. Wetmore,....Carleton.  
 Maine,.....David Brown,.....Saint Stephen.  
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 Minnesota,.....Charles Ketchum,.....Saint John.  
 Missouri,.....William F. Bunting,....Saint John.  
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 New Jersey,.....Robert R. Call,.....Newcastle.  
 New South Wales,.....Edward L. Wetmore, ..Fredericton.  
 New York,.....B. Lester Peters,.....Saint John.  
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R. W. William F. Bunting, W. George E. Fairweather, and W. B. C. Barclay Boyd.

## Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges.

R. W. John V. Ellis, W. Edwin J. Everett, and R. W. Francis Partridge.

## Committee on Warrants to New Lodges.

R. W. B. Lester Peters, R. W. Edward Willis, and R. W. Thomas F. Gillespie.

## Standing Resolutions, Decisions, &amp;c., having the force of Law.

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

—Grand Lodge, January 1868.

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

—Grand Lodge, January 1868.

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

—Grand Lodge, September 1868.

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

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

—Grand Lodge, September 1868.

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

—Grand Lodge, September 1868.

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

—*Board of General Purposes, October 1868.*

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

—*Grand Lodge, September 1869.*

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

—*Grand Lodge, September 1869.*

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

—*Grand Lodge, September 1870.*

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

—*Grand Lodge, September 1870.*

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

—*Board of General Purposes, February 1871.*

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

—*Grand Lodge, September 1871.*

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

—*Board General Purposes, August 1873.*

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

—*Grand Master, 1873.*

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

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

*Resolved*, That when more than one lodge holds concurrent jurisdiction, the lodge rejecting a candidate shall be required to send a notice of such rejection to the other lodges within that jurisdiction.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1874.*

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

*Grand Lodge, September 1875.*

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

—*Grand Lodge, September 1875.*

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

—*Grand Lodge, September 1876.*

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

—*Board General Purposes, September 1877.*

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

—*Grand Lodge, September 1878.*

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

—*Grand Lodge, September 1878.*

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

—*Grand Lodge, September 1878.*

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

—*Grand Lodge September 1878.*

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick views with great surprise and profound regret the action taken by the Grand Orient of France in striking out from her affirmation of masonic principles the declaration of belief in the existence of God and in the immortality of

the soul. That such action is in direct antagonism to the fundamental principles of freemasonry and distinctly opposed to the ancient charges, landmarks and traditions of the fraternity :

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

*And further Resolved*, That this grand lodge cannot recognize as "true and genuine" brethren, any who have been initiated in lodges that either deny or ignore a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe and the immortality of the soul. All lodges within this jurisdiction are therefore directed not to admit as a visitor any brother hailing from a lodge under the Grand Orient of France, unless,—first, he proves that he has been initiated according to the ancient rites and ceremonies in a lodge professing belief in the Great Architect of the Universe; and second, nor unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential landmark of freemasonry.

—*Grand Lodge, September 1878.*

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

—*Grand Lodge, September 1878.*

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

—*Grand Lodge, September 1878.*

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

—*Grand Lodge, April 1880.*

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

—*Grand Lodge, April 1880.*

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