

Address of the Grand Master

Mr. Wm. John W. Ellis

St. John S. B.

Address of the Grand Secretary

Dr. Wm. Edward J. Watson

St. John S. B.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Nineteenth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be held in the Masonic Temple City of Saint John on Tuesday, the 27th day of April, A. D. 1885.

PROCEEDINGS

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FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF
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HELD AT SAINT JOHN, APRIL 28 AND 29, A. D. 1885.

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THE EIGHTEENTH 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 28th day of April, A. L. 5885, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

M. W. JOHN V. ELLIS,	Grand Master.
R. W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. JULIUS T. WHITLOCK,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. W. J. NORFOLK, M. D.,	Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. W. W. BREWER,	Grand Chaplain.
W. H. J. THORNE, as	Grand Treasurer.
V. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,	Grand Secretary.
W. THOMAS A. PETERS,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. HENRY WHITE,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. THOMAS WALKER,	Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. ADOLPHUS G. BECKWITH,	Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
W. ARTHUR EVERITT,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. JOHN A. MORRISON, JR.,	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY,	Grand Organist.
W. J. A. WATSON,	Grand Pursuivant.
J. EDGAR MARCH, as	Grand Steward.
W. GEORGE M. JARVIS,	"
W. J. S. ANDREWS,	"
W. E. J. EVERETT, as	"
W. L. H. WOOD, as	"
W. ANDREW McNICHOL,	"
DINGEE SCRIBNER,	Grand Tyler.

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

The V. W. the Grand Chaplain led in prayer; the Brethren recited Psalm XXIV., and then sang the Opening Hymn, Bro. Edgar E. Gubb acting as organist.

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

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

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 Minutes of the Special Communication held on the first day of July, A. D. 1884, were read and confirmed.

R. W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., D. G. M., reported that W. Bro. William B. Wallace, W. Bro. William J. Logan and Bro. S. K. F. James are the Committee on Credentials, appointed by the Board of General Purposes.

The M. W. the Grand Master gave directions to the Grand Pursuivant to admit all Master Masons in good standing.

The Committee on Credentials reported, from time to time, the following Members of Grand Lodge in attendance:

ALBION LODGE, No. 1.

R. B. Humphrey, W. M.	Thomas A. Godsoe, P. M.
John A. Fish, S. W.	F. W. Wisdom, P. M.
James O. Vincent, J. W.	J. A. Hoyt, P. M.
Thomas Walker, P. M.	Charles McLauchlan, Jr., P. M.
R. T. Clinch, P. M.	James Adam, P. M.
B. Lester Peters, P. M.	John S. Maclaren, P. M.
T. N. Robertson, P. M.	A. Rowan, P. M.
Edward Willis, P. M.	T. M. Reed, P. M.
Henry J. Thorne, P. M.	S. Z. Earle, P. M.
E. J. Everett, P. M.	Charles H. Masters, P. M.
Geo. E. Fairweather, P. M.	

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.

R. H. B. Tennant, W. M.	Hiram G. Betts, P. M.
H. M. Hamilton, S. W.	George B. Hegan, P. M.
C. E. Potter, P. M.	J. G. Forbes, P. M.
Arthur Everitt, P. M.	W. H. B. Sadleir, P. M.
J. C. Hatheway, P. M.	H. G. Hunt, P. M.

HIBERNIA LODGE, No. 3.

Robert Clerke, W. M.	D. S. Stewart, P. M.
S. T. Strang, S. W.	George Kilnapp, P. M.
Thomas A. Peters, P. M.	John Johnston, P. M.
W. J. Logan, P. M.	John Mullin, P. M.
M. N. Powers, P. M.	

ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 5.

G. F. Stickney, P. M.	Benj. R. Stevenson, P. M.
W. D. Forster, P. M.	

HIRAM LODGE, No. 6.

Edward Cadwallader, W. M.	W. D. Gordon, P. M.
James D. Fowler, S. W.	Harry Beckwith, P. M.
B. H. Babbitt, J. W.	J. A. Morrison, Jr., P. M.
A. G. Beckwith, P. M.	George Todd, P. M.
A. F. Street, P. M.	

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 7.

J. T. Whitlock, P. M.	J. D. Chipman, P. M.
Henry Graham, P. M.	

CARLETON UNION LODGE, No. 8.

E. S. Waycott, J. W.	S. L. Brittain, P. M.
E. J. Wetmore, P. M.	J. H. Leonard, P. M.
J. Alfred Clark, P. M.	

MIDIAN LODGE, No. 9.

H. S. Wainwright, W. M.	A. C. Fairweather, P. M.
J. D. Howe, S. W.	M. W. Flewelling, P. M.
J. P. Duval, J. W.	Samuel Foster, P. M.
D. J. Wetmore, P. M.	J. L. Flewelling, P. M.
D. P. Wetmore, P. M.	

UNION LODGE, OF PORTLAND No. 10.

Thomas Kedey, W. M.	Thomas H. Keohan, P. M.
J. B. Andrews, S. W.	Archibald McLean, P. M.
Hugh H. McLean, J. W.	Henry Duffell, P. M.
D. R. Munro, P. M.	J. A. Watson, P. M.
David Tapley, P. M.	

WOODSTOCK LODGE, No. 11.—George H. Clynick, P. M.

ST. GEORGE LODGE, No. 12.

A. J. McGee, S. W.

A. M. Mealey, P. M.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 13.

J. F. Whittaker, W. M.

J. E. March, S. W.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 16.

H. M. Ferguson, S. W.

John Taylor, P. M.

SALISBURY LODGE, No. 20.—John Gowland, S. W.

ZION LODGE, No. 21.

H. A. White, W. M.

W. W. Brewer, P. M.

George Coggon, S. W.

W. T. McLeod, P. M.

John Thompson, J. W.

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 22.

W. H. Patton, W. M.

Alex. R. Campbell, P. M.

S. K. F. James, S. W.

W. R. Russell, P. M.

S. F. Matthews, J. W.

W. J. Mathewson, P. M.

Andrew McNichol, P. M.

James McNichol, Sr., P. M.

R. J. McAdoo, P. M.

David Dearness, P. M.

R. J. Melvin, P. M.

KEITH LODGE, No. 23.

George M. Jarvis, W. M.

William D. F. Ward, J. W.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 24.

John McFadzen, S. W.

D. S. Harper, P. M.

Walter J. Norfolk, J. W.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 26.—J. S. Andrews, P. M.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 27.

Alexander M. Fraser, W. M.

James Hickson, P. M.

A. J. H. Stewart, S. W.

ST. MARTINS LODGE, No. 30.—W. E. Skillen, P. M.

ALBERT LODGE, No. 34.—L. M. Wood, J. W.

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

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brethren:

Grand Lodge meets in the spring time of the year, when Nature is awakening from winter's sleep and putting forth all her energies to a new creation. In everything that lives a fresher vigor is infused. The thrill of awakening life influences all created beings, and the subtle forces and energies which mysteriously move us are felt with increasing power. In a fraternity whose great truths are taught by symbols the symbolism of Nature will not be unobserved. As we here take up our duties and renew our responsibilities we must, under the influence of this delightful season, be easily moved to the ready performance of old and the cheerful acceptance of new duties, sustained by the glorious hopes it holds out to us. For the resurrection of Nature is a type of that greater resurrection constantly illustrated in the Master's degree.

I am glad to be able to say that the past year is one on which we can look with considerable satisfaction. A kind and harmonious feeling has predominated. I have not been called upon to exercise any authority except in the mildest way. I know of no serious inroads upon our ranks by Death. Our relations with foreign Grand Lodges continue to be of the most amicable character. For Harmony at Home and Peace with all the bodies of our correspondence we can sincerely return thanks to the Grand Architect of the Universe.

I have appointed Bro. Juan B. Bravo representative of this Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba, a vacancy having occurred through the death of our late representative, Bro. Juan F. Prieto. Although the Grand Lodge of Florida is represented at this Grand Lodge, we have had no representative near that body. I have supplied the vacancy by the appointment of M. W. Bro. Robert J. Perry, Grand Master of that State, and he has kindly undertaken the duty. Bro. W. W. Estabrooke, our representative near the Grand Lodge of Iowa, having moved into the State of Illinois, vacated his office, and his place is filled by the appointment of Bro. Z. H. Church, a young and active Mason, and at present Mayor of the City of Jefferson. The Grand Master of Illinois asked for an interchange of representatives. I was glad to be able to cement our fraternal relations with the flourishing body over which he presides, and was still more gratified at the

intimation of the Grand Master that he would be glad to see Bro. Estabrooke, lately our representative in Iowa, appointed. I accordingly issued a commission to Bro. Estabrooke. The Grand Master of Illinois has appointed as his representative here a brother who, I am satisfied, will be heartily received when he presents his credentials. An exchange of representatives has been asked for by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and negotiations with respect thereto are now pending.

I greatly regret that I had to decline an invitation from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana to represent this Grand Lodge in February last at a gathering of the Craft in the City of New Orleans. The opportunity was taken of the Great Exposition now holding there to bring together many representatives of our fraternity from all parts of the world. My other engagements prevented me from discharging what would have been a pleasurable duty.

We have been formally notified of the death of Bro. Horace Taylor, Past Grand Master of New York; of Bros. James M. Henry and William French, Past Grand Masters of Mississippi; of Bro. Isaac B. Sharp, Past Grand Master of Kansas; and of Bro. Henry Wm. Murray, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. All of these were not only eminent in their jurisdictions as Masons, but were men of character and station, and were highly respected in the communities in which they lived.

Applications for recognition from bodies of Masons in South Australia, Mexico and Spain have been sent to the Committee on Foreign Relations. With the condition of the Craft in Mexico I am not well acquainted, as there have been many changes there recently. The tendency is, I believe, towards a system of State Grand Lodges, although for many years the principal governing body was the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Where we are not sure of our ground it is best to make no step. No great disadvantage can come to individual Masons by proceeding cautiously as to the recognition of a body claiming territorial jurisdiction. As to the bodies striving for the supreme power in the Spanish peninsula, it is next to impossible to decide between them. But if the whole Spanish system of what is called Freemasonry is as largely political now as it was a few years ago, the more slowly we make haste the better. The question of the formation of a Grand Lodge in South Australia presents some difficulty. Last year we admitted that the Grand Lodge of Victoria might be regularly formed, but we declined to say that it had exclusive possession of the territory of that Province

while a majority of the regularly constituted Lodges did not submit to it. A principle has been generally recognized by Masonic authorities on this continent that three subordinate Lodges could form a Grand Lodge. This is good enough law when the parent Grand Lodges offer no opposition, where often there are no more than three Lodges, and where the prevailing idea is that a Grand Lodge shall at once be formed and grow up as one of the institutions of a new territory or state. But the case is materially altered when the rule is applied to countries or colonies in which there is a large number of Lodges. It seems an absurdity that in a country where there are say twenty Lodges three of these should be able to set up a Grand Lodge and declare all the other Lodges clandestine if they do not submit to its authority. Some modification of the rule is necessary which will protect the rights of, perhaps, the majority. The formation of our own Grand Lodge was, I think, consented to at the outset by three-fourths or more of the Lodges in the Province.

The most interesting local event of the year was the celebration on 1st July last of the Centenary of the introduction of Freemasonry into New Brunswick. The arrangements were under the direction of a committee of the Masonic organizations in St. John, and the whole of the proceedings interested not only the fraternity but the public generally. I deemed the matter of sufficient importance to justify the calling of an Emergent Communication; and Grand Lodge had the satisfaction of having present a large representation of the Craft in the Province, and the pleasure of receiving a visit from the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, M. W. Bro. J. Wimburn Laurie, R. W. Bro. William Taylor, Past Grand Master and our representative in the sister Province, with other Brethren from Nova Scotia, and many whom it was a pleasure to greet from the neighboring State of Maine. A Memorial Medal in commemoration of the event was struck by the Centenary Committee, and, with the concurrence of the Board of General Purposes, I gave permission for the Medal to be worn as one of our Jewels, until Grand Lodge should take action in the matter. A permanent regulation thereon should be by constitutional enactment. I annex to my address a copy of the *St. John Weekly Telegraph* of July 9, which contains a complete account of all the proceedings of that interesting day, and recommend that it become part of the records of Grand Lodge. It is a most agreeable reflection that our fraternity was able to command the services on such an occasion of so

able and eloquent an Orator as the Very Worshipful and Reverend Bro. D. Macrae, D. D., Past Grand Chaplain, whose address can never be forgotten by those who heard it. In this brief reference I must not overlook the services of Bro. J. Macgregor Grant, who, as Mayor of the City, not only participated in the proceedings at the Mechanics Institute, but extended generous and courteous hospitalities to representatives of Grand Lodge and to the eminent visiting Brethren.

Grand Lodge may fairly consider whether the time has not arrived when the Library can be made available to at least some extent. Although we lost all our books by the fire of 1877, some of the more valuable and many of the useful ones have been, under the energetic supervision and management of R. W. Bro. Bunting, replaced, whilst there is a constant accumulation of proceedings and exchanges, of current value, from sister Grand Lodges. These have been cared for and stored by him. Their increase must involve burthens as well as responsibility. Probably an apartment can be found in this building at little or no expense in which the books can be arranged, under the direction of the Library Committee; and, possibly, a small fee paid by those who desire to use the Library would meet all the necessary cost of light and attendance. It would be well for Grand Lodge to instruct the committee definitely. I feel bound to say, however, that this good work cannot be undertaken this year if it imposes any additional burthen on the Treasury of Grand Lodge. At the same time we must all feel that in these days of the general spread of intelligence whatever there is of value in the Library should be made available to the enquiring Craftsman.

To a much less extent than I desired I have been able to visit Lodges in the jurisdiction. In some of those meeting in this Hall the officers were installed either by myself or by the Deputy Grand Master, and they have all been visited either officially or unofficially. I paid an official visit, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, a fair representation of the other Grand Officers, and a number of Brethren from Lodges in St. John and from Keith Lodge, Moncton, to Zetland Lodge, Shediac, from the chair of which the Junior Grand Warden was retiring. It gave me much pleasure to again place in the East a true and tried Mason, Bro. Duncan S. Harper, and to renew Masonic fellowship with several earnest members of that Lodge. We were all most heartily and courteously entertained by them, and our visit was one of rare pleasure. This visit gave us opportunity to meet many of the Brethren

at Moncton, where Keith Lodge, under the rule of W. Bro. George M. Jarvis, is now doing most effective work. We spent a day with them, although we held no meeting, visited their new and handsome Lodge room, and saw abundant evidences of their increasing prosperity. I also visited Hiram Lodge, Fredericton, unofficially, accompanied by the Junior Grand Deacon, W. Bro. G. F. Hibbard, and spent a most pleasant evening with the Brethren. A very agreeable visit was that paid to Sussex Lodge, No. 7, St. Stephen. A number of Brethren from St. John accompanied me, and of course we had the personal attendance of the Senior Grand Warden. We saw the Master's Degree admirably conferred by the officers of the Lodge, and met a large number of the Brethren from other Lodges of our jurisdiction in the St. Croix Valley, as well as many Masons from the neighboring State, including our representative at the Grand Lodge of Maine, Bro. D. F. Seymour. Nothing could exceed the courteous kindness of the Craft at St. Stephen. At my instance the Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. J. T. Whitlock, fraternally undertook to do what I was not able to do myself, visit the other Lodges in the vicinity of St. Stephen. I have received from him a report, from which I make this extract:

Our visit to Victoria Lodge, No. 26, at Milltown, was made March 12, 1885, at a special meeting called for that purpose. The acting officers were:

J. T. Whitlock, S. G. W.,	- - -	as G. M.
H. Graham, P. S. G. W.,	- - -	as S. G. W.
G. F. Pinder, P. J. G. W.,	- - -	as J. G. W.
J. M. Murchie,	- - -	as Grand Chaplain.
W. F. Todd,	- - -	as S. G. Deacon.
J. D. Chipman, P. M.,	- - -	as G. D. of C.
E. G. Vroom, P. M.,	- - -	as G. Pursuivant.
F. M. Murchie,	- - -	as Grand Steward.
C. H. Smith,	- - -	as do.

We visited Alley Lodge, at Upper Mills, March 16, 1885. The acting officers were:

J. T. Whitlock, S. G. W.,	- - -	as G. M.
J. A. Boyd,	- - -	as S. G. W.
T. R. Mitchell,	- - -	as J. G. W.
Edward Price,	- - -	as Grand Chaplain.
F. T. Ross, W. M.,	- - -	as S. G. D.
James McKenzie,	- - -	as J. G. D.
J. M. Murchie,	- - -	as G. D. of C.
F. Eastman,	- - -	as Grand Steward.
J. S. T. Maxwell,	- - -	as do.

Also, G. F. Pinder, P. M., C. H. Smith, Wm. Murray, J. H. Ganong; and James Piper, of Victoria, No. 26. (All the visitors in each case, except Bro. Piper, were from Sussex, No. 7.) Both meetings were emergencies. There was no work on hand in either Lodge. The records of each Lodge are well kept, and we found the Lodge appointments good in each case and every evidence that the work is conducted in a dignified and impressive manner.

I visit both Lodges frequently, and know they are running pleasantly and do their work well.

It is, I believe, impossible for the Grand Master to visit all the Lodges in the jurisdiction during his term of office, no matter what his desires or hopes may be at the commencement of the year. This has been the experience of all my predecessors. I believe that it would be a great advantage to the Province the system of District Deputies of the Grand Master which obtains in Nova Scotia, in Quebec, in Canada, in almost all of the States of the neighboring Union. The work of laying off the Province into Districts would not be difficult; the powers given to the District Deputies could be very easily defined; the officer could be elected at each meeting of Grand Lodge, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, by the Brethren from the District. One result would be that in each District there would be some Brother with authority, as representative of the Grand Master, to visit the Lodges, foster a good understanding among them, and quicken their interest in each other. Grand Lodge itself would be better informed as to the standing of and esteem in which the principal Masons in a District are held, and would thus best know whom to honor. Many benefits suggest themselves as arising out of the creation of officers of this kind. I earnestly recommend this to Grand Lodge. If the idea is approved, the matter could go to the Board of General Purposes to next year report the constitutional regulations necessary to carry the scheme into effect.

Lebanon Lodge has failed to make returns for this year, and has practically ceased to exist. I directed the Grand Secretary to make an effort to get it to surrender its warrant, but he was not successful. As, however, there is no probability that it will again resume Masonic labor, I have caused Sussex Lodge, Dorchester, to be notified of the fact, so that it might resume the territorial jurisdiction of which the establishment of this Lodge deprived it. If any persons there seek Masonic light they should not be kept in darkness because the Lodge is not able to do its work.

I do not deem it necessary to make any detailed statement of the dispensations issued or routine work performed, as this will probably be sufficiently covered by the report of the Grand Secretary. Questions that have arisen have been disposed of as promptly as possible, but none of the decisions given involved such doubtful points as to make it necessary to trouble Grand Lodge with them. I might say, however, that, when asked, I have stated that the constitutional amendment of last year had not and cannot have a retro-active effect. The membership rights of Entered Apprentices who were members of Lodges previous to the passage of that amendment are not affected by it. By my direction the Grand Secretary issued a circular to the Lodges, a copy of which is also annexed.

The returns which will be laid before Grand Lodge will show a gain, slight but satisfactory, in membership; and the financial statements will, I think, justify the action of the Board of General Purposes in the matter of the special assessment, particulars of which will, no doubt, be contained in the report of the Board. By that action some relief was afforded the Lodges outside the City of Saint John, without imperilling the ability of Grand Lodge to meet the interest and principal of its bonds. On the other hand, the ordinary revenue fund of Grand Lodge is not in a satisfactory condition. It is really charged with a heavier burden than it can bear. In time it will work itself clear, but now the interests of the Craft suffer. The principal charges upon it are \$500 a year for redemption of bonds, \$275 interest, and Grand Secretary's salary, \$400—a total of \$1175 against receipts of say \$1280, leaving about \$100 only for all other services. For four or five years the fund has carried a debt of five hundred dollars, which at the present time there is no way to pay. This amount might be permanently funded, and a little would be saved in interest. I fear, too, that a reduction in the Grand Secretary's salary is inevitable, although I am loth to make such recommendation, for the Grand Secretary has a good deal of work to do, and he does all his work faithfully and promptly. But we must look the situation in the face. One-third of our ordinary revenue is applied to the payment of this salary. While many Grand Lodges pay a much larger salary, I know of none that pays so much proportionately to revenue. In view of the present situation Grand Lodge must ask itself what it can fairly do with justice to all interested.

Connected with this matter is another. Practically Grand Lodge is the controlling owner of the building in which we

The rents amount to \$1720, a gain in the year of about \$900. This is not sufficient to pay the interest on the mortgage, charges of management, taxes, insurance, and other outlay, although the situation has greatly improved, for income and expenditure are nearer now than ever they were before. Grand Lodge will not have to impose any fresh burdens of taxation on account of the building, while it will continue to reduce the burden of debt. The question may now be asked should it not grapple with the whole debt, the first as well as the second issue of bonds? Is it well to accumulate money at four per cent. while it is pinching itself to pay seven or even six? The debt borne by the general revenue is a debt incurred for the building, and must be as sacredly cared for by Grand Lodge as the debt more recently created. I am fully convinced, therefore, that, if not this year, at a very early day Grand Lodge will find that the true course to pursue will be to abolish the distinction between the two funds, consolidate the debt, and make it a first charge on the whole revenue. I recommend this to your earnest consideration, reminding you that the primary object of the taxation levied in 1882 was to ensure to the Craft the possession of this fine Hall beyond all doubt, and I am convinced that Grand Lodge or her subordinates will not ask any further reduction of that taxation than is suggested this year until such a desirable result is accomplished. A slight advance in the rents now realized and the reduction of the mortgage to the capital sum of twenty thousand dollars are two things to be earnestly desired. Of the ultimate value of this fine property, situated as it is in the heart of a district that, despite present drawbacks, must constantly increase in wealth and population, I have never had any doubt.

Arrangements have been made by the Ritual Committee for an exemplification of work at this communication, and the Worshipful Master of Hibernia Lodge has kindly placed his Lodge at the disposal of Grand Lodge for the purpose.

To the consideration of all the matters which come before us, Brethren, let us bring calm judgment, doing nothing hastily, nothing unnecessarily, but everything in a proper Masonic spirit, so that all our acts may benefit this ancient institution, whose chief object is the cultivation of a feeling of true brotherhood among all mankind—an object that is often misunderstood and sometimes severely condemned. It is at least a satisfaction to us to know that in every part of our empire, as in many other parts of the world, this society makes

peaceful progress. What better answer can be made to the foolish charge preferred against us of antagonism to sound systems of government than that the Grand Master of England, the future ruler of the nation, as Master of the Alpha Lodge, London, on the 17th March last initiated his eldest son into our fraternity, performing the ceremony himself with all the skill of a bright Craftsman. In Freemasonry there is no distinction of persons, and prince and peasant stand upon the same level, but the prince who actively labors to promote a knowledge of the tenets of our profession among men of his own rank and family not only teaches us a lesson, but unmistakably establishes his recognition of the fact that the security of the throne, the safety of the state, are increased as men base their lives and actions upon the principles of the Masonic brotherhood.

On motion of W. Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson it was

Resolved, That the Address of the Grand Master be referred to a Special Committee to report upon the several subjects contained therein.

Whereupon the following Brethren were appointed such Committee: R. W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., D. G. M., W. Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson, W. Bro. William J. Logan, W. Bro. A. F. Street, W. Bro. John D. Chipman.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of Grand Representatives. The following Grand Lodges were represented: Arkansas, Canada, England, Florida, Indiana, Ireland, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Scotland, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

The Grand Secretary (Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana) read a circular he had received from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana containing a series of resolutions, which he asked Grand Lodge to consider at this session.

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

Ordered, That the circular be received and laid on the table.

R. W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, stated that he had communicated with the Grand Lodge of Ireland concerning the Old Warrants. That the Warrant of Hibernia Lodge had never been received by the Grand Secretary of Ireland.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report and account, as follows:

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary begs to submit his Annual Report and Account to April 23rd, 1885.

1. The receipts of the office for the year just ended amount to two thousand four hundred dollars and thirty-three cents. The amount has been paid in full to the Grand Treasurer, and an account in detail furnished the Committee appointed by the Board of General Purposes to audit the books of Grand Lodge.

Detailed statement of Receipts:

Registration Fees,	\$312 00
Certificates,	120 00
Annual Dues,	828 05
Dispensation Fees,	6 00
Constitutions,	4 10
Funeral Services and Blanks,	6 88
Installation Ceremonial,	7 80
Re-prints,	1 50
Special Bond Account,	\$1,286 33
	1,114 00
Total,	\$2,400 33

2. All the Lodges have completed their returns and payments in full have been received, with the exception of two—Nos. 24 and 28.

The Returns show the following particulars:

Initiated,	104
Passed,	105
Raised,	115
Joined,	28
Reinstated,	13
Withdrawn,	75
Suspended,	38
Died,	14

Total membership Dec. 27th, 1884, 1,923.

There is an increase in the membership of thirteen as compared with the returns of A. D. 1883.

3. Fourteen dispensations were issued during the year, under the authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, as follows:

To bury deceased brethren,	2
To confer degrees at short periods,	10
To wear regalia in public,	2

4. One hundred and twenty Certificates were issued during the year to Brethren entitled to them under the Constitution.

5. On the 28th April I received from St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 72, N. S., the following letter dated at Sydney, C. B.:

E. J. Wetmore, Esq., Grand Secretary.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Not being intimately acquainted with the different Lodges in St. John, in behalf of the Members of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 72, N. S., we beg, through you, to tender them our sincere thanks for the great kindness extended to our late Brother and Member of our Lodge, Lt. Col. C. Crewe Read, during his illness in your city; as well also for the honor conferred on his remains. We may add: he was worthy for whom you acted so nobly.

We remain, fraternally,

A. D. MACGILVRAY, D.D.G.M.
C. W. RICHARDSON,

Secretary of St. Andrew's Lodge.

6. I received a communication from Sussex Lodge, No. 4, on the 11th July, announcing the removal of the Lodge to their new Lodge Room.

Also from Keith Lodge, No. 23, of the removal of their Lodge to the new Hall, corner of Main and Duke Streets, Moncton. This Hall was partially destroyed by fire in 1878.

7. Applications for recognition were received from the Grand Lodge of Mexico, founded January 25th, 1883, with a request from the Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba that this Grand Lodge would recognize the legitimacy of the Grand Lodge of Mexico.

Also from the Grand Lodge Symbolic Independent, Mexico, dated August 20th, 1884, and requesting an exchange of representatives.

From the Grand Lodge of South Australia, with a report of the Executive Committee concerning the proceedings connected with the formation of that Grand Lodge.

From the Grand Symbolic Lodge of Spain, explaining their position and standing as a Grand Lodge.

All these papers were handed to the Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges.

8. On the 9th August a circular was received from Bro. E. Mann, Secretary of the Masonic Lodge of Relief at Baltimore, requesting the name of the President and Secretary of the Lodges or Board of Relief, that they may perfect a system of correspondence whereby a check may be placed upon professional tramps.

I forwarded him the information required, and placed the circular in the hands of the Secretary of the Masonic Board of Relief.

9. October 3rd I mailed circulars to all the Lodges, showing the action of the Board of General Purposes in the matter of the special tax for bond account, making a reduction of twenty cents per head to all Lodges outside of the city, as follows:

Lodges outside of the city,	Forty Cents.
City Lodges, west side,	Sixty Cents.
City Lodges, east side,	One Dollar.

10. On October 15th I received from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana an invitation for the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick to meet with them at their Annual Communication, to be held about the 9th and 13th February, 1885, at the time of holding the "World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition."

11. Commissions have been issued under the seal of Grand Lodge to the following Brethren, authorizing them to act as the representatives of this Grand Lodge at their respective Grand Easts, viz.: Bro. Robert J. Perry, of Key West, at the Grand Lodge of Florida; Bro. Juan B. Bravo at the Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of our esteemed representative, Bro. Juan F. Prieto; Bro. Z. H. Church, of Morning Star Lodge, No. 159, at the Grand Lodge of Iowa; Bro. W. W. Estabrooke at the Grand Lodge of Illinois. (Bro. Estabrooke was formerly our representative at the Grand Lodge of Iowa.)

These commissions were duly received and acknowledged by the representatives.

12. I received a commission for Bro. J. Henry Leonard, P. M., of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, dated 18th February, 1885. Handed this commission to Bro. Leonard to be duly presented at this session of Grand Lodge.

13. Bro. Harvey Phinney, P. M., of Lebanon Lodge, No. 28,

informs me that their Members are unable to keep up the Lodge, and they will be compelled to surrender their warrant. No dues have been received from this Lodge since 1882.

14. I issued from the office a bond in payment of stock subscribed to the Masonic Hall Company for five hundred dollars (No. 14), dated March 10th, 1885.

15. On April 7th, 1885, I received a memorial addressed to Grand Lodge from Bro. William Weldon, a Member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 28, dated at Annapolis, N. S., requesting that a dimit be granted him through Grand Lodge, as he is unable to obtain any information from the Officers of Lebanon Lodge whether a dimit will be granted or not.

16. Arrangements were made with the Intercolonial, New Brunswick and Grand Southern Railways which will enable Brethren attending the Annual Communication to return home free of charge—payment of one first-class fare only required. Upon application I will furnish each Brother with a certificate for that purpose.

17. My books, correspondence, files of papers, etc., are herewith submitted for the inspection of Grand Lodge.

18. I have had considerable correspondence with Lodges on a variety of matters, but none of it is of sufficient importance to refer to specially.

19. The following is my account with Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges:

EDWIN J. WETMORE, *Grand Secretary,*

In account with the Grand Lodge.

		DR.		
Cash received from	Albion,	No. 1,		\$219 20
"	" St. John's,	" 2,		166 80
"	" Hibernia,	" 3,		184 43
"	" Sussex,	" 4,		66 80
"	" Saint Mark's,	" 5,		99 20
"	" Hiram,	" 6,		73 90
"	" Sussex,	" 7,		147 70
"	" Carleton Union,	" 8,		133 50
"	" Midian,	" 9,		12 80
"	" Union of Portland,	" 10,		207 90
				\$1,312 23
<i>Carried forward,</i>				

			<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$1,312 23
Cash received from	Woodstock,	No. 11,		97 80
"	"	Saint George,	" 12,	70 80
"	"	Corinthian,	" 13,	26 90
"	"	Alley,	" 14,	38 00
"	"	Howard,	" 15,	34 60
"	"	St. Andrew's,	" 16,	35 00
"	"	Northumberland,	" 17,	
"	"	Miramichi,	" 18,	55 15
"	"	Salisbury,	" 20,	24 00
"	"	Zion,	" 21,	55 75
"	"	New Brunswick,	" 22,	119 10
"	"	Keith,	" 23,	130 70
"	"	Zetland,	" 24,	
"	"	Restigouche,	" 25,	22 60
"	"	Victoria,	" 26,	67 70
"	"	St. John,	" 27,	111 90
"	"	Lebanon,	" 28,	
"	"	St. Martins,	" 30,	56 60
"	"	Benjamin,	" 31,	35 70
"	"	Campbellton,	" 32,	55 90
"	"	Alexandria,	" 33,	21 60
"	"	Albert,	" 34,	26 80
Cash received for Reprint,				1 50
			<hr/>	\$2,400 33
			Cr.	

Cash paid Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers, \$2,400 33

EDWIN J. WETMORE, *Grand Secretary.*

The M. W. Grand Master read a note he had received from the V. W. the Grand Treasurer, now in New York, expressing his regret at not being able to be present at this Annual Communication.

R. W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., D. G. M., presented the Annual Report and Accounts of the Grand Treasurer, as follows:

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

CHARLES MASTERS, *Grand Treasurer,*
In account with Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.

1884.		Dr.		
April 16.	Balance,			\$259 53
" 21.	Received from Grand Secretary,		\$66 30	
Sept. 2.	Fund of Benevolence,			6 40
Oct. 18.	Received from Grand Secretary,		25 80	
" 29.	"		6 80	
1885.				
Jan'y 9.	"			180 20
" 16.	"			136 90
" 19.	"			123 20
" 24.	"			8 60
Feb'y 4.	"			64 80
" 21.	"			221 50
March 7.	"			120 80
" 21.	"			42 10
" 31.	"			68 60
April 13.	"			55 70
" 20.	"			101 20
" 21.	"			31 63
" 22.	"			32 20
			<hr/>	\$1,286 33

1884.		Cr.		
May 14.	Paid Library Committee,		\$19 11	
" "	" Dingee Scribner, Tying,		12 00	
" "	" Hall Committee, Rent,		5 00	
" "	" Grand Secretary, on acct. Salary,		60 00	
June 3.	"		45 00	
" "	"		159 00	
Sept. 2.	" Imperial Insurance Co.,		12 00	
Oct. 20.	" Grand Secretary, on acct. Salary,		25 00	
" 31.	" J. & A. McMillan,		1 43	
" "	" Macaulay Bros. & Co.,		1 78	
" "	" Page, Smalley & Ferguson,		1 00	
			<hr/>	\$341 32
			<i>Carried forward,</i>	

the following report, which was received and adopted by the Board:

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

Your committee have taken into consideration the whole question of the Special Assessment matter, as instructed by the Board, and beg to report as follows:

Not only has all the interest upon the bonds to the 1st August, 1884, been paid, but the principal sum has been reduced some \$1,500, leaving a balance of the bonds of \$8,500, of which \$1,000 matures on the 1st August, 1886. At that date there will be required this sum of \$1,000 and the interest maturing meantime upon the \$8,500, being \$510 per year, or for the two years \$1,020 of interest, and \$1,000 of principal, in all \$2,020.

These being our requirements, we have carefully considered the income likely to arise, and feel gratified to be able to make a recommendation that the assessment upon all Lodges outside of the City of St. John shall be reduced *twenty cents* per Member, the other Lodges being assessed as formerly.

Upon the basis of membership as per the last returns this will produce \$1,114.20 per year, or for the two years \$2,228.40, thus:

City Lodges (East side),	544 Members at \$1 00,	\$544 00
" " (West "),	107 " at 0 60,	64 20
Outside Lodges,	1,265 " at 0 40,	506 00

\$1,114 20

which will leave a surplus of \$208.40 after payment of our maturing obligations to August 1st, 1886.

Your committee are of opinion, therefore, that this Board might take the responsibility of directing the Grand Secretary to collect from the various Lodges for the present year the *per capita* tax as above mentioned, and that Grand Lodge be advised to remit *twenty cents* per Member, the balance of the assessment, to the several Lodges.

As this recommendation is made upon the basis of the membership of last year, and as the membership from year to year is liable to fluctuate, your committee feel strongly that it would not be advisable for Grand Lodge to abandon any of the present provisions of assessment for providing funds to meet their obligations so long as any of them are outstanding, as it might be found necessary at some future time for Grand Lodge to exercise its full power in regard to the same. If, however, it should be found safe in the future to make any further reduction in the assessment, it could be done upon the plan recommended by your committee, or upon some similar plan, as the then existing circumstances should suggest.

In conclusion, your committee feel that this recommendation reflects the spirit and feeling of Grand Lodge in this regard, as showing an unwillingness to levy more than her requirements

demand, and though, in case the recommendation be adopted and acted upon, the relief will only extend for the present to a portion, yet we trust that the remaining Members of the Craft will heartily enter into the efforts of Grand Lodge, as all have done in the past, and that the same loyal feeling that has characterized the Craft in the past, and saved to Grand Lodge the Temple of which we are so justly proud, will prevail, so that in the near future Grand Lodge may occupy that flourishing position that we all so anxiously desire.

Respectfully submitted,

W. WATSON ALLEN,
JAMES McNICHOL, JR. } Committee.
J. HENRY LEONARD,
W. H. B. SADLEIR,
HENRY DUFFELL,

The Board respectfully recommend Grand Lodge to approve of the action in this matter, and to remit to the Lodges the amount named in the report.

At a meeting of the Board held on the 16th September last a communication from the Secretary of the Masonic Hall Company, as follows, was read, and the annexed resolution adopted:

E. J. Wetmore, Esq.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: At the last meeting of the Board of Directors the representatives of the City Lodges in connection with the Board of Directors informed this Board that they, as such representatives, had by resolution decided to tender to the Director's the unoccupied room in the Masonic Hall, lately occupied by the Lodges, for meeting or such other purposes as the Directors thought best.

Yours truly,

W. WATSON ALLEN,
Secretary-Treasurer Masonic Hall Co.

Whereas, A communication from the Secretary of the N. B. Masonic Hall Company, of 17th April, 1883, to the effect that the rooms in the Masonic Hall then occupied as Lodge rooms should, when unoccupied, be placed at the disposal of the Craft for certain purposes mentioned, under the direction and control of Grand Lodge, and that, therefore, it might be advisable for Grand Lodge to make rules and regulations in regard thereto, was referred to the Board, with authority to act in relation thereto; (See printed proceedings of 1883, page 533)

And whereas, The Board of General Purposes in its Annual Report to Grand Lodge stated that it would be advisable for Grand Lodge either to appoint a committee to deal with the matter,

have been limited in scope and presents no features calling for special remark.

He has attended to the correspondence and other details as usual, and has exerted his best endeavors in furthering the interests of his charge.

The additions of the past year have been made with very little outlay, and are as follows:

W. Bro. Charles H. Masters, St. John—Files of *The Freemasons' Chronicle*, published weekly at London.

Grand Orient of France—Copies of its Calendar for the years 1884 and 1885.

Bro. Richard Roe, St. John—2 vols., 8vo., cloth, "The Historical Landmarks and other Evidences of Freemasonry," by the Rev. George Oliver, D. D.

R. E. Bro. Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago—A Reprint of the Proceedings Grand Commandery of Illinois, 1861-69, 1 vol., cloth; also, other favors from him.

W. Bro. Christopher Murray, St. John—4 vols., bound, of *The Freemasons' Magazine*, published at Boston by the late Bro. Charles W. Moore.

R. W. Bro. William P. Innes, Grand Secretary—A reprint, in pamphlets, of the Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, 1826-1860.

R. E. Bro. James W. Staton, Brookville, Ky.—A Reprint of the Proceedings Grand Chapter of Kentucky, 1854-1866, 1 vol., cloth.

R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, St. John—A copy of "Laws of the Supreme Grand R. A. Chapter of Scotland," 1 vol., cloth, edition 1845.

R. W. Bro. S. Stacker Williams, Newark, Ohio, an assortment of Proceedings of various Grand Bodies.

R. E. Bro. A. M. Wolillan, Grand Recorder—A large number of pamphlets containing the Transactions of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Georgia.

R. W. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa—Several Masonic pamphlets.

W. Bro. David R. Mumro, St. John—Proceedings of various Grand Bodies.

W. Bro. Charles U. Hanford, St. John—Proceedings of various Grand Bodies.

W. Bro. E. A. Charters, Sussex, Kings Co.—Several numbers of *The Freemasons' Monthly Monitor and Acadian Craftsman*, 1857-58, published by R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, St. John.

M. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, G. M., St. John—The original Warrant issued to Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Fredericton, dated August 15th, 1792.

The publishers and proprietors of the following periodicals have kindly continued to furnish them free of charge:

The Canadian Craftsman, Port Hope, Ontario; Bro. J. B. Traves, editor and publisher.

Voice of Masonry, Chicago, Illinois; Bro. John W. Brown, editor and publisher.

Liberal Freemason, Boston, Mass.; Bro. Alfred F. Chapman, editor and publisher.

The Freemason, Sydney, New South Wales; Bro. Nicholas Weekes, manager.

The Masonic Chronicle, Columbus, Ohio; M. C. Lilley & Co., publishers.

The Masonic Chronicle, New York; Bro. John G. Barker, editor.

The Corner Stone, New York; Forrest L. Beekner, publisher.

The Masonic Token, Portland, Maine; Bro. Stephen Berry, publisher.

The Victorian Freemason, Melbourne, Australia.

The Masonic World, Boston, Mass.; The Masonic World Company, publishers.

The foregoing donors and all others who have from year to year aided the Library are entitled to the warm acknowledgments of Grand Lodge.

The Chairman has, at the expense of considerable time and labor, compiled a full and extended catalogue of the books, pamphlets, periodicals, etc., now in the possession of Grand Lodge. This compilation will be serviceable for reference, and is arranged under different headings, according to the titles and contents of the various works. It comprises a total of 621 volumes and 3,691 pamphlets.

Having "placed his house in order," he tenders his resignation as a member of the Library Committee and asks that another be appointed in his stead.

The expense incurred by him during the year, for postage, express and other items, amounts to \$19.82 (nineteen dollars and eighty-two cents).

Faternally submitted,

WM. F. BUNTING,
Chairman Library Committee.

April 28th, 1885.

Whereupon it was moved by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., and unanimously

Resolved, That the Report be received, and the amount expended by the Chairman of the Committee be paid; that a vote of thanks be extended to R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, P. G. M. and Chairman of the Committee, for his valuable Report and Catalogue of the books, pamphlets, etc., now in the possession of Grand Lodge.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced that arrangements had been made by the Ritual Committee that the ceremonial of the M. M. Degree will be fully exemplified this afternoon, commencing at three o'clock.

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

TUESDAY AFTERNOON,

April 28th, 1885.

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

The Grand Secretary read a Memorial from Bro. William Henry Weldon, a Member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 28, requesting Grand Lodge to grant him a dimit, he being unable to obtain one from Lebanon Lodge; which, on motion of W. Bro. Thomas Walker, Grand Director of Ceremonies, was

Ordered to be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

W. Bro. J. Henry Leonard presented his credentials as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, dated at the City of Bloomington, the 18th day of February, A. L. 5885, and signed by M. W. Bro. Alexander T. Darrah, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Loyal L. Munn, Grand Secretary.

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

Grand Lodge was then called off for the purpose of having an exemplification of the work on the Third Degree by the

Ritual Committee, in Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, W. Bro. Thomas Walker as Worshipful Master. The work was done in a very satisfactory manner by all the officers.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at half-past five o'clock. The Grand Secretary read a telegram he had just received from the V. W. the Grand Treasurer, dated at New York April 28th, as follows:

"I wish Grand Lodge pleasant session. Regret exceedingly
"my inability to be present."
(Signed) "CHARLES MASTERS."

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

TUESDAY EVENING,

April 28th, 1885.

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

R. W. Bro. B. R. Stevenson, P. G. M., Chairman of the Committee on the Recognition of Sister Grand Lodges, submitted their report; which, on motion of R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M., was

Ordered to be received and taken up section by section.

After fully discussing each section, it was

Ordered, That the Report be adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITION OF SISTER GRAND LODGES.

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

The Committee on Recognition of Sister Grand Lodges beg to submit their Report.

The Committee have had under their consideration three applications—

- 1st. That of the Grand Lodge of South Australia.
- 2nd. That of the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of the United States of Mexico.
- 3rd. That of the Independent Symbolic Grand Lodge of Spain.

And with regard thereto the Committee submit for the consideration of Grand Lodge:

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The Committee have been furnished with a Report of the Proceedings in connection with the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia, published by the authority of that Grand Lodge, dated at Adelaide, June, 1884, as also with the following circular letter:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to inform you that a number of Lodges of Freemasons holding Warrants of Constitution under the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland have formed themselves into an independent Grand Lodge, under the style and title of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia, and have elected and installed the Honorable Samuel James Way, Chief Justice of the Colony of South Australia, as Grand Master. The movement has been conceived and carried out from no feeling of antagonism to our Parent Grand Lodges, for whom we have always felt, and still feel, the most sincere affection and gratitude, but solely from a conviction, arrived at after much earnest and thoughtful deliberation, that this course of action was conducive to the good of the Craft, and would tend to strengthen and increase its usefulness in our Colony.

It is now nearly half a century since Freemasonry was first established in our midst, and, although grateful for the fostering care of our Parent Grand Lodges, we firmly believe that we are now sufficiently strong to exercise the privilege of self-government with credit to ourselves and honor to those Grand Lodges from whom we have sprung.

The action taken by the Brethren in this Colony, we trust, will be approved and sanctioned by your Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. The almost perfect unanimity existing upon the subject amongst the Brethren and the Lodges, as shown by the Report forwarded herewith, leads us to hope that your Most Worshipful Grand Lodge will at once accord to us fraternal recognition and co-operation. Such recognition and co-operation we now respectfully ask for the Grand Lodge of South Australia from your Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and we confidently trust that such recognition will be cordially and promptly given, and thus accord to the Grand Lodge of South Australia the sole jurisdiction within the limits of the Colony, so far as your Most Worshipful Grand Lodge is concerned.

Signed on behalf of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, this 30th day of June, A. L. 5884, A. D. 1884.

JAS. H. CUNNINGHAM, *Grand Secretary.*

From the Report it is apparent that of the twenty Lodges holding Warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, seven holding Warrants from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and six holding Warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, within the Colony of South Australia, all except three have become Subordinate Lodges under the Grand Lodge of South Australia. The greatest care appears to have been taken in every step towards establishment of this Grand Lodge to comply with the recognized methods of establishing Grand Lodges. The Committee felicitate the Brethren of South Australia on the great Masonic harmony which has been secured at so early a date in the history of their Grand Lodge, and are much gratified to observe the fine Masonic sentiment of the speeches delivered from time to time during the proceedings by the Brethren who have been selected to fill high positions in the Craft and who occupy distinguished judicial and public offices in the Colony of South Australia, and rejoice that the Grand Lodge of South Australia enters upon its career of usefulness under so favorable auspices.

The committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick with much pleasure fraternally recognizes the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia, and extends Masonic welcome to her within the sisterhood of Grand Lodges.

THE FEDERAL DISTRICT OF MEXICO.

The Committee regret that as yet Masonry in the Republic of Mexico is in a very unsettled state, and while sympathizing with every effort that may be made to secure in Mexico one Grand Lodge in each State having exclusive Masonic jurisdiction, and somewhat inclined to believe considerable advance is being made in this direction, the Committee do not feel there is safety at this Communication of Grand Lodge in extending recognition to the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of the United States of Mexico, without further information in the matter. And the Committee submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That owing to the conflicting claims set up by the various bodies styling themselves Masonic Grand Bodies in Mexico, it is advisable that the application of the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of the United States of Mexico for admission to the sisterhood of Grand Lodges be allowed to lie over for the consideration of Grand Lodge, and that this Grand Lodge will be

pleased to be advised of any steps that may be taken in Mexico with a view of compromising these different claims, and to be furnished with any information relative to Masonic work in Mexico.

SPAIN.

The Independent Symbolic Grand Lodge of Spain submits several considerations that would lead the Committee to wish that her organization could be recognized as the Grand Lodge in Spain. The Committee regret that there should be in Spain so sharp a contest between the three Masonic Bodies styling themselves Grand Bodies for exclusive jurisdiction. While not in a position to speak very assuredly with regard to the merits of this conflict, the Committee suggest the following resolution:

Resolved, That the consideration of the application of the Independent Symbolic Grand Lodge of Spain be respectfully deferred.

BENJ. R. STEVENSON,
EDWIN J. EVERETT,
J. ALFRED CLARK.

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

Ordered, That Grand Lodge proceed with the Report of the Board of General Purposes, now on the table.

Whereupon W. Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Grand Lodge does approve of the action of the Board of General Purposes in reference to the special assessment; and

Further Resolved, That Grand Lodge does now remit to all Lodges outside the City of St. John the sum of twenty cents per Member of the special assessment for the past Masonic year; and

Further Resolved, That Grand Lodge does authorize and empower the Board of General Purposes to remit the same amount to Lodges outside the City for the present Masonic year, should the Board deem the circumstances such as will justify it.

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

The regulations of Grand Lodge relative to the Election of Officers were read by the Grand Secretary.

W. Bros. J. Henry Leonard, Edwin J. Everett and John D. Short were appointed Scrutineers and duly qualified to act as such.

Upon the several ballotings 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. JOHN V. ELLIS,	...	Grand Master.
R. W. BRO. WILLIAM J. LOGAN,	....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. BRO. E. LEE STREET,	....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. BRO. GEORGE M. JARVIS,	....	Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. BRO. REV. W. W. BREWER,		Grand Chaplain.
V. W. BRO. CHARLES MASTERS,	....	Grand Treasurer.
BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER,	....	Grand Tyler.

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

Grand Lodge was called off until half-past two o'clock on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,

April 29th, 1885.

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

On motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, it was

Ordered, That the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be adopted and become part of the records.

A letter was read from the Secretary of Restigouche Lodge, No. 25, calling upon Grand Lodge for the expulsion of Bro. Murdoch Morrison for un-Masonic conduct. On motion of R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M., seconded by R. W. Bro. J. T. Whitlock, Senior Grand Warden, it was

Ordered, That Murdoch Morrison be expelled from the Craft.

W. Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following Report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

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

The Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. W. Grand Master beg leave to submit the following Report:

The Committee congratulate Grand Lodge on the fact that harmony has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction during the past year, and that the relations of this Grand Lodge with Sister Grand Lodges continue to be of the most friendly character.

The Committee are heartily in accord with the Grand Master in his references to the celebration of the Centenary of the introduction of Freemasonry into New Brunswick. They would recommend the following Resolutions for adoption by Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That Grand Lodge does approve of the action of the Grand Master in permitting the Centennial Medal to be worn; and that Grand Lodge does now permit the Medal to be worn as one of the Jewels by all Brethren who were Members of Lodges in the jurisdiction previous to or became Members during the Centennial year; and that the Board of General Purposes be directed to submit at next Annual Communication the necessary constitutional amendments to carry this Resolution into effect.

Resolved, That the account of the proceedings of the celebration of the Centenary Anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry into New Brunswick, as contained in the *St. John Weekly Telegraph* annexed to the Address of the M. W. Grand Master, do now become part of the records of Grand Lodge.

The Committee endorse the remarks of the Grand Master in reference to the valuable services rendered by V. W. Bro. Rev. D. Macrae, D.D., and Bro. J. Macgregor Grant, and recommend that the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to these Brethren.

The Committee have carefully considered the reference of the Grand Master to the Library, and would recommend that the Library Committee be increased and that they be authorized to make arrangements for the removal of the Library to this building, and to take steps to make the Library available to the Craft, provided this can be done without expense to Grand Lodge. The Committee regret to learn from the Report of the Library Committee that R. W. Bro. Bunting has resigned

the chairmanship of that Committee. This Committee would recommend that Grand Lodge adopt the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to R. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting for his very valuable services during the many years that he has been connected with the Library; for his kindness in providing a suitable place for the books, and especially for the full and complete catalogue prepared by him and presented to Grand Lodge.

The Committee recommend that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer in favor of Bro. Bunting for the sum of \$19.82, expenses incurred by him as chairman of the Library Committee during the past year.

The Committee are in hearty accord with the Grand Master in reference to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, and would recommend the following Resolution for adoption by Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That Grand Lodge does approve of the creation of officers of this Grand Lodge to be styled District Deputy Grand Masters; and further

Resolved, That the Board of General Purposes be directed to take the matter into consideration and prepare and submit to Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication the necessary constitutional regulations to carry the above Resolution into effect.

The Committee are gratified to know that there has been an increase in the membership of Grand Lodge during the past year, but they regret to learn that the ordinary revenue of Grand Lodge is not in a satisfactory condition. The Committee have given much consideration to this portion of the Address of the Grand Master, and entirely concur with him in the remark that the ordinary revenue is charged with a heavier burden than it can bear. After a careful and serious review of the situation, the Committee are reluctantly forced to the conclusion that, for a time at least, a reduction must be made in the salary of the Grand Secretary. The Committee therefore recommend that from and after this session of Grand Lodge the salary of the Grand Secretary be fixed at \$200 per annum.

The Committee would not recommend that the floating debt of Grand Lodge be funded, as they believe that in a few years it can be paid off.

The Committee entirely concur with the Grand Master in reference to the advisability of consolidating the bonded debt of Grand Lodge and placing all the funds in one general account. They therefore recommend that Grand Lodge adopt the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to place all monies now in his hands (except the monies belonging to the Benevolent Fund) to the credit of the General Revenue Fund Account of Grand Lodge; and that in future all monies received by the Grand Treasurer on account of Grand Lodge be placed to the credit of the same account; and that the bonds issued for the payment of stock in the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company and the interest thereon be a first charge upon the said General Revenue Fund Account.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,
T. NISBET ROBERTSON,
WM. J. LOGAN,
A. F. STREET,
J. D. CHIPMAN.

On motion of W. Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson the foregoing Report and Resolutions were taken up section by section and adopted.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Superintendents of the Intercolonial, New Brunswick, and Grand Southern Railways for the facilities offered by them to Brethren attending the session.

On motion of W. Bro. Thomas Walker, G. D. C., it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Credentials receive the thanks of Grand Lodge for the prompt and efficient manner in which they have discharged the important duties assigned them.

On motion, Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of Officers for the ensuing year, when M. W. Bro. John Valentine Ellis, Grand Master elect, was invested and installed by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., and was saluted and proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick.

The following Officers, elected and appointed, that were present, were invested and installed by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz.:

R. W. WILLIAM J. LOGAN,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. E LEE STREET,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. GEORGE M. JARVIS,	Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. W. W. BREWER,	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. CHARLES MASTERS,	Grand Treasurer.
V. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,	Grand Secretary.
W. H. A. WHITE,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN D. CHIPMAN,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN A. WATSON,	Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. A. W. REED,	Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
W. JOHN TAYLOR,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. DAVID DEARNESS,	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. J. C. HATHEWAY,	Grand Organist.
W. W. E. SKILLEN,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. THOMAS KEDEY,	Grand Steward.
H. M. HAMILTON,	"
E. CADWALLADER,	"
JOHN MCFADZEN,	"
THOMAS R. WREN,	"
A. J. MAGEE,	"
ROBERT CLERKE,	"
GEORGE R. SANGSTER,	"
J. D. HOWE,	"
JOHN GOWLAND,	"
A. M. MEALEY,	"
A. M. FRASER,	Grand Tyler.
DINGEE SCRIBNER,	"

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

R. W. Edward Willis, R. W. Henry Duffell, R. W. T. A. Godsoe, W. T. Nisbet Robertson, W. Thomas Walker, W. J. D. Short, W. W. Watson Allen, W. Wm. R. Russell, W. W. H. B. Sadleir.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

Ritual Committee:

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

Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges:
R. W. B. R. Stevenson, W. Edwin J. Everett, W. J. Alfred Clark.

Committee on Warrants to New Lodges:
R. W. B. Lester Peters, W. W. B. Wallace, W. W. D. Foster.

Library Committee:
T. Nisbet Robertson, E. J. Wetmore, Geo. E. Fairweather, J. H. Leonard, A. G. Beckwith, S. K. F. James, R. H. B. Tennant, H. J. Thorne, W. J. Logan, Wm. B. Wallace.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

M. W. John V. Ellis, Grand Master; R. W. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M.; R. W. R. T. Clinch, P. G. M.; R. W. William Wedderburn, P. G. M.; R. W. Robert Marshall, P. G. M.; R. W. B. R. Stevenson, P. G. M.; R. W. William F. Bunting, P. G. M.; R. W. William J. Logan, Deputy Grand Master (President); R. W. E. Lee Street, S. G. W.; R. W. George M. Jarvis, J. G. W.; V. W. Edwin J. Wetmore, Grand Secretary (Secretary); R. W. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M.; R. W. Henry Duffell, P. D. G. M.; R. W. Thomas A. Godsoe, P. D. G. M.; W. T. Nisbet Robertson; R. W. Jas. McNichol, Jr., P. D. G. M.; W. John D. Short; W. W. Watson Allen; W. William R. Russell; W. W. H. B. Sadleir; W. Thomas Walker, M. D.

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.

EDWIN J. WETMORE,
Grand Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, 1884.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Membership, 1884.	Total Membership, 1883.
1	Albion,.....	8	9	9	..	..	7	1	2	133	135
2	St. John's,.....	7	4	5	2	..	4	1	..	97	96
3	Hibernia,.....	4	6	8	..	1	6	..	..	116	117
4	Sussex,.....	1	2	4	1	..	..	..	1	27	26
5	Saint Mark's,.....	9	9	8	..	..	1	..	1	79	72
6	Hiram,.....	5	3	4	2	..	4	..	..	75	72
7	Sussex,.....	10	10	10	1	..	..	..	1	134	125
8	Carleton Union,.....	4	5	5	1	1	3	..	..	110	107
9	Midian,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	16
10	Union of Portland,.....	5	5	5	..	2	4	..	..	129	126
11	Woodstock,.....	5	5	7	2	..	2	3	2	96	96
12	Saint George,.....	1	..	..	..	1	6	6	2	82	96
13	Corinthian,.....	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	23	21
14	Alley,.....	3	3	3	..	..	..	1	..	33	31
15	Howard,.....	1	2	3	1	..	1	..	..	38	38
16	Saint Andrew,.....	1	1	..	..	2	4	3	..	34	38
17	Northumberland,.....	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	80	79
18	Miramichi,.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	64	65
20	Salisbury,.....	2	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	20	22
21	Zion,.....	1	2	4	3	3	9	7	1	54	64
22	New Brunswick,.....	4	4	4	3	..	4	..	..	72	70
23	Keith,.....	16	16	16	3	..	2	7	..	79	69
24	Zetland,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	22
25	Restigouche,.....	1	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	22	23
26	Victoria,.....	4	5	6	1	..	3	..	2	65	66
27	St. John,.....	3	3	4	2	2	2	..	..	40	35
28	Lebanon,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	23
30	St. Martins,.....	1	1	..	..	1	2	..	1	20	22
31	Benjamin,.....	2	1	1	..	..	4	4	..	34	40
32	Campbellton,.....	4	4	6	2	..	2	..	..	48	44
33	Alexandria,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	27	29
34	Albert,.....	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	31	31
		104	105	115	28	13	75	38	14	1923	1910

RESTORED TO MEMBERSHIP, A. D. 1884.

Thorne, Wilford B.,
Sangster, Elijah,
Rogerson, John,
Barton, George,
Johnson, Robert,
Barnes, Charles Lee,
Sears, William,
Sears, Morton C.,
Wilson, David,
DeGruchy, Charles,
Boss, Charles,
Clawson, James,

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10

“ “
Saint George Lodge, No. 12.
Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 16.
Zion Lodge, No. 21.

“ “
Saint John Lodge, No. 27.

“ “
Saint Martins Lodge, No. 30.

DEATHS, A. D. 1884.

Nicholson, John W.,
Tucker, Richard,
Weldon, John,
Wilkinson, Arthur William,
Springall, William Ellis,
Spinney, Jacob,
Saunders, Edward,
McMonagle, James R.,
Williams, Frank,
Getchell, Daniel M.,
Carson, Thomas, Senior,
McFee, Robert G.,

Albion Lodge, No. 1.

“ “
Sussex Lodge, No. 4.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 5.

Sussex Lodge, No. 7.

Woodstock Lodge, No. 11.

“ “
Zion Lodge, No. 21.

Victoria Lodge, No. 26.

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Saint Martins Lodge, No. 30.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 33.

GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND LODGES.

Arizona,	George F. Roskruge,	Tucson, A. T.
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	Fay Hempstead,	Little Rock.
British Columbia,	Edward C. Neufelder,	Vancouver.
California,	Alexander G. Abell,	San Francisco.
Canada,	J. J. Mason,	Hamilton.
Colon and Island of Cuba,	D. Aurelio Almeida,	Havana.
Colorado,	Ed. C. Parmelee,	Georgetown.
Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Dakota,	Charles T. McCoy,	Bon Homme.
Delaware,	William S. Hayes,	Wilmington, Del.
District Columbia,	William R. Singleton,	Masonic Temple.
England,	Lt. Col. Shadwell H. Clerk,	London.
Florida,	DeWitt C. Dawkins,	Jacksonville.
Georgia,	J. Emmett Blackshear,	Macon, Ga.
Idaho,	Jonas W. Brown,	Boise City, Idaho Territory.
Illinois,	Loyal L. Munn,	Freeport.
Indiana,	William H. Smythe,	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory,	Joseph S. Murrow,	A-to-ka.
Iowa,	T. S. Parvin,	Iowa City.
Ireland,	Earl of Bandon, Lt. & C.R.,	Cork.
Kansas,	John H. Brown,	Wyandotte.
Kentucky,	Hiram Bassett,	Millerburg.
Louisiana,	J. C. Batchelor, M.D.,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Manitoba,	William G. Scott,	Winnipeg.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Madairy,	Baltimore, Md.
Massachusetts,	Sereno D. Nickerson,	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Michigan,	William P. Innes,	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota,	A. T. C. Pierson,	St. Paul.
Mississippi,	J. L. Power,	Jackson.
Missouri,	Rev. John D. Vincil, D.D.,	St. Louis.
Montana,	Cornelius Hedges,	Helena.
Nebraska,	William R. Bowen,	Omaha.
Nevada,	John D. Hammond,	Carson, Nevada.
New Hampshire,	George Perley Cleaves,	Concord.
New Jersey,	Joseph H. Hough,	Trenton.
New Mexico,	A. A. Keen,	Las Vegas, New Mexico.
New South Wales,	Nicholas Weeks,	Sydney, N. S. W.
New York,	Edward M. L. Ehlers,	New York.
North Carolina,	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia,	Benjamin Curren, D.C.L.,	Halifax.
Ohio,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Oregon,	Frelon J. Babcock,	Salem.
Pennsylvania,	Michael Nisbet,	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island,	B. Wilson Higgs,	Charlottetown.
Quebec,	John H. Isaacson,	Montreal, P. Q.
Rhode Island,	Edwin Baker,	Providence.
Scotland,	D. Murray Lyon,	Edinburgh.
South Carolina,	Charles Inglesby,	Charlestown, S. C.
Tennessee,	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Texas,	George H. Bringham,	Houston P. O., Harris County.
Utah,	Christopher Diehl,	Salt Lake City.
Vermont,	William H. Root,	Burlington.
Virginia,	William B. Isaacs, Jr.,	Richmond.
Washington,	Thomas M. Reed,	Olympia.
West Virginia,	O. S. Long,	Wheeling.
Wisconsin,	John W. Lavin,	Milwaukee.
Wyoming,	Cornelius Hedges,	Helena.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF
NEW BRUNSWICK IN SISTER GRAND LODGES.

Arkansas,	J. H. Vanhose,	Fayetteville.
British Columbia,	Coote M. Chambers,	Victoria.
Canada,	T. B. Parlee,	Sarnia.
Colon and Cuba,	Juan F. Prieto,	Havana.
England,	E. Blackstone Baker,	London.
Florida,	Robert J. Perry,	Key West.
Idaho,	Joseph Pinkham,	Boies City.
Illinois, State of,	Rev. W. W. Estabrooke,	Chicago.
Indiana,	Thomas H. Lynch,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	Z. A. Church,	Burlington.
Ireland,	William T. Wilkinson,	Dublin.
Kentucky,	William H. Pythian,	Frankfort.
Louisiana,	Edwin Marks,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Denison E. Seymour,	Calais.
Manitoba,	George F. Newcombe,	Winnipeg.
Maryland,	William H. Clark,	Baltimore.
Michigan,	D. Burnham Tracey,	Detroit.
Minnesota,	James N. Castle,	Stillwater.
Missouri,	William R. Stubblefield,	St. Louis.
Mississippi,	Frank C. McGee,	Enterprise.
Nebraska,	Edwin A. Allan,	Omaha.
New Jersey,	Joseph W. Martin,	Rahway.
New South Wales,	Charles DeBoos,	Temora.
New York,	Edmund L. Judson,	Aibauy.
Nova Scotia,	William Taylor,	Halifax.
Oregon,	Stephen G. Bunting,	Portland.
Prince Edward Island,	John W. Morrison,	Charlottetown.
Quebec,	Thomas H. Butler,	Montreal.
Rhode Island,	Myer Noot,	Providence.
Scotland,	Alexander Hay,	Edinburgh.
Tennessee,	Joseph M. Anderson,	Lebanon.
Texas,	James F. Miller,	Gonzales.
Utah,	Christopher Diehl,	Salt Lake City.
West Virginia,	George W. Atkinson,	Charlestown.
Wisconsin,	Harvey E. Hubbard,	La Crosse.
Wyoming,	Edgar P. Snow,	Cheyenne.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND LODGES
IN THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Arkansas,	Alfred F. Street,	Fredericton.
British Columbia,	Thomas F. Gillespie,	Chatham.
Canada,	John V. Ellis,	Carleton.
Colon and Cuba,	Rev. Francis Partridge,	Halifax.
England,	Robert T. Clinch,	Saint John.
Florida,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Idaho,	John A. Beatty,	Hillsborough.
Illinois,	J. Henry Leonard,	Carleton.
Indiana,	Robert T. Clinch,	Saint John.
Iowa,	Robert Marshall,	Saint John.
Ireland,	James McNichol, Jr.,	Saint John.
Kentucky,	James J. Robinson,	Milntown.
Louisiana,	Edwin J. Wetmore,	Carleton.
Maine,	David Brown,	Saint Stephen.
Manitoba,	William F. Dibblee,	Woodstock.
Michigan,	Benjamin R. Stevenson,	Saint Andrews.
Minnesota,	Charles Ketchum,	Saint John.
Missouri,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Mississippi,	Harry Beckwith,	Fredericton.
Nebraska,	William Wedderburn,	Hampton.
New Jersey,	Robert R. Call,	Newcastle.
New South Wales,	Edward L. Wetmore,	Fredericton.
New York,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Nova Scotia,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Oregon,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Prince Edward Island,	G. Hudson Jewelling,	Clifton.
Quebec,	Edward Willis,	Saint John.
Rhode Island,	D. A. E. Hutchison,	Douglstownt.
Scotland,	T. Nisbet Robertson,	Saint John.
Tennessee,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Texas,	David R. Munro,	Portland.
Utah,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
West Virginia,	Henry Duffell,	Saint John.
Wisconsin,	John V. Ellis,	Carleton.
Wyoming,	Adolphus G. Beckwith,	Fredericton.

PROCEEDINGS
OF A
SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT THE
CITY OF SAINT JOHN ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, A. D. 1884.

CENTENARY OF FREEMASONRY IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Pursuant to notice a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held at the Masonic Temple, Germain Street, in the City of Saint John, on Tuesday, the 1st day of July, A. L. 5884, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at which the following actual and acting Officers of the Grand Lodge were present:

M. W. JOHN V. ELLIS,	Grand Master.
R. W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. JULIUS T. WHITLOCK,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. W. J. NORFOLK, M. D.,	Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. W. W. BREWER,	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. CHARLES MASTERS,	Grand Treasurer.
V. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,	Grand Secretary.
W. R. J. McADOO, as	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN C. LEONARD, as	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. THOMAS WALKER,	Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON, as	Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
W. GEORGE B. HEGAN, as	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY,	Grand Organist.
W. J. A. WATSON,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. DAVID DEARNESS, as	Grand Steward.
W. GEORGE SMITH, as	"
W. W. G. MATHEWSON, as	"
AARON HARRIS, as	"
W. J. F. WHITTAKER,	"
W. JOHN SMITH, as	"
DINGEE SCRIBNER,	Grand Tyler.

Together with a very large number of Past Grand Officers and representatives of a majority of the Lodges in the jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form, the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the East.

Prayer by the V. W. the Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced that this Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge was called for the purpose of uniting with the Craft in the City in celebrating the One Hundredth Anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry into the Province of New Brunswick.

The M. W. the Grand Master of Nova Scotia was announced.

R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, introduced M. W. Bro. General J. W. Laurie, Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia, who was received with the Grand Honors.

R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters also introduced R. W. Bro. William Taylor, Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia, a Representative of this Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, who was received with the Grand Honors.

The Grand Master, on behalf of Grand Lodge, cordially welcomed these distinguished representative Masons to Grand Lodge on such an auspicious occasion; to which they both replied in fitting terms.

On behalf of and in the name of the Centennial Committee the Grand Master invested both visitors with the Medal which had been struck in commemoration of the Centennial.

Letters were read from M. W. Bro. John S. Davidson, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Georgia; M. W. Bro. E. R. Johnson, G. M. of Grand Lodge of Quebec; M. W. Bro. B. R. Harris, G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee; M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, G. M. of Grand Lodge of Canada; M. W. Bro. James Lowe, G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Utah, and M. W. Bro. Dwight Haugh, G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, each regretting that they were not able to accept the kind invitation of the Grand Master of New Brunswick to be present and to assist in the festivities of the day.

A procession was then formed under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies. Grand Lodge, preceded by the Encampment of St. John, of the Order of the Temple, Scottish Registry (which had tendered its services as escort), and with music, marched to the Queen Square, where a number of the Lodges and other Masonic Orders were in line, and the whole procession moved forward through several of the streets in the City, passing the site of the building on Britain street in which the first Lodge was held, and then to the Mechanics Institute, where the programme prepared for the services of the day was effectually carried out.

The procession was then re-formed and Grand Lodge returned to its place of meeting. Previous to retiring the Grand Master conveyed to the Commander of the escorting Encampment his thanks, on behalf of Grand Lodge, for the services which had been rendered, and complimented him on the fine appearance of the body under his command.

After the Grand Master had resumed the chair the Grand Master of Nova Scotia warmly expressed his pleasure at the successful proceedings of the day, and his delight at being able to participate in them.

Grand Lodge was then closed in *ample* form.

EDWIN J. WETMORE,
Grand Secretary.

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