

TUESDAY EVENING,

28TH AUGUST, 1894.

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

By order of the M.W. Grand Master Grand Lodge took recess for the purpose of witnessing the exemplification of the work of the M.M. Degree.

A Special Communication of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, was then opened by the M.W. Grand Master, and, with the assistance of the following brethren as officers, the Degree of M.M. was conferred upon a candidate :

W. Brother Archibald Bauer,.....as Senior Warden.
W. Brother J. A. Magilton,....." Junior Warden.
W. Brother George B. Hegan,....." Treasurer.
W. Brother E. J. Wetmore,....." Secretary.
W. Brother J. A. Watson,....." Senior Deacon.
Brother Louis Donald,....." Junior Deacon.
Brother F. A. Godsoe,....." Senior Steward.
Brother Frank Ketchum,....." Junior Steward.
W. Brother A. McNichol, " Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. Brother George E. Day, " Inner Guard.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at half-past nine o'clock.

On motion of R.W. Brother B. Lester Peters, Grand Lodge proceeded to the order of the day.

The V.W. Grand Secretary read the several sections of the Constitution respecting the Election of Officers.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed as Scrutineers: W. Brother W. A. Maclauchlan, W. Brother J. A. Boyd and W. Brother George F. Harding.

Upon the several ballotings the Scrutineers reported the following brethren as having received a majority of the

votes cast for the respective offices as follows, and who were thereupon each declared duly elected :

M.W. THOMAS WALKER, Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN A. WATSON, Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. GEORGE ACKMAN, Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. A. W. CHAPMAN, Junior Grand Warden.
V.W. A. G. HAMILTON DICKER, Grand Chaplain.
R.W. THOMAS A. GODSOE, Grand Treasurer.
DINGEE SCRIBNER, Grand Tyler.

Report of Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

THE Committee on the address of the M.W. Grand Master submitted the following:

COMMITTEE ROOM, FREEMASONS HALL,
Saint John, N. B., August 28th, 1894.

To the M.W. GRAND LODGE of New Brunswick:

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the M.W. Grand Master report as follows:

1. Your Committee feel that in the death of V.W. Brother T. Nisbet Robertson, Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, Freemasonry has lost a valuable expositor and a good and faithful craftsman; one who was ever at his post, and who discharged, to the utmost of his ability, the duties of the several high and honorable positions which he occupied.

2. By the death of W. Brother James Humphrey, Past Master of Corinthian Lodge, the craft has lost a friend and brother at once generous and genial, and one who took an active interest in his Lodge.

3. To the sorrowing friends and relatives of our own and other jurisdictions, who mourn the loss of eminent and faithful brethren, we extend our sincere fraternal sympathy.

The Committee is pleased to note that the Grand Master has officially visited many of the Lodges during the year, and feel that his services in this respect cannot be too heartily commended.

The thanks of the craft are also due to the brethren who have accompanied him. These visitations bring together many of the brethren; they help to strengthen the chain of fraternity; they unite craftsmen of different opinions, and they increase the interest which we all feel in each other as members of one common family.

The Committee rejoice to learn that the difference which existed between the St. Croix Lodge, of Maine, and the Alley Lodge has been satisfactorily settled. The craft in New Brunswick desires sincerely to respect the jurisdictional rights of Sister Grand Lodges, and all of our Lodges should be most careful not to infringe upon these rights in any way. A close observance of our own constitutional regulations in this respect is urged upon all members of Lodges.

The Committee regrets to learn that Lebanon Lodge, Sackville, has been compelled to surrender its warrant, but hopes that by this proceeding much benefit will accrue to the Lodge at Dorchester, one of the oldest and most faithful in this jurisdiction.

The revival of Corinthian Lodge is satisfactory, as that Lodge had, at one time, a splendid reputation for its zeal and energy. The Committee also notes with pleasure the probability of the establishment of a Lodge in the flourishing district of Hartland.

Neither the Committee nor Grand Lodge has time at this Annual Communication to fully consider the important matters submitted for consideration by the Grand Master in respect to the conclusions of a Masonic Congress at Chicago, and of certain legal propositions offered by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi for general acceptance. It is therefore recommended that these matters be referred to the Committee on Regulations with Foreign Grand Lodges to consider them during recess and to report thereon at the next Annual Communication as to what action, if any, be necessary; the members of Grand Lodge being invited in the meantime to inform themselves as far as they can upon these matters.

Faternally submitted.

JOHN V. ELLIS.
WILLIAM B. WALLACE.
W. D. FORSTER.

On motion of R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, Past Grand Master, the report of the Committee on the address of the M.W. Grand Master was received and adopted.

The M.W. Grand Master laid upon the Grand Secretary's desk reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters.

On motion it was

Ordered, That the reports be received, and such portions of them as the M.W. Grand Master deems advisable be published with the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The V.W. Grand Secretary read a telegram from R.W. Brother E. Lee Street, regretting his inability to attend this Communication of Grand Lodge, and expressing the wish for a harmonious meeting.

On motion of R.W. Brother B. Lester Peters, Past Grand Master, it was

Resolved, That the installation of officers take place at three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

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

Resolved, That when Grand Lodge take recess, it take recess till three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

The Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges reported that no matter had been submitted to them during the past year requiring the action of Grand Lodge, which report was on motion received.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,

AUGUST 29TH, 1894.

GRAND LODGE resumed business at three o'clock, the M.W. Grand Master in the East.

This being the hour appointed for the installation of officers, M.W. Brother Thomas Walker, Grand Master re-elect, was invested and installed by R.W. Brother B. Lester Peters, P.G.M., and was saluted and proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick for the ensuing year.

The M.W. Grand Master then made the following appointments to office:

V.W. F. W. WISDOM,.....	Grand Secretary.
W. C. W. JENNER,.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN WHITE,.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. W. B. WALLACE,.....	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. S. L. MORRISON,.....	Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. W. A. DOUGHERTY,.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. J. M. FOWLER,.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. W. A. EWING,.....	Grand Organist.
W. F. O. SULLIVAN,.....	Grand Pursuivant.
W. T. W. PETERS,.....	Grand Steward.
W. J. T. T. HARTT,.....	"
W. GEORGE THOMPSON,.....	"
W. W. H. LAUCHLAN,.....	"
W. C. W. J. UPHAM,.....	"
W. ROBERT MCFEE,.....	"
W. J. A. JOHNSTON,.....	"
W. ROBERT MURRAY,.....	"
W. GEORGE U. HAY,.....	"
W. W. W. INCHES,.....	"
W. FRED W. GIVAN,.....	"
W. F. H. LAMB,.....	"

The following officers, elected and appointed, being present, were installed, invested, and proclaimed:

R.W. JOHN A. WATSON,.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. GEORGE ACKMAN,.....	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLAN W. CHAPMAN,.....	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. H. B. FLEMING,.....	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 2.
R.W. J. W. PATTERSON,.....	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 3.
V.W. REV. A. G. H. DICKER,...	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. T. A. GODSOE,.....	Grand Treasurer.
V.W. F. W. WISDOM,.....	Grand Secretary.
W. C. W. JENNER,.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN WHITE,.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. W. B. WALLACE,.....	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. S. L. MORRISON,.....	Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. W. A. EWING,.....	Grand Organist.
W. J. A. JOHNSTON,.....	Grand Steward.
DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....	Grand Tyler.

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

R.W. H. B. FLEMING.
R.W. E. J. WETMORE.
R.W. HENRY DUFFELL.
R.W. THOMAS A. GODSOE.
R.W. DAVID J. MERRITT.
R.W. JOHN D. SHORT.
W. JOSEPH A. MAGILTON.
W. J. HENRY LEONARD.
W. W. WATSON ALLEN.

On motion it was

Ordered, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Committee on Credentials for their attention to the duties assigned to them.

On motion of W. Brother W. B. Wallace, it was

Ordered, That the Library Committee be authorized to act with a Committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in improving the Library.

On motion of R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., the Grand Secretary was

Ordered, To express the sympathy of Grand Lodge with W. Brother W. R. Russell, a member of the Committee on Credentials, in the loss he has recently sustained by the death of his son by drowning.

The following is a copy of the letter sent by the Grand Secretary:

St. John, N. B., August 30th, 1894.

DEAR BROTHER RUSSELL:

The M.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick directs me to convey to you expression of its deep and heartfelt sympathy with you in the loss you have sustained by the death of your only son in the disaster, by which eight of our fellow citizens lost their lives, near Manawagonish Island on the 21st instant.

In this sad bereavement it will, we feel, be some satisfaction to you to know that your fellow craftsmen in Grand Lodge assembled would make, as far as they can, your sorrows their own. Hoping that the healing process of time will convert your present grief into a tender memory, and praying that the Almighty Ruler of the universe will send you the comfort and consolation He alone can give.

I am, fraternally yours,

F. W. WISDOM, *Grand Secretary*.

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

Resolved, That there be placed on the records of Grand Lodge expression of the feelings of pleasure with which Grand Lodge has received a visit, in his official capacity, from the Most Worshipful W. F. McCoy, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and the brethren who have accompanied him from that Grand Lodge, by which the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has been able to make the personal acquaintance of brethren distinguished for their Masonic knowledge and zeal, and whose visit at this time is substantial evidence of their desire to put into active practice the lessons of fraternity and brotherly affection constantly inculcated in our Masonic teaching.

It was on motion

Resolved, That the standing resolution requiring Grand Lodge to be called at 2.30 o'clock, p. m., be rescinded, and that the M.W. Grand Master have authority to call Grand Lodge at any hour he may deem advisable.

All business having been disposed of, Grand Lodge closed in *ample* form.

F. W. WISDOM,
Grand Secretary.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters.

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

DISTRICT No. 1.

R.W. Brother J. Henry Leonard reports having visited all the Lodges in this District except St. Martins, which he sincerely regrets business claims prevented him from visiting.

In each of the Lodges, except Zion, he witnessed the conferring of one of the degrees, and was very much pleased with the knowledge of the work displayed by the officers in charge.

The late V. W. Grand Secretary, Brother T. Nisbet Robertson, accompanied him in his visits to Carleton Union, Albion, St. John's, and The Union Lodge of Portland. This visit to the last named Lodge was the last active Masonic work performed by our esteemed late Grand Secretary.

It is noted with great pleasure that Corinthian Lodge is again in the front rank, doing good work and doing it with good material.

On the occasion of the official visit to Corinthian Lodge, Brother J. M. Humphrey, who has since been summoned to the Grand Lodge above, made the event unusually pleasant by the kindly and hospitable manner in which he entertained the visiting brethren at his residence after the close of the Lodge.

R.W. Brother Leonard, in conclusion, tenders his sincere thanks to W. Brother Frank Tufts for his assistance in acting as Grand Secretary during the illness of Brother Robertson, and his warm and fraternal greetings to the officers and members of all the Lodges in his district for their kindness during his official visits.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The following is the full report of R.W. District Deputy Grand Master, Brother H. B. Fleming:

THOMAS WALKER, Esq., *Grand Master*.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:—I would respectfully submit the following report for District No. 2:

December 27th, 1893, I officially visited Keith Lodge, No. 23, and installed the Worshipful Master and other officers.

January 11th, 1894, I visited Sussex Lodge, No. 4, Dorchester, and installed the officers.

April 17th Albert Lodge, No. 34, was visited by the M.W. Grand Master and myself, accompanied by Brother B. S. Black and Brother R. Rowe, of St. John, and Brother J. E. Masters, of Moncton—the M.M. degree being conferred upon three candidates by the Grand Master, assisted by the visiting brethren. We were very cordially received and entertained by the brethren in this locality, and found the Lodge in splendid form.

Upon the request of the W. M. and Brothers of Lebanon Lodge, No. 28, Sackville, I visited them on March 30th, at which meeting it was resolved the affairs of the Lodge be settled up and the Warrant surrendered, the members finding it impossible to continue any longer. This was accordingly done, and the property forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

June 13th, accompanied by several brothers of Keith Lodge, I visited Zetland Lodge, No. 24, Shediac, when the M.M. degree was conferred upon one candidate.

I have not been able to arrange a meeting with Howard Lodge, No. 15, Hillsboro, as the brethren of that Lodge are about moving into new quarters, and did not wish any visitation made at present.

The affairs of Salisbury Lodge, No. 20, I regret to say, remain in about the same condition as reported last year. No meetings have been held for some years. Most of the Lodge property was loaned to Zion Lodge, Sussex, to use after their outfit was destroyed by fire. The Warrant, I understand, is in the possession of Past Master J. W. Patterson, Salisbury, and I have requested him to forward it to the Grand Secretary. From last accounts, I am happy to state, some members of the craft residing at and near Petitcodiac, have asked for the removal of this Lodge to that place; which action, I hope, will be consummated at an early date.

The Lodges in this District, except Salisbury and Lebanon, are in good condition and prospering, and I would extend to the brethren of these Lodges my heartfelt thanks for their kind attention and hospitality shown me while visiting them.

Fraternally yours,

H. B. FLEMING, D. D. G. M.

Moncton, N. B., July 28, 1894.

DISTRICT No. 3.

R.W. Brother Richard L. Maltby, District Deputy for No. 3 District, reports having visited every Lodge in his district and finds them all in a prosperous condition.

In Campbellton Lodge he conferred the Past Master's degree on the Worshipful Master and four of the Past Masters, who had not previously received that degree.

In St. John's Lodge, at Bathurst, he conferred the E. A. degree on a candidate, and was ably assisted by the officers of the Lodge.

In Miramichi Lodge he had an opportunity of conferring the M.M. degree on two candidates, and in Northumberland Lodge he performed a similar duty on one. In each case the support of the officers of the respective Lodges was deserving of praise.

DISTRICT No. 4.

R.W. Brother J. T. Allen Dibblee reports, regretting that circumstances of a personal nature had prevented him from visiting the Lodges in his District, with the exception of his own Lodge (Woodstock). Of this Lodge he says: "The attendance is good, and the membership during the past year has been on the increase."

DISTRICT No. 5.

THOMAS WALKER, Esq., *Grand Master*.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:—I beg leave to report that during the past year I visited all the Lodges in my District. I find the records well kept in all cases, and the finances in a very satisfactory condition.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY GRAHAM,

D. D. G. M. District No. 5.

St. Stephen, N. B., August 25, 1894.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE.

M.W. Grand Master,	.....	THOMAS WALKER, M.D.,	.....	Saint John.
R.W. Deputy Grand Master,	.....	JOHN A. WATSON,	.....	Saint John.
R.W. Senior Grand Warden,	.....	GEORGE ACKMAN,	.....	Moncton.
R.W. Junior Grand Warden,	.....	ALLAN W. CHAPMAN,	.....	Dorchester.
R.W. Dist. Dep. Grand Master No. 2,	.....	H. B. FLEMING,	.....	Moncton.
R.W. " "	.....	No. 3, J. W. PATTERSON,	.....	Campbellton.
R.W. " "	.....	No. 4, EDWARD CADWALLADER,	.....	Fredericton.
R.W. " "	.....	No. 5, SAMUEL WHEELOCK,	.....	Saint Stephen.
V.W. Grand Chaplain,	.....	REV. A. G. H. DICKER,	.....	Saint John.
V.W. Grand Treasurer,	.....	T. A. GODSOE,	.....	Saint John.
V.W. Grand Secretary,	.....	F. W. WISDOM,	.....	Saint John.
W. Senior Grand Deacon,	.....	C. W. JENNER,	.....	Woodstock.
W. Junior Grand Deacon,	.....	JOHN W. WHITE,	.....	Campbellton.
W. Grand Director of Ceremonies,	.....	W. B. WALLACE,	.....	Saint John.
W. Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies,	.....	S. L. MORRISON,	.....	Fredericton.
W. Grand Sword Bearer,	.....	W. A. DOUGHERTY,	.....	Saint John.
W. Grand Standard Bearer,	.....	J. M. FOWLER,	.....	Saint Martins.
W. Grand Organist,	.....	W. A. EWING,	.....	Saint John.
W. Grand Pursuivant,	.....	F. O. SULLIVAN,	.....	Saint Stephen.
W. Grand Steward,	.....	T. W. PETERS,	.....	Saint John.
W. " "	.....	J. T. T. HARTT,	.....	Saint John.
W. " "	.....	GEORGE THOMPSON,	.....	Saint John.
W. " "	.....	W. H. LAUCLAN,	.....	Milltown.
W. " "	.....	C. W. J. UPHAM,	.....	Sussex.
W. " "	.....	ROBERT MCFEE,	.....	Hanford Bk.
W. " "	.....	J. A. JOHNSTON,	.....	Campbellton.
W. " "	.....	ROBERT MURRAY,	.....	Chatham.
W. " "	.....	GEORGE U. HAY,	.....	Saint John.
W. " "	.....	W. W. INCHES,	.....	Saint Stephen.
W. " "	.....	FRED. W. GIVAN,	.....	Moncton.
W. " "	.....	G. H. LAMB,	.....	Saint Andrews.
Grand Tyler,	.....	DINGEE SCRIBNER,	.....	Saint John.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

M. W. THOMAS WAIKER, M.D.
R. W. B. LESTER PETERS.
R. W. HON. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN.
R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS.
R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL.
R. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING.
R. W. JOHN A. WATSON (President).
R. W. GEORGE ACKMAN, S. G. W.
R. W. A. W. CHAPMAN, J. G. W.
V. W. F. W. WISDOM, Grand Secretary (Secretary).
R. W. H. B. FLEMING.
R. W. E. J. WETMORE.
R. W. HENRY DUFFELL.
R. W. THOMAS A. GODSOE.
R. W. DAVID F. MERRITT.
R. W. JOHN D. SHORT.
W. J. HENRY LEONARD (Vice-President).
W. W. WATSON ALLEN.
W. A. R. CAMPBELL.
W. JOSEPH A. MAGILTON.

RITUAL COMMITTEE.

M. W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D.
R. W. B. LESTER PETERS.
R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS.
R. W. HENRY DUFFELL.
R. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING.
R. W. HARRY BECKWITH.
R. W. THOMAS A. GODSOE.
R. W. J. C. HATHEWAY.
R. W. W. H. B. SADLEIR.
W. W. A. EWING.
W. W. A. MACLAUCHLAN.

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

V.W. F. W. WISDOM.
R.W. JOHN D. SHORT.
W. W. B. WALLACE.

COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS TO NEW LODGES.

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

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, A.D. 1893.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Membership.
1	Albion,	5	5	4	3	..	3	7	2	106
2	St. John's,	5	4	3	3	..	2	5	1	82
3	Hibernia,	17	14	14	3	..	1	..	1	125
4	Sussex,	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	3	26
5	St. Mark's, .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	58
6	Hiram, .....	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	84
7	Sussex,	2	3	3	..	..	4	2	1	128
8	Carleton Union,	7	7	7	2	1	2	5	1	79
9	Midian, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
10	The Union of Portland,	8	7	7	..	1	2	1	2	112
11	Woodstock,	3	3	4	..	..	2	..	..	127
12	St. George,	3	3	3	..	2	1	3	3	66
13	Corinthian, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
14	Alley,	4	4	4	1	8	..	..	1	30
15	Howard, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
16	St. Andrew, .....	..	1	1	..	..	1	3	1	45
17	Northumberland,	1	1	1	..	2	5	2	1	69
18	Miramichi,	3	3	4	1	..	2	..	3	50
20	Salisbury, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
21	Zion,	1	1	1	1	..	3	..	1	40
22	New Brunswick,	5	5	3	..	1	2	3	2	61
23	Keith,	4	5	5	2	1	6	4	2	94
24	Zetland,	1	1	1	..	..	2	3	..	15
25	Restigouche,	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	35
26	Victoria,	3	3	3	..	..	7	4	2	77
27	St. John, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
30	St. Martins, .....	..	..	..	1	1	3	3	..	27
31	Benjamin, .....	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	39
32	Campbellton, .....	..	1	..	..	3	2	1	..	46
33	Alexandria,	1	..	2	1	..	2	..	1	29
34	Albert, .....	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	28
		76	74	75	21	17	56	52	31	1788

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.....	Thomas W. Peters, St. John.....	Frank Tufts, St. John.
2	St. John's.....	First Tuesday.....	Archibald Bauer, St. John.....	Fred. E. Flewelling, St. John.
3	Hibernia.....	Second Tuesday.....	Joseph A. Magilton, St. John.....	G. Gordon Boyne, St. John.
4	Sussex.....	Thursday on or after full moon.....	Allan W. Chapman, Dorchester.....	J. F. Teed, M.D., Dorchester.
5	Hiram.....	First Thursday.....	George H. Lamb, St. Andrews.....	Thomas R. Wren, St. Andrews.
6	Sussex.....	First Thursday.....	John Black, Fredericton.....	Alexander Burchill, Fredericton.
7	Carleton Union.....	First Thursday.....	W. W. Inghes, St. Stephen.....	P. G. McFarlane, St. Stephen.
8	Midian.....	First Thursday.....	Edward Bates, St. John.....	George F. Harding, St. John.
9	Union of Portland.....	Second Tuesday.....	J. T. Twining Hart, St. John.....	H. D. Wetmore, Clifton.
10	Woodstock.....	First Thursday.....	Emerson L. Hagerman, Woodstock.....	John B. Andrews, St. John.
11	St. George.....	First Thursday.....	George M. Johnston, St. George.....	Donald Munro, Woodstock.
12	Corinthian.....	Second Wednesday.....	George U. Hay, St. John.....	Charles Johnson, Jr., St. George.
13	Alley.....	First Tuesday.....	Henry Hacker, Baring, Me., U.S.A.....	Henry Hallett, Hampton.
14	Howard.....	Monday on or after full moon.....	David W. Grierson, Richibucto.....	Cyrus Chase, Baring, Me., U.S.A.
15	St. Andrew's.....	Second Tuesday.....	Robert Murray, Jr., Chatham.....	Wm. J. Smith, Richibucto.
16	Northumberland.....	First Tuesday.....	W. W. McLellan, Newcastle.....	Charles E. Fish, Newcastle.
17	Miramichi.....	First Tuesday.....	C. W. J. Upham, Sussex.....	John Fotheringham, Chatham.
18	Salisbury.....	Second Thursday.....	George Thompson, St. John.....	Murray Huestis, Sussex.
19	Zion.....	Third Wednesday.....	Fred. W. Givan, Moncton.....	Hedley V. Cooper, St. John.
20	New Brunswick.....	Second Wednesday.....	Thomas Milne, Shediac.....	H. B. Fleming, P.M., Moncton.
21	Keith.....	Tuesday on or after full moon.....	William S. Smith, Dalhousie.....	William B. Deacon, Shediac.
22	Restigouche.....	Second Thursday.....	Wm. H. Lanchlan, Milltown, N.B.....	Henry A. Johnson, Dalhousie.
23	Victoria.....	First Thursday.....	William F. Pepper, Bathurst.....	J. B. Fenaligan, Milltown, Me.
24	St. John.....	First Monday.....	Robert McFee, Hanford Brook.....	K. R. Hickson, Bathurst.
25	St. Martin's.....	First Tuesday.....	J. Allan Perley, Andover.....	W. E. Skillen, St. Martins.
26	Benjamin.....	First Wednesday.....	James A. Johnston, Campbellton.....	Alexander Stratton, Andover.
27	Campbellton.....	First Wednesday.....	Albert Boone, St. Mary's.....	Wm. T. Stewart, Campbellton.
28	Alexandria.....	Tuesday each month nearest full moon.....	J. Alexander Fullerton, Albert.....	John G. Hall, St. Mary's.
29				W. Alder Trueman, Albert.

SUSPENSIONS, A. D. 1893.

W. WATSON ALLEN,.....	Albion Lodge, No. 1.
BARTON GANDY,.....	"
WILLIAM MAGEE,.....	"
W. W. STREET,.....	"
GEORGE H. WARREN,.....	"
A. C. STAPLES,.....	"
JAMES O. VINCENT,.....	"
WILLIAM H. DEWITT,.....	St. John's Lodge, No. 2.
CHARLES H. S. JOHNSTON,.....	"
JOHN T. C. MCKEAN,.....	"
JAMES H. ROBINSON,.....	"
JOHN SWEET,.....	"
WELLINGTON THOMPSON,.....	Sussex Lodge, No. 7.
JAMES H. AGNEW,.....	"
W. C. ALLAN,.....	Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
JOSEPH LAMBERT,.....	"
JOSEPH T. ROGERS,.....	"
HUGH MCINTYRE,.....	"
SOLOMON DAVIS,.....	"
WILLIAM HAMILTON,.....	The Union Lodge of Portland. No. 10.
THOMAS DICK,.....	St. George Lodge, No. 12.
ELBRIDGE SHERWOOD,.....	"
ROBERT T. WETMORE,.....	"
J. M. UPHAM BLISS,.....	St. Andrew Lodge, No. 16.
WILLIAM A. McLAREN,.....	"
GEORGE P. JARDINE,.....	"
ANGUS CAMPBELL,.....	Northumberland Lodge, No. 17.
THOMAS VYE,.....	"
JAMES E. LAWTON,.....	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.
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RESTORATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP, A. D. 1893.

BENJAMIN TIBBITS,Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
 JOHN H. BUTT,The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
 WILLIAM NOBLE,St. George Lodge, No. 12.
 SAMUEL AUSTIN,"
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 JOHN THOMPSON,....."
 ROBERT MCKENZIE,....."
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 JOHN SAMPSON,....."
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 G. HARVEY WILBUR,Sussex Lodge, No. 4.
 ALFRED E. OULTON,....."
 J. ELBERT CHURCH,....."
 EDWARD BROWN,Hiram Lodge, No. 6.
 J. WARREN MOORE,Sussex Lodge, No. 7.
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 ALEXANDER McMURRAY, .."
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 MARK HALL,"
 WILLIAM ASH,"
 WILDER BABCOCK,Alley Lodge, No. 14.
 JAMES BEATTIE,St. Andrew Lodge, No. 16.
 CHARLES SARGEANT,.....Northumberland Lodge, No. 17.
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 JOHN SADLER,"
 JOHN JENNER,Zion Lodge, No. 21.
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 SAMUEL MCKEAN,"
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Arkansas,	Alfred F. Street,	Fredericton.
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Colon and Island of Cuba,	Rev. O. S. Newnham,	Saint Stephen.
Colorado,	Andrew McNichol,	Saint John.
Delaware,	Charles Masters,	Saint John.
Florida,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Georgia,	John D. Short,	Saint John.
Idaho,	John A. Beatty,	Hillsborough.
Illinois,	J. Henry Leonard,	Saint John.
Indian Territory,	Frederick W. Thomson,	Saint John.
Iowa,	George F. Pinder,	Saint Stephen.
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Kansas,	George R. Sangster,	Moneton.
Louisiana,	Edwin J. Wetmore,	Saint John.
Maine,	J. D. Chipman,	Saint Stephen.
Maryland,	J. T. Whitlock,	Saint Stephen.
Manitoba,	Donald Munro,	Woodstock.
Michigan,	W. D. Forster,	Saint Andrews.
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Missouri,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Mississippi,	Harry Beckwith,	Fredericton.
Nebraska,	William Wedderburn,	Hampton.
New Jersey,	E. Lee Street,	Newcastle.
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New York,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Nova Scotia,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
North Dakota,	John Johnston,	Saint John.
New Zealand,	George B. Hegan,	Saint John.
Oregon,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Ohio,	Alexander Burchill,	Fredericton.
Prince Edward Island,	G. Hudson Flewelling,	Clifton.
Quebec,	Henry J. Thorne,	Saint John.
Rhode Island,	Ernest Hutchinson,	Douglastown.
Tennessee,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Texas,	John A. Watson,	Saint John.
Utah,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
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Vermont,	David F. Merritt,	Woodstock.
Washington,	William J. Logan,	Saint John.
West Virginia,	Henry Duffell,	Saint John.
Wisconsin,	John V. Ellis,	Saint John.
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Colorado,	Henry P. H. Bramwell,	Denver.
Delaware,	Hiram T. Downing,	Wilmington.
Florida,	Robert J. Perry,	Key West.
Georgia,	W. G. England,	Cedartown, Polk Co.
Idaho,	Joseph Pinkham,	Boies City.
Illinois,	Malachi Maynard,	Chicago.
Indiana,	Thomas H. Lynch,	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory,	H. C. Nash,	Antlers.
Iowa,	Z. A. Church,	Burlington.
Ireland,	William T. Wilkinson,	Dublin.
Kentucky,	William B. Honeycut,	Freedom.
Kansas,	Henry C. Cook,	Kansas City.
Louisiana,	Edwin Marks,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Denison E. Seymour,	Calais.
Manitoba,	George F. Newcombe,	Winnipeg.
Maryland,	William H. Clarke,	Baltimore.
Michigan,	D. Burnham Tracey,	Detroit.
Minnesota,	James N. Castle,	Stillwater.
Missouri,	William R. Stubblefield,	St. Louis.
Mississippi,	Frank C. McGee,	Enterprise.
Nebraska,	John J. Mercer,	Omaha.
New Jersey,	Joseph W. Martin,	Rahway.
New South Wales, United Grand Lodge of }	Charles DeBoos,	Temora.
New York,	William J. Beattie,	Brooklyn.
New Zealand,	Malcolm Niccol,	Auckland.
North Dakota,	William T. Perkins,	Bismark.
Nova Scotia,	Rev. F. Partridge,	Halifax.
Oregon,	T. H. Crawford,	Portland.
Ohio,	Levi C. Goodale,	Cincinnati.
Prince Edward Island,	John W. Morrison,	Charlottetown.
Pennsylvania,	Joseph Eichbaum,	Pittsburg.
Quebec,	Thomas H. Butler,	Montreal.
Rhode Island,	John C. Howland,	Providence.
Scotland,	Robert J. Jameison,	Edinburgh.
Tennessee,	Joseph M. Anderson,	Lebanon.
Texas,	James F. Miller,	Gonzales.
Utah,	Christopher Diehl,	Salt Lake City.
Victoria, United Grand Lodge of }	Canon Watson,	Melbourne.
Vermont,	Winfield S. Nay,	Underhill.
Washington,	H. W. Fairweather,	Olympia.
West Virginia,	George W. Atkinson,	Charleston.
Wisconsin,	Harvey E. Hubbard,	La Crosse.
Wyoming,	Edgar P. Snow,	Cheyenne.

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Arizona,	George J. Roskrige,	Tuscan.
Alabama,	H. C. Armstrong,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	Fay Hamstead,	Little Rock.
British Columbia,	W. J. Quinlan,	Victoria.
California,	George Johnson,	San Francisco.
Canada,	J. J. Mason,	Hamilton.
Colorado,	Ed. C. Parmalee,	Denver.
Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Colon and Island of Cuba,	Jose F. Pellon,	Havana.
Delaware,	Benjamin F. Bartram,	Wilmington.
District of Columbia,	William B. Singleton,	Washington.
England,	Edward Letchworth,	London.
Florida,	Albert J. Russell,	Jacksonville.
Georgia,	A. M. Wolihin,	Macon.
Idaho,	James H. Wickersham,	Boies City.
Illinois,	J. H. C. Dill,	Bloomington.
Indiana,	William H. Smythe,	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory,	J. S. Murrow,	Atoka.
Iowa,	Theodore S. Parvin,	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland,	Archibald St. George,	Dublin.
Kansas,	Albert K. Wilson,	Topeka.
Kentucky,	H. B. Grant,	Louisville.
Louisiana,	Richard Lambert,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Stephen Berry,	Portland.
Manitoba,	William G. Scott,	Winnipeg.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Madairy,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	Sereno D. Nickerson,	Boston.
Michigan,	J. F. Conover,	Cold Water.
Minnesota,	Thomas Montgomery,	St. Paul.
Montana,	Cornelius Hedges,	Helena.
Mississippi,	John L. Power,	Jackson.
Missouri,	John D. Vinell,	St. Louis.
Nebraska,	William R. Bowen,	Omaha.
Nevada,	Chauncey N. Noteware,	Carson.
New Hampshire,	George P. Cleaves,	Concord.
New Jersey,	Thomas H. R. Redway,	Trenton.
New Mexico,	A. A. Keen,	Albuquerque.
New South Wales,	A. H. Bray,	Sydney.
United Grand Lodge of	Edward M. L. Ehlers,	New York.
New York,	John C. Drewry,	Raleigh.
North Carolina,	Hon. William Ross,	Halifax.
Nova Scotia,	Frank J. Thompson,	Fargo.
North Dakota,	Rev. William Donaldson,	Auckland.
New Zealand,	Jacob H. Bromwell,	Cincinnati.
Ohio,	S. F. Chadwick,	Salem.
Oregon,	James S. Hunt,	Stillwater.
Oklahoma,	Michael Nisbet,	Philadelphia.
Pennsylvania,	B. Wilson Higgs,	Charlottetown.
Prince Edward Island,	John H. Isaacson,	Montreal.
Quebec,	Edwin Baker,	Providence.
Rhode Island,	D. Murray Lyon,	Edinburgh.
Scotland,	J. H. Cunningham,	Adelaide.
South Australia,	Charles Inglesby,	Charleston.
South Carolina,	George A. Pettigrew,	Flandreau.
South Dakota,	John Frizzle,	Nashville.
Tennessee,	John Watson,	Houston.
Texas,	Christopher Diehl,	Salt Lake City.
Utah,	Warren G. Reynolds,	Burlington.
Vermont,	William B. Isaacs,	Richmond.
Virginia,	T. H. Lempriere,	Melbourne.
United Grand Lodge of	Thomas Melburne Reed,	Olympia.
Washington,	George W. Atkinson,	Wheeling.
West Virginia,	John W. Laflin,	Milwaukee.
Wisconsin,	W. L. Kuykendall,	Saratoga.
Wyoming,		

THE DEAD.

No mystic charm, no mortal art,
 Can bid our loved Companions stay;
 The bands that clasp them to our heart
 Snap in death's frost and fall apart;
 Like shadows fading with the day
 They pass away.

Holmes.

In Memoriam.

V.:W.: T. NISBET ROBERTSON

GRAND SECRETARY.

DIED 25TH APRIL, 1894.

AGED 53 YEARS.

*"His worth as a Mason, as a citizen, as a man—the
"sincere mourning of personal friends and of the general
"public—of fellow-craftsmen and fellow-citizens alike—
"have attested better than could any praise of mine to
"our loss."*

Grand Master's Address.

In Memoriam.

W.: WILDER BABCOCK,

PAST MASTER ALLEY LODGE, No. 14.
Upper Mills, Charlotte Co., N. B.

Died November 11, 1893.

W.: ALFRED E. OULTON,

PAST MASTER SUSSEX LODGE, No. 4.

Died January 20, 1894.

W.: J. ELBERT CHURCH, M.D.

PAST MASTER SUSSEX LODGE, No. 4.

Died February 19, 1894.

W.: JAMES M. HUMPHREY,

PAST MASTER CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 13.

Died April 16, 1894.

In Memoriam.

The Fraternal Dead of other Jurisdictions.

R.:W.: E. BRACKSTONE BAKER,
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK
NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.
Died March, 1894.

R.:W.: GEORGE C. CONNOR,
PAST GRAND MASTER, TENNESSEE.
Died March 9, 1894.

M.:W.: JOHN S. DAVIDSON,
GRAND MASTER, GEORGIA.
Died March, 1894.

V.:W.: FREDERICK R. FOX,
GRAND TREASURER, MAINE.
Died June 5, 1894.

R.:W.: ZELOTES H. MASON,
PAST GRAND MASTER, FLORIDA.
Died August, 1893.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF

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OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF THE ANTIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF

Free and Accepted Masons

OF

NEW BRUNSWICK.

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A.L. 5895, A.D. 1895.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Saint John, commencing on the 27th day of August, A.L. 5895, A.D. 1895, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.

R. W. John V. Ellis, P.G.M., was in the East, and there were present the following actual and acting Officers :

R.W. J. T. WHITLOCK as Deputy Grand Master.
W. W. A. MACLAUCHLAN..... as Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. GEORGE B. HEGAN..... as Junior Grand Warden.
V.W. F. W. WISDOM..... Grand Secretary.
W. WM. A. DOUGHERTY Grand Sword Bearer.
W. HENRY BUCHANAN..... as Grand Pursuivant.
DINGEE SCRIBNER..... Grand Tyler.

Many other brethren were also in attendance, including the representatives of a sufficient number of subordinate lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

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

On motion of R.W. J. T. Whitlock, P.D.G.M., seconded by R.W. Robert Marshall, P.G.M., it was

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

The minutes of Special Communications of December 18th, 1894, June 23rd, 1895, and July 11th, 1895, were read and confirmed.

The Grand Secretary reported that the Board of General Purposes had appointed W. William R. Russell, W. D. G. Stewart and W. Charles Masters a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee having submitted a report, the acting Grand Master said that as the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and many other active members of Grand Lodge were absent in Boston, attending the celebrations in connection with the Triennial Conclave of the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States, and as a memorial had been presented to the Grand Master intimating a wish that the business of Grand Lodge should not be proceeded with at this time, he thought it quite likely that the members present would agree to take a recess at once. Indeed, there was an understanding throughout the craft in the Province that Grand Lodge would only meet *pro forma* at this time, and this was in part shown by the limited attendance of officers and members of Grand Lodge from beyond the limits of the city.

On Motion of R.W. J. T. Whitlock, P.D.G.M., seconded by R.W. George B. Hegan, acting J.G.W., it was

Resolved, That Grand Lodge do now take recess until Thursday, September 26th, proximo, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Grand Lodge took recess accordingly.

THURSDAY MORNING,

SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1895.

The M.W. Grand Master called Grand Lodge to order at ten o'clock.

PRESENT:

M.W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D.,.....Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN A. WATSON,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. GEORGE ACKMAN,.....Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. A. W. CHAPMAN,.....Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. H. B. FLEMING,.....Dist. Deputy Grand Master No. 2.
R. W. E. CADWALLADAR,.....Dist. Deputy Grand Master No. 4.
V.W. THOMAS A. GODSOE,.....Grand Treasurer.
V.W. F. W. WISDOM,.....Grand Secretary.
W. C. W. JENNER,.....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. W. B. WALLACE,.....Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. S. L. MORRISON,.....Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. W. A. DOUGHERTY,.....Grand Sword Bearer.
W. GEORGE H. LAMB,.....Grand Steward.
BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....Grand Tyler.

The following Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges were in attendance:

Canada,.....	Brother John V. Ellis.
Colon and Island of Cuba,	" Rev. O. S. Newnham.
Colorada,	" Andrew McNichol.
Delaware,	" Charles Masters.
Georgia,	" John D. Short.
Illinois,	" J. Henry Leonard.
Indian Territory,	" Frederick W. Thomson.
Iowa,	" George F. Pinder.
Kansas,	" George R. Sangster.
Maine,	" John D. Chipman.
Maryland,	" J. T. Whitlock.
Manitoba,	" Donald Munro.

Minnesota,	Brother Thomas Walker, M.D.
New South Wales,	} " F. W. Wisdom.
United Grand Lodge of	
North Dakota,	" John Johnston.
New Zealand,	" George B. Hegan.
Ohio,	" Alexander Burchill.
Texas,	" John A. Watson.
Wisconsin,	" John V. Ellis.

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

The Grand Pursuivant announced that M.W. Roderick McNeill, the Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, was in waiting for the purpose of paying a fraternal visit to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master requested R.W. John V. Ellis, P.G.M., and R.W. Robert Marshall, P.G.M., to retire and introduce the M.W. Grand Master of Prince Edward Island to Grand Lodge, when he was warmly welcomed by the Grand Master, and received and saluted with the usual Grand Honors. The M.W. Grand Master of Prince Edward Island eloquently expressed his thanks to the Grand Master of New Brunswick and the members of Grand Lodge for the hearty welcome extended to him.

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

ALBION LODGE, No. 1.

THOMAS WALKER, P.M.	J. A. HOYT, P.M.
T. A. GODSOE, P.M.	W. W. ALLEN, P.M.
F. W. WISDOM, P.M.	GEORGE D. FROST, P.M.
E. J. EVERETT, P.M.	G. E. FAIRWEATHER, P.M.
C. MASTERS, P.M.	F. L. TUFTS, P.M.
W. J. ROBERTSON, P.M.	JOHN A. CHESLEY, P.M.
J. F. LAWTON, P.M.	J. S. MacLAREN, P.M.
R. B. HUMPHREY, P.M.	H. A. DRURY, S.W.
	T. D. WALKER, J.W.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.

W. H. B. SADLEIR, P.M.	A. W. SHARP, P.M.
GEORGE B. HEGAN, P.M.	J. G. FORBES, P.M.
JOHN D. SHORT, P.M.	A. I. TRUEMAN, P.M.
F. SANDALL, P.M.	H. G. HUNT, P.M.
C. H. L. JOHNSTON, P.M.	A. W. MACRAE, W.M.
WILSON DOBBIN, P.M.	J. H. MORRISON, J.W.
ARCHIBALD BAUER, P.M.	
	REV. DONALD MACRAE, P.G.C.

HIBERNIA LODGE, No. 3.

THOMAS A. PETERS, P.M.	W. E. WILSON, P.M.
S. F. STRANG, P.M.	F. W. THOMSON, P.M.
D. S. STEWART, P.M.	ROBERT CLERKE, P.M.
J. A. MAGILTON, P.M.	JOHN JOHNSTON, P.M.
JOHN MULLIN, P.M.	W. SMITH, S.W.
	GEORGE K. COCHRAN, J.W.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 4.

G. M. FAIRWEATHER, P.M.	ALLAN W. CHAPMAN, P.M.
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ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 5.

D. C. ROLLINS, P.M.	G. H. LAMB, P.M.
T. R. WREN, P.M.	G. D. GRIMMER, W.M.
H. O. RIGBY, P.M.	S. H. RIGBY, S.W.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 6.

ALEX. BURCHILL, P.M.	E. CADWALLADER, P.M.
S. L. MORRISON, P.M.	M. TENNANT, P.M.
	JOHN BLACK, W.M.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 7.

J. T. WHITLOCK, P.M.	JAMES VROOM, P.M.
E. G. VROOM, P.M.	F. O. SULLIVAN, P.M.
J. H. ROSE, P.M.	P. G. McFARLANE, P.M.
G. F. PINDER, P.M.	W. F. TODD, P.M.
HENRY GRAHAM, P.M.	J. A. BOYD, P.M.
W. W. INCHES, P.M.	M. McGOWAN, P.M.
S. WELOCK, P.M.	J. D. CHIPMAN, P.M.
O. S. NEWNHAM, P.M.	JAMES MITCHELL, P.M.
C. H. SMITH, P.M.	GEORGE J. CLARKE, P.M.
	R. W. WHITLOCK, S.W.

CARLETON UNION LODGE, No. 8.

JOHN V. ELLIS, P.M.	GEORGE F. HARDING, P.M.
J. H. LEONARD, P.M.	R. H. McWILLIAMS, P.M.
J. A. CLARK, P.M.	W. A. DOUGHERTY, P.M.
A. W. REED, P.M.	W. C. R. ALLAN, P.M.
U. DRAKE, P.M.	D. C. CLARK, W.M.
C. B. LOCKHART, J.W.	

THE UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND, No. 10.

ROBERT MARSHALL, P.M.	W. A. MACLAUGHLAN, P.M.
JOHN A. WATSON, P.M.	J. TWINING HARTT, P.M.
W. B. WALLACE, P.M.	R. H. B. TENNANT, P.M.
B. S. BLACK, P.M.	ROBERT L. SMITH, P.M.
H. H. McLEAN, P.M.	ROBERT T. LEAVITT, J.W.

WOODSTOCK LODGE, No. 11.

C. W. JENNER, P.M.	DONALD MUNRO, P.M.
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ST. GEORGE LODGE, No. 12.

A. M. MEALEY, P.M.	A. J. SEELYE, P.M.
ROBERT GRAY, P.M.	S. McKAY, P.M.
GEORGE M. JOHNSON, P.M.	THOMAS COLMER, P.M.
GEORGE F. HIBBARD, P.M.	HILL CAWLEY, W.M.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 13.

G. L. TAYLOR, P.M.	THOS. WILLIAMSON, W.M.
ARCHIBALD BRITTAIN, P.M.	E. G. EVANS, S.W.
R. G. EARLE, J.W.	

ALLEY LODGE, No. 14.

D. E. SIMPSON, P.M.	WM. BARTLETT, P.M.
E. F. TOWERS, P.M.	GEO. W. McLELLAN, P.M.
H. HACKER, P.M.	GRANVILLE CHASE, W.M.
JOHN DRESSER, P.M.	C. W. GRAY, S.W.
W. H. BABCOCK, J.W.	

MIRAMICHI LODGE, No. 18.

F. E. DANVILLE, P.M.

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 22.

HENRY BUCHANAN, P.M.	S. F. MATTHEWS, P.M.
DAVID DEARNESS, P.M.	R. J. MELVIN, P.M.
A. R. CAMPBELL, P.M.	W. R. RUSSELL, P.M.
GEORGE E. DAY, P.M.	W. H. PATTON, P.M.
H. V. COOPER, P.M.	GEORGE THOMPSON, W.M.
ANDREW McNICHOL, P.M.	JAMES KELLY, S.W.
GEORGE DODGE, J.W.	

KEITH LODGE, No. 23.

GEORGE ACKMAN, P.M.	G. R. SANGSTER, P.M.
H. B. FLEMING, P.M.	G. M. JARVIS, P.M.
J. E. MASTERS, P.M.	C. W. BRADLEY, J.W.

RESTIGOUCHE LODGE, No. 25.

W. C. MAWHINNEY, S.W.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 26.

HENRY McALISTER, P.M.	JOHN L. RAY, P.M.
J. H. ANDREWS, P.M.	A. MUNGALL, P.M.
ARTHUR H. HILTZ, P.M.	W. H. LAUGHLIN, W.M.

ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 27.

PERCY WILBUR, P.M.	W. J. O'BRIEN, P.M.
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ST. MARTINS LODGE, No. 30.

P. A. MELVILLE, P.M.	S. V. SKILLEN, P.M.
LEB. N. SKILLEN, P.M.	A. SKILLEN, P.M.
J. M. FOWLER, P.M.	W. E. SKILLEN, P.M.

CAMPBELLTON LODGE, No. 32.

J. A. JOHNSON, P.M.

ALEXANDRIA LODGE, No. 33.

WALTER READ, W.M.	JOHN G. HALL, P.M.
WHITMAN BREWER.	

ALBERT LODGE, No. 34.

S. C. MURRAY, W.M.	E. H. ROBINSON, P.M.
J. ALEX. FULLERTON, P.M.	W. ALDER TRUEMAN, P.M.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

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

BRETHREN:

I extend to you all a very hearty greeting to the Twenty-eighth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

I am glad to be able to report that our relations with Sister Grand Lodges are pleasant and harmonious.

Within our own Jurisdiction no cause of dissension, so far as I am aware, has arisen; and while the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters do not show any sensational activity in the craft, yet we may deduce sufficient cause for thankfulness for the mercies vouchsafed to us during the past year.

Would that I had only words of cheer to speak to you to-day; but how can that be possible when it now becomes my melancholy duty to record our losses by death since last we met in Annual Communication.

No Masonic duty that I have ever performed has been so sad to me as that of formally announcing to you the death of Past Grand Master Benjamin Lester Peters; for by his removal not only has the craft lost one of its greatest ornaments, but to me it meant the removal of a very dear friend.

R. W. Brother Peters was born, of Loyalist stock, in this city August 13th, 1827, and died November 25th, 1894.

He received Masonic light in Albion Lodge, April 4th, 1856; was passed to the degree of F. C. May 2nd, and raised to the sublime degree of M. M. June 6th, in the same year. After serving his Lodge successively as Junior Deacon, Junior Warden, and Senior Deacon, he was elected Worshipful Master in December, 1859; re-elected to the chair in 1860, and again in 1862.

In July, 1858, when Senior Deacon of his Lodge, he, with Past Grand Masters Bunting and Clinch, and Worshipful Master Magee, of Hibernia Lodge, received from Past Master Rand the ritual as we now have it. The work of Senior Deacon, more particularly, fell to Brother Peters' charge, and from that time to the time of his lamented decease he was, perhaps, our most trustworthy guide in all matters of ritual.

He acted as Chairman of the Masonic Convention held October 9th and 10th, 1867, which resulted in the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The office of Grand Master having been declined by the late R. W. Brother R. T. Clinch, Worshipful Brother Peters was elected to that high office October 10th, 1867, and installed First Grand Master of this Grand Lodge January 22nd, 1868. He was re-elected September 24th, 1868, and again September 22nd, 1869.

Through all the time of his long Masonic career he occupied a most distinguished position among his Brethren, and was honored and beloved by them all.

In addition, he was a good and loyal citizen, and in his judicial capacity he won for himself an enviable reputation as an able and upright Judge.

I shall not, my Brethren, attempt to write an eulogy befitting our departed friend. One well qualified for this task has already performed it; and the masterly oration of his successor in this chair is a matter already on our records.

To those who know thee not, no words can paint!
And those who know thee, know all words are faint!

At the suggestion of Past Master George E. Fairweather, in view of the fact that no Masonic ceremonial had been held at his burial, I deemed it fitting that a Lodge of Sorrow should be held in memory of our lamented Brother. To this end I convened a Special Communication of Grand Lodge December 18th, and with the assistance of the Brethren an impressive Memorial Service was performed. The number of craftsmen present, their deep attention, and the many expressions of profound sorrow at our loss, was an eloquent tribute to his memory.

Thomas W. Peters, a Past Master of Albion Lodge, after a long and tedious illness, passed away at his residence in this city on the evening of March 31st last.

Though prominent in the Craft, his delicate health and the conflicting claims of his civic duties prevented his taking the high position his lively interest and earnest sympathy with the fraternity would naturally have gained for him.

To the tale of real distress Brother Peters never turned a deaf ear, and many a sufferer was relieved by his timely aid. His fine mind, and literary attainments made him so pleasing a companion that he will long be missed from the different social and intellectual gatherings of our city.

Worshipful Brother W. G. Disbrow, M. D., a Past Master of Restigouche Lodge, died at his home in Dalhousie in December of last year. He was a good and active member of his Lodge, useful to the community in which he resided, and his unassuming manners and courteous hospitality won the esteem and friendship of those with whom he came in contact.

Worshipful Brother Robert Glenn, an old and highly respected Past Master of St. Mark's Lodge, died November 1st, 1894, and was buried with Masonic honors November 3rd.

Worshipful Brother Henry Hallett, Past Master and Secretary of Corinthian Lodge, died at Hampton November 29th, 1894, and was buried with Masonic honors December 1st. He had been connected with Corinthian Lodge since its formation, and for nearly forty years had been its enthusiastic and efficient Secretary. Of a simple and kindly disposition, he was deservedly held in high esteem not only by his Masonic brethren, but by the entire community in which he lived.

Let us here extend to Sister Jurisdictions our sincere sympathy in their losses. Information has come to us of the death of the following illustrious craftsmen :

R. W. Brother Joseph K. Wheeler, for twenty-seven years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, died at Hartford, October 20th, 1894.

M. W. Brother John Milton Chivington, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, died October, 4th, 1894.

R. W. Brother John Frizzell, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, died November 30th, last.

R. W. Brother Stephen F. Chadwick, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, died January 5th, 1895.

V. W. Brother Wm. Bryan Isaacs, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, died June 9th, last.

R. W. Brother Richard Vaux, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, died March 22nd, 1895.

I have received a communication from the Grand Lodge of Wyoming containing a notification that that Grand Lodge had voted to abolish the Grand Representative system in their Jurisdiction, and requesting that we withdraw the commission of our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

In accordance with the above request I directed the Grand Secretary to write Worshipful Brother Edgar P. Snow, of Cheyenne, our Representative, as above stated, requesting that he return his commission.

I have nominated Very Worshipful Brother Charles Masters for re-appointment as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, the term of his commission having expired.

I have nominated Worshipful Brother Andrew McNichol for appointment as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, in place of R. W. Brother James McNichol, deceased.

I have also nominated Worshipful Brother W. G. Robertson for appointment as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland near this Grand Lodge, instead of V. W. Brother T. Nisbet Robertson, deceased.

I have nominated Worshipful Brother J. S. Benson for appointment as Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

I have nominated R. W. Brother Henry Graham for appointment as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near this Grand Lodge.

I have nominated Worshipful Brother W. B. Wallace for appointment as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

R. W. Brother Thomas A. Godsoe has been nominated for appointment as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near this Grand Lodge.

Worshipful Brother B. S. Black has been nominated as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

I have nominated Worshipful Brother W. A. Ewing for appointment as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Indiana near this Grand Lodge.

I have also nominated R. W. Brother H. B. Fleming for appointment as Representative of the Grand Lodge of California near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, has been pleased to appoint me Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England near this Grand Lodge, in place of R. W. Brother R. T. Clinch, deceased.

I have appointed Worshipful Brother William L. Kane, of Virgin Lodge, Halifax, to represent this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, in place of R. W. Brother Very Rev. Dean Partridge, who has removed from the Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia; and I am glad to know has again taken up his residence in this Province.

I have again to express regret that I have been unable to attend as fully as I wished to the duty of Lodge visitation : a duty always pleasant to the visitor and, I trust, productive of benefit to those visited.

November 21st, 1894, I visited Keith Lodge, accompanied by Worshipful Brothers B. S. Black and W. G. Robertson. Our greeting from the Moncton Brethren was most cordial. I found this Lodge in a most excellent condition; and, after conferring the M. M. Degree upon six candidates, we were most generously and hospitably entertained.

December 27th, St. John Evangelist Day, I visited Albion Lodge and installed the Worshipful Master elect, Brother Richard Farmer.

February 7th, 1895, I visited Carleton Union Lodge, accompanied by a full corps of Grand Officers. This visit was no exception to the rule that no more hearty or truly fraternal greeting meets you anywhere than you receive in this Lodge. The Lodge Room of the Carleton Brethren had been newly decorated and certainly presented a most attractive appearance, reflecting great credit upon the taste of the committee who had charge of the alterations. The evening was most pleasantly spent in social intercourse, and the Worshipful Master and Brethren vied with each other in their attention to their visitors. It is an interesting fact that the present Master of this Lodge, Worshipful Brother D. C. Clark, is a grandson of the first Master.

April 1st, accompanied by a large delegation of the Brethren from Fredericton, I visited Alexandria Lodge, then meeting at Marysville. The reception we received left nothing to be desired; and the work of the Lodge Officers who conferred the M. M. Degree upon two candidates did them much credit. The condition of this Lodge is good, its finances in a healthy condition and its members enthusiastic.

The following evening (April 2nd) I visited Hiram Lodge, Fredericton, and witnessed the conferring of the E. A. Degree by Worshipful Master Black and the regular Officers of the Lodge. The work was such, both for correctness and style, as to earn my warm commendation. The banquet at which the Brethren of Hiram and Alexandria Lodges entertained their visitors brought to a close a most enjoyable visit.

During the past year I have several times visited Corinthian Lodge, and am pleased to be able to report that this Lodge is now in a flourishing condition. They have completely repaired and re-furnished the Masonic Hall, and in their work have shown a zeal worthy of all praise. Much of the credit of their changed condition is due to the operative and speculative skill of Worshipful Brother T. A. Peters.

During the year a movement has been inaugurated looking to the removal of Salisbury Lodge to the Town of Petitcodiac. This is likely soon to be accomplished, and in its new location it is confidently believed this Lodge will enter upon a new era of prosperity.

I have approved a change in the By-Laws of Alexandria Lodge changing the place of meeting to Foresters' Hall, St. Mary's.

I have also been pleased to approve a change in the By-Laws of Corinthian Lodge changing the place of meeting to the Masonic Hall in the Parish of Hampton; also the time of meeting from the second Wednesday to the second Friday in each month.

With much pleasure I acceded to a request from the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Victoria Parish (Carleton) that the corner-stone of their Church (St. Jude) might be laid with Masonic ceremony. To this end a Special Communication of Grand Lodge was convened in this Hall on the 11th of July, and, in conjunction with the local Lodges, an imposing procession of the Craft was formed and marched to the site of the Church. The weather was perfect; and there, in the presence of a large and deeply-interested gathering of parishioners and citizens, the corner-stone was well and truly laid with the impressive ceremonial of the Craft. I here gratefully acknowledge the services of the Encampment of Saint John, as that body, under command of Noble and Eminent Commander John A. Watson, formed an escort to Grand Lodge in the procession.

At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, a committee was appointed "to lay before the several Grand Lodges of the country the question of Masonic Relief; the object being to attempt to establish more systematic and uniform methods." The committee so appointed have issued a circular letter, a copy of which has been sent to me as Grand Master of this jurisdiction. In this circular the question of appeals for aid is discussed at length, and as a result the committee call our attention to the following proposition:

"It is the duty of each Lodge to take care of its own members in distress, wherever they may be. In case of its inability so to do, this duty devolves upon the Grand Lodge from which it holds its charter. It being understood that in no case is the Lodge furnishing relief, and asking for re-imbursement, to go beyond actual necessities, without express authority from the re-imbursing body."

I am asked to submit this proposition to you for your action, and I do so with this single remark, that charity which seeks for a return and confines itself to those of our own house is not to me the charity taught us in the Lodge, but would seem to reduce our Craft to the level of a modern assessment association.

The zeal and courtesy of the Grand Chaplain afforded the Craft an opportunity of attending in a body Divine Service on the eve of St. John Baptist Day.

There was a Special Communication of Grand Lodge, and the procession to St. Paul's Church, where the service was held, was large, the city Lodges having responded well to the summons.

The service was deeply impressive, the music was excellent, all present joining heartily in the hymns.

The sermon, a most admirable one, was preached by the Very Worshipful the Grand Chaplain, who is also Rector of St. Paul's Church. The preacher in eloquent language gave an interesting history of Free Masonry, and in describing its high aims and standards reminded each craftsman present of the solemn obligations of his calling.

The service was fittingly closed with that beautiful hymn, "For all the Saints who from their labors rest."

I have received a communication from the Grand Orient of Italy, signed by Adriano Lemmi, 33, Grand Master, inviting this Grand Lodge to send delegates to the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the unification of Italy. In this celebration, the circular stated, Italian Masonry would take a public part. We are invited, should we find it impossible to send delegates, to forward at least officially our fraternal adhesion.

This circular has been handed to the Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges, who will doubtless report to you at this session. I might add, however, that so far as I can ascertain, the Grand Orient of Italy is a composite body, composed of a Symbolic Grand Lodge and also of a Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and as such could hardly receive fraternal recognition from this Grand Lodge.

I regret again to have to call the attention of the Craft in this Province to the question of jurisdiction over candidates applying for initiation.

In November last I received from Restigouche Lodge a protest against the action of Campbellton Lodge in initiating, passing and raising a candidate who was stated to be a resident of Dalhousie, and if so, Masonically the property of the former Lodge. In the course of the correspondence which ensued it appears that the petitioner was born, brought up and resided in Campbellton until thirteen months prior to the date of his application, when he went to live in Dalhousie, returning occasionally to Campbellton to spend Sunday. From all the evidence I deduced that he was legally a resident of Dalhousie and that in initiating him Campbellton Lodge had infringed the jurisdiction of Restigouche Lodge.

In June of the present year I was obliged to refuse a dispensation to one of the Lodges in this city to pass and raise a candidate within the constitutional period, as I knew said candidate had been a resident of the city of Boston for over a year past. The Lodge applying for the dispensation had initiated the candidate, believing they had jurisdiction

over him: and apparently for the reason that having lived all his life up to his departure for Boston in this city it brought him within the letter of our constitution.

In my address delivered at our Twenty-third Annual Communication, 1890, I went very fully into this question of the exact meaning of the terms of our Constitution, and decided that the year of residence meant was the year immediately preceding the date of the application. That decision was not questioned; and I would now suggest that such a change be made in section 2, page 42, of our Constitution as to forever set at rest all doubt of its meaning.

The recent Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar in Boston, which was such a splendid success, was, as a matter of course, attended by many Masons from this jurisdiction, myself included. While it does not fall within my province to describe that great gathering, I cannot refrain from acknowledging most gratefully the extreme hospitality and courtesy of the Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts, M. W. Brother Edwin B. Holmes. He, despite the many conflicting duties of that busy week, arranged to convene a meeting of the Grand Masters of various jurisdictions, thus affording us an opportunity for the interchange of ideas and for the discussion of various points of Masonic custom and procedure.

I have received from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Edward Island a communication, in which he inquires as to the feasibility of providing a Masonic Home for aged and infirm Masons of the Maritime Provinces. To quote his own words: "I desire now to ascertain if in your jurisdiction there is any provision for aged and infirm Masons towards granting them relief, and also your opinion concerning the appointment of a committee by the Grand Lodges of the Maritime Provinces to discuss such a problem, and, if possible, to arrive at a plan for providing a Masonic Home or Asylum for aged and infirm Masons, their widows and orphans. It appears to me that a beginning should be made, although years might elapse before it would attain fruition. Perhaps the germ of the affair should start with your Grand Lodge, as you are a larger jurisdiction than ours." Brethren, I willingly commend this subject to your attentive consideration, as I have long felt the extreme desirability of such a movement, and the duty of following, even in an humble way, the splendid example set us by many of our sister jurisdictions.

In conclusion, allow me to extend my very hearty thanks to those members of the Craft who have given me ever ready and cordial support during the past year. Especially are my thanks due to the V. W. the Grand Secretary, who has in every way, by care, patience and a strict attention to the duties of his office, deserved your highest commendation.

He has thus materially lightened the duties of the Grand Master, and for this I thank him. No one not fully conversant with the duties of the office has any idea of the volume of work falling to the hands of a Grand Secretary in a jurisdiction even so small as ours. I have long felt that the salary paid him is quite inadequate to the amount of work, and I would ask Grand Lodge seriously to consider whether the state of our finances will not allow a material increase.

Once more I bid you welcome, trusting that our meetings may prove of mutual interest and profit, and that all present will lend their best energies to the work before them.

On motion of R.W. John V. Ellis, P.G.M., seconded by R.W. Robert Marshall, P.G.M., 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. John V. Ellis, P.G.M., R.W. J. E. Masters, W. John Black.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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

The receipts of the Grand Secretary's office since the last Annual Communication amount to two thousand and thirty dollars, upon the following accounts:

Registration Fees, Certificates and Dispensations,	\$289 60
Annual Dues,	1,740 40
	<u>\$2,030 00</u>

Which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and detailed account furnished the Audit Committee appointed by the Board of General Purposes.

Since the accounts were closed I have received from Restigouche Lodge, for Fees and Dues, \$35.

Lodges Nos. 9, 15, 20, have made no returns.

The returns show the following particulars:

Initiated,	78
Passed,	88
Raised,	81
Joined,	25
Reinstated,	10
Withdrawn,	52
Suspended,	52
Died,	37

Total membership to December 27th, 1894, seventeen hundred and fifty-seven.

By authority of the M. W. Grand Master, ten dispensations have been issued for the undermentioned purposes:

To confer degrees at short intervals,	4
To wear regalia at divine service,	4
To wear regalia at funerals,	1
To wear regalia at socials,	1

The following is my account of receipts from Subordinate Lodges:

F. W. WISDOM, GRAND SECRETARY,

In account with GRAND LODGE.

To Cash received from Albion Lodge,	No. 1,	\$148 30
" " " St. John's,	" 2,	116 50
" " " Hibernia,	" 3,	225 20
" " " Sussex,	" 4,	24 00
" " " St. Mark's,	" 5,	50 00
" " " Hiram,	" 6,	65 30
" " " Sussex,	" 7,	126 60
" " " Carleton Union,	" 8,	102 50
" " " The Union Lodge of Portland,	" 10,	161 60
" " " Woodstock,	" 11,	131 40
" " " St. George,	" 12,	50 80
" " " Corinthian,	" 13,	27 70
" " " Alley,	" 14,	36 00
" " " St. Andrew,	" 16,	25 60
" " " Northumberland,	" 17,	60 80
" " " Miramichi,	" 18,	44 50
" " " Zion,	" 21,	30 10
" " " New Brunswick,	" 22,	89 00
" " " Keith,	" 23,	112 50
" " " Zetland,	" 24,	20 80
" " " Restigouche (1893),	" 25,	28 00
" " " Victoria,	" 26,	73 60
" " " St. John (1893),	" 27,	27 20
" " " St. John (1894),	" 27,	30 90
" " " St. Martin's (1893),	" 30,	22 10
" " " St. Martin's (1894),	" 30,	21 60
" " " Benjamin,	" 31,	48 80
" " " Campbellton,	" 32,	46 10
" " " Alexandria,	" 33,	29 40
" " " Albert,	" 34,	51 10
" " " Copies of Constitutions,		2 00
		<u>\$2,030 00</u>

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By Cash paid Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers, \$2,030 00

The following Lodges have not yet made returns: Nos. 9, 15, 20.

F. W. WISDOM,
Grand Secretary.

St. John, N. B., September 25, 1895.

REPORT OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

ST. JOHN, N. B., September, 1895.

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

The Board of General Purposes respectfully submits herewith its annual report:

At a meeting of the Board, held in the Masonic Temple on the 12th September, 1894, W. Brother J. Henry Leonard was elected Vice-President.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Regular Meetings of the Board be held on the second Wednesday in the months of February, May, August, and November, at 4 o'clock, p.m.

On motion it was

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge be printed, and distributed in the usual manner.

A letter was read from Brother Alfred A. Bubb, formerly of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16, stating that he had not received a Grand Lodge Certificate, and asking that one be issued him.

On motion it was

Ordered, That the M. W. Grand Master and V. W. Grand Secretary forward Certificate to Brother Bubb, if they are satisfied one was not previously issued and sent to him.

November 14, a request was read from Brother B. T. Cregan, formerly of Albion Lodge, for new Certificate.

On motion it was

Ordered, That new Certificate be granted Brother Cregan if there is satisfactory evidence that the original has been destroyed.

On motion R. W. Brother Robert Marshall and V. W. Brother F. W. Wisdom, Grand Secretary, be a committee to re-arrange the insurance on the property of Grand Lodge. The present insurance on the Regalia, etc., amounts to \$1,400.

M. W. Brother Walker reported that the Certificate of Brother Bubb had been forwarded to him.

At the meeting, 13th February, 1895, the sum of twenty dollars was appropriated toward furnishing the Masonic Library.

At the meeting held 8th May, the President and Grand Secretary were appointed a committee to ascertain the probable cost of completing the vault in the Masonic Temple, for the better protection of books, papers and other property of Grand Lodge.

At the meeting held September 20, the committee appointed to ascertain the probable cost of completing the vault reported that suitable doors could be had for about \$120.00, shelving and other fixtures, say \$20.00; total, \$140.00.

The Board does not advise any immediate action in the matter other than to suggest that in the near future it might we well to complete the vault, and we would then have a suitable protection for the books, papers, etc., of Grand Lodge against fire, etc.

The committee appointed to audit the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary submitted the following report, which was adopted by the Board:

SAINT JOHN, N. B., 20th September, 1895.

To the Board of General Purposes of GRAND LODGE:

The Committee appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the year, beg to say that they have carefully attended to that duty, and report as follows:

Balance brought forward from last year,	....	....	\$690 62
General Revenue,	....	....	2,030 00
Proceeds of three \$500.00 Bonds, with 1 month's interest,	....	....
@ 5 per cent.,	....	....	1,506 25
Fund of Benevolence and Interest,	102 17
Savings Bank Interest,	12 11

Expenditure:	Receipts,	\$4,341 15
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Paid Matured Bonds, Nos. 9, 10 and 11, \$500.00 each, and 1 month's Interest,	\$1,507 50
Interest,	585 00
Expense Account,	....	....	689 72
Deposited in Bank of New Brunswick,	....	....	102 17
Paid Bond, No. 1, C Series,	....	....	500 00

Deposit:				
Dominion Savings Bank,	....	....	\$358 68	
Bank of New Brunswick,	....	....	598 08	
			956 76	
				\$4,341 15

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer submitted proper vouchers for all payments. The books of both these officers are kept in a most systematic and satisfactory manner.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MARSHALL, }
A. R. CAMPBELL, } *Audit Committee.*
J. A. MAGILTON, }

NOTE.—Regarding the Fund of Benevolence, we may say that the present year's interest on the \$2,000.00 Bond belonging to that fund has been paid by the Masonic Hall Company, so that the bank deposit to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence is now two hundred and two dollars and seventeen cents.

The Board appointed W. Brothers Charles Masters, W. R. Russell and D. S. Stewart, Committee on Credentials.

JOHN A. WATSON, *President.*

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Board of General Purposes be received and lie on the table.

The following report from the Library Committee was then submitted, and on motion of R.W. William B. Wallace,

Ordered, To be received and its recommendations carried out.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

TO THE M.W. GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK:

The Library Committee report as follows:

That during the year, in conjunction with the Committee from the Grand Chapter appointed for the purpose, we have had the Library Room cleansed and painted, and the books and periodicals placed in order on the shelves.

We have also made arrangements for heating and lighting, and provided a table and chairs for general use.

Our Grand Secretary, who is acting in the same capacity for the Grand Chapter, now occupies the room as his office, and it is also used as a place for the assembly of the several Committees of the Craft.

During the year, we have received the sum of forty dollars, viz., twenty dollars from this Grand Body and twenty dollars from the Grand Chapter, which we have expended as follows:

Carpenter Work,	\$11 00
Oilcloth,	15 00
Painting,	12 00
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	\$38 00

We would recommend that a grant of ten dollars be allowed your Committee towards the support of the Library during the ensuing year.

F. W. WISDOM.
JOHN D. SHORT.
W. B. WALLACE.

It was, on motion of R.W. Robert Marshall, P.G.M.,

Resolved, That the election of officers be the order of the day at 8.30 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Secretary moved the following amendment to the Constitution, notice of which was submitted at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; viz., To strike out, under the head of fees, page 50, the fifteenth paragraph, and all amendments thereto, and substitute the following in place thereof:

"For every member, each Lodge outside the City of Saint John (East Side) shall pay toward the fund for Grand Lodge purposes sixty cents per annum."

"For every member, each Lodge within the City of Saint John (East Side) shall pay toward the fund for Grand Lodge purposes one dollar per annum."

This was adopted.

W. George E. Fairweather, P. M. of Albion Lodge, presented Grand Lodge with his book of original poems, among which is one in memoriam of our late Past Grand Master, B. Lester Peters.

On motion of W. William B. Wallace, the gift of Brother Fairweather was received and placed in the Library of Grand Lodge, and the thanks of Grand Lodge tendered the author.

The Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

TO THE M.W. GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK:

The Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges report that they have considered the conclusions of the Chicago Masonic Congress, and certain uniform rules as to jurisdiction over candidates prepared by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, submitted to Grand Lodge at the last annual session in the address of the Grand Master, and referred to this Committee for a report thereon at this session.

As the Chicago Congress was not a law-making power, but merely a conference of well informed brethren, its conclusions have no legal effect, but are of value in helping governing Masonic bodies to reach correct decisions upon the questions treated of as they arise. This Grand Lodge

has steadily declined to express opinions upon propositions of Masonic law not arising out of actual cases occurring within its jurisdiction. Therefore, in the opinion of your Committee, nothing more is necessary than what has been done, *i. e.*, to print the conclusions for general information without either accepting or disputing them. The same reasoning applies to the propositions of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. The laws governing the admission of candidates for Free Masonry in this jurisdiction, if properly carried out, appear to be ample to protect ourselves as well as sister jurisdictions, and under existing circumstances the Committee think Grand Lodge will not fail in courtesy to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi if for the present further action is not deemed necessary.

With regard to the invitation from the Grand Orient of Italy to participate in the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Italian occupancy of Rome, the Committee approve of the action of the Grand Master. Our Grand Lodge is not in fraternal relation with the Grand Orient of Italy, and the celebration being of a civil and political character is outside the sphere of action in which this Grand Lodge, as such, interests itself.

Respectfully submitted,

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

On motion of W. William B. Wallace, it was

Ordered, That the report of the Board of General Purposes be taken from the table and considered.

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

Ordered, That the report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted, and the section referring to the completion of the vault in the Masonic building be referred back to enable the Board to confer with the Masonic Hall Company.

On motion of W. William B. Wallace, the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were

Ordered, To be taken from the table and adopted.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That when Grand Lodge take recess, it take recess till 7.30 o'clock this evening.

The following brethren presented their credentials as representatives of Sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, and were received as such representatives and saluted with the usual honors:

W. Andrew McNichol, from the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

R.W. Henry Graham, from the Grand Lodge of New York.

W. William B. Wallace, from the Grand Lodge of Florida.

THURSDAY EVENING,

26TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

The M.W. Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, in addressing Grand Lodge, suggested the propriety of establishing a Masonic Home for aged and infirm Masons in the Maritime Provinces. He did not know what provision existed in New Brunswick for aged and infirm brethren, for those who, having done their work faithfully, had now fallen into decay; but, no doubt, there was some provision. Could they not be asked to unite their interests and resources? He would like to see a Committee appointed to take the matter into consideration. Although years might elapse before any scheme could attain full fruition, yet, a beginning once made, the excellence of the work would carry it along. It was with this particular object in view he had attended the present session of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and he hoped that such action would be taken—he could not venture to propose more than that—as would bring up the subject for consideration.

The eloquent address of the M.W. Brother was heartily applauded, and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick added some observations in regard to the matter and in further support of the proposition.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON 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. the Grand Master report as follows :

The Committee are glad to learn that our relations with Sister Grand Lodges are harmonious, and that in our own jurisdiction there are no causes for dissension.

The Committee concur in the expressions of fraternal sentiment uttered by the Grand Master relative to deceased brethren. The special honors, paid through the Lodge of Sorrow to the memory of Past Grand Master Peters, were but a just tribute to a brother whose presence was ever a delight to the Craft, and whose memory will long be cherished here as that of one of the most eminent of our brethren. To the mourning relatives and friends of all our deceased brothers in this and in other jurisdictions Grand Lodge extends its deepest sympathy.

Grand Lodge ever heartily welcomes representatives of foreign jurisdictions, but the Committee feel that all will unite in saying that it is a special pleasure to receive the Grand Master as the representative of the Grand Master of England, the illustrious prince who will one day be the ruler of this great nation, and that the ties which unite us with the first of the mother Grand Lodges in the United Kingdom will be increased and strengthened by this appointment.

The official visitations and public ceremonials in which the Grand Master has participated have been of much benefit to the Craft, and all the proceedings in connection with them have been carried out in a manner to meet the hearty approval of Grand Lodge.

The Committee concur in the views of the Grand Master as to the intention and meaning of the law in regard to the residence of candidates seeking admission into the fraternity in this Province, but in order that the law may be made quite explicit, the Committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to fyle at the proper time the necessary amendment to the constitution upon which Grand Lodge may take action at the next annual session.

With the views of the Grand Master in regard to the principle underlying the system of Masonic charity your Committee are heartily in accord, but an examination of the circular issued by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin seems to indicate that a necessity exists in that jurisdiction

and in jurisdictions contiguous to it for an organized system of administering relief so that the worthy recipient and the charitable giver shall be justly dealt with. The conditions in this Province do not require such a system here at the present time, but circumstances may make it desirable to observe with interest the operations of the plan suggested by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

The Committee are glad to know that the recent Triennial Conclave of Knights Templars, amid all its splendid hospitality, gave opportunity to the Grand Master of Massachusetts to bring together the Grand Masters of several jurisdictions, for, in such a meeting, and in the surroundings of the time, there must have been delightful opportunities for the interchange of fraternal intercourse among the distinguished Masons who rule the Craft, and which could not fail to be generally beneficial.

In all that the Grand Master has said with respect to the zeal, and patience, and care of the Grand Secretary your Committee concur. With some hesitancy they deal with the question of addition to his salary, for it is well to direct the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that our membership is steadily decreasing, and is now nearly three hundred less than it was when the present system of taxation was adopted—a decrease that cannot fail to excite some apprehension. Then, too, Grand Lodge has just voted to reduce its rate of taxation, while it still has a very heavy debt. Until the effect of this reduction is fully understood and known by actual experience, your Committee might urge that no additional burden be imposed upon the funds of Grand Lodge. On the other hand it may not seem advisable or desirable to let the salary remain longer at its present rate; the Committee, therefore, recommend that it be increased by fifty dollars.

With regard to the suggestion of the District Deputy Grand Master for No. 4 District (Brother Cadwallader), that the District Deputies should be members of the Ritual Committee, the Committee see no objection to that; but the Committee do not make any recommendation upon the proposal that the Lodges in the district should pay the expenses of the District Deputy while visiting. This suggestion may be printed for the information of the Lodges, and, if desired, the matter can be brought up at any future time. The Lodges, by arrangement, can pay the expenses now if they desire to do so.

The important matter in regard to a Masonic Home, suggested by the Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, is one which your Committee could not fully take up at this moment, or without some knowledge as to the general scope, or the expense of such an institution. The idea is, however, a noble one, and the possibility of such a thing quickens

the impulses for good in every generous heart. The Grand Master should be empowered to appoint a Committee of five members at any time to act in conjunction with a like Committee from other Grand Lodges, if they are appointed, to examine the whole question financially and otherwise.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS.
JAMES E. MASTERS.
JOHN BLACK.

On motion of R.W. John V. Ellis, P.G.M., the report of the Committee on the address of the M.W. Grand Master was received and adopted and the recommendations ordered to be carried out.

On motion of R.W. J. E. Masters, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to confer with Committees from the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and endeavor to formulate a general scheme for the relief of distressed brethren in the territory occupied by the Grand Lodges of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, the Grand Secretary to notify these Grand Lodges of this action of this Grand Lodge.

R.W. Thomas A. Godsoe presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and was received as such and saluted with the usual honors.

Read a telegram from R.W. E. Lee Street, regretting his inability to be present at this Communication of Grand Lodge.

Read a communication from the Secretary of Howard Lodge requesting Grand Lodge to remit amount of dues unpaid.

On motion, the dues of Howard Lodge were remitted.

Wor. J. Fred. Lawton, Past Master of Albion Lodge, No. 1, gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he would move for the following change in the Constitution, viz.: To strike out section nineteen, under the heading of Private Lodges, which reads as follows:

"No Mason can be a member of more than one Lodge at the same time, except he may be elected an honorary member of another Lodge or Lodges, as hereinafter provided in this Constitution."

Read a communication from the Masonic Board of Relief in reference to burial lot in Rural Cemetery, St. John, in charge of the Board, which, on motion, was sent to the Board of General Purposes.

On motion, Grand Lodge proceeded to the order of the day—Election of Officers.

The V.W. Grand Secretary read the several sections of the Constitution respecting the Election of Officers.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren Scrutineers: Wor. C. Masters, Wor. G. F. Clark, Wor. J. T. Hartt.

Upon the several balloting the Scrutineers reported the following brethren as having received a majority of the votes cast for the respective offices as follows, and who were thereupon each declared duly elected:

M.W. JULIUS T. WHITLOCK, Grand Master.
R.W. J. H. LEONARD, Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. FREDERICK SANDALL, Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. ANDREW McNICHOL, Junior Grand Warden.
V.W. REV. O. S. NEWNHAM, Grand Chaplain.
W. GEORGE E. FAIRWEATHER, Grand Treasurer.
DINGEE SCRIBNER, Grand Tyler.

On motion of R.W. Julius T. Whitlock, it was

Ordered, That when Grand Lodge take recess, it take recess till eleven o'clock to-morrow morning, when the Installation of Officers will be the order of the day.

R.W. J. Henry Leonard gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, he will move to amend the Constitution so as to provide past rank for District Deputy Grand Masters.

On motion of Wor. E. J. Everett, it was

Resolved, That there be made a minute in the records of Grand Lodge expressive of the feelings of pleasure with which Grand Lodge has received a visit, in his official capacity, from M.W. Roderick McNeil, Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, by which the Grand Lodge has been able to make the personal acquaintance of a brother esteemed for his Masonic knowledge and zeal, and whose visit at this time is substantial evidence of his desire to carry into practice the true spirit of the Masonic institution.

FRIDAY MORNING,

27TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

This being the hour appointed for the Installation of Officers, M.W. Julius T. Whitlock was invested and installed and was saluted and proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons for the ensuing year.

The M.W. Grand Master then made the following appointments to office:

V.W. F. W. WISDOM,.....	Grand Secretary.
W. JOHN BLACK,.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. W. J. O'BRIEN,.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. H. V. COOPER,.....	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. J. T. HARTT,.....	Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. W. T. McLEOD,.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. W. H. McLEOD,.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. W. A. EWING,.....	Grand Organist.
W. ROBERT CLERK,.....	Grand Pursuivant.
W. G. D. GRIMMER,.....	Grand Steward.
W. GRANVILLE CHASE,.....	"
W. W. A. PORTER,.....	"
W. GEORGE THOMPSON,.....	"
W. A. W. MACRAE,.....	"
W. D. C. CLARK,.....	"
W. R. C. FARMER,.....	"
W. W. H. LAUCLAN,.....	"
W. JOHN W. REED,.....	"
W. ALLAN PERLEY,.....	"
W. HILL CAWLEY,.....	"
W. THOMAS CARSON,.....	"

W. George E. Fairweather, having by letter declined to accept the office of Grand Treasurer, to which he was elected in his absence, Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of a Grand Treasurer, whereupon W. Edwin J. Everett was elected to that office.

The following officers, elected and appointed, being present, were installed, invested, and proclaimed:

R.W. J. HENRY LEONARD,.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. FREDERICK SANDALL,.....	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. ANDREW McNICHOL,.....	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. W. ALDER TRUEMAN,.....	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 2.
R.W. W. J. O'BRIEN,.....	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 3.
R.W. JOHN G. HALL,.....	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 4.
R.W. A. MUNGALL,.....	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 5.
R.W. EDWIN J. EVERETT,.....	Grand Treasurer.
V.W. F. W. WISDOM,.....	Grand Secretary.
W. W. J. O'BRIEN,.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. H. V. COOPER,.....	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. D. C. CLARK,.....	Grand Steward.
W. W. H. LAUCLAN,.....	Grand Steward.
W. HILL CAWLEY,.....	Grand Steward.
DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....	Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Master Walker presented his credentials as the representative of the United Grand Lodge of England, and was received and saluted accordingly.

Past Grand Master Walker presented Grand Lodge with a set of working tools, consisting of Square, Level and Plumb, to be used in the public ceremonials of the Craft.

On motion of P.G.M. Marshall, the thanks of Grand Lodge were tendered R.W. Brother Walker for his gift.

On motion of R.W. John A. Watson, the matter of removing the charter of Midian Lodge from Clifton, Kings County, to Rothesay, in the same county, was referred to the Deputy Grand Master to report to the Grand Master.

On motion of P.G.M. John V. Ellis, the thanks of Grand Lodge were tendered to the Credential Committee for their attention to the duties assigned to them.

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

Ordered, That condensed reports of the doings of the several District Deputy Grand Masters be printed with the proceedings.

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

R.W. JOHN A. WATSON.
 R.W. H. B. FLEMING.
 R.W. E. J. WETMORE.
 R.W. GEORGE B. HEGAN.
 R.W. THOMAS A. GODSOE.
 R.W. D. F. MERRITT.
 R.W. JOHN D. SHORT.
 W. W. A. MACLAUHLAN.
 W. A. R. CAMPBELL.
 W. W. WATSON ALLEN.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following Committee to confer with Committees from the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in reference to the establishment of a Masonic Home:

R.W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D.
 R.W. JOHN V. ELLIS.
 R.W. ROBERT MARSHALL.
 R.W. JOHN A. WATSON.
 R.W. J. HENRY LEONARD.

He also appointed the usual standing Committees.

All business having been disposed of, Grand Lodge closed in *ample* form.

F. W. WISDOM,
Grand Secretary.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters.

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

DISTRICT No. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

R.W. Brother John A. Watson, Deputy Grand Master, reports having visited

Albion Lodge,
 St. John's Lodge,
 Hibernia Lodge,
 The Union Lodge of Portland,
 Corinthian Lodge,
 Carleton Union Lodge.

He found the condition of these Lodges satisfactory, though in some cases the attendance of members was small. He speaks warmly of the cordiality of his reception and of the generous hospitality extended to him, and generally approves of the rendition of the Ritual as witnessed by him.

He regrets being unable to visit Zion Lodge, Sussex, and St. Martins Lodge, St. Martins, through no fault, however, of his.

Of Midian Lodge, he says: "I failed to get a meeting of Midian Lodge, Clifton, and indeed I do not think it possible to revive this Lodge in its present locality. I believe, however, that if the Warrant was transferred to Rothesay there is every prospect that this Lodge would enter upon a new era of prosperity. I have consulted Wor. Brother A. C. Fairweather on the matter and find him much in favor of the proposed change, he promising to do all he could to revive the Lodge."

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

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 R.W. H. B. FLEMING.
 R.W. E. J. WETMORE.
 R.W. GEORGE B. HEGAN.
 R.W. THOMAS A. GODSOE.
 R.W. D. F. MERRITT.
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DISTRICT No. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master :

I would respectfully submit the following report for District No. 2.

During the year I have visited Sussex Lodge, No. 4; Zetland Lodge, No. 24, and Keith Lodge, No. 23, all of which I found in good working order, showing progress, and books well kept.

I regret very much that it was impossible for me to visit either Howard or Albert Lodges; but from reports received, Howard is holding its own, while Albert is progressing finely.

I am pleased to report that Salisbury Lodge, which has so long been dormant, will be moved from Salisbury to Petitcodiac at an early date. This would have been done before, but had to be deferred on account of absence from the Province of some of those most interested.

Fraternally yours,

H. B. FLEMING, *D. D. G. M., No. 2.*

Moncton, N. B., August, 1895.

No report was received from Worshipful Brother J. W. Patterson, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 3.

DISTRICT No. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master :

I beg to submit the following report of my work as Deputy Grand Master of District No. 4, for the year just closed :

1894.

December 27. — Installed Officers of Hiram Lodge, No. 6, Fredericton.

1895.

January 1. — Installed Officers of Benjamin Lodge, No. 31, Andover.

January 7. — Installed Officers of Alexandria Lodge, No. 33, Marysville.

June — Visited Hiram Lodge and assisted in conferring Third Degree.

July 1 to 4. — Visited Woodstock and Benjamin Lodges, instructing the officers of the latter in the work of First and Third Degrees.

Distance travelled, 450 miles.

In April, Alexandria and Hiram Lodges enjoyed and were much strengthened by a most pleasant and welcome visit from the M. W. the Grand Master.

All the Lodges in this District are in good financial standing, are well attended and well up in the Ritual.

The membership of Alexandria and Hiram Lodges will show an increase this year.

I have suggested such alterations in the present By-Laws of Benjamin Lodge as shall make them more in accord with the Constitution.

I intend visiting Alexandria Lodge in their new quarters, at St. Mary's, at their next regular communication.

In conclusion, allow me, on retiring for the year, to express my firm conviction that the office of District Deputy is essential to the welfare of the Craft in this Province.

A Deputy should be, in my opinion, a member of the Ritual Committee, and required to visit each Lodge within his jurisdiction at least twice yearly, the expenses incurred by such visits to be defrayed by the Lodges of the District.

Trusting that the powers and privileges of District Deputies may be more clearly defined by Grand Lodge at their next regular communication,

I remain, yours fraternally,

EDWARD CADWALLADER,

D. D. G. M., No. 4.

Marysville, N. B., July 23, 1895.

DISTRICT No. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master :

As District Deputy Grand Master in District No. 5, I have much pleasure in reporting all the Lodges of the District in a healthy and prosperous condition. Accompanied by representative members of the Craft, I have made official visits to Sussex Lodge, No. 7, St. Stephen; Alley Lodge, No. 14, Upper Mills; and Victoria Lodge, No. 26, Milltown. On each occasion the M. M. Degree was worked by the regular officers of the Lodge, the Worshipful Master, officers and members of each Lodge being deeply interested, and showing a zeal and impressiveness in the work which were highly gratifying. The records and accounts of all three Lodges are so kept as to reflect credit upon the officers having them in charge.

The illness of members of my family throughout the year requiring my presence at home, I was unable to visit St. Mark's Lodge, No. 5, St. Andrews, and St. George Lodge, No. 12, St. George; but I am able to report these Lodges doing efficient work, and have reason to believe that the fullest harmony and attachment to the principles of Freemasonry prevail throughout the District.

Respectfully submitted,

S. WELOCK, *D. D. G. M., No. 5.*

St. Stephen, N. B., September 21, 1895.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE.

M.W. Grand Master,	.....	JULIUS T. WHITLOCK,	....	Saint Stephen.
R.W. Deputy Grand Master,	.....	J. HENRY LEONARD,	.....	Saint John.
R.W. Senior Grand Warden,	.....	FREDERICK SANDALL,	....	Saint John.
R.W. Junior Grand Warden,	.....	ANDREW McNICHOL,	.....	Saint John.
R.W. Dist. Dep. Grand Master, No. 2,		W. ALDER TRUEMAN,	....	Albert.
R.W. " "		No. 3, W. J. O'BRIEN,	.....	Bathurst.
R.W. " "		No. 4, JOHN G. HALL,	.....	Saint Mary's.
R.W. " "		No. 5, A. MUNGALL,	.....	Milltown.
V.W. Grand Chaplain,	.....	Rev. O. S. NEWNHAM,	....	Saint Stephen.
V.W. Grand Treasurer,	.....	EDWIN J. EVERETT,	.....	Saint John.
V.W. Grand Secretary,	.....	F. W. WISDOM,	.....	Saint John.
W. Senior Grand Deacon,	.....	JOHN BLACK,	.....	Fredericton.
W. Junior Grand Deacon,	.....	W. J. O'BRIEN,	.....	Bathurst.
W. Grand Director of Ceremonies,		H. V. COOPER,	.....	Saint John.
W. Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies,		J. T. HART,	.....	Saint John.
W. Grand Sword Bearer,	.....	W. T. McLEOD,	.....	Sussex.
W. Grand Standard Bearer,	.....	W. H. McLEOD,	.....	Richibucto.
W. Grand Organist,	.....	W. A. EWING,	.....	Saint John.
W. Grand Pursuivant,	.....	R. CLERKE,	.....	Saint John.
W. Grand Steward,	.....	G. D. GRIMMER,	.....	Saint Andrews.
W. " "		GRANVILLE CHASE,	.....	Upper Mills.
W. " "		W. A. PORTER,	.....	Saint John.
W. " "		GEORGE THOMPSON,	.....	Saint John.
W. " "		A. W. MACRAE,	.....	Saint John.
W. " "		D. C. CLARK,	.....	Saint John.
W. " "		R. C. FARMER,	.....	Saint John.
W. " "		W. H. LAUCLAN,	.....	Milltown.
W. " "		JOHN W. REED,	.....	Saint Mary's.
W. " "		ALLAN PERLEY,	.....	Andover.
W. " "		HILL CAWLEY,	.....	Saint George.
W. " "		THOMAS CARSON,	.....	Saint Martins.
Grand Tyler,	.....	DINGEE SCRIBNER,	.....	Saint John.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

M. W. JULIUS T. WHITLOCK.
R. W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D.
R. W. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN.
R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS.
R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL.
R. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING.
R. W. J. HENRY LEONARD (President).
R. W. FREDERICK SANDALL.
R. W. ANDREW McNICHOL.
V. W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM.
R. W. JOHN A. WATSON.
R. W. H. B. FLEMING.
R. W. E. J. WETMORE.
R. W. GEORGE B. HEGAN.
R. W. THOMAS A. GODSOE.
R. W. D. F. MERRITT.
R. W. JOHN D. SHORT.
W. W. A. MACLAUCHLAN.
W. A. R. CAMPBELL.
W. W. WATSON ALLEN.

RITUAL COMMITTEE.

M.W. JULIUS T. WHITLOCK.
R.W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D.
R.W. JOHN V. ELLIS.
R.W. HENRY DUFFELL.
R.W. W. F. BUNTING.
R.W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL.
R.W. THOMAS A. GODSOE.
R.W. J. C. HATHEWAY.
W. W. H. B. SADLEIR.
W. W. A. EWING.
W. H. LAWRENCE STURDEE.

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

V.W. F. W. WISDOM.
R.W. JOHN D. SHORT.
W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE.

COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS TO NEW LODGES.

R.W. J. HENRY LEONARD.
R.W. JOHN A. WATSON.
R.W. ROBERT MARSHALL.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, A.D. 1894.

Lodge No.	NAME OF LODGE.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Membership.
1	Albion,	1	1	1	2	1	3	..	5	102
2	St. John's,	1	4	3	3	2	5	1	4	79
3	Hibernia,	9	12	12	5	2	7	4	..	133
4	Sussex,	3	3	1	..	..	1	1	..	25
5	St. Mark's,	1	1	1	2	..	..	2	4	55
6	Hiram, .....	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	1	81
7	Sussex,	5	5	4	2	1	2	1	..	132
8	Carleton Union,	8	8	5	1	..	1	..	2	82
9	Midian, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
10	The Union of Portland,	4	4	4	..	..	3	7	2	104
11	Woodstock,	5	6	6	2	..	1	..	1	133
12	St. George, .....	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	61
13	Corinthian,	3	3	3	1	..	1	..	2	19
14	Alley,	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	3	30
15	Howard, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
16	St. Andrew, .....	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	..	32
17	Northumberland,	2	2	2	..	..	3	1	1	66
18	Miramichi,	2	2	2	1	..	2	6	..	45
20	Salisbury, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
21	Zion, .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	1	37
22	New Brunswick,	3	3	3	..	1	7	4	..	55
23	Keith,	8	9	9	1	..	1	1	2	100
24	Zetland,	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	16
25	Restigouche,	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	35
26	Victoria,	3	2	2	1	..	1	1	2	76
27	St. John,	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	34
30	St. Martins, .....	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	27
31	Benjamin,	4	4	4	..	..	2	..	..	41
32	Campbellton,	2	2	2	1	1	2	..	1	47
33	Alexandria,	3	4	4	..	..	4	2	..	27
34	Albert,	6	6	6	2	..	2	1	1	32
		80	90	82	27	8	55	49	36	1764

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,.....	R. C. Farmer, St. John,.....	F. W. Wisdom, St. John.
2	St. John's,.....	First Tuesday,.....	Alexander W. Macrae, St. John,.....	Fred. E. Flewelling, St. John.
3	Hibernia,.....	Second Tuesday,.....	W. Alexander Porter, St. John,.....	G. Gordon Boyne, St. John.
4	Sussex,.....	Thursday on or after full moon,.....	Allan W. Chapman, Dorchester,.....	D. Ritchie Park, Dorchester.
5	St. Mark's,.....	First Thursday,.....	George D. Grimmer, St. Andrews,.....	Thomas R. Wren, St. Andrews.
6	Hiram,.....	First Thursday,.....	John Black, Fredericton,.....	Alexander Burchill, Fredericton.
7	Sussex,.....	First Thursday,.....	Rev. O. S. Newnham, St. Stephen,.....	P. G. McFarlane, St. Stephen.
8	Carleton Union,.....	First Thursday,.....	Daniel C. Clark, Carleton,.....	George F. Harding, St. John.
9	Midian,.....	Second Tuesday,.....	Edward Bates, St. John,.....	H. D. Wetmore, Clifton.
10	Union of Portland,.....	Second Tuesday,.....	Louis Donald, St. John,.....	John B. Andrews, St. John.
11	Woodstock,.....	First Thursday,.....	E. L. Hagerman, Woodstock,.....	Donald Munro, Woodstock.
12	St. George,.....	First Tuesday,.....	Hill Cawley, St. George,.....	C. Johnson, Jr., St. George.
13	Corinthian,.....	Second Wednesday,.....	Thomas Williamson, Hampton,.....	Allan W. Hicks, Hampton.
14	Alley,.....	First Thursday,.....	Granville Chase, Baring, Maine,.....	Cyrus Chase, Baring, Maine.
15	Howard,.....	First Tuesday,.....	W. D. Carter, Richibucto,.....	William J. Smith, Richibucto.
16	St. Andrew,.....	Monday on or after full moon,.....	John P. Burchill, Nelson,.....	Charles E. Fish, Newcastle.
17	Northumberland,.....	Second Tuesday,.....	Robert Murray, Jr., Chatham,.....	J. Fotheringham, Chatham.
18	Miramichi,.....	Third Tuesday,.....	C. W. J. Upham, Sussex,.....	Murray Huestis, Sussex.
19	Salisbury,.....	First Monday,.....	George Thompson, St. John,.....	H. V. Cooper, St. John.
20	Zion,.....	Second Thursday,.....	W. A. Metzler, Moncton,.....	H. B. Fleming, Moncton.
21	New Brunswick,.....	Third Wednesday,.....	Thomas Milne, Shediac,.....	W. B. Deacon, Shediac.
22	Keith,.....	Second Wednesday,.....	Thomas G. Scott, Dalhousie,.....	H. A. Johnson, Dalhousie.
23	Restigouche,.....	Tuesday on or after full moon,.....	William H. Lauchlan, Milltown,.....	J. B. Penalligan, Milltown.
24	Victoria,.....	Second Thursday,.....	A. J. H. Stewart, Bathurst,.....	W. J. O'Brien, Bathurst.
25	St. John,.....	First Thursday,.....	Thomas Carson, West Quaco,.....	W. E. Skilleen, St. Martins.
26	St. Martin's,.....	First Monday,.....	William Curry, Andover,.....	Alexander Stratton, Andover.
27	St. Benjamin,.....	First Tuesday,.....	Joseph H. Taylor, Campbellton,.....	W. F. Stewart, Campbellton.
28	Campbellton,.....	First Wednesday,.....	J. W. Read, Marysville,.....	A. G. Robinson, Marysville.
29	Alexandria,.....	Tuesday each month nearest full moon,.....	Luther C. Murray, Albert,.....	W. Alder Trueman, Albert.

SUSPENSIONS, A. D. 1894.

JOHN R. SMITH,.....	St. John's Lodge, No. 2.
J. GILLIS JONES,.....	Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
ARCHIBALD McSORLEY,....	"
CHARLES W. PERKINS, ...	"
ANDREW G. SMITH,.....	"
THOMAS ANDERSON,.....	Sussex Lodge, No. 4.
JOHN W. McLAUCHLAN,....	St. Mark's Lodge, No. 5.
HORACE ROBINSON,.....	"
CHARLES E. SPARHAWK,...	Sussex Lodge, No. 7.
ALLAN O. CROOKSHANK, ..	The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
JOHN G. GUNN,.....	"
JOHN H. LEAH,.....	"
JOHN ROGERSON,.....	"
JAMES A. McLEAN,.....	"
CHARLES T. HARPER,.....	"
D. MILLER OLIVE,.....	"
JOHNSON BARRY,.....	St. George Lodge, No. 12.
ARCHIBALD DEWAR,.....	"
JOHN CURRAN,.....	Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16.
WILLIAM BROWN,.....	"
WILLIAM A. BLACK,.....	"
FRANK CURRAN,.....	"
HUGH M. FERGUSON,.....	"
CLIFFORD ATKINSON,.....	"
ANDREW GLENCROSS,.....	"
CHARLES J. SAYRE,.....	"
JAMES A. JARDINE,.....	"
JOHN GRAHAM,.....	"
SAMUEL ALLANACH,.....	"
STEPHEN R. CAMERON,....	"
DANIEL BALDWIN,...	Northumberland Lodge, No. 17.
JAMES CARTER,.....	Miramichi Lodge, No. 18.
WILLIAM MUIRHEAD,.....	"
EDWARD GULLIVER,.....	"
THOMAS B. WILLISTON, ...	"
JOHN G. WILLISTON,.....	"
BEN. R. BOUTHILLIER,	"
W. T. McLEOD,.....	Zion Lodge, No. 21.
DAVID PATRIQUIN,.....	"
WILLIAM JOHN HUNTER,...	"

JAMES AYKROYD,.....New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.
 DANIEL E. BERRYMAN,....“
 WILLIAM B. QUINTON,.....“
 JAMES ROURKE,.....“
 JAMES H. BARTLETT,.....Keith Lodge, No. 23.
 EDGAR B. FLOYD,.....Victoria Lodge, No. 26.
 GEORGE E. HUGHES,.....Alexandria Lodge, No. 33.
 JOHN R. McCONNELL,.....“
 ALEXANDER FULLERTON, Albert Lodge, No. 34.

RESTORATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP, A D. 1894.

W. WATSON ALLEN,.....Albion Lodge, No. 1.
 JOHN LIVINGSTON,.....St. John's Lodge, No. 2.
 CHARLES H. S. JOHNSTON,.....“
 JOHN J. PURVIS,.....Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
 JOHN McHARG,.....“
 MARTIN L. JACKSON,.....Sussex Lodge, No. 7.
 THOMAS M. PENGILLY,.....New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.
 F. W. EMERSON,.....Victoria Lodge, No. 26.

DEATHS, A.D. 1894.

B. LESTER PETERS,.....Albion Lodge, No. 1.
 GEORGE F. SMITH,.....“
 T. NISBET ROBERTSON,....“
 GILBERT MURDOCH,.....“
 JOHN FITZPATRICK,.....“
 JOHN ALLINGHAM,.....St. John's Lodge, No. 2.
 BARTHOLEMEW COXETTER,“
 RICHARD J. FOXWELL,.....“
 DAVID McLELLAN,.....“
 ANDREW NEIL,.....St. Mark's Lodge, No. 5.
 WILLIAM HICKS,.....“
 RICHARD H. GROOM,.....“
 ROBERT GLENN,.....“
 JOHN M. B. GRIEVES,.....Hiram Lodge, No. 6.
 WILLIAM J. ERVIN,.....Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
 SAMUEL HUTTON,.....“
 DAVID TAPLEY,.....The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
 JOHN WOODLEY,.....“
 WILLIAM SKILLEN,.....Woodstock Lodge, No. 11.
 JOHN BRUCE,.....St. George Lodge, No. 12.
 JAMES McG. HUMPHREY,.....Corinthian Lodge, No. 13.
 HENRY HALLETT,.....“
 REX M. KING,.....Alley Lodge, No. 14.
 JOHN THOMPSON,.....“
 DANIEL E. WOODBURY,....“
 WILLIAM BOWSER,.....Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16.
 JOHN JAMES MILLER,.....Northumberland Lodge, No. 17.
 JAMES ALLAN HALLETT,.....Zion Lodge, No. 21.
 STEPHEN MILLS,.....Keith Lodge, No. 23.
 TILLEY F. RYAN,.....“
 CHIPMAN W. SMITH,.....Zetland Lodge, No. 24.
 WILLIAM GRAY DISBROW,.....Restigouche Lodge, No. 25.
 DONALD A. CAMPBELL,.....Victoria Lodge, No. 26.
 DONALD SINCLAIR,.....“
 ALEX. R. CHAMBERLAIN,.....Campbellton Lodge, No. 32.
 JOHN T. WILBUR,.....Albert Lodge, No. 34.

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

Arkansas,	Alfred F. Street,	Fredericton.
Canada,	John V. Ellis,	Saint John.
Colon and Island of Cuba,	Rev. O. S. Newnham,	Saint Stephen.
Colorado,	Andrew McNichol,	Saint John.
Delaware,	Charles Masters,	Saint John.
England,	Thomas Walker, M.D.,	Saint John.
Florida,	W. B. Wallace,	Saint John.
Georgia,	John D. Short,	Saint John.
Ireland,	Andrew McNichol,	Saint John.
Idaho,	John A. Beatty,	Hillsborough.
Illinois,	J. Henry Leonard,	Saint John.
Indian Territory,	Frederick W. Thomson,	Saint John.
Iowa,	George F. Pinder,	Saint Stephen.
Kentucky,	James J. Robinson,	Milltown.
Kansas,	George R. Sangster,	Moncton.
Louisiana,	Edwin J. Wetmore,	Saint John.
Maine,	J. D. Chipman,	Saint Stephen.
Maryland,	J. T. Whitlock,	Saint Stephen.
Manitoba,	Donald Munro,	Woodstock.
Michigan,	W. D. Forster,	Saint Andrews.
Minnesota,	Thomas Walker, M.D.,	Saint John.
Missouri,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Mississippi,	Harry Beckwith,	Fredericton.
Nebraska,	William Wedderburn,	Hampton.
New Jersey,	E. Lee Street,	Newcastle.
New South Wales, United Grand Lodge of }	Freeman W. Wisdom,	Saint John.
New York,	Henry Graham,	Saint Stephen.
Nova Scotia,	Thomas A. Godsoe,	Saint John.
North Dakota,	John Johnston,	Saint John.
New Zealand,	George B. Hegan,	Saint John.
Oregon,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Ohio,	Alexander Burchill,	Fredericton.
Prince Edward Island,	G. Hudson Flewelling,	Clifton.
Quebec,	Henry J. Thorne,	Saint John.
Rhode Island,	Ernest Hutchinson,	Douglstown.
Tennessee, .....	.....	.....
Texas,	John A. Watson,	Saint John.
Utah,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Victoria, United Grand Lodge of }	Henry A. White,	Sussex.
Vermont,	David F. Merritt,	Woodstock.
Washington,	William J. Logan,	Saint John.
West Virginia,	Henry Duffell,	Saint John.
Wisconsin,	John V. Ellis,	Saint John.
Wyoming,	Adolphus G. Beckwith,	Fredericton.

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Arkansas,	J. H. Vanhose,	Fayetteville.
British Columbia,	William Downie,	Victoria.
Canada,	J. A. C. Anderson,	Ridgetown.
California,	Edward Coleman, .....	.....
Colon and Island of Cuba,	Joaquin Lancis,	Havana.
Colorado,	Henry P. H. Bramwell,	Denver.
Delaware,	Hiram T. Downing,	Wilmington.
Florida,	Robert J. Perry,	Key West.
Georgia,	W. G. England,	Cedartown, Polk Co.
Idaho,	Joseph Pinkham,	Boies City.
Illinois,	Malachi Maynard,	Chicago.
Indiana,	Thomas H. Lynch,	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory,	H. C. Nash,	Antlers.
Iowa,	Z. A. Church,	Burlington.
Ireland,	William T. Wilkinson,	Dublin.
Kentucky,	William B. Honeycut,	Freedom.
Kansas,	Henry C. Cook,	Kansas City.
Louisiana,	Edwin Marks,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Denison E. Seymour,	Calais.
Manitoba,	George F. Newcombe,	Winnipeg.
Maryland,	William H. Clarke,	Baltimore.
Michigan,	D. Burnham Tracey,	Detroit.
Minnesota,	James N. Castle,	Stillwater.
Missouri,	William R. Stubblefield,	St. Louis.
Mississippi,	Frank C. McGee,	Enterprise.
Nebraska,	John J. Mercer,	Omaha.
New Jersey,	Joseph W. Martin,	Rahway.
New South Wales, United Grand Lodge of }	Charles DeBoos,	Temora.
New York,	William J. Beattie,	Brooklyn.
New Zealand,	Malcolm Niccol,	Auckland.
North Dakota,	William T. Perkins,	Bismark.
Nova Scotia,	Rev. F. Partridge,	Halifax.
Oregon,	T. H. Crawford,	Portland.
Ohio,	Levi C. Goodale,	Cincinnati.
Prince Edward Island,	John W. Morrison,	Charlottetown.
Pennsylvania,	Joseph Eichbaum,	Pittsburg.
Quebec,	Thomas H. Butler,	Montreal.
Rhode Island,	John C. Howland,	Providence.
Scotland,	Robert J. Jameison,	Edinburgh.
Tennessee,	Joseph M. Anderson,	Lebanon.
Texas,	James F. Miller,	Gonzales.
Utah,	Christopher Diehl,	Salt Lake City.
Victoria, United Grand Lodge of }	Canon Watson,	Melbourne.
Vermont,	Winfield S. Nay,	Underhill.
Washington,	H. W. Fairweather,	Olympia.
West Virginia,	George W. Atkinson,	Charleston.
Wisconsin,	Harvey E. Hubbard,	La Crosse.
Wyoming,	Edgar P. Snow,	Cheyenne.

GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND LODGES.

Alabama,	Henry C. Armstrong,	Montgomery.
Arizona,	George J. Roskrugs,	Tucson.
Arkansas,	Fay Hempstead,	Little Rock.
British Columbia,	W. J. Quinlan,	Victoria.
California,	George Johnson,	San Francisco.
Canada,	J. J. Mason,	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado,	Ed. C. Paramlee,	Denver.
Connecticut,	John H. Barlow,	Shelton.
Colon and Island of Cuba,	Jose F. Pellon,	Havana.
Delaware,	Benjamin F. Bartram,	Wilmington.
District of Columbia,	William R. Singleton,	Washington.
England,	Edward Letchworth,	London.
Florida,	Albert J. Russell,	Jacksonville.
Georgia,	Andrew M. Wolihin,	Macon.
Idaho,	Charles C. Stevenson,	Boies City.
Illinois,	J. H. C. Dill,	Bloomington.
Indiana,	William H. Smythe,	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory,	Joseph S. Murrow,	Atoka.
Iowa,	Theodore S. Parvin,	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland,	Arch. St. George, D. G. Sec.,	Dublin.
Kansas,	Albert K. Wilson,	Topeka.
Kentucky,	Henry B. Grant,	Louisville.
Louisiana,	Richard Lambert,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Stephen Berry,	Portland.
Manitoba,	William G. Scott,	Winnipeg.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Medairy,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	Sereno D. Nickerson,	Boston.
Michigan,	J. S. Conover,	Coldwater.
Minnesota,	Thomas Montgomery,	St. Paul.
Mississippi,	J. L. Power,	Jackson.
Missouri,	John D. Vincil,	St. Louis.
Montana,	Cornelius Hedges,	Helena.
Nebraska,	William R. Bowen,	Omaha.
Nevada,	Chauncey N. Noteware,	Carson.
New Hampshire,	George P. Cleaves,	Concord.
New Jersey,	Thomas H. R. Redway,	Trenton.
New Mexico,	Alpheus A. Keene,	Albuquerque.
New York,	Edward M. L. Ehlers,	New York.
New Zealand,	Rev. William Ronaldson,	Wellington.
New South Wales,	} Arthur H. Bray,	Sidney.
United Grand Lodge of		
North Carolina,	John C. Drewry,	Raleigh.
North Dakota,	Frank J. Thompson,	Fargo.
Nova Scotia,	William Ross,	Halifax.
Ohio,	J. H. Bromwell,	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma,	James S. Hunt,	Stillwater.
Oregon,	James F. Robinson,	Eugene.
Pennsylvania,	Michael Nisbet,	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island,	Neil McKelvie,	Summerside.
Quebec,	John H. Isaacson,	Montreal.
Rhode Island,	Edwin Baker,	Providence.
Scotland,	D. Murray Lyon,	Edinburgh.
South Australia,	J. H. Cunningham,	Adelaide.
South Carolina,	Charles Inglesby,	Charleston.
South Dakota,	George A. Pettigrew,	Flandreau.
Tennessee,	John B. Garrett,	Nashville.
Texas,	John Watson,	Houston.
Utah,	Christopher Diehl,	Salt Lake City.
Victoria,	} T. H. Lempriere,	Melbourne.
United Grand Lodge of		
Vermont,	W. G. Reynolds,	Burlington.
Virginia,	Joseph V. Bidgood,	Richmond.
Washington,	Thomas M. Reed,	Olympia.
West Virginia,	George W. Atkinson,	Wheeling.
Wisconsin,	John W. Laffin,	Milwaukee.
Wyoming,	William M. Kuykendall,	Saratoga.

THE DEAD.

'Tis sweet, as year by year we lose
 Friends out of sight, in faith to muse
 How grows in Paradise our store.

Keble.

In Memoriam.

R.:W.: B. LESTER PETERS

PAST GRAND MASTER.

DIED NOVEMBER 25, 1894,

AGED 67 YEARS.

*"To those who knew thee not, no words can paint!
And those who knew thee, know all words are faint!"*

From Address of Grand Master.

In Memoriam.

W.: W. G. DISBROW, M.D.
PAST MASTER RESTIGOUCHE LODGE, No. 25.
Died December 12, 1894.

W.: THOMAS W. PETERS,
PAST MASTER ALBION LODGE, No. 1.
Died March 31, 1894.

W.: ROBERT GLENN,
PAST MASTER ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 5.
Died November 1, 1894.

W.: HENRY HALLETT,
PAST MASTER CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 13.
Died November 29, 1894.

In Memoriam.

The Fraternal Dead of other Jurisdictions.

R.:W.: JOSEPH K. WHEELER,
GRAND SECRETARY GRAND LODGE OF CONNECTICUT.
Died October 29, 1894.

M.:W.: JOHN MILTON CHIVINGTON,
GRAND MASTER GRAND LODGE OF COLORADO.
Died October 4, 1894.

R.:W.: JOHN FRIZZLE, P.G.M.
GRAND SECRETARY GRAND LODGE OF TENNESSEE.
Died November 30, 1894.

R.:W.: STEPHEN F. CHADWICK, P.G.M.
GRAND SECRETARY GRAND LODGE OF OREGON.
Died January 5, 1895.

V.:W.: WILLIAM BRYAN ISAACS,
GRAND SECRETARY GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA.
Died June 9, 1895.

R.:W.: RICHARD VAUX,
PAST GRAND MASTER GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Died March 22, 1895.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

AND

Lodge of Sorrow

IN MEMORY OF

R. W. B. LESTER PETERS

FIRST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

HELD AT SAINT JOHN, N. B.

DECEMBER 18TH, A. D. 1894, A. L. 5894.

PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

DECEMBER 18TH, 1894,

AND

LODGE OF SORROW

IN MEMORY OF

PAST GRAND MASTER B. LESTER PETERS.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION of Grand Lodge was opened at Masonic Hall, Germain Street, St. John, N. B., on Tuesday evening, the 18th day of December, A.D. 1894, A.L. 5894, for the purpose of holding a Lodge of Sorrow in memory of our late R.W. Brother B. Lester Peters, Past Grand Master, who died November 25, 1894, with the following acting and actual officers of Grand Lodge:

M.W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D.,	....	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN A. WATSON, D.G.M.,	....	Acting Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. A. W. CHAPMAN,	....	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. THOMAS A. GODSOE,	....	Grand Treasurer.
V.W. F. W. WISDOM,	....	Grand Secretary.
W. ALEXANDER BAUER,	....	Acting Senior Grand Deacon.
W. J. A. MAGILTON,	....	Acting Junior Grand Deacon.
V.W. A. G. HAMILTON DICKER,	....	Grand Chaplain.
W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE,	....	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. GEORGE E. DAY,	....	Acting Grand Pursuivant.
W. THOS. A. PETERS,	....	Acting Grand Steward.
W. B. S. BLACK,	....	Acting Grand Steward.
W. A. R. CAMPBELL,	....	Acting Grand Steward.
W. GEORGE THOMPSON,	....	Grand Steward.
DINGEE SCRIBNER,	....	Grand Tyler.

Grand Lodge opened in *ample* form at eight o'clock.

The M.W. Grand Master referred feelingly to the loss the Craft and community had sustained by the death of R.W. Brother Peters. It having been suggested to him that as it was neither the desire of our Brother himself nor of his family that there should be interment with Masonic ceremony, a Lodge of Sorrow should be held in his memory, and he had adopted this view. The large number of brethren present proved that in doing so, his action met with the approval of the Craft generally.

A letter from the M.W. Grand Master of Nova Scotia was read expressive of his sympathy and that of the Craft in that jurisdiction at the death of Brother Peters, who had so long and ably represented the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near this Grand Lodge.

Letters were also read from R.W. Julius T. Whitlock, Past Deputy Grand Master, and W. Brother Johnston of St. George Lodge, expressing regret at their inability to be present.

Grand Lodge was then called off and a Lodge of Sorrow opened, with the following brethren acting officers:

M.W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D.,	....	Worshipful Master.
R.W. JOHN A. WATSON,	....	Senior Warden.
W. WILLIAM G. ROBERTSON,	....	Junior Warden.
V.W. THOMAS A. GODSOE,	....	Treasurer.
V.W. F. W. WISDOM,	....	Secretary.
W. ALEXANDER BAUER,	....	Senior Deacon.
W. J. A. MAGILTON,	....	Junior Deacon.
W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE,	....	Director of Ceremonies.
W. W. A. EWING,	....	Organist.
W. A. R. CAMPBELL,	....	Senior Steward.
W. B. S. BLACK,	....	Junior Steward.
W. GEORGE E. DAY,	....	Inner Guard.
W. DINGEE SCRIBNER,	....	Tyler.

A Choir composed of the following brethren rendered the musical portion of the exercises in an efficient and impressive manner under the direction of the Grand Organist, W. William A. Ewing:

V.W. A. G. HAMILTON DICKER.
 R.W. GEORGE B. HEGAN.
 R.W. FREDERICK SANDALL.
 W. D. S. STEWART.
 W. J. T. T. HARTT.
 W. W. H. HORN.
 W. B. C. B. BOYD.
 W. D. M. OLIVE.

The Lodge room having been prepared by the erection in the centre of a catafalque, covered with black velvet, surmounted by an urn, and the stations of the principal officers draped in black, the following Order of Service was carried out:

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

O Eternal Architect and Geometrician of the Universe who abidest forever, immortal, immutable in the Heavens; in whose sight our great world with its antiquity of countless ages is but as the tiny mote which flashes for a brief moment into the light of day, ere it passes again into the darkness! Grant that this our solemn function may deeply impress upon our minds the truth, that very near to us, each one, is that mysterious portal of death through which our brother has passed, and through which we all must pass ere long, to render account for the deeds done in the body; and that we know not how soon that portal may be opened, nor which of us will next be summoned to pass its awful threshold.

May we ever remember that in the midst of life we are in death, and that since there is but so short time before the night cometh when all work must cease, grant that we may so live and act our several parts as we will desire to have done when the hour of our departure is at hand.

And as we can do nothing in our own strength, vouchsafe us, gracious Father, Thy divine assistance to redeem our time—in the discharge of the duties Thou hast assigned us in the erection of our moral edifice may we have wisdom from on high to direct us and the beauty of holiness to adorn and render all our efforts acceptable in Thy sight.

And at last, great Parent of the Universe, when our journey of life shall be near its close, when the mallet of death shall call us from our labors, when the silver cord shall be loosed and the golden bowl broken in pieces,—in that hour of mortal extremity may the lamp of Thy love dispel the gloom of the dark valley, and may we be enabled to obtain an entrance into the Celestial Lodge above, and in Thy glorious presence, amidst its ineffable mysteries enjoy a union with the souls of our departed friends, perfect as is the happiness of Heaven and durable as the eternity of God. Amen.

HYMN.

"Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

Brief life is here our portion;
Brief sorrow, short-lived care;
The life that knows no ending,
The tearless life is there.

O happy retribution!
Short toil, eternal rest;
For mortals and for sinners,
A mansion with the blest!

And now we fight the battle,
But there shall wear the crown
Of full and everlasting
And passionless renown.

And now we watch and struggle,
And now we live in hope,
And Sion in her anguish
With Babylon must cope.

But He whom now we trust in,
Shall then be seen and known;
And they that know and see Him,
Shall have Him for their own.

The morning shall awaken,
The shadows shall decay,
And each true-hearted servant
Shall shine as doth the day.

Then God, our King and Portion,
In fulness of His grace,
Shall we behold for ever,
And worship face to face.

Selections from the Holy Writings, read by the Grand Chaplain.

HYMN.

"Thy will be done."

My God, my Father, while I stray,
Far from my home, on life's rough way,
O teach me from my heart to say
"Thy will be done."

Though dark my path, and sad my lot,
Let me be still and murmur not,
Or breathe the prayer divinely taught,
Thy will be done."

What though in lonely grief I sigh,
For friends beloved no longer nigh,
Submissive would I still reply,
"Thy will be done."

If Thou shouldst call me to resign
What most I prize, it ne'er was mine;
I only yield Thee what is Thine;
"Thy will be done."

Let but my fainting heart be blest
With Thy sweet Spirit for its guest,
My God to Thee I leave the rest,
"Thy will be done."

Renew my will from day to day,
Blend it with Thine and take away
All that now makes it hard to say
"Thy will be done."

Oration by Past Grand Master Wedderburn :

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER :

We all recognize, sir, that there are occasions when the most becoming attitude of the very Genius of Eloquence, if it were present, is one of pale, profound and sorrowful silence. We cannot fail to feel, at least in some degree, that this is one of them as we stand to-night in memory and association by the newly made grave of our departed Brother.

"We laid him in the sleep that comes to all
And left him to his rest,
Soon the snow had fallen, as if Heaven dropped down
White flowers of Paradise to strew his pall.
And now the moon is shining on the scene,
And the broad sheet of snow is written o'er
With shadows cruciform of leafless trees."

And, indeed, if this were "the be all and end all," the Divine declaration might well overwhelm us, and man most intelligent become man most

miserable. "Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." But here and now, from the inmost cavern of the sepulchre, we may by faith hear the glad sound of that celestial voice which, rising beyond the centuries, has echoed down over the intervening ages, redolent of the omnipotence of the Almighty, and freighted with inspirations of steadfast Faith and immortal Hope and triumphant Love: "Be still and know that I am God!" These emblems of our Craft, 'tis true, are shrouded in becoming insignia of mourning — and yet all of them more or less, some of them with the assured utterance of Divine exactitude, speak to us with the sublime confidence of the Eternal Comforter, of that better part of our redeemed humanity which by and by, with God's great grace shall survive the grave, and bursting its clayey cerements, glorified, with eternal beauty clad, girdled with immortality, and with the stars beneath its feet; with its hand reanimated from the paralysis of death resting in the warm clasp of the hand of the sweet Saviour, with its nail prints of love, — shall rise to the enfranchisement, the transcendent glory and beauty ineffable of the eternal home in the blessed Beyond; for it shall breathe within "the inspiration of that Divinity which we adore, and which can never, never, never die." And yet how mute and impotent those emblems seem to our hearts now. You all remember the passionate exclamation of Lord Hamlet to his perfidious mother when she hypocritically upbraided him of his excessive grief because of the death of his royal father:

"Seems, Madam, nay it is! I know not seems.
'Tis not alone my inky cloak, good mother,
Nor customary suits of solemn black,
Nor the windy suspiration of forced breath,
No, — nor the fruitful river of the eye,
Nor the dejected 'haviour of the visage,
Together with all forms, modes, shapes of grief
That can denote me truly. These indeed seem,
For they are actions that a man might play:
But I have that within which passeth show —
These but the trappings and the suits of woe."

Yes — it is so; it is well it is so; we turn from all these for a time, that their voice shall not intrude upon the cry of our tears. Blessed tears! Jesus wept! "Then said the Jews, Behold how He loved him."

"A human heart beat then! a human brain
Ponder'd and pitied, and was sorrowful
Behind that Sovereign brow!"

But I must not linger here, but endeavor for a few minutes to speak of our Brother as we knew him; pay to his memory with you the offices of Masonic love and duty, and then go with you hence to the duties and

cares that are still before us, at the imperative summons of the world without. And yet who should chide us if for a little while we have tarried here, as they tarry who bend their last lingering look of love ere the bearers carry their dear ones away — who would bereave us of the luxury of our grief?

The ST. JOHN GLOBE thus summarized the personal allusions of the orator to the late Brother Peters, as (1) a Man and Citizen; (2) as an Official and a Judge; (3) and as a Mason: "He dealt with the career of the late Grand Master Peters as a citizen, as an official, as a judge, as a craftsman, pathetically referring to the leading incidents of his life, dwelling upon the affection he displayed in his family, upon his devotion to the interests of the city — of which the orator could speak knowingly, for he was Speaker and afterwards was a member of the legislature and provincial secretary at a time when the city sought much legislation. * * * He referred tenderly and kindly to the one great trouble of his life, and the honorable way in which he had overcome it. He spoke of his judicial career, which was all too brief for the community in which he lived." He said: He seemed at all times fully to realize how much the perpetuity of the very fabric of civil society depends upon the impartial administration and passionless vindication of Justice, and that Justice appears revealed to us in her fairest proportions when, side by side with her, co-ordinate and co-equal, sits the enthroned majesty of Law and Order, while Mercy gazes upon the scene, beautifying with the radiance of her smile and purifying with the rapture of her presence. "Then he dwelt at some length upon his Masonic career, his rise from the position of Junior Deacon of Albion Lodge to Grand Master of the Province, dealing with the movement which brought about the Grand Lodge, and this reference led the orator to speak of other Craftsmen — Clinch, Stevenson, McNichol, Keans, Willis, Robertson, Powers, and others, now passed away."

The orator then proceeded: And now, my Brethren, my part of the duties of this hour is nearly closed, and how lamentably I have failed to give adequate expression to your feelings, or even outline the life of our departed Brother; let those fraternal feelings atone for my insufficiency, but at least believe me this to me has been a service of love.

And yet, I ought not to close here, for if this is the complement and completion of our memorial service, what advantageth it you or me? What, indeed, all the phrases of eulogistic mourning — the ritual of your

Lodge of Sorrow; what are the sweetly sad and solemn strains of your melancholy music? "Can flattery soothe the dull, cold ear of death?" Let us rather, lovingly, lay our evergreen upon his bier, and with enriched faith and inspired ambition, return to the all-recurring, urgently pressing, ever irrepressible labor of the hour, till the night come wherein no man can work. The voices of the night, the rites of love we bestow upon, and the ceremonials with which we consecrate the memory of the dead, all urge us to carry back some echoes of the cemetery as lessons for the city. And as we gather around the Altar of our Masonic Temple, and mark the broken links, the vacant stations, the absence of familiar forms, the eloquent silence of tongues once laden with messages of mingled love and instruction, we shall not sorrow as those having no hope; but garnering up the precious memories of the past, learn humbly the striking lessons of the present, and prepare for the duties and changes of the future. To no organization of human origin can we go wherein we shall find incentives and encouragements more inspiring or more consoling: for here we are taught those high principles of enterprise and activity in concord with every proper and ennobling situation, and avocation, and ambition of honorable manhood; and high and chief above all the metaphorical and ritualistic emblems and implements of our Craft, there is the Open Bible upon our Altar on which rest in jewelled but subordinate splendor the Square and Compass; and surely by these—nay verily by the first of them supremely alone—we may learn all the duties of this mortal life, and also that blessed shibboleth which shall admit us to the happy hereafter of a blissful life immortal—JESUS, the Password of a Universe to God. "Speculative Masonry is but another name for Freemasonry, and is the scientific application and religious consecration of the rules and principles, the language, the implements and materials of Operative Masonry to the veneration of God, the purification of the heart, and the inculcation of the doctrines of a religious philosophy." (Mackay). Why may we not then study and strive, and successfully, to make our day strong in honorable activities and moral purposes and achievements, so that it may be said of the temple of our completed life that "it had the appearance of the handiwork of the Supreme Architect, and not of human hands." All around us we hear the proud proclamation, and see proofs of the possibilities of life and action consecrated by high resolves of duty. As fast falls the eventide of the current century, it comes not merely as the glimmering twilight, but with the fullness of the grandeur and the glory of the autumnal sunset, its rays lingering upon marvels of accomplishment in every department of art, history, literature, mechanics, science, exploration, culture, Christianity; and shall fling

forward its beams across the boundary line to gild and glorify the portals of the century to come. What then if some rest,—if we all shall rest soon, if they or we have achieved or may achieve something in great things, or even in the small greatnesses which unite to make up the splendid aggregate of human knowledge, development and happiness; bequeath something indestructible to the posterities: something which somewhere and to someone shall prove that they and we have not lived in vain. Great things,—small things,—making up the complement of all things. Let us think of that for a moment. But yesterday, as it were, the world stood with becoming respect beside the imposing bier of the Imperial Ruler, the heir of Emperors, the autocrat of millions, to some extent the custodian of the peace of the world; and, as the royal purple of the court was draped with the sombre and solemn trappings of the catafalque, the distinguished dead was laid in the tomb of his royal ancestors. And to-day, in our own Canada, the great public heart throbs with profound grief as the lineal descendant of a humble ancestry but withal the honored hero of many triumphs of loyal labor for his country, a son of the people and the architect of his own imperishable renown, fresh from the field of his brilliant achievements, and the gracious commendation of his beloved Sovereign in the audience chamber of her illustrious councillors, with his bier sweetly and solemnly adorned with the love and laurel leaves of his Queen, wet with her tears mingled in a holy communion of sorrow with the tears of her people: his personal and eminent excellence evoking the pathetic eloquence of big hearted and large minded men who, while dissenting from his administrative methods and opposing the principles of his politics, willingly confess their admiration of the genius and purity of his life, and forget all the contentions and ambitions of Party in the overwhelming and pervading sadness of the National loss: yes, as he silent amid it all calmly awaits his ocean hearse to carry him to the grateful bosom of the Dominion for whose welfare he labored and in whose service he died. And yet in different larger or smaller spheres,—with great or small successes,—they discover to us only the same work of brow and worry of brain,—of mind and muscle,—of hands and hearts which mould the every-day activities here and everywhere, while the grief, different in sphere but not in spirit, is no more precious or estimable than that sacred anguish pent up in the blessed sacrament of a mother's kiss upon her dying baby's brow in the humblest home of the little hamlet by the wayside. And if we leave for the time the Great World, gathered here in our own sorrow over our immediate and irreparable loss, we find around us, whether implements of the living or hallowed memorials of the dead, teachers of the same wise lessons, symbols of material things entering into the

daily functions of our lives, and blending in allegory the toils and dangers of The Here with the rapture and reward of The Hereafter, and lifting heart and soul through the courses of the finite and transient to the contemplation and adoration of The Infinite and The Eternal: the Brotherhood of Man gazing up toward the Fatherhood of God. If with all these and from all these, with the finger of God tracing our duty and our destiny even along the thoroughfares through which we daily pass, we accept no admonition, gather no instruction and inspiration, then indeed is our life but a vain shadow, a mere bubble upon the stream, the morning mist upon the mountain side. We disquiet ourselves in vain, and our studied solemnities, our imposing cenotaphs in our memorial services, our chanted requiems, are little better than idolatry—little more than quintessence of dust. No, no! "I am persuaded better things though I speak thus." As far away through the ages of the past the principles and purposes here prefigured have lived, stimulating, strengthening and spiritualizing those who have labored before us and now rest from their labors, constraining them by God's blessing to lives of honor, of industry, of devotion to kin and country, of brotherhood in man, of patriotic citizenship and catholic charity; so through time to come, pregnant with the same wisdom and lessons of life, and prophetic of the same rewards when life shall end, and through the countless cycles of the eternal future they shall live on—and on—and on! True sovereign and subject—brother and kinsman—the lordly and the lowly—the centenarian with the snows of years upon his wrinkled brow, and the little child, whose bright, laughing eyes are little lakes of sunshine, and lips the opening rosebuds in a garden of kisses, shall hear that voice which all must obey; true, as we are so sadly reminded to-night, the instructive tongue may become silent and the faithful breast, once pulsating with the warm affections of our exalted Fellowship, may cease its throbbings under the cold clasp of the last paralysis: but not the final dissolution and desolation can mar or even touch them—for they are principles immortal, which shall flourish through the illimitable future in the perfect fruition of their sanctified consummation and bliss.

"The stars shall fade away, the sun himself
Grow dim with age, and nature sink in years;
But they shall flourish in immortal youth,
Unhurt amid the war of elements,
The wreck of matter and the crash of worlds."

—The silent city is but a temporary halting place after the toilsome journey, with the weary laborer's Saturday night of quiet and repose, after the cares and crosses of the week; the grave we so much dread but the marble vestibule of Our Father's house, and the doleful dirge of death but the passing prelude to the song of victory, peace and rest.

Now the calls and cares of home and country; the incessant clamor of daily work, work, work; the demands of citizenship, labor, humanity and philanthropy in a swelling and multitudinous consensus, press upon brow and brain till we almost reel in the whirl of our perplexities; but over and above all we may hear the charmed teaching of our Masonic philosophy, energized and spiritualized by the holier theology, so that here, with the clash and clangor of the struggles and toils of daily life shut out, we may commune with our dead, enjoy the high privileges of our fellowship with our companions, and go forth to our labors again, perhaps saddened, but withal refreshed. And if there be anything in the invocation of the Irish orator, and the sainted spirits of the glorified departed look down upon the old familiar scenes of their life on Earth, and if there be recognition and reunion in heaven, surely those of our brethren who have gone before us and have inherited the promises of The Eternal Mercy, and who were wont so short a time ago to mingle in these gatherings, will look upon us now with the old-time smile of love and as ministering spirits to us, as we seek inspiration for our work here and our reward and rest hereafter. Let us, then, as we prepare again to take up manfully the earnest work of the day which is yet ours, strive also to discern through the rifts in the clouds some of the effulgence of the bright Beyond; that we may even here, though it be as through a glass darkly, catch a transient but prophetic vision of that far away yet ever near home and house not made with hands—a view from the glorified summit of some darling Mount Olivet of the sparkling pinnacles of the ivory palaces of The City of The Great King. As "the incense glows with fervent heat," Brethren, so let our hearts glow with hope and energy and love and gratitude and faith, and that same far away light of the blessed Beyond shall stream all along our pathway of truth and duty, cheering us in our toil, refreshing us as we rest, consoling us in our griefs, beckoning us forward and upward, and making our course here so bright and so beautiful that Death's grim visage shall become all aglow with the reflected transfiguration of Immortality. As men good and true, as honorable citizens, as faithful Masons, striving to "wear the white flower of a blameless life," "squaring our actions by the square of virtue," carrying our work plumb in the sight of God and man, diligent in business, fervent in spirit, let us do our allotted work in our day and generation. I have spoken of the struggles and clamors and trials without, but rather let me re-phrase what I have said more justly, and say that just beyond that entrance stand sweet Domestic Love, lofty Patriotism, blessed Labor, gentle Charity and holy Christianity calling us to resume our stations and the duties of the hour. Sweet voices—we come! and if it

please the Master that the days darken around us, and the storm clouds lower, and our brethren and our loved ones fall by our side, and tumultuous cares assail us, we will endeavor by Faith to hear above the darkness and the din, the re-echo of that supreme command, "Let there be light!" and the gentle caress to the storm-tossed soul, "Peace, be still!" until in God's own precious and most proper moment we shall, at the dear summons of The Great Captain and Conductor, follow our Fathers and our Brothers to the land whither they have gone before us, leaving the weapons of our earthly warfare and "fearing no danger," close beside the acacia blooming by the unveiled tomb in the green restful valley at the end of life's march.

And now farewell, my Brother and my Friend! May the soft dews of heavenly benediction fall gently on thy silent slumber, until the Angel shall roll away the stone, and the Great Master's voice shall break the stillness of thy lonely resting place, and by His infinite grace call thee to the ineffable refreshment of the banquet of the Redeemed. We leave you again as the shadows of the night gather around you, asleep in Jesus, peacefully pillowed on the sweet bosom of Eternal Mercy, as we take up the refrain of that beautiful hymn which fell with all the softening solace of a requiem upon thy confined form in the earthly sanctuary of thy choice and love:

"Earth to earth and dust to dust"—
Calmly now the words we say,
Leaving him to sleep in trust,
Till the Resurrection day.
Father in thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now our Brother sleeping!"

Solo by Rev. A. G. Hamilton Dicker, Grand Chaplain:

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give to thee a crown of life.
Be not afraid, my help is near."

A procession of the officers of the Lodge was then formed under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies, W. William B. Wallace, and marched around the catafalque to the solemn music of the Dead March.

On the first round Brother W. G. Robertson, the Junior Warden, placed on the catafalque a bunch of White Flowers in memory of our departed Brother, emblematical of that pure

life to which he has been called, and reminding us that as these children of an hour will droop and fade away, so, too, we shall soon follow him who has gone before us, and inciting us so to fill the brief span of our existence that we may leave to our survivors a sweet savour of remembrance.

The Junior Warden returned to his station, and after an interval of silence a procession was again formed, and moving twice around, the Senior Warden, Brother John A. Watson, approached the catafalque and placed thereon a wreath of Fragrant Flowers, which he explained as follows:

As the sun sets in the west to close the day and herald the approach of night, so one by one we lay us down in the darkness of the tomb to wait in its calm repose for the time when the heavens shall pass away as a scroll, and man, standing in the presence of the Infinite, shall realize the true end of his pilgrimage here below. Let these flowers be to us the symbol of remembrance of all the virtues of our Brother who has preceded us to the silent land; the token of that fraternal alliance which binds us while on earth and which we hope will finally unite us in heaven.

The Senior Warden returned to his station, and after another interval of silence a procession was again formed, and moving three times around the catafalque, the Worshipful Master, Thomas Walker, advanced and placed upon the Urn a Wreath of Evergreen, which he explained was to teach the following lesson:

It is appointed unto all men once to die, and after death comes the resurrection. The dust shall return to the earth and the Spirit unto God who gave it. In the grave all men are equal; the good deeds, the lofty thoughts, the heroic sacrifices alone survive and bear fruit in the lives of those who strive to emulate them. While, therefore, nature will have its way, and our tears will fall upon the grave of our Brother, let us be reminded by the Evergreen, symbol of our faith in immortal life, that the dead are but sleeping, and be comforted by the reflection that their memories will not be forgotten; that they will still be loved by those who are soon to follow them; that in our archives their names are written, and that in our hearts there is still a place for them. And so trusting in the infinite love and tender mercy of Him without whose knowledge not even a sparrow falls, let us prepare to meet them where there is no parting and where with them we shall enjoy eternal rest.

HYMN.

"The time is short."

A few more years shall roll,
A few more seasons come,
And we shall be with those that rest,
Asleep within the tomb;
Then, O my Lord, prepare
My soul for that great day;
O wash me in Thy precious blood,
And take my sins away.

A few more suns shall set
O'er these dark hills of time,
And we shall be where suns are not —
A far serener clime.
Then, O my Lord, prepare
My soul for that bright day;
O wash me in Thy precious blood,
And take my sins away.

A few more storms shall beat
On this wild, rocky shore;
And we shall be where tempests cease,
And surges swell no more.
Then, O my Lord, prepare
My soul for that calm day;
O wash me in Thy precious blood,
And take my sins away.

A few more struggles here,
A few more partings o'er,
A few more toils, a few more tears,
And we shall weep no more.
Then, O my Lord, prepare
My soul for that blest day;
O wash me in Thy precious blood,
And take my sins away.

After which Brother George E. Fairweather, Past Master of Albion Lodge, read an original poem, prefaced by the following remarks:

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER: I have prepared a few lines of verse in loving memory of our dear departed Friend and Brother. Associated with him for over eleven years as his Deputy in the Common Clerk's office, I have the most happy recollections of our intercourse, and cannot recall a single unpleasant word spoken, and can truly say that I ever found him to be a perfect gentleman. Dare we enter into the sanctity of his home life, how much could be written of his self-denial,

his devotion beginning in early life when a great duty and responsibility was laid upon him, ever proving a true Son, a loving Brother. The crescent placed over his mortal remains by the writer, composed of roses, ferns and ivy leaves, reminds us of the crescent suspended in the western sky at twilight — so beautiful, so full of bright hope, of more and further light; the roses, of his bright, cheery manner so dear to all his friends; the ferns, of his gentle loving nature, and the ivy leaves that his memory will be ever green.

Land of eternal, ever present light,
Where dwells the Architect supreme, the Infinite,
Where streets of gold and gates of pearl abound,
And stones most beautiful of purest white are found,
With jewels rare and gems of every brilliant hue,
Where sorrow never comes and joys are ever new,
Sweet intercourse and happy fellowship endear,
A life of joy and light, of service grand, sincere,
Within that bright, that grand and glorified domain,
The dwelling-place of Jesus Christ, the Lamb once slain,
But now enthroned in glory ever more to reign,
There's light beyond the finite power of man to gain;
But God will grant that light, the endless life of love,
To all, who willing service give and faithful prove,
A place within the portals of that home of light,
Amid eternal brilliancy, supreme delight.

Who gain that undiscovered country ne'er return,
Tho' friends beloved would of their welfare learn,
No tidings from that bright, that blissful home are given,
To lure us on by pathway good to that high heaven;
But God has left us for our guidance and our stay
His Holy Writ, which tells us of the perfect way;
How brethren dear should ever dwell at peace, in love,
To gain secure a hearing in the courts above,
That hope the anchor true and faith be with us found,
Charity the greater should more and more abound,
That justice must our every act and word control,
As we may look and hope for mercy for the soul,
Our level walk be proved by virtue's square, upright,
So shall we tread the path that leads to further light,
And by degrees attain to knowledge good and pure,
The way to great reward, the joy that shall endure.

Another soul has winged its flight,
 To that blest home of endless light,
 One who when with us ever strove
 To gently rule and guide in love.
 The first Grand Master of this field,
 To have full sway, the gavel wield;
 And ere he yielded up his charge,
 Saw this Grand Lodge grow and enlarge,
 And every Lodge within the field
 Its ancient charter freely yield,
 To form a Lodge, united grand,
 Throughout our whole Provincial land.
 A Mason worthy of the name,
 His work lives in Masonic fame,
 Devoted to his much loved craft,
 Till struck by death's relentless shaft.

We mourn a friend, a brother dear,
 In time of trial ever near,
 Sweet peace to gain.
 In counsel good and firm, but kind,
 He ever sought the craft to bind
 With loving chain.

Who can recall a single act
 Where he enforced a rule, exact,
 Unpleasantly?
 Forbearance was his counsel good,
 Withhold decree and spare the rod,
 How mild his sway.

In office, faithful, earnest, true,
 Warm interest ever fresh and new,
 His works proclaim.
 Exact in word, in manner grand,
 Ahead of all his peers to stand,
 His constant aim.

His genial smile and pleasant word,
 That brethren dwell in sweet accord,
 True and faithful.
 With quiet mien and gentle hand
 Neglectful work we should withstand,
 Aim to excel.

Our tears of grief shall ever well,
 In memory dear shall ever dwell
 His kindly heart.
 With loving hearts we range around,
 His requiem bell in sadness sound,
 Ere now we part.

By friendship's bond, Masonic rite,
 We brethren all, warmly unite
 To sound his praise.
 And to our God, Almighty Lord,
 In anthem sweet, with one accord
 Our voices raise.

Architect supreme, whose gracious hand
 Has ever blest our ancient band,
 Still ever dwell within the heart,
 And guide each Mason in his art,
 Look on us now assembled here,
 Our love profound, our faith sincere,
 Accept our loving service, prayer,
 And graciously protect and spare.
 Guide in the path of peace and light
 Our erring feet, imperfect sight,
 Until we reach the heavenly shore
 To serve and praise Thee evermore.

HYMN.

*"The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God,
 and there shall no torment touch them."*

Now the labourer's task is o'er;
 Now the battle day is past;
 Now upon the farther shore
 Lands the voyager at last.
 Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
 Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

There the tears of earth are dried;
 There the hidden things are clear;
 There the work of life is tried
 By a juster Judge than here.
 Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
 Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

"Earth to earth, and dust to dust,"
Calmly now the words we say;
Leaving him to sleep in trust,
Till the Resurrection day.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping. Amen.

After which the Chaplain, Brother A. G. Hamilton Dicker, offered the following prayer:

And now, O Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; we humbly commend the soul of this Thy servant, our dear brother, into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour. We pray Thee teach us who survive, in this and other like scenes of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting.

Our Solemn Rite is done. Accept the imperfect prayers and hymns in which we have been joining: grant that we may one day be raised by the Master's Word to join the ceaseless song in the Celestial Grand Lodge of the glorious Temple not made with hands eternal in the Heavens.

Grant this, we beseech Thee, O Father, for Thine infinite mercy's sake. Amen.

So MOTE IT BE.

And the Lodge of Sorrow was closed in due form.

Grand Lodge was then called to order, and after thanking the brethren generally for their attendance, Past Grand Master Wedderburn for his eloquent oration, and Past Master George E. Fairweather for his beautiful poem, the Grand Master closed Grand Lodge in *ample* form.

F. W. WISDOM,
Grand Secretary.

The following Brethren are recorded as present:

M.W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D., ..Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN A. WATSON,Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. A. W. CHAPMAN,Junior Grand Warden.
V.W. A. G. HAMILTON DICKER, ..Grand Chaplain.
R.W. THOMAS A. GODSOE,Grand Treasurer.
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W. W. W. INCHES,Grand Steward.
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R.W. ROBERT MARSHALL,Past Grand Master.
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W. GEORGE E. DAY,Past Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,Grand Tyler.

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WILLIAM HEATHFIELD.	JOHN NICKERSON.
JAMES COOPER.	

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 5.

JOHN H. PRATT.

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J. D. CHIPMAN, P.M.

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LOUIS DONALD, S.W.	GEORGE H. MILES.
JOHN B. ANDREWS.	PARKER GLAZIER.
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GEORGE COGGIN, P.M.

NEW BRUNSWICK, No. 22.

FRANK GALLAGHER.

ALBERT LODGE, No. 34.

W. ALDER TRUEMAN, P.M.

JOHN S. DERBY, United States Consul.

CARROLL RYAN, Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa, Ont.

W. R. BUCKNUM, Portland Lodge, No. 1, Portland, Maine.

E. GILLMAN, Warren Lodge, No. 2, East Machias, Maine.

There were many other Brethren present on this interesting occasion, but they failed to record their names.

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION HELD AT SAINT JOHN, N. B.

JUNE 23RD, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION of Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons Hall, Saint John, on the afternoon of Sunday, the 23rd day of June, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895, with the following actual and acting officers:

M.W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D.,	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN A. WATSON,	Deputy Grand Master.
W. F. W. THOMSON,	as Senior Grand Warden.
W. ROBERT CLERKE,	as Junior Grand Warden.
V.W. A. G. HAMILTON DICKER,	Grand Chaplain.
W. CHARLES MASTERS,	as Grand Treasurer.
V.W. F. W. WISDOM,	Grand Secretary.
W. FRANK L. TUFTS,	as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN W. WHITE,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE,	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. R. H. MCWILLIAMS,	as Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. WILLIAM DOUGHERTY,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. J. M. FOWLER,	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. WILLIAM A. EWING,	Grand Organist.
W. GEORGE E. DAY,	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. DAVID DEARNESS,	Grand Steward.
BRO. F. L. HEA,	Grand Steward.
BRO. HERMON SULLIVAN,	Grand Steward.
BRO. JOHN S. KNIGHT,	Grand Steward.
BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER,	Grand Tyler.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form at 2.30 o'clock by the M.W. Grand Master, Thomas Walker, Esq.

The M.W. Grand Master announced that he had called this Special Communication for the purpose of attending Divine Service at Saint Paul's Church, it being the eve of Saint John Baptist, and the Rector, the Very Worshipful A. G. Hamilton Dicker, Grand Chaplain, having consented to conduct a service on the occasion.

Grand Lodge was then, by order of the M.W. Grand Master, placed in charge of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, who formed a procession under the banners of Grand Lodge, with the following Lodges in attendance, preceded by the band of the 62nd Fusiliers:

New Brunswick Lodge.
The Union Lodge of Portland.
Carleton Union Lodge.
Hibernia Lodge.
St. John's Lodge.
Albion Lodge.

The procession proceeded, via Wellington Row and Dorchester Street, to Saint Paul's Church, where the Rector, the Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain, conducted a very interesting and impressive service, taking as a text for his sermon the 20th verse of the 11th chapter of Nehemiah:

"The God of Heaven He will prosper us, therefore we His servants will arise and build."

In the course of his remarks, the Grand Chaplain referred to the strange mysterious brotherhood, which, even in these days of narrow exclusiveness and bitter divisions, is able to unite men's hands and hearts all over the world in bonds of kindness, sympathy, and mutual help, in spite of differences of color, creed, politics, or nationality.

The Very Worshipful Brother urged upon the Craft the necessity of following the example of the builders described by Nehemiah, and like them take a weapon in their hands, and their strongest foe and greatest tyrant would be overthrown.

The question will not be whether we are free or ancient, but whether we be accepted in that last great day when we shall appear before the Grand Master of the Universe, who will ask what use we have made of the building tools which were placed in our hands. Is the world the better for our having lived in it? Let one and all make up their minds to arise and build, and go on with a full determination that all our days will be truly used for the cause of good.

The offertory was for the benefit of the poor of the parish.

At the conclusion of the service the procession reformed and returned to the hall, via Garden and Charlotte Streets.

The M.W. Grand Master, after calling the Craft to order, thanked the Worshipful Masters and Brethren of the several Lodges for their generous response to his call on this occasion.

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

Ordered, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered the V.W. Grand Chaplain for his eloquent and instructive address.

It was also

Ordered, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of Saint Paul's Church for placing their building at the disposal of the Craft.

Grand Lodge was then closed in *ample* form.

F. W. WISDOM,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION HELD AT SAINT JOHN, N. B.

JULY 11TH, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895.

PURSUANT to notice, a Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons Hall, Germain Street, Saint John, on the 11th day of July, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895, at 2.30 o'clock, p.m., with the following actual and acting officers present:

M.W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D.,	.... Grand Master.
W. J. HENRY LEONARD,	.... as Deputy Grand Master.
W. W. A. MACLAUCHLAN,	.... as Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. GEORGE B. HEGAN,	.... as Junior Grand Warden.
V.W. A. G. HAMILTON DICKER,	.... Grand Chaplain.
W. CHARLES MASTERS,	.... as Grand Treasurer.
V.W. F. W. WISDOM,	.... Grand Secretary.
W. HENRY BUCHANAN,	.... as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. J. FRED. LAWTON,	.... as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE,	.... Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. ROBERT CLERKE,	.... as Asst. Gd. Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. W. E. WILSON,	.... as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. GEORGE E. DAY,	.... as Grand Pursuivant.
W. D. S. STEWART,	.... as Grand Steward.
W. R. H. B. TENNANT,	.... as Grand Steward.
BRO. T. D. WALKER,	.... as Grand Steward.
BRO. G. ERNEST FAIRWEATHER,	.... as Grand Steward.
BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER,	.... Grand Tyler.

Together with a number of Past Grand Officers and representatives of Subordinate Lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form at 2.30 o'clock, the M.W. Grand Master in the East.

The M.W. Grand Master announced that he had summoned this Special Communication in consequence of having received an invitation from the Rector of Saint Jude's Church, Carleton, to lay the Corner Stone of their new Church Building about to be erected, which invitation it had given him great pleasure to accept.

The note of invitation is as follows:

SAINT JUDE'S, CARLETON,
Saint John, N. B., June 29th, 1895.

THOMAS WALKER, ESQ., M.D.
M.W. Grand Master F. and A. M.
Saint John, N. B.

DEAR SIR:—The Vestry of Saint Jude's Church, Carleton desire me to request that you will be so good as to cause the Corner Stone of the new Church of Saint Jude, shortly to be erected, to be laid with Masonic Ceremony.

If convenient to yourself and the Grand Lodge, the Vestry would name Thursday, July 11th, as the day.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,

(Signed.) W. H. BARNES,
Rector of Saint Jude's.

The Grand Secretary read a note from Bro. W. F. Brown, Senior Warden of Alexandria Lodge, No. 33, regretting his inability to be present.

A letter was also read from the Noble and Eminent Commander of the Encampment of Saint John, Knights Templars, R.W. John A. Watson, tendering the services of the Knights under his command as an escort to the M.W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge on the occasion.

The M.W. Grand Master informed Grand Lodge that he had directed the Grand Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of the communication from the Noble and Eminent Commander of the Encampment of Saint John, and in his name to accept the service so generously and gallantly proffered.

The Grand Master then placed the Craft under the charge of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, W. William B. Wallace, who formed the several bodies in the following order of procession:

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, George Thompson, W.M.
The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, J. T. T. Hartt, as W.M.
Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, W. A. Porter, W.M.
Saint John's Lodge, No. 2, A. W. Macrae, W.M.
Band of 62nd Fusiliers.
Albion Lodge, No. 1, R. C. Farmer, W.M.
Encampment of Saint John, Knights Templars,
as Escort to Grand Lodge.
Grand Lodge.

After forming in the above order the procession marched to the Carleton Ferry, and on arriving in Carleton were met by Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, Daniel C. Clark, W.M., which Lodge took its place in the procession preceded by the Carleton Cornet Band.

On arriving at the site of the new Church, the lines of the several bodies were opened, through which the M.W. Grand Master and his officers passed and occupied their stations around the Corner Stone.

The subordinate Lodges having taken their places, the Rector of Saint Jude's Church, the Rev. W. H. Barnes, read the request of the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of his Church to the Grand Master to perform the Ceremony, and presented a Silver Trowel for the purpose.

The Corner Stone was then laid with the usual Masonic Ceremonial.

At the conclusion of the Ceremony, the M.W. Grand Master directed the Stewards to solicit an offering from the Brethren, which was generously responded to and placed upon the Corner Stone according to antient custom.

Upon an invitation from the ladies of the Church, the Brethren were called from labor to refreshment, and after

partaking of the good things so thoughtfully and generously provided, the procession reformed and returned to the Hall, Germain Street.

The M.W. Grand Master resumed his station in the East and called Grand Lodge to order.

He then expressed his appreciation of the manner in which the Craft had responded to his call, and directed the Grand Secretary to convey the thanks of Grand Lodge to the Worshipful Masters of the several Lodges for their support, and to the Noble and Eminent Commander of the Encampment of Saint John for the valuable aid of his body as an escort to Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was then closed in *ample* form.

F. W. WISDOM,
Grand Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF THE ANTIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF

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OF

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AUGUST 25TH AND 26TH, A.L. 5896, A.D. 1896.

THE Twenty-Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Saint John, commencing on the 25th day of August, A.L. 5896, A.D. 1896, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT:

M.W. JULIUS T. WHITLOCK,.....Grand Master.
R.W. J. HENRY LEONARD,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. FRED. SANDALL,Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. ANDREW McNICHOL,.....Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. W. ALDER TRUEMAN,Dist. Deputy Grand Master, No. 2.
V.W. E. J. EVERETT,.....Grand Treasurer.
V.W. F. W. WISDOM,.....Grand Secretary.
W. H. V. COOPER,.....Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. WILLIAM A. EWING,Grand Organist.
W. ROBERT CLERKE,.....Grand Pursuivant.
W. DANIEL C. CLARK,Grand Steward.
W. W. ALEX. PORTER,.....Grand Steward.
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,Grand Tyler.

The following Grand Lodges were represented: Canada, Colorado, England, Florida, Georgia, Ireland, Illinois, Indian Territory, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, New Zealand, New South Wales, Nebraska, Ohio, Texas, Wisconsin.

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

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

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

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

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

R.W. Brother J. Henry Leonard, President of the Board of General Purposes, reported that W. Brother J. A. Magilton, W. Brother D. S. Stewart, and W. Brother W. R. Russell had been appointed a Committee on Credentials.

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

ALBION LODGE, No. 1.

THOMAS WALKER, P.M.	GEORGE D. FROST, P.M.
F. W. WISDOM, P.M.	G. E. FAIRWEATHER, P.M.
E. J. EVERETT, P.M.	F. L. TUFTS, P.M.
J. F. LAWTON, P.M.	FRANK A. GODSOE, S.W.
R. B. HUMPHREY, P.M.	LEB. WILSON, J.W.

St. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.

W. H. B. SADLEIR, P.M.	A. W. MACRAE, P.M.
GEORGE B. HEGAN, P.M.	WM. WEDDERBURN, P.M.
JOHN D. SHORT, P.M.	WILLIAM A. EWING, P.M.
F. SANDALL, P.M.	J. H. MORRISON, S.W.
J. G. FORBES, P.M.	R. DUNCAN SMITH, J.W.

HIBERNIA LODGE, No. 3.

D. S. STEWART, P.M.	F. W. THOMSON, P.M.
J. A. MAGILTON, P.M.	ROBERT CLERKE, P.M.
JOHN MULLIN, P.M.	W. ALEX. PORTER, W.M.
WENTWORTH E. WILSON, P.M.	W. SMITH, S.W.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 4.

W. A. D. STEVEN, P.M.	J. FRANCIS TEED, W.M.
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HIRAM LODGE, No. 6.

ALEXANDER BURCHILL, P.M.	S. L. MORRISON, P.M.
GEORGE TODD, P.M.	

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 7.

J. T. WHITLOCK, P.M.	FRANK I. BLAIR, P.M.
W. W. INCHES, P.M.	R. W. WHITLOCK, W.M.

CARLETON UNION LODGE, No. 8.

JOHN V. ELLIS, P.M.	R. H. McWILLIAMS, P.M.
J. H. LEONARD, P.M.	W. A. DOUGHERTY, P.M.
S. L. BRITTAIN, P.M.	D. C. CLARK, W.M.
GEORGE F. HARDING, P.M.	JOHN B. M. BAXTER, J.W.

THE UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND, No. 10.

ROBERT MARSHALL, P.M.	B. S. BLACK, P.M.
JOHN A. WATSON, P.M.	W. A. MACLAUCHLAN, P.M.
W. B. WALLACE, P.M.	E. McLEOD, P.M.
C. F. HARRISON, W.M.	

WOODSTOCK LODGE, No. 11.

J. S. ALLAN DIBBLEE, P.M.

St. GEORGE LODGE, No. 12.

JOSEPH MAGEE, W.M.

HOWARD LODGE, No. 15.

JOHN J. ENGLISH, J.W.

MIRAMICHI LODGE, No. 18.

ALEXANDER ROBINSON, W.M.

ZION LODGE, No. 21.

W. T. McLEOD, P.M.

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 22.

DAVID DEARNESS, P.M.	R. J. MELVIN, P.M.
A. R. CAMPBELL, P.M.	W. R. RUSSELL, P.M.
GEORGE E. DAY, P.M.	W. H. PATTON, P.M.
H. V. COOPER, P.M.	R. J. McADOO, P.M.
ANDREW McNICHOL, P.M.	GEORGE DODGE, W.M.
S. F. MATTHEWS, P.M.	JAMES KELLY, S.W.

KEITH LODGE, No. 23.

J. E. MASTERS, P.M.	G. M. JARVIS, P.M.
G. R. SANGSTER, P.M.	GEORGE M. CAMPBELL, P.M.
GEORGE ACKMAN, P.M.	ANDREW DAVIS, W.M.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 26.

W. H. LAUGHLIN, P.M.

ST. MARTINS LODGE, No. 30.

J. M. FOWLER, P.M.

ALEXANDRIA LODGE, No. 33.

WHITMAN BREWER, P.M.

ALBERT LODGE, No. 34.

GEORGE D. PRESCOTT, P.M.	W. ALDER TRUEMAN, P.M.
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GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN:

We meet to-day in the Twenty-Ninth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and I rejoice to say that love, peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction.

Our friendly relations with other Grand Lodges remain undisturbed. Though I have not had the pleasure of a personal visit to Masonic bodies beyond our own Province, yet the hearty good wishes for the welfare of the Craft amongst us, which I have received from Grand Masters and other eminent Masons in Canada and elsewhere, in answer to a simple New Year's greeting, have filled my heart with deep emotion, and enable me to realize more than ever before the strength of the mystic tie. From east and west, from north and south, from brethren—some of whom were before unknown to me even by name—have come the most cordial expressions of brotherly love and Masonic charity.

And there have not been wanting kindly deeds to enforce these sentiments. Of many touching incidents in the affairs of private Lodges and individuals, which from time to time have come to my knowledge during the year, I will mention only one of recent occurrence—in the case of our late Brother E. L. Morrison, of Zion Lodge, who passed from his earthly labors a few weeks since at Canon City, Colorado. An unknown traveller in that distant land, when his strength failed him and he reached "the bound of life where we lay our burdens down," he would have died alone and friendless, had not a Masonic emblem which he wore brought to his bedside Worshipful Master Stewart, of Mount Moriah Lodge. In him the dying man found a friend and brother, who ministered to his latest needs with an affectionate care that has won the gratitude of our brethren of Zion Lodge, while it displays the true spirit of Masonic brotherhood. The world is wide; but distance cannot place us beyond the reach of a Mason's charity.

Grand Lodge has suffered the loss of two of its prominent members since our last Annual Communication.

R. : W. : Brother Henry Duffell, Past Deputy Grand Master, died March 21, 1896, at the age of eighty years, and was buried with Masonic honors March 24.

Brother Duffell was a Past Master of The Union Lodge of Portland. His interest in Masonry was well known in this city, where his presence at Masonic gatherings was always welcomed. He was kind-hearted and sympathetic, and will be remembered as an active and useful citizen and an earnest craftsman.

R. W. Brother Edwin J. Wetmore, Past Deputy Grand Master, died at Dorchester, Mass., June 18.

For a number of years Brother Wetmore filled the office of Grand Secretary in the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, discharging its duties with a promptness and courtesy that endeared him to members of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction. In civil life he held important trusts, including those of Secretary of the S. P. C. A. of New Brunswick, and Chief Game Commissioner of the Province. He lived the greater part of his life in this city, and those who knew him well bear testimony to his warm and sincere friendship, his kindly disposition, gentle manners and uniform courtesy, his excellence of character and his value as a citizen. We shall long cherish his memory.

Other Grand Jurisdictions claim our sympathy in the loss of eminent members.

M. W. John C. Hazlet, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, died October 3, 1895.

M. W. Albert J. Russell, Past Grand Master of Florida, died at Jacksonville, January 17, 1896.

M. W. George E. Dowling, Past Grand Master of Michigan, died at Montague, March 30, 1896.

M. W. John E. Jones, Past Grand Master of Nevada, died at San Francisco, California, April 10, 1896.

M. W. Michael Nisbet, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, died at Philadelphia, May 7, 1896.

M. W. Edward B. Rowe, Past Grand Master of Connecticut, died at Boston, Mass., June 1, 1896.

M. W. Joseph M. Anderson, Past Grand Master of Tennessee, died July 14, 1896.

M. W. Owen A. Bassett, Past Grand Master of Kansas, died July 19, 1896.

Their labors are over; their day is done. The summons which each of us must hear has come to them, and they are at rest.

I regret to say that I have been able to make few official visits during the year; but in every case where I have availed myself of that privilege I have been warmly welcomed, and have found amongst the craftsmen renewed evidence of their attachment to our laws and principles.

October 25, in company with R. W. Andrew Mungall, District Deputy Grand Master, I visited Alley Lodge at Upper Mills, and wit-

nessed the working of the M. M. degree by the regular officers of the Lodge. There were present as visitors on this occasion sixteen members of Sussex Lodge, No. 7; one of Woodstock Lodge, thirteen of Victoria Lodge, and three of St. Croix Lodge, Calais. The members of Alley Lodge are enthusiastic Masons. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition, the work was excellent, and a generous supper in their banquet room brought a happy and profitable visit to a close.

In this connection I cannot refrain from mentioning the continued kindness and unselfishness of St. Croix Lodge in waiving jurisdiction over candidates living in Baring, Me., who apply for admission into Alley Lodge. At present the Worshipful Master of Alley Lodge and many of its members reside in Baring, and most of its initiates are drawn from that place. If it were not for the generosity of St. Croix in this matter, Alley would find it difficult to maintain its standing.

On St. John's Day, December 27, I visited Sussex Lodge, No. 7, officially, and installed its officers.

January 7, I visited St. John's Lodge, with a full corps of Grand Lodge officers, and installed its Worshipful Master elect; R. W. Brother J. Henry Leonard, Deputy Grand Master, installing the other officers. I also installed W. Brother J. T. Hartt, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Brother Robert Clerke, Grand Pursuivant, and W. Brothers George Thompson, A. W. Macrae and R. C. Farmer, Grand Stewards. After closing the Lodge, Brother J. Gordon Forbes, the newly installed Worshipful Master, hospitably entertained the members and visitors at a supper in the Stanley Hotel.

January 9, I visited Victoria Lodge with the R. W. District Deputy Grand Master. The M. M. Degree was conferred by the officers of the Lodge, and I installed V. W. Brother O. S. Newnham, Grand Chaplain. A supper provided by members of the Lodge closed a pleasant evening.

January 14, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, I visited Hibernia Lodge and installed its officers. It is needless to say that everything was done by the Worshipful Master and members of Hibernia to make my visit enjoyable.

March 25, with the District Deputy Grand Master and other brethren from St. Stephen and Milltown, I visited St. George Lodge. We were cordially received and entertained, and found the Lodge prospering. The M. M. Degree was worked by visiting brethren, Worshipful Master Deacon, of Victoria Lodge, in the East.

August 6, I visited St. Mark's Lodge, taking with me a number of visitors from Sussex and Victoria Lodges. We found the Lodge in good

condition financially, the brethren loyal and true, and generous in their hospitality. It was planned that the E. A. Degree should be worked with a full complement of officers from among the visitors who were natives of St. Andrews or hailed St. Mark's as their Mother Lodge; but the candidate, living on Grand Manan, had failed to reach St. Andrew's at the time appointed.

With great pleasure I announce to you that, as a result of the recent action of Grand Lodge, Howard Lodge has been reorganized, and has paid its dues for 1895.

A petition in regular form has been received from Brother William W. Jewett, of Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, and other brethren, praying that a warrant may issue for a Lodge to meet at East Florenceville, Carleton County. The petition will come before Grand Lodge in due time. In the meantime I have granted them a dispensation to work, under the name of Carleton Lodge, No. 35, with the following principal officers: Brother D. W. Ross, W.M.; Brother Henry T. Scholley, S.W.; Brother George A. Brittain, J. W.

A communication has been received from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, protesting against the action of Hibernia Lodge in initiating a candidate who had given his residence as St. John, but who, as appears on further inquiry, had a legal residence in Truro, N. S. Hibernia having acted under a misapprehension, I directed that they should remit to Truro Lodge, through the proper channels, the amount received for initiation fee, with a full explanation of the circumstances, and should then consider the brother as under the jurisdiction of Truro Lodge; adding that, in my judgment, if the M. M. Degree should be conferred upon him at the request of Truro Lodge, he would not thereupon become a member of Hibernia Lodge, under section 18 of the Constitution relating to private lodges, but should be considered still as remaining under the supervision of Truro Lodge.

At the request of M. W. Brother John Stewart, Grand Master of New York, I have revoked the commission of R. W. Brother William J. Beateay as our representative near the Grand Lodge of New York, and have appointed to that position W. Brother John W. Palmer, of Commonwealth Lodge, No. 409, in the City of Brooklyn.

I have approved of changes in the by-laws of Alexandria Lodge, relating to the internal affairs of the Lodge, and changing the place of meeting to the new Masonic Hall, St. Mary's.

I have also approved certain additions to the by-laws of Hiram Lodge, and new by-laws for Benjamin Lodge and for Corinthian Lodge.

Dispensations have been issued as follows:

To install officers,	1
To elect and install officers,	1
To confer degrees,	8
To wear regalia in public,	8

On the 29th of April, Sussex Lodge, No. 7, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its organization in a special Communication, at which I had the happiness to be present. St. Croix, St. Mark's, St. George, Alley and Victoria Lodges were represented by their Worshipful Masters or Past Masters. The entertainment included a musical and literary programme and refreshments. Among many other pleasant features that linger in the memory were a deeply interesting historical sketch of Masonry in New Brunswick and of the border Lodges, by R. W. Brother Vose, of St. Croix Lodge, and a poem of great merit written in honor of the occasion by Worshipful Master Gray, of Alley Lodge.

I was sorry not to be able to accept the courteous invitation of the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, to assist in the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of their Lodge, on the 24th of June last; but was glad to learn that the proceedings were of the most agreeable kind. The Lodge attended Divine Service at St. George's Church, Carleton, where it had attended half a century before, on the day of its formation, and among those present was its only surviving charter member, Brother D. W. Clark, father of the present Worshipful Master. The Reverend Brother Sampson preached an effective and appropriate sermon. The public display of the Craft was of the most gratifying character. In the evening a social festival was held, in which the wives and families of the members and other friends participated. The Mayor of St. John was present, and delivered an interesting address. A short history of the Lodge was read by M. W. Brother John V. Ellis, and reminiscences of the early members given by Brother D. W. Clark.

Carleton Union Lodge has had a most interesting and successful career, and the spirit which animates its members is worthy of emulation by us all.

Before closing, I wish to express my deep sense of obligation to all the brethren who have assisted me in performing the duties of my high office, and more especially to V. W. Brother Freeman W. Wisdom, Grand Secretary, and W. Brother Hedley V. Cooper, Grand Director of Ceremonies, whose ready attention to every wish of mine has cemented a friendship which I trust I may long be permitted to enjoy.

My brethren, in conclusion I must unwillingly remind you that the sunshine of prosperity may not always be with us. Though we may

hope for its continuance, yet we must be ready to meet adversity. As good soldiers in time of peace prepare for battle; as good mariners while the weather is fair make all ready for a storm; so should we build that our work may endure when storms shall beat upon it and floods arise to try its strength.

The interests of Masonry are in our keeping. Even now, in continental Europe, evil days have fallen upon the Royal Craft, and a spurious Freemasonry has usurped its name. When most of us were still young in Masonry, or before we had entered its doors, the Grand Orient of France had departed from the ancient landmarks and stricken the sacred name of God from its laws and ritual. Many Lodges in other lands have since come under its irreligious influence and affiliated with it, and are now engaged in promoting social and political movements, and in fomenting revolution. It is little to be wondered at, perhaps, that a counter movement has begun, and a congress of the clerics and conservatives of Europe been called to meet in the Tyrol for the purpose of denouncing Freemasonry as known to them.

We have no fellowship with the Grand Orient of France. Its atheistic followers we do not recognize as Masons. We have long ago condemned them as renegade and unfaithful; but let us beware of the admission of unworthy members, and guard well the three Great Lights upon our altars, lest we fall under the same condemnation.

But our greatest dangers are within. We have more to fear from indifference than from persecution or from revolution. When the spirit of unrest is abroad in the world and men are seeking some new thing, it behooves us to be faithful to our trust. Other and newer societies and associations offer pleasant social intercourse or material benefits, or are banded together for the attainment of some special object which their promoters think of greatest moment. But our ancient Craft, influenced by the highest considerations for the welfare of mankind, offers little to gratify the feelings of those who do not first think of the welfare of others. Its spirit demands of us self-sacrifice without hope of material reward. The good that we seek to accomplish, we must do without the hope of any selfish reward. Let us strive by diligent study to grasp the higher teaching in this direction of our fraternity, while by consistent conduct we maintain its honor.

May the spirit of Love and Reverence, Obedience and Self-sacrifice, be with us in this Annual Communication and accompany us to our homes.

On motion of W. Brother J. G. Forbes, 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. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., R.W. Brother J. E. Masters, and W. Brother J. G. Forbes.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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

The receipts of the Grand Secretary's Office during the year amount to one thousand five hundred dollars and forty cents, upon the following accounts:

Registration Fees, Certificates and Dispensations,....	\$280 40
Annual Dues,.....	1,220 00
	<hr/> \$1,500 40

Which amount has been paid the Grand Treasurer, and detailed account furnished the Audit Committee appointed by the Board of General Purposes.

The returns from Subordinate Lodges show the following particulars:

Initiated,	73
Passed,	69
Raised,	70
Joined,	21
Re-instated,.....	10
Withdrawn,.....	41
Suspended,.....	25
Died,	19

By authority of the M. W. Grand Master eighteen dispensations have been issued for the following purposes:

To confer degrees at short intervals	8
To wear regalia in public,	8
To elect and instal officers at other than time specified in Constitution,	2

The following is my account with Subordinate Lodges:

F. W. WISDOM, GRAND SECRETARY,

In account with GRAND LODGE.

To Cash received from Albion Lodge,	No. 1,	\$117 00
" " " St. John's Lodge,	" 2,	92 50
" " " Hibernia Lodge,	" 3,	194 50
" " " Sussex Lodge,	" 4,	38 45
" " " St. Mark's Lodge,	" 5,	36 30
" " " Hiram Lodge,	" 6,	67 90
" " " Sussex Lodge,	" 7,	87 80
" " " Carleton Union Lodge,	" 8,	52 40
" " " The Union Lodge of Portland,	" 10,	112 00
" " " Woodstock Lodge,	" 11,	86 60
" " " St. George Lodge,	" 12,	48 60
" " " Corinthian Lodge,	" 13,	51 00
" " " Alley Lodge,	" 14,	26 00
" " " Howard Lodge,	" 15,	15 60
" " " St. Andrew's Lodge,	" 16,	18 60
" " " Northumberland Lodge,	" 17,	37 45
" " " Miramichi Lodge,	" 18,	44 80
" " " Zion Lodge,	" 21,	28 20
" " " New Brunswick Lodge,	" 22,	82 00
" " " Keith Lodge,	" 23,	82 30
" " " Zetland Lodge,	" 24,	9 00
" " " Restigouche Lodge (1894),	" 25,	35 00
" " " Victoria Lodge,	" 26,	47 20
" " " Benjamin Lodge,	" 31,	29 20
" " " Alexandria Lodge,	" 33,	33 40
" " " Albert Lodge,	" 34,	26 60
		<u>\$1,500 40</u>

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By Cash paid Grand Treasurer, \$1,500 40

There are no returns from the following Lodges: Nos. 9 20, 25, 27, 30 and 32.

F. W. WISDOM,
Grand Secretary.

St. John, N. B., August 20, 1896.

EDWIN J. EVERETT, GRAND TREASURER,

*In account with the FUND OF BENEVOLENCE
of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.*

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1895.			
Sept. 18.	Balance on hand, viz.:		
	Special Deposit in Bank of New Brunswick,	\$202 17	
1896.			
Jan. 2.	Interest on \$2,000.00 Bond of Masonic Hall Company, at 5 per cent.,	100 00	
	2. Interest on special deposit in Bank of New Brunswick,	7 10	
		<u>7 10</u>	\$309 27

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1896.			
Jan. 2.	Special Deposit Bank of New Brunswick at 3½ per cent.,	\$209 27	
	2. Special Deposit Bank of New Brunswick at 3 per cent.,	100 00	
		<u>100 00</u>	<u>\$309 27</u>

EDWIN J. EVERETT,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., August 19, 1896.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

EDWIN J. EVERETT, GRAND TREASURER,

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

		DR.	
1895.			
Sept.	18.	Balance on hand, viz.:	
		Bank of New Brunswick,.....	\$598 08
		Dominion Savings Bank,	358 68
			<hr/> \$956 76
	26.	Cash from Grand Secretary,.....	\$35 00
1896.			
Jan.	2.	Fund of Benevolence, one year's interest on Bond of Masonic Hall Company, ...	100 00
	2.	Fund of Benevolence, interest on Special Deposit,	7 10
	8.	Cash from Grand Secretary,.....	121 70
	28.	" "	

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1896.	BOND AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.		
May	1.	Paid Bond No. 2, C Series,.....	\$500 00
	1.	Interest on Bonds for one year to August	
		1st, 1896,	555 00
			<u> </u> \$1,055 00

1895.		EXPENSE ACCOUNT.	
Nov.	11.	G. Gordon Boyne,.....	\$6 00
	11.	Dingee Scribner,.....	6 00
	11.	Masonic Hall Company,.....	20 00
Dec.	7.	Grand Secretary, 3 months' Salary, . . .	62 50
1896.			
April	24.	Grand Secretary, 3 months' Salary,.....	62 50
	24.	Grand Secretary, Postage,	7 50
	24.	D. R. Jack, Insurance on Regalia, etc., to July 20, 1896,.....	12 00
	24.	R. W. W. Frink, Insurance on Library to October 11, 1896,.....	2 50
Aug.	18.	Grand Secretary, 6 months' Salary,.....	125 00
	18.	Ellis, Robertson & Co.,	150 75
	18.	D. R. Jack, Insurance on Regalia, etc., to July 20, 1897.....	12 00
	18.	Barnes & Co.,.....	2 75
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			469 50
			Special Deposit Fund of Benevolence, 107 10
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			\$1,631 60
Aug.	19.	Balance on hand, viz. :	
		Dominion Savings Bank,	\$501 21
		Bank of New Brunswick,.....	443 98
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			945 19
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			\$2,576 79

EDWIN J. EVERETT,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., August 19, 1896.

REPORT OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

ST. JOHN, N. B., August 21, 1896.

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

The Board of General Purposes respectfully submits its annual report.

At a meeting held in the Masonic Temple, October 7, 1895, Right Worshipful Brother George B. Hegan was elected Vice-President.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the meetings of the Board be held on the Second Wednesday in the months of February, May, August and November, at four o'clock, p.m.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That five hundred copies of Proceedings of Grand Lodge be printed, and, in addition to the usual manner of distributing them, that a copy be sent to each Representative of this Grand Lodge near Foreign Grand Lodges.

I am pleased to report that nothing of any importance has occurred during the year requiring the attention of the Board.

The Committee appointed to audit the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary submitted the following report, which was adopted by the Board:

SAINT JOHN, N. B., August 19, 1896.

To the Board of General Purposes of GRAND LODGE:

The Committee appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the year, beg to say that they have attended to that duty.

Balance last year,.....	\$956 76
General Revenue,.....	1,500 40
Interest,	119 63

Receipts,..... \$2,576 79

Expenditure:

Paid Matured Bond No. 2, C Series,.....	\$500 00
Interest Bonds, 1st August, 1896,.....	555 00
Expense Account,	469 50
Special Deposit Fund Benevolence,.....	107 10

\$1,631 60

Deposit:

Dominion Savings Bank,	\$501 21
Bank of New Brunswick,	443 98

945 19

\$2,576 79

The Fund of Benevolence now aggregates \$2,309.27. Two thousand dollars being a five per cent. Bond of the Masonic Hall Company, and the balance, \$309.27, deposited in the Bank of New Brunswick.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MARSHALL, }
A. R. CAMPBELL, } *Audit Committee.*
J. A. MAGILTON, }

The Board appointed W. Brothers J. A. Magilton, W. R. Russell and D. S. Stewart, Committee on Credentials.

J. HENRY LEONARD,
President.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Board of General Purposes be received and lie on the table.

The Grand Secretary read the following communication from R.W. Brother Seymour, representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Maine:

CALAIS, MAINE, August 9th, 1896.

To the M. W. Grand Master of F. and A. M. of New Brunswick:

I am requested by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maine to present to you the resolutions herewith for the consideration and action of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, over which you have the distinguished honor to preside.

The resolutions speak for themselves, and it is unnecessary for me to add anything further than to say that they meet with my approval, and to express the hope that your Grand Lodge will take favorable view and action upon them.

Fraternally yours,

D. E. SEYMOUR,
Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, 1896.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

At the recent Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submitted a report in relation to Rejected Candidates which was accepted, and the following resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge is deeply impressed with the necessity of uniform legislation by the several Grand Lodges in relation to the admission of rejected candidates.

Resolved, That the effect of a rejection should be limited to five years, and that during that time the candidate should be allowed to petition only to the Lodge which rejected him, or to another Lodge with the consent of that Lodge, or such consent of officers and members of that Lodge as may be prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in which the rejection occurs.

Resolved, That each of the representatives of this Grand Lodge be requested to present these resolutions to the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited and request for them fraternal consideration.

The report will be found in the printed proceedings (pages 43 to 56), a copy of which has been forwarded to your address.

In accordance with the resolutions, you are requested to present them and the report, in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Maine, to your Grand Lodge and request its fraternal consideration thereof.

Yours fraternally,
STEPHEN BERRY,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of R.W. Brother J. Henry Leonard, the foregoing were received and referred to a committee.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed as such Committee: R.W. Brothers John V. Ellis, Robert Marshall and J. D. Short.

R. W. Brother J. Henry Leonard moved, seconded by W. Brother Alexander Campbell, that after section 4, page 3, of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, the following be added:

"All District Deputy Grand Masters, after serving their term of office and making a full report to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on the state of the Lodges in their District, shall hold past rank in Grand Lodge, taking such past rank next after the R.W. Junior Grand Warden, and this shall apply to all District Deputy Grand Masters in and since the year 1878."

After some discussion the R.W. Brother, by consent of Grand Lodge, withdrew the proposition.

On motion of R.W. Brother J. Henry Leonard, it was

Ordered, That the report of the Board of General Purposes be taken from the table and considered.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted.

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

Ordered, That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be taken from the table and placed on file.

On motion of R.W. Brother Andrew McNichol, it was

Ordered, That when Grand Lodge take recess, it take recess until eight o'clock this evening.

On motion of W. Brother James Gordon Forbes, seconded by W. Brother Alexander Campbell, it was

Resolved, That the matter of procuring portraits of the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge, at as early a day as possible, be referred to the Board of General Purposes, with instructions to the Board to ascertain the cost of such portraits, and of placing them in the archives of Grand Lodge.

TUESDAY EVENING,

25TH AUGUST, 1896.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at eight o'clock, the M.W. Grand Master in the East.

W. Brother J. Fred. Lawton moved the following amendment to the Constitution, notice of which was submitted at last Communication of Grand Lodge, viz.: To strike out section nineteen, under the heading of Private Lodges, which reads as follows:

"No Mason can be a member of more than one Lodge at the same time, except he may be elected an honorary member of another Lodge or Lodges, as hereinafter provided in this Constitution."

After some discussion on the question, a vote was taken and the motion declared lost.

On motion of R.W. Brother Robert Marshall, Grand Lodge proceeded to the order of the day — Election of Officers.

The V.W. Grand Secretary read the several sections of the Constitution respecting the Election of Officers.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren Scrutineers: F. W. Thompson, S. F. Matthews, J. F. Lawton.

Upon the several balloting, the Scrutineers reported the following brethren as having received a majority of the votes

cast for the respective offices as follows, and who were thereupon each declared duly elected:

M.W. JULIUS T. WHITLOCK,Grand Master.
 R.W. F. W. THOMPSON,Deputy Grand Master.
 R.W. W. A. D. STEVEN,Senior Grand Warden.
 R.W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE,Junior Grand Warden.
 V.W. REV. THOMAS MARSHALL, ..Grand Chaplain.
 W. E. J. EVERETT,Grand Treasurer.
 DINGEE SCRIBNER,Grand Tyler.

On motion of R.W. Brother Andrew McNichol, it was

Ordered, That when Grand Lodge take recess, it take recess till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Committee on the address of the Grand Master respectfully report:

That Grand Lodge must be gratified at the assurances of fraternal regard expressed toward the Craft in this Province by Lodges and brethren in other jurisdictions, and at the substantial evidence given by the Master of Mount Moriah Lodge, in Canon City, Colorado, of the strength of the Masonic tie, and that, as the Grand Master so well says, "distance cannot place us beyond the reach of a Mason's charity."

With the Grand Master, Grand Lodge most sincerely deplores the death of two such active and esteemed Craftsmen as R.W. Brothers Edwin J. Wetmore and Henry Duffell. The former, by his faithful discharge of the duties of Grand Secretary, and by his kindness of heart, had won the esteem of brethren in all parts of the Province. The other by his skill as a ritualist and by his general attention to Masonic duties had achieved a high reputation in the Craft. Both were working men and excellent citizens, and the Committee recommend that there be devoted a page to their memory in the published Proceedings of Grand Lodge. To the brethren of our sister jurisdictions who mourn as we do the loss of eminent craftsmen we extend our deepest sympathy.

The Committee feel that the Grand Master deserves the hearty thanks of Grand Lodge for the official visits which he has made, and they are quite confident, knowing his zeal, that had it been possible for him to do so, he would have increased the number. There is no doubt

that official visitations by the head of the Craft are of great advantage, but it is quite impossible that the Grand Master can visit all the Lodges in a single year. The brethren who assisted the Grand Master in these visits deserve praise for the time they gave to the work, but evidently they enjoyed much pleasure from the fraternal intercourse with their brethren.

Grand Lodge will no doubt be glad to learn that Howard Lodge has been revived, and that a new Lodge is to be opened at East Florenceville.

The official acts performed by the Grand Master were all within the constituted requirements and call for no special comment.

The fact that two of our Lodges in the present year celebrated their fiftieth anniversary, is well worthy of note, for our Craft is now making history. There are, of course, older Lodges, but fifty years of continued life in one organization in this comparatively young community carries us back a long way in its history.

The admirable words of advice and counsel with which the Grand Master closes his address are well worthy of our consideration and remembrance and should be carefully studied by every diligent Craftsman. To be faithful to the trusts committed to our care; to transmit unimpaired to our successor the sacred treasures committed to us; to maintain pure the simple symbolism of Craft Masonry, should be our constant and steady aim.

Fraternally submitted,

J. G. FORBES,
 JOHN V. ELLIS,
 JOHN. D. SHORT.

On motion, the report of the Committee on the address of the M. W. Grand Master was received and adopted and the recommendations ordered to be carried out.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of Maine, submitted the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the resolutions submitted by the Grand Lodge of Maine for the consideration of this Grand Lodge, beg to say that, realizing the importance of the subject matter thereof, it would advise that the resolutions, together with the letter accompanying the same, be referred to the Board of General Purposes for consideration during recess, and, if deemed advisable, report to this Grand Body at the next Annual Communication.

ROBERT MARSHALL,
 JOHN D. SHORT,
 JOHN V. ELLIS, } Committee.

On motion the report was ordered to be adopted.

On motion of W. Brother James Gordon Forbes, the Board of General Purposes was authorized to have printed a new edition of the Constitution with amendments to date.

WEDNESDAY MORNING,

26TH AUGUST, 1896.

Grand Lodge resumed business at nine o'clock, the Most Worshipful Grand Master Julius T. Whitlock in the East.

This being the hour appointed for the Installation of Officers, M.W. Julius T. Whitlock was invested and installed, and was saluted and proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons for the ensuing year.

The M.W. Grand Master then made the following appointments to office:

V.W. F. W. WISDOM,	Grand Secretary.
W. J. T. HARTT,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT CLERKE,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. H. V. COOPER,	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. W. W. INCHES,	Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. W. H. LAUGHLIN,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. W. A. DOUGHERTY,	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. W. A. EWING,	Grand Organist.
W. WILSON DOBBIN,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. J. G. FORBES,	Grand Steward.
W. A. W. PORTER,	"
W. D. C. CLARK,	"
W. C. F. HARRISON,	"
W. GEORGE S. DODGE,	"
W. C. S. S. RIGBY,	"
W. M. TENNANT,	"
W. J. F. TEED,	"
W. JOSEPH MAGEE,	"
W. S. L. MORRISON,	"
W. ANDREW DAVIS,	"
DINGEE SCRIBNER,	Grand Tyler.

The following officers, elected and appointed, being present, were installed, invested, and proclaimed:

R.W. F. W. THOMPSON,	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. W. A. D. STEVEN,	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE,	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. GEORGE ACKMAN,	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 2.
R.W. W. J. O'BRIEN,	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 3.
R.W. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 4.
V.W. REV. THOMAS MARSHALL,	Grand Chaplain.
V.W. EDWIN J. EVERETT,	Grand Treasurer.
V.W. F. W. WISDOM,	Grand Secretary.
W. ROBERT CLERKE,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JAMES G. FORBES,	Grand Steward.
W. D. C. CLARK,	Grand Steward.
DINGEE SCRIBNER,	Grand Tyler.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That condensed reports of the doings of the several District Deputy Grand Masters be printed with the proceedings.

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

R.W. H. B. FLEMING.
R.W. J. HENRY LEONARD.
R.W. THOMAS A. GODSOE.
R.W. D. F. MERRITT.
R.W. JOHN D. SHORT.
W. A. R. CAMPBELL.
W. W. WATSON ALLEN.
V.W. E. J. EVERETT.
W. GEORGE F. HARDING.
W. B. S. BLACK.

He also appointed the usual standing Committees.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the sum of twenty dollars be placed to the credit of the Library Committee.

All business having been disposed of, Grand Lodge closed in *ample* form.

F. W. WISDOM,
Grand Secretary.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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

DISTRICT No. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

I beg leave to submit my annual report for the year ending 25th of August, 1896:

On the 27th of December, 1895, I visited Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, and installed the officers for the ensuing year. I found the Lodge in good working order, and the Secretary's books correctly kept.

January 8th, 1896, accompanied by Worshipful Master Walker, of Albion Lodge, and Past Masters Magilton, Frost, and Hay, I visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 13, and installed the officers for the year. It is with great pleasure that I report the excellent condition of this Lodge. Everything is now in good order. For myself and the brethren from the city, I desire to thank Worshipful Master Evans and the brethren for their kind hospitality extended to us.

I next visited St. John's Lodge, No. 2. There being no work, Brothers Past Grand Master Bunting and Past Master Bauer gave a very interesting exemplification of the E. A. Degree. I found the Lodge in good order and the records well kept.

My next official visit was to Albion Lodge, No. 1, and I received a warm greeting from Worshipful Master Walker. I need not say that the Degree worked by the Worshipful Master and his officers was well done. The Secretary's books were neatly kept, and the general condition of the Lodge was all that could be desired.

The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, was the next Lodge visited. The work done by Worshipful Master Harrison and his officers, and the general condition of the Lodge were excellent. The Grand Secretary reported that the records of the Secretary were well and carefully kept.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, was the next Lodge visited. Worshipful Master Porter informed me that his Lodge was doing good work. Indeed both the Master and his officers should have no regrets as to the standing of their Lodge. The records were exceedingly well kept and the work of the Degrees well done.

My last official visit was to New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22. It is with great pleasure that I report the good standing of this Lodge.

Worshipful Master Dodge and his officers do their work well, and the general affairs of the Lodge are in excellent order.

On the 24th of June last, Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, celebrated its semi-centennial by attending Divine Service at St. George's Church, Carleton, when a very interesting sermon was delivered by Brother Sampson, Rector of the Church. The Lodge was in charge of Worshipful Master Clark, a grandson of the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge. A large number of brethren from the city and other places attended. One interesting fact in connection with the celebration was the presence of Brother D. W. Clark, the only living charter member of the Lodge. A reception was held in Freemasons Hall, in the evening, by the Worshipful Master and brethren, which was attended by a large number of brethren and their ladies from both sides of the city. Light refreshments were served, and Brother Past Master Ellis read a very interesting history of the Lodge.

On the 13th of the present month, accompanied by Past Grand Master Walker, of Albion Lodge, Worshipful Master D. C. Clark, of Carleton Union, and Past Masters Dougherty and Thompson, and Brothers Rogers and Sealey, I attended the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Hall at Annapolis, N. S., and there met Most Worshipful Brother Rhuland and officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. To Most Worshipful Grand Master Rhuland and his officers, and also to Worshipful Master Robinson and the brethren of Annapolis Royal Lodge, on my own behalf and on behalf of the brethren who accompanied me, I desire to return our sincere thanks for their kind and courteous attention during our visit.

I regret not being able to visit Zion Lodge, No. 21, and St. Martins Lodge, No. 30.

In conclusion I must also extend my hearty thanks to the members of the Craft in District No. 1 for their uniform courtesy during my term of office.

J. H. LEONARD,
Deputy Grand Master.

DISTRICT No. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

I beg herewith to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2:

On December 27th, 1895, (St. John's day), I visited officially Albert Lodge, No. 34, and installed the officers. This Lodge is still making good progress, is in good financial condition, and meets regularly, not having missed a session during the last twelve months.

On the first Tuesday in May, 1896, accompanied by the Worshipful Master and about twelve other members of Albert Lodge, I visited Howard Lodge, No. 15. We found this Lodge apparently hopeful, though working along under many discouragements. I found the Lodge grateful for the consideration shown it by Grand Lodge at its last session, which enabled it to make its first report to the Grand Secretary in several years. I am in hopes that Howard Lodge will hereafter more than hold its own.

I also visited Keith Lodge, No. 23, during the year. This Lodge maintains its character as a first-class Lodge. On the occasion of my visit the F. C. degree was worked in admirable style.

I went to Shediac to visit Zetland Lodge, No. 24, but was unfortunate in timing my visit, as on that evening the Lodge did not meet. I am informed that the Lodge is in good working order, but does not meet very regularly during the summer months.

I regret that I was not able to visit Sussex Lodge, No. 4, but I believe it is in its usual efficient condition.

I regret, also, that Salisbury Lodge, No. 20, has not yet realized the expectations that were indulged as to its resuscitation and removal to Petitcodiac. The idea, however, has not been abandoned; probably my successor will see the accomplishment of this scheme.

Yours fraternally,

W. A. TRUEMAN,
Albert, N. B., August 21, 1896. D. D. G. M., No. 2.

DISTRICT No. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

I beg to submit the following report of my work as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 4 for the year just closed:

I officially visited Hiram Lodge, No. 6, on December 27th, 1895, and installed the Worshipful Master. I have not officially visited since, but have attended several times during the year, and have to report that the Degrees have been efficiently worked by the Worshipful Master and his staff, and that this Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

I officially visited Alexandria Lodge, No. 33, on January 6th, and installed the Worshipful Master and other officers. I visited this Lodge again on May 3rd and conferred the M. M. Degree on two candidates, assisted by the officers of the Lodge; and again on July 6th, when I

witnessed the work of the F. C. Degree, which was conferred by the regular officers. This Lodge, since the last report, moved into its new hall in St. Marys, and is in a satisfactory condition.

I visited Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, on July 2nd, and witnessed the working of the F. C. Degree by the regular officers. The books and accounts of this Lodge are kept in a most satisfactory manner, the credit for which is due to the Secretary, Brother Donald Munro. I spent a very pleasant evening with the brethren of this Lodge. The Worshipful Master and other members are deeply interested and show a zeal and impressiveness in the work which are highly gratifying.

Yours fraternally,

J. G. HALL,
D. D. G. M. No. 4.

St. Marys, N. B., July 24th, 1896.

DISTRICT No. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

I respectfully submit my official report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 5:

I have visited all the Lodges within my district, with the exception of St. Marks, and have much pleasure in reporting all in a satisfactory condition and doing good work.

On St. John's day, December 27, I installed the W. M. of Victoria Lodge, No. 26, and was hospitably received by the brethren.

My other official visits being made in company with the Most Worshipful Grand Master the details are not necessary.

I will only add that the Craft are to be congratulated upon the good feeling and prosperity that prevail throughout the District.

Yours fraternally,

A. MUNGALL,
D. D. G. M. No. 5.

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

V.W. F. W. WISDOM.
R.W. JOHN D. SHORT.
R.W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE.

COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS TO NEW LODGES.

R.W. J. HENRY LEONARD.
R.W. JOHN A. WATSON.
R.W. ROBERT MARSHALL.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, A. D. 1895.

Lodge No.	NAME OF LODGE.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Membership.
1	Albion,	4	4	4	..	..	2	..	2	102
2	St. John's,	4	3	2	1	1	3	1	3	76
3	Hibernia,	13	11	11	1	..	1	..	2	142
4	Sussex,	3	2	4	8	..	..	..	..	37
5	St. Mark's,	1	1	1	1	..	2	..	2	53
6	Hiram,	5	2	2	1	..	4	..	1	79
7	Sussex,	2	2	2	..	1	2	..	..	133
8	Carleton Union,	3	3	2	..	..	2	8	..	74
9	Midian, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
10	The Union of Portland,	4	3	3	..	1	5	..	2	100
11	Woodstock,	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	131
12	St. George,	3	3	3	..	1	2	..	2	61
13	Corinthian,	4	7	9	..	1	1	3	..	25
14	Alley,	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	30
15	Howard, .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	26
16	St. Andrew, .....	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	30
17	Northumberland, .....	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	1	61
18	Miramichi,	4	4	3	..	..	..	..	2	46
20	Salisbury, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
21	Zion,	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	38
22	New Brunswick,	5	5	7	..	2	2	..	..	62
23	Keith,	5	5	5	1	..	3	..	..	103
24	Zetland, .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	15
25	Restigouche, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
26	Victoria,	1	2	1	..	2	2	4	2	72
27	St. John, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34
30	St. Martins, .....	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	25
31	Benjamin,	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	42
32	Campbellton,	2	2	2	1	1	2	..	1	47
33	Alexandria,	3	3	3	2	2	..	..	..	34
34	Albert,	3	2	2	..	1	4	..	..	31
		74	68	70	16	18	48	20	24	1774

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,.....	Thomas Walker, M.D., St. John,...	F. W. Wisdom, St. John.
2	St. John's,.....	First Tuesday,.....	J. Gordon Forbes, St. John,.....	Fred. E. Flewelling, St. John.
3	Hibernia,.....	Second Tuesday,.....	W. Alexander Porter, St. John,.....	G. Gordon Boyne, St. John.
4	Sussex,.....	Thursday on or after full moon,.....	J. F. Teed, Dorchester,.....	Fred. J. King, Dorchester.
5	St. Mark's,.....	First Thursday,.....	C. S. S. Rigby, St. Andrews,.....	Thomas E. Wren, St. Andrews.
6	Hiram,.....	First Thursday,.....	Matthew Tennant, Fredericton,.....	Alexander Burchill, Fredericton.
7	Sussex,.....	First Thursday,.....	Robert W. Whitlock, St. Stephen,...	P. G. McFarlane, St. Stephen.
8	Carleton Union,.....	First Thursday,.....	Daniel C. Clark, St. John West,...	Uriah Drake, St. John West.
9	Midian,.....	Second Tuesday,.....	Edward Bates, St. John,.....	H. D. Wetmore, Clifton.
10	Union of Portland	Third Thursday,.....	C. F. Harrison, St. John,.....	John B. Andrews, St. John.
11	Woodstock,.....	First Thursday,.....	Joseph Magee, Back Bay,.....	Donald Munro, Woodstock.
12	St. George,.....	First Tuesday,.....	Edward G. Evans, Hampton,.....	Hill Cawley, St. George.
13	Corinthian,.....	Second Friday,.....	Charles W. Gray, Baring, Maine,...	Allan W. Hickey, Hampton.
14	Alley,.....	First Tuesday,.....	C. H. McLaughlin, Albert Mines,...	Cyrus Chase, Baring, Maine.
15	Howard,.....	Monday on or after full moon,.....	Isaac W. Doherty, Kingston, Kent,...	Williams Woodworth, Surrey.
16	St. Andrew,.....	Second Tuesday,.....	John P. Burchill, Nelson,.....	William D. Carter, Richibucto.
17	Northumberland,.....	Third Tuesday,.....	Alexander Robinson, Chatham,.....	Charles E. Fish, Newcastle.
18	Miramichi,.....	First Tuesday,.....	James R. McLean, Sussex,.....	John Fotheringham, Chatham.
19	Salisbury,.....	First Monday,.....	George S. Dodge, St. John,.....	Murray Huestis, Sussex.
20	Zion,.....	Second Thursday,.....	Andrew Davis, Moncton,.....	George Thompson, St. John.
21	New Brunswick,.....	Third Monday,.....	Thomas Milne, Shediac,.....	H. B. Fleming, Moncton.
22	Keith,.....	Second Wednesday,.....	Thomas G. Scott, Dalhousie,.....	W. B. Deacon, Shediac.
23	Zetland,.....	Tuesday on or after full moon,.....	James M. Deacon, M.D., Milltown,...	H. A. Johnson, Dalhousie.
24	Restigouche,.....	Second Thursday,.....	A. J. H. Stewart, Bathurst,.....	Arthur H. Hiltz, Milltown.
25	Victoria,.....	First Thursday,.....	Thomas Carson, West Quaco,.....	W. J. O'Brien, Bathurst.
26	St. John,.....	First Monday,.....	John J. Kupskey, Andover,.....	W. E. Skillen, St. Martins.
27	St. Martin's,.....	First Tuesday,.....	Joseph H. Taylor, Campbellton,....	Abram E. Kupskey, Andover.
28	Benjamin,.....	First Thursday,.....	Charles E. Jones, Marysville,.....	W. F. Stewart, Campbellton.
29	Campbellton,.....	First Monday,.....	J. S. Atkinson, Albert, Albert Co.,...	A. G. Robinson, Marysville.
30	Alexandria,.....	Tuesday each month nearest full moon,.....		W. Alder Trueman, Albert.

SUSPENSIONS, A.D. 1895.

WILLIAM L. PENNEY,..... St. John's Lodge, No. 2.
 FREDERICK BUCHANAN, .. Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.
 WILLIAM W. BRITTAIN,
 GEORGE H. CLARK,
 JAMES H. EAGLES,
 WILLIAM B. PARKS,
 RICHARD RETALLICK,
 COLES C. TURNER,
 BENJAMIN TIPPETTS,
 WILLIAM M. McLEAN, The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
 FREDERICK P. GREEN,
 PETER CAMPBELL, Corinthian Lodge, No. 13.
 HENRY PERKINS,
 J. UPHAM FOWLER,
 WILLIAM SCOTT, Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16.
 H. A. FISH, Northumberland Lodge, No. 17.
 B. N. T. UNDERHILL,
 DONALD CURRIE,
 GEORGE F. TODD, Victoria Lodge, No. 26.
 PORTER BURGESS,
 JOHN O. MURPHY,
 HUGH ROGERS,
 FRANK LESLIE MOSHER, .. St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30.

RESTORATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP, A.D. 1895.

CHARLES W. GODSOE, St. John's Lodge, No. 2.
 CHARLES A. BOYD, Sussex Lodge, No. 7.
 JOSEPH CAMPBELL, The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
 ARCHIBALD DEWAR, St. George Lodge, No. 12.
 GEORGE G. MELICK, Corinthian Lodge, No. 13.
 HUGH M. FERGUSON, Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16.
 REV. S. C. WELLS, Northumberland Lodge, No. 17.
 WILLIAM T. McLEOD, Zion Lodge, No. 21.
 SAMUEL RAMSAY, New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.
 WILLIAM HILLMAN,

ROBERT S. ROBERTSON, . . . Victoria Lodge, No. 26.
 ROBERT HAMILTON, "
 ROBERT W. SKILLEN, St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30.
 W. FREDERICK KIRSTON, . . Benjamin Lodge, No. 31.
 EDWARD BOWSER, Campbellton Lodge, No. 32.
 GEORGE A. HUGHES, Alexandria Lodge, No. 33.
 WALTER B. FARRIS, Albert Lodge, No. 34.

DEATHS, A.D. 1895.

THOMAS W. PETERS, Albion Lodge, No. 1.
 A. H. DEMILL, "
 WILLIAM CAUSEY, St. John's Lodge, No. 2.
 JOHN J. FORREST, "
 JOSHUA S. TURNER, "
 WILLIAM H. JONES, Hibernia Lodge, No. 3.
 GEORGE M. WAITE, "
 WILSON CLARKE, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 5.
 ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, "
 CHARLES S. INGRAHAM, . . Hiram Lodge, No. 6.
 BYRON G. TAYLOR, The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.
 JAMES SHERARD, St. George Lodge, No. 12.
 SAMUEL DRAKE, "
 AMBROSE ABBOTT, Alley Lodge, No. 14.
 JOHN LAMSON, "
 JOHN A. BEATTY, Howard Lodge, No. 15.
 W. W. McLELLAN, Northumberland Lodge, No. 17.
 JOHN F. GEMMEL, Miramichi Lodge, No. 18.
 LEOPOLD G. F. FRASER, "
 JAMES LOUDEN, Victoria Lodge, No. 26.
 CHARLES H. RAY, "
 ALEX. R. CHAMBERLAIN, . . Campbellton Lodge, No. 32.

GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND LODGES.

Alabama, Henry C. Armstrong, Montgomery.
 Arizona, George J. Roskrige, Tucson.
 Arkansas, Fay Hempstead, Little Rock.
 British Columbia, W. J. Quinlan, Victoria.
 California, George Johnson, San Francisco.
 Canada, J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Ont.
 Colorado, Ed. C. Paramlee, Denver.
 Connecticut, John H. Barlow, Shelton.
 Colon and Island of Cuba, Jose F. Pellon, Havana.
 Delaware, Benjamin F. Bartram, Wilmington.
 District of Columbia, William R. Singleton, Washington.
 England, Edward Letchworth, London.
 Florida, W. T. Webster, Jacksonville.
 Georgia, Andrew M. Wolihin, Macon.
 Idaho, Charles C. Stephenson, Boise City.
 Illinois, J. H. C. Dill, Bloomington.
 Indiana, William H. Symthe, Indianapolis.
 Indian Territory, Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka.
 Iowa, Theodore S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids.
 Ireland, Arch. St. George, D. G. Sec., Dublin.
 Kansas, Albert K. Wilson, Topeka.
 Kentucky, Henry B. Grant, Louisville.
 Louisiana, Richard Lambert, New Orleans.
 Maine, Stephen Berry, Portland.
 Manitoba, William G. Scott, Winnipeg.
 Maryland, Jacob H. Medairy, Baltimore.
 Massachusetts, Sereno D. Nickerson, Boston.
 Michigan, J. S. Conover, Coldwater.
 Minnesota, Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul.
 Mississippi, J. L. Power, Jackson.
 Missouri, John D. Vincil, St. Louis.
 Montana, Cornelius Hedges, Helena.
 Nebraska, William R. Bowen, Omaha.
 Nevada, Chauncey N. Noteware, Carson.
 New Hampshire, George P. Cleaves, Concord.
 New Jersey, Thomas H. R. Redway, Trenton.
 New Mexico, Alpheus A. Keene, Albuquerque.
 New York, Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York.
 New Zealand, Rev. William Ronaldson, Wellington.
 New South Wales, Arthur H. Bray, Sidney.
 United Grand Lodge of }
 North Carolina, John C. Drewry, Raleigh.
 North Dakota, Frank J. Thompson, Fargo.
 Nova Scotia, William Ross, Halifax.
 Ohio, J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati.
 Oklahoma, James S. Hunt, Stillwater.
 Oregon, James F. Robinson, Eugene.
 Pennsylvania, W. A. Siniz, Philadelphia.
 Prince Edward Island, Neil McKelvie, Summerside.
 Quebec, John H. Isaacson, Montreal.
 Rhode Island, Edwin Baker, Providence.
 Scotland, D. Murray Lyon, Edinburgh.
 South Australia, J. H. Cunningham, Adelaide.
 South Carolina, Charles Inglesby, Charleston.
 South Dakota, George A. Pettigrew, Flandreau.
 Tennessee, John B. Garrett, Nashville.
 Texas, John Watson, Houston.
 Utah, Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City.
 Victoria, }
 United Grand Lodge of } John Brain, Melbourne.
 Vermont, W. G. Reynolds, Burlington.
 Virginia, Geo. W. Carrington, Richmond.
 Washington, Thomas M. Reed, Olympia.
 West Virginia, George W. Atkinson, Wheeling.
 Wisconsin, John W. Laffin, Milwaukee.
 Wyoming, William M. Kuykendall, Saratoga.

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

Arkansas,	J. H. Vanhose,	Fayetteville.
British Columbia,	William Downie,	Victoria.
Canada,	J. A. C. Anderson,	Ridgetown.
California,	Edward Coleman,	
Colon and Island of Cuba,	Joaquin Lancis,	Havana.
Colorado,	Henry P. H. Bramwell,	Denver.
Delaware,	Hiram T. Downing,	Wilmington.
Florida,	Robert J. Perry,	Key West.
Georgia,	W. G. England,	Cedartown, Polk Co.
Idaho,	Joseph Pinkham,	Boies City.
Illinois,	Malachi Maynard,	Chicago.
Indiana,	Thomas H. Lynch,	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory,	H. C. Nash,	Antlers.
Iowa,	Z. A. Church,	Burlington.
Ireland,	Alfred Smithe,	Dublin.
Kentucky,	William B. Honeycut,	Freedom.
Kansas,	Henry C. Cook,	Kansas City.
Louisiana,	Edwin Marks,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Denison E. Seymour,	Calais.
Manitoba,	George F. Newcombe,	Winnipeg.
Maryland,	William H. Clarke,	Baltimore.
Michigan,	D. Burnham Tracey,	Detroit.
Minnesota,	James N. Castle,	Stillwater.
Missouri,	William R. Stubblefield,	St. Louis.
Mississippi,	Frank C. McGee,	Enterprise.
Nebraska,	John J. Mercer,	Omaha.
New Jersey,	Joseph W. Martin,	Rahway.
New South Wales, United Grand Lodge of }	Charles DeBoos,	Temora.
New York,	John W. Palmer,	Brooklyn.
New Zealand,	Malcolm Niccol,	Auckland.
North Dakota,	William T. Perkins,	Bismark.
Nova Scotia,	Rev. F. Partridge,	Halifax.
Oregon,	T. H. Crawford,	Portland.
Ohio,	Levi C. Goodale,	Cincinnati.
Prince Edward Island,	John W. Morrison,	Charlottetown.
Pennsylvania,	Joseph Eichbaum,	Pittsburg.
Quebec,	Thomas H. Butler,	Montreal.
Rhode Island,	John C. Howland,	Providence.
Scotland,	Robert J. Jameison,	Edinburgh.
Tennessee,	Joseph M. Anderson,	Lebanon.
Texas,	James F. Miller,	Gonzales.
Utah,	Christopher Diehl,	Salt Lake City.
Victoria, United Grand Lodge of }	Canon Watson,	Melbourne.
Vermont,	Winfield S. Nay,	Underhill.
Washington,	H. W. Fairweather,	Olympia.
West Virginia,	George W. Atkinson,	Charleston.
Wisconsin,	Harvey E. Hubbard,	La Crosse.
Wyoming,	Edgar P. Snow,	Cheyenne.

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

Arkansas,	Alfred F. Street,	Fredericton.
Canada,	John V. Ellis,	Saint John.
Colon and Island of Cuba,	Rev. O. S. Newnham,	Saint Stephen.
Colorado,	Andrew McNichol,	Saint John.
Delaware,	Charles Masters,	Saint John.
England,	Thomas Walker, M. D.,	Saint John.
Florida,	W. B. Wallace,	Saint John.
Georgia,	John D. Short,	Saint John.
Ireland,	Andrew McNichol,	Saint John.
Idaho,	John A. Beatty,	Hillsborough.
Illinois,	J. Henry Leonard,	Saint John.
Indian Territory,	Frederick W. Thompson,	Saint John.
Iowa,	George F. Pinder,	Saint Stephen.
Kentucky,	James J. Robinson,	Milltown.
Kansas,	George R. Sangster,	Moncton.
Maine,	J. D. Chipman,	Saint Stephen.
Maryland,	J. T. Whitlock,	Saint Stephen.
Manitoba,	Donald Munro,	Woodstock.
Michigan,	W. D. Forster,	Saint Andrews.
Minnesota,	Thomas Walker, M. D.,	Saint John.
Missouri,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Mississippi,	Harry Beckwith,	Fredericton.
Nebraska,	William Wedderburn,	Hampton.
New Jersey,	E. Lee Street,	Newcastle.
New South Wales, United Grand Lodge of }	Freeman W. Wisdom,	Saint John.
New York,	Henry Graham,	Saint Stephen.
Nova Scotia,	Thomas A. Godsoe,	Saint John.
North Dakota,	John Johnston,	Saint John.
New Zealand,	George B. Hegan,	Saint John.
Oregon,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Ohio,	Alexander Burchill,	Fredericton.
Prince Edward Island,	G. Hudson Flewwelling,	Clifton.
Quebec,	Henry J. Thorne,	Saint John.
Rhode Island,	Ernest Hutchinson,	Douglastown.
Tennessee,		
Texas,	John A. Watson,	Saint John.
Utah,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Victoria, United Grand Lodge of }	Henry A. White,	Sussex.
Vermont,	David F. Merritt,	Woodstock.
Washington,	William J. Logan,	Saint John.
Wisconsin,	John V. Ellis,	Saint John.
Wyoming,	Adolphus G. Beckwith,	Fredericton.

THE DEAD.

"Their labors are over, their day is done.
The summons which each of us must hear
has come to them, and they are at rest."

In Memoriam.

R.:W.: HENRY DUFFELL

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

DIED MARCH 21, 1896.

AGED 80 YEARS.

"An active and useful citizen and an earnest Craftsman."
From Address of Grand Master.

In Memoriam.

R.:W.: EDWIN J. WETMORE

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

DIED JUNE 18, 1896.

AGED 67 YEARS.

*"The excellency of his character and his value as a citizen we
shall long cherish in our memory."*

From Address of Grand Master.

In Memoriam.

The Fraternal Dead of other Jurisdictions.

M.W. JOHN C. HAZLET,
Grand Master Grand Lodge Nevada.
Died October 3, 1895.

M.W. ALBERT J. RUSSELL,
Past Grand Master Florida.
Died January 17, 1896.

M.W. GEORGE E. DOWLING,
Past Grand Master Michigan.
Died March 30, 1896.

M.W. JOHN E. JONES,
Past Grand Master Nevada.
Died April 10, 1896.

In Memoriam.

The Fraternal Dead of other Jurisdictions.

M.W. MICHAEL NISBET,
Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master Pennsylvania.
Died May 7, 1896.

M.W. EDWARD B. ROWE,
Past Grand Master Connecticut.
Died June 1, 1896.

M.W. JOSEPH M. ANDERSON,
Past Grand Master Tennessee.
Died July 14, 1896.

M.W. OWEN A. BASSETT,
Past Grand Master Kansas.
Died July 14, 1896.

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The Thirtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Saint John, commencing on the 24th day of August, A.L. 5897, A.D. 1897, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT:

M. W. JULIUS T. WHITLOCK,.....Grand Master.
R. W. FREDERICK W. THOMSON, ...Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. W. A. D. STEVEN,.....Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. WILLIAM B. WALLACE,Junior Grand Warden.
W. JAMES VROOM,.....Dist. Deputy Grand Master, No. 5.
V. W. EDWIN J. EVERETT,Grand Treasurer.
V. W. J. TWINING HARTT,.....Grand Secretary.
W. WENTWORTH E. WILSON,Senior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT CLERKE,Junior Grand Deacon.
W. WILLIAM A. EWING,.....Grand Organist.
W. J. GORDON FORBES,Grand Steward.
W. W. ALEX. PORTER, "
W. DANIEL C. CLARK, "
W. GEORGE S. DODGE, "
W. S. L. MORRISON, "
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....Grand Tyler.

The following Grand Lodges were represented: Canada, Colorado, Delaware, England, Florida, Georgia, Ireland, Illinois,

Indian Territory, Kansas, Maryland, Manitoba, Minnesota, Missouri, New South Wales, New Zealand, Ohio, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin.

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

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

On motion of R. W. Brother Robert Marshall,

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

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

It was duly reported that the Board of General Purposes had appointed Worshipful Brothers Joseph A. Magilton, David S. Stewart and William R. Russell a Committee on Credentials.

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

ALBION LODGE, No. 1.

THOMAS WALKER, W.M.	F. W. WISDOM, P.M.
FRANK A. GODSOE, S.W.	CHARLES MASTERS, P.M.
EDWIN J. EVERETT, P.M.	FRANK L. TUFTS, P.M.
GEORGE D. FROST, P.M.	

St. John's Lodge, No. 2.

THOMAS FINLAY, S.W.	J. GORDON FORBES, P.M.
JOHN D. SHORT, P.M.	FREDERICK SANDALL, P.M.
GEORGE B. HEGAN, P.M.	WILLIAM A. EWING, P.M.
ARTHUR I. TRUEMAN, P.M.	ALEX. W. MACRAE, P.M.
WILLIAM H. B. SADLEIR, P.M.	

HIBERNIA LODGE, No. 3.

WILLIAM SMITH, W.M.	DAVID S. STEWART, P.M.
GEORGE K. COCHRAN, S.W.	ROBERT CLERKE, P.M.
JOHN MULLIN, P.M.	FRED W. THOMSON, P.M.
WILLIAM J. LOGAN, P.M.	JOSEPH A. MAGILTON, P.M.
WENTWORTH E. WILSON, P.M.	W. ALEX. PORTER, P.M.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 4.

W. A. D. STEVEN, P.M.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 6.

WILLIAM E. SMITH, S.W.	STEWART L. MORRISON, P.M.
ALEXANDER BURCHILL, P.M.	DANIEL JORDAN, P.M.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 7.

JAMES VROOM, P.M.	ROBT. W. WHITLOCK, P.M.
JULIUS T. WHITLOCK, P.M.	

CARLETON UNION LODGE, No. 8.

JOHN V. ELLIS, P.M.	J. ALFRED CLARK, P.M.
J. HENRY LEONARD, P.M.	DANIEL C. CLARK, P.M.
RICHARD H. McWILLIAMS, P.M.	

THE UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND, No. 10.

CHARLES J. COSTER, W.M.	EZEKIEL McLEOD, P.M.
ROBERT T. LEAVITT, S.W.	WM. A. MACLAUCHLAN, P.M.
ROBERT MARSHALL, P.M.	ROBERT L. SMITH, P.M.
JOHN A. WATSON, P.M.	BENJAMIN S. BLACK, P.M.
WILLIAM B. WALLACE, P.M.	J. TWINING HARTT, P.M.

WOODSTOCK LODGE, No. 11.

DONALD MUNRO, P.M. C. WILLIAM JENNER, P.M.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 13.

GEORGE U. HAY, P.M.

NORTHUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 17.

RICHARD L. MALTRY, P.M.

ZION LODGE, No. 21.

GEORGE COGGON, P.M. WILLIAM T. McLEOD, P.M.

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 22.

GEORGE S. DODGE, W.M. W. H. PATTON, P.M.
FRANK FALES, S.W. HEDLEY V. COOPER, P.M.
WILLIAM R. RUSSELL, P.M. S. F. MATTHEWS, P.M.
A. R. CAMPBELL, P.M. DAVID DEARNESS, P.M.
ANDREW McNICHOL, P.M. GEORGE E. DAY, P.M.

KEITH LODGE, No. 23.

GEORGE R. SANGSTER, P.M. J. E. MASTERS, P.M.
A. Y. CLARKE, P.M.

ALEXANDRIA LODGE, No. 33.

WILLIAM T. BROWN, W.M.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

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

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

I welcome you again as the representatives of the Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick.

A year has passed since our last meeting. The hand that guides the stars of heaven in their courses has not ceased to uphold the earth and lead it in its accustomed orbit, giving us summer and winter, seed time and harvest, in due season. The Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe in all things works His will. How little is man with all his works in view of the mighty orbs of heaven and their stupendous movements: how great is man, whose thoughts and plans are permitted in some degree to influence the course of events on this terrestrial sphere.

In welcoming you to the deliberations of the Thirtieth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, I would do so with humble recognition of our dependence upon the Divine Creator, and with a deep sense of His All-pervading Presence, and our responsibility in exercising the wisdom and judgment with which we are endowed.

The past year has been marked by an event of national importance, in which, as good citizens and loyal subjects, all members of this Grand Lodge are interested—the completion of the sixtieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady, Queen Victoria. In common with Her Majesty's subjects in all parts of the Empire, we have joined individually in the public celebrations in honor of the occasion. As Masons, also, we should acknowledge the benefits which have accrued to us in our Sovereign's long and glorious reign, and devoutly thank the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for the blessings of a free and stable National Government and internal peace. I would recommend that a suitable address be engrossed and forwarded to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

Our relations with other Grand Lodges during the year have been most cordial. The only case involving the rights of another jurisdiction which came up for adjustment was that of Brother A. M. Duff, who, after having received his E. A. degree in New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, was found to have residence in Massachusetts. The matter was arranged by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Massachusetts, while in St. John, granting a waiver of jurisdiction, which was handed to the Worshipful Master of New Brunswick Lodge.

Before submitting to you a statement of my official doings for the last twelve months, let me recall the names of some of those who within that time have preceded us on the journey to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns—who have passed the sharp initiation of the gates of death, and wait the consummation of all things; when, we trust, their eyes will again be opened to receive perfect light in the Celestial Lodge above.

R. W. Brother George M. Johnson, Past Master of St. George Lodge, No. 12, and District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 5, died at low twelve on the night of December 22, 1896, at the residence of his brother-in-law, Brother S. J. Topping, St. Stephen. After private religious services at the house (at which I was present unofficially, with a number of the Past Masters of Sussex Lodge), his remains were taken to Bocabec, his native place, and there, on Christmas Day, committed to the earth with Masonic honors by the brethren of St. George Lodge. Brother Johnson was principal of the public schools at St. George; a man of sterling character, and an earnest and successful teacher. Though young in years, his active interest in the work of Masonry in St. George has endeared him to the Craft, and will not soon be forgotten.

M. W. Brother William F. Bunting, Past Grand Master, died suddenly at St. John, January 14, 1897. I was present unofficially at his funeral on Sunday, January 16. His death has removed one of the most active and prominent Masons in our jurisdiction, and a brother well-known outside of our own province for his zeal in the work of the fraternity. Brother Bunting's whole life had been spent in St. John. The son of Rev. Joshua Bunting, a Baptist clergyman, he was born in this city in 1825. He entered the service of the city as a clerk in 1846, and rose to the honorable position of Chairman of the Board of Assessors, a position which he held for fourteen years. All the duties of his office were discharged in such a way as to meet with public approval. In February, 1852, he was initiated into Freemasonry in St. John's Lodge, then No. 623 in the English registry; and during his life he filled all its most important offices. In 1861 he was appointed to the office of Provincial Grand Secretary, having already served as Provincial Grand Warden; and he remained Provincial Grand Secretary until the formation of this Grand Lodge in 1867, when he was chosen Grand Secretary by our late M. W. Brother B. Lester Peters. He continued in the office until 1882, Grand Lodge in the meantime conferring upon him the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden. At the session of 1882, declining to act longer as Grand Secretary, he was elected Deputy Grand Master, and in the following year was chosen Grand Master. He was also the repre-

sentative near our Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodges of Missouri, Utah, and Oregon. Masonic office meant Masonic work to Brother Bunting. In the business of the Craft and in its ritual he was equally interested. Upon whatever board or committee he was appointed, he acted with skill and judgment, and his good knowledge of business made him most valuable. As a ritualist, he has conveyed to many of our brethren a good knowledge of the teachings of the Craft, sparing no pains in his work, either in his own city or out of it; and as a Preceptor of a Lodge of Instruction held for many years in St. John, he achieved great fame for his accurate information respecting the ritual, and his skill in teaching it. He took great interest in the literature of the Craft, and made a splendid contribution to it in his History of Freemasonry in New Brunswick, a work which exhibits alike his patient spirit of inquiry and his literary skill. In addition to all this, he was a spirited public citizen, active in many ways in the interest of the community in which he lived, and in connection with its other societies and organizations has capably discharged important duties and filled important trusts. Withal he was kind and charitable, and his right hand rarely knew what his left hand was doing. We owe him a great debt of gratitude for the services which he has rendered us; and his name must long be remembered here as that of an upright, honorable and worthy Mason and citizen, whose zeal for the Craft never diminished in the forty-five years of constant service which he gave to it.

W. Brother Samuel Tilley Gove, Past Master of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 5, died at St. Andrews on April 23, 1897, and was buried April 25, with Masonic honors. At the request of W. Brother D. C. Rollins, Worshipful Master of St. Mark's, I committed the body of our deceased brother to the grave. Sixteen members of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, accompanied me to St. Andrews to join in the last sad rites. Brother Gove was for many years a practising physician in St. Andrews, and held many positions of trust and honor in the community. Until his strength failed under the weight of years, he was a regular and constant attendant at the meetings of St. Mark's Lodge, of which he was the last surviving charter member.

W. Brother George L. Taylor, one of the oldest Past Masters of Corinthian Lodge, No. 13, has been called from the scene of his earthly labors. He was buried with Masonic honors June 2, 1897.

W. Brother John Fotheringham, Past Master and Secretary of Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, is also at rest from his labours, and was buried on the 7th of this month with Masonic honors.

I add a list of the eminent dead in other jurisdictions:

M. W. Rufus G. Hatheway, Past Grand Master of Masons in Michigan, died at Grand Rapids, December 9th, 1896.

M. W. Otto R. Kierulf, Grand Master of Masons in Norway, died at Christiania, January 7th, 1897.

M. W. Elisha S. Fitch, Past Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky, died at Louisville, January 12th, 1897.

M. W. Samuel H. Saunders, Past Grand Master of Masons in Missouri, died at Otterville, February 11th, 1897.

M. W. Robert M. Moore, Past Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey, died at Elizabeth, February 12th, 1897.

M. W. Andrew M. Wolihin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, died at Macon, February 22nd, 1897.

M. W. Joseph N. Dolph, Past Grand Master of Masons in Oregon, died at Portland, March 10th, 1897.

M. W. John H. Bell, Past Grand Master of Masons in Manitoba, died at Winnipeg, March 16th, 1897.

M. W. John Stedman, Past Grand Master of Masons in Montana, died at Helena, March 28th, 1897.

M. W. John W. Morrison, Past Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island, and our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, died at Charlottetown, April 11th, 1897.

Upon the few disputed points which have been brought to my notice during the year, I have not thought it necessary to make any official ruling.

The by-laws of Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, providing that a regular Communication should be held on St. John's day in December, for the installation of officers, and St. John's day in last December falling on Sunday, for which contingency no special provision had been made, an interesting question arose as to whether the Lodge must meet on Sunday, or might install its officers at some other time. An appeal was taken from the Worshipful Master's ruling; but, after some correspondence, I advised that the points at issue be allowed to rest, having in the meantime granted a dispensation to install at a special Communication to be held on the following day.

An application was received in December from Brother George W. Bothwell, hailing from Pleasant River Lodge, Brownville, Me., asking permission to open a Lodge of Instruction at McAdam. I instructed the Grand Secretary to refer the applicant to Sussex, No. 7, as the nearest Lodge, but I have not learned that any communication from the parties interested has been received by Sussex Lodge.

Early in December, I learned that it was the wish of the brethren in one of the Lodges in our jurisdiction to ask for a dispensation for the public installation of officers. As public installations, in my judgment, are not generally conducive to the interests of the Craft, I discouraged the matter, and no request for the dispensation was made.

I have granted dispensations as follows:

To Confer Degrees,	4
To Wear Regalia at Divine Service,	8
To Wear Regalia at other Processions,	1
To hold Memorial Service,	1
To Install Officers at an Emergency Meeting,	1
To Elect Officers at an Emergency Meeting,	1

And have approved new by-laws for Alexandria Lodge, No. 33.

February 11, I appointed W. Brother James Vroom District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 5, in place of R. W. Brother George M. Johnson, deceased.

February 26, I appointed W. Brother Wentworth E. Wilson, Senior Grand Deacon, in place of W. Brother J. Twining Hartt, resigned.

June 8, I appointed W. Brother J. Twining Hartt, Grand Secretary, in place of V. W. Brother F. W. Wisdom, resigned.

I have commissioned W. Brother Sydney Grey to represent this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, in place of M. W. Brother Morrison, deceased.

I have suggested the name of W. Brother R. W. Grimmer as representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho near this Grand Lodge, in place of W. Brother John A. Beatty, whose term of office has lapsed; and the name of W. Brother H. V. Cooper as representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. I have also suggested V. W. Brother J. Twining Hartt to represent near this Grand Lodge the Grand Lodge of Missouri; W. Brother R. W. Whitlock, the Grand Lodge of Utah; and W. Brother Andrew Mungall, the Grand Lodge of Oregon, which positions were made vacant by the death of our lamented Brother Bunting.

My first official visit of the year was to Victoria Lodge, No. 26, Milltown. The M. M. Degree was worked by the officers of the Lodge in a very creditable manner; and after closing, the visitors were entertained at a supper in the hall.

December 27, at the invitation of Worshipful Master R. W. Whitlock, I accompanied Sussex Lodge, No. 7, to attend Divine Service at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, St. Stephen. Though the day was very cold, there were fifty Masons in attendance. An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. Brother A. A. McKenzie, D.Sc. On the following day I visited Sussex Lodge and installed W. Brother W. W. Inches Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and with his assistance installed the Worshipful Master elect and the other officers of the Lodge. Speeches and refreshments in the banquet room brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

May 6, with the Worshipful Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, I again visited Sussex Lodge and installed Worshipful Brother James Vroom as District Deputy Grand Master. There were seventy-six members and visitors present, and the M. M. Degree was conferred upon two candidates.

May 10, I visited Hiram Lodge, No. 6, at Fredericton, accompanied by Brothers J. Twining Hartt as Senior Grand Warden, Joseph A. Magilton as Junior Grand Warden, and W. W. Inches as Grand Director of Ceremonies. The E. A. Degree was exemplified. The brethren were very hospitable and courteous. A pleasing event of the evening was the presentation to Worshipful Brother Daniel Jordan of a piece of silver plate with an address expressive of the esteem of his brethren of Hiram Lodge. The books and finances of the Lodge are in most satisfactory shape.

On the following evening, with Worshipful Brother Hartt and a large delegation from Hiram Lodge, I visited Alexandria Lodge, No. 33, at St. Mary's, and witnessed the work of the M. M. Degree. The work was excellent, and books and finances of the Lodge in good condition, and the brethren of Alexandria extremely kind to their visitors. Worshipful Master Brown deserves every praise for his zeal and impressive work.

May 12, still accompanied by Brother Hartt, I had the pleasure of my first visit to Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, and was most cordially received and most generously and hospitably entertained during my stay. After the session of the Lodge, at which the F. C. Degree was worked, a sumptuous banquet was spread at the Carlisle Hotel, and toasts and speeches filled the hours till evening turned to morn. We left feeling that the hospitality of Woodstock is unsurpassed.

May 13, I visited Carleton Lodge, No. 35, working under dispensation at East Florenceville. The work of the E. A. Degree was satisfactory under the circumstances, and the officers and members deserve every consideration and praise. Worshipful Brother C. W. Jenner, who accompanied me, rendered much assistance in the work. There were twenty members on the roll and four candidates. The new Lodge is composed of good men, and seems to have a good field and a bright future. A petition for warrant in due form has been received, and I would recommend it to the favorable consideration of Grand Lodge.

My last official visit was to Benjamin Lodge, No. 31, at Andover, May 14. Worshipful Brother Jenner accompanied me. Work on the E. A. Degree was good considering distance of the Lodge from the Ritual Committee. About forty brethren were present, ten of whom were from Fort Fairfield, Me. Here again I have to thank the members of the Lodge for courtesies extended.

It was my intention to have visited the Lodges in the North and East of the Province, but unexpected calls upon the limited time at my disposal prevented my doing so, and, much to my regret, the arrangements partially entered into could not be carried out.

A circular letter has been received from the Grand Orient of Italy, warning us against certain associations of persons in that country whom it regards as irregular Masons. As we have no fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Italy, the matter is of little moment to us.

I desire to thank the Board of General Purposes for the arduous work which they have done in preparing for the consideration of Grand Lodge a new edition of the Constitution, which must necessarily have entailed a great amount of labor.

I cannot surrender the duties of my high office without again expressing to you my great appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me, and, in retiring from the office, I cherish the hope that I have done nothing to forfeit your confidence and esteem. My inexperience and shortcomings have been met by your patience and consideration. The respect due to me as your Grand Master has been yielded so cordially as to be very gratifying, and I shall carry with me new feelings of personal friendship from the kind reception that I have invariably met with in the discharge of my official duties. I most heartily thank the Grand Lodge officers and others who have so cheerfully aided me in my work, and whose wise counsels have lightened the burden of my responsibilities.

Brethren, Worshipful Past Masters, the members of the Fraternity at large entrust to you the work of legislation here, and look to your wisdom and experience for their guidance in the affairs of your several Lodges. The honor and welfare of Freemasonry are in your care. Be true.

Moved by W. Brother J. Gordon Forbes, seconded by R. W. Brother Robert Marshall, P.G.M., and

Resolved, That that part of the Grand Master's address relating to the Diamond Jubilee of Our Sovereign Lady, Queen Victoria, be referred to a Special Committee of five, who shall prepare a suitable resolution for adoption by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master appointed as such Committee:

W. Brother J. Gordon Forbes, R. W. Brother Robert Marshall, P.G.M., R. W. Brother John A. Watson, W. Brother James Vroom, and R. W. Brother John D. Short.

Moved by W. Brother J. Gordon Forbes, seconded by R. W. Brother John A. Watson, and

Resolved, That the remaining portions of the address of the Grand Master be referred to a special committee, to be by them reported upon according to the usual custom.

The following brethren were appointed such Committee:

R. W. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., W. Brother James Vroom, and R. W. Brother Donald Munro.

During the delivery of the Grand Master's address, it was reported to Grand Lodge that M. W. Brother T. B. Flint, M.P., Grand Master, R. W. Brother J. W. Rhuland, Past Grand Master, and R. W. Brother J. M. Lawson, D.D.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, were in waiting. R. W. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., and R. W. Brother Robert Marshall, P.G.M., were appointed a Committee to introduce the visitors.

The M. W. Grand Master most cordially welcomed the three distinguished brethren and conducted them to the East, and they were thereupon heartily accorded the "Grand Honors."

The M. W. Grand Master of Nova Scotia addressed Grand Lodge in acknowledgment of the fraternal reception with which they had met, and expressed the pleasure which it gave him to be present with the brethren of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick at their Annual Communication. He and his brother grand officers were with Grand Lodge to-day in token of the brotherly regard and sympathy entertained for it by their own Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

R. W. Brothers Rhuland and Lawson spoke in the same kindly manner. The remarks of the visitors were received with applause.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

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

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

The receipts of the Grand Secretary's Office from Subordinate Lodges during the past year amount to one thousand four hundred and sixty-eight dollars and fifty cents, made up as follows:

Registration Fees, Certificates and Dispensations,....	\$352 50
Annual Dues,.....	1,116 00
	<u>\$1,468 50</u>

Which amount has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

The following is a detailed account as furnished to the Audit Committee:

THE GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

In account with GRAND LODGE.

To Cash received from Albion Lodge,.....	No. 1	\$134 00
" " " St. John's Lodge,.....	" 2	103 50
" " " Hibernia Lodge,.....	" 3	169 50
" " " Sussex Lodge,.....	" 4	25 80
" " " Hiram Lodge,.....	" 6	58 30
" " " Sussex Lodge,.....	" 7	101 00
" " " Carleton Union Lodge,.....	" 8	54 10
" " " The Union Lodge of Portland,.....	" 10	116 00
" " " Woodstock Lodge,.....	" 11	114 10
" " " St. George Lodge,.....	" 12	40 00
" " " Corinthian Lodge,.....	" 13	51 20
" " " Howard Lodge,.....	" 15	12 60
" " " St. Andrew's Lodge,.....	" 16	18 60
" " " Miramichi Lodge,.....	" 18	32 20
" " " Zion Lodge,.....	" 21	31 40
" " " New Brunswick Lodge,.....	" 22	86 00
" " " Keith Lodge,.....	" 23	86 70
" " " Zetland Lodge,.....	" 24	9 00
" " " Restigouche Lodge (1895)	" 25	32 80
" " " Victoria Lodge,.....	" 26	55 20
" " " Campbellton Lodge (1895)	" 32	31 80
" " " Alexandria Lodge,.....	" 33	32 90
" " " Albert Lodge,.....	" 34	50 00
" " " Carleton Lodge,.....	" 35	10 00
" " " New Brunswick Lodge,.....	" 22	8 00
" " " St. Andrew's Lodge,.....	" 16	4 00
		<u>\$1,468 50</u>

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By Cash paid to Grand Treasurer as per receipt book, \$1,468 50

The returns from Subordinate Lodges show the following particulars:

Initiated,	80
Passed,	76
Raised,	75
Joined,	12
Re-Instated,	10
Withdrawn,	40
Suspended,	28
Died,	20

The M.W. Grand Master has authorized the issue of sixteen dispensations for the following purposes :

To confer degrees at short intervals,	4
To wear regalia at divine service,	8
To wear regalia in public,	1
To hold memorial service,	1
To elect officers at other than time specified in the Constitution,	1
To install officers at an emergency meeting,	1

And in addition, three deceased Brethren have been interred with Masonic honors without formal dispensations having been granted.

Commissions have been received from the M. W. Grand Master of Utah appointing W. Brother Robert Watson Whitlock representative of the Grand Lodge of Utah near that of New Brunswick.

From the M. W. Grand Master of Missouri appointing V. W. Brother J. Twining Hartt representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and

From the M. W. Grand Master of Oregon appointing W. Brother Andrew Mungall representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon near that of New Brunswick.

These Commissions have been forwarded to the above-named brethren, to be by them presented at this Annual Communication.

A Commission has been issued under the seal of Grand Lodge to W. Brother Sydney Grey, of Charlottetown, accrediting him the representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island in the place of R. W. Brother John William Morrison, deceased.

J. TWINING HARTT,
St. John, N. B., August 21, 1897. *Grand Secretary*

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Brother Thomas Walker, P.G.M.,

That the report of the Grand Secretary be received and lie on the table.

EDWIN J. EVERETT, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with FUND OF BENEVOLENCE

of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

1896. DR.

Aug. 19. Balance on hand, viz.:

Special deposit in Bank of New Brunswick, \$309 27

1897.

Jan. 4. Interest on special deposit in Bank of New Brunswick, 10 40

4. Interest on \$2,000 Bond of Masonic Hall Co.,
at 5%, 100 00
—————\$419 67

1897. CR.

Jan. 4. Special deposit in Bank of New Brunswick, \$419 67

EDWIN J. EVERETT,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., August 21st, 1897.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

V. W. Brother Edwin J. Everett, Grand Treasurer, presented his annual report, as follows:

EDWIN J. EVERETT, GRAND TREASURER,
In account with GRAND LODGE, F. and A. M., of New Brunswick.

DR.

1896.			
Aug. 19.	Balance on hand, viz.:		
	Dominion Savings Bank,	\$501 21	
	Bank of New Brunswick,	443 98	
			\$945 19
1897.			
Jan. 4.	Fund of Benevolence, one year's interest, on Bond of Masonic Hall Company, ..	\$100 00	
	4. Fund of Benevolence, interest on special deposit in Bank of New Brunswick, ..	10 40	
March 8.	Cash of Grand Secretary,	233 00	
May 1.	Cash for Bond No. 24, D Series, \$500, 5% interest,	500 00	
	28. Cash of Grand Secretary,	134 00	
June 16.	Cash of Grand Secretary,	80 00	
July 3.	Interest on deposit in Savings Bank,	15 70	
	3. Cash of Grand Secretary,	114 10	
	26. " "	55 20	
Aug. 14.	" "	225 70	
	17. " "	116 00	
	21. " "	510 50	
			2,094 60
			<u>\$3,039 79</u>

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1897.	BOND AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.	
May 1.	Paid Bonds Nos. 3 and 4, C Series,	\$1,000 00
Aug. 1.	Paid Interest on Bonds,	495 00
		<u>\$1,495 00</u>

1896.	EXPENSE ACCOUNT.	
Dec. 23.	G. Gordon Boyne,	\$6 00
	23. Dingee Scribner,	6 00
	23. Sun Printing Company,	6 88
1897.		
Feb. 27.	Masonic Hall Company, rent,	20 00
July 18.	D. R. Jack, insurance on Regalia to July, 18th, 1898,	12 00
Aug. 21.	Globe Publishing Company,	84 05
	21. Grand Secretary, one year's salary,	250 00
	21. Grand Secretary, postages,	15 30
		<u>400 23</u>

1897.	FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.	
Jan. 4.	Special deposit in Bank of New Brunswick,	110 40
Aug. 21.	Balance on hand, viz.:	
	Dominion Savings Bank,	\$266 91
	Bank of New Brunswick,	767 25
		<u>1,034 16</u>
		<u>\$3,039 79</u>

EDWIN J. EVERETT,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., August 21st, 1897.

Resolved, On motion of R. W. Brother Robert Marshall, P. G. M.,
That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and lie on the table.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Brother William B. Wallace, Vice-President, submitted the annual report of the Board of General Purposes, as follows:

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

The Board of General Purposes submits the following report of its proceedings for the past year:

1. At the first meeting of the Board, held on the 22nd of October, 1896, Worshipful Brother William B. Wallace was elected Vice-President.

2. The Board had under consideration during the year the resolution referred to it to have the Constitution revised and a new edition printed, and after careful deliberation and discussion of the subject have filed with the Grand Secretary notice of the following amendments:

(1) To strike out section two (2).

(2) To provide that District Deputy Grand Masters shall be appointed by the Grand Master, and that they shall be entitled to Past Grand rank next after Past Grand Pursuivant.

(3) That honorary membership in a Lodge, with the right to vote, shall confer all rights of membership including that of holding office.

(4) Also a number of minor alterations mostly of a verbal character.

The Board submit the Constitution as revised and amended, and recommend its adoption by Grand Lodge and that a new edition be printed.

3. The Board had also under consideration the resolutions submitted by the Grand Lodge of Maine with regard to uniform legislation by the several Grand Lodges in relation to the admission of rejected candidates.

On motion, it was resolved as follows:

Whereas, The principle of Lodges having exclusive jurisdiction over rejected candidates for admission into the fraternity has not in the past prevailed in this jurisdiction; and

Whereas, The provisions of our Constitution as to such rejected candidates have in the past been found to be satisfactory and sufficiently effective in guarding the interests of all parties; which provisions are as follows:

"When an applicant who has been rejected in one Lodge in this jurisdiction shall, after the expiration of six months, make application to another Lodge for admission to the fraternity, the application may be

received, but no ballot shall be taken thereon until the former Lodge shall have been notified and shall have given its consent by resolution, certified by the Master and Secretary. The members of the Lodge whose consent is asked must, previous to any action thereon, be notified of such application."

Therefore Resolved, That this Board cannot recommend Grand Lodge to make the change in our Constitution by adopting the resolution proposed by the Grand Lodge of Maine; and

Further Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward a copy of the resolution to the Grand Lodge of Maine.

4. The Board, on motion, ordered that the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer be authorized to issue a new bond of Grand Lodge for five hundred dollars to replace the one that fell due on the first of May last.

5. The Board took up and discussed the resolution of Grand Lodge referring to them the matter of procuring portraits of Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge. We received figures for doing the work from different artists, and found that it would cost about seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each painting. We have contracted at that rate with Brother F. H. C. Miles and Brother H. J. DeForest for portraits of our late Grand Masters B. Lester Peters and Robert T. Clinch; size 24x36, three-quarter figure, showing regalia of office, to be painted subject to the approval of the Board, and not to be accepted unless they are satisfactory to the Board in all particulars. These portraits are well under way and will probably be completed in about a month.

In order to relieve Grand Lodge as much as possible from pecuniary expense, we prepared a subscription list for the painting of the portraits of our deceased Grand Masters, and have now about one hundred dollars subscribed. The list is in the hands of a Committee consisting of R. W. Brothers Walker and Marshall, and W. Brother A. R. Campbell.

We respectfully solicit the subscription of those of the Craft who have not yet added their names to the list, and would suggest that Grand Lodge make a yearly grant towards this object.

6. The Committee appointed by the Board to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, submitted the following report, which has been adopted by the Board:

To the Board of General Purposes:

The Committee to whom was referred the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the current

year, beg to say that they have carefully attended to the duty assigned them, and find:

Balance last year,.....	\$945 19
Bond No. 24, D Series, 5%,	500 00
Interest,	26 10
Masonic Hall Company,	100 00
Lodge Payments,	1,468 50
Receipts,	\$3,039 79

Expenditure:

Paid Bonds Nos. 3 and 4 C,.....	\$1,000 00
Interest Payments,	495 00
Fund Benevolence Deposit,	110 40
Salary Grand Secretary,	250 00
Insurance, Printing, etc.,	150 23
	\$2,005 63

Deposit:

Dominion Savings Bank,.....	\$266 91
Bank of New Brunswick,	767 25
	1,034 16
	\$3,039 79

The Fund of Benevolence has now on special deposit in the Bank of New Brunswick the sum of four hundred and nineteen dollars and sixty-seven cents, and has in addition to this sum a two thousand dollar bond of the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company bearing interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MARSHALL,
BENJAMIN S. BLACK, } *Audit Committee.*
A. R. CAMPBELL,

7. The supply of Grand Lodge certificates having become exhausted, the Board recently ordered two hundred and fifty certificates from William Cruickshank, of Elder street, Edinburgh.

8. W. Brothers William R. Russell, Joseph A. Magilton, and David S. Stewart have been appointed by the Board as the Committee on Credentials at this Communication of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the Board.

F. W. THOMSON,
President.

Resolved, On motion of R. W. Brother W. B. Wallace,

That the report of the Board of General Purposes be received and lie on the table.

R. W. Thomas Walker, P.G.M., submitted the following report of the Committee appointed at the Annual Communication in 1895 to confer with Committees from the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in regard to a Masonic Home:

ST. JOHN, N. B., August 23, 1897.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:

The Committee appointed at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1895 to confer with Committees from the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in reference to the establishment of a Masonic Home, beg leave to report:

That on May 12th last the joint Committee met at Moncton. There were present:

R. W. Brother W. McCoy, V. W. Brother W. Ross, W. Brother J. M. Lawson, representing the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

R. W. Brother Robert Marshall, R. W. Brother Thomas Walker, R. W. Brother J. Henry Leonard, representing the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

R. W. Brother R. MacNeil, V. W. Brother Neil MacKelvie, representing the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

R. W. Brother W. McCoy was elected chairman, and R. W. Brother Thomas Walker, secretary.

While it was conceded by all that the establishment of a central Masonic Home would be most desirable, difficulties chiefly of a financial character, presented themselves; and finally, after a long and full discussion of the question, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this meeting, while affirming the desirability of establishing a Masonic Home for the Maritime Provinces, is strongly of opinion that the establishment of a sufficient fund should precede any other action to that end.

Resolved, That the whole matter be referred to the different Grand Lodges, with the request that each Grand Lodge, beside appealing to their subordinate Lodges for contributions, will year by year contribute to a fund looking to the foundation of such a Home.

Resolved, That in case of the foregoing resolutions being carried out, that each Grand Lodge shall elect a trustee, who collectively shall be the custodians of such fund, said fund to be known as the Maritime Masonic Home Fund.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be sent to each of the Grand Lodges in the Maritime Provinces.

The following resolution was also unanimously adopted:

The joint Committee here assembled embraces this opportunity of expressing its strong conviction that closer fraternal relations between the Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island would tend greatly to promote the objects of our order;

Therefore Resolved, That this matter be referred to the several Grand Lodges, to the end that each Grand Lodge be requested to appoint a committee to jointly promulgate a scheme for the closer union of these Grand Lodges, and report the same in the year 1898 to the before mentioned Grand Lodges respectively.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT MARSHALL,	} Committee.
THOMAS WALKER,	
J. HENRY LEONARD,	
JOHN A. WATSON,	
JOHN V. ELLIS,	

Resolved, On motion of R.W. Brother Walker,
That the report of the Committee be received and lie on the table.

The V.W. Grand Secretary read a letter from W. Brother D. E. Seymour, Past Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Representative of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Maine, expressing his regret and disappointment that at the last moment he had been prevented from carrying out his intention of being present at this Communication.

The M.W. Grand Master informed Grand Lodge that he was in receipt of a letter from R.W. Brother William Wedderburn, P.G.M., written on the eve of his departure on a visit to Toronto, expressing regret that he would thus be unable to give his attendance.

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

That the order of business at 8.30 o'clock this evening be the Election of Officers.

Carried.

Resolved, On motion of R.W. Brother William B. Wallace,

That when Grand Lodge take recess, it take recess until eight o'clock this evening.

Ordered, That a further sum of twenty dollars be placed to the credit of the Library Committee.

R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted to Grand Lodge a series of amendments and additions to the Constitution, all of which had been considered and approved by the Board. It was explained that some of these amendments had already been passed by Grand Lodge; others had been transcribed from the standing resolutions and decisions, and the remainder were now recommended by the Board for adoption by Grand Lodge, prior to the printing of the new edition of the Constitution, authorized by resolution at the last Annual Communication.

R.W. Brother Ellis explained *seriatim* the proposed amendments, their purport and effect; and they were severally voted upon by Grand Lodge and duly adopted.

The amendments so adopted were as follows:

1. To strike out Section 2 under the heading "How constituted."
2. To strike out the words "and installation" and "or installation," Section 2 "Of Officers."
3. To elect Grand Tyler by nomination and open vote.
4. To provide that a notification to change place of meeting shall contain the name of the place to which change is desired. Section 16, "Officers."
5. To provide that, in the absence of the Grand Master, Grand Lodge shall be ruled by the *elective* Grand Officer next in rank, or failing any such, by a Past Grand Master according to seniority.
6. To insert in Section 2, "Regulations for Government of Grand Lodge during time of business," after the words "each Lodge having three votes," the words "by its Master and Wardens."
7. To provide that the District Deputy Grand Masters shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, or as soon thereafter as possible.
8. To strike out in Section 2, Private Lodges, the words "at least" and insert after the word "year" the words "that is to say from the

date of his appointment to the office on the regular night of installation until the day on which the election of officers takes place."

9. To strike out in Section 9, under the same heading, the words "and the by-laws of his Lodge."

10. To add to Section 27 the following clause: "A brother who has so withdrawn may receive the usual certificate that he has ceased to be a member on payment of the arrears of dues standing against him at the time of his withdrawal, or such portion of the same as the Lodge may exact."

11. To insert in Section 35, after the word "dues," the words "or any portion of the dues of."

12. To amend Section 7, under the heading "of Masters and Wardens of Lodges," so that it shall read: "A Past Master of any other Lodge may be invited by the brother in the chair to officiate and confer degrees or perform any other ceremony."

13. To provide that the Tyler of a Lodge shall be chosen by nomination and open vote.

14. To insert in Section 5, under the heading "Members and their duty," after the word "certificate" in the ninth line, the words "signed by the Master and Secretary under the Seal of the Lodge."

15. To add to Section 2 of "Honorary Members" the following clause: "Honorary members, upon whom the right of voting has been conferred, shall have all the privileges of membership, including the right of holding office in the Lodge."

16. To insert in Section 2 of "Proposing Members," after the words "seafaring men," in the first line, the words "not including persons employed in vessels known as 'coasters,' or in any vessels plying between ports on the Atlantic seaboard of North America"; and in the second line, after the words "unless he has," to insert the words "been domiciled or"; and in the third line, after the word "admission," to insert the words "immediately previous to his application."

17. To insert in Section 10 of same heading, after the word "candidate," the words "for admission into the fraternity."

18. To insert in Section 1, "Lodges of Instruction," after the words "Warranted Lodge," the words "and at the place of meeting of that Lodge."

19. To insert in last line of Section referring to "Masters and Past Masters of Lodges," under the heading "Aprons," the words "or Past Grand Officers" after the words "Grand Officers."

Moved by R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., and seconded by R.W. Brother Thomas Walker, P.G.M.,

That the Constitution as amended be now adopted as the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

Carried.

By direction of the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary read the reports of the Deputy Grand Master, District No. 1, and of W. Brother James Vroom, D.D.G.M. for District No. 5.

Ordered, That the M.W. Grand Master be authorized to have such portions of those reports printed in the annual proceedings as he may think desirable.

Grand Lodge then took recess.

TUESDAY EVENING,

24TH AUGUST, 1897.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 8 p.m., the M.W. Grand Master in the East.

W. Brother J. G. Forbes, from the Special Committee on that part of the Grand Master's address which referred to Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, submitted the following draft of an address:

To Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, by the Grace of God, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, the members of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, approach your Majesty with the warmest expression of our profound and loyal attachment to your Throne and Person.

Citizens of the Empire resident in Canada, we have participated in the priceless heritage of the liberty of British subjects, and the inestimable blessing of your wise and beneficent rule.

We join with the whole body of your loving people throughout the Realm in ascription of thanksgiving to Almighty God, and in hearty congratulations that he has prolonged your life and administration to the present time. Our earnest prayer is that He will be graciously pleased

to preserve and maintain your life and rule in health, happiness and peace for years to come, and that when, in His wisdom as Sovereign of the Universe, the purposes of your reign shall have been accomplished, you may have your perfect consummation and bliss in His eternal and glorious Kingdom.

Signed on behalf and under the Seal of Grand Lodge, at the City of Saint John, this day of August, A.D. 1897.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. FORBES.
ROBERT MARSHALL,
JOHN A. WATSON,
J. VROOM,
JOHN DAVIS SHORT,) Committee.

Moved by W. Brother J. G. Forbes, and seconded by R.W. Brother Robert Marshall, P.G.M.

That the address be engrossed, suitably bound, and forwarded to His Excellency the Governor General for transmission to Her Majesty, and that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be a Committee to carry out these directions.

Carried.

At this stage R. W. Brother W. F. McCoy, Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia, was announced and admitted, Grand Lodge being called up.

W. Brother Robert Watson Whitlock presented credentials as representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Utah, dated at Salt Lake City, the nineteenth day of July, A. L. 5897, and signed by M.W. A. D. Gash, Grand Master, and R.W. Brother Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary.

V. W. Brother J. Twining Hartt presented credentials as representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri, dated at the City of St. Louis, the eighth day of July, A.L. 5897, issued by the M.W. Dorsey H. Jamison, Grand Master, and signed by R.W. John D. Vincil, Grand Secretary.

These two brethren were thereupon received as such representatives and saluted with the usual honours.

Resolved, On motion,

That the report of the Board of General Purposes be taken from the table and considered.

And on further motion,

Resolved, That the report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted.

Moved by R.W. Brother William B. Wallace,

That a grant of twenty-five dollars be made to the Board of General Purposes, to be applied to the fund for painting the portraits of deceased Grand Masters.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

On motion,

Ordered, That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be taken from the table and filed.

It being now half-past eight o'clock, Grand Lodge proceeded to the order of the day, viz.: the Election of Officers.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed as scrutineers W. Brother W. H. B. Sadleir, R.W. Brother Donald Munro and W. Brother S. L. Morrison.

The V.W. Grand Secretary read the several sections of the Constitution respecting the election of officers.

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

M.W. THOMAS WALKER, M.D.,.... Grand Master.
R.W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL,.... Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. ALEXANDER R. CAMPBELL, Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. GEORGE D. FROST,..... Junior Grand Warden.
V.W. REV. ROBERT S. CRISP,.... Grand Chaplain.
V.W. EDWIN J. EVERETT, Grand Treasurer (re-elected).

On the nomination of W. Brother Benjamin S. Black, Brother Dingee Scribner was re-elected Grand Tyler.

Resolved, On motion of R.W. Brother Thomas Walker,

That the Installation of Officers be the order of business at 3.30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., from the Committee on the Address of the M.W. Grand Master submitted the following:

The Committee on the Address of the M.W. Grand Master submit a special report recommending that so much of the address as refers to the application of Carleton Lodge at Florenceville, now under dispensation, for a Warrant, with all the papers connected therewith, be referred to the Committee on Warrants.

Faternally submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS.
J. VROOM.
D. MUNRO.

The report was, on motion, received and the recommendation adopted.

The following report was submitted by the Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Lodges and adopted:

The Committee on Foreign Relations respectfully report that during the year no matter has been brought to their notice requiring action by Grand Lodge.

Faternally submitted,

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

Moved by R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., seconded by R.W. Brother Thomas Walker, P.G.M., and

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to convey to Right Worshipful David F. Merritt, Past Deputy Grand Master, expression of the deep sympathy of Grand Lodge with him in his present painful illness which prevents him from attending its sessions, and to assure him that his past labours in the interests of the Fraternity are warmly appreciated, and that the recollection will be long retained of the kindness of heart and of the fraternal spirit which he ever exhibited in all his intercourse with the members of this Grand Body.

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

Resolved, That Grand Lodge do now take recess until three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Grand Lodge accordingly took recess.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,

25TH AUGUST, 1897.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Julius T. Whitlock called Grand Lodge to labour at three o'clock this afternoon.

R.W. Brother Thomas Walker, P.G.M., moved

That the report of the Special Committee respecting a Masonic Home be taken from the table and considered.

Carried.

Moved by R.W. Brother Thomas Walker, seconded by R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, and

Resolved, That while the members of Grand Lodge would hail with satisfaction the establishment of a Masonic Home for the Maritime Provinces, yet they do not feel that the present condition of the funds of Grand Lodge would warrant any efficient pecuniary aid to this object;

Resolved, however, That Grand Lodge will at any time give its best consideration to any well devised scheme for establishing and maintaining a Masonic Home;

Further Resolved, That the Committee on Masonic Home be continued, and that in addition it consider the subject of closer fraternal relations with our sister Grand Lodges of the Maritime Provinces.

It was further

Resolved, That the M.W. Grand Master be added to the Committee.

The following report was submitted by R.W. Brother Robert Marshall, P.G.M.:

The Committee on Warrants to new Lodges have carefully examined the papers submitted on behalf of Carleton Lodge, working at East Florenceville, in the County of Carleton, under dispensation from the Grand Master since 6th November, 1896, and have had satisfactory reports as to the work done at the several monthly and special meetings held since the date of organization, and would respectfully recommend that Grand Lodge issue a Warrant to be styled "Carleton Lodge."

ROBERT MARSHALL.
JOHN A. WATSON.
J. H. LEONARD.

Moved by V.W. Brother Charles Masters, and

Resolved, That this report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted, and that a Warrant of Constitution issue to Carleton Lodge, No. 35.

R.W. Brother John V. Ellis, P.G.M., submitted the following report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, and on his motion the same was received and adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

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

That the friendly relations existing between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of other jurisdictions is a matter of congratulation to the Craft; and that Grand Lodge must appreciate the courtesy of the M.W. the Grand Master of Massachusetts in waiving jurisdiction in the case mentioned by the Grand Master.

With the Grand Master, Grand Lodge mourns the loss of members who have been cut off in the noon-day of life, in the midst of their usefulness; and honours the memory of those who, after bearing the burden and heat of the day, have found their rest at eventide. The Committee would recommend that a page in the report of Grand Lodge proceedings be inscribed to the memory of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Bunting, whose devotion to the cause of Freemasonry and intimate connection with Grand Lodge for many years, so well merit the Grand Master's feeling tribute of affection and esteem.

The Committee recommend Grand Lodge to approve of the course of the Grand Master in not making a ruling in cases where no important point of Masonic jurisprudence is involved, and where peace and harmony can be maintained without so doing.

The Committee are sure that Grand Lodge will agree with the Grand Master in thinking the true interests of the Craft better subserved by quiet work and consistent living than by public displays made solely for the purpose of winning popular favor.

That Grand Lodge joins in the Grand Master's regret at his inability to visit Lodges in the north and east of the Province; but is assured that the official visits he has made in other parts of the jurisdiction have been of great benefit to the Craft, and are a pleasing evidence of a zeal which will not cease with the termination of his official duties.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS.
J. VROOM.
D. MUNRO.

Grand Lodge proceeded to the order of the day—Installation of Officers.

At the request of the Grand Master, the Most Worshipful T. B. Flint, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, assumed the Grand East, and R.W. Brother John A. Watson acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master elect, Thomas Walker, M.D., was duly obligated, invested, and installed "Grand Master of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Nova Scotia.

The M.W. Grand Master was thereupon saluted with the customary honours, and proclaimed in the South, West and East.

The M.W. Grand Master in the exercise of his prerogative made the following appointments to office for the ensuing year:

V.W. J. TWINING HARTT,.....	Grand Secretary.
W. A. Y. CLARKE,.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. GEORGE COGGON,.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. EZEKIEL McLEOD,.....	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. DAVID DEARNESS,.....	Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. S. L. MORRISON,.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. DANIEL C. CLARK,.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. WILLIAM A. EWING,.....	Grand Organist.
W. GEORGE S. DODGE,.....	Grand Pursuivant.
W. WILLIAM T. BROWN,....	Grand Steward.
W. WILLIAM SMITH,.....	"
W. CHARLES J. COSTER,....	"
W. C. W. BRADLEY,.....	"
W. MATTHEW TENNANT,....	"
W. JOHN McLAUCHLAN,....	"
W. GEO. M. FAIRWEATHER,.	"
W. ROBERT W. GRIMMER,..	"
W. C. BERTON LOCKHART,..	"
W. ROBERT G. EARLE,.....	"
W. MARTIN MAGOWEN,.....	"
W. WILLIAM C. ANSLOW,...	"
W. BENJAMIN S. BLACK,....	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 1.
R.W. W. A. D. STEVEN,.....	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 2.
R.W. RICHARD L. MALTBY,....	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 3.
R.W. EDWIN G. VROOM,.....	Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 5.

The following Grand Officers, elected and appointed, being present, were duly installed, invested, and proclaimed:

R.W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL, Deputy Grand Master.
 R.W. ALEX. R. CAMPBELL, Senior Grand Warden.
 R.W. GEORGE D. FROST, Junior Grand Warden.
 V.W. EDWIN J. EVERETT, Grand Treasurer.
 V.W. J. TWINING HARTT, Grand Secretary.
 W. A. Y. CLARKE, Senior Grand Deacon.
 W. EZEKIEL McLEOD, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 W. DAVID DEARNESS, Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
 W. S. L. MORRISON, Grand Sword Bearer.
 W. GEORGE S. DODGE, Grand Pursuivant.
 W. BENJAMIN S. BLACK, Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 1.
 R.W. W. A. D. STEVEN, Dis. Deputy Grand Master No. 2.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren to the Board of General Purposes:

R.W. FRED. W. THOMSON, Past Deputy Grand Master.
 R.W. H. B. FLEMING, " "
 R.W. J. HENRY LEONARD, " "
 R.W. THOMAS A. GODSOE, " "
 R.W. JOHN A. WATSON, " "
 V.W. EDWIN J. EVERETT, Grand Treasurer.
 W. BEN. S. BLACK, District Deputy Grand Master.
 W. W. WATSON ALLEN, Past Master No. 1.
 W. W. H. B. SADLEIR, Past Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
 W. EZEKIEL McLEOD, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The M.W. Grand Master also appointed the usual Standing Committees.

At the request of the Grand Master, M.W. T. B. Flint, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, addressed Grand Lodge at some length, and concluded his remarks by cordially inviting the Grand Master and Brethren of Grand Lodge to attend the ensuing Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The expressions of kindly fraternal feeling uttered by M.W. Brother Flint were acknowledged and reciprocated by the Grand Master.

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

Resolved, That Grand Lodge record its grateful appreciation of the Masonic courtesy extended to it by the presence of so many distinguished brethren from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia during this Annual Communication, and express to M.W. Brother T. B. Flint, Grand Master; R.W. Brother W.F. McCoy, Past Grand Master; R.W. Brother J. W. Rhuland, Past Grand Master, and R.W. Brother Lawson, D.D.G.M., its great pleasure at meeting with them on this occasion, with the hope that such fraternal visits may be more frequent in the future.

Ordered, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be extended to the Credential Committee in recognition of the faithful attention paid by them to their important duties.

The business of the Thirtieth Annual Communication being ended, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was closed in *ample* form by M.W. Thomas Walker, M.D., Grand Master.

J. Twining Hartt.

Grand Secretary.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

In accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master directs the printing of the following extracts from the reports submitted to him.

DISTRICT No. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master :

Herewith I submit my official report for the year ending 24th of August, 1897:

I have pleasure in stating that in the several visitations to the Lodges in District No. 1, I was received with that cordiality that has long pervaded the Craft. I found all the Lodges in the hands of excellent masters, and their officers truly endeavouring to see who could "best work and best agree."

On the 5th of February last, I visited Albion Lodge, No. 1. Our Past Grand Master Walker, the Worshipful Master of this Lodge, was in the chair and worked the First Degree in his inimitable manner. The general affairs of the Lodge are well attended to, and its condition all that can be desired.

I next visited St. John's Lodge, No. 2. W. Brother Sadleir occupied the chair and exemplified the Second Degree. The work was very nicely done. The records are well kept, and the members appear earnest and alive to the interests of the Lodge.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, was my next visitation, and I there witnessed the work of the Third Degree. This Lodge is in excellent condition, and its affairs are conducted with skill and carefulness.

I then paid a visit to The Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10. I found W. Master Coster in the chair, and had the pleasure of seeing the Second Degree worked by him and his officers. The work was well done and the Lodge appears to be in good order.