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PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND LODGE
Of Ancient
Free and Accepted Masons
OF CANADA,

AT FOUR
ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

HELD AT THE CITIES OF
LONDON, TORONTO, HAMILTON AND OTTAWA,

ALSO AT ITS
Fifth Annual Communication,
HELD AT
THE CITY OF OTTAWA, CANADA WEST,

On the 11th day of JULY, A.L., 5860, A.D., 1860.

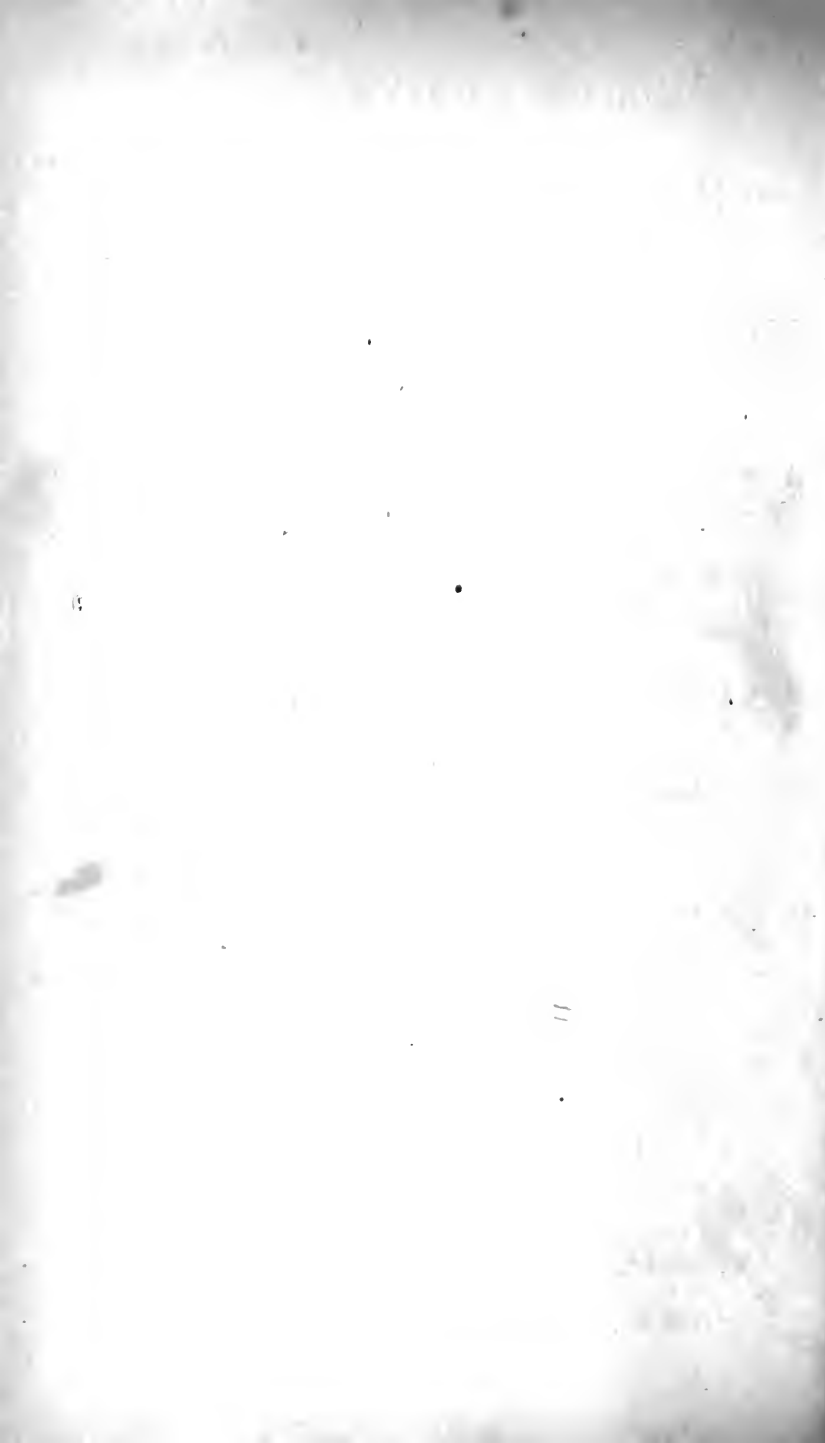
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T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON, QUEBEC,
GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON,
GRAND SECRETARY.

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Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

AT an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the City of London, on Friday, the ninth day of September, A. L., 5859, A. D., 1859.

PRESENT.

- M. W. Br. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master
R. " " Thompson Wilson, as Deputy Grand Master
" " " George W. Whitehead, as Grand Senior Warden
" " " James Daniel, as Grand Junior Warden
" " " Alexander McKidd, as Grand Chaplain
V. " " D. Curtis, as Grand Treasurer
" " " A. D. Morehouse, as Grand Registrar
R. " " Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary
V. " " S. B. Campbell, Grand Senior Deacon
" " " F. Wolferstan Thomas, Grand Junior Deacon
" " " C. L. Davis, as Grand Superintendent of Works
" " " T. Francis, as Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. " " George Masson, Grand Sword Bearer
" " " Edwin Heathfield, as Grand Assist't Dir. of Ceremonies
" " " John Harrison, as Grand Organist
" " " P. Vidal, as Grand Pursuivant
" " " F. McMullen, as Grand Tyler
V. " " Thos. Mackie, }
" " " John Boyd, } Grand Stewards
" " " A. G. Smith, as }
" " " G.M. Wilson, }

W.Br. Harper, P.G.J.W. of the P.G. Lodge, Durham, England, and about two hundred Masons hailing from the undermentioned Lodges :—

No.	Lodges.	No.	Lodges.
6	Barton, Hamilton	42	St. George's, London
10	Norfolk, Simcoe	43	King Solomon's, Woodstock
20	St. John's, London	44	St. Thomas, St. Thomas
22	King Solomon's, Toronto	45	Brant, Brantford
27	Strict Observance, Hamilton	47	Great Western, Windsor
36	Welland, Fonthill	64	Kilwinning, London
40	St. John's, Hamilton	68	St. John's, Ingersoll
75	St. John's, Toronto	97	Sharon, Sharon
78	King Hiram, Tillsonburg	100	Valley, Dundas
80	Albion, Newbury	102	Mount Brydges, Mt. Brydges
81	St. John's, Delaware	107	St. Paul's, Lambeth
94	St. Mark's, Port Stanley	113	Wilson, Waterford
	U.D. Warren Lodge, Fingal.		

VISITING LODGES.

Detroit Lodge, Detroit Huron Lodge, Michigan
 St. Lawrence Lodge, Montreal.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form.

The M.W. Grand Master, Br. Wm. Mercer Wilson, stated that this special Communication of Grand Lodge had been convened for the purpose of laying the corner stone of *St. James's Church*, the performance of which duty he had undertaken, at the request of the building committee.

A procession was formed in the usual masonic order, under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site of the intended building.

The ceremonies were commenced by singing the

Hundredth Psalm; after which, the Rev. Br. Nichol read the 7th chap. 2nd book Samuel.

The M.W. Grand Master addressed the fraternity and assemblage as follows :—

“Men, women and children, here assembled to-day to behold this ceremony, know all of you that we be lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country, and established of old with peace and honor in most countries, to do good to our brethren, to build great buildings, and to fear God, who is the Great Architect of all things. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but these secrets are lawful and honorable to know by Masons, who only have the keeping of them to the end of time. Unless our craft were good and our calling honorable, we should not have lasted so many centuries, nor should we have had so many illustrious brothers in our Order, ready to promote our laws and further our interests. To-day we are here assembled, in the presence of you all, to build a church for the public use of this city, which we pray God may prosper, if it seem good to him, that it may become a building for good men and good deeds, and promote religious harmony and brotherly love till the world itself shall end.”

Response.—“So mote it be.”

The Grand Chaplain then offered up the following Prayer:

“Great Architect of the Universe! Maker and Ruler of all Worlds! deign from Thy celestial temple, from realms of light and glory, to help us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invite Thee to give us, at this and all other times, wisdom in all our doings; strength of mind in all our difficulties; and the beauty of harmony in all our communications.

“Permit us, Thou Author of Light and Life, great Source of Love and Happiness, to erect this temple, so that hereafter it may be solemnly consecrated to the honor of Thy glory.

“Glory be to God in the highest.”

Response.—“As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”

The Grand Secretary read the following inscription, which was engrossed on parchment :—

By the favor of Almighty God,

On the ninth day of September, A.D., MDCCCLIX., of the era of Masonry, 5859.

And in the twenty-third year of the reign of our beloved Sovereign,

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland, India, and the Dependencies in Europe, Asia, Africa, America and Australasia,

The Right Hon. Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Bart., being Governor General of British North America ;

William McBride, Esquire, being Mayor of the City of London ;

Rev. John MacMurphy, being Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland,

The Corner Stone of this St. James's Church,

Erected by Public Subscription for the worship of the Most High,

Was laid by

WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, ESQUIRE,

Most Worshipful Grand Master,

Attended by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, According to the Ancient Usages of Masonry,

Which may God prosper.

The Acting Grand Treasurer deposited a glass vase in the cavity of the stone, containing the following documents and coins, viz :—

- 1—List of Officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada.
- 2—List of Officers of St. John's Lodge, (No. 20) London.
- 3—List of Officers of St. George's Lodge, (No. 42) London.
- 4—List of Officers of Kilwinning Lodge, (No. 64) London.
- 5—List of the Officers of St. James's Church Building Committee and Proprietors.
- 6—Coins, Canada decimal coinage, 20, 10, 5, and 1 cent pieces.
- 7—Copy of *Free Press*, September 9th, 1859.
- 8—Copy of *Prototype*, September 9th, 1859.
- 9—Copy of Proceedings and Acts of the Synod of the Church of Scotland, in Canada, 1859.
- 10—Parchment Record of the Ceremony in Latin.
- 11—Translation of the same on parchment.
- 12—Copy of Ode and Psalm sung on the occasion.

The stone was lowered by the three regular stops, the band playing the National Anthem.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master applied the Jewel of his office, to prove that the stone was square.

The R. W. Grand Senior Warden applied the Jewel of his office, to prove that the stone was level.

The R. W. Grand Junior Warden applied the Jewel of his office, to prove that the stone was plumb.

The M. W. Grand Master declared, that having full confidence in your skill in the Royal Art, and with the usual knocks, saying, "Wellformed, True and Trusty, may this undertaking be conducted and completed by the craftsmen according to the plan, in peace, love and harmony."

The M. W. Grand Master took from the cornucopia the corn, and scattered it over the stone; and also from the ewers, wine and oil, which he poured upon the stone, pronouncing the following benediction:—

"May corn, wine and oil, and all the necessaries of life, abound among men throughout the world; and may the blessing of the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe be upon this undertaking and all connected with it; and may the same Providence preside over and preserve it from ruin and decay, to the latest posterity." —So mote it be.

The procession was re-formed, and marched to the Court House.

The Grand Lodge was closed in *ample* form.


G. Sec'y.

P R O C E E D I N G S

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Toronto, on Tuesday, 25th day of October, A.L., 5859, A.D., 1859.

P R E S E N T.

- M. W. Br. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master
 R. “ “ Francis Richardson, as Deputy Grand Master
 “ “ “ William Hay, as Grand Senior Warden
 “ “ “ Wm. H. Weller, D.D.G.M., as Grand Jun'r Warden
 “ “ “ Charles Pollock, as Grand Chaplain
 “ “ “ Wm. R. Harris, P.As't G.S., as Grand Treasurer
 “ “ “ Henry McPherson, as Grand Registrar
 “ “ “ Thos. B. Harris, Grand Secretary
 V. “ “ Stedman B. Campbell, Grand Senior Deacon
 “ “ “ E. R. O'Brien, P.G.S.D., as Grand Junior Deacon
 “ “ “ W. G. Storm, Grand Superintendent of Works
 “ “ “ L. L. Levey, Grand Director of Ceremonies
 “ “ “ Thomas McCracken, Assistant Grand Secretary
 “ “ “ J. Vickers, as Grand Sword Bearer
 “ “ “ T. H. Lee, as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
 “ “ “ D. Sterling, P.G.P., as Grand Pursuivant
 “ “ “ John Morrison, Grand Tyler
 “ “ “ J. Boyd,
 “ “ “ William Fitch, } Grand Stewards
 “ “ “ William Keely, }
 “ “ “ D. Tisdale, as }
 R. “ “ Æmilius Irving, D.D.G.M., Huron District
 PAST GRAND OFFICERS.
 “ “ “ George L. Allen, P.D.D.G.M.
 V. “ “ John Tully, P.G.Sup't of W.
 “ “ “ H. B. Bostwick, P.G.P.
 “ “ “ Thomas Rawlings, P. G. Steward, and

About one hundred and eighty brethren, hailing from the following Lodges, viz :—

No.	Lodges.	No.	Lodges.
3	St. John's, Kingston	30	Composite, Whitby
6	Barton, Hamilton	40	St. John's, Hamilton
7	Union, Grimsby	65	Rehoboam, Toronto
10	Norfolk, Simcoe	66	Durham, Newcastle
13	Western Light, Bolton	72	Alma, Galt
16	St. Andrew's, Toronto	75	St. John's, Toronto
17	St. John's, Cobourg	86	Wilson, Toronto
22	King Solomon's, Toronto	88	St. George's, Owen Sound
25	Ionic, Toronto	98	True Blue, Albion
27	Strict Observance, Hamilton	113	Wilson, Waterford
	U. D. Doric Lodge, Brantford		

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

The M.W. Grand Master informed Grand Lodge, that at the especial request of the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Toronto, he had accepted an invitation to lay the corner stone of a public building about to be erected in this city, and for which purpose he had convened the Grand Lodge to assist him in the performance of a duty devolving upon the Masonic fraternity from time immemorial.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies formed the brethren into procession, in accordance with the ancient custom of the craft, for the purpose of uniting with the citizens' procession, and marching to the site of the intended edifice.

On reaching the ground, the fraternity took their accustomed position round the stone.

The Mayor informed the M.W. Grand Master that every thing was ready for the laying of the stone.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered the following

A D D R E S S :

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL,—

In compliance with your request, I appear here this day, in the capacity of Grand Master Mason of Canada, accompanied by my brethren, to lay with appropriate ceremonies the corner stone of this addition to the public edifices of your city. From time immemorial it has been the practice to solicit the assistance of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Freemasons upon occasions of this kind, and it is to me and my brethren generally, at all times, a most pleasing duty promptly to respond to such requests. The building about to be erected upon this spot is necessary for your social security—the supremacy of the law;—is essential to the freedom, the security, and the happiness of society. We may, however, reasonably indulge in the hope, that the efforts which have been made, and are still so earnestly persevered in, to diffuse the blessings of a liberal education among the young and rising generation of this Province, will eventually prove a practical remedy for checking the increase of crime; and experience has already taught us, that it is a wiser and a better policy to pay for the education of the youth than for the punishment of the man. It also affords me pleasure to observe that, while you are engaged in providing for the safe keeping and reformation of criminals, the interests of humanity, by providing of a place of refuge for the unfortunate and the destitute, has not been neglected. The attention, energy and public spirit displayed by your predecessors in office in the improvement of this city, entitle them to the lasting gratitude of their fellow citizens, and the zeal and ability evinced by you, gentlemen, in the discharge of the important duties intrusted to you by the inhabitants, afford satisfactory evidence of your earnest desire to advance the welfare and increase the fame of the city of Toronto—a city in the prosperity of which we, as Canadians, must ever feel a lively interest, being as it is the principal seat of law and learning in this section of the Province. May its inhabitants ever be distinguished for their taste and liberality, for their love of order and virtue, and for their devoted loyalty to the Sovereign of that great country which we so proudly

and so fondly call our own! May the Great Architect of the Universe bless your efforts, and the efforts of all those who are engaged in advancing the great cause of civil and religious liberty throughout the world, and may you continue, through Him, to be the honored instruments of promoting the happiness and welfare of the community entrusted to your charge.

The Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing from the Great Architect of the Universe, for the success of the undertaking.

The Mayor, with a few appropriate remarks, handed a beautiful silver trowel to the M. W. Grand Master, with which to spread the mortar, previous to laying the corner stone.

In accepting the trowel, the M. W. Grand Master said, that he would be happy to receive it, and would preserve it as a memento of the pleasing occasion.

It bore the following inscription:—

Presented

To Colonel WILLIAM MERCER WILSON,

M. W. Grand Master of Masons in and throughout Canada,

By his Worship the Mayor, Adam Wilson, Esq., Q.C., and the Council of the City of Toronto,

On the occasion of laying

The Corner Stone

Of the New Prison,

On the 25th day of October, A.D., 1859,—A. L., 5859.

R. W. Br. Thos B. Harris, Grand Secretary, read the inscription on the parchment, which was to be placed in a glass bottle, and deposited in the cavity of the stone, as follows:—

This Corner Stone

Of a Prison,

For the City of Toronto, Canada,

Was laid by

Col. WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, M.W. Grand Master of Freemasons of Canada.

On the 25th day of October, A.D., 1859,—A. L., 5859,

In the Twenty-third year of the Reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty

Queen Victoria,

At the request of his Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Toronto.

Mayor.—Adam Wilson, Esq., Q. C.

Aldermen.—John Bugg, Mathew C. Cameron, Jeremiah Carty, Jonathan Dunn, George Ewart, William W. Fox, Michael Lawlor, Thompson McCleary, John O'Donohoe, Samuel Sherwood, Henry Sproatt, James E. Smith, James Stock, Kivas Tully.

Councilmen.—William Ardagh, Thomas Berkinshaw, John Boxall, George Carroll, William S. Finch, Robert Griffith, William Lee, Robert Mitchell, John E. Pell, John Reed, John Sterling, Archibald Taylor, Abel Wilcock, Erastas Wiman.

Clerk.—Charles Daly; *Chamberlain.*—A. T. McCord; *Chief of Police.*—William S. Prince.

Architects.—William Thomas & Sons; *Clerk of the Works.*—James Price; *Contractors.*—(mason and slater's work) George Tait; (iron work) John McGee and Edward Beckett; (painter's work) Matthew O'Connor; (plumber's work) George Harding.

The Grand Treasurer then put the bottle in the stone, which contained the following documents, &c.

The parchment with the inscription.

Copies of the *Leader*, *Colonist* and *Globe*, and other City papers.

Decimal Coins of Canada, 20, 10, 5 and 1 cent pieces.

V. W. Br. W. G. Storm, Grand Superintendent of Works, placed a brass plate over the orifice on which was engraved a latin version of the inscription.

The mortar having been spread, the stone was lowered by the usual stops—the band playing the National Anthem.

The M. W. Grand Master directed the Deputy Grand Master to apply the Jewel of his office, the square.

The Grand Senior Warden, the jewel of his office, the level.

The Grand Junior Warden, the jewel of his office, the plumb.

The M. W. Grand Master declared the stone laid, well-proved, true and trusty.

The M. W. Grand Master, from the cornucopia, took some corn and scattered it over the stone, and also some wine and oil from ewers which he poured over the stone with the following benediction :

May corn, wine and oil abound throughout the world, with all the necessaries of life, to sustain man, and may the blessing of the G. A. O. T. U. be upon this undertaking, and all connected therewith.

The ceremony being concluded, the procession was formed in reverse order, and marched back to the Masonic Hall.

The business of the Grand Lodge having been finished, it was closed in *ample* form.

Thos. B. Harris
G. Sec'y.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Hamilton, on Thursday, the 24th day of May, A.L., 5860, A.D., 1860.

PRESENT.

- M. W. Br. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master
 “ “ “ William C. Stephens, as Deputy Grand Master
 R. “ “ Richard Bull, D.D.G.M., Hamilton District
 “ “ “ Thompson Wilson, “ London “
 “ “ “ Æmilius Irving, “ Huron “
 “ “ “ F. W. Barron, Grand Senior Warden
 “ “ “ John F. McCuaig, as Grand Junior Warden
 “ “ “ Richard Benner, as Grand Treasurer
 “ “ “ Rev. George A. Bull, as Grand Chaplain
 V. “ “ Thomas Mackie, as Grand Registrar
 R. “ “ Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary
 V. “ “ Stedman B. Campbell, Grand Senior Deacon
 “ “ “ F. W. Thomas, Grand Junior Deacon
 “ “ “ F.J. Rastrick, P.G. Sup’t of W., as Grand Sup’t of Works
 “ “ “ L. L. Levey, Grand Director of Ceremonies
 “ “ “ Thomas McCracken, Assistant Grand Secretary
 “ “ “ Henry Grist, P.G.D. of C., as Assis’t. Grand Dir. of Cer.
 “ “ “ George Masson, Grand Sword Bearer
 “ “ “ T. C. Sterling, as Grand Organist
 “ “ “ James M. Rogerson, as Grand Pursuivant
 “ “ “ John Morrison, Grand Tyler
 “ “ “ Frederick Parsons, }
 “ “ “ William Fitch, } Grand Stewards
 “ “ “ John Boyd, }
 “ “ “ John King, as }

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

- R. “ “ Charles Magill, P.D.D.G.M.

VISITING BRETHREN OF DISTINCTION.

R.W. Br. Ellicott Evans, P.G.M., State of New York

“ “ “ William H. Drew, Grand Lecturer “

“ “ Dr. Harper, P. Pro. J. Grand Warden, Durham, Eng.

And about three hundred brethren, hailing from the undermentioned Lodges, viz :—

No.	Lodges.	No.	Lodges.
6	Barton, Hamilton	56	Victoria, Sarnia
7	Union, Grimsby	57	Harmony, Binbrook
10	Norfolk, Simcoe	61	Acacia, Hamilton
14	True Briton's, Perth	62	St. Andrew's, Caledonia
15	St. George's, St. Catherines	64	Kilwinning, London
17	St. John's, Cobourg	68	St. John's, Ingersol
20	St. John's, London	76	Oxford, Woodstock
22	King Solomon's, Toronto	81	St. John's, Delaware
25	Ionic, Toronto	86	Wilson, Toronto
27	Strict Observance, Hamilton	98	True Blue, Albion
40	St. John's, Hamilton	100	Valley, Dundas
42	St. George's, London	103	Maple Leaf, St. Catherines
43	King Solomon's, Woodstock	113	Wilson, Waterford
45	Brant, Brantford	115	Ivy, Smithville

VISITING LODGES.

Queen City, Buffalo, N.Y.	Erie, Buffalo, N.Y.
Concordia, “ “	Mount Zion, Borealia, N.Y.
White Plains, U.S.	Phoenix, U.S.
Perfection, Durham, England	Dalhousie, Ottawa, E.R.
Union Lodge, Lanarkshire,	

The Grand Lodge was summarily opened in *ample* form.

The M.W. Grand Master announced to the Grand Lodge and brethren assembled, that he had accepted an invitation from the citizens' committee, at the request of the Mayor and Corporation of the city of Hamilton, to lay the corner stone of the Hamilton Crystal Palace about to be erected in this city; and as this was a duty devolving upon the

Masonic fraternity from time immemorial, he convened the Grand Lodge to assist him in the performance of the ceremonies.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies marshalled the brethren in order, in accordance with ancient custom, for the purpose of uniting with the citizens' procession, then forming in the Gore, and from thence to proceed to the site of the intended Crystal Palace.

On reaching the ground, the whole procession opened out in double file, allowing the Grand Master and the Masonic fraternity to pass through, so as to take up their accustomed position round the stone.

The proceedings for laying the corner stone were commenced by the children of the Central School, about three thousand in number, singing some appropriate hymns, specially prepared for the occasion.

The M. W. Grand Master inspected the plans of the intended edifice, and handed them to the architect, Br. Albert H. Hills.

The M. W. Grand Master then delivered the following

A D D R E S S :

MR. MAYOR, MR. CHAIRMAN OF THE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE, and
CITIZENS OF HAMILTON,

At your request we have assembled here this day to assist you in the interesting ceremony of laying, with appropriate forms, and according to ancient custom, the foundation stone of your proposed Industrial Palace ; and it is to me, and doubtless to all here present, a matter of pleasure and satisfaction, that another object of interest and beauty is about to be added to those which already distinguish and adorn your flourishing and rapidly improving city.

A lively interest also has been excited, with reference to the peculiar object of the work, in which we are about to engage, for when we consider, that although the large sum of money about to be expended in its erection and adornment, comes principally from the coffers of your own citizens, aided certainly to some extent (although not with their accustomed liberality) by the men

of Gore—and that the building is not intended to serve a mere local purpose, but that it at once acquires a Provincial character, and is to be used as one of the great store-houses, in which not only the produce and the wealth of the country is to be gathered together and exhibited, in which Science and Art will find a home, and by which, the world at large may be convinced of the rapidity with which we, as a people, are advancing in intellectual knowledge, and in the development of the agricultural and mineral wealth of this noble Province. Under these considerations I repeat that the object which brought together this large assemblage, possesses peculiar interest and importance.

The day selected for the performance of this ceremony, is also peculiarly appropriate, and adds another interest to the occasion. The Birth-day of our Queen, God bless her! will ever be hailed with pleasure and commemorated with delight by her loyal and devoted Canadian people. The promised visit of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales to this country, is but another instance of the many evidences we have of the lively interest felt by our Sovereign and the great men and people of England, in our happiness and prosperity. And England may well look with pride to this colony as one of the brightest gems in her diadem, and she can rejoice in the lofty and cheering consciousness that she has here laid the foundation of a great nation, where all before was a wilderness, and her's has been the wand which struck the waters from the rock, and filled the desert with fertility and rejoicing.

Let us rejoice, too, in the thought that we form an integral part of that great empire, and exert ourselves to the utmost in rivetting still more closely the link which binds us to the land of our forefathers, and by our unswerving and devoted loyalty, convince our fellow-subjects in Great Britain that we earnestly desire to preserve the closest and most intimate connection with those who are already united to us in the bonds of affection and interest.

May the Great Architect of the universe bless all our efforts in the cause of social progress. May He pour down His choicest blessings upon our Queen and country, and may Canada be as widely distinguished for the intelligence and intellectual superiority of the inhabitants as it now is for its fertility of soil, its magnificent water communication, and its inexhaustible supply of valuable timber, metals and minerals.

G. M.—We will now proceed to lay the foundation stone according to ancient custom, and our Rev. Br. Geo. A. Bull, the acting grand Chaplain will implore a blessing from Heaven on the undertaking.

The Grand Chaplain then offered up the following prayer :

Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all Worlds deign from thy celestial Temple, from Realms of light and glory to help us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this and at all times wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications Permit us, Oh ! thou Author of life and light, great source of love and happiness, to erect this building, so that hereafter it may be useful for the important purposes for which it is intended.

GLORY TO GOD ON HIGH.

Response.—As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. So mote it be.

The preliminaries for finally laying the stone being all completed, Charles Magill, Esq., chairman of the citizens' committee, handed to the acting Mayor, M. W. Browne, Esq., a beautiful silver trowel, which was presented to the M. W. Grand Master, with some very appropriate remarks.

The M. W. Grand Master said he received the trowel with thanks, and would ever retain it as an interesting memento of the occasion which had brought them together.

It bears the following inscription :—

Presented

To the M. W. WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, ESQ.,
 Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada,
 By His Honor the Mayor of Hamilton,
 Henry McKinstry, Esq.,

On the occasion of laying the Corner Stone of the Hamilton Crystal Palace,
 24th May, Anno Domini, 1860.

R. W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, Grand Secretary, read the

following inscription, which had been engrossed on parchment :—

By the Grace of Almighty God,

On the twenty-fourth day of May, A.D., MDCCCLX., of the æra of Masonry, 5860,
And in the twenty-third year of the reign of our gracious and much beloved Sovereign

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland, India, and the Dependencies in Europe, Asia, Africa,
America and Australasia,

The Right Hon. Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Bart., being Governor General
of British North America :

Henry McKinsty, Esq., Mayor of the City of Hamilton,

The Corner Stone

Of the Hamilton Crystal Palace,
Erected by the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Hamilton.
Sanctioned by a vote of the Ratepayers.

Was laid by

WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, ESQUIRE,

Most Worshipful Grand Master,

Attended by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada,
According to the Ancient Usages of Masonry,

Which may God prosper.

Br. Richard Benner, as Grand Treasurer, deposited the glass vase in the cavity of the stone, containing the following documents, coins, &c.

The parchment inscription.

A copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada for 5859.

A list of the Grand Officers for 5859-60.

A list of the Members of the Corporation and officials.

A list of the Board of Common School Trustees for the City.

A list of the Board of Water Commissioners for the City.

A list of the Queen's Birthday Celebration Committee for 1860.

Copies of the *Daily Spectator* and other city papers.

Decimal coins of Canada, 20, 10, 5 and 1 cent pieces; and a 50 cent gold piece of California coinage, 1854, presented and deposited at the request of R. W. Br. Ellicott Evans.

The G.M., accompanied by the D.G.M. and Wardens, proceeded to spread the mortar. The stone was then lowered by the three regular stops, Scott's band playing the National Anthem.

R. W. Br. D. G. M.—You will now cause the various implements to be applied to the stone, in order that it may be laid in its bed, according to the rules of Architecture.

What is the proper Jewel of your office?—The square.

Have you applied the square to those parts of the stone that should be squared?

I have, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

R. W. Br. G. S. W.—What is the proper Jewel of your office?—The level.

Have you applied the level to the stone?

I have, Most Worshipful Sir, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

R. W. Br. G. J. W.—What is the proper Jewel of your office?—The plumb.

Have you applied the plumb to the several edges of the stone?

I have, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

Having full confidence of your skill and ability in the Royal Art, it remains with me now to finish the work.

The Grand Master then struck the stone three times with the gavel, saying,—

Wellformed, true and trusty, may this undertaking be conducted and completed by the craftsmen, according to the grand plan, in Peace, Love, and Harmony.

The cornucopia and the ewers, containing corn, wine and oil, were then handed to the Grand Master, who poured them upon the stone, pronouncing at the same time this benediction:—

May corn, wine and oil, and all the necessaries of life, abound among men throughout the world ; and may the blessing of the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe be upon this undertaking and all connected with it, and may the same Providence preside over and preserve it from ruin and decay to the latest posterity.

The Grand Master then directed the implements to be returned to the Architect, and addressed him as follows :

Br. Architect—The foundation stone of this building, planned in much wisdom by you, being now laid, and the implements having been duly applied to it and approved of, I return them to you, in full confidence that, as a skilful and faithful workman, you will use them in such a manner that the building may rise in order, harmony and beauty, and being perfected in strength, will answer every purpose for which it is intended, to your credit, and to the honor of those who have selected you.

The Grand Superintendent of Works then threw upon the stone a handful of silver coin, which was for the refreshment of the workmen ; and the ceremonies closed with three cheers for the Queen, three for the Grand Master, and three for the Mayor and Corporation.

On motion, it was resolved.—

That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Major Gray, the Grand Marshal, for the attention paid to the Masonic fraternity, and the very efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of Grand Marshal on this occasion.

The Grand Lodge was closed in *ample* form.


G. Sec'y.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

AT the fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the city of Ottawa, on the second Wednesday, the eleventh day of July, A.L., 5860, A.D., 1860.

PRÉSENT.

- M. W. Br. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master,
On the Throne.
- “ “ “ T. Douglas Harington, Deputy Grand Master
- R. “ “ Thompson Wilson, D. D. G. M., London District
- “ “ “ George W. Whitehead, “ Wilson “
- “ “ “ Æmilius Irving, - “ Huron “
- “ “ “ J. C. Franck, - “ Pr. Edward “
- “ “ “ George F. LaSerre, “ Central “
- “ “ “ Edwin Morris, - “ Montreal “
- “ “ “ H. L. Robinson, - “ East'n Town'ps “
- “ “ “ James A. Henderson, as Grand Senior Warden
- “ “ “ Alexander A. Stevenson, Grand Junior Warden
- “ “ “ Rev. Joseph Scott, Grand Chaplain
- “ “ “ Reginald Henwood, as Grand Treasurer
- “ “ “ Samuel B. Harman, Grand Registrar
- “ “ “ Thos. B. Harris, Grand Secretary
- V. “ “ Stedman B. Campbell, Grand Senior Deacon
- “ “ “ Thomas Mackie, as Grand Junior Deacon
- “ “ “ William G. Storm, Grand Superintendent of Works
- “ “ “ Thomas McCracken, Assistant Grand Secretary
- “ “ “ L. L. Levey, Grand Director of Ceremonies
- “ “ “ George Masson, Grand Sword Bearer
- “ “ “ Thomas Ridout, Assistant Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
- “ “ “ William C. Tait, as Grand Organist

- V.W. Br. Stanislaus Blondheim, Grand Pursuivant
 " John Morrison, Grand Tyler
 " " " Edward Himes,
 " " " William Fitch, } Grand Stewards.
 " " " William Keely, }

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

- M.W. Br. W. C. Stephens, P. G. M.
 R. " " A. Bernard, P.D.G.M.
 " " " Rev. Joseph Scott, P.D.G.M.
 " " " Charles Magill, P.D.D.G.M.
 " " " William B. Simpson, P.D.D.G.M.
 " " " James Moffatt, P.D.D.G.M.
 " " " J. H. Isaacson, P.D.D.G.M.
 " " " S. D. Fowler, P.G.S.W.
 " " " William Osgood, P.G.S.W.
 " " " James A. Henderson, P.G.S.W.
 " " " David Brown, P.G.J.W.
 V. " " F. J. Rastrick, P.G.S. of W.
 " " " W. R. Harris, P.Ass't.G.Sec.
 " " " Henry Grist, P. Ass't.G.D. of C.
 " " " Henry Rowsell, P.G.S.B.
 " " " J. H. Richey, P.G.S.B.

REPRESENTATIVES.

- M.W. Br. Wm. C. Stephens, United Grand Lodge of England
 R. " " A. Bernard, Grand Lodge of Vermont
 " " " Cyril Pearl, Grand Lodge of Maine
 " " " Thos. B. Harris, Grand Lodge of Kansas

PAST MASTERS.

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| R. W. Br. Edwin Morris | W. Br. J. M. Wellington |
| " " " David Brown | " " Calvin Campbell |
| " " " Thomas Wood | " " H. D. Morehouse |
| " " " Rev. Joseph Scott | R. " " George W. Whitehead |
| " " " Jas. A. Henderson | " " George Forbes |
| " " " Samuel D. Fowler | " " " Thompson Wilson |

PAST OFFICERS—[continued.]

W. Br. B. C. Davy	W. Br. James Wilson
“ “ Thomas Drummond	“ “ Reginald Henwood
“ “ Geo. F. Morehouse	“ “ Christopher Burrell
R. “ “ Wm. A. Osgood	“ “ M. Mitchell
“ “ Thomas Camm	“ “ Phillip Wickwire
“ “ “ Charles Magill	V. “ George Masson
V. “ “ William Fitch	“ “ Jeremiah Taylor
V. “ “ F. J. Rastrick	“ “ Donald M. Grant
R. “ “ J. C. Franck	“ “ James Fitzgibbon
“ “ “ H. L. Robinson	“ “ P. P. Harris
“ “ John Murray	“ “ George Heuback
“ “ Samuel G. Dolson	M. “ “ W. C. Stephens
V. “ “ Wm. G. Storm	R. “ “ Thos. B. Harris
R. “ “ A. Bernard	“ “ E. A. McNaughten
“ “ “ A. A. Stevenson	“ “ Norman Booth
“ “ “ James Moffatt	“ “ “ Æmilius Irving
“ “ Edwin Heathfield	V. “ “ Henry Grist
V. “ “ Stedman B. Campbell	“ “ Henry McPherson
“ “ James Bowinan	“ “ J. S. Scott
R. “ “ George F. LaSerre	V. “ “ E. J. Barker
“ “ R. Waugh	“ “ A. Boulbee
“ “ R. Leslie	“ “ Vincent Clementi
“ “ Wm. R. Anderson	R. “ “ J. H. Isaacson

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the Great Architect of the Universe.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed V.W. Brs. Stedman B. Campbell, D. Brown and L. L. Levey, a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following representatives and proxies of regular chartered lodges present, and the officers and proxies of lodges under

dispensation, whom they recommend to be admitted and take part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge, viz :—

Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal.

R.W. Br. Edwin Morris, W.M.
 “ Marshall Scholes, S.W.
 “ S. C. Dettmers, J.W.

Prevost Lodge, No. 1, Dunham.

R. W. Br. David Brown, W.M.
 “ “ Thomas Wood, P.M.
 “ “ “ Rev. Joseph Scott, P.M.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara.

W. Br. James Seymour, (proxy.)

St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston.

R. W. Br. James A. Henderson, W.M.
 “ “ “ S. D. Fowler, P.M.
 “ “ “ George F. LaSerge, P.M.
 “ “ “ Thomas Drummond, P.M.
 “ “ “ William Keeley, Grand Steward.

Dorchester Lodge, No. 4, St. Johns'.

W. Br. George F. Morehouse, W.M.
 R. “ “ W. A. Osgood, P.M.
 “ “ “ John Pierson, S.W.

Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville.

W. Br. Thomas Camm, W.M.

Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton.

R.W. Br. Charles Magill, P.M.
 “ “ “ John Morrison, Grand Tyler.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby.

V.W. Br. William Fitch, W.M.

Nelson Lodge, No. 8, Henryville.

W. Br. George W. Parker, W.M.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee.

W. Br. Benjamin C. Davy, P.M.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe.

M.W. Br. William M. Wilson, P.M.
 V. “ “ F. J. Rastrick, (proxy.)

Moirs Lodge, No. 11, Belleville.

W. Br. L. H. Henderson, W.M.
 R. “ “ J. C. Franck, P.M.
 “ “ “ Edward J. Sisson, D G.S.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 12, Stanstead.

R.W. Br. H. L. Robinson, (proxy.)

True Briton's Lodge, No. 14, Perth.

W. Br. John Murray, W.M.

St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines.

W. Br. Samuel G. Dolson, P.M.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto.

V.W. Br. William R. Harris, W.M.

" " " William B. Storm, P.M.

" " " John Paterson, J.W.

" " " J. H. Richey, P.G.S.B.

" " " Henry Rowsell, "

Prince Edward's Lodge, No. 18, Picton.

R.W. Br. J. C. Franck, (proxy.)

St. George's Lodge, No. 19, Montreal.

R.W. Br. A. A. Stevenson, W.M.

" " " A. Bernard, P.M.

" " " A. W. Ogilvy, S.W.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London.

W. Br. Edwin Heathfield, W.M.

R. " " James Moffatt, P.M.

" " " T. T. Irvine, S.W.

" " " John Barry, J.W.

Zetland Lodge, No. 21, Montreal.

V.W. Br. Edward Himes, W.M.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Toronto.

V.W. Br. Stedman B. Campbell, P.M.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill.

W. Br. A. Boulton, (proxy.)

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls.

R.W. Br. George F. La Serre, (proxy.)

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto.

W. Br. William C. Chewett, W.M.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope.

V.W. Br. Thomas Ridout, (proxy.)

Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, Hamilton.

W. Br. James M. Rogerson, W.M.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville.

W. Br. T. Waugh, W.M.

" " " R. Waugh, P.M.

" " " R. Leslie, P.M.

" " " William R. Anderson, P.M.

" " " Henry Hurd, J.W.

United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton.

W. Br. J. M. Wellington, P.M.

Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby.

Br. A. De Grassi, (proxy.)

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville.

W. Br. John McLeod, W.M.

- Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburgh.*
M.W. Br. Stephens, (proxy.)
- King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll.*
V.W. Br. Thomas McCracken, (proxy.)
- Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton.*
W. Br. L. H. Henderson, (proxy.)
- Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin.*
W. Br. George B. Mott, W.M.
" " Calvin Campbell, P.M.
- St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton.*
V.W. Br. Thomas McCracken, W.M.
R. " " Thomas B. Harris, P.M.
- St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London.*
V.W. Br. Thomas Mackie, W.M.
" " H. D. Morehouse, P.M.
- King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock.*
W. Br. George Forbes, W.M.
R. " " G. W. Whitehead, P.M.
- St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas.*
R.W. Br. Thompson Wilson, (proxy.)
- Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford.*
W. Br. Reginald Henwood, P.M.
- Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc.*
W. Br. L. H. Henderson, (proxy.)
- Harington Lodge, No. 49, Quebec.*
W. Br. Richard Pope, W.M.
- Consecon Lodge, No. 50, Consecon.*
W. Br. A. B. Elmer, (proxy.)
- Corinthian Lodge, No. 51, Stanley Mills.*
W. Br. Christopher Burrell, P.M.
- Wellington Lodge, No. 52, Dunnville.*
W. Br. James M. Rogerson, (proxy.)
- Shefford Lodge, No. 53, Waterloo.*
R.W. Br. L. H. Robinson, W.M.
" " M. Mitchell, P.M.
- Mirickville Lodge, No. 55, Mirickville.*
W. Br. Philip Wickmire, P.M.
- Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia.*
V.W. Br. George Masson, W.M.
- Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook.*
W. Br. Jeremiah Taylor, P.M.

Doric Lodge, No 58, Ottawa.

W. Br. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, W.M.

" " James Wilson, P.M.

" " Donald M. Grant, P.M.

" Thomas Story, S.W.

" Charles Esplin, J.W.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 59, Ottawa.

W. Br. Fred. Marett, W.M.

" " P. P. Harris, P.M.

" " James Fitzgibbon, P.M.

" " George Heuback, P.M.

" W. B. Gallway, S.W.

" Robert Lyon, J.W.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton.

V.W. Br. F. J. Rastrick, W. M.

M. " " W. C. Stephens, P.M.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia.

R.W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, (proxy.)

Simcoe Lodge, No. 63, Simcoe.

V.W. Br. F. J. Rastrick, (proxy.)

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London.

R.W. Br. Thompson Wilson, P.M.

" J. H. Flock, S.W.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle.

W. Br. Samuel Wilmot, W.M.

" " E. A. McNaughten, P.M.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 87, Melbourne.

W. Br. William Campbell Tait, W.M.

St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll.

R.W. Br. Thomas B. Harris, (proxy.)

Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling.

W. Br. W. J. Brownson, W.M.

King Lodge, No. 70, King.

V.W. Br. S. B. Campbell, (proxy.)

Victoria Lodge, No. 71, Richmond.

W. Br. George W. Borlase, W.M.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt.

W. Br. Norman Booth, P.M.

R. " " Æmilius Irving, (proxy.)

St. James' Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's.

R.W. Br. Æmilius Irving, (proxy.)

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto.

Br. A. De Grassi, (proxy.)

Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock.

W. Br. George Forbes, (proxy.)

- King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg.*
W. Br. Peter Taylor, W.M.
- Albion Lodge, No. 80, Newbury.*
V.W. Br. Thomas Mackie, (proxy.)
- St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Delaware.*
V.W. Br. Henry Grist, P.M.
- St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris.*
Br. A. De Grassi, (proxy.)
- Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy.*
R.W. Br. Thompson Wilson, P.M., (proxy.)
- Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton.*
R.W. Br. Æmilius Irving, (proxy.)
- Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Farmersville.*
Br. Francis Bluncher, S.W.
- Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto.*
V.W. Br. L. L. Levey, W.M.
" Robert Spence, S.W.
V. " " S. B. Campbell, P.M.
" " " H. B. Bostwick, P.G. Steward.
- St. George's Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound.*
W. Br. Henry McPherson, W.M.
- Colborne Lodge, No. 91, Colborne.*
W. Br. J. S. Scott, P.M.
- Catarauqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston.*
W. Br. John V. Noel, W.M.
V. " " E. J. Barker, P.M.
" " " Henry Dumble, S.W.
" " " Stanislaus Blondheim, G.P.
- Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine.*
W. Br. C. R. Barker, W.M.
- St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley.*
V. W. Br. Thomas Mackie, (proxy.)
- Ridout Lodge, No. 95, Otterville.*
W. Br. John Wood, W.M.
- Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie.*
R.W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, (proxy.)
- Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Sharon.*
W. Br. James Bowman, P.M.
- True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Albion.*
V.W. Br. S. B. Campbell, (proxy.)
- Tuscan Lodge No. 99, Newmarket.*
W. Br. A. Boulton, P.M.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas.

W. Br. James M. Rogerson, (proxy.)

Mount Brydges Lodge, No. 112, Mount Brydges.

V.W. Br. Henry Grist, (proxy.)

Maple Leaf Lodge, No 103, St. Catharines.

W. Br. James Seymour, W.M.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwichville.

R.W. Br. George W. Whitehead, (proxy.)

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth.

W. Br. Edwin Heathfield, (proxy.)

Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Drumbo.

W. Br. George Forbes, (proxy.)

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Sydenham.

R.W. Br. Geo. F. LaSerre, (proxy.)

Central Lodge, No. 110 Prescott.

W. Br. James Keeler, W.M.

" H. A. Sims, S.W.

Morpeth Lodge, No. 111, Morpeth.

R.W. Br. Thompson Wilson, (proxy.)

Maitland Lodge, No. 112, Goderich.

W. Br. C. R. Barker, (proxy.)

Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford.

Br. David Tisdale, S.W.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope.

V.W. Br. Thomas Ridout, W.M.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Smithville.

V.W. Br. William Fitch, (proxy.)

Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro'.

W. Br. Charles J. Vizard, W.M.

" " Rev. Vincent Clementi, P.M.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION REPRESENTED.

Cassia Lodge, Sylvan

V.W. Br. George Masson, (proxy.)

Stanbridge Lodge, Stanbridge.

R.W. Br. H. L. Robinson, (proxy.)

Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath.

W. Br. B. C. Davy, W.M.

Warren Lodge, Fingal.

R.W. Br. James Moffatt, (proxy.)

- Doric Lodge, Brantford.*
W. Br. Reginald Henwood, P.M.
- Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew.*
W. Br. A. H. Dowswell, W.M.
- The Belleville Lodge, Belleville.*
W. Br. A. B. Elmer, W.M.
- Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, Montreal.*
R.W. Br. J. H. Isaacson, S.W.
- Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford.*
W. Br. Henry McPherson, (proxy.)
- Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall.*
R.W. Br. G.W. F. LaSerre, (proxy.)
- Aylmer Lodge, Aylmer.*
W. Br. Levi Ruggles Church, W.M.
- Golden Rule Lodge, Campbellsford.*
W. Br. Isaac M. Lindsley, W.M.
- Franck Lodge, Frankford.*
W. Br. John B. Young, W.M.
- Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke.*
W. Br. A. H. Dowswell, (proxy.)
- The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora.*
W. Br. James Bowman, (proxy.)
- St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton.*
W. Br. Henry Macpherson, (proxy.)
- Sweet Home Lodge, New Hamburg.*
Br. Henry Rowsell, (proxy.)
- Lebanon Forest Lodge, Franceston.*
W. Br. C. R. Barker, (proxy.)
- Shawenegam Lodge, Three Rivers.*
W. Br. A. G. Fenwick, W.M.
- St. Clair Lodge, Milton.*
V.W. Br. Thomas McCracken, (proxy.)
- Richardson Lodge, Cashel,*
W. Br. James Bowman, W.M.

On motion, the report from the committee on Credentials was received and adopted.

The Grand Secretary read the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge during the time of public business.

The Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last Annual Communication, held at Kingston, on the 13th day of July, A.L., 5858; as also of the Especial Communications, held at London, on the 9th day of September, A.L., 5859, at Toronto, on the 25th day of October, A.L., 5859, and at Hamilton, on the 24th day of May, A.L., 5860, which were, on motion, confirmed.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the undermentioned standing Committees:—

ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

R. W. Brs. S. B. Harman, James A. Henderson, Rev. J. Scott, George W. Whitehead, Charles Magill, J. C. Franck, George F. LaSerre, and H. L. Robinson.

ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Brs. W. B. Simpson and S. D. Fowler; W. Brs. R. Pope and Jeremiah Taylor.

ON GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS.

R. W. Brs. W. B. Simpson, S. D. Fowler, Edwin Morris, Thompson Wilson, V. W. Br. W. G. Storm and W. Br. Thomas Ridout.

ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Brs. Charles Magill, James Moffatt, and W. Br. E. Heathfield.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Brs. F. J. Lundy, R. Bull, and V. W. Br. W. Fitch.

ON FINANCE AND AUDIT.

V. W. Brs. F. J. Rastrick, H. Grist, S. B. Campbell, R. W. Br. S. D. Fowler and W. Br. E. Heathfield.

The expected arrival of a large number of Delegates by the afternoon train, induced the M. W. Grand Master to postpone reading his annual Address till the evening session.

The Grand Secretary read letters which he had received from the District Deputy Grand Masters of the Toronto and Ontario Districts, enclosing their annual Reports, and excusing themselves for non-attendance under unavoidable circumstances.

The following Report from the District Deputy Grand Master for the Toronto District, was read :—

R E P O R T.

*To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.*

In conformity with the laws of Grand Lodge, I beg to submit a report of my proceedings during the past Masonic year.

On the 17th August, I forwarded a Dispensation, under the signature of the M.W. Grand Master, to W. Br. Thos. Swinarton, to enable him, with the necessary number of Brethren, to open a new Lodge at Lloydtown, to be called the "Union Lodge." The Lodge was accordingly opened, and I am happy to report the same in a prosperous condition, and to recommend that Grand Lodge do grant a Warrant to the said Lodge.

On the 3rd October, I issued circular letters to the W. Masters of the Lodges in my District, stating that I purposed holding a meeting of the Masters and Wardens of the different Lodges, on Tuesday the 18th October, (and following days, if necessary) for the purpose of teaching the work, as adopted at the last July session of Grand Lodge, at the same time requesting (if their lodges felt so disposed) to attend the said meeting; and desiring them, at the same time, to bring with them the minute books and by-laws of their lodges. Accordingly, on that day, the representatives of nine country and two city lodges—eighteen brethren in all—attended at the Masonic Hall, and we spent some hours, in the afternoon, in repeatedly going over the ceremonies of opening and closing a lodge, and in the evening, I went through the entire work of the three degrees, for the purpose of giving all an idea of the true work. On the following morning we met again, and I then found, to my great disappointment, that the labor of the previous

day had, to a great extent, been in vain. To those brethren who were partially acquainted with the proper work, the obtaining the exact form of ritual was not difficult; but to them who had been accustomed to work according to the printed spurious forms—so largely distributed throughout this continent—my teaching was of no avail; and, therefore, feeling the utter uselessness of continuing the meeting, and many, who came from a distance, being anxious to return, we separated on the second day without my having attained the object I had in view.

In my last report to Grand Lodge, I suggested that the D.D.G. Masters should be enjoined to teach the work, either altogether, orally, or in part by manuscript. Had the latter part of my suggestion been adopted by Grand Lodge—and the D.D.G. Masters authorised, at their discretion, to allow certain portions of the ritual to be transcribed (in cypher or otherwise) by the W. Masters, under a solemn pledge of secrecy and a distinct promise to hand the same only to their successors, duly installed—much good might have been accomplished at the meeting above referred to; for the small portion of the ritual—improper, under any circumstances, to be written—could easily have been taught, and there might have been some inducement to those brethren (otherwise instructed) to have taken some trouble in acquiring the new work. If Grand Lodge does not permit this mode of teaching, I am at a loss to say in what way the work can ever be taught. Should a Grand Lecturer be appointed, the desired end could only be attained by a very great expenditure of money, and also with great inconvenience to all parties. I again recommend this matter to the consideration of Grand Lodge, in the hope that some effectual means may be adopted for attaining this important, and, I may say, necessary object.

With respect to the minute books and by-laws of lodges, my inspection of those presented to me forcibly impressed me with the great advantages that might accrue, from the adoption of the suggestions of the R.W.D.D. Grand Master of the Hamilton District, at the last Annual Communication, namely, the preparation of “a model style of keeping minutes,” and “a model set of by-laws,” that might be altered by those requiring them to suit their particular cases.

On the 26th October, I availed myself of the presence of the M. W. Grand Master in Toronto, to endeavor to settle a difference of long standing between the brethren composing the "Western Light" and "True Blue" lodges, both meeting at Bolton village. The subject of their differences had long before been brought to the notice of the late Provincial Grand Lodge for adjustment, and that body (by a committee) had gone fully and impartially into the matter and given its decision; which decision, one or more brethren, now belonging to the "True Blue" lodge, did not see fit to bow to—and matters remained as they were.

After the decision of the Grand Lodge, a Dispensation was granted to some of the brethren of the "Western Light" lodge, under the distinct understanding that they were all to unite in forming the new lodge, to be called the "True Blue" Lodge—this arrangement was not carried out, and a great deal of bitter and unmasonic feeling was the consequence, and feeling the impossibility of bringing the several parties to an amicable and good understanding, by any personal efforts on my part, I availed myself of the M. W. Grand Master's proffered assistance, in the hope that his efforts might be attended with better success. I, accordingly, summoned the brethren, on both sides, to meet him, when the whole matter was gone through from the commencement—the proceedings of the Committee of the late Provincial Grand Lodge being also read; when, after two hour's patient attention, the M. W. Grand Master recommended the brethren to come and settle their differences amicably,—at the same time fully sustaining the decision of the late Provincial Grand Lodge. Since that time but little change has taken place in the outward appearance of affairs, but I have been informed, that there is a desire for re-union on the part of all the brethren, with the exception of three or four belonging to the "True Blue Lodge,"—this being the case, I would respectfully recommend, that if an union of these two Lodges cannot be at once effected, both shall be struck off the roll of the Grand Lodge, on the ground that, brotherly love and harmony being the chief foundation of our institution, and these elements being entirely wanting among the brethren composing these two lodges, therefore, the purposes of the order not being accomplished under their respective warrants, all right to the same is forfeited,—and a

further reason may be offered, that one lodge will be ample to meet all the requirements of the village and surrounding neighbourhood.

In the month of November, I received a communication from the R.W.D.D. Grand Master of the Huron District, complaining of an infraction of Art. II., under the head "Of Proposing Members," in the Book of Constitutions, by the "Wilson" lodge, Toronto, in the initiation of two gentlemen from Berlin. On referring the matter to the W. Master of the "Wilson" lodge, he informed me that he acted under Dispensation from the M.W. Grand Master. The same R.W. brother also made a complaint—in reference to the initiation of a gentleman from the same neighborhood—by St. Andrew's lodge, Toronto, but the alleged irregularity has, I believe, been satisfactorily explained.

On the 22nd of December, I granted a Dispensation to the "Manito" lodge, Collingwood, to enable their W. Master to occupy the chair for a third year. This I did, on the representation that there was no qualified brother to succeed him, (the S.W., a worthy and esteemed brother, having a short time previous been removed by death) and an unanimously expressed wish on the part of the brethren.

On the 28th December, I forwarded a Dispensation, under the signature of the M.W. Grand Master, to Br. W. K. Henderson, to enable him, with certain other qualified brethren, to open a lodge at Meaford. Since that time, I have not heard any thing of their proceedings, and I am, therefore, unable to give Grand Lodge any information respecting them.

In the month of February, I forwarded a Dispensation, under the signature of the M.W. Grand Master, to Br. Adam Graham, to enable him, with other duly qualified brethren, to open a new lodge at Aurora, to be called "The Rising Sun" Lodge. The brethren proceeded to work at once, and have made rapid and satisfactory progress, leading me to the conviction that, ere long, they will become one of the most prosperous among country lodges. I heartily recommend them to Grand Lodge as well deserving a Warrant of Constitution.

On the 18th June, I forwarded a Dispensation, under the

signature of the M.W. Grand Master, to W. Br. James Bowman, to enable him, and other duly qualified brethren, to open a new lodge at Cashel, in the township of Markham, to be called the "Richardson" lodge; so short a time having elapsed, I am unable to say whether the brethren have as yet assembled as a lodge.

On the 24th June, I visited the "Markham Union" lodge, at Markham, and installed the newly elected officers—this Lodge is in a highly prosperous condition, and harmony and good feeling abound amongst them; I experienced a very kind reception at their hands. Having received a Dispensation, they attended divine service, clothed as masons, at which I was unable to be present, having engaged to be in Toronto early in the evening, to install the officers of three of the city lodges.

In the latter part of May, I requested my District Grand Secretary to issue circulars to the several country lodges in my district, asking for information upon which I could base a report to Grand Lodge, in regard to their present condition. The information asked for was, first, the number of members on the lodge books; second, the average attendance at the regular meetings; the numbers joined since January, 1859, and fourth, the financial condition of the lodges. To these queries only five responded, viz: the "Corinthian" lodge, Grahamsville; "King" lodge, King; "Union" lodge, Lloydtown; "True Blue" lodge, Bolton, and "Manito" lodge, Collingwood,—all of which I beg to report, in reference to the points just named, in a healthy state.

In the months of December and January last, I granted Dispensations to five country lodges, to hold masonic balls, and in the month of June I granted Dispensations to five country lodges, to hold masonic processions. How far it is desirable to grant Dispensations to individual country lodges, to appear before the uninitiated, as masons, I must leave Grand Lodge to determine. I am of opinion, that these frequent displays are not calculated to benefit the craft, but unless some rule of action is established, I should not feel it right to grant Dispensations, for these purposes, to city lodges, and withhold them from lodges in the country. If Dispensations were given only, when three or more lodges agree

to unite in their celebrations, I think it would be attended with better effects, and prevent the craft from being brought so frequently and prominently before the public.

With respect to the city lodges, I beg to report them, with one exception, in a prosperous condition; the work practised by them is as near the established ritual as could be desired. The "Rehoboam" lodge, the exception above referred to, is at present in a very depressed state, but I have been informed that it is likely soon to experience a revival.

I cannot close this Report without again calling the attention of Grand Lodge to the manifest benefit which would arise from the *compulsory* presentation of the Book of Constitutions to every candidate at the time of his initiation; as the candidate's obligation to obey the general laws of the craft is as strong as his obligation to obey the by-laws of his lodge, it is equally important that he should have the Book of Constitutions placed in his hands at the same time as he receives the by-laws. I am the more induced again to notice the subject, as the committee to whom the report of the D. D. Grand Masters was referred, at the last annual meeting of Grand Lodge, *highly approved* of the suggestion to this effect, contained in my last report.

All of which I have the honor to submit.

FRANCIS RICHARDSON,
D.D.G.M., Toronto District.

Toronto, July 7th, 1860.

The Report was received and referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

The Grand Secretary likewise read the Report of the D.D.G.M. for the Ontario District.

R E P O R T.

To WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, *Esq., G. M.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,—In obedience to the regulations of Grand Lodge, I have the honor to submit the annual report for the Ontario District.

During the past year two lodges have been added to our number.

One of these, the "Corinthian," of Peterboro', has, until lately, adhered to the Grand Lodge of England. It was particularly gratifying to myself personally to welcome this lodge amongst us, during my term of office, as I was formerly a member of it, and assisted in its formation, in 1848. The other, the "Golden Rule," of Campbellsford, is working under Dispensation.

I was applied to by several brethren at Millbrook, to recommend the establishment of a lodge at that place; but as the brother named as the first Master was unacquainted with the work, I was obliged to return their petition.

On application, I have granted leave to the "Faithful Brethren" lodge, Manilla, to remove to Oakwood, both places being within the District. The same lodge, also, applied to me to be allowed to change its name; but as it was acting under Charter, not Dispensation, I was unable to entertain the matter—it appearing to me that, in the absence of any regulation on the subject, the Grand Lodge alone has the power to give a new name in place of the one conferred by the Charter.

The appeal of Br. Thomas Brodie, against his suspension, by "Jerusalem" lodge, Bowmanville, which was referred to me at the last Grand Lodge, has been heard and disposed of.

An ample apology having been given to me in writing, for the neglect by "Jerusalem" lodge, of the communications received from R.W. Br. Richardson, I have removed the suspension under which the Grand Lodge placed that body.

The appeal, by Br. F. S. Clench, against his suspension, by "St. John's" lodge, Cobourg, having been referred by me to R.W.Br. Barron, the Grand Senior Warden, with your approbation, I am happy to say, that the long pending difficulty between Brs. Clench and Lewis—which stood in the way of the removal of suspension, has been satisfactorily disposed of.

With the exception of the lodges at Peterboro' and Colborne, I have been unable conveniently to visit any of the lodges within my jurisdiction, although I originally intended to visit all of them. I can safely state, however, that there seems to be a sincere desire, on the part of the officers and members of nearly all the lodges, to become well acquainted with the established work.

Br. the Rev. Vincent Clementi, P. M. of "Corinthian" lodge, is District Grand Chaplain, and Br. William Henry Floyd, is District Grand Secretary.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. WELLER,
D.D.G.M.

Cobourg, 21st June, 1860.

The above Report was received and referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

The Grand Secretary read the following Report from the D.D.G.M. for the Montreal District:—

R E P O R T.

*To the M. W. Grand Master,
and the Grand Lodge of Canada.*

During the past Masonic year, the first duty I performed was to forward a petition, on the 16th of December, to the M.W. the Grand Master, from a number of brethren, praying for a Dispensation to open a lodge, to be called the "Montreal Kilwinning" lodge, to be situated in the city of Montreal, which prayer was granted in due course of time.

On St. John's day, in December, I installed Br. Himes, W. M. of "Zetland" lodge, No. 21.

On the 20th of February, I gave permission to the brethren to appear in masonic regalia, at a masonic ball, given by "Elgin" lodge, register of Scotland, of this city.

I received a letter from the Grand Secretary, dated Nov. 2nd, requesting me to return warrant, jewels, property, etc., of "Jacques Cartier" lodge. With some difficulty, I procured the warrant of said lodge, (it never had any property or jewels) and returned it 3rd of March; and enclosed at the same time twenty dollars for Dispensation granted for "Montreal Kilwinning" lodge.

June 7th, I visited "Dorchester" lodge, St. Johns', Brother Morehouse, W.M. I was much gratified to find the lodge so well

conducted by its officers. I examined their books, and found them kept in a very correct and praiseworthy manner: it is increasing slowly but permanently.

On the 12th June, made a visit to "Hoyle" lodge, Lacolle—Br. Hinds W.M. of this lodge. I cannot give such a satisfactory report, judging from their minute book. There had been no regular meetings from September until April, except on St. John's day, in December. All their business, during that time, had been done at emergent meetings, even to the election of officers. I remonstrated with them, and told them it could not be expected to find perfection in a country lodge, but I did think they might, without difficulty, respect the laws of the Constitution;—when the P. M., Br. Douglas—who had occupied the East for two years, and, until St. John's day last past—got up in a furious rage, and said he did not think I had any right to come out there and complain of their work; and, in fact, treated me in the most uncourteous and unmasonic manner while in the discharge of my duty. I need say no more of this Worshipful Brother than state, that during the two years of his Mastership, he was not qualified to open or close a lodge in the three degrees of Masonry—the lodge has been nearly always worked by W. Br. G. W. Johnson, P. M. of "Nelson" lodge, Henryville, who has to travel over ten miles of road to occupy their East, and which said brother occupied the evening I visited them. The "Hoyle" lodge I leave in the hands of Grand Lodge to deal with as it may think fit; for I consider the election of officers quite illegal, and would respectfully recommend to Grand Lodge that the warrant be withdrawn, or the lodge made to comply with the requirements of the Constitution.

On the 11th June, I visited Montreal "Kilwinning" lodge, working under Dispensation, and find that they are augmenting their numbers very rapidly, and I have every reason to believe will become very numerous, if a Warrant is granted to them, which will be applied for, I have no doubt, at this session of Grand Lodge.

On the 14th of June, I visited "Zetland" lodge, Br. Himes, W.M., and examined their books, and found them satisfactory.

I received an application from Montreal "Kilwinning" lodge, and gave them permission, to have a Masonic pic-nic and proces-

sion on the 25th June, celebrating the anniversary of St. John the Baptist.

On the 27th of March, I received a letter from Br. Dettmers, Junior Warden of "Antiquity" lodge, complaining of treatment he had received from R. W. Br. Isaacson, while visiting "Montreal Kilwinning" lodge, which letter I beg to append to this report; also, the correspondence which took place between myself, the M. W. Grand Master, and Br. Isaacson.

I received a letter from the Grand Secretary, dated Hamilton, 14th May, enclosing copies of letters that he had received from M. W. Br. Stephens, the representative of the Grand Lodge of England, in Canada, and copies of letters, which said brother had received from certain lodges in Montreal, claiming to hail from under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, complaining of treatment they had been subject to from lodges working under this Grand Lodge; the substance of which is, that they extended the right hand of fellowship, and it fell by their sides without being grasped by the Canadian Masons. Also of having been refused admittance into lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Canada. Our Grand Secretary had instructions from the M. W. the Grand Master, to communicate and request me to make such inquiry as the circumstances of the case may require, and report to Grand Lodge in July. It has been very little trouble for me to procure all particulars in respect to their grievance, as I have always been adverse to admit any members hailing from the so-called "St. George's" or "St. Lawrence" lodges, (English register) into any lodge over which I have had the honor of presiding, until something has been done to convince me that those lodges can be considered regular and legally constituted lodges; and if any of the Worshipful Masters, ruling over Canadian lodges, have refused the members of said "St. George's" or "St. Lawrence" lodges, the onus then must be on my shoulders for having set them either the good or bad example. The grounds on which I have based my opinion has been entirely from the fact of having in my possession a letter to the following effect:—

"Prov. Grand Lodge, District of Montreal and William Henry,
"MONTREAL, 5th November, 1855.

"SIR AND BROTHER,—I have to acknowledge receipt of the Warrant of

Constitution of St. George's lodge, of this city, that lodge having ceased to work under the United Grand Lodge of England.

"I have also received the half-yearly returns of said lodge, to 1st instant, with the sum of seven pounds eight shillings, in payment of the dues accrued, and I shall make early application to the Grand Secretary for certificates which those returns call for.

"I am, Sir and Brother,

"Yours fraternally,

(Signed)

"OGILVY MOFFATT,

"*P. G. Secretary.*

"Br. JOHN CHARLES SPENCE,

"&c., &c., &c.,

"Montreal."

From the foregoing, it will be seen that "St. George's" lodge, No. 643, in the year 1855, became extinct, by the surrender of its warrant to the legally constituted agent of the Grand Lodge of England, and was succeeded by "St. George's" lodge, No. 13—now No. 19, Canada register—to whose warrant, granted by this Grand Lodge, I beg respectfully to refer.

In reference to these two lodges—"St. George's" and "St. Lawrence,"—I have no hesitation in saying that they are irregular and unconstitutional, as they both obtained their existence through the same channel.

The only lodge in my District I have not visited, is "St. Andrew's" lodge, St. Andrew's. I have written the W.M., and received no reply. I have every reason to believe that the lodge has had no meetings for some time past.

The lodge of "Antiquity," over which I have the honor to preside, is doing well.

All of which I beg most respectfully to submit.

E. MORRIS,

D. D. G. M. Montreal District.

Montreal, June 28th, 1860.

It was moved by R. W. Br. A. Bernard, seconded by V. W. Br. Edward Himes, and adopted,—

That the Report of the District Deputy Grand Master for the Montreal District, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, with instructions to report on so much of the matter therein contained as relates to

the St. George's Lodge, No. 643, E.R., and the St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 923, E.R., at the earliest possible moment.

The Grand Secretary read the following Report of the District Deputy Grand Master for the Hamilton District :—

R E P O R T.

*To the M. W. the Grand Master,
Officers and Brethren, of the Grand Lodge of Canada.*

In accordance with the duty which devolves upon the office which I have had the honor of holding for the last two years, I beg leave to report,—

That Masonry, as an institution, is becoming more and more regarded as one calculated to do much good, where its principles are acted upon and its precepts attended to.

In the district over which it has been my privilege to preside, I can report that it continues to exercise a useful influence, and that, generally speaking, brethren of distinction and intelligence hold the higher offices among the craft.

It is also a pleasure to speak of the kindly receptions which I have received while visiting such lodges as I was enabled to do, regretting that I was not able to visit all. During the year just closing, two new lodges have been formed under Dispensation— one at Smithville, under the name of “Ivy” lodge; the other at Milton, under the name of “St. Clair” lodge.

I have granted Dispensations to three lodges, to permit their members to attend divine worship, clothed in masonic costume.

The Grand Secretary has drawn my attention to the position of “St. John's” lodge, Cayuga, stating that for three years it has neglected to make returns or pay its dues to the Grand Lodge; and, upon further inquiry, I find that during that period its members have very seldom met. On writing to the last installed Master, I find that my information is correct; and believing that Masonry will not be benefited by the continuance of the lodge, as at present composed, I would recommend that in consequence of said lodge having failed to comply with the requirements of the

Constitution for such a length of time, its charter be recalled and declared cancelled.

I have also to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to two cases of suspension, wherein the lodges concerned pray for the expulsion of the brethren named. One of these cases is that of brother David McCarthy, suspended by "Union" lodge, No. 7, Grimsby, for unmasonic conduct; and the other, brother John Little, suspended by "St. Andrew's" lodge, No. 62, Caledonia, for immoral conduct—the particulars of which cases have been reported to the Grand Secretary.

I will merely add, that the several matters referred to me for investigation, at the last Annual Communication, have been made the subjects of special reports.

All of which I have the honor most respectfully to submit.

RICHARD BULL,
D.D.G.M., Hamilton District.

Hamilton, June 25th, 1860.

(I.)

To the M. W. the Grand Master

Of the G.L. of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,—In reference to the case of suspension of Br. M. R. Cummings, by "St. Andrew's" lodge, Toronto, and referred to me to investigate, by the Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication, I have to report—

That I requested "St. Andrew's" lodge to furnish me with a copy of the charges preferred against Br. Cummings; and further, that I notified said lodge of my intention to investigate said charges at Niagara, (the town in which Br. Cummings resided) on a day named; but of which request and notification the said lodge took no notice—which neglect, I am of opinion, calls for some mark of disapprobation on the part of the Grand Lodge. I have also to report, in reference to this case, that Br. Cummings was suspended only on the supposition of guilt, with reference to a charge of embezzlement, but which charge—although sustained at the time—was removed at once by referring the matter to a superior court—the Court of Error and Appeal—and an intimation given, that if Br. Cummings wished to prosecute, he had a strong

case for damages against those who instituted the charge against him.

Further, I have to report that the case against Br. Cummings was not conducted in accordance with the laws of the craft. It appears that notice of motion *only*, was recorded in the books of the lodge, at one meeting, and a resolution of suspension followed at a subsequent meeting, without charges being specified—or any particulars of a charge furnished to Br. Cummings, either verbally or in writing, whereby he could have an opportunity of replying or defending himself. Such specific charge not having been furnished to Br. Cummings, the notice of motion having been based upon premises which have been declared untenable by a superior court of law; no evidence, whatever having been furnished to prove guilt, and, believing that Br. Cummings had committed no criminal act in thought or deed, I beg to recommend that he be restored to his Masonic privileges.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD BULL,
D.D.G.M., Hamilton.

Hamilton, 1st June, 1860.

(II.)

To the M. W. the Grand Master

Of the G. L. of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,

In reference to the appeal of brother Barnes, of the Grand Lodge of England, and, by his request, (it not having been acknowledged by that body) taken up by the Grand Lodge of Canada, at its last Annual Communication, and having been directed by the latter body to investigate the case, and report, with full evidence, I now beg to submit the result of my investigations.

On the 29th March, 1848, the Senior Deacon of "Niagara" lodge, Brother H. M. Masson, addressed to Worshipful Brother Alex. Gordon, Worshipful Master of his lodge, a letter, of which the following is a copy:—

"NIAGARA, 28th March, 1848.

"W. SIR AND BROTHER,—I think it my duty to inform you officially, that having proceeded to Lewiston this forenoon on some private business, I met

by chance, Joseph Wynn, Esq., coroner of Queenston, who had some days since presided at the investigation, with regard to the death of a child on the premises of a Mr. Barnes, who, you are aware, has been some time known to our lodge as a high and experienced Mason, though, from the information I am about to communicate, he must, I would almost say, have been excommunicated before he left England, from which country he has lately emigrated to Canada. I was this day informed by Mr. Wynn, that Mr. Barnes, upon being questioned closely by him, acknowledged—in addition to other evidence upon the subject—that his lawful wife was alive when he left England, and in the Poor House, from whence, also, he took the boy, for whose murder he now stands committed to our gaol, and there is no doubt that he had, before leaving England, and has, since his arrival in this country, lived in open adultery with a prostitute—and that in the same house—with his own legitimate children; and that he, moreover, has passed off this female as his wife, and thereby induced respectable brethren to bring their wives into the society of a prostitute.

“These facts induce me to request you to call an emergency, for the purpose of taking the contents of the letter into consideration, and adopting such measures as to you, and the brethren, may seem best for the protection of the fraternity at large from the slander already in circulation, and likely to arise, from our acknowledging and associating with an individual, as a brother, who can be capable of the above immoral conduct.

“I have the honor to be, yours fraternally,

“H. MONCK MASSON,

“Niagara Lodge, of F.&A. Masons.”

It appears that brother Barnes was at this time confined in the county gaol, charged with a capital offence, but of which he was acquitted.

On receipt of the above letter, containing such grave charges, Worshipful Br. Gordon immediately convened a meeting of the members of his lodge, viz: on the 29th March, 1848, (which, in the minutes, is termed a “private meeting,” at which the said letter and some correspondence between the Rev. F. J. Lundy and Br. Barnes, were read, when it was resolved, “that the brethren do withhold all masonic communion with Br. Barnes until regularly convened.” An emergency meeting was summoned for the 6th April, when a similar resolution to the above was again passed. At this meeting a letter was read from Br. Barnes, dated 3rd April, 1848, tendering his resignation; but which the W. M. refused to put before the lodge, in consequence of grave charges being on record against Br. Barnes, and he having acknowledged the truth of the same.

I consider it unnecessary to relate the efforts made by one or two brethren of “Niagara” lodge, to secure the acceptance of Br. Barnes’ resignation, merely remarking, that the course pursued

by these brethren was entirely unmasonic and deserving of the severest reprehension, fraught with injury—as such a course must be, if carried out—to the character and good government of the Institution.

It appears that the lodge took no other action in the matter, than to refer the whole case to the Provincial Grand Lodge; it being contended, that as Br Barnes had been installed as a W. M., the members of a private lodge had no right to try him on any charge.

The case came under the consideration of the Provincial Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication in June, 1848, when the following report of the special Committee, appointed to inquire into the matter was adopted.

“The Committee appointed to investigate the case of Brother S.W. Barnes, late of the Niagara Lodge, beg leave to report.”

“That the Niagara Lodge, No. 2, had, in the opinion of this Committee, the charges of Brother Masson, Senior Deacon of the said Lodge, in its possession, prior to the date of the resignation of Worshipful Brother S.W. Barnes, of the said Lodge.”

“That your Committee consider the charges against Brother Barnes, in Brother Masson’s letter, of the 29th March, fully substantiated, That your Committee have, in their opinion, full evidence before them of Brother Barnes’ guilt, coupled with his own confession thereof.”

“That under such circumstances, they do recommend that, Brother S.W. Barnes be forthwith expelled from all further participation in Masonic privileges.”

(Signed) ROBERT McCLURE.
 “ JOHN W. HUNTER,
 “ JAS. A. HENDERSON.

GRAND LODGE ROOM, June 16, 1848.

As before stated, the Provincial Grand Lodge received and adopted this report, expelling Brother Barnes from all the privileges of the order.

Brother Barnes, in the year 1856, appealed to the Grand Lodge of England, against the action of the subordinate Provincial Grand Lodge, taken eight years previously, on the ground of informality, that is to say, on the ground that he had not been summoned to show cause why the decision should not be carried into effect, according to the provisions of the Constitution.

On this point it would appear there is possibly an apparent cause of complaint. I find that in consequence of the Provincial Grand Secretary not being able to ascertain Brother Barnes’ place of residence, he having felt it desirable to remove from Niagara, no such notice as that prescribed by the Constitution was served

upon him, it being considered not strictly necessary, under the circumstances, he having pleaded guilty to the charges; and further, that he had been communicated with verbally on the subject, when said charges were reported to him, and to which he pleaded guilty, and sent the lodge the letter tendering his resignation.

Such are the facts of the case, Most Worshipful Sir, and I have only further to draw your attention to this peculiar feature in it, and that is, that Brother Barnes does not, even now, deny the statements contained in the charges upon which he was expelled, but only wishes at this date, to plead what he considers extenuating circumstances.

This fact, I am enabled to state, as the result of an interview with Brother Barnes (had subsequent to my investigation at Niagara, of which I notified Mr. Barnes, but at which meeting he was unable, as he stated, to attend) on which occasion he (Mr. Barnes) promised to furnish me, in writing, with a statement of the extenuating circumstances he alluded to, but which I have not, to the present date, received, although I handed to him, personally, a copy of the following resolution and charges, as portraying the action of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Moved by W. Br. Alexander Gordon, W. M. of "Niagara" lodge, and seconded by Br. G. Rykert, of "St. George's" lodge, of St. Catharines, that W. Br. Barnes, P. M. of "Niagara" lodge, be expelled from all the privileges of Free Masonry, on the following charges, viz :

"That W. Br. Barnes is and has been, since his arrival in Canada, living in open adultery with one Betsy Whitehouse, in the same house with his legitimate children, he having left his wife in a workhouse in England, and further, that he has introduced said Betsy Whitehouse, as his wife, to the members of Niagara Lodge and others, and has actually permitted her to associate with the wives of the Senior Warden and Chaplain of said Lodge, as an equal, and at the same table."

From all the circumstances which have come within my knowledge, Most Worshipful Sir, and I believe that I am in the possession of all the material points, I cannot do otherwise than recommend the adoption of a similar resolution to that which is recorded in the Minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, on the 20th July, 1855, when the merits of the case were again brought

before the consideration of that body, viz: "That it is inexpedient to take any further action of the matter of the expulsion of Br. S.W. Barnes."

I beg to enclose letters from Brethren, and memorials from lodges, in direct reference to the case of Br. Barnes, which you no doubt, will consider necessary to lay before Grand Lodge, and have only to add, that I find a universal and deep rooted feeling existing against the restoration of Br. Barnes, founded on the facts which were revealed on the trial before alluded to, and which caused such an outburst of indignation at the time, as to provoke the public exhibition and burning of his effigy.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

I have the honor to be,

Most Worshipful Sir,

Yours fraternally,

RICHARD BULL,

D.D.G.M., H.D.

Hamilton, 1st June, 1860.

(III.)

*To the M.W. the Grand Master,
of the G.L. of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,

In reference to the Memorial of W. Br. Thomas W. Street, referred to me for investigation at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, I have to report that the matter of complaint arose out of a misconception, that the authority of the W.M., of St. Mark's Lodge, was improperly usurped by the W.M., of a Sister Lodge, and further, that subsequent to the date of said Memorial, the matter was, in the opinion of the W. M., and Members of "St. Mark's" lodge, satisfactorily explained; collateral evidence of which I find in the fact, that the minutes of the meeting at which the alleged discourtesy occurred were confirmed with the concurrence of W. Br. Street, and to which he has appended his signature.

It is a matter of regret that trivial matters should be forced upon the consideration of Grand Lodge, particularly when, as in the case complained of in the Memorial, the conduct of the members or officers, was prompted by the best intentions.

I have considered it my duty during my enquiry into the particulars of this case, to state what were the prerogatives of a W.M., and to avail myself of the occasion to admonish all, to cultivate the virtues inculcated in the beautiful charges so often repeated in our Lodges.

In view of all the circumstances, as well as of the fact that W. Br. Street does not now reside within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, I would recommend that no further action be taken in the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be,

Most Worshipful Sir,

Yours fraternally,

RICHARD BULL,

Hamilton, 1st June, 1860.

D.D.G.M., Hamilton District.

It was moved by R.W. Br. Æmelius Irving, seconded by R.W. Br. C. Magill, and adopted,

That so much of the Report of the D.D.G.M., for the Hamilton District, as relates to Br. Moses R. Cummings and Br. Barnes, be referred to the following special Committee, viz: R.W. Brs. James Moffatt, Charles Magill, and Æmelius Irving, to report thereon, on to-morrow morning, and that the rest of the report be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

R.W. Br. J. C. Franck, D.D.G.M., for the Prince Edward District, submitted and read the following

REPORT.

*To the M.W. the Grand Lodge,
of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.*

It is my pleasing duty to present a report of Masonic proceedings in the Prince Edward District during the past year.

By the re-arrangement of the Masonic Districts, at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the Prince Edward

District was set apart, and then contained only seven Lodges; during the year five petitions for new Lodges have been presented, and being properly recommended; Dispensations were granted thereupon by the M.W. the Grand Master; the five new Lodges are named respectively,—the “Maple Leaf” lodge, Bath—the “Belleville” lodge, Belleville—the “Renfrew” lodge, Renfrew—the “Frank” lodge, Frankford, and the “Pembroke” lodge, Pembroke, they have all been opened during the last Masonic year, and are now working successfully under Dispensation; they will, I trust, receive their Warrants of confirmation from your Worshipful Body during the present session.

In the course of the past year I have visited officially all the lodges in my district once, many of them twice, a number of them three times, and a few oftener, and am happy to say I found them all in a flourishing condition, and the officers and brethren using their best endeavours for the progress of the order in general, and their several Lodges in particular.

During my official visits, I have always been accompanied by a number of the brethren from Belleville, and I have to acknowledge their kind assistance, not only as an encouragement to myself, but a benefit to the district. I have also to notice the attendance of the lodges officially visited by a large number of brethren from surrounding lodges.

It has been often recommended to Grand Lodge to adopt a uniform code of By-Laws for all lodges working under this jurisdiction. I fully concur in such recommendation, and endeavoured to have the several lodges of the Prince Edward District set the example, for the accomplishment of which I carefully revised the first set of By-Laws handed to me by the “Stirling” lodge of Stirling, submitted them to the M.W. the Grand Master for approval, and am pleased to state that the same By-Laws are now adopted by one half, and I doubt not, will be immediately adopted by the other half of the lodges of the district. I have taken the liberty to annex a copy thereof to this Report.

Various subjects of Masonic legislation have been submitted to me during the year, the brethren having signified their concurrence

with my decisions by not appealing therefrom, I do not consider it necessary to embody them in my Report.

Several complaints have been laid before me, all of which, excepting one, were of a trifling nature, and I am happy to add, that the good feeling of the contending brethren has enabled me to adjust all pending differences amicably, without in any one instance being compelled to have recourse to harsher measures; the exception above-mentioned, a difference of the most serious nature, must have resulted at least in everlasting estrangement, of the two brethren, so at variance, were it not for the glorious precepts of our order, and the power given by the Constitution to the officer presiding in the district, summarily to try all complaints; suffice it to add, that the brethren who on meeting me were deadly enemies, left me friends, and promised in future to retain that relation towards each other.

Some difficulty has been experienced by that part of the Constitution concerning visitors, section one, it reads as follows:—“No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge, unless he be personally known, or recommended, or well vouched for ‘and’ after due consideration, these words appear to debar lodges from admitting visitors, even though they could satisfactorily prove, on examination, the perfect points of their entrance, unless they were, at the same time, personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, it would, therefore, seem desirable, that in the above extract the word ‘or’ should be inserted in place of the word ‘and’ which would at once obviate all difficulty and injustice to worthy brethren.

An evil has come under my notice in the growing taste of brethren for Masonic processions, which I shall ever consider it my duty to discountenance, unless on extraordinary occasions. Our order has always existed and flourished, and I trust ever will exist and flourish upon its intrinsic merits alone, without requiring recourse to outward show, which the brethren should bear in mind before asking dispensations for processions from their District Deputy Grand Master, who cannot help but consider non-compliance with petitions from his Lodges a most painful duty.

The brethren of the Prince Edward District anxiously await the Report of the Committee appointed at the last Annual

Communication of Grand Lodge, to consider the subject of taking steps for the erection of Masonic charitable institutions in this Province, and promise their hearty co-operation both with their means and influence, to the furtherance and accomplishment of this most desirable of Masonic objects.

The M.W. the Grand Master did on the invitation of the Lodges of the Prince Edward District, honor them by visiting Belleville, accompanied by the R.W. the Grand Secretary, and the V.W. the Grand Senior Deacon on the last Festival of St. John the Evangelist, when, (after the presentation of an address by the district to the M.W. the Grand Master, a copy of which is hereunto annexed, and to which the M.W. replied in his usual happy and eloquent style) the officers of eleven lodges from this and another district, had the honor of being installed by the Grand Master, in person, and I join the brethren of my District in most sincere thanks to the M.W. the Grand Master, and the distinguished brethren by whom he was accompanied for the distinction conferred upon the district, and while we regret that not more of the grand officers could make it convenient to attend, we have also to acknowledge the kind spirit in which their letters of apology were couched, and for the good wishes for our district therein contained. A copy of a sermon preached by the district Grand Chaplain, the Reverend and Worshipful Brother James A. Preston, is hereunto annexed.

The building Committee of St. John's Episcopal Church of Stirling, honored me with an invitation to lay the corner stone of that edifice, to be erected to the service of "The Great Architect of the Universe," on Monday, the 25th day of June, last—the Festival of St. John the Baptist falling on a Sunday—and after asking and obtaining the consent of the M.W. the Grand Master, I acceded, performed the ceremony, with the noble assistance of nearly two hundred of the most distinguished brethren of the district, and have been assured that the work was done to the satisfaction of our employers, and we venture to hope much for the benefit of the craft in the Prince Edward District, who desire me to acknowledge the kindness of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the R. W. Grand Secretary, and V. W. Brothers W. R. Harris and Vickers of Toronto, in supplying

us with the paraphernalia requisite for the successful accomplishment of our labour.

The permission granted to District Deputy Grand Masters at the last Annual Communication, to appoint District Grand Secretaries, deserves especial commendation ; I have found that officer in my district almost indispensable to the well-governing of the craft therein, and bear willing testimony to the able assistance rendered me by Br. Edmund Johnston Sisson, on whom I conferred the appointment of District Grand Secretary, and while I acknowledge the wisdom of Grand Lodge in establishing the office, I only regret that the officer is not rewarded by some rank in Grand Lodge, or otherwise.

The brethren on forming a Lodge in the village of Frankford, were pleased to acknowledge my humble efforts for the benefit of the craft in the district, by naming the lodge " Franck" lodge, after me ; I need hardly add, that I duly appreciate the honor the brethren have conferred upon me.

I have yet to notice the particular attention all my communications have received during my year of office, at the hands of the R.W. the Grand Secretary, whose promptness and urbanity on all occasions have greatly facilitated my labors.

It remains for me to thank the brethren of the Prince Edward district, for the uniform kindness with which they received me on all my official visits to their several lodges, and while acknowledging the honor bestowed upon me by a majority of the lodges in the district, in again tendering me their suffrages for re-election to the honorable office I now hold ; I most sincerely regret that my business engagements compel me to decline the intended distinction.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

J. C. FRANCK,
D.D.G.M., P.E.D.

On motion the Report was received and referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

R. W. Br. George F. LaSerre, D. G. M. for the Central District, read his Report.

REPORT.

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren,
of the G. L. of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,

In drawing up this Report agreeably to the requirements of the Constitution, I shall endeavor to save the time of Grand Lodge as much as possible, by making remarks only upon such matters as have come most prominently before me in my official capacity during the past year.

The district over which I have the honor to preside, contains thirteen lodges under Warrant from this Grand Lodge, and Dispensations have been granted by the M. W. the Grand Master during the year, for the opening of two others, one at Cornwall and the other at Aylmer ; the former, which I have twice visited, I am happy to state, is in a very healthy and prosperous condition, and is already a pattern for some older lodges—of the latter I cannot give so good an account ; from an interview I had with the W.M., named in the Dispensation, I was satisfied that he was capable of ruling and working a lodge ; the authority was therefore committed to his trust, but although it has now been in his possession nearly six months, I am sorry to say the lodge has not, to my knowledge, been organized, neither have the necessary furniture and jewels been procured. Such apathy, to say the least, shows very unfavorably for the future welfare of the "Aylmer" lodge, should the brethren be entrusted with a Warrant.

Warrants of confirmation having been granted, at the last Annual Communication, to the "Albion" lodge, Sydenham, and the "Central" lodge, Prescott, I had much pleasure in consecrating them, and duly installing the W.M's elect ; the "Albion" lodge, however, is not, I fear, making the progress that might have been expected ; while, on the other hand, the Prescott brethren are giving ample testimony that they fully appreciate the privilege that has been bestowed upon them.

The lodges under Warrant, have all, save one, been visited by me, most of them twice—the exception is the “Rising Sun” lodge, at Farmersville ; I sincerely regret having been disappointed in not seeing the Farmersville brethren ; on one occasion, when just on the point of starting for that purpose, I was unavoidably detained by a circumstance over which I had no control, and at another time I was actually within a few miles of the place, but from some local gathering, I was unable to procure a vehicle to convey me there, and had, much to my annoyance, and, no doubt, the disappointment of the lodge, to return home, without accomplishing my purpose.

I am happy to be able to report generally that the craft throughout the district are in a very thriving and flourishing condition. I have found an universal desire for instruction in the ritual adopted by Grand Lodge, and in many instances the progress made has been extremely satisfactory. Soon after my accession to office a complaint was laid before me, by two Master Masons, that the W. M. of their lodge had not been regularly installed, and upon enquiry I found that upon the occasion referred, there not having been three installed Masters present, the virtual Past Masters (several Royal Arch Masons being present,) opened a lodge of virtual Past Masters, conferred that degree upon the W.M. elect, and proclaimed him duly installed—finding, therefore, the complaint sustained, I caused proper notice to be given through the Secretary, and installed the W.M., elect, in the constitutional manner ; I regret to say that this, at the time, gave umbrage to some of the members, as they labored under the very erroneous impression, that the degree of Past Master as subsidiary to that of the Royal Arch, is identical (except in name) with that of installation of the Master of a symbolic lodge, and that I had interfered only for the sake of exhibiting my authority in correcting what *they* called a “petty informality.” In my visit through the district, I found the idea very generally to prevail that there was only a nominal difference between a virtual and an actual Past Master, but I have reason to believe, that from the explanation I was enabled to give, the difference is now pretty generally understood.

I would also mention another irregularity noticed by me in

several lodges, and which I am led to believe exists more or less throughout the Province, viz., allowing the brethren to pass and repass the door without the necessary formalities; these being constitutional safeguards against the approach of cowans, cannot be too carefully insisted on.

I have also to bring under the notice of Grand Lodge the number of spurious works on Masonry imported into the Province, purporting to give the secrets of the Order to the world; and to suggest whether it would not be advisable to inculcate more strongly on the brethren the necessity of protesting against such ridiculous libels on the fraternity, as the most of them mainly consist of.

Two sets of by-laws have been submitted to me, both of which, after a few alterations had been made, I approved of.

The "True Briton's" lodge, Perth, having asked permission to walk in procession to church, to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist, I acceded to their request.

The brethren of "Sussex" lodge, Brockville, have lately been twice called upon to perform the melancholy duty of following a deceased brother to his last resting place.

Upon the 22nd May, I received a letter from the M.W. of the "Sussex" lodge, in which he asked whether the lodge would be justified in accepting a petition for initiation from a person who had lost the forefinger of his right hand. In reply, I gave it as my opinion that it would be contrary to the ancient landmarks, and think that I am borne out by some of the highest authorities upon masonic jurisprudence; but as I am aware there is a diversity of opinion as to what really constitutes the landmark with reference to physical defects, I suggested that it would be better to abide the decision of this Most Worshipful Body.

All of which I have the honor to submit.

G. F. LASERRE,
D.D.G.M., Central District.

The Report of the D.D.G.M. for the central district was received and referred to the Committee on Constitutions and Regulations.

The Grand Secretary submitted and read the following Report from the D. D. G. M., for the Eastern Townships District:—

R E P O R T.

WATERLOO, C. E., July 2nd, 1860.

T. B. HARRIS, ESQ.,

Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Canada.

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER

I beg leave herewith to forward you, for the information of the Grand Lodge, a brief account of my proceedings as D. D. G. M., for the Eastern Townships District.

The lodges over which I have the honor to preside are eight viz.: "Prevost" lodge, Dunham; "Golden Rule," Stanstead; "Nelson" Henryville; "Shefford," at Waterloo; "St Francis," at Richmond; "Victoria" at Sherbrooke; "Stanbridge" (U. D.) at Stanbridge, and "Yamaska" (U. D.) at Granby.

In September last I visited "Golden Rule" lodge, No. 12, at its annual celebration on the top of the Owl's Head Mountain.

January 25, I visited "St Francis" lodge, No. 67, Melbourne, and at the unanimous request of its members, granted a Dispensation for its removal, across the River St. Francis, to Richmond, Jalso, at the same time installed the officers. This lodge is not so prosperous as it gave promise of becoming at the time of its formation; but its removal will tend to add to its numbers, and I doubt not, my successors will be able to give a good report of it.

January 26, I visited "Victoria" lodge, No. 71, Sherbrooke, and had the honor of dedicating a new lodge-room, recently fitted up in splendid style by its enterprising members. This Lodge is, without exception, the most flourishing in this district. I may here mention, that, at the dedication of the hall, a most able address was delivered by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Fulloom, after which, a supper was given by the lodge to about 150 of the most influential ladies and gentlemen of the town.

March 7, I went to Granby and assisted at the opening of "Yamaska" lodge (U. D.) I have since visited the lodge twice, I am happy to be able to report very favourably of its work and

its prospects of success. I beg to recommend that a Warrant of Constitution be granted it at the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

May 29, I visited "Prevost" lodge, No. 1, Dunham. The attendance of members was good and the lodge appears in a flourishing state.

May 30, I visited "Stanbridge" lodge, (U. D.) This lodge is also prospering and is deserving of a Warrant of Constitution, which I trust will be granted.

May 31, I visited "Nelson" lodge, No. 8, Henryville. Owing to a heavy rain, but few members were present, but from an examination of its minutes, I found that the average attendance was good, and the lodge evidently prospering.

June 26, I again visited "Golden Rule" lodge, No. 12, at which time, I had the honor of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall, in course of erection by this lodge, under the superintendence of its energetic Master.

This lodge continues the ancient York system of work. It is in a very flourishing condition and bids fair to increase in numbers rapidly. "Shefford" lodge, No. 53, over which I have the honor to preside, has added several to its members during the past year, but has lost about an equal number by the formation of "Yamaska" lodge, at Granby, twelve miles distant. The lodge will never be a large one but is prosperous, inasmuch as a perfect unanimity exists amongst its members.

Before closing this Report, I beg to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the difference of opinion existing amongst lodges in this district, as to their jurisdiction. Some contend that a private lodge has a jurisdiction of only three English miles, others that it is confined to the township where situated, and that from beyond this they can receive candidates at pleasure without reference to the lodge nearest which they may reside. It has sometimes been the cause of ill feeling between lodges, and I beg to recommend that the matter should be definitely settled by the Grand Lodge, and to suggest that the geographical centre between two lodges should be the limit of their jurisdiction.

I have the honor to be, R.W. Sir and Brother,

Yours very fraternally,

H. L. ROBINSON,
D.D.G.M., Eastern Townships District.

The Report from the D.D.G.M. for the Eastern Townships District was received, and referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

R. W. Br. Æmilius Irving, D. D. G. M., for the Huron District, read the following

REPORT:

*To the M. W. the G. M. and Wardens,
of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Grand Lodge Assembled.*

In compliance with the Constitution, I have the honor to report upon Masonry in the Huron District, and the proceedings of the past year therein.

On the formation of the district, at the last Annual Communication, the lodges within its territory were:—"Wellington," 23, at Guelph; "Alma," 72, at Galt; "St. James," 73, at St. Mary's; "Clinton," 84, at Clinton; "Northern Light," 93, at Kincardine; "Iron Duke," 101, at Arthur; "Maitland," 112, at Goderich.

"Iron Duke" lodge, at Arthur, has never had any real existence, and although a warrant had been obtained, the brethren never entered upon their work, and do not seem interested therein. I therefore called upon the W.M. for his Warrant, which he delivered to me, and I herewith transmit it, with a recommendation that it be cancelled.

All the other lodges in my district have been visited by me, and are strictly carrying out the work as recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

During the past year applications for Dispensations to form new lodges have been made to the M. W. Grand Master, and granted by him, at the following places:—at Southampton, under the name of "St. Lawrence"; at New Hamburg, under the name of "Sweet Home"; at Exeter, under the name of "Lebanon Forest," and I recommend that Warrants be issued to them.

On 29th December, at St. Mary's, I assisted in the installation of the W. M., and received great hospitality from the brethren of that flourishing lodge.

On 21st January, I visited the "Maitland" lodge, at Goderich,

accompanied by several brethren of "Clinton" lodge, on the next day, the W. Master and Wardens of "Maitland" and "Clinton" lodges, together with myself, travelled to Kincardine, when we visited "Northern Light" lodge, and installed the W. M. of that lodge, as also the M. W. and Wardens of "St. Lawrence" lodge, who had travelled thence through bad roads many miles, to meet us for that purpose. On the 28th, we returned to Goderich, installed the W. M. of "Maitland" lodge, and took part in a lodge of instruction.

On 28th February, 1860, I called an especial lodge at Galt, and there, with the assistance of the excellent Masons forming that lodge, installed the W. M. and Wardens of "Sweet Home" lodge, of New Hamburg.

On 24th May, 1860, I met the "Clinton" lodge, in their own lodge room, and there installed the W. M. and Wardens of "Lebanon Forest" lodge of Exeter, and it gives me much pleasure to acknowledge the aid I have received from "Clinton" lodge, and the ability with which they have worked.

On the 7th June, 1860, I visited the "Wellington" lodge, at Guelph, who possess in themselves material to perform good work. These, together with a very handsome ball, given at Galt, by "Alma" lodge, on the festival the Evangelist, are the principal events in which I have taken part during the past year.

I find throughout the whole of this large territory, universal harmony, and I am most gratified to report that nothing has occurred throughout the lodges of my district to mar their prosperity, either between the lodges themselves, or their members.

I also have the pleasure to say that there is a strong feeling of satisfaction with the mode of work approved by Grand Lodge, and all have devoted themselves with energy to establish general uniformity.

The brethren of the district are generally of opinion that the formation of District Grand Lodges, as lodges of instruction, without conferring rank or interfering in questions of grievances or appeal, would advance the proficiency of the craft, and tend to general harmony.

I am requested to bring under the observation of Grand Lodge, two points which are deemed to require great precision, the want

of which may engender feeling which will result in jealousy and misunderstanding.

First.—The necessity of restricting the power of any lodge making any person a Mason, whose residence is within the jurisdiction of another lodge, *under any circumstances*, without a certificate of consent from such lodge.

Second.—To guard against the formation of lodges in rural districts at such near distances to lodges already established, as to injure them, without obtaining advantages to the craft at large, and to confine the recommendation for the formation of such lodges to the nearest lodge within the same district.

With the object of these suggestions I entirely agree, and sincerely trust that this Grand Lodge will not fail to take such action as will avert the possibility of the occurrences which it is feared may arise.

All of which I have the honor to submit.

June 27, 1860. ÆMILIUS IRVING,
D.D.G.M., Huron District.

The above Report was received and referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

The Grand Secretary read the following Report from the D.D.G.M., for the London District :—

R E P O R T.

To the M. W. the Grand Master

Of the G.L. of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

In accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge, I have the honor to submit the following report of my proceedings, as D.D.G.M., for the London District.

Only one Dispensation has been granted for a new lodge during the past year, namely, to Br. Blackwood and others, of Fingal, which makes up the total number of lodges in this district to eighteen, all of which I have visited, except two, which I could not conveniently reach.

During these visits, I exemplified the work, as prescribed by Grand Lodge, wherever necessary. The English ritual, with some

trifling difference, is followed by ten lodges, and the Irish ritual, as they call it, by eight lodges; but all the lodges I have visited, except two, are willing and anxious to adopt the work as exemplified in Grand Lodge. The two lodges alluded to are, "St. John's," No. 20, and "St. Paul's," No. 107. The W. M. of No. 20 says he has the M. W. Grand Master's leave to continue their old work, consequently to such authority I bend in silence; but the majority of No. 107 positively refuse to adopt the ritual ordered by Grand Lodge, which I exemplified as far as opening and closing in the three degrees, and explained to P. M. Burch, (the Master not being present) the nature of his obligations, and what would probably be the result of their treating the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge with contumacy; yet Br. Burch and five others—out of the nine members present—were against adopting the work, only the senior and junior Wardens and Treasurer were in favor of it. Since the formation of this lodge, there has always been two parties strongly, if not violently, opposed to each other. Such a state of things is highly disreputable to our order, I therefore recommend that the Warrant be withdrawn, and the contumacious brethren dealt with as this Grand Lodge may think fit. Lambeth, the place where the lodge is held, is equally distant from London and Delaware—six miles each way—so the brethren who are willing to work in harmony with the regulations of this Grand Lodge, can join any of the lodges in either place.

"Mount Brydges" lodge, No. 102, held in Mount Brydges, three miles from Delaware, is not in a condition to hold its Warrant. Its present Master, Br. Dutton, is also Master of "St. John's" lodge, Delaware, and is about to retire. The Junior Warden has retired, and the Senior Warden will not accept the Mastership, as he feels himself incompetent; moreover, he says he is about to retire, so there is no one eligible to work the lodge. A majority of the members seem willing to return the warrant and join St. John's lodge, Delaware; but a few think they can carry it on, and intend to apply for a Dispensation for some brother, (at present not eligible) to be Master. Should such be the case, I would recommend that the brother they may choose be first proven to be capable of correctly working the three degrees.

I would here suggest that it be a rule, that no new country

lodge be formed at a less distance than ten miles from any other lodge, for in every instance where this has occurred it has not worked well.

To facilitate the acquirement of our ritual, I would recommend that District Grand Lodges be formed, to be held quarterly, in the different sections of the district, with the same power as the D.D.G.Masters now have. The work to be that of private lodges, and to be fully exemplified at every meeting. By this means, and the assistance of district lecturers, there would be no difficulty in lodges acquiring the exact work, without any expense to Grand Lodge.

The addresses to our candidates given in the N. East angle, the South East and East, I would suggest should be printed, with the charges and prayers, at the end of the Constitution, as they are not esoteric, and are already printed nearly *verbatim*, in the Irish Constitution; also the explanation of the working tools, the three great lights, the ornaments, the jewels, the implements, the three grand principles, and the four cardinal virtues, are all printed in the Irish Constitution—and I can see no reason why we should not, likewise, have all these particulars, with any other exoteric matter that may be deemed useful to the Master in the work of the lodge.

I now beg to draw the particular attention of this Grand Lodge to the conduct of Edward Garrett and others, who do, or did, belong to this Grand Lodge, and who have obtained surreptitiously the old Warrant belonging to "St. John's" lodge, No. 20, C.R., and are now working an irregular lodge under it, with said E. Garrett as its Master, who, I am informed, opened the Masonic chest, broke the glass of the frame, and clandestinely carried off the Warrant, without leave of the lodge, after its having lain dormant for over three years. Under these circumstances, I trust this Grand Lodge will have the matter fully investigated, during its present sitting, and the truth made known to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, when no doubt the Warrant will be withdrawn, for it cannot be supposed that that honorable body would sanction such disgraceful proceedings.

It is deemed desirable, by many lodges, that suspension for non-payment of dues exclude generally; that no brother be a

member of more than one lodge, and then not longer than six months, but not to be entitled to a vote in each.

In conclusion, I shall bid farewell to my brethren of the London District, as their D.D.G.M. Having held the office for two years, it is but fair that the honors, with the pleasure of travelling 2000 miles, should be shared by others; but in your choice, I would recommend, caution so that you elect none but such as *can* and *will* perform the duty faithfully.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOMPSON WILSON,
D.D.G.M., London District.

The Report from the D.D.G.M. for the London District, was received and referred to the committee on Constitution and Regulations, except so much of it as alluded to lodge 209, I. R., which was referred to a special committee, to report during the present session of Grand Lodge.

R.W. Br. Geo.W. Whitehead, D.D.G.M. for the Wilson District, submitted and read the following

R E P O R T :

*To the M.W. the Grand Master,
Officers and Brethren, of the Grand Lodge of Canada.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR, OFFICERS AND BROTHERS,—

As District Deputy Grand Master for the Wilson District, I have the honor of submitting the following report.

In September last, I received instructions from the R. W. Grand Secretary to visit "St. John's" lodge, No. 82, Paris, to investigate certain complaints preferred by the W.M., of irregularity and a want of proper respect toward him, from members of his lodge.

I accordingly summoned the lodge to meet me at their regular meeting, the 4th October, and to have present their Warrant, books and all documents belonging to the lodge, also, to send a summons to every member, to meet me on that evening, stating in the summons the subject of inquiries.

I attended at the appointed time, and after a careful examination, it appeared that there had been some irregularities in their election of officers, and the manner of conducting the work of the lodge, which gave rise to difference of opinions, when language was used that should never occur in or out of a Masonic lodge, among Masons. I am, however, happy to say the difficulties appeared to partake more of a personal misunderstanding between the W.M. and some of the brethren, as to which was right, than involving constitutional questions; Finding this to be the true state of their difficulties, I advised them one and all to cultivate harmony, practice charity, and endeavour to live in peace with each other.

I have made an official visit to all the lodges in this district, fifteen in number, and to some of them three and four, making altogether twenty-eight visits.

My inquiries were chiefly directed to the following subjects:

Examination of the warrant, constitution, by-laws, minute book, working tools, moveable and immoveable jewels, tracing boards, libraries, lodge seals, hearing complaints, if any to be made, and in particular the mode of working in respective lodges, and I also felt it my duty to impress on the brethren the importance of secrecy, more especially of the ballot,—the secrecy due to the proceedings of the lodge, and to be cautious not to discuss masonic subjects in public, or in the hearing of the uninitiated.

I observe Masons occasionally talk of their grievances, whether real or imaginary, in places of public resort. Against this practice, so discreditable to the fraternity, I have spoken strongly, as the character and usefulness of our institution depend so much on the conduct of its members; and I have reason to believe that my observations have had a beneficial effect.

I find the lodges in general work well according to the system they follow; but I regret to say there is very little uniformity of work. This state of things, it is hoped, will soon be remedied by the action of the Grand Lodge.

The lodges in this district all work under Warrants from the Grand Lodge of Canada, except "Doric" lodge in Brantford, which lodge holds a Dispensation, dated the eleventh day of

October, 1859, and will now be entitled to have a Warrant, which I recommend should be granted without hesitation.

I can truly say the state of Masonry in this district, is in a healthy and flourishing condition, and as many brethren have been added to the craft as could be desired.

I have received a petition from brother Nils F. Ryoruk, of "King Hiram" lodge, number 78, Tilsonburgh, praying to be permitted to purchase one of the medals ordered by the Grand Lodge, to commemorate that important era in Masonry, "the union of the Craft" in Canada. This petition appears to have been forwarded by order of the W. Master of "King Hiram," lodge, as will appear on reference to the Secretary's letter; both petition and letter are herewith submitted for the consideration of Grand Lodge.

There is only one member returned under suspension for unmasonic conduct, within this district, namely George W. Tower of "King Hiram," No. 73, Tilsonburgh, who appears to have been suspended on the 8th day of June, 1859, and no report having been made to the Grand Secretary, or to the District Deputy Grand Master, of this suspension, or the ground upon which it was founded, or why the brother had not been brought to trial, calls for enquiry by the Grand Lodge. I am not in possession of any facts connected with this suspension, I therefore submit the subject to the action of Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, I beg to submit the following suggestions to the serious consideration of the Grand Lodge:

That the Grand Lodge determine, by restriction or otherwise, that no member shall belong to two or more lodges at the same time, unless for the purpose of forming a new lodge, and then not to continue such membership longer than six months without selecting the lodge to which he wishes to become a member.

That suspension for non-payment of dues shall exclude a member from the privileges and benefits of masonry, until such suspension is removed, and he be restored to full membership by the lodge.

That it shall be considered obligatory for a W. Master, when re-elected to the chair, to be again installed in the usual way.

That the installation ceremony, as practised by the Grand Lodge of England, be adopted by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The adoption of District Grand Lodges, or lodges of instruction, if adopted might be made the means of bringing about a uniformity of work, and productive of many advantages to the Craft in general, and the District Deputy Grand Masters will require additional authority vested in them for this purpose.

In performing my Masonic duties, I may remark that not having been put in possession of instructions as contemplated by resolution of Grand Lodge, on work ; I did not undertake to exemplify the work adopted, to those lodges working under what they term the Ancient York Work, considering it better to wait further action on the part of Grand Lodge. I am happy to say nearly all the lodges in this district follow the English system of working, and those lodges practising the York system have expressed their willingness to conform to any regulations laid down by Grand Lodge on that point.

I believe the majority of the lodges in the Wilson district, if not all of them, resolved to defer taking action on the subject of medals, until after the approaching meeting of Grand Lodge.

The kind and fraternal welcome I have everywhere, and on all occasions, received from the lodges I have visited, calls for my warmest acknowledgment, and I take this opportunity of returning them my sincerest thanks for the hospitable manner I have been received.

All which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WHITEHEAD,

D. D. G. M., Wilson District.

The Report from the D. D. G. M. for the Wilson District was, on motion, received and referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at seven o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 7.40 o'clock, P.M.
The M.W. Br. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master,
on the throne.

Officers, Members, and Representatives.

The M. W. Grand Master opened the proceedings by delivering to the assembled brethren the following

A D D R E S S :

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE,—

It gives me much pleasure again to meet the representatives of the Canadian Craft, assembled in their annual Communication; and while I reflect with unmingled satisfaction and delight upon the fact, that during the year that has now passed away, nothing has occurred, either to mar our harmony, or to interrupt our peaceful progress, I am sure that I but express the feelings common to every member of this Grand Body, when I say, that to God, and to Him alone, are we indebted for the peace, happiness and prosperity, which has thus far attended our efforts, and blessed our labors; with grateful hearts, and due solemnity, we would, therefore, earnestly entreat our common Father, to continue to us his protection, blessing and guidance. We should never forget, that "wherever we are, and whatever we do, His all-seeing eye is upon us," and this thought should not only be ever present to our minds, but should influence us in all our thoughts, words and actions.

THE MISSION OF MASONRY.

The great aim of masonry, as I understand it, is to cultivate and improve the mind, and to impress upon its votaries, the solemn truth that there is an omnipotent, omniscient and ever-living God, who rules and governs all. In the interesting and beautiful ceremonial of our order, we are constantly reminded of this great and important truth, and also that the same Mighty Power, that fashioned and sustains the universe, created the mind of man, bestowed upon him a thinking, a reasoning, and a feeling nature, placed him in a universe of wonders, endowed him with faculties to comprehend them, and enable him to rise by his meditations to a knowledge of their divine origin, "to look through nature, up to nature's God." The language used by a distinguished statesman, and *savant*, of our own day, on a recent occasion, may well and appropriately be applied to our "*divine art*"; for *masonry* must make an impression on the minds of its disciples, which can never

wear out by lapse of time, or be effaced by the rival influences of other contemplations, or obliterated by the cares of the world. The lessons then learned, and the feelings then engendered or cherished, will shed their auspicious influence over the mind through life, protecting against the seductions of prosperous fortune, solacing in affliction, preparing the mind for the great change, that must close the scene of our earthly labors, by habitual and confident belief in the only wise God, and in the humble hope of immortality, which the study of His word must inspire, and which the gracious announcement of His revealed will, abundantly confirms.

MASONIC CHARACTERISTICS.

Masonry from its origin, to the present time, in all its vicissitudes, has been the steady, unvarying friend of man, it has (in the language of an eloquent brother,) gone forth from age to age, the constant messenger of peace and love, never weary, never forgetful of its holy mission, patiently ministering to the relief of want and sorrow, and scattering, with unsparing hand, blessings and benefits to all around. It comforts the mourner, it speaks peace and consolation to the troubled spirit, it carries relief and gladness to the habitations of want and destitution; it dries the tears of the widow and orphan, it opens the source of knowledge; it widens the sphere of human happiness; it even seeks to light up the darkness and gloom of the grave, by pointing to the hopes and promises of a better life to come. All this *masonry* has done, and is still doing. Such is *masonry* and such its mission; and we should never forget, while enjoying its benefits, and appreciating its value, the duties we owe to the Order, for there is no *right*, without a parallel *duty*, no *liberty*, without the supremacy of *law*, no high *destiny* without *earnest perseverance*, and no *real greatness* without *self denial*.

NEW LODGES.

Since our last Annual Communication, I have granted Dispensations for opening twenty-one new lodges in various parts of this jurisdiction, the names and localities will be reported to you by the Grand Secretary. I will add, with reference to this subject, that in every case I have insisted upon satisfactory evidence being produced, that the officer who had been selected to preside,

possessed the necessary qualifications. In addition to the number mentioned, I have to inform you that the Dispensations formerly issued to "Cassia" and "Stanbridge" Lodges, have been renewed. I have also much pleasure in announcing that "Corinthian" Lodge, of Peterboro', has returned the English warrant under which that lodge was held, and has affiliated with this Grand Lodge.

MASONIC INCIDENTS.

On the 9th of September last, I performed the pleasing duty of laying the Corner Stone of St James' Church, in the City of London, with masonic honors. On the 25th of October last, I performed a similar duty in Toronto, laying the Corner Stone of a Reformatory Prison, and on the 24th May last, the Birth-day of our beloved Sovereign, I had the pleasure of laying the Corner Stone of the Crystal Palace, in the City of Hamilton, on each of these occasions I was supported by a large number of the brethren; the preliminary arrangements had been most carefully and admirably made, and the ceremonies appeared to afford much satisfaction and pleasure to the large multitude which had assembled to witness them. Indeed, I may say with reference to the gathering at Hamilton, that it was one of the most imposing and effective I had ever witnessed.

On the 15th of September last, I assisted in the consecration and constitution of "Wilson" lodge, at Waterford, on which occasion I delivered a public address on Masonry, which was listened to by a large and attentive audience. I am pleased to say that this lodge is in a most flourishing condition, and is most admirably worked and governed.

On St John's Day, in December, I paid my first official visit to the Masonic District of Prince Edward, and the hospitality and kindness with which I, and the Grand Officers who accompanied me were received by our R.W. Brother, John C. Franck, Esq., the D.D.G.M. for that District, and the brethren generally, demand my warmest acknowledgements. Upon that occasion I had the pleasure of installing eight Masters of Lodges, who had assembled at Belleville for that purpose. An admirable sermon, most appropriate to the occasion, was delivered by our Worshipful Brother, the Rev. James A. Preston, M. A., the District Grand

Chaplain, this discourse dedicated to me, was subsequently printed, and distributed among the brethren, to whose careful perusal I heartily commend it.

NEW YORK.

On the 6th day of June last, I visited the Grand Lodge of New York, then in session; from this Most Worshipful and influential body, my reception was most kind and fraternal, and I indulge in the hope that my visit to them may have the effect of cementing still more closely the bonds of friendship and brotherly love which now united us. When in New York I had also the pleasure of making the personal acquaintance of many distinguished brethren from other jurisdictions, from all of whom I received the most gratifying assurances of the lively interest felt by them in the prosperity and progress of Masonry in Canada.

I might mention many other occasions in which I had the pleasure of meeting our subordinate Lodges, and the members of the order, during the past year; but time will not, at present, permit; I must therefore only say that I have reason to believe that the Canadian Craft was never in a more prosperous or happy condition than it now is.

SAFETY OF RECORDS.

Believing it important that some steps should be taken to secure the valuable papers belonging to Grand Lodge, and now in the custody of the Grand Secretary, I authorized that Officer to purchase a suitable fire-proof safe in which he might deposit the Records, and other articles of value in his possession, this expenditure will, I hope, meet with your sanction and approval.

GRAND TREASURER.

I have also to announce to you that shortly after the last annual meeting, I prepared the necessary bond required by the Constitution to be taken from your Grand Treasurer, which was duly executed by that Officer and his sureties; with whose sufficiency I was well assured. I have also much pleasure in stating, for the information of Grand Lodge, that the manner in which the Grand Treasurer has discharged his duty during the past year merits your approval.

Finding that a certain sum of money in his hands would not,

in all probability, be required immediately for Grand Lodge purposes, I advised that it should be deposited in a Bank, so as to draw interest; on examining his accounts, I believe you will find that this additional sum has been placed at the credit of Grand Lodge.

GRAND SECRETARY.

It gives me also great pleasure to bear testimony to the careful and efficient manner in which our worthy Grand Secretary has performed his arduous duties during the past year, and I congratulate you, brethren, in having secured the services of one who has proved himself so competent and trustworthy.

UNION MEDALS.

At the especial communication of Grand Lodge, held in the city of Toronto, in January, 1859, it was resolved, that in commemoration of the happy union of the Craft, a medal should be struck, and the Grand Secretary instructed to procure the requisite number, at the cost of Grand Lodge. It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Committee to whom this duty was assigned have completed their labors, and are now prepared to exhibit specimens for your approval; I did not, however, feel justified in authorizing so large an expenditure of money as the resolution is apparently intended to sanction, and I have therefore delayed the issue of these interesting souvenirs, until this matter should again be submitted for your consideration. I would therefore now suggest that, instead of using Grand Lodge funds for this purpose, that the subordinate Lodges be called upon to contribute a sufficient amount to pay for the medals which they are entitled to receive; it would also be advisable to define with more certainty the parties who are to be permitted to wear them.

HAMBURG.

I regret to learn that a serious difficulty has arisen between the Grand Lodges of New York and Hamburg, on the subject of the exclusive territorial jurisdiction of Grand Lodges. It appears that the latter Grand Body has granted Charters authorizing the establishment of two Lodges in the State of New York, and asserts that, in doing so, she has done nothing either unlawful or

unmasonic. On the other hand, the Grand Lodge of New York has pronounced these Lodges as irregular and clandestine, and has suspended all intercourse with the parent body. I feel it unnecessary to occupy your time with any lengthened expression of my views upon this subject, as I am confident that the course adopted and persisted in by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg is not only likely to prove most injurious to the peace, harmony and prosperity of the Masonic fraternity, but is one which cannot be sustained by any intelligent Grand Lodge in the world.

REPRESENTATIVES.

I have now great pleasure in announcing to you that, since our last communication, I have received official intelligence of the appointment of our distinguished brother, the M. W. William C. Stephens, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of England to this Grand Lodge. A more judicious selection, in my opinion, could not have been made, and I am quite sure that, when he presents his credentials, he will be most cordially received and acknowledged by you. I cannot here deny myself the pleasure of expressing my warmest acknowledgements to the Right Hon. Lord de Grey and Ripon, the distinguished brother who occupies the position of our representative at the Grand Lodge of England, for the prompt, courteous and able manner in which he has discharged the various duties entrusted to him, on behalf of this Grand Lodge.

A GENERAL COMMITTEE SUGGESTED.

During the past year, I have been called upon to decide many questions of Masonic law and usage. My decisions in these matters, should any reference be made to them, will be found in my correspondence. I would, however, suggest for your consideration the propriety of appointing a general committee, to whom all such matters might be referred.

MASONIC CHARITIES.

It is one of the proudest duties of Masons, both in their individual and collective relations, to embody and give practical value to the noble principles upon which Masonry is founded. In the regular order of affairs, a sublime necessity of this character now

devolves upon the Grand Lodge; and its existing members may well congratulate themselves upon being called upon to execute a work so benignant and holy. The difficulties which beset the early movements of the Grand Lodge of Canada have all disappeared as morning dews. Its course has been blessed by unexampled prosperity. Honored abroad, advancing at home, free from all disturbing or counteracting influences, the sheen of its glory undimmed by any cloud of discord, it is surely the time to remember those who are called to suffer, to wipe tears from sorrowing eyes, and to shed the beams of hope on despairing hearts; to raise a monument of our gratitude, and to devote it to God and to distressed brethren. The report of the Committee to which was referred the generous admonition on this subject from "St. Andrew's" lodge, Toronto, will, I presume, bring up this matter in some tangible shape for your consideration. Whatever form your benevolent efforts may assume, I am assured that they will be worthy of yourselves, of the circumstances of our history, and of the principles which it is our duty to exemplify. We have the example of the venerable Grand Lodge of England, as an incentive and a guide; and although we may not hope to equal the regal magnificence of her charitable institutions, animated by the same spirit, we may imitate her zeal, piety and devotion, and do for our brethren, for their widows and their orphaned descendants, all that England does for hers. We can give to Canadian Masonry "a local habitation and a name," and teach the outside world to regard Masonry and Benevolence as interchangeable and synonymous terms.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' VISIT.

The approaching visit to Canada of the heir apparent to the throne of the British Empire, is an event of such absorbing interest, that I need make no apology for alluding to it on this occasion. Indeed, I should be surprised if the matter were not introduced formally before you for discussion, assured as I am that this most worshipful body will desire to testify their affection to the royal family of England, by every proper and constitutional means. It will probably be asked in this Grand Lodge whether the precedents and customs of Masonry will justify the presentation of an address to His Royal Highness. The presence of so many

worshipful brethern skilled in the royal art, and well versed in Masonic lore, as I am proud to recognize around me to-day, convinces me that should the question be raised, it will receive a full and satisfactory reply. I will only say at present with reference to it, that in times of extraordinary interest, Masons, in their collective character, have addressed august personages—not Masons—in order to set forth the fact that the institution enforces upon its adherents the quiet performance and firm maintenance of all the duties of good citizens and loyal subjects. Apart from his exalted position and his important relations to the members of this Grand Lodge as members of the body politic, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has especial claims upon our sympathetic affection and regard, on account of his Masonic connections. His illustrious grandfather, the late Duke of Kent, was a Grand Master in our ancient and venerable order, and one of the most interesting episodes in the history of Masonry in England, is that which recounts the solemn reconciliation of the two branches of the Masonic family, under the auspices of H. R. H. the Duke of Kent, and H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex.

“THE CANADIAN FREEMASON.”

I have received several numbers of a Masonic periodical, the “Canadian Freemason,” published in Montreal, and I indulge in the hope that the spirit and ability displayed by its proprietor, will be suitably acknowledged by the fraternity generally.

Having now briefly referred to the various subjects which I considered it my duty to bring under your notice, I will not trespass further upon your time, but will conclude by again expressing the pleasure I feel in meeting you all, in the interesting and beautiful City of Ottawa.

WM. M. WILSON, G.M.

It was moved by M. W. Br. T. D. Harington, seconded by R. W. Br. Geo. W. Whitehead, and unanimously adopted,—

That the various matters named in the Address of the

M.W. Grand Master, be referred to the following special Committee, to report thereon at an early hour, namely:—
R.W. Brs. A. Bernard, S. B. Harman, Jas. A. Henderson,
and Br. A. de Grassi.

The Grand Secretary, at the request of the M.W. Grand Master, read the following list of lodges, to whom Dispensations had been issued, for the purpose of opening new lodges:—

Names of Lodges.	Places.
Cassia	Sylvan, Disp.renewed
Stanbridge	Stanbridge, “
Union	Lloydtown
Maple Leaf	Bath
Warren	Fingal
Doric	Brantford
Renfrew	Renfrew
The Belleville	Belleville
Montreal Kilwinning	Montreal
Pythagoras	Meaford
Cornwall	Cornwall
Aylmer	Aylmer
Golden Rule	Campbellsford
Franck	Frankford
Pembroke	Pembroke
The Rising Sun	Aurora
Yamaska	Granby
St. Lawrence	Southampton
Sweet Home	New Hamburg
Lebanon Forest	Franceston
Shawenagam	Three Rivers
St. Clair	Milton
Richardson	Cashel
Corinthian	Peterboro', <i>War. of Aff.</i>

It was moved by R.W. Br. Geo. W. Whitehead, seconded by R.W. Br. Thompson Wilson, and adopted,—

That the lodges, under Dispensations, be referred to the

Committee on Warrants—to report thereon, at the morning session.

M. W. Br. W. C. Stephens presented his credentials, accrediting him as the representative of the United Grand Lodge of England, at the Grand Lodge of Canada, which were received and approved; the M. W. Br. was greeted with ample honors, and invited to a seat on the dias.

The Grand Secretary read a memorial, from Br. E. R. Owen, addressed to the Grand Lodge, complaining of his having been unjustly suspended, for the non-payment of dues, by the "St. John's" lodge, No. 40, Hamilton.

The memorial was received and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, to report thereon.

It was moved by W. Br. James Seymour, seconded by W. Br. Dolson, and adopted,—

That the committee named by the M. W. Grand Master, at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, on the memorial of "St. Andrew's" lodge, No. 16, Toronto, having failed to prepare a report during the past year, do take the same into consideration at the present communication, and report thereon before its close.

W. Br. Edward Himes, "Zetland" lodge, No. 21, gave the following notice of motion, that he would, on to-morrow, move,—

That in consideration of the sacrifices made, the services rendered, the zeal and ability displayed by R. W. Br. A. Bernard, Past Deputy Grand Master, in promoting the interest of Canadian Freemasonry, he be accorded the rank and title of an honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Br. Rev. Joseph Scott, seconded by R. W. Br. G. W. Whitehead, and adopted,—

That the Grand Secretary be directed to express the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the Railway Company and

the Steam Boat Companies, for their liberality towards the masonic fraternity, by remitting one-half the fare of the members and representatives attending its Annual Communication.

It was moved by W. Br. E. A. McNaughten, seconded by R. W. Br. S. D. Fowler, and adopted,—

That each subordinate lodge be furnished with two copies of the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at ten o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 12th day of July, A.L. 5860.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 11.30 o'clock, A.M.

M.W. Br. William M. Wilson, Grand Master,
on the throne.

Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Committee on Constitution and Regulations submitted the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Constitution and Regulations have had under their immediate consideration the alleged irregularities committed by certain brethren, under the presumed authority of Charters granted by the United Grand Lodge of England to the *St. George's Lodge, No. 643*, and the *St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 923*, in the City of Montreal, which Charters having been surrendered to the Provincial Grand Master, of the District of Montreal and William Henry, were, without the cognizance of the United Grand Lodge of England, as your Committee are informed, handed back by the Provincial Grand Master to certain brethren, who have since continued to work in an irregular manner, considering the full recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada, by the United Grand Lodge of England.

Your Committee recommend this Grand Lodge to authorize and empower the Most Worshipful Brother W. C. Stephens, a Past Grand Master and the Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England, to proceed at an early day to Montreal, and by a personal visit lay before those Lodges the injudicious steps they have taken, and urge upon them the propriety of placing themselves on a true masonic footing with the Brethren working under Charters granted by this Grand Lodge. This course is urged, believing that, while it would preserve the dignity of this Grand Lodge, it would at the same time assure the Grand Lodge of England of the desire of this Grand Lodge to preserve and cement the fraternal and kind feelings existing between them.

With reference to the case of Edward Garrett, and others alluded to in the Report of R. W. Bro. D.D.G.M., Thompson Wilson, for obtaining surreptitiously and now working under the old warrant belonging to St. John's Lodge No. 20, C.R. Your Committee recommend that this be referred to a special Committee now to be named, to take evidence and report further on the case.

All of which is submitted.

SAML. B. HARMAN,
Chairman.

The report of the Committee was, on motion, received and adopted.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed R.W. Brs. A. Bernard, C. Magill, and J. C. Franck, a special Committee to take evidence in the matters relating to St. John's lodge, No. 209, I. R.

It was moved by R.W. Br. William B. Simpson, seconded by R. W. Br. Samuel B. Harman,—

That this Grand Lodge do now proceed to nominate the M.W. Grand Master, and the other elective Grand Officers, for the ensuing year, and that the election of the said Grand Officers do take place this evening, at seven o'clock.

It was moved, in amendment, by V.W. Br. E. J. Barker, seconded by V.W. Br. W. G. Storm,—

That the nominations for Grand Officers be the first order for this evening's session, and that the election then be at once proceeded with.

The amendment was declared adopted.

The special Committee on Grievances and Appeals, relating to lodge 209, I. R., submitted the following

R E P O R T :

The Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Report of R.W. Bro. Thompson Wilson, D.D.G.M., for the

London District, relating to the St. John's Lodge, No. 209, I.R., beg leave most respectfully to report—

That upon the evidence laid before them, the said St. John's Lodge cannot but be considered clandestine by this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee regret to learn that the Grand Lodge of Ireland nevertheless acknowledged the said St. John's Lodge, No. 209, but they doubt not that such acknowledgement was obtained under a false representation to the Grand Lodge of Ireland of the circumstances by which the said St. John's Lodge was reorganized, after the recognition of this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that a memorial be drawn up and transmitted through the proper channel by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, setting forth the irregular, improper and unmasonic existence of the said St. John's Lodge, No. 209, with a request to take such action thereupon as is strictly in accordance with masonic law and usage and the good understanding existing between the two Grand Lodges.

Respectfully,

J. C. FRANCK,
Chairman.

The report from the special Committee on Grievances and Appeals was received and adopted.

R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, presented to the Grand Lodge a parchment copy of a Memorial addressed to the R.W. the Hon. Sir Allan Napier Macnab, Bart., Provincial Grand Master for Canada West, bearing date July, 1855, adopted by the "Brockville" lodge, Brockville—now "Sussex"—which the lodge desired to have placed in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R.W. Br. James A. Henderson, and resolved,—

That the document now presented be received and filed.

In accordance with notice of motion given, it was moved by W.Br. Edward Himes, seconded by V.W.Br.L.L. Levey, and adopted,—

That the honorary rank of a Past Grand Master be accorded to R.W. Br. A. Bernard.

It was moved by W. Br. George T. Morehouse, seconded by V. W. Br. W. Osgood, and adopted,—

That in consequence of the close proximity of "Dorchester" lodge, No. 4, St. Johns,' to some of the lodges in the Eastern Townships District, it be placed under the supervision of the D.D.G.M., for that district.

W. Br. J. Murray gave notice, that, at the next Annual Communication, he would move that the following words be added to Art. 11, "Of Grand Lodge," p. 26:—"except that of Past Grand Master or Past Deputy Grand Master."

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at seven o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The M.W. Br. William M. Wilson, Grand Master,
on the throne.

Officers, Members and Representatives.

R.W. Br. Thomas Drummond, presented his credentials from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, appointing him Prov'l Grand Master for Canada, and Representative at the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Master considered the warrant of appointment of Provincial Grand Master informal and irregular, and, as such, could not be accepted. The R.W. Brother was desired to have his credentials reconstructed.

R.W. Br. Cyril Pearl presented his credentials, appointing

him the Representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, at the Grand Lodge of Canada.

R. W. Br. Thomas B. Harris, also presented credentials, appointing him the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, at the Grand Lodge of Canada.

R. W. Brs. Cyril Pearl and Thomas B. Harris were received and congratulated by the M. W. Grand Master, and invited to a seat on the dais. They were further acknowledged by the Grand Lodge with the usual masonic honors.

R. W. Br. A. Bernard, presented the Grand Lodge with two portraits of the M. W. Br. Philip C. Tucker, G. M. of the State of Vermont, and an honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, which were, on motion, accepted.

R. W. Br. S. B. Harman, from the special Committee on the matters named in the M. W. Grand Master's Address, submitted the following

R E P O R T :

The Committee feel that the thanks of the Craft are due to the M. W. the G. M., for his valuable address, and which is so clear and explicit on the different topics of which it treats, and to which the G. M., calls attention, that, except in a few particulars, it is unnecessary for the Committee to do more than commend the address to the grateful attention of the craft.

The Grand Lodge will receive with pleasure the announcement of the G. M., of a large accession of lodges, and the careful supervision that has been exercised in granting Dispensations.

It is also a matter of gratification to see that the Craft continues to be held in high estimation by the Public, as evidenced by the M. W. G. M., having been invited to lay the corner stones of the several buildings named in his address.

The Grand Lodge are, at all times, glad to hear of the continuance of a fraternal feeling with the Grand Lodges of the United States ; the late visit of the Grand Master, to New York, will

tend to augment such feeling ; and the Committee only express the feelings of the craft in saying, that they trust his visit will be returned, and the Grand Lodge have the pleasure of welcoming their high dignitaries amongst us.

It is matter of deep regret to learn, that the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has created a masonic difference, but the course taken thereon by the Grand Lodge of New York, your Committee feel will be heartily concurred in by Grand Lodge.

The steps taken by the Grand Master to ensure the safety of the Grand Lodge records, is an important measure ; and the Committee, while alluding to it, would earnestly recommend to Grand Lodge, to invite all lodges, having valuable masonic documents, to forward them for safe custody among the archives—with a view to that most desirable object, a good history of the introduction and spread of Masonry in the Province being in due time obtained.

On the subject of the “ Union Medals,” your Committee feel that the thanks of the members of the Grand Lodge are due to the Grand Master for bringing before Grand Lodge the subject of the *large expenditure of money necessary to be laid out in their completion*, being paid from the funds of Grand Lodge without its especial sanction. Your Committee feel that no subject requires to be more carefully considered by Grand Lodge than this ; and whether—as the subject of erecting a Masonic Asylum is now prominently before Grand Lodge—it will not be well to pay the cost of these medals, as far as it has gone, but reserving all possible funds for the latter object. Your Committee are the more induced to recommend this, from the fact, that the time that has already elapsed since the medals were first proposed, has tended to allay the enthusiasm with which the proposition was first received.

With regard to the proposed asylum, the Committee regret the time already lost, and they earnestly recommend the reappointment of the Committee, with instructions to the chairman to take immediate steps for bringing this subject before the craft.

The Committee have given much attention to the paragraph relating to the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. They do not feel that an address to H.R.H. will be exactly in accordance with masonic usage ; but they venture to suggest that a move in the

proper quarter may induce the Government to invite the co-operation of the Grand Lodge in those important ceremonials connected with the erection of the public buildings at Ottawa, which are to take place during the visit of His Royal Highness. The great obligations under which Masonry has ever been placed to the royal family of England for its fostering care, can never be lost sight of by the craft, and the recommendation of the Committee against the presentation of an address, is only founded on the grounds of masonic usage already alluded to.

In conclusion, your Committee earnestly recommend the appointment of a Committee of General Purposes, to whom matters of special moment can be referred; and they would also urge a further special Board of Finance, to whom all monetary matters can be referred as a matter calculated to give great satisfaction to the entire craft.

S. B. HARMAN,
Chairman.

The Report from the special Committee was received and adopted.

It was moved by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R.W. Br. S. B. Harman, and adopted,—

That the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, be held at the City of London.

The chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg leave to report on the only two questions laid before them.

Br. E. R. Owen, of the "Maitland" lodge, No. 112, Goderich, asserts that he has a demit from the "St. John's" lodge, No. 40, Hamilton, and if so he has been irregularly suspended, but as he has shown no proof of this in his appeal to your M.W. Body, and the contrary is asserted on the part of the "St. John's" lodge, it is respectfully recommended that the D.D.G.M., for the Huron district, demand, from said Br. Owen, proof of his having retired

from "St. John's" lodge, in good standing, previous to the suspension being removed.

With regard to the complaint of Br. Henry Squier, of "United" lodge, No. 29, Brighton, against Br. James Peck, as having defrauded him of a certain sum of money, they suggest that the proper course to pursue, would be to bring charges against Br. Peck, in the lodge nearest to his present place of residence, and recommend that it be a direction to the D.D.G.M., for the district to hear the matter in said lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted,

S. D. FOWLER,
Chairman.

On the motion of W. Br. Isaac M. Lindsley, seconded by W. Br. George Forbes,—

The Report from the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was received and adopted.

The Committee on Warrants, submitted the following

R E P O R T :

We, the undersigned Committee on Warrants, beg leave respectfully to recommend to your M. W. Grand Lodge, that the Dispensation issued to "Iron Duke" lodge, meeting at Arthur, and subsequently confirmed by Grand Lodge, and which your Committee learn has since been returned for the want of properly qualified officers to fill the respective chairs, be cancelled.

That "Corinthian" lodge, Peterboro', E.R., lately affiliated with your Grand Lodge, be accorded No. 101, on the registry of the Grand Lodge, and that the undermentioned lodges, now under Dispensation, be granted Warrants by your most worshipful Body, and to take rank and precedence according to the date of their Dispensations, viz:—

Nos.	Names of Lodges.	Places.
116	Cassia	Sylvan
117	Stanbridge	Stanbridge
118	Union	Lloydtown
119	Maple Leaf	Bath

Nos.	Names of Lodges.	Places.
120	Warren	Fingal
121	Doric	Brantford
122	Renfrew	Renfrew
123	The Belleville	Belleville
124	Montreal Kilwinning.....	Montreal
125	Cornwall	Cornwall
126	Golden Rule	Campbellsford
127	Franck	Frankford
128	Pembroke	Pembroke
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora
130	Yamaska	Granby
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton
132	Sweet Home	New Hamburg
133	Lebanon Forest.....	Franceston
134	Shawenegam	Three Rivers
135	St. Clair	Milton
136	Richardson	Cashel

Your Committee would further recommend that the following lodges under Dispensation, be permitted to continue working under the same, until the next Annual Communication, viz :—

Pythagoras	Meaford
Aylmer	Aylmer

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. SIMPSON.
S. D. FOWLER.
J. TAYLOR.

The Report from the Committee on Warrants, was received and adopted.

W. Br. James Seymour gave notice, that at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge he will move, That the superior accommodations possessed by the Town of St. Catharines, for the holding of an Annual Communication, its central location, and easy means of approach from all parts of the province, renders said Town the most eligible place to hold the Annual Communication for 1862.

Notice of motion, amendment of Constitution, at page 72, L.E. of "Fees."

Third line from bottom of page, for twenty, read *two*.

Last line of the same page, for twenty read *two*.

M. W. Br. T. D. Harington, gives notice that he will move at the next Annual Communication, that in page 37, L.E., Art 5, of "Deputy Grand Master," the words "*town to town, or from*" be struck out.

R. W. Br. Æmilius Irving, on behalf of the special Committee appointed to take into consideration so much of the Report of the D.D.G.M., for the Hamilton District, as related to Brs. Barnes and Cummings, submitted the following

R E P O R T :

The special Committee, to whom the Report of the D.D.G.M., of the Hamilton District, upon the matters of Brs. S. W. Barnes and Moses R. Cummings, were referred, beg leave to report,—

That your Committee have carefully read the report upon the matter of S. W. Barnes, and highly approve of the recommendation of the R. W. Brother, that it is inexpedient to take any further action in the matter of the expulsion of S. W. Barnes, and beg leave to hope that this most painful case may never again be heard of in Grand Lodge.

Your Committee also have most carefully considered the R. W. Brother's report upon the matter of Moses R. Cummings, and deeply regret that their views and opinions are entirely at variance with those of the R. W. Brother.

Your Committee have consulted the report of the case in the Court of Error and Appeal, and find no intimation, whereby it could be inferred that "Cummings had a strong case for damages against the prosecutors." It is true that that Court reversed the judgment of conviction; but upon this ground: it appears there are two different statutes relating to the offence of embezzlement, and he had been erroneously charged on one, embezzling money received by him on account of his employers instead of under the other, of embezzling money entrusted to him by

his employers, the evidence supported this last charge and not the first; indeed, the evidence was so strong, that one of the Judges remarked, that had the jury convicted Cummings of larceny, the conviction would have been right.

Under these circumstances, therefore, and, from the irresistible conclusion which, upon a perusal of the whole case must strike every mind, that in Cummings' case there has been a gross failure of justice, your Committee are satisfied that the whole truth cannot have appeared before R.W. Br. Bull, who states that he believes Cummings "had committed no criminal act in thought or deed."

Your Committee feel it necessary also to refer to the position of "St. Andrew's" lodge, of whom the R.W. Brother has complained; and upon investigation, your Committee are of opinion that "St. Andrew's" lodge did not treat the R.W. Brother disrespectfully; and also that the said lodge afforded to the said Moses R. Cummings ample notice of their intention of considering his improper conduct and sufficient opportunity to defend himself before them.

In conclusion, therefore, your Committee recommend that Grand Lodge, in compliance with the request of "St. Andrew's" lodge, No. 16, proceed to expel Moses R. Cummings from the privileges of Masonry.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES MAGILL.
JAMES MOFFAT.
ÆMILIUS IRVING.

The Report was, on motion, received and adopted.

It was moved by V. W. Br. W. R. Harris, seconded by V. W. Br. W. G. Storm, and adopted,—

That Br. Moses R. Cummings be expelled from the privileges of Free Masonry, in compliance with the recommendation of the special Committee.

The hour having arrived for the nomination and election of Grand Officers for the ensuing masonic year, the M.W. Grand Master, appointed the following brethren as

scrutineers to collect the ballots, viz:—R. W. Br. Æmilius Irving, and V. W. Brs. William G. Storm and Thomas McCracken.

The election of Grand Officers was proceeded with, and the following brethren were declared duly elected:—

- M. W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master
 R. “ “ Wm. B. Simpson, Deputy Grand Master
 “ “ “ Denis Gale, Grand Senior Warden
 “ “ “ T. D. Warren, Grand Junior Warden
 “ “ “ James A. Preston, Grand Chaplain
 “ “ “ Henry Groff, re-elected Grand Treasurer
 “ “ “ Edwin Heathfield, Grand Registrar
 “ “ “ Thos. B. Harris, unanimously re-elected Grand Secretary
 “ “ “ John Morrison, (by an open vote of G. L.) Grand Tyler

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at nine o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

FRIDAY, 13th day of July, A.L. 5860.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 9 o'clock, A. M.

M. W. Br. William M. Wilson, Grand Master,
on the throne.

The M. W. Grand Master proceeded with and installed his successor in office,—

M. W. Br. T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, *Grand Master*,
He was proclaimed and saluted with masonic honors.

The newly-installed M. W. Grand Master continued the investiture of the newly-elected officers, viz :—

R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, Deputy Grand Master
 “ “ “ Denis Gale, Grand Senior Warden
 “ “ “ T. D. Warren, Grand Junior Warden
 “ “ “ Rev. James A. Preston, Grand Chaplain
 “ “ “ Henry Groff, Grand Treasurer
 “ “ “ Edwin Heathfield, Grand Registrar
 “ “ “ Thos. B. Harris, Grand Secretary
 “ “ “ John Morrison, Grand Tyler

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to confirm the following nominations, by lodges, of their respective Districts :—

R. W. Br. F. Wolferstan Thomas,	D. D. G. M.,	London	District
“ “ “ George W. Whitehead,	“	Wilson	“
“ “ “ Æmilius Irving,	-	Huron	“
“ “ “ Charles Magill,	-	Hamilton	“
“ “ “ S. B. Harman,	-	Toronto	“
“ “ “ Joseph B. Hall,	-	Ontario	“
“ “ “ A. A. Campbell,	-	Prince Edward	“
“ “ “ George F. LaSerre,	“	Central	“
“ “ “ A. A. Stevenson,	“	Montreal	“
“ “ “ M. Mitchell,	-	East'n Town'ps	“
“ “ “ Richard Pope,	-	Quebec	“

Subsequently, the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to make the following appointments to office, viz:—

V. W. Br. P. P. Harris,	Grand Senior Deacon	
“ “ “	James Seymour,	Grand Junior Deacon
“ “ “	William G. Storm,	Grand Superintendent of Works
“ “ “	A. DeGrassi,	Grand Director of Ceremonies
“ “ “	Thomas McCracken,	Assistant Grand Secretary
“ “ “	A. A. Ogilvie,	Grand Sword Bearer
“ “ “	Thomas Mackie,	Assistant Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
“ “ “	Alfred Boulton,	Grand Organist
“ “ “	James M. Rogerson,	Assistant Grand Organist
“ “ “	Stanislaus Blondheim,	Grand Pursuivant
“ “ “	C. A. Matheson,	} Grand Stewards
“ “ “	John Davidson,	
“ “ “	Arthur Murray,	
“ “ “	Isaac Dennis,	
“ “ “	Benjamin C. Davy,	
“ “ “	Thomas Camm,	
“ “ “	E. Moss,	
“ “ “	William C. Tait,	

The Grand Officers elect having been invested, were proclaimed according to ancient form.

R. W. Br. James A. Henderson gave notice, that, at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, he would move the following amendment to the Constitution:—

That no brother shall fill the office of Grand Master for more than three consecutive years; but he may be re-elected after the expiration of one intervening year.

V. W. Br. E. J. Barker, seconded by R. W. Br. Thompson Wilson, moved that the travelling expenses of the Grand Pursuivant be paid from the funds of Grand Lodge, which was declared not adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren to be a committee to audit the books of the Grand Lodge, and their expenses to be paid, viz:—R. W. Brs.

S. D. Fowler, V.W. Br. Thomas Mackie, and W.Br.David Brown.

W. Br. Samuel Wilmot gave notice, that he would move, at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge,—

That the Constitution be so amended, that no Grand Master of this Grand Lodge shall be permitted to hold that dignified office beyond the term of two years, in succession.

It was moved by R.W. Br. Geo.W.Whitehead, seconded by R.W. Br. James A. Henderson, and adopted,—

RESOLVED,—That so much of the Constitution at page 46, L. E., as refers to the election of Wardens, and Secretary in private lodges, be altered and amended, by leaving those officers to be appointed by the W. Master, in lodges which shall provide for such appointment, by a special By-Law, passed by two-thirds of the members present, after having been specially summoned to take the same into consideration.

R.W. Br. S. B. Harman, on behalf of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, submitted the following in continuation of their

REPORT.

The Committee on Constitution and Regulations have now to continue their Report to Grand Lodge, on the subjects alluded to in the valuable Reports of the D. D. Grand Masters.

JURISDICTION.

With regard to the question of jurisdiction, about which much diversity of opinion appears to exist, *as it affects initiation into individual lodges*, your Committee feel that all difficulty will be removed by Grand Lodge now declaring that the words, "*within the jurisdiction of,*" in Section 2, of Article 2, of "proposing members," (see Constitution, page 64,) be read to mean "*nearer.*"

CANDIDATES SUFFERING FROM PHYSICAL DEFECT.

In such cases initiation should only be permitted by special Dispensation from the Grand Master.

NEW LODGES.

Your Committee think that too much weight cannot be given to the recommendation contained in several of the reports of the D. D. Grand Masters, that lodges should not be formed *within certain distances* of other lodges. While Grand Lodge may feel unwilling to lay down any strict rule on the subject, the multiplication of lodges, as a general question, should be jealously watched, and recommendations for Dispensations only granted, where it has been made evident to the D.D. Grand Masters that benefit will really result to the craft, and never, except on the recommendation of the nearest lodge, within their district, to the proposed new lodge, as the excellence, rather than the number of lodges, is what will really tend to raise Masonry in public estimation.

BR. DEDMAN'S CASE.

The Committee uphold, in every particular, the able manner in which the M.W. Grand Master has disposed of this case.

MODEL BY-LAWS AND LODGE MINUTES.

Your Committee are glad to hear that R.W. Br. Grand Secretary has prepared, and will lay before Grand Lodge a valuable transcript on the subject of minutes, and recommend that a Committee be appointed to prepare model By-laws, appending thereto the form in which proxies to Grand Lodge should be worded.

CONSTITUTION.

The Committee recommend that every candidate should be presented with a copy of the Constitution, at the time of his initiation, to which end a cheap edition be at once printed for the use of lodges.

BR. TOWER'S CASE.

With regard to the suspension of Br. George W. Tower from "King Hiram" lodge, No. 78, your Committee recommend that the question be referred to the D.D. Grand Master, for the Wilson District, to report thereon.

SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Great diversity of opinion appears to exist on this subject many holding such to be an offence against the provisions of some particular By-laws, and *not* such an offence against Masonry as to deprive the individual of Masonic privileges generally. Your Committee are of opinion that suspension for non-payment of dues should exclude the Brother while under suspension from masonic privileges, until restored thereto by the action of his lodge.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

Your Committee have thus far endeavoured, and they feel they have but imperfectly succeeded, to report on a *few* of the *many* important subjects embraced in the reports of the D. D. Grand Masters. There are numerous other matters of deep importance which want of time entirely and absolutely precluded their attempting to consider. Foremost among which are the remarks of R. W. Br. Richardson, of the Toronto District, as to the difficulty of introducing into private lodges the true work, as exemplified to, and approved by Grand Lodge, at the Kingston session. To attempt to consider so vast a difficulty as this, and there are others not less important, so as to recommend any matured plan for meeting them at the sitting of a Committee, which cannot be protracted beyond a few hours, is simply impossible, nor can your Committee close their report, without recording their opinion, that they have almost shrunk, as savouring on *discourtesy*, on the duty devolving on them, as your Committee, of digesting, within so brief a period, and recommending action or otherwise, on matters which have occupied the deep thought and careful attention of the D. D. Grand Masters, during their hours of leisure, and they hope their recommendation will not be considered too strong, that no reports should in future be received and considered, unless the rule of Grand Lodge be strictly complied with, which requires their being sent in a certain time before Grand Lodge assembles. This would give the M. W. the Grand Master time to refer them to a select committee, who might hope to do justice to the Reports and to themselves, when their general report was brought before Grand Lodge.

All which is submitted,

S. B. HARMAN, *Chairman.*

The Report from the Committee on Constitution and Regulations was received and adopted,—

R.W. Br. James A. Henderson, gave the following notice of motion of amendment to the Constitution.

That the Committee on credentials, and the Committee on finance and audit, be appointed by Grand Lodge at one Annual Communication, their duties to extend to the close of the then next Annual Communication.

It was moved by R.W. Br. S. B. Harman, seconded by W. Br. John Murray, and adopted,—

That the expenses of the union medals, up to the present time, for preparing the die and ribbon hangers be defrayed, but no further expense be incurred, or the medals struck, without the further orders of Grand Lodge, and that the Committee be requested to prepare a report on the subject, to be laid before Grand Lodge, at its next Annual Communication.

Notice of motion, by R.W. Br. S. B. Harman,—

That no money grants be made by Grand Lodge, on the last day of its session, unless notice be given the day previously.

On motion of W. Br. Wilmot, seconded by W. Br. James Seymour, it was

RESOLVED,—That at all future Annual Communications of Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary be required to have all proceedings, for which notices of motion have been given, together with all unfinished business, printed on fly sheet, and distributed amongst the members of Grand Lodge, upon the first day of its meeting, and a copy be kept continually in the ante room.

Notice of amendment to the Constitution, by V.W. Br. Henry Grist,—

That so much of the Constitution as refers to the election of Wardens, Chaplain, Secretary and Treasurer, be amended, and made to read as in the printed edition for 1859.

It was moved by R. W. Br. S. B. Harman, seconded by W. Br. James Seymour, and adopted,—

That the Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, to carry out the recommendations as to a masonic asylum, contained in the memorial from the “St. Andrew’s” lodge, No. 16, Toronto, be re-appointed, and that a chairman be named with instructions to take steps to bring the matter permanently before the craft, with a view to immediate action being taken thereupon.

The M. W. Grand Master named R. W. Br. S. B. Harman, chairman of the said Committee.

W. Br. James Seymour gave notice that he would move at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge,—

That section 4, of the Constitution, under the head of “proposing members,” be so amended that *one* black ball shall exclude candidates, instead of two, as now required.

On motion, it was

RESOLVED,—That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Hall, prepared for the reception of the Grand Lodge, at this Communication.

R. W. Br. Thompson Wilson, gave notice that he would move, at the next Annual Communication,—

That a Board of General purposes be appointed.

The M. W. Grand Master, on the suggestion of the representative from the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, appointed R. W. Br. Wm. Pitt Preeble, as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, at that Grand Lodge.

R. W. Br. Cyril Pearl, the representative from the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, addressed the Grand Lodge in explanation of the difficulties that have arisen between that Grand Lodge and the United Grand Lodge of England, brought on by an infraction of a contract entered into by two border lodges.

It was resolved that the M.W. Grand Master be desired to appoint a special Committee, to prepare a model code of By-Laws during the recess, to be submitted to Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication for approval and confirmation, with the view of their being generally adopted by the lodges under this jurisdiction.

R.W. Br. Barron's motion, at page 183, was allowed to stand over for the next Annual Communication.

Grand Secretary's Account Current.

HAMILTON, June 30, 1860.

THOMAS B. HARRIS, *Grand Secretary, in Account Current with the Grand Lodge of Canada, from the 9th July, A.L., 5859, to the 30th June, A.L., 5860.*

NO.	LODGE.	PLACE.	\$	C.	NO.	LODGE.	PLACE.	\$	C.
		Antiquity, Montreal	75	25			Brought up	838	20
2	Niagara,	Niagara	38	00					
3	St. John's,	Kingston	20	50	32	Amity,	Dunnville	9	00
4	Dorchester,	St. Johns'	26	25	33	Wellington,	Guelph	47	74
5	Sussex,	Brockville	43	38	36	Welland,	Fonthill	15	25
7	Union,	Grimsby	82	25	37	King Hiram,	Ingersoll	16	00
9	Union,	Napanee	5	00	38	Trent,	Trenton	52	39
10	Norfolk,	Simcoe	31	65	39	Mount Zion,	Brooklin	12	50
11	Moirs,	Belleville	20	50	40	St. John's,	Hamilton	42	75
12	Golden Rule,	Stanstead	21	00	41	St. George's,	Kingsville	36	00
13	Western Light,	Bolton	31	87	42	St. George's,	London	10	75
14	True Briton's,	Perth	23	25	43	King Solomon's,	Woodst'ck	54	88
15	St. George's,	St. Cath'ines	14	00	44	St. Thomas,	St. Thomas	24	00
16	St. Andrew's,	Toronto	39	00	45	Brant,	Brantford	72	00
17	St. John's,	Cobourg	39	00	47	Great Western,	Windsor	4	00
18	Prince Edward's,	Picton	40	00	49	Harington,	Quebec	20	00
21	Zetland,	Montreal	40	00	50	Consecon,	Consecon	33	75
22	King Solomon's,	Toronto	58	00	51	Corinthian,	Grahamville	38	75
23	Richmond,	Richmond Hill	10	00	52	Wellington,	Dunnville	26	75
24	St. Francis,	Smith's Falls	18	50	53	Shefford,	Waterloo	30	92
25	Ionic,	Toronto	56	05	54	Vaughan,	Maple	6	62
26	Ontario,	Port Hope	2	00	57	Harmony,	Binbrook	8	75
27	Strict Observ'ce,	Hamilton	42	75	58	Doric,	Ottawa	50	00
28	Mount Zion,	Kemptville	20	00	59	Corinthian,	Ottawa	10	00
29	United,	Brighton	7	00	60	Hoyle,	La Colle	3	00
30	Composite,	Whitby	23	50	62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	28	00
31	Jerusalem,	Bowmanville	6	50	63	Simcoe,	Simcoe	40	00
		Carried up	\$838	20			Carried Forward	\$1532	00

Grand Secretary's Account Current,—Continued.

NO.	LODGE.	PLACE.	\$	C.	NO.	LODGE.	PLACE.	\$	C.
		Brought Forward	1532	00			Brought up	2510	20
64	Kilwinning,	London	46	00	102	Mt. Brydges,	Mt. Brydges	18	00
66	Durham,	Newcastle	36	10	103	Maple Leaf,	St. Catharines	15	00
67	St. Francis,	Richmond	2	00	105	St. Mark's,	Drummondville	34	00
68	St. John's,	Ingersoll	22	00	108	Blenheim,	Drumbo	17	50
69	Stirling,	Stirling	12	50	109	Albion,	Sydenham	10	00
70	King, King		56	25	110	Central,	Prescott	10	00
71	Victoria,	Sherbrooke	43	25	111	Morpeth,	Morpeth	7	00
72	Alma,	Galt	33	51	112	Maitland,	Goderich	10	00
74	St. James's,	Maitland	13	00	113	Wilson,	Waterford	31	00
75	St. John's,	Toronto	40	50	114	Hope,	Port Hope	10	00
76	Oxford,	Woodstock	25	00	115	Ivy,	Smithville	14	00
78	King Hiram,	Tilsonburgh	21	65	U.D.	Stanbridge,	Stanbridge	19	28
80	Albion,	Newbury	6	00	"	Warren,	Fingal	22	50
81	St. John's,	Delaware	29	75	"	Doric,	Brantford	20	00
82	St. John's	Paris	62	00	"	Renfrew,	Renfrew	49	00
83	Beaver,	Strathroy	6	00	"	The Belleville,	Belleville	20	00
84	Clinton,	Clinton	9	50	"	Mon. Kilwinning,	Montreal	20	00
85	Rising Sun,	Farmersville	7	75	"	Pythagoras,	Meaford	20	00
86	Wilson,	Toronto	25	38	"	Cornwall,	Cornwall	20	00
87	Markham Union,	Markham	29	00	"	Aylmer,	Aylmer	20	00
88	St. George's,	Owen Sound	52	37	"	Golden Rule		20	00
89	King Hiram,	Lindsay	11	00	"	Franck,	Frankford	20	00
90	Manito,	Collingwood	39	12	"	Pembroke,	Pembroke	20	00
91	Colborne,	Colborne	34	75	"	The Rising Sun,	Aurora	20	00
92	Cataraqui,	Kingston	53	25	"	Yamaska,	Granby	20	00
93	Northern Light,	Kincard'e	21	50	"	St. Lawrence,	Southampton	20	00
94	St. Mark's,	Port Stanley	8	00	"	Sweet Home,	N. Hamburg	20	00
95	Ridout,	Otterville	35	32	"	Lebanon Forest,	Franceston	20	00
96	Corinthian,	Barrie	88	25	"	Shawenegam,	3 Rivers	20	00
97	Sharon,	Sharon	16	50	"	St. Clair,	Milton	20	00
98	True Blue,	Albion	33	50	"	Richardson,	Cashel	20	00
99	Tuscan,	Newmarket	18	50		Constitutions		11	55
100	Valley,	Dundas	39	00					
		Carried up	2510	20			Total	3129	03

Dr. ABSTRACT.—Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary, in Account with Grand Lodge. Cr.

	\$	c.		\$	c.		
1859.							
July.	To balance on hand	1188	60	By paid Gilbert & Kent's account	93	77	
1860.				“ William Ashley	5	00	
June 30.	To cash received from lodges up to 30th June, 1860	3129	03	“ Thomas Graham	5	00	
	To amount overpaid	138	50	“ Cab hire, at Kingston	16	00	
				“	00	50	
				“ Stationery	00	50	
				“ Grand Secretary's expenses	17	00	
				“ Delegate attending G. L., of A. G. L., from Doric lodge	18	40	
				“ Postages at Kingston	1	88	
				“ Boat expenses	3	25	
				“ Appropriation, as per resolution of Grand Lodge	100	00	
				“ Buntin's account, letter book	3	75	
				“ T. N. Best, book case	3	50	
						268	55
				“ Grand Treasurer	1046	53	
“ 19.	Aug. 19, 1860,			“	236	63	
“	Jan. 14.			“	251	75	
“	Mar. 2.			“	570	00	
“	June 30.			“	471	55	
“	July 6.			“	527	10	
“			“	19	25	
“			“	30	00	
“			“	800	00	
						3952	81
“	R. McKay, for coal			“		20	00
“	Sundries, postages, telegrams, express, &c. &c., as per petty cash book			“		214	77
						\$4456	13
						Balance to the credit of Grand Secretary	\$138 50

Dr **The Grand Lodge of F. & A. Masons of Canada, in account with Henry Groff, G. Treasurer.**

Cr.

		\$	c.
1859.	To paid Gillespy & Robertson, account of print'g	300	00
July 19.	" Br. John Morrison for tyling	40	00
" 27.	" John Osborne, for rent	200	00
" 29.	" Gillespy & Robertson, for printing	21	87
Aug. 8.	" Maclear & Co., for lithographing	105	00
" 10.	" G. Mathews for print'g G.L. certificates	216	50
" 16.	" S. D. Fowler for fitting Court House at Kingston, for Grand Lodge meeting ..	31	80
Oct. 19.	" S. B. Campbell, for engrossing docu- ments on vellum	12	00
Nov. 25.	" Thomas Davidson	50	20
1860.			
Jan. 16.	" James E. Ellis	21	25
" 22.	" Gillespy & Robertson acc't of printing	200	00
Feb. 16.	" J. Eastwood & Co.	10	78
Mar. 12.	" J. McElhenny, Treasurer of Sussex lodge, for Mrs. Phillips, (1st & 2nd quarters)	50	00
Sep. 17.	" " (3rd quarter)	25	00
" "	" J. Ellis, on acc't of engraving medal	100	00
" "	" H. Rowsell, acc't against Prov.G.Lodge	4	22
" "	" J. O. Sherman, for a Safe for G. Sec'y.	160	00
" "	" Gillespy & Robertson, acc't of printing	30	00
May 29.	" Br. T. B. Harris, salary to June 30th, as Grand Secretary	800	00
July 7.	" "	2392	35
	To Balance	\$4770	96
	By received from Grand Secretary	1046	53
	" "	236	63
	" W. M. Jamieson, G. Treasurer	391	47
	" A.G.L. of Canada	251	75
	" Grand Secretary,		
	" 6 months' interest, to 31st Dec., on Middlesex Co. Debentures, on \$1600.	48	00
	" from Grand Secretary	570	00
	" from G. M., on account of W. Bell- house, P. G. Treasurer	357	08
	" from Grand Secretary	\$471	55
	" "	19	25
	" "	490	80
	" "	527	10
	" "	830	00
	" " " " to repay G. L., for a Note of W. C. Morrison, erroneously paid by late Grand Treasurer	21	60
	By Balance	\$4770	96
		\$2392	35

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N .

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1860.	
July 7.—By balance, viz: Gore Bank interest receipts, at 4 per cent interest payable at 15 days' notice, namely, No. 507, dated 6th March, 1860, \$1000; No. 508, dated 6th March, 1860, \$300,.....	\$1300 00
Held by Grand Treasurer in his own name	1092 35
Interest on Gore Bank deposit, 123 days	2392 35
County of Middlesex debentures.....	17 51
Six months' interest thereon, to 30th June	1600 00
.....	48 00
In the hands of R.W. Br. Bellhouse, P. G. Treasurer, at the close of his term of office, as stated by Grand Secretary.....	1648 00
Less received thereon, as within credited G. L.	786 68
.....	357 08
	429 60
	\$4487 46

Simcoe, 7th July, 5860.

HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

The foregoing statements were submitted to Grand Lodge, by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, on the first day of this communication, and were, on motion, referred to the Audit and Finance Committee.

R. W. Br. S. D. Fowler, on behalf of the Committee on Audit and Finance, submitted the following

R E P O R T :

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg leave to report, That it is a matter of exceeding regret to your Committee, as it has been to previous Finance and Audit Committees, that the time at their disposal for the onerous duties with which they have been entrusted, is entirely inadequate for anything like a proper examination of the accounts of Grand Lodge; the only thing they have attempted to do, has been to see that the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have so far agreed in their accounts, and that receipts have been taken for the payments made; they are not able even to report, to Grand Lodge, whether in every case the indebtedness has been incurred in direct accordance with the regulations of Grand Lodge; very much of this is owing to the time at which Grand Lodge accounts are made up, viz: the 30th June, immediately before the meeting of Grand Lodge, and much to the want of a systematic audit of the accounts. It must be apparent to the Grand Lodge, that a very few hours attention, which is the very most that can be given to the consideration of a large number of documents and books, giving the details and transactions involving the receipt and expenditure of between three and four thousand dollars, annually, is utterly insufficient for the purpose for which your Committee was appointed. Every credit is due to the Grand Secretary for the manner in which he conducts the large amount of business which has fallen to his share; his books are well and carefully kept, and comprehensive, and showing distinctly the state of each lodge, but the fiscal year, ending as before stated, just before the annual session, throws the whole into confusion, just at the time they should be audited for information of Grand Lodge, the greater part of the

Lodges sending their returns by the representatives who come to attend Grand Lodge, as may be seen from the large amount of money paid during the past few days. As a remedy for this and several other evils which could be easily enumerated, your Committee would most earnestly press upon Grand Lodge the expediency of altering the close of the fiscal year from the 30th June to the 27th December, thus giving proper time to make up the books and accounts, in a clear and more satisfactory manner than is now possible to be done, and also the appointment of a Committee or Board, answering in at least many respects to the Board of General Purposes in the Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Committee in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, whose duties might be from time to time defined by Grand Lodge, as circumstances may direct, but in the mean time, they might take upon them the office of an Audit Committee, and without whose authority, or an express vote of Grand Lodge, no indebtedness should be incurred, nor any monies paid, other than the unavoidable and current expenses of the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's offices.

Your Committee believe the more open and thorough the investigation and supervision of the financial affairs of so large a body as the Grand Lodge of Canada,—increasing so fast as it is, and is likely to do for some time to come,—the better the officers more immediately interested will be pleased, and it is moreover the duty of Grand Lodge to place before subordinate lodges, as full and explicit information of the expenditure of the money they contribute, as is possible to be done.

The following is an abstract of the accounts for the year, as they have been examined in the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary :—

Cash in the hands of Grand Secretary, 14th July, 1859... ..	\$1188 60
Collections from lodges during the year ending 30th June, 1860... ..	3129 03
Cash received on account of Ancient Grand Lodge	391 47
“ Interest on Middlesex Debentures.....	48 00
“ from late Grand Treasurer.....	\$357.08
“ “ “ being a sum erroneously paid	21.60
	378 68
Carried forward.....	\$5135 78

Cash received, brought forward.....	\$5135 78
Cash paid by Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers	\$2378.61
“ “ Secretary, petty disbursements	503.32
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	2881 93
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Leaving cash on hand, 30th June	\$2253 85
Since collected by Grand Secretary, about.....	1750 00
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	\$4003 85
There is owing by the late Grand Treasurer, which is in a way of being soon liquidated.....	\$ 429.60
Debentures, County Middlesex, and interest.....	1648.00
Interest on deposit in Bank	17.51
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	2095 11
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Making, in good assets, a total of.....	\$6098 96
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With respect to the amount due by lodges to the Ancient Grand Lodge, and at the Union handed over to this Grand Lodge, your Committee suggest that the Committee or Board which they have recommended to be appointed by Grand Lodge, should take the matter in hand, and that they should endeavor to recover as much as possible of the same; but the question will naturally arise, that if such lodges are to be expected to pay the amounts so due by them, how far the lodges which separated from the Provincial Grand Lodge, in 1855, with arrears against them, should not be equally expected to liquidate such arrears, your Committee do not venture to make a suggestion on the subject.

Your Committee further recommend the payment of the following accounts :—

Rent.....	\$ 60 00
Gillespy and Robertson.....	363 95
George Brown.....	2 13
Maclear & Co.	\$291 00
City Steam Press	12 50
Copp & Brother	5 95
Eastwood & Co.	32 92
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	\$768 45
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All which is respectfully submitted.

S. D. FOWLER, *Chairman.*

The Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance was, on motion of V.W. Br. Henry Grist, seconded by V.W.Br. George Masson, received and adopted.

It was moved by R.W. Br. Harman, seconded by R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, and adopted,—

That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Chairman of Finance.

The labors of the Grand Lodge having ended, it was closed in *Ample* form, with solemn prayer.

[ATTEST.]


G. Sec'y

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

AT an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held
at the City of Ottawa, on Saturday, the first day of
September, A.L., 5860, A.D., 1860.

PRESENT.

- M. W. Br.T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
on the throne.
- “ “ “ Thomas Gibbs Ridout, as Deputy Grand Master
- “ “ “ George Heuback, as Grand Senior Warden
- “ “ “ Donald M. Grant, as Grand Junior Warden
- “ “ “ Rev. H. J. Borthwick, as Grand Chaplain
- R. “ “ Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary
- V. “ “ P. P. Harris, Grand Senior Deacon
- “ “ “ J. B. Reid, as Grand Junior Deacon
- “ “ “ George Masson, as Grand Sword Bearer
- “ “ “ A. DeGrassi, Grand Director of Ceremonies
- “ “ “ Frederick Marett, as Grand Pursuivant
- “ “ “ Henry Hurd, as Grand Tyler

Officers and Members of the undermentioned Lodges :—

Nos.	Names of Lodges.	Places.
6	Barton	Hamilton
14	True Briton's	Perth
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls
28	Mount Zion	Kemptville

Nos.	Names of Lodges.	Places.
32	Trent	Trenton
40	St. John's	Hamilton
49	Harington	Quebec
55	Mirickville	Mirickville
56	Victoria	Sarnia
58	Doric	Ottawa
59	Corinthian	"
75	St. John's	Toronto
83	Beaver	Strathroy
110	Central	Prescott
114	Hope	Port Hope
116	Cassia	Sylvan
122	Renfrew	Renfrew
U.D.	Aylmer	Aylmer

VISITING.

796	E.R., St. John's	Carleton Place.
835	" Dalhousie	Ottawa
128	N.Y. Ogdensburgh	Ogdensburgh

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form.

The M.W. Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge and Brethren assembled, that he had convened this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge for the avowed purpose of assisting in the ceremonies of laying the Corner Stone of the new Parliament Buildings, about to be erected in this city; that yesterday he, with two other Grand Officers, had called at the temporary residence of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, for the purpose of seeing Br. the Hon. Mr. Rose, the Commissioner of Public Works, and ascertaining the exact position it was intended that the craft should occupy in the ceremony. After much conversation with that gentleman, of an undecided and not very satisfactory nature, it was finally determined that another interview should be had on this morning. At this

interview, the Grand Master was informed that the Government had decided that no masonic ceremony should take place ; and he, therefore, concluded it to be his duty to the craft, to submit, in the first instance, a verbal and, when prepared, a written statement of the facts of the case from the commencement, the nature of which are embodied in the following circular letter, issued subsequently, for the information of the fraternity generally :—

Circular Letter of the M. W. Grand Master, explanatory of matters relating to the laying of the Corner Stone of the Public Buildings at Ottawa, and the proposed co-operation thereat, and subsequent disappointment, of the Craft.

Bearing in mind my verbal explanation to Grand Lodge, on the 1st instant, I deem it to be my duty, while events are fresh in my remembrance, to draw up a statement of the circumstances relating to the laying of the Corner Stone of the Public Buildings at Ottawa, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the 1st September, 1860, and the proposed co-operation thereat, of the Masonic Fraternity, and its subsequent disappointment.

Several Brethren having asked me if the Craft would, in my opinion, appear as a Body during the visit of the Prince, to which question I could give no decided answer, I addressed on the 27th July, the annexed letter, to Brother The Honorable Attorney General MacDonald, asking if it was probable the Freemasons would be invited *to assist in laying the Corner Stone*, at Ottawa, which he verbally acknowledged, and promised to attend to,—and a few days after he informed me that the Governor General approved of the presence of the Craft, but considered it to be his duty to consult the Prince of Wales, before arriving at any final conclusion. The property of this step was obvious, but it entailed, of course, considerable delay, as His Excellency had to meet the Prince at Gaspé, and would not return to Quebec before the 18th August, and then the hurry, confusion and excitement attendant upon so interesting a period, rendered it next to impossible, to see and converse with any member of the Government.

Early in August, I went to the Public Works office, by request

of the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Keefer, who asked what my ideas were in regard to the ceremony at Ottawa, and desired to know what the Freemasons proposed doing. I at once explained *that they could be present only to take some part in the ceremony*, and also that although the Prince would actually lay the Stone, and be the recipient of all the honors, the Grand Master of the Order must, if present, declare the stone to be properly laid in the usual form. Shortly after the Commissioner, Brother the Hon. Mr. Rose, sent again for me, and to him I gave the same explanation, showing him the copy of my letter to Mr. MacDonald, and informing him that it was then in the hands of the Governor General, and as time was passing rapidly by, I ought to have a quick reply, to enable me to issue my Summons to the Grand Lodge and Brethren generally, as well as to afford time for the assembling of visitors from the United States, from whom I had received communications, and I placed before him one from M. W. Brother Robert Morris, of Kentucky, the following being an extract therefrom:—

LAGRANGE, KENTUCKY, July, 31, 1860.

“Should you decide to call your Grand Lodge together, as your worthy predecessor suggested and wait upon H. R. Highness, I submit to you whether it might not add eclat to the occasion were some one representing the American Grand Lodges to be united in the deputation. I would cheerfully attend and could in every sense of the word speak for the Grand Lodges, Grand Masters, and the general Craft of this country. I have not given any hint upon this subject to any one, nor will I until I hear from you. But if you approve of it, and official etiquette justify such a measure, the fact that 4700 Lodges and 196,000 Masons of the United States, tendered their good wishes and welcome to the Prince, would, it appears to me, redound some honor to our common cause.”

Mr. Rose coincided with all I said, and after he had had an interview with the Governor General, repeated what I had formerly learned from Mr. McDonald. After the arrival on the 18th, Mr. Rose informed me that, although the Prince, not being a Freemason, could not lay the stone with Masonic honors, and could not well be initiated for the purpose, without causing jealous feelings, yet he would be glad to be supported by the Craft, and have its members around him. I was to be told this in writing; no letter, however, reached me, but Brother H. Bernard, Attorney General's Department, informed me by authority, that all was arranged, and I could summon the Craft for the first September.

Before however, I could do this, I received a message from Mr. Rose himself, to the effect that the matter was not quite settled, and requesting me to delay my summons until I again heard from him. Three days elapsed, and I had abandoned all idea of the presence of the Fraternity being required at Ottawa, when on the 23rd August, Mr. Receiver General Sherwood told me that *it was to be present*, and on my saying that Mr. Rose had not written, he advised me at once to seek an interview with that Gentleman, who was about to take his departure that very day for Ottawa. I went directly, and found him at dinner, and his carriage in waiting to convey him to the Railway Station, but he very kindly waived inconvenience, and saw me. I again explained how, only, as a Body, the Craft could be present,—pointed out that it was not a light thing to assemble the Brethren,—that unless to take a prominent part they could not appear publicly as Freemasons, and I spoke very plainly. Mr. Rose, pleading hurry with good reason, could not then write, but assured me that he would do everything he could for the Craft *when at Ottawa*, promised me passes for such official brethren as I might name, asked me what their assembling would likely cost the Government, to which I answered—nothing,—and requested me, seeing the state of things, and as a man of the world, judging by what he then said, to assume the responsibility, and summon the Fraternity. I left him under the impression that the Craft was *to take a part* in the approaching ceremony, and telegraphed at once to the Grand Secretary, requesting him to issue the necessary summons,—despatched messages to some other members of the Grand Lodge,—was fortunate at Montreal in meeting with and explaining my position to my predecessor in office, and the Deputy Grand Master, and receiving a promise from each to be present and support me, (although their subsequent pressing engagements prevented this,) and on Friday, the 31st, met by Brethren *at Ottawa*.

On Friday evening, accompanied by Brother Harris, Grand Secretary, Brother De Grassi, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Brother Laver, Architect of the Parliamentary Buildings, I called at the temporary residence of the Prince, and had an interview with Mr. Rose, at which I spoke very freely and openly, and protested against further indecision and delay in letting the Craft know what

its Members were to do the following day ; and not only did I once more explain, by his desire, what the Freemasons expected, viz : a prominent position to be assigned to them, as a Body, on the ground, while the Grand Master and the Principal Officers of the Grand Lodge took their proper places near the stone, but I drew attention to that portion of the ceremonial, which related to the proving and declaring the stone to be properly laid, as being peculiarly the province of the Craft,—which was all it desired to do,—and the performance of which could not prevent all the honors being accorded, as they ought to be, to the Prince. Mr. Rose, at first threw out a suggestion that I should see the Duke of Newcastle, or his Secretary, but it did not strike me that I had anything to do with either, only the Canadian Authorities ; and, finally, I left in Mr. Rose's keeping my manuscript of the ceremony, for which, and the final decision of the Government, I was to call the next morning, and make the last known to the Grand Lodge. I may here mention that it became apparent to my brethren and myself, that some kind of influence, although impossible to define its nature, was adverse to the Fraternity, and we could guess that individuals, not Freemasons, were desirous of taking prominent parts in the ceremony, from which the Craft, if it assisted, might exclude them.

I may likewise mention, that I pointed out, during my several interviews, how members of Government, being Freemasons, could, if they chose to do so, unite their Executive and Masonic functions, by acting as Officers, *pro tem.* : the Legislative Chaplain could officiate as Grand Chaplain, and the Government Superintendent of Works, as Grand Superintendent ; both being members of our Order.

Finally, I saw Mr. Rose on the day of the ceremony, and learned from him that there had been a meeting of the Executive Council that morning, at which it was resolved that the Craft should not take part in the approaching ceremony. I must, however add, that Mr. Rose was very kind, expressed much regret, offered tickets of admittance to the premises, wished the Fraternity to attend in clothing as spectators, verbally invited me to bring some eight or ten of the principal Members to the Déjeuner, and hoped I would soften down the disappointment as much as in my power :

adding, that Brother the Hon. John Ross, President of the Council, was to see me, but I did not meet that gentleman.

Every particular was submitted to Grand Lodge, and its proceedings thereon, embracing the resolution of the Brethren, (while bowing to the decision of the authorities,) not in any way to appear in public as Freemasons—or accept any invitation, and to send an address to England—will be found recorded in the published proceedings. The course they adopted met with my ready concurrence.

I trust that this statement will be satisfactory to the brethren at large, as it was to Grand Lodge, and they will not think that our order suffered in any way, except from disappointment at not being permitted, after their anxiously expressed readiness to support and assist their most gracious young Prince and future Sovereign. I considered it to be my duty to summon them together under the circumstances,—as I have given them in detail—that their honor and loyalty might not be impugned, or the risk be incurred of their being called upon to act, *at the very last moment*, and being *then* found wanting. If I erred, and caused inconvenience, the Brethren must overlook the error, as one of the head and not of the heart, and consider indulgently my desire to act for the best, and anxiety that the Son of our beloved QUEEN should have every possible honor shown to him, and the Corner Stone of the *National Buildings* of this magnificent country, after being laid by him, declared, according to Ancient Custom, to be—“*Well formed, true and trusty*” by the “*Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.*”

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,
Grand Master, &c.

QUEBEC, September, 1860.

[*Copy of a Letter referred to at the commencement of this Circular.*]

Brother, The Hon. J. A. MacDonald, &c., &c.

QUEBEC, 27th July, 1860.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Is it probable that the Masonic Body will be invited to *take part in the ceremony* of laying the Foundation Stone of the Public Buildings at Ottawa? You are aware that it is not in accordance with the principles of our Order for Freemasons to obtrude themselves on the public, neither is it customary for them to be mixed up with other Bodies, Firemen &c.

I am induced to make this inquiry through you, as a Member of our Order, as well as a very high Public Official, so as to insure proper notice being sent to the Brotherhood, who are, as they ever have been, truly and devotedly loyal, and would, I know, esteem it a most proud honor to support the son of their much loved Queen and Sovereign Lady, in the above or any other public demonstration. H. R. H. The Prince of Wales has special claims to the respect and affection of the Fraternity, as the grandson and grand-nephew of two of the most distinguished English Brethren and Grand Masters, their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Kent and Sussex.

As the present Head of the Canadian Freemasons, I take the liberty of thus addressing you, as well from my duty to the Craft, as my own personal feelings of loyalty and respectful regard for my Prince.

I beg to remain,

Yours very fraternally.

(Signed,)

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,
G.M., G.I. of Canada.

It was moved by R.W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, seconded by W. Br. Murray, and unanimously adopted,—

That the explanation given to this Grand Lodge by the M.W. Grand Master, is most satisfactory.

It was moved by Br. Dr. Brouse, seconded by W. Br. George Heuback, and unanimously adopted,—

That the offer of the Government, through the Commissioner of Public Works, for the Masonic fraternity to occupy the seats prepared and set apart for their use, be not accepted, inasmuch as it has been decided that they can take no part in the proceedings, and it would be inconsistent, therefore, and contrary to the principles of the Order, for them to appear in public in their character of Freemasons.

It was moved by R.W. Thos. B. Harris, and seconded by V.W. Br. George Masson, and resolved,

That the M.W. Grand Master be requested to appoint a Committee, to draft an Address to *Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen*, embodying the reasons why the Craft,

after having assembled in large numbers, could take no part in the proceedings; and also expressing their devoted loyalty and attachment to Her person and Throne.

It was, on motion, resolved,

That the Union Ribbon Hanger, prepared for the "Union Medals," be recognised and adopted as an Honorary Ribbon Hanger, and may be worn by any member of the Craft.

The Grand Lodge was closed in *Ample* form.

[ATTEST.]



Thos. P. Harris
 G. Sec'y.

List of Grand Officers for 1860-1.

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- M. W. Br. Thomas Douglas Harington, Grand Master.
 R. W. Br. William B. Simpson, Deputy Grand Master.
 “ “ F. Wolferstan Thomas, D.D.G.M., London District.
 “ “ George W. Whitehead, D.D.G.M., Wilson “
 “ “ Æmilus Irving, D.D.G.M., Huron “
 “ “ Charles Magill, D.D.G.M., Hamilton “
 “ “ Saml. B. Harman, D.D.G.M., Toronto “
 “ “ Joseph B. Hall, D.D.G.M., Ontario “
 “ “ A. A. Campbell, D.D.G.M., Prince Edward “
 “ “ George F. LaSerre, D.D.G.M., Central “
 “ “ A. A. Stevenson, D.D.G.M., Montreal “
 “ “ Mich. Mitchell, D.D.G.M., East'n Townships “
 “ “ Richard Pope, D.D.G.M., Quebec “
 “ “ Denis Gale, Grand Senior Warden.
 “ “ T. D. Warren, Grand Junior Warden.
 “ “ Rev. James A. Preston, Grand Chaplain.
 “ “ Henry Groff, Grand Treasurer.
 “ “ Edwin Heathfield, Grand Registrar.
 “ “ Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary.
 V. W. “ P. P. Harris, Grand Senior Deacon.
 “ “ James Seymour, Grand Junior Deacon.
 “ “ William G. Storm, Grand Superintendent of Works.
 “ “ Alfred DeGrassi, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 “ “ Thomas McCracken, Assistant Grand Secretary.
 “ “ A. W. Ogilvie, Grand Sword Bearer.
 “ “ Thos. Mackie, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 “ “ Alfred Boulton, Grand Organist.
 “ “ James M. Rogerson, Assistant Grand Organist.
 “ “ Stanislaus Blondheim, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ “ John Morrison, Grand Tyler.
 V. W. Brs. C. W. Matheson, John Davidson, Arthur Murray,
 Isaac Dennis, Benjamin C. Davy, Thomas Camm,
 E. Moss, William C. Tait—Grand Stewards.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES.

- M. W. Br. W. C. Stephens, of the U. G. L. of England, . . . at the G. L. of Canada.
 R. W. Br. Kivas Tully, G. L. Ireland, “ “
 M. W. Br. A. Bernard, “ Vermont, “ “
 R. W. Br. Thomas B. Harris, “ Kansas, “ “
 “ “ Cyril Pearl, “ Maine, “ “
 “ “ Earl Ripon, “ Canada, at the united G. L. of England.
 “ “ Michael Furnell, “ “ at the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

. The Sixth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be held at London, C. W., on the second Wednesday in July, A. L., 5861.

Returns of Subordinate Lodges, rendered 24th June, 1860.

** Lodges marked thus (*) hold their installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist ; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SECRETARY.
—	*Antiquity Lodge...	Montreal...	First Thursday	W. Br. Edwin Morris...	Br. William Withroy.
1	Provost	Dunham.....	Tuesday preceding full moon	" David Brown...	" J. B. Seymour.
2	Niagara	Niagara.....	First Tuesday	" R. M. Willson...	" George Flinn.
3	*St. John's	Kingston.....	First Thursday	" J. A. Henderson	" E. H. Parker.
4	*Dorchester	St. John's...	First Thursday	" G. T. Morchouse.	" W. F. McDonald.
5	*Sussex	Brockville...	Wednesday on or preceding f. m.	" Thomas Camm...	" Samuel Ross.
6	*Barton	Hamilton.....	Second Wednesday	" William Irwin...	" John Eastwood.
7	*Union.....	Grimsby	Thursday on or before full moon	" William Fitch...	" F. J. Laundry.
8	*Nelson	Henryville...	Third Tuesday	" Geo. W. Barker.	" S. S. C. Parker.
9	*Union.....	Napance	First Friday before full moon	" A. S. Bristol...	" J. W. Neilson.
10	*Norfolk	Simcoe	Thursday on or before full moon	" Henry Groff...	" Amos A. Merrill.
11	*Moira	Belleville...	Wednesday on or preceding full m.	" L. H. Henderson	" A. R. Elmer.
12	*Golden Rule	Stanstead...	Tuesday on or before full moon	" W. B. Colby...	" H. J. Martin.
13	*Western Light.....	Bolton	Wednesday on or before full moon	" James Wilson...	" Thos. C. Starrett
14	*True Briton's	Perth	Wednesday on or before full moon	" John Murray...	" J. A. McLaren.
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines	Tuesday on or before full moon	" Theoph. Mack...	" James Brown.
16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto	Second Tuesday	" Wm. R. Harris.	" James Bain.
17	St. John's	Cobourg	Monday on or before full moon	" F. W. Barron...	" J. T. M. Burnside.
18	*Prince Edward's...	Pictou	Thursday preceding full moon	" David Barker...	" John Twigg.
19	*St. George's.....	Montreal	Third Tuesday	" A. A. Stevenson.	" J. C. Thompson.
20	*St. John's	London	Second Tuesday	" Edw. Heathfield.	" J. D. Shearman.
21	*Zetland	Montreal	Second Thursday	" Edward Himes.	" K. F. Lockhart.
22	King Solomon's...	Toronto	Second Thursday	" Oliver Gable...	" G. H. Graham.
23	*Richmond	Richmond Hill	Thursday preceding full moon	" D. Bridgford...	" Jno. Harrington.
24	*St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	Friday on or before full moon	" Edwd. Chambers	" Stewart Moag.
25	*Ionic	Toronto	First Tuesday	" Wm. C. Chawett	" Nicol Kingsmill.
26	*Ontario	Port Hope ..	Thursday on or before full moon	" Joseph B. Hall.	" J. McCarty.

27	*Strict Observance.	Hamilton	Third Tuesday	"	"	Jas. M. Rogerson	"	J. S. Henderson.
28	*Mount Zion.	Kempville	Wednesday preceding full moon	"	"	Thomas Waugh	"	Richey Waugh.
29	*United.	Brighton	Thursday before full moon	"	"	John Eye	"	Angustus Castle.
30	*Composite	Whitby	First Thursday	"	"	Yeoman Gibson	"	J. H. Greenwood.
31	*Jerusalem	Bowmanville	Wednesday before full moon	"	"	John McLeod	"	P. W. Consaul.
32	*Amity	Dunnville	Wednesday after full moon	"	"	A. Brownson	"	Jno. T. Johnson.
33	*Wellington	Guelph	First Wednesday	"	"	Wm. Hayward.	"	W. H. Mills.
34	*Thistle	Amherstburg.	Tuesday before full moon	"	"	George Gott	"	T. M. Kollthaller
35	St. John's	Cayuga	Tuesday before full moon	"	"	William Musseau	"	C. Beard.
36	Welland.	Fonthill	Wednesday before full moon	"	"	Isaac P. Willson.	"	Jos. W. Stone.
37	*King Hiram.	Ingersoll	First and Third Tuesday	"	"	Geo. W. Allen	"	Edwin Wilkins.
38	*Trent	Trenton	Tuesday before full moon	"	"	R. Gordon	"	William Galua.
39	*Mount Zion	Brooklin	Tuesday on or preceding full moon	"	"	George B. Mott.	"	James Muir.
40	*St. John's	Hamilton	Third Thursday	"	"	Thos. McCraken.	"	J. W. Murton.
41	St. George's	Kingsville	Thursday on or before full moon	"	"	A. C. Black	"	Jasper Golden.
42	*St. George's	London	First Wednesday	"	"	Thomas Mackie.	"	James Weir.
43	*King Solomon's	Woodstock	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	"	George Forbes.	"	C. L. Phelps.
44	*St. Thomas	St. Thomas	First Thursday	"	"	Henry Caldwell.	"	Oliver J. Boggs.
45	Brant	Brantford	Tuesday before full moon	"	"	D. Curtis, jr	"	Chas. B. Nimmo.
46	Wellington	Chatham	Monday on or before full moon	"	"	C. J. S. Askin	"	Wm. H. Nelson.
47	*Great Western	Windsor	Thursday on or before full moon	"	"	A. K. Dewson	"	Thomas Boddy.
48	*Madoc	Madoc	Tuesday before full moon	"	"	Thos. S. Agar	"	Charles Gream.
49	*Harington	Quebec	The last Thursday	"	"	Richard Pope	"	George Morgan.
50	*Consecon	Consecon	Friday preceding full moon	"	"	H. G. Squier	"	Wm. H. Whittier
51	Corinthian	Grahamville	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	"	Joseph Figg	"	Henry Pearen.
52	Wellington	Dunnville	Monday preceding full moon	"	"	W. S. Brown	"	J. B. Brown.
53	*Shefford	Waterloo	First Monday	"	"	H. L. Robinson.	"	George H. Allen.
54	*Vaughan	Maple	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	"	Joseph Ingrau.	"	James Dick.
55	*Mirckville	Mirckville.	Tuesday after full moon	"	"	C. Leggo, jr	"	Robert Gwynne.
56	Victoria	Port Saruia	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	"	George Masson.	"	Hugh Black.
57	*Harmony	Binbrook	Monday after full moon	"	"	William Brown.	"	John Brown, jr.
58	*Doric	Ottawa	First Wednesday	"	"	W. J. B. McL. Moore	"	Thomas Beamer.
59	*Corinthian.	Ottawa	Third Thursday	"	"	Fred. Marcit	"	Geo. B. Phillip.

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60	*Hoyle	La Colle	Second Tuesday	W.Br. T. S. Haynes...	" T. Kemp.
61	Aecia	Hamilton	Third Friday	" F. J. Rastrick...	" Thos. B. Harris.
62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	Wednesday on or before full m.	" J. B. Holden...	" Robert G. Polo.
63	Simcoe	Simcoe	Tuesday on or before full moon	" C. W. Matheson.	" Peter Carnochan.
64	*Kilwinning	London	Third Thursday	" John Harrison.	" W. G. Chambers.
65	*Rohobam	Toronto	First Thursday	" D. Thurson	" L. S. Hodges.
66	*Durham	Newcastle	Tuesday on or before full moon	" Samuel Wilnot.	" Jno. S. Graham.
67	*St. Francis	Rietunand	First Thursday	" Wm. C. Tait...	" Harry Hearn.
68	*St. John's	Ingersoll	First Thursday	" Jno. Galliford..	" Henry Brown.
69	Starling	Stirling	Thursday after full moon	" W. C. Brownson	" James Tinline.
70	*King	King	Friday on or before full moon	" Joseph Smelser.	" A. de Beaumont.
71	*Victoria	Sherbrooke	Second Monday	" G. H. Borlase...	" Thos. S. Fisher.
72	*Alma	Galt	Third Tuesday	" A. T. H. Ball..	" W. G. Tomkins.
73	St. James's	St. Mary's	First Monday	" L. A. McIntyre.	" Robt. F. Harris.
74	*St. James's	Maitland	Monday on or after full moon	" G. C. Longley ..	" J. D. Thomson.
75	St. John's	Toronto	First Monday	" Joseph Jackes...	" Wm. Dorgan.
76	*Oxford	Woodstock	Second Wednesday	" Jordan Charles..	" S. C. Wood.
77	*Faithful Brethren	Oakwood	Wednesday before full moon	" Andrew Smith.	" E. J. Croly.
78	*King Hiram	Tilsonburg	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Peter Taylor...	" Donald McNiven
79	Simcoe	Bradford	Thursday after full moon	" Saml. D. Mishaw	" Andrew Wilson.
80	Albion	Newbury	First Tuesday	" C. J. Campbell.	" J. A. Lynam.
81	*St. John's	Delaware	First Tuesday	" John Dutton...	" D. R. Dickson.
82	Beaver	Paris	First Tuesday	" Wesley Howell.	" George B. Koyl.
83	*Clinton	Surathroy	First Friday after full moon	" Joseph H. Blain	" George Brown.
84	Rising Sun	Clinton	Wednesday on or after full moon	" Russel H. Read	" Hugh Mackay.
85	*Wilson	Farmersville	Thursday nearest full moon	" A. A. Chamberlin	" P. C. Learned.
86	Markham Union	Toronto	Third Tuesday	" L. L. Levey	" W. H. Higgins.
87		Markham	Tuesday on or before full moon	" Henry R. Corson	

88	St. George's	Owen Sound.	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	"	Hy. McPherson.	"	Saml. J. Lane.
89	*King Hiram.	Lindsay	First Tuesday	"	"	H. McL. Fraser.	"	John C. Rodden.
90	*Manito.	Collingwood	Thursday on or after full moon	"	"	Thos. C. Prosser	"	T. C. Musgrove.
91	*Colborne	Colborne	Wednesday after full moon	"	"	James S. Strong	"	Addison Vars.
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	Second Wednesday	"	"	John V. Noel	"	W. Sommerville.
93	*Northern Light.	Kincardine	Thursday on or after full moon	"	"	C. R. Barker	"	Alex. Shaw.
94	*St. Mark's	Port Stanley	Second Tuesday	"	"	S. Shepard	"	H. M. Yerington
95	Ridout	Otterville	Thursday on or before full moon	"	"	John Wood	"	Robert Mann.
96	*Corinthian	Barrie	Friday preceding full moon	"	"	J. W. Hornsby	"	G. H. S. McVity.
97	*Sharon	Sharon	First Tuesday	"	"	Wm. B. Terry.	"	Wm. Simpson.
98	True Blue	Albion	Friday on or before full moon	"	"	William Lyness	"	John Gilmour.
99	*Tuscan	Newmarket	Second Wednesday	"	"	John King	"	Thomas Pync.
100	Valley	Dundas	First Wednesday	"	"	C. J. Vizard	"	J. F. Quackenbush
101	*Corinthian	Peterboro'	Wednesday on or preceding full m.	"	"	John Dutton	"	W. S. Conger.
102	Mount Brydges	Mt. Brydges	Third Monday	"	"	James Seymour	"	Edward Handy.
103	*Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	Thursday on or after full moon	"	"	George L. Beard	"	Wm. Andrews.
104	St. John's	Norwichville	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	"	Thomas Evans.	"	John B. Palmer.
105	St. Mark's	Drummondvill	First Tuesday	"	"	Edwd. Hopkins.	"	Wm. W. Wilson.
106	*Burford	Burford	Wednesday before full moon	"	"	D. B. Burch	"	W. M. Whitehead
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	Second Wednesday	"	"	Alex. Murray	"	F. W. H. C. Jarvis.
108	Blenheim	Drumbo	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	"	Joseph Watson	"	Jas. McKeuzie.
109	Albion	Sydenham	Tuesday after full moon	"	"	James Keeler	"	Ed. Uphorn.
110	*Central	Prescott	Tuesday before full moon	"	"	John Duek	"	W. S. Northrup.
111	*Morpeth	Morpeth	Second Thursday	"	"	William Story	"	I. B. Cornwall.
112	*Maitland	Goderich	Second Tuesday	"	"	John Boyd	"	J. S. Sinclair.
113	*Wilson	Waterford	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	"	Thomas Ridout.	"	John W. Green.
114	*Hope	Port Hope	First Thursday	"	"	George Brant	"	Frauk E. Gould.
115	*Ivy	Smithville	Tuesday after full moon	"	"	John A. Scoon.	"	C. T. Harris.
116	*Cassia	Sylvan	Monday on or before full moon	"	"	H. O. Meigs	"	Robert Burns.
117	*Stanbridge	Stanbridge	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	"	Thos. Swinerton	"	Hobart Butler.
118	*Union	Lloydtown	Monday on or before full moon	"	"	B. C. Davy	"	Andrew Sloan.
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	Monday before full moon	"	"	E. W. Gusth	"	J. A. Hendrson.
120	Warren	Fingal	Second Thursday	"	"			

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121	Doric	Brantford.....	Friday on or preceding full m of every month.	W.Br. M.W. Pruyt ...	" R. Henwood.
122	Renfrew	Renfrew	Tuesday nearest full moon	" A. H. Dowswell	" A. Wheeler.
123	The Belleville	Belleville	First Thursday	" A. B. Elmer. ...	" D. Moodie.
124	Montreal Kilwinning	Montreal	Second Monday	" John Boyd. ...	
125	Cornwall	Cornwall	Monday after full moon	" Joseph McLellan	" C. Pool.
126	Golden Rule.....	Campbellsford	Tuesday after full moon	" Isaac M. Lindsay	
127	Frank	Frankford ..	Monday before full moon	" John B. Young.	
128	Pembroke	Pembroke	Tuesday before full moon	" Jas. P. Moffat. .	
129	The Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	Friday on or after full moon	" Robert Lyon. ...	" John W. Shauls.
130	Yanaska	Granby	Wednesday before full moon	" Jacob M. Clark.	" Wm. L. West.
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton. .	Tuesday on or after full moon	" F.H.L. Staunton.	
132	Sweet Home.....	N. Hamburg	Thursday after full moon	" John P. Smith. .	" Jno. Allehin.
133	Lebanon Forest.....	Francesion ..	Monday on or before full moon	" Wm. Diamond.	" G W. Lawlor.
134	Shawueugam.....	Three Rivers. .	Second Wednesday	" A. G. Fenwick.	" Wm. Panton.
135	St. Clair.....	Milton	Second Thursday	" James Regan. ...	" John Bowman.
136	Richardson	Cashel	Wednesday on or before full moon	" James Bowman	
U.D.	Pythagoras	Mesford	Friday on or after full moon	" W.K. Henderson	" John DeLisle.
U.D.	Aylmer	Aylmer	Second Thursday	" Levi R. Church.	
U.D.	Lebanon	Oshawa		" J. B. Fairbanks.	

Should any error appear in the above List, Secretaries of Lodges are requested to communicate the same to the G. Sec'y. without delay.

EXPULSIONS BY GRAND LODGE.

S. W. BARNES—re-confirmed; for unmaasonic conduct.

MOSES R. CUMMINGS, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto—for unmaasonic conduct.

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