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In the Province of Ontario

PROCEEDINGS

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held at the City of

NIAGARA FALLS

JULY 15th AND 16th, A. D. 1914, A. L. 5914



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PROCEEDINGS.

At the Fifty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of Niagara Falls, Ontario, commencing Wednesday, July 15th, A. D. 1914, A. L. 5914.

There were present:

THE GRAND MASTER

M.W. Bro. Wm. David McPherson, on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W. Bro. Sidney A. Luke.

R.W.Bro. Herbert W. Wilson	Grand Senior Warden.
R.W.Bro.John Boyd	
R.W.Bro. Rev. Donald Stewart	
M.W.Bro. E. T. Malone	Grand Treasurer.
R.W.Bro. R. L. Gunn	Grand Secretary.
R.W.Bro. J. B. Nixon	
W.Bro. J. E. Keays	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W.Bro. G. G. Steele	
V.W.Bro. Thomas Cousins	
V.W.Bro. Alfred Curran	
W.Bro. J. Billinghurst	
V.W.Bro. John Pearson	
W.Bro. A. V. Braund	
W.Bro. C. A. Brown	
V.W.Bro. John P. Wright)
V.W.Bro. John Ritchie	
V.W.Bro. Rich. T. Tindale	
V.W.Bro. Manuel S. Keller	Grand Stewards.
V.W.Bro. Joshua A. Swan	
V.W.Bro. Frank Scott	
V.W.Bro. Robt. Nugent	
V.W.Bro. J. J. Calder	
W.Bro. John Tanner	
	as Grand Tyler.

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	Thomas Paul		No.	2
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R.W.Bro.	Rev. Jas. Abery	South Huron District	No.	4
R.W.Bro.	Geo. S. Fowler	North Huron District	No.	5
R.W.Bro.	Henry McQueen	Wilson District	No.	6
R.W.Bro.	Wm. H. Day	Wellington District	No.	7
	Chas. S. Kilgour		No.	8
R.W.Bro.	Robt. J. Sprott	Georgian District	No.	9
R.W.Bro.	Christopher Taylor	Georgian District	No.	9a
R.W.Bro.	Geo. H. Brown	Niagara District	No.	10
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R.W.Bro.	Gordon R. Putnam	St. Lawrence District	No.	15
R.W.Bro.	Milo H. Steele	Ottawa District	No.	16
R.W.Bro.	John T. Hollinshead	Algoma District	No.	17
R.W.Bro.	Wm. J. Thompson	Nipissing District	No.	18
R.W.Bro.	Donald M. Grant	Muskoka District	No.	19
R.W.Bro.	Bernard W. Squire	Otonabee District	No.	20 [·]
	Geo. A. Bradley		No.	21

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M.W.Bro. J. Ross Robertson	England
M.W.Bro. Benjamin Allen	Ireland
R.W.Bro. R. L. Gunn	British Columbia
R.W.Bro. D. D. Campbell	New South Wales
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R.W.Bro. Alfred F. Webster	Tasmania
M.W.Bro. Wm. D. McPherson	Victoria
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R.W.Bro. Isaac Huber	Connecticut
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R.W.Bro. W. C. Wilkinson	Washington
M.W.Bro. J. E. Harding	West Virginia
R.W.Bro. W. J. Drope	Peru
R.W.Bro. Geo. C. Holden	Puerto Rico

The above mamed Grand Representatives were received and welcomed by the Grand Master and were accorded Grand Honours.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters—M. W. Bros. Hon. J. K. Kerr, Henry Robertson, J. Ross Robertson, W. R. White, E. T. Malone, J. E. Harding, Benjamin Allen, J. H. Burritt, A. T. Freed, and Aubrey White.

Past District Deputy Grand Masters—R. W. Bros. W. J. Drope,
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James Ross, F. Guest, J. G. Liddell, J. B. Way, J. B. Nixon, John
Jardine, J. A. Macfadden, C. W. Haentschel, Alex. Cowan, D. H.
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D. Campbell, J. H. Cowan, W. M. Ross, R. W. Brennen, B. S.
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Cowan, B. W. Zieman, W. F. Bilger, R. J. Gracey, F. A. Geiger, J.
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G. T. Martin, Jas. G. Shaw, R. G. W. Connolly, W. G. Reid, Geo.
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Lee, Wm. Milner, G. A. M. Davison, M. J. McPherson, C. G. Hulet,
W. D. Garner, John Ridley, A. Lockhart, H. H. Post, B. E. Thompson, J. H. Crowe, F. J. Skinner, J. A. V. Preston, D. D. Campbell,
J. C. Bartle, Alfred Taylor, W. M. Ross, J. E. Francis, J. M. A.
Waugh, F. E. O'Flynn, J. C. Spencer, Alex. Hess, Jas. U. Ireland,
Jas. Haywood, Wm. Jacques, Thos. Rafter, R. J. Gracey, Isaac
Huber, A. B. Hurrell, G. H. Pettit, E. T. Essery, J. W. Wallace, C.
V. Emory, W. A. Kelly, J. M. Smith, Wm. Williamson, W. R. Cavell,
W. F. Bald, R. J. Gardiner, J. B. Wallace.

Past Grand Senior Wardens—R. W. Bros. Thomas Rowe, S. F. Passmore, H. A. Taylor, W. N. Shaver.

Past Grand Junior Wardens—R. W. Bros. P. A. Somerville, J. C. Bartram, Fred. Cook.

Past Grand Registrars-R. W. Bros. R. J. Craig, D. Rutherford.

Past Grand Chaplains-R. W. Bro. Rev. F. E. Howitt.

Past Grand Senior Deacons—V. W. Bros. R. F. Richardson, John Forgie, Wm. Anderson, Andrew Park.

Past Grand Junior Deacons—V. W. Bros. H. J. Charles, J. C. Kearns Henry Smith, D. Robertson.

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Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies—V. W. Bros. John Pearson, L. F. Riggs, J. H. Landreth, Thos. McQuillan.

Past Grand Organist-V. W. Bros. F. P. Warne, R. Walker.

Past Asst. Grand Organists-V. W. Bro. R. W. Hull.

Past Grand Secretary-V. W. Bros. A. Macoomb, J. H. Macabe.

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies—V. W. Bros. R. S. Thompson, H. Hyndman, A. G. Horwood.

Past Grand Supt. of Works—V. W. Bros. J. B. Hay, Frank Saunders, E. Barber.

Past Grand Sword Bearers—V. W. Bros. W. W. Greenhill, Robt. Pye, J. A. Cowan.

Past Grand Standard Bearers—V. W. Bros. John Parsell, A. Robertson, A. R. Walker.

Past Grand Stewards—V. W. Bros. Thos. Pedler, Jos. Ellenton, M. Eacrett, J. F. Reid, James Old, Robt. Nugent, E. W. Moles, R. Sloggett, Geo. Armstrong, R. Ferguson, M. S. Kellor, John Lampman, N. Shafley, Joshua Swan, Robt. McConkey.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY THE MAYOR OF NIAGARA FALLS.

His Worship the Mayor of the City of Niagara Falls, Mr. O. E. Dores, was introduced by V. W. Bro. John Pearson, Asst. G. D. of C., and extended to the M. W. the Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge on behalf of the City Council, a most cordial welcome to the city and expressed the hope that the brethren would thoroughly enjoy their stay in this historic place, and that the business of Grand Lodge would be satisfactorily transacted and the celebration of the conclusion of one hundred years of peace with our near neighbors would prove to be an unbounded success.

The M. W. the Grand Master and M. W. Bro. W. R. White made most suitable replies to the Mayor, alluding to the beautiful scenery of the city and surrounding country and the richness in historical interest of the neighbourhood; they reciprocated the kindly feelings expressed by His Worship and hoped that the public exercises in connection with the Peace Celebration would be largely attended and much enjoyed by the citizens.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION NIAGARA FALLS, 1914

GRAND LODGE OPENED.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 10.20 o'clock, A.M., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bro Wm. J. Thompson, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of representatives and proxies from lodges, reported that there were 438 warranted lodges on the register; 248 are represented by their regular officers, 81 by proxy, and 22 by Past Masters, a total of 351 lodges represented. There were 1,070 names registered, having a total of 1,718 votes. The following are the names of those present:

No. 2, Niagara, Niagara. W. Bro. J. B. Lockwood, W. M.; Bro. T. W. Bishop, J. W.; W. Bro. R. W. Allen, P. M.

No. 3, Ancient St. John's, Kingston. W. Bro. J. H. Seels, W.M. Bro. C. S. Kirkpatrick, J. W.; W. Bro. P. H. Burke, P. M.

No. 5, Sussex, Brockville. W. Bro. Thomas N. Guest, W. M.

No. 6, Barton, Hamilton. W. Bro. R. B. Griffith, P. M. and Proxy; M. W. Bros. A. T. Freed, Benjamin Allen, W. Bros. Geo. Moore, J. G. Gauld, Thos. Booker, S. M. Kenney: and L. E. Wedd, P. Ms.

No. 7, Union, Grimsby. W. Bro. J. H. Alway, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, V. W. John Pearson, W. Bro. Wm. Forbes, G. B. McConachie, W. F. Clark and C. T. Farrell, P.Ms.

No. 10, Norfolk, Simcoe. W. Bro. J. W. Church, W. M.; W. Bros. L. F. Aiken and A. H. Paulin, P. Ms.

Nol 11, Moira, Belleville. W. Bro. James M. Wilson, W. M.

No. 14, True Britons, Perth. W. Bro. Frank Hutchinson, W.M. Bro. S. J. Kerr, J. W.

No. 15, St. George's, St. Catharines. Bro. Rich. Wilson, S. W.; W. Bros. A. T. Riddell, F. C. McCordick, and H. O'Laughlin, P.Ms.

No. 16, St. Andrew's, Toronto. W. Bro. H. C. Montgomery, W. M.; R. W. Bros. W. C. Wilkinson, J. S. Lovell, J. W. Watson, W. F. Bilger, Hy. T. Smith, V. W. Bros. John Pearson, A. Macoomb, W. Bros. L. J. Clark, W. T. Giles and E. Y. Spurr. P. Ms.

No. 17, St. John's, Coburg. W. Bro. A. E. Hopper, W. M. R. W. Bro. R. J. Craig, P. M.

No. 18, Prince Edward, Picton. W. Bro. F. Elmer Leavitt, P. M. and Proxy. W. Bro. F. L. Barber, P. M.

No. 20, St. John's, London. W. Bro. W. R. Bishop, W. M. R. W. Bro. Thos Rowe, R. W. Bro. J. A. Tancock, W. Bro. H. McIntosh, P. Ms.

No. 21a, St. John's, Vankleek Hill. W. Bro. James Westgate, W. M. W. Bro. E. H. Elvidge, P. M.

No. 22, King Solomon's, Toronto. W. Bro. W. Bansley, W. M. M. W. Bros. J. Ross Robertson and Aubrey White, R. W. Bro. G. W. Liddle, V. W. Bro. Raymond Walker, V. W. Bro. Wm. Anderson, W. Bros. Robt. Home, John McKerracher, John Tanner, J McL. Hartley, Geo. Carruthers and Wm. Stinson, P. Ms.

No. 23. Richmond, Richmond Hill. W. Bro. Geo. Cowrie, W. M. R. W. Bro. H. A. Nichols, W. Bros. W. H. Legge, T. A. Lamon, and E. M. Byrne, P. Ms.

No. 24, St. Francis, Smith's Falls. W. Bro. Thos Lloyd, W.M. R. W. Bro. G. T. Martin, P.M.

No. 25, Ionic, Toronto. R. W. Bros. James G. Shaw, P. M. and Proxy; F. W. Harcourt, P. M.

No. 27, Strict Observance, Hamilton. W. Bro. H. T. Malcolmson, W. M. R. W. Bros. R. L. Gunn, G. R. Lloyd, W. Bros. Wm. C. Morton, F. W. Klotz, Frank Hills, J. A. Yorrick, W. Parke, L. F. Stephens, W. J. Elliott, C. A. Herald, and Robt. Morton, P.Ms.

No. 28, Mount Zion, Kemptville. W. Bro. H. Bustard, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 30, Composite, Whitby. W. Bro. W. M. Vanvalkenburg, W. M. Bro. A. T. Lawler, S W.; W. Bros. W. J. H. Richardson and A. M. Ross, P. Ms.

No. 31, Jerusalem, Bowmanville. W. Bro. F. J. Mitchell, W.M.

No. 32, Amity, Dunnville. W. Bro. W. L. Congdon, W. M. Bro. J. E. Yocom, S. W.; R. W. Bro. R. G. W. Connolly, W. Bros. J. B. Sheehan and J. C. Eccles, P. Ms.

No. 33, Maitland, Goderich. V. W. Bro. A. Robertson, W. Bros. H. C. Dunlop, A. S. Chrystal and G. L. Parson, P.Ms.

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No. 109, Albion, Harrowsnmith. W. Bro. R. B. Gilbert, W. M.

No. 110, Central, Prescott. W. Bro. A. R. Robinson, W. M.

No. 113, Wilson, Waterford. W. Bro. F. G. Wilcox, W. M. Bro. C. J. Cunningham, J. W.; R. W. Bro. James Ross and W. Bro. D. A. Hill, P. Ms.

No. 114, Hope, Port Hope. W. Bro. G. T. Hancock, W. M.

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No. 390, Florence, Florence. R. W. Bro. W. A. Kelly, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 391, Howard, Ridgetown. W. Bro. J. W. Marshall, P. M.

No. 392, Huron, Camlachie. W. Bro. W. L. Trusler, W. M.

No. 393, Forest, Forest. W. Bro. Wm. Benedict, P. M.

No. 394, King Solomon, Thamesford. W. Bro. F. Patterson, P. M.

No. 396, Cedar, Wiarton. W. Bro. Chas. Kesselring, W. M.

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No. 399, Moffat, Harrietsville. W. Bro. Samuel Weir, W. M.

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No. 403, Windsor, Windsor. W. Bro. Wm. Burnie, W. M. Bro. W. H. Snelgrove, S. W.; Bro. F. H. Daniel, J. W.

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No. 408, Murray, Beaverton. W. Bro. D. W. Walls, P. M. and Proxy; R. W. Bro Wm. Williamson, P. M.

No. 409, Golden Rule, Gravenhurst. Bro. E. Clipsham, S. W.; W. Bro. J. C. Davidson, P. M.

No. 410, Zeta, Toronto. Bro. E. A. Faulds, S. W.; Bro. Jos. Pease, J. W.; R. W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, V. W. Bro. E. Barber, W. Bros. D. Grigg, Jas. G. Cane, F. W. Matthews and Wm. Kerr, P.Ms.

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No. 412, Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie. W. Bro. R. W. Rudlen, W. M. R. W. Bro. J. B. Way, P. M.

No. 413, Naphtali, Tilbury. W. Bro. A. Stenason, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 415, Fort William, Fort William. W. Bro. A. J. Campbell, W. M. W. Bro. E. E. Wood, P. M.

No. 416, Lyn, Lyn. W. Bro. M. Brown, P. M. and Proxy.

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No. 429, Port Elgin, Port Elgin. W. Bro. S. H. Langford, W.M. R. W. Bro. W. F. Bald, W. Bros. J. W. Dougherty and Wm. George, P. Ms.

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No. 432, Hanover, Hanover. W. Bro. H. H. Engel, P. M. and Proxy.

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No. 437, Tuscan, Sarnia. W. Bro. Wm . A. Sauerwein, W. M. R. W. Bro. John Boyd, P. M.

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No. 439, Alexandria, Alexandria. W. Bro. F. V. Massey, W.M. R. W. Bros. Rev. D. Stewart and Geo. Bradley, P. Ms.

No. 440, Arcadia, Minden. W. Bro. John Snell, W. M. V. W. Bro. W. J. Hartle, P.M.

No. 441, Westport, Westport. W. Bro. W. S. Breckenridge, W. M. W. Bro. P. C. Taggart, P. M.

No. 442, Dyment, Thessalon. W. Bro. W. A. Bridge, W. M.

No. 443, Powassan, Powassan. W. Bro. L. G. Phillips, W. M.

No. 444, Nitetis, Creemore. W. Bro. J. T. Pearn, P. M. and Proxy.

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No. 447, Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls. W. Bro. W. C. Austin, W. M.

No. 449, Dundalk, Dundalk. W. Bro. H. C. Moody, W. M.

No. 452, Avonmore, Avonmore. W. Bro. Angus J. McMillan, W. M.

No. 453, Royal, Fort William. W. Bro. M. J. Francis, W. M.

No. 454, Corona, Burk's Falls. W. Bro. Jos. Hilliar, W. Bro. J. J. Wilson, P.Ms.

No. 455, Doric, Little Current. V. W. Bro. Jos. Ellenten, P.M. and Proxy. R. W. Bro. J. B. Wallace, P. M.

No. 456, Elma, Monkton. W. Bro. R. J. Shine, W. M. W. Bro. Geo. Golightly, P. M.

No. 458, Wales, Wales. W. Bro. Robt. Vallance, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 460, Rideau, Seeley's Bay. R. W. Bro. R. J. Gardiner, P. M.

No. 462, Temiskaming, New Liskeard. W. Bro. H. W. Sutcliffe, W. M. W. Bro. C. H. Fullerton, P.M.

No. 463, North Entrance, Haliburton. W. Bro. J. T. Laking, W. M.

No. 466, Coronation, Elmvale. W. Bro. W. D. Cotton, W. M.

No. 469, Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie. W. Bro. H. J. Moorehouse, W. M.

No. 470, Victoria, Victoria Harbor. W. Bro. Frank Porter, W. M. W. Bros. I. S. Wardell and W. E. Brown, P. Ms.

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No. 475, Dundurn, Hamilton. W. Bro. John McCoy, W. M. W. Bros. John Burns and T. W. Appleton, P. Ms.

No. 476, Corinthian, North Gower, W. Bro. Thos. J. Hicks, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 477, Harding, Woodville. W. Bro. F. S. Leas, W. M.

No. 479, Russell, Russell. W. Bro. W. T. Fielding, W. M.

No. 480, Williamsburg, Williamsburg. W. Bro. Oscar Becksted, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 481, Corinthian, Toronto. W. Bro. H. W. Burgess, W. M. R. W. Bro. John Stephens, P. M.

No. 483, Granton, Granton. W. Bro. C. M. Webb, W. M. R. W. Bro. Jas. Abery, P. M.

No. 484, Golden Rule, Dryden. Bro. T. Proudfoot, S. W.

No. 485, Haileybury, Haileybury. W. Bro. R. LeHeup, W. M. W. Bros. N. J. McAulay and D. Johns, P. Ms.

No. 486, Silver, Cobalt. W. Bro. F. D. Reid, W. M.

No. 488, King Edward, Harrow. W. Bro. W. A. Sparling, W.M.

No. 489, Osiris, Smith's Falls. W. Bro. John M. Coombs, W.M W. Bro. W. L. Tait, P. M.

No. 492, Karnak, Coldwater. W. Bro. R. A. Brown, P. M. and Proxy.

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No. 494, Riverdale, Toronto. W. Bro. F. H. Webb, W. M. W. Bros. W. M. Miskelly, H. McIntosh, L. A. Willson, R. Walker, Sr., R. Walker, Jr., P. Ms.

No. 495, Electric, Hamilton. W. Bro. John Shrader, W. M. W. Bro. A. W. Palmer, P.M.

No. 496, University, Toronto. V. W. Bro. A. G. Horwood, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 499, Port Arthur, Port Arthur. W. Bro. Hull Austin, W. M. R. W. Bro. J. T. Hollinshead, P. M.

No. 500, Rose, Windsor. W. Bro. M. P. McMaster, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 501, Connaught, Mimico. W. Bro. P. H. Brown, W. M. W. Bros. G. S. Brown, F. F. Reeves, Chas. Aymer and Geo. Aymer P. Ms.

No. 502, Coronation, Smithville. Bro. J. S. Davis, S. W.; W. Bros. Hanson Gracey and J. R. Goring, P. Ms.

No. 503, Inwood, Inwood. W. Bro James Brown, W. M.

No. 505, Lynden, Lynden. W. Bro. J. K. Jones, W. M. Bro. Robt. Clark, S. W.

No. 506, Porcupine, Porcupine. W. Bro. T. W. Foster, W. M. Bro. C. N. Piercy, S. W.

No. 508, Ozias, Brantford. R. W. Bro. J. G. Liddell, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 509, Twin City, Berlin. W. Bro. R. J. Kerr, W. M. W. Bros. S. A. Smithson, Geo. DeKleinhans, J. A. Hallman, P. Ms.

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No. 514, St. Alban's, Toronto. R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, W. M. Bro. W. S. Milne, S. W.

No. 516, Enterprise, Beachburg. W. Bro. Albert Munroe, W.M.

No. 517, Hazeldean, Hazeldean. W. Bro. J. A. Cunmmigs, W. M. Bro. T. W. Boyes, S. W.

No. 519, Onondaga, Onondaga. W. Bro. R. J. Cranston, W.M.

No. 520, Coronati, Toronto. Bro. C. R. Smeath, S. W.; Bro. J. A. Burry, J. W.; W. Bros. C. W. Worth and R. B. Magill, P. Ms.

No. 521, Ontario, Windsor. W. Bro. C. W. Cadwell, W. M. Bro. A. Moir, S. W.

No. 522, Mount Sinai, Toronto. R. W. Bro. H. C. Scully, W.M.

R. W. Bro. George H. Brown, D. D. G. M., introduced the Worshipful Masters of the local lodges in Niagara Falls, who presented the following address of welcome to the Grand Master:

ADDRESS OF THE CRAFT IN NIAGARA FALLS TO THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Most Worshipful Bro. Wm. David McPherson, Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario: Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It gives us much pleasure to welcome you on behalf of the members of the Craft of this City and vicinity, on the occasion of this the 59th annual communication of Grand Lodge.

We trust that your deliberations may be carried on with pleasure, and with profit to the Craft in general.

This being the 100th Anniversary of Peace between the two greatest nations in the world, we feel this year above all others to be the most appropriate for your visit to Niagara Falls. The brethren at this time may visit the historic spots where our forefathers met for a very different purpose than that for which we are now meeting.

As residents of the Niagara Frontier we appreciate the friendly feeling that exists between the two countries and know that in regard to Masonry, there is no dividing line.

We again extend to you a cordial welcome to our City and the Niagara Peninsular.

Edwin L. Wallace, W. M., St. Mark's, No. 105.

W. H. Wensley, W. M., Clifton, No. 254.

C. A. Herber, W. M., King Edward VIL, No. 471.

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The M. W. the Grand Master, in thanking the delegation for their very fraternal words of welcome, commented upon the well-known Masonic spirit which has always prevailed in the Niagara Peninsula. He congratulated the local lodges on their prosperity and efficiency, and he expressed the appreciation of the officers and members of Grand Lodge for the active and kindly attentions which had been paid by the Reception Committee M. W. Bro. Aubrey White also replied alluding to the friendly feelings existing between the brethren and the citizens generally, on both sides of the frontier, and contrasting them with the state of feeling 100 years ago.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission to the side seats of Grand Lodge of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

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

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of Proceedings at the last annual communication, when it was

Moved by R. W. Bro. the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. W. Bro. Aubrey White and

Resolved. That the minutes of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Fifty-eighth Annual Communication held in the City of Ottawa, on the 16th and 17th days of July, A. D. 1913, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to the constituent lodges, the same be considered as read and they be now confirmed.

Letters and telegrams of regret were read from M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt (Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana), R. W. Bros. A. J. Young (Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta), John Hoodless' (Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina), F. Davey Diamond (Representative of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica) C. W. Postlethwaite (Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine) and V. W. Bro. John McIntosh, Grand Pursuivant.

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DISNTIGUISHED VISITORS.

During the sessions of Grand Lodge at this Annual Communication the following distinguished visitors from sister Grand Jurisdictions were announced and were introduced by M. W. Bros. John Ross Robertson, J. K. Kerr, E. T. Malone, B. Allen, Aubrey White, A. T. Freed, and J. H. Burritt, viz.:

- M.W.Bro. J. A. Jackson, G.M., Alberta.
- M.W.Bro. Edward M. Walker, G.M., Manitoba. M.W.Bro. James A. Ovas, P.G.M. & G. Sec., Manitoba. M.W.Bro. Frederick J. G. Knowiton, G.M., New Bruns-
- wick.
- M.W.Bro. Rev. Thomas F. Fullerton, G.M., Prince Edward Island.

- Ward Island. M.W.Bro. John E. Wright, G.M., Quebec. R.W.Bro. Will H. Whyte, G. Sec., Quebec. M.W.Bro. G. B. Murphy, P.G.M., Saskatchewan. M.W.Bro. Edgar H. Parkman, G.M., Connecticut. M.W.Bro. T. John Newton, G.M., District of Columbia. M.W.Bor. Henry K. Simpson, P.G.M., District of Columbia.
- M.W.Bro. Wm. G. Henderson, P.G.M., Dist. of Columbia.
- R.W.Bro. Alexander Grant, D.G.M., Dist. of Columbia. R.W.Bro. Alexander Grant, D.G.M., Dist. of Columbia. R.W.Bro. Arvine W. Johnson, G. Sec., Dist. of Columbia. M.W.Bro. Charles W. Walton, G.M., Iowa. R.W.Bro. Newton R. Parvin, G. Sec., Iowa.

- M.W.Bro. Martin A. Morrison, G.M., Indiana. M.W.Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, G.M., Massachusetts. M.W.Bro. Lou B. Winsor, P.G.M. & G. Sec., Michigan.

- M.W.Bro. Van Fremont Boor, G.M., Missouri, R.W.Bro. Alphons C. Stewart, D.G.M., Missouri, R. W. Bro. Leon W. Quick, G. Tr., Missouri, M.W.Bro. Henry H. Wilson, P.G.M., Nebraska. M.W.Bro. Henry H. Wilson, P.G.M., Nebraska,
 R.W.Bro. Edward M. Searing, D.G.M., New Jersey.
 R.W.Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs, P.M., New Jersey.
 M.W.Bro. William B. Melish, P.G.M., Ohio.
 R.W.Bro. Jacob H. Bromwell, G. Sec., Ohio.
 W.Bro. J. D. T. Bold, P. M., Ohio.
 W.Bro. Orlando W. Aldrich, P.M., Ohio.
 M.W.Bro. Thomas J. Bonner, G.M., Tennessee.
 W.Bro. Marcus B. Torey, P.M., Tennessee.
 M.W.Bro. Thomas P. Jacobs, G.M., West Virginia.

The distinguished visitors were received with Grand honours, and were warmly welcomed by the M. W. the Grand Master to this Annual Communication and to the celebration of one hundred years of peace between Great Britain and Her Dominions and the United States of America, to be held after the close of Grand Lodge.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Brethren of Grand Lodge:

I welcome you most cordially to the 59th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and am happy to be able to report that the year just closed has been one of the best in the history of the craft in this juridsiction, both financially and numerically.

For the year ended 31st May, 1914, our revenue has been \$47,241.08, which is an increase over the preceding year of \$2,544.49.

The expenditure for ordinary purposes was \$17,429.03, leaving a surplus of \$29,812.05, as against one last year of \$29,733.06.

Grants for benevolence from the ordinary funds for the year were \$29,193.00, and from interest on the investment of "The Semi-Centennial Fund" were \$4,515.00, making together the sum of \$33,708.00 as against the sum of \$33.835.09 devoted to benevolence in the preceding year.

It is a pleasure also to report that during the year the Semi-Centennial Fund has been further augmented by the sum of \$1,431.64, paid in during the year and now stands at the sum of \$102,487.40.

Our membership on 31st May, 1914, is estimated at 57,000, an increase for the year of 3,000. To-day we have upon our roll 425 lodges duly warranted and 18 working under dispensation, an increase during the year of 11.

NEW LODGES.

As Grand Master it has been my desire to encourage the formation of new centres of Masonic activity by granting dispensations for lodges where, after full and careful enquiry, I have become satisfied that it was proper and expedient so to do, and in this I have followed the example of many illustrious predecessors. Following the practice of M. W. Bro. Aubrey White, I.P.G.M., I have required that the consent of the lodge affected—that is, the nearest in point of distance to the new lodge should be obtained. I have also required a recom-

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mendation from the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the new lodge is to be opened, and satisfactory evidence that the proposed officers are well known and qualified, and particularly that all the formalities required by Grand Lodge be complied with. If after this a doubt has existed I have asked the opinion of brethren residing in the locality and who have held office in Grand Lodge. With these precautions I have had much satisfaction in granting dispensations to the following lodges:

Sioux Lookout, at Sioux Lookout, in District No. 17 Onondaga at Onondaga, in the District No. 8. Coronati, at Toronto, in District No. 11a: Ontario, at Windsor, in District No. 1. Sable, at Massey, in District No. 18. Mount Sinai, at Toronto, in District No. 11. Royal Arthur, at Peterborough, in District No. 20. Mississauga, at Port Credit, in District No. 11. Temple, at Toronto, in District No. 11. Ionic, at Westboro, in District No. 16.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Our losses by death have been many and much to be lamented. Among those whose names will be recorded in the report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead are some concerning whom it is fitting that I should make special mention.

On the 27th of November, 1913, R. W. Bro. Sir Aemilius Irving, K.B., Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Dean of the Bar and the oldest initiated Mason in Canada, died in his 90th year. He was the son of the Hon. Jacob Aemilius Irving, and was born at Leamington, England, on 23rd March, 1823. His mother was a daughter of Sir Jery Homfray, Llambaff House, Glamorganshire. R. W. Bro. Irving was educated at Upper Canada College and was an honorary L.L.D. of Toronto University. He was called to the Bar in 1849 and appointed to be a Queen's Counsel by Viscount Monck. In 1874 he was elected to be a bencher of the Law Society and in 1893 succeeded the late Hon. Edward Blake, M.P.

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as Treasurer of the Society, an office which he held at the time of his death. In 1874 R. W. Bro. Irving was elected in the Liberal interest to represent the City of Hamilton in the House of Commons of Canada. He was Counsel for the Province of Ontario in many arbitrations of great importance and long acted as Counsel in national and international litigation. R. W. Bro. Irving was initiated a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, on 9th April, 1844. In his early days he had been an active member of St. John's Royal Arch Chapter which amalgamated in 1870 with St. Andrew's Chapter now known as the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrews and St. John. Many years ago he was District Deputy Grand Master for one of the Huron Districts. The public funeral under the auspices of the Craft took place from Osgoode Hall, where his remains had been lying in state. All the Judges of the Supreme Court and a very large concourse of the Legal Profession and other distinguished citizens attended the funeral.

On the 21st December, 1913, R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins died after a lingering illness. He was born at Vienna, Ontario, on the 16th November, 1854. He studied law and after graduating from the Ontario Law School was called to the Bar in 1880. For several years he practised at Woodstock, and subsequently joined the editorial staff of the "Mail and Empire," which position he relinquished when appointed to be librarian of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1891. R. W. Bro. Eakins was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church and took a very active part in church and Masonic affairs, holding many important and exalted positions. He was a Past Master of Ionic Lodge No. 25, Toronto, a prominent Scottish Rite Mason, and at the time of his death was Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland.

On the 7th March, 1914, Bro. Hon. Sir George Ross, K.B., died at Toronto. He was born near Nairn in the County of Middlesex in 1841, and after receiving a first-class County Board certificate empowering him to teach he took a course at the Normal School

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Toronto, and subsequently graduated with a first class provincial certificate. Later in life he matriculated in law at Albert University and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1887. In early life he was a liberal member of the House of Commons of Canada representing the electoral district of West Middlesex and subsequently became a member of the Ontario Leglislature, representing the same riding and took charge of the Portfolio of Education in the Government of Sir Oliver Mowat, after whose resignation he succeeded to the office of Prime Minister of Ontario which he held until the defeat of his party by Sir James Whitney on January 25th, 1905. Shortly after that date Bro. Ross, who was a member of Beaver Lodge No. 83, Strathroy, was called to the Senate of Canada and in due course became the leader of the Liberal Party in the Senate, which position he occupied at the time of his death. As a public speaker Bro. Ross was one of the foremost in Canada, and was eloquent in every sense of the word. As a lecturer and author he will likewise long be remembered by the people of Canada.

On the 4th May, 1914, M. W. Bro. Senator William Gibson, P.G.M., died at Beamsville, Ontario. He was born at Peterhead, Scotland, on 7th August, 1849, and came to Canada in 1870 when he entered the service of the Great Western Railway and afterwards became a contractor for many public and other important works, some of which were the St. Clair Tunnel, the enlargement of the new Welland Canal, near Thorold, the new Victoria Bridge at Montreal, and the masonry for most of the important bridges of the Grand Trunk Railway. He was elected representative of the Liberal Party for Lincoln in 1891 and remained a member of the House of Commons until the year 1900. In February, 1902, he was called to the Senate of Canada and was a member of the Senate at the time of his M. W. Bro. Gibson was Grand Master of death. the Grand Lodge of Canada from 1896 to 1898, and was Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of the Roval Arch Masons of Canada for two years, and for a like period was Supreme Grand

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Master of the Sovereign Grand Priory of Knights Templars. He was an active member of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite Body and for the past six years was Deputy for Ontario and had also acted as foreign representative for several Grand Lodges. The funeral took place at Hamilton on 6th May in the presence of a large and representative gathering of citizens.

On the 23rd May, 1914, W. Bro. George Kappele, K.C., died at Toronto in his 53rd year. W. Bro. Kappele was a member of Zetland Lodge, Toronto, having been initiated in 1887. He was a son of the Rev. Stephen Kappele and was born and educated in Ontario. He was called to the Bar in 1883 and during his student career displayed marked brilliance and was the winner of the gold medal of the Upper Canada Law Society on graduation. For many years he practised law in partnership with the late John Bain, K.C., and William Laidlaw, K.C., and later with W. Bro. James Bicknell, K.C. In 1890 he was elected president of the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society and was afterwards and always very popular in legal circles. Professionally he was in the front rank and in September 1907 he was appointed an Official Referee in which position he had charge of most of the largest liquidations, including the Ontario Bank, Sovereign Bank, the York County Loan and Savings Company, the Farmers' Bank and the Union Life Insurance Company. He was a rapid and methodical worker and possessed the respect, confidence and admiration of all members of the profession. He was an affiliated member of Ionic Lodge and a member of St. Paul's Chapter, and will be very sincerely mourned by his brethren in Masonry.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

My first official visit was to my mother lodge, Zetland No. 326, Toronto, at the annual celebration of Canadian Night, when there was present the largest gathering of the members of the craft in the history of the present quarters in Temple Building. It was a coincidence that the meeting took place on the 25th anniversary of my initiation

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into the Craft, and I was indeed pleased to be honored by the presentation of a silver service tendered on behalf of the lodge by Most Worshipful Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C., the Senior Past Master of the Lodge who is my Father in Masonry. Among the many distinguished visitors were R. W. Bro. Hon. W. H. Hearst, K.C., M.P.P., Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, who at the banquet which followed proposed the toast of "Canada" which was responded to by R. W. Bro. The Revd. Allan Pearson Shatford, P.G.C. of the Grand Lodges of Ouebec and Nova Scotia and Rector of the Church of St. James the Apostle of Montreal. The Grand Lodge of Quebec was represented by R. W. Bro. W. H. Whyte, Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. George M. McKenzie, D.D.G.M., and other brethren. The "Freemason" in commenting upon meeting stated that Zetland "fortunately the to present a combination of Masonic manages dignitaries gifted with eloquence and eminent in both Church and State. The high standard set by Zetland might well be kept in view by all other lodges at their special functions."

On 8th October, 1913, accompanied by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Deputy Grand Master, and many other members of Grand Lodge, I dedicated the new hall of Chesterville Lodge No. 320, and was deeply gratified to find that the brethren had erected a fine three storey building, commodious and substantial and second to none in any village or town similar in size in the entire province. The occasion was also graced by the attendance of R. W. Bro. H. W. Wilson, G.S. W., of Ottawa; R. W. Bro. the Revd. D. Stewart, G.C., of Alexandria; R. W. Bro. O. Carss, G.R., of Smith's Falls; R. W. Bros. George A. Bradley and Gordon R. Putnam, District Deputy Grand Masters of Eastern and St. Lawrence Districts; R. W. Bro. Gorrell, of Morrisburg, who acted as Grand Organist, and R. W. Bro. O. D. Casselman. The banquet which followed was participated in by several hundred brethren and their ladies in the Music Hall.

On 15th October, 1913, I had the pleasure of attending a reception given in honor of myself and

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V. W. Bro. Major Alfred Curran, Grand Director of Ceremonies, by his mother lodge Occident No. 346, Toronto. The Past Masters occupied the chairs for the evening and conferred the First Degree in a most creditable manner. Among the prominent brethren present were R. W. Bro. John Stephens, D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. James Haywood, P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, P.G.R., V. W. Bro. William Anderson, Bro. The Hon. Thomas Crawford, M.P.P., R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Joseph Beck, P.D.D.G.M. and V. W. Bro. R. Charlton.

On 27th October 1913, a reception was tendered to me by Harmony Lodge No. 438, Toronto. The meeting was very large and representative and was attended by visiting Masters from all parts of the jurisdiction.

On 28th October, 1913, I officially visited Ashlar Lodge No. 247, Toronto, and was honored by being elected as an Honorary Life Member of the Lodge with full privileges. Among the many distinguished visitors were M. W. Bros. Benjamin Allen, Sovereign Grand Commander of the A. & A. S. Rite in Canada; A. T. Freed, P.G.M., and Aubrey White, P.G.M.

On 30th October, 1913, I attended a meeting of Wilson Lodge No. 86, Toronto, when a formal reception was tendered to myself and R. W. Bro. John Stephens, D.D.G.M., of Toronto West District No. 11. The pleasure of the visit was greatly enhanced by the fact that the Worshipful Master of the lodge, W. Bro. Wallace Maclaren, was an old friend and fellow-townsman from Strathroy, which was my former home, and the members of Beaver Lodge No. 83 of Strathroy paid an official visit with a large delegation, among whom were W. Bro. A. P. Gundry, B.A., the Worshipful Master and R. W. Bro. the Revd. Dr. Kannawin, P.G.C., and V. W. Bros. John Donaldson and R. F. Richardson. At the banquet which followed the toast of "Canada" was gracefully proposed by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, D.G.M., and most eloquently responded to by Ven. Archdeacon H. J. Cody, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Toronto. On 6th November, 1913, I visited Alpha Lodge No. 384, Toronto, and was most graciously received by W. Bro. S. H. Bradford, K.C., a valued personal friend and W. M. of the lodge; also by the officers and brothers. The work was excellent and the fourth degree was rendered more than usually instructive by a most enjoyable and instructive address by Bro. the Honourable Mr. Justice R. F. Sutherland.

On 12th November, 1913, I visited Ozias Lodge No. 508, of Brantford, on the occasion of their Military Night. Several hundred brethren were present from the Central and Western portion of the province, and the ceremony of initiation was performed by His Honor M. W. Bro. Colonel Sir John M. Gibson, K.C.M.G., P.G.M, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. The occasion was also graced by the presence of Bro. Col. The Hon. Sam. Hughes, M.P., Minister of Militia and Defence of Canada; W. Bro. W. B. Northrup, M.P., of Belleville; Bro. W. S. Brewster, M.P.P., of Brantford; Bro. John Fisher, M.P., of Paris; Bro. Col. Thomas R. Atkinson, M.P.P.; Bro. T. R. Mayberry, M.P.P.; Bro. T. H. Preston, Ex-M.P.P., and a very large number of brethren who are prominent in the military service of the country.

On the 13th November, 1913, I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Toronto, on the occasion of the presentation by Grand Lodge to M. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P.G.M., of a set of Past Grand Master's regalia, and had a most enjoyable evening.

On 14th November, 1913, I attended the 50th Anniversary of the Institution of Peterborough Lodge No. 155, at the city of Peterborough. This meeting was also very largely attended and was followed by an "At Home" at which the lady friends of the members were present, and a most delightful programme was rendered.

On 26th November, 1913, I attended a Lodge of Instruction under the joint auspices of R. W. Bros. John Stephens and A. B. Crosby, District

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Deputy Grand Masters of the two Toronto Districts, at Toronto, and was charmed to find that twenty of the twenty-four District Grand Masters of Grand Lodge, as well as all the officers of Grand Lodge and many of the Past officers, were in attendance. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Ross McKinnon and the officers and members of Corinthian Lodge, the second by W. Bro. W. S. Miskelly, officers and members of Riverdale Lodge, and the third by W. Bro. Marshall Mc Gregor, officers and members of Zetland Lodge. Music was furnished by the Zetland choir of fifty voices, which added greatly to the impressiveness of the work. Much credit is due to M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, P.G.M., as well as to the District Deputy Grand Masters for their untiring work and splendid service in making this perhaps the most unique and useful Lodge of Instruction ever held in the Province of Ontario.

On 28th November, 1913, I visited University Lodge No. 496, Toronto, on the occasion of their Military Night, when the chair was occupied by His Honor M. W. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson, P.G.M., Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and there were present also M. W. Bros. Senator J. K. Kerr, P.G. M.; Judge D. F. MacWatt, P.G.M.,; Aubrey White, P.G.M.; and D. J. Goggin, P.G.M, of Manitoba.

On 1st December, 1913, I attended the Military Night of the Lodge of Strict Observance No. 27, Hamilton, when two candidates were initiated, one by the Officers of the 13th "Royal Regiment" with M. W. Bro. Col. the Hon. Sir John M. Gibson, P.G.M., in the chair, and the other by the Officers of the 91st Regiment Canadian Highlanders, with R. W. Bro. Major Thomas W. Lester in the Chair. Among other distinguished visitors on the occasion were R. W. Bro. C. S. Kilgour, D.D.G.M., of Hamilton and Bro. Lt.-Col. the Hon. John S. Hendrie, M:P.P.

On 3rd December, 1913, I attended a Lodge of Instruction under the auspices of R. W. Bro. Dr. R. J. Gardiner, D.D.G.M., of the 14th Masonic

District. The first degree was conferred by the Worshipful Master, officers and members of Prince Arthur Lodge of Odessa, the second degree by Maple Leaf Lodge of Bath, and the third degree by Union Lodge of Napanee. Among the guests at the banquet which followed were Bros. W. F. Nickle, M.P., Dr. A. Ross, M.P.P. and Anthony Rankin, M.P.P.

On 27th December, 1913, in company with V. W. Bro. Major Alfred Curran, G.D.C., I attended the Centennial Celebration of the Institution and Establishment of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, held at the city of Knoxville, in the State of Tennessee, U.S.A. The meeting was very largely attended by brethren from all parts of the State of Tennessee and likewsise by many distinguished visitors from foreign jurisdictions, among them M. W. Bro. Henry T. Burnap, Grand Master of the State of Illinois: M. W. Bro. W. S. Andrews, Grand Master of the State of Virginia; M. W. Bro. N. J. Weller, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and practically all the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. The oration was delivered by M. W. Bro. Col. H. H. Ingersoll, P.G M., and was a most eloquent discourse. It was also a great pleasure to me to make the acquaintence of M. W. Bro. Charles Comstock, G.M.; R. W. Bro. Thomas J. Bonner, D.G.M.; M. W. Bro. the Revd. J. Lynn Bachman, P.G.M.; R. W. Bro. John B. Garrett, G.S.; R. W. Bro. George H. Mack, G.C.; M. W. Bro. H. A. Chambers, P.G.M.; W. Bro. Wilbur R. Turner, P.M.; Bro. Horace Van Deventer and many others. The afternoon exercises consisted of addresses and songs, and in the evening a very large public reception was held at which there were upwards of a thousand ladies and gentlemen present. Nothing could have exceeded the kindness shown to V. W. Bro. Curran and myself, and the meeting will be one which will be ever remembered by us with the liveliest pleasure and gratitude to our American brethren for their kindness.

On 2nd January, 1914, I instituted Coronati Lodge U. D at Toronto, assisted by R. W. Bro.

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A. B. Crosby, V. W. Bro. Curran, G.D.C., and many others.

On 7th January, 1914, I had the pleasure of visiting Ionic Lodge No. 25, Toronto, on the occasion of the presentation to V. W. Bro. Sir Alan Aylesworth, G.S.D., of a set of Grand Lodge regalia, and likewise had the pleasure of joining in the congratulations of the brethren to M. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P.G.M., in connection with the bestowal upon him by His Most Gracious Majesty King George V. of the honor of being appointed a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

On the 10th January, 1914, I attended a very large meeting of Acacia Lodge No. 61, Hamilton, at which several hundred brethren were present, including R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, P.D.D.G.M. Chairman of the Standing Committee on Grievances and Appeals of Grand Lodge; R. W. Bro. C. S. Kilgour, D.D.G.M., and many others.

On 27th January, 1914, I visited Manito Lodge No. 90 at Collingwood, and received a magnificent welcome from upwards of 250 brethren.

This visit, I was informed, was the first by a Grand Master since that of M. W. Bro. Jno. Ross Robertson some 23 years before. Craft conditions are flourishing in Collingwood and the brethren are to be congratulated upon their lodge premises which are particularly well suited for their purposes. It was also an especial pleasure to me to meet again with M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, P. G. M., who has been a tower of strength to the lodge, and indeed to the craft throughout the jurisdiction, for many long years; also R. W. Bro. Sprott D. D. G. M., of Barrie.

On 28th January, 1914, I was royally entertained at a luncheon by the W. M., officers and members of Caledonian Lodge No. 249 at Midland, and shall not soon forget their kind hospitality, which I appreciated most highly.

On the same night I attended a joint meeting of St. George's Lodge No. 88 and North Star Lodge

No. 322 at Owen Sound and met a large number of the brethren, including my old and much esteemed friend R. W. Bro. James McLachlan, P. D. D. G. M., who is, and I am sure ever will be, one of the great pillars of Masonry in Owen Sound; also R. W. Bro. C. J. Taylor, D. D. G. M. After the lodge meeting a very large At Home was held, also a banquet, attended by over 400 brethren and their ladies, and the occasion could not have been more enjovable.

On 18th February, 1914, I had the happiness of being presented by Occident Lodge No. 346, Toronto, with Honorary Life Membership at a meeting at which about four hundred brethren, including my much esteemed friend and colleague in the Legislature, Bro. The Hon. Thomas Crawford, M.P.P., were present.

On 27th March, 1914, I paid an official visit to York Lodge No. 156, Eglinton, which was presided over by W. Bro. George S. Henry, M.P.P. Worshipful Master. Like all the preceding meetings this was also very largely attended and was a most enjoyable function.

On 24th April, 1914, I presided at the dedication of the new Masonic Temple, Guelph, under the auspices of Speed Lodge No. 180, Guelph Lodge No. 258 and Waverley Lodge No. 361 under the presidency of R. W. Bro. W. H. Day, D.D.G.M., of the 7th Masonic District, a most valued and indefatigable worker in the interests of Masonry. The premises are splendid in their appointments and reflect great credit upon the brethren of Guelph.

On 6th May, 1914, I visited the brethren of Tecumseh Lodge No. 144 and Stratford Lodge No. 332, Stratford, where I was royally entertained at luncheon and in the afternoon journeyed to Clinton where a reception was tendered to me by the brethren of Clinton Lodge No. 84, and in the evening presided at the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Goderich, under the auspices of W. Bro. A. C. Hunter, Officers and Members of Maitland Lodge No. 33, Goderich.

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The function was a great success numerically and masonically, and the new \$20,000 temple is a lasting monument to the generosity and fidelity of the Goderich brethren in Masonry.

On 15th June, 1914, I visited the St, Alban's Lodge U. D., Toronto, officially and was accompanied by M. W. Bros. E. T. Malone K.C., Aubrey White, C.M.G., and Dr. D. J. Goggin, also by R. W. Bros. John Stephens and A. B. Crosby, District Deputy Grand Masters of the Toronto Districts, and V. W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan, P.G.S.D. R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, the Worshipful Master, extended a hearty welcome and requested me to confer the first degree which, assisted by other Grand Lodge Officers, I had much pleasure in doing. St. Alban's Lodge has made marvellous progress and gives promise of becoming one of the finest lodges in Toronto.

GRAND MASTERS' CONFERENCE.

In company with R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Deputy Grand Master, I had the pleasure of attending the Fifth Conference of Grand Masters of the world, convened in Tuscan Temple, St. Louis, U.S.A., on 14th May, 1914. Previous conferences had been held at Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Indianapolis, but none of so wide a scope, nor so largely attended as that which the Grand Master of Missouri, M. W. Bro. Van Freemont Boor, called to order. Fifty-seven Grand Masters were invited to participate, and the following Grand Jurisdictions, in addition to our own, were represented.

Elisha H. Rhodes, P.G.M., of Rhode Island; Arthur H. Armington, P.G.M., Rhode Island; Eugene S. Weston, G.M., of Vermont; John W. Hanan, G.M., of Indiana; N. R. Parvin, G.S., of Iowa; David I Mills, G. M., of Arkansas; J. S. Reamey, G.J.W., of Arkansas; Lurtin R. Ginn, P.G.M., of District of Columbia; Asa H. Hankerson, G.M., of Washington; Jas. R. Cain, Jr., P.G. M., of Nebraska; Edw. E. Heddle, P.G.M. of Oregon; Lou. B. Winsor, P.G.M., and G.S., of

Michigan; Wm. M. Perrett, G.M., of Michigan; Frank B. Whittaker, G.M., of Iowa; Chas. C. Clark, P.G.M., of Iowa; Geo. L. Garton, D.G.M., of Iowa; Fred C. Barnett, G.M., of Wyoming; R. A. Carson, G.M., of Mississippi; Leslie Alison Burritt, P.G.M., of New Jersey; R. W. Bro. Jas. M. Gleason, Massachusetts; P. K. Bauman, G.M., of Virginia; Jos. W. Eggleston, P.G.M., of Vir-ginia; J. T. Alderman, G.M., of North Carolina; Dr. F. R. Harris, Repr.; Wm. M. Anderson, P.G. M., and present Grand Secretary of Oklahoma; Jas. F. Robinson, P.G.M., of Oregon; Isaac Cutler, Grand Secretary of Illinois; Jewel P. Lightfoot, D.G.M., of Texas; E. E. Haskell, P.G.M., of Florida; Morris Goldwater, P.G.M., of Arizona; O. F. Wasmandorf, G.M., of Montana; Wm. P. Freeman, G.M., of Oklahoma; Thos. J. Bonner, G.M., of Tennessee; Elmer F. Gay, P.G.M., of Indiana; A. W. Houstan, G.M., of Texas; Henry T. Burnap, G.M., of Illinois; O. H. Williams, G.M. of South Dakota; Walter L. Williams, G.M., of North Dakota; W. L. Stockwell, P.G.M., and Grand Secretary of North Dakota.

The conference was called to order and prayer offered by R. W. Bro. John H. Miller, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Bro. Henry Kiel, Mayor of St. Louis, in the name of the city, welcomed the visitors.

The following rules were submitted for governing the proceedings:

1. That a committee of five be appointed, to whom shall be referred such matters as the conference may see fit to consider.

2. That all preliminary motions shall be determined by a show of hands.

3. That five representatives may call for a Roll Call.

4. That the presiding officer shall appoint all committees unless otherwise directed by the Conerence.

5. It shall require a vote of three-fourths of the representatives present, by a show of hands,

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before any matter shall be considered by this Conference.

These rules being adopted, the Chair appointed the committee of five as follows : M. W. Bro. Burnap, of Illinois, Chairman; M. W. Bros. T. J. Bonner, of Tennessee; E. R. Bowman, of Vir-ginia; E. Haskell, of Florida; and J. W. Ginn, of Washington. To this committee was immediate-ly referred the following subjects to be reported on at the afternoon session and discussed.

(1) An inter-jurisdiction certificate of good standing in lieu of a demit, for the purpose of transfer of membership.

(2) The Charity Fund. Iowa plan versus the Masonic Home plan for taking care of the widows, orphans and aged Freemasons.

(3) The necessity of a uniform basis for the recognition of Foreign Grand Jurisdictions.

(4) What does physical qualification mean in Speculative Freemasonry.

(5) Dual membership. objections, benefits, injuries.

(6) Ouestion of jurisdiction over rejected material.

Inasmuch as R. W. Bro. Luke and I were not authorized by Grand Lodge to represent it for-mally at the Conference, we contented ourselves by listening to the discussions and speaking merely in an advisory manner when requested so to do by the President of the Conference, making it clear that what we said represented merely our personal views, and in no way affected Grand Lodge.

While not authorized to relate the business transacted, I may yet say that it was of a most interesting and instructive character, and that we both regarded it as a distinct honor to be privi-leged to attend, and our thanks are due to M. W. Bro. Boor and his associates for much kindness which was very much appreciated.

Thursday evening the scene shifted to the new Moolah Shrine Temple, where between 2,000 and 3,000 Masons assembled to witness the second consecration of the building, this time by the Grand Lodge. In the presence of over fifty Grand Masters, representing thirty-three States of the Union and Canada, and in this immense gathering, M. W. Van Freemont Boor dedicated the splendid hall to Freemasonry, and introduced several of the distinguished visitors to the audience. Under the direction of M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Bonner, G.M., of Tennessee, the M.M. degree was conferred upon a candidate supplied by Pride of the West Lodge No. 179. This work was beautifully exemplified by members of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, assisted by local brethren.

On Friday night the third degree was conferred upon two candidates in Moolah Temple. The degree upon the first candidate was conferred by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, the daughter of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. The Grand Lodge of Missouri conferred the M. M. degree upon the second candidate.

Saturday, May 16th, the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, escorted by the Grand Commandry K.T. of Missouri, accompanied by Grand Masters and distinguished representatives of the Craft from nearly every Grand Lodge of the continent of North America, including Canada and Mexico, and attended by a host of Masons, estimated from 8,000 to 10,000, laid the corner stone of a new addition to the Home buildings, which, when completed, will give to the craft of Missouri one of the finest and best equipped homes in any jurisdiction.

Speeches were made by several of the visitors, by the Mayor of the city and President of the Home, and the Governor of the State. The children of the Home were heard in song, with the greatest pleasure by the immense crowd that thronged the grounds, and with the setting of the sun, which had lent warmth and color to the proceedings, the important function of the day came to a close.

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The formal close of the conference was marked by a banquet in the spacious dining hall of Moolah Temple on Saturday evening. An elegant menu and interesting addresses made the occasion one long to be remembered as a fitting close of a most successful Grand Masters' Conference.

RULINGS.

I have been asked for many rulings during the year. Many of them were interpretations of the Constitution and some were upon points which had already been decided by preceding Grand Masters. Upon all matters in which I have had to rule I have freely asked the opinion of Most Worshipful brethren who have filled the office of Grand Master, and have been very much gratified to have their opinion given to me so cheerfully.

When the case was one for interpretation I have referred to the section of the Constitution and given my view of its meaning, and when the point was covered by a previous ruling I have quoted it. My rulings will be referred to in detail in the report of the Grand Secretary, but some of the more interesting are as follows:

1. I was asked as to the proper course to be followed by the scrutineers in the following circumstances:—Where in the Lodge at the time of the election the total number of brethren entitled to vote is 120, but only 100 ballots were cast and of those 20 were blank, what is the position of the scrutineers? Are they justified in rejecting the 20 ballots and declaring the brother who obtains a majority of the votes to be duly elected.

In my opinion they are, and I so ruled for the following reasons:

The portion of Section 147 necessary for consideration is as follows:

"147. . . . , every Lodge shall annually elect by the vote of a majority of all the members present, its Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary by written ballots" etc.

The section requires the election to be decided by "written ballot(s)". It cannot be decided any other way. The meaning of this section is to be ascertained according to the rule applicable in our Courts to construction of statutes, contracts. etc., namely, "ut res magis valeat quam pereat" (so that the thing may be effectuated rather than made void). Manifestly it would be impossible to have such an election if a majority of those entitled to vote deposited blank papers in the election, and a ruling which would make this possible would be placing a construction upon the section which could not have been in the contemplation of Grand Lodge when the section was enacted, for the object is to have an annual election which could only be done by the members depositing their respective ballot papers marked in writing in such a way as to be a vote (ballot). As a matter of precaution the scrutineers should assure themselves, before the election proceeds, of the total number of members entitled to vote, and then when the ballot papers have been deposited with them they should treat as valid votes only such papers as are properly marked, that is, they should reject and disregard spoiled and blank ballot papers and should then ascertain the number necessary to a choice by dividing the total number of valid votes by two, adding one if the total is an odd number. This will give a literal reading to the essential words in the section, which, with necessary elimination of irrelevant words, would read as follows:-

"147. . . ., every lodge shall annually elect by a majority of all the members present. . . by written ballot" etc.

In my opinion the meaning of the phrase "all the members present" is to be arrived at, not by the consideration merely of their physical presence in the lodge room, but by their presence or absence as electors, as indicated by the ballot papers deposited with the scrutineers, by counting the "written ballots."

The maxim of construction I refer to has been frequently applied by the courts. As was recently said by Chancellor Sir John Boyd, in an Ontario

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case adjudicated under what is called the "Local Option" clauses of the Liquor License Act, where a three-fifths majority was required in order that the by-law should be deemed to be carried, and there were 594 ballots cast, of which 352 were in favor of the by-law and 216 against, and 26 ballots questioned because of legal defects, it was held that the legally defective ballots were to be excluded from the summing up for the purpose of arriving at the total number in order to apply the three-fifths majority, and it was argued in opposition to the by-law that all votes cast, regardless whether they were valid or invalid should be counted in order to ascertain whether three-fifths of the electors voting on the occasion approved of the by-law. The learned Chancellor in dealing with this argument said:

"One would not resort to this method of giving effect to wasted or worthless ballots unless coerced by the language of the statute. The common-sense view of the matter is that the electors, the potential voters, who failed to mark their ballots as required by law have lost their vote. Their attempt at voting so as to influence the result is a failure and a nullity. One cannot tell how they may have meant to vote, whether for or against the by-law, and to assume in practical effect that they all meant to vote against the by-law is a violent and unbelievable assumption."

and went on to say:

"In brief, the 26 defective ballots were from electors who did not vote within the meaning of the local option clauses."

The principle of that decision is apposite here.

There are many decisions also in the English courts which have the force of law in Ontario, which in my opinion unquestionably justify the construction I am placing upon the wording of section 147. The character of the paper with which he has been provided for the purpose of voting is not changed by the deposit of it by him with the scrutineers unless it is intelligently marked, that is, it is not a **vote** and he is not a voter; consequently for voting purposes he is not present and his mere physical presence is irrelevant to the consideration of him as a voter or otherwise for the purpose of the enactment, and is to be disregarded.

2. Upon the question as to whether there was any objection to a Past Master of a Michigan lodge being present at an installation of a Master of a Canadian lodge, I stated that in my opinion there was no objection if he could qualify to be present at a Board of Installed Masters.

3. Under Section 178 of the Constitution I expressed the opinion that a general resolution might be passed, providing that all receipts for dues might be impressed by the Secretary with the lodge seal.

4. Under Section 149 I ruled that I regarded the construction thereof as concluded by the ruling of Most Worshipful Bro. Aubrey White, and that my personal feeling would be that a Worshipful Master should be proficient in the work of all the degrees prior to his installation, but that as Grand Lodge had not expressly so legislated, and the ruling referred to had been adopted by Grand Lodge, I declined to deal further with the matter.

5. As to a question regarding the date upon which a brother would be twelve months in arrears for payment of dues, when his dues were paid on 30th November 1913, and the Masonic year of the Lodge ended on 30th November, my reply was that he would be twelve months in arrears on the first day of December, 1914, if his dues were not paid in the meantime.

6. Asked as to the advisability of the Master of Lodges in one of our cities, issuing a circular to the lodges throughout the province, inviting them to make such city their choice as the place of meeting for Grand Lodge in 1915, I expressed the opinion that it would be inadvisable to do so.

7. With regard to a proposed club room which some brethren wished to establish in the same

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building as the lodge room, but not in connection with it, to which club they proposed to give access on one night a month to their families, I expressed the opinion that, as there was no intention of using any portion of the dedicated premises in connection with the proposed club room, it was not a matter of concern from a Grand Lodge standpoint, further that if, at any time, there should be any conduct on the part of any of the members, of an un-masonic nature, then it might be necessary for the Grand Master for the time being to step in and discipline some of the members, but that in the meantime the subject was one which could be left to the discretion of those concerned.

8. As to the petitions of two applicants, both of whom were stated to have been born and raised in Petrolia, but who were oil drillers by profession, and frequently away from their homes for a period of a year or more, though their wives and families continued to reside in Petrolia during their absence, I expressed the opinion that the domicile of the applicants was in Petrolia under these circumstances, and that they were material of these Petrolia lodges, and that dispensations were not necessary for their initiation.

9. In the case of an applicant who in childhood had had an attack of infantile paralysis which resulted in permanent partial paralysis of both legs, but who now lives an active life, being an engineer on one of the canals, and can literally comply with all the requirements of the work by using wooden and leather supports, I ruled that he would be eligible for initiation and that the officers for the time being must be careful not to proceed with any part of the ceremony unless they can assure themselves in advance of his ability to comply literally with all the requirements of the work.

10. In reference to the practice of saluting between the Inner Guard and the Junior Warden, I state that the general rule be that the Junior Warden never salutes the Inner Guard though I infer that it would not be out of place for the Inner Guard to salute at all times in addressing the Junior Warden, that is in announcing alarms.

11. Elk Lake Lodge 507. This lodge was instituted in January, 1913, under dispensation dated 29th October, 1912. The warrant was dated the 16th July, 1913. They proposed to have their election in June 1914, and the S. W. asked to know if he would be eligible for the office of W. M. Inasmuch as Section 144 provides that no brother is eligible to the office of Master until he has served twelve months as Warden in a lodge in this jurisdiction and "Lodge" is defined by Section 138 as a lodge working under a warrant of this Grand Lodge, I ruled that he would not be eligible. If, however, the by-laws of the lodge were changed to provide for the election and installation in December, he would then be eligible.

12. Union Lodge No. 118 Schomberg, Ont. vs. Spry No. 385 Beeton, Ont.

This was a complaint of invasion of jurisdiction by reason of the initiation some two years ago of Alex. Ferguson, a resident within the jurisdiction of Union Lodge. Spry Lodge by a letter from the Secretary, of the 4th March admitted that Bro. Ferguson was a resident within the jurisdiction of Union Lodge, and he and V. W. Bro. Swan gave reasons why they initiated him with knowledge of this fact. It appeared to me a clear violation of section 185 of the constitution and I consequently directed Spry Lodge to pay to Union Lodge the initiation fee, and to Grand Lodge the fee for the dispensation for initiation of a candidate residing outside the territorial lodge.

13. As to the eligibility of a hunchback for initiation I directed the Grand Secretary to announce as my ruling, if there was nothing to the eontrary, in the rulings of any of my predecessors, that a person who was a hunchback but otherwise qualified, was not ineligible for initiation.

14. Upon the question of the constitutionality of the by-law of a private lodge designed to limit the membership of a lodge to a specified number, I ruled that in my opinion it was within the jurisdiction of a lodge to pass such a by-law, and if the

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lodge passed it, I, as Grand Master, would formally approve thereof, although my opinion was that it would be most undesirable that such a policy should become general, as probably the only relief which could be applied to such a state of affairs would be the issuing of dispensations for the formation of new lodges which again might be undesirable. stated my inclination to be strongly against "Close Corporation" and "High Price" in Masonry, and stated I would prefer to approve a by-law limiting the membership rather than run the risk of desirable applicants being excluded from membership by the use of the black ball, which might be resorted to by the brethren who were opposed to increase the membership and took that method of attaining their object.

15. In a case where an applicant was born and raised in Morrisburg and his parents still live there, and he owned property there, but who for several years had been in Lake Marine service of the Government, and who being unmarried came to his parents occasionally for a visit in the summer time, and resided there in winter for about four months, and his official headquarters were for a time at Owen Sound, and subsequently at Prescott, I ruled that this petition might be received and dealt with by the lodge at Morrisburg, being of opinion that Morrisburg was his domicile until he elected definitely and permanently to change it, which he appeared not to have done.

PEACE FESTIVAL.

In conformity with the suggestion in the Report of the Standing Committee on Condition of Masonry that the 100 years of continuous peace between Great Britain and the United States of America should be appropriately commemorated under the auspices of our Grand Lodge, a special meeting of the Board of General Purposes was convened at Toronto on Thursday, 19th March, and the decision was unanimously arrived at to proceed with the arrangements, and invitations have been extended to the Grand Masters of all Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada; also the

Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland to be our guests at this Annual Communication and likewise at the Festival to be held on the afternoon and evening of 16th July, and from the acceptances received I anticipate that we will be favored with the attendance of many eminent and distinguished brethren and that the Festival may be of great and far-reaching benefit to the Craft in all these various jurisdictions.

LODGE ROOMS.

I have been impressed during my term of office with the danger liable at any time to arise in buildings where lodge rooms are situated, and concur in the remarks upon this subject by M. W. Bro. Macwatt at our 56th Annual Communication on 19th July, 1911, when he said that lodges should be compelled in their own interests to see that all necessary precautions are taken to provide ample means of egress from lodge rooms and ante rooms. in case of fire. Inasmuch as this danger is ever present, and the report to be of any value should be made by some experienced person, I would suggest for the consideration of the Board of General Purposes that arrangements should be made without delay with some public official to make a general and complete examination and present a report to the Grand Secretary at an early date, after which we will have the data upon which to take necessary precautionary measures.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

On the nomination of the M. W. the Grand Masters hereafter mentioned I have appointed as the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada near their respective jurisdictions the following brethren:—

Near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, R. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor in place of M. W. Bro. John J. Dunlop deceased.

Near the Grand Lodge of Queensland, V. W. Bro. Albert Edwin Roberts, in place of R. W. Bro. Lord Chelmsford.

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Near the Grand Lodge of New York, Bro. Franklin Bien, in place of the late R. W. Bro. George W. Millar deceased.

On my recommendation the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon has been pleased to appoint V. W. Bro. Kenneth J. Dunstan P.M. of Ionic Lodge No. 25, Toronto, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oregon near our Grand Lodge.

I have also recommended to the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Sweden the appointment of R. W. Bro. G. J. Bennett, P.D.D.G.M., of Toronto, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Sweden near our Grand Lodge.

DISPENSATIONS.

During this year dispensations have been issued to the great number of 364, details of which will appear in the report of the Grand Secretary.

LODGES BURNED OUT.

On the 7th day of July, 1913, a very disastrous fire occurred in the city of Ottawa whereby the premises occupied by the following lodges: Dalhousie No. 52, Doric No. 58, Civil Service, No. 148 The Builders, No. 177, Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Chaudiere No. 264, and Prince of Wales No. 371, were destroyed. Duplicate warrants were issued and the brethren of Ottawa are to be congratulated upon their enterprise in erecting a new and handsome Masonic Temple building, which has been formally opened and occupied, and will make a fitting home for the brethren of Ottawa for many years to come.

Other lodges which have suffered by fire during the year are the following:

Verulam No. 268, Bobcaygeon, on 14th September, 1913.

Coronation No. 502, Smithville, on 22nd December, 1913.

Prince of Wales No. 146, Newburgh, on 30th March, 1914.

BY-LAWS.

In his address at the 56th annual communication on 19th July, 1911, M. W. Bro. Macwatt recommended that a model set of by-laws should be adopted by Grand Lodge, and after a year's experience in the office of Grand Master I very heartily concur in his suggestion that the Board of General purposes appoint a skilled brother to go over all by-laws and amendments thereto and then submit them to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for his approval, as in this way much greater uniformity would be secured and conditions generally would be immensely improved.

During the year I have revised and approved by-laws to the number of 20, and amendments to by-laws to the number of 62, details of which will appear in the report of the Grand Secretary.

MASONIC GRIEVANCES AND OFFENCES.

St. John's Lodge No. 81 (Mt Brydges, Ont.). For many years an unhappy state of affairs has existed in this lodge which has practically ceased to perform its functions. I appointed M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, P.G.M, a Commisisoner, to visit the lodge and conduct an investigation into the cause of the trouble, and received his report with a recommendation that Bro. Thomas C. West, Secretary of the Lodge be placed upon his trial for making a false report to the lodge in reference to the payment of an initiation fee by Mr. George Stover, who was initiated into Masonry by that lodge on 24th September, 1907. After due consideration of the report and of the circumstances in connection with the affairs of the lodge, I directed the Grand Secretary to instruct the Junior Warden of St. John's Lodge to lay a charge against Bro. West as recommended by M. W. Bro. Harding and also suspended Bro. West from his office as Secretary and from membership in St. John's Lodge and all Masonic rights and privileges pending the trial of such charge. The investigation will be proceeded with in due course, and further action will be reported to Grand Lodge.

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CENTRAL MASONIC BUREAU OF TORONTO

On 13th January, 1914, there was instituted with my knowledge and concurrence, though without formal approval, the Central Masonic Bureau of Toronto, which is a voluntary association of representatives appointed by all the lodges in Toronto for the purpose of recording the result of applications for membership to the craft in Toronto, and thus providing quick and accurate information in relation thereto, and in effect making a clearing house instead of the former slow and cumbrous method which, as administered, was of no practical benefit to the Craft.

MARINE DISASTERS.

1. Late in the autumn of 1913 a terrific hurricane on Lake Huron resulted in the destruction of over twenty large steamships and an appalling loss of life, among whom were many members of the Craft. With practically the unanimous concurrence of the members of the Board of General Purposes I subscribed on behalf of Grand Lodge the sum of \$1,000 to a "Lakes Disaster Fund," which was instituted by the Dominion Marine Association, as a public subscription for the families of the brave sailors who had lost their lives.

2. No more fitting opportunity could present itself than the present moment for the performance of a duty, which I am quite sure the brethren assembled will agree with me, is one which will be entirely within the grounds of the true spirit of our great fraternity, namely, the placing on record our sorrow and heartfelt sympathy at the recent appalling marine disaster, caused through the sinking of the S. S. "Empress of Ireland" off the coast of Rimouski on May 29th, 1914.

Our sincere sympathy and grief goes out to those who mourn the loss of loved ones, among whom was our W. Bro. H. R. O'Hara, a Past Master of Ashlar Lodge of Toronto. and we earn-

estly pray that He, who will in His own good time, cause the sea and the earth to give up their dead, will bring comfort to the aching hearts who to-day sit in deepest sorrow.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

A disposition appears to be gaining strength in the Craft to increase the initiation fee in some quarters, and I feel it my duty to draw formal attention to this subject as I concur in the opinion of eminent predecessors in the office of Grand Master, that "a large initiation fee does not ensure a good character." From my personal observation and from reports received, I believe, generally speaking, that the brethren regard the individual character of the applicants as the criterion, and this is as it should be. While each lodge must be the judge of its own field and fix what is a reasonable fee to exact from those seeking admission, yet it is my opinion that desirable young men who are starting on their career, and in many instances have severely taxed their resources in acquiring an education and sometimes a profession, should not be deterred from seeking the benefits and privileges of Masonry by reason of inability to pay a high initiation fee. I should never ad-vocate making Masonry cheap, but neither should the expense be prohibitory. The happy medium should prevail.

The subject is one of great and far-reaching importance, and while I shall not dwell upon it, I sincerely trust that brethren of wide experience in the Craft, and who know that its continued success depends upon our recruits, will give the subject their most careful consideration and act accordingly.

CLOSING OBSERVATIONS.

Having now referred in detail to the business of the year, and which by the Constitution it is my duty to report to you, permit me to make public acknowledgment of the wise counsel and most

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valuable assistance received by me from many of my predecessors, who, without exception, have upon request, shown the utmost willingness to aid me in every way possible, and have contributed much to the pleasure of my term of office.

The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer have been exemplary in the discharge of the duties of their respective offices, and I am confident are unexcelled by those of any other jurisdiction.

Upon the whole the year has been active and even strenuous, but I would not have had it otherwise. The District Deputy Grand Masters have been true and faithful in performing their work and I can safely say that the general condition of the Craft has at no time been in a healthier or more satisfactory condition, and as far as I am able to judge, the prospects for the future are of the most encouraging nature.

With every appreciation of the great honor which has been mine in being permitted to preside as Grand Master over your affairs during the year, and with a most earnest hope for a continuance, under Divine approbation, of the prosperity and happiness we have enjoyed, I am, my dear brethren,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

WM. DAVID McPHERSON,

Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, that the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The M. W. the Grand Master named as such committee M. W. Bro.s J. E. Harding, A. T. Freed, and J. H. Burritt.

The Grand Secretary presented the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's reports as follows:---

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A. M of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements and Investment Accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year ending May 31st, 1914.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

To balance at credit of account in the Can-		
adian Bank of Commerce, 31st May, 19138 2,548.66		
Less outstanding Cheques 266.66		
S :	2,282	00

REVENUE.

Receipts from Grand Secretary:

From Lodges	 2,198 46	
Interest on Investments	4,916 60	
Interest on Bank Deposits	126 02	

Debentures Matured and Paid.

Brockville	 	 \$207	59	
	 	 202	02	
Berlin	 	 705	39	
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Purchase of Brampton Debentures	1,964	26
Accrued interest on Debentures Purchased	1	61
General Charges	,429	03
Great Lakes Disaster Contribution 1	,000	00
Benevolent Orders	9,193	00
Cash in Bank 31st May, 1914		
Less outstanding Cheques		
1	,050	18
		\$50,638-08

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

HARRY VIGEON,

June 24th, 1914

Chartered Accountant.

DETAILS OF DISBURSEMENTS.

June	2—Hurley Printing Co., account to 23rd April\$		50
	Robt. Raw & Co., account to May 1st	23	
	Pearce Printing Co., account to Jan, 13th		00
	Robt. Duncan & Co., account to May 1st		$\frac{75}{2}$
	Ambrose Kent Co., account for ballot balls		75
	Grand Secretary, account incidentals	300	
	3—Copp Clark Co., account to April 1st	$176 \\ 776$	
	26-Grand Secretary, salary to 30th June	-750	
	Grand Treasurer, salary to 30th June	50 - 50	
	Auditor, salary to 30th June.	75	00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief	00	07
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office to June 30th	00	67
	Assistant in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 30th	0.9	
	June		33
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 30th J'ne		00
T 1	Stenographer in Grand Sec.'s office, to 30th J'ne		00
July	12—Hurley Printing Co, account to 31st May	23	
	Robt. Raw Co., account June 2nd		25
	Alex. Mars, Minute book		00
	Robt. Duncan Co., account to June 2nd		88
	Grand Sec., for T. G. Goddard account	35	
	Hamilton Masonic Hall, rent to July 1st	115	00
	17—W. J. Drope, on account, expenses, Grand Lodge	0.700	00
		2,500	00
	J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation	250	
	Grand Secretary, account Incidentals	300	00
	28-Superannuation allowance to former Chief	0.0	07
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office to 31st July	66	07
	Assistant in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 31st	100	00
	July	100 55	
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 31st July		
	Stenographer in Grand Sec. to 31st July	$\frac{106}{250}$	
	A. T. Freed, Report on Correspondence		
	Times Printing Co., account for sheet cards Gibb Paper Box Co., account for boxes		$\frac{00}{35}$
			$\frac{33}{70}$
	Bell Telephone Co., account to 30th Sept Hurley Printing Co., account Constitutions	$100 \\ 100$	
			35
	Robt. Duncan Co., account stationery Lyman Lee, Copestone Lodge Investigation		$\frac{33}{70}$
	Deputy Grand Master's Stenographer, to 17th	3	10
		25	00
	July Deputy Grand Master, Postage to 31st May	$\frac{25}{15}$	00
Δ 11 σ	26—Superannuation allowance to former Chief	10	00
mug.	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office to 31st Aug	66	66
	Assistant in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 31st	00	00
		91	67
	Aug Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 31st Aug.	55	
	Stenographer in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to	00	00
		83	33
Sent	31st Aug 10—Hurley Printing Co., account to Aug. 1st	153	
Sept.	11—Jolley & Son, account for trunks	100	70
	Robt. Duncan Co., account to Sept. 2nd	83	
	Grand Secretary for balance expenses Grand	00	00
	Lodge and B. of G. P. at Ottawa	96	79

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Sept.	11-Insurance on Regalia, &c	27	
	Insurance on Regalia, &c	27	00
	Insurance on Regalia, &c	27	
	Hurley Printing Co., on account.	200	
	12—Grand Master, on account for expenses Chairman Committee on Benevolence, postage	500	
	to 17th July Chairman Committee on Audit and Finance	15	00
	postage to 17th July	10	00
	J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation	250	00
	G. R. Putnam, expenses re Otter Lodge No. 504		30
	Robt. Raw & Co., account to 2nd Sept.	28	25
	Testimonial to M. W. Bro. Aubrey White	500	00
	26—Grand Treasurer, salary to 30th Sept	50	
	Grand Secretary, salary to 30th Sept	750	
	Auditor, salary to 30th Sept		00
	Hamilton Masonic Hall, rent to 39th Sept Superannuation allowance to former Chief	115	00
	Clerk, Grand Sec.'s office to 30th Sept Assistant in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 30th	66	67
	Sept.	91	67
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 30th Sept	55	00
	Stenographer in Grand Sec's office salary to		
Oct. 7	30th Sept	83	33
	Relief Association	-20	00
	John S. Gordon, Engrossing Warrants. Copp Clark Co., account to Sept. 29th, certi-	37	50
	ficates .	592	40
	Ontario Eng. Co., account for Portrait	7	60
	Ambrose Kent Co., account repairing Regalia		00
	Robt. Raw & Co., account to 30th Sept		75
	21-J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation	250	
	Bell Telephone Co., account to 31st Dec		45
	Hurley Printing Co., account for Constitution	285	
	Robt. Duncan Co., account to Sept. 18th 28—Superannuation allowance to former Chief	8	95
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, to 31st Oct Assistant in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 31st	66	67
	Oct.	- 91	67
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 31st Oct. Stenographer in Grand Sec's office salary to	55	00
	3Ist Oct.	- 83	34
Nov.	19—Grand Sec., Postage on Proceedings	215	
	Prem. Grand Sec.'s Bond	12	
	19-Donation Great Lakes Disaster Fund	1,000	00
	28—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, to 30th Nov	66	66
	Assistant in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 30th		
	Nov.	91	66
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 30th Nov	55	00
	Stenographer in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to	00	0.0
Б	30th Nov. 10—Grand Master, balance expenses		33
Dec.	10—Grand Master, balance expenses	500	00
	Robt. Duncan Co., account to Dec 1st	ð	-00

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Dec.	10—Hamilton Paper Box Co., for Mailing Boxes\$ Hurley Printing Co., balance account	$\frac{25}{512}$	
	24—Grand Secretary, salary to 31st Dec.	750	
	Grand Treasurer, salary to 31st Dec.	50	
	Auditor colory to 21st Dec.	$\frac{50}{75}$	
	Auditor, salary to 31st Dec.	1.5	00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office to 31st Dec	66	67
	Assistant in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 31st	00	07
		91	67
	Dec. Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 31st Dec.		00
	Stenographer in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to		
	31st Dec 31—Interest on Overdraft		$\frac{33}{90}$
		o	90
191		0.50	00
Jan.	9-J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation	250	
	Hand & Co., account for Mailing Tubes		00
	Hurley Printing Co., account to 16th Dec., 1913	31	
	Hamilton Masonic Hall, rent to 31st Dec	115	
	26—Bell Telephone Co., account March 31st	14	
	Robert Duncan Co., account 2nd Jan	10	00
	28—Superannuation allowance to former Chief		
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, to 31st Jan	66	67
	Assistant in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 31st	0.1	0.
	Jan.	$\frac{91}{2}$	67
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 31st Jan. Stenographer in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to	55	00
	31st Jan		34
	Masonic Relief Association, per Capita Tax W. H. Day, Commission expenses re Prince	268	35
	Arthur Lodge No. 334	6	75
Feb.	24—Grand Secretary, account Incidentals	-200	
	Superannuation allowance former Chief Clerk		
	in Grand Sec.'s office, to 28th Feb	66	66
	Assistant in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 28th		
	Feb	91	66
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 28th Feb.	55	00
	Stenographer in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to		
	28th Feb	83	33
Mar.	28—Grand Secretary, salary to 31st March	750	00
	Grand Treasurer, salary to 31st March	50	00
	Auditor, salary to 31st March	75	00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief		
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office to 31st March	66	67
	Assistant in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 31st	91	67
	March		00
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 31st Mar. Stenographer in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to	00	00
	31st March	83	33
	Robt. Duncan & Co., account to 2nd March		50
	Masonic Relief Association, Index Cards		00
	Board of Gen. Purposes, expenses of special		
	Meeting at Toronto	245	55
	Robt. Raw & Co., account to 2nd March		00
	Masonic Hall Association, rent to April 1st	115	00

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April	1—Hamilton Masonie Hall Heating account 1912-	\$	
	1913	101	50
	Bell Telephone Co., account to 30th June, 1914		40
	Robt. Raw & Co., account to 31st March		75
	23-Rent of Safe in Vault, T. G. T. Corp., to April,		
	1915		00
	Expenses to Niagara Falls, re Meeting of Grand	1	
	Lodge	37	15
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief		
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, to 30th April.	66	67
	Assistant in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 30th		
	April, 1914		67
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 30th April	55	00
	Stenographer in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to		
	30th April		34
May	13-R. Raw & Co., account		75
	Hurley Printing Co., account		75
	26-Superannuation allowance to former Chief		
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 31st		
	May		66
	Assistant in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 31st		
	May		66
	Clerk in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to 31st May		00
	Stenographer in Grand Sec.'s office, salary to		0.0
	31st May		33
	Grand Secretary, balance incidentals	18	86
		\$18,429	03
	Benevolent Orders		
	Purchase Brampton Debentures and Interest.	1 965	
	Balance in Bank		
		\$50,638	08
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The attached statement of Assets shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 31st of May, 1914, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the vault Clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited—certified to as being correct.

HARRY VIGEON, Chartered Accountant.

24th June, 1914.

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Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1914.

Citic		e of erest	Cost Value	Face Value
Securities	Bear	Yield	Cost value	race value
Landed Banking and Loan				
Company Toronto General Trusts Cor-	4^{1}_{2}	4^{1}_{22}	\$ 10000 00	\$ 10000 00
poration	458	458	11000-00	11000-00
Berlin, Town of	5	415	4193 67	4092 58
Berlin, Town of	5	5	5523-08	5523 08
Brampton, Town of	6	6	1964 26	$1964 \ 26$
Brandon, City of	5	$4\frac{1}{2}$	10399 00	
Brandon, City of	5	458	2116 04	2000 00
Brantford, City of	4	37/8	8173 60	
Brockville, Town of	4	41_{2}	3142 02	
Brockville, Town of	4	43∕s	$3411 \ 72$	
Hamilton, City of	4	4^{3}_{4}	2777 70	
Kincardine, Town of	$\overline{5}$	47/s	509 80	
New Westminster, City of	5	4.80	$5125 \ 50$	
New Westminster, City of	5	4^{3}_{4}	5208 50	
Oxford, County of	5	$-4\frac{1}{2}$	1613 60	
Peterborough, Town of	$\frac{112}{2}$	4^{12}_{2}	5121 37	
Port Arthur, City of	5	478	1009 31	
St. Thomas, City of	4	4 1-10		
St. Thomas, City of	5	$\frac{41}{2}$	5536 99	
Stratford, City of	$\frac{41}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	980 95	
Strathcona City of	$\frac{41}{2}$	$\frac{43}{4}$	$ 4842 00 \\ 4484 14 $	
Toronto, City of	3^{1}_{22}	4.05	4484 14	4800 00
			\$109159-32	\$109039 95
Balance in Canadian Bank	of Co	mmerc	e,	
May 31st, 1914			- $ 1410$ 2	
Less Cheques outstanding,	May 3	1st, 191	14 = 360.0	
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HARRY VIGEON,

Chartered Accountant.

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PAYMENTS BY GRAND TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.

June, 1913.	Aug.
9 Bro. W. H. S	1 Mrs. J. S. H
26 Bro. J. W. S 20 00	Mrs. H. J. K
Mrs. T. D. H 75 00	Mrs. R. O
Miss M. W	Mrs. A. P
Miss M. H. H	Bro. J. H. S. 75 00
Aug.	Mrs. J. W
I Mrs. J. V 30 00	Mrs. J. A
Mrs. W. H. T	Bro. C. B
Mrs. H. J. H	Mrs. T. W. H. 40 00
Miss C. P	Mrs. J. H. K
Miss U. P	Mrs. T. C. McL 40 00
Mrs. J. R. Q	Mrs. J. W. C
Mrs. A. S. 30 00	Mrs. G. C
Mrs. G. G	Mrs. W. H. H
Mrs. J. J	Mrs. A. J
Bro. T. K. 50 00	Mrs. W. M
Miss A. McP	Mrs. W. J. S 40 00
Mrs. G. P 40 00	Mrs. W. P 20 00
Mrs. R. A. K. 40 00	Mrs. B. C. T
Mrs. R. T. P	Mrs. J. W 30 00
Mrs. T. H. W 25 00	Mrs. T. B 15 00
Mrs. A. T	Mrs. J. E. M 50 00
Mrs. C. W. S. S 50 00	Bro. W. H. W 50 00
Mrs. J. J. M 50 00	Mrs. J. E 30 00
Mrs. J. C 50 00	Mrs. P. G 40 00
Mrs. J. R. G 25 00	Dau. J. L. H 20 00
Mrs. J. F. H 25 00	Bro. J. C. V 30 00
Mrs, R. M. K 25 00	Mrs. W. B 20 00
Mrs. J. A. M 15 00	Bro. W. H 75 00
Mrs. T. E. McD 25 00	Mrs. W. T 25 00
Mrs. A. M 40 00	Mrs. W. B. B 25 00
Mrs. H. G. V 40 00	Mrs. D. B 30 00
Mrs. A. H 50 00	Mrs. A. D 25 00
Mrs. W. J. McB 30 00	Mrs. J. W. I 25 00
Bro. J. B. S 50 00	Dau. W. K 20 00
Mrs. G. S	Mrs. J. H. M 20 00
Mrs. W. R	Mrs. W. G. B. R 20 00
Mrs. R. W	Mrs. W. F
Bro. W. J. H	Mrs. W. H. B 30 00
Mrs. C. W. M	Mrs. A. H
Mrs. J. B 40 00	Mrs. H. H
Mrs. J. M	Mrs. W. H. H
Mrs. J. T. 10 00	Mrs. T. J. B 20 00
Bro. E. H. B	Mrs. S. M. D
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1 Mrs. A. L\$25 00	1 Mrs. R. C\$30 00
Mrs. J. McK 25 00	Mrs. G. H. B. 40 00
Mrs. W. McM	Mrs. W. O. M 50 00
Mrs. C. W. M 10 00	Mrs. J. R. W
Mrs. A. M 10 00	Bro. H. T. L 50 00
Mrs. T. S. S 20 00	Mrs. J. L. R 50 00
Mrs. J. W. T 40 00	Mrs. F. D 40 00
Mrs. W. B 30 00	Mrs. O. J. A 30 00
Mrs. H. C 20 00	Bro. T. McK 50 00
Mrs. G. H. N 25 00	Mrs. J. S. G 20 00
Mrs. E. L 30 00	Mrs. W. P 30 00
Bro. D. R. M 30 00	Mrs. J. W. H 30 00
Bro. E. H. R 30 00	Mrs. J. H 25 00
Mrs. F. C 15 00	Mrs. H. S. McG 20 00
Bro. H. O. H	Mrs. G. M. McI 40 00
Mrs. E. L. Z 40 00	Mrs. C. N 40 00
Mrs. W. E. J. 50 00	Mrs. R. C
Mrs. C. McL	Mrs. P. P
Dau. J. I	Mrs. F. W. S 40 00 Bro. T. T 50 00
Mrs. H. H	Mrs. H. M
Bro. A. R. M. 75 00	Mrs. M. McL 40 00
Mrs. D. McK	Mrs. A. V. F 40 00
Mrs. W. H. S	Mrs W E. H
Mrs. G. S	Mrs. F. A. R
Mrs. T. A 30 00	Mrs. C. F. H. S 40 00
Mrs. E. F 25 00	Mrs. H. F. G 50 00
Mrs. J. L. H 20 00	Mrs. S. G. H
Bro. J. H 75 00	Mrs. S. B
Bro. W. J. K 75 00	Bro, H. E. C 50 00
Mrs. R. J. L 30 00	Mrs. W. C 30 00
Mrs. W. J. T 30 00	Mrs. J. N 40 00
Mrs. F. A. B 40 00	Mrs. C. F. S 50 00
Bro. A. E. B 75 00	Bro. M. G. R 75 00
Mrs. T. G 50 00	Mrs. G. E. W 50 00
Mrs. J. H	Mrs. J. A. B
Mrs. G. T. P 40 00 Bro. I. I. P 75 00	Mrs. F. M. B 40 00
Bro. J. J. P	Mrs. H. H
Mrs. E. S. W 25 00	Mrs. J. M
Mrs. D. H. W 25 00	Bro. A. B
Bro. R. J. H	Mrs. W. T. W. 40 00
Mrs. J. M	Mrs. A. C 20 00
Mrs. A. R. P 40 00	Mrs. S. M. C 50 00
Mrs. J. P. G 30 00	Bro. S. A. B 75 00
Mrs. D. B 30 00	Mrs. J. A 20 00
Mrs. J. H. B 20 00	Miss A. C
Mrs. J. W. B 30 00	Mrs. A. A. C 50 00
Dau. E. E 20 00	Mrs. G. C. W 50 00
Mrs. R. H 10 00	Mrs. J. M 50 00
Mrs. J. P 20 00 Mrs. T. R 25 00	Mrs. W. F 25 00
Mrs. T. R 25 00	Mrs. R. A. D. 40 00
Mrs. A. W 25 00	Mrs. C. H
Mrs. S. W	Mrs. C. J. H
Mrs. R. A. M 40 00	Mrs. G. F. H
Mrs. J. R. L. S 25 00	Mrs. S. S. R 30 00

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Aug. 1 Mrs. W. B. W. 50 00 Mrs. J. C..... 25 00 Mrs. L. R..... 40 00 Bro. D. L..... 25 00 Mrs. T. H. S. 40 00 Mrs. W. W..... 10 00 Bro. A. C..... 75 00 Mrs. H. E..... 25 00 Mrs. A. de P..... 30 00 Mrs. T. H. 30 00
 Bro. W. B.
 50 00

 Mrs. E. W.
 30 00

 Orphans W. H. W.
 40 00
 Mrs. C. J. A..... 20 00 Mrs. H. A..... 40 00 Bro. S. B..... 50 00 Bro. J. D. I..... 50 00
 Mrs. J. G. S.
 50 00

 Mrs. W. J. W.
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 Mrs. J. H. W.
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 Mrs. D. L. C..... 20 00 Mrs. B. H. E..... 30 00 Mrs. A. C..... 40 00 Mrs. W. K. 30 00 Mrs. W. J. C. 50 00 Mrs. J. B. 30 00 Mrs. J. E. H. 40 00 Bro. F. McM..... 75 00 Bro. J. M..... 50 00 Mrs. T. H. C..... 30 00 Bro. J. K. 75 00 Bro. F. R. 30 00 Bro. W. H. R. 75 00 Bro. J. W..... 50 00 Mrs. W. J. B. 20 00 Bro. H. C. P. 30 00 Mrs. C. F. R..... 40 00 Mrs. W. R. A..... 15 00 Mrs. A. C. C..... 20 00 Mrs. J. G..... 20 00 Mrs. M. M. 25 00 Mrs. C. H. G. 20 00 Mrs. G. O. F..... 50 00

 Mrs. G. G.
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 Mrs. W. E. K.
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 Mrs. M. J. L.
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 Mrs. S. T.
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 Mrs. E. J. A.
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1	Mrs P. F.	30	00
	Mrs. C. G	25	00
	Mrs. T. B	$\overline{30}$	00
	Bro. A. E	50	00
	Mrs. R. W. L.	30	00
	Mrs. R. W. L.		
	Mrs. W. McG	50	00
	Bro. W. S	25	00
	Mrs. J. C. H.	30	00
	Bro. F. I. W	20	00
	Bro. J. E. R	75	00
	Mrs. W. A	30	00
	Bro. T. H	75	00
	Bro. T. H. Mrs. T. W.	50	00
	Mas C D		
	Mrs. G. R.	40	00
	Mrs. J. S.	20	00
	Mrs. G. A. T	25	00
	Mrs. C. F	30	00
	Mrs. I. H. T	30	00
	Mrc I W M	30	00
	Bro. W. A. W	30	00
	Mrs. J. E. A. Mrs. J. E. A.	30	00
	Mrs. T. G. B	50	00
	Mrs. T. G. B.		-
	Mrs. C. B.	10	00
	Mrs. D. G. K	40	00
	Mrs. G. S.	40	00
	Miss M. L.	20	00
	Mrs. J. F	50	00
	Mrs. I. R.	50	00
	MIPS N MIL	30	00
	Mrs. T. E. T.	25	00
	Mrs. J. McC	$\frac{20}{30}$	00
	Mrs. J. McC		
	Bro. G. W. H. P	75	00
	Mrs. B. R.	25	00
	Mrs. J. P	40	00
	Bro. R. A	50	00
	Mrs. J. A Miss H. S	50	-00
	Miss H. S.	30	00
	Bro. W. C. S. Bro. W. B.	30	00
	Bro. W. B	$\overline{25}$	00
	Mrs. T. H.	$\tilde{25}$	00
	Mrs. I .F. G.	25_{00}	00
	Miss A. V.	20	.00
	Bro. A. B.	50	00
	Mrs. C. A. C	25	00
	Mrs. G. A. S	40	00
	Bro. J. McI	50	-00
	Mrs. R. L. S	50	00
	Mrs. W. R. S	30	00
	Mrs. H. H.	30	00
	Mrs. J. F	$30 \\ 30$	00
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	Mrs. A. K.	30	00
	Mrs. A. K. Bro. W. H. L. Bro. W. B.	75	00
	Bro. W. B	30	00
	Mrs. I. Z.	30	00
	Mrs. I. C.	30	00
	Mrs. S. W.	30	00

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Aug.	Aug.
1 Mrs. R. W\$20 00	1 Bro. J. N\$50 00
Bro. W. B. A 30 00	Bro. G. W. S 50 00
Mrs D McN 30.00	Bro. W. B 30 00
Mrs. P. N. 30 00	Mrs. H. P 50 00
Mrs. J. W	Bro. T. P 50 00
Mrs. E. W. T 40 00	Mrs. S. S
Mrs. R. C. 20 00	Mrs. W. B. 50 00
Mrs. J. D. D 40 00	Mrs. W. C
Bro. I. C. 50 00	Mrs. A. C 50 00
Mrs. J. A	
Mrs. W. D	
Mrs. R. S. M	Mrs. R. E
Mrs. R. T. H	
Mrs. G. W. A 40 00	
Mrs. R. V 40 00	
Mrs. T. L. 40 00	Mrs. J. W. F 50 00
Mrs. E. D. 40 00	Mrs. A. B 50 00
Mrs. J. P. V 40 00	Sept. 50.00
Mrs. J. F. S 25 00	25 Bro. W. D. P 50 00
Bro. J. R. M 50 00	Mrs. T. D. H 75 00
Bro. C. S	Miss M. W 75 00
Mrs. H. R	Miss M. H 18 75
Mrs. J. C. R 50 00	Oct.
Mrs. A. E. H 30 00	27 Bro. R. T. A 50 00
Mrs. J. M 25 00	Nov.
Mrs. R. G. R 20 00	3 Bro. C. E. D 50 00
Mrs. H. L	Bro. W. B. H 50 00
Mrs. T. M. McG 20 00	Bro. L. F. K 50 00
Mrs. W. B. S 20 00	Bro. F. J 50 00
Mrs. A. A. M 40 00	Bro. W. P 50 00
Bro. J. C. M 50 00	Mrs. W. H. T 40 00
Bro. J. B 75 00	Bro. T. N 50 00
Mrs. J. S 30 00	Bro. H. J. W 50 00
Mrs. G. H. L 50 00	6 Bro. H. D. R 50 00
Mrs. J. W. W 40 00	25 Bro. H. T 50 00
Bro. H. H 30 00	Bro. T. M 50 00
Bro. G. A. F. C 40 00	Dec.
Bro. D. T 75 00	1 Bro. F. R 50 00
Mrs. J. W. R 25 00	Bro. S. A. M 50 00
Mrs. R. R. M 25 00	Bro. R. K 50 00
Mrs. J. R 30 00	19 Bro. J. H 50 00
Mrs. S. H. W 40 00	Mrs. T. D. H 75 00
Mrs. G. W 50 00	Miss M. W 75 00
Bro. H. R. S 50 00 -	Miss M. H 18 75
Bro. J. C	26 Mrs. J. W 50 00
Bro. J. F. T 30 00	Jan. 1914.
Bro. S. C. D 75 00	22 Mrs. R. B 50 00
Miss M. C 30 00	26 Bro. G. W 50 00
Bro. R. G 50 00	31 Mrs. J. McG 50 00
Mrs. J. C 40 00	Feb.
Mrs. J. H. B 50 00	5 Mrs. W. A. T 30 00
Mrs. A. C	Mrs. H. J. H 50 00
Mrs. G. F. H 30 00	Miss C. P 25 00
Bro. H. C. E. C 25 00	Miss U. P 25 00
Bro. H. A 50 00	Mrs. J. R. Q 25 00
Bro. W. B 50 00	Mrs. A. S

100	GRAND LODG	GE OF CANADA
Feb.		Feb.
5 Mr	s. G. G \$30.00	
Mr	s. J. J 40 00	Miss H. H
Bro	. T. K 50 00	$\frac{1}{2000}$
DIC	1. I. K	Bro. J. C. V
MI	s A. McP 25 00	Mrs. W. B
Mrs	s. G. P 40 00	Bro. W. H 75 00
Mrs	s. R. A. K 40 00	Mrs. W. T
	s. R. T. P 50 09	Mrs. W. S. B 25 00
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MIL	5. T. H. W 25 00	Mrs. D. B 30 00
Mrs	s. A. T	Mrs. A. D 25 00
Mrs	s. C. W. S. S 50-00	Mrs. J. W. I 25 00
Mrs	s. J. J. Mi 50 00	Miss E. M. K 20 00
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		Mrs. J. N. McD 20 00
Mrs	s, J. R. G 25 00	Mrs. W. G. S. R
Mrs	5. J. F. H	Mrs. W. F 30 00
	8. R. M. K	Mrs. W. H. B 30 00
	5. J. A. M 15 00	Mrs. A. H. 15 00
Mrs	. T. E. McD 25 00	Mrs. H. H 20 00
Mrs	A. M 40 00	Mrs. W. M. H 30 00
Mrs	s. H. G. V 40 00	Mrs. T. J. B 20 00
	A. H 50 00	Mrs. S. M. D
MIS	. W. J. McB 30 00	Mrs. F. A. G 50 00
	. J. B. S 50 00	Bro. J. A. C 75 00
Mrs	G. S	Mrs. W. D. J
Mrs	W. R	Mrs W P K 20.00
Mrc	. R. W	Mrs. A. L
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MITS	W. J. H	Mrs. J. McK 25 00
Bro	. T. P 30-00	Mrs. W. McM 30 00
Mrs	. L. B	Mrs. W. McM 30 00 Mrs. C. W. M 10 00
Mrs	J. T. 10 00	Mrs. A. M 10 00
Mrs	E H D 75.00	
MIS	E. H. B. 75 00 J. W., 30 00	Mrs. T. S. S 20 00
Mrs	. J. W 30-00	Mrs. T. W. T 40 00
Mrs	. W. P	Mrs. W. B 30 00
Mrs	. T. E 30 00	Mrs. H. C 20 00
	, H. G	Mrs. G. H. N
31.5	, II. G 50 00	MIS. G. H. N 20 00
MIS	J. H. 10 00 H. F. K. 30 00	Mrs E L 30 00
Mrs	. H. F. K 30 00	Bro. D. R. M 30 00
Mrs	. R. O. $120, 000$	Mrs. F. C
Mrs	. A. P	Bro. H. O. H 30 00
Bro	J. A. S 75 00	Mrs. E. L. Z 40 00
Mar.	J. M. S 10 00	
MITS	. J. W 30 00 . J. A 50 00	Mrs. W. E. J
Mrs	. J. A 50-00	Mrs C. McL 40 00
Bro.	Č. H 50 00	Mrs. C. C 25 00
Mrs	. T. W. H. 40 00 . J. W. K. 25 00 . T. McC. L. 40 00	Miss E. B
Mrc	T W L 95.00	
MIS	T N.C.I. 40.00	Mrs. H. II
Mrs	. I. McC. L 40 00	Bro. A. R. M 75 00
Mrs	. J. W. C 30-00	Mrs. D. McK
Mrs	. G. C	Mrs. W. H. S 30 00
	. W. H. H 30 00	Mrs. G. S
31.00	A T 20.00	
MITS	A. J	Mrs. T. A
Mrs	W. J. S. 40 00 W. P. 20 00 B. C. T. 30 00	Mrs. E. F 25 00
Mrs	. W. P 20 00	Mrs. Jos. L. H 20 00
Mrs	B C T 30.00	Bro. J. H
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MILS.	J. W	Bro. W. J. K 75 00
MITS.	T. B 15 00	Mrs. R. L. L 30 00
Mrs.	J. E. M 50 00	Mrs. W. J. T 30 00
	J. E 30 00	Mrs. F. S. B 40 00
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Feb.	Feb.
5 Mrs. A. E. B\$75 00	5 Mrs. G. E. W\$50 00
Mrs. T. G 50 00	Mrs. J. A. B
Mrs. J. H 30 00	Mrs. F. M. B 40 00
Mrs. G. T. P 40 00	Mrs. H. H 40 00
D. I.I.D. 75.00	
Bro. J. J. P 75 00	Mrs. J. M 25 00
Mrs. T. G. T 30 00	Mrs. J. S 30 00
Mrs. T. G. T	Bro. A. B 75 00
Mrs. D. H. W 25 00	Mrs. W. T. W 40 00
Bro. R. J. H	Mrs. A. C 20 00
Mrs. J. M	Bro. S. A. B
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Mrs. A. B. P 40 00	Miss A. C
Mrs. I. T. G 30 00	Mrs. A. A. C 50 00
Mrs. D. B 30 00	Mrs. G. O. W 50 00
Mrs. J. H. B 20 00	Mrs. J. M 50 00
Mrs. J. W. B 30 00	Mrs. W. F 25 00
Miss E. E	Mrs. R. A. D. 40 00
	Mrs. C. H. 30 00
Mrs. I. P 20 00	Mrs. C. J. H 40 00
Mrs. T. R 25 00	Mrs. G. F. H 30 00
Mrs. A. W 25 00	Mrs. S. S. R
Mrs. S. W 30 00	Mrs. W. S. W 50 00
Mrs. R. A. M 40 00	Mrs. J. C 25 00
Mrs. J. L. S	Mrs. L. R 40 00
MIS. J. L. S 20 00	
Mrs. R. C 30 00	Bro. D. L 25 00
Mrs. G. H. B 40 00	Mrs. T. S. S 40 00
Mrs. W. C. M 50 00	Mrs. W. W 10 00
Mrs. I. R. W 30 00	Mrs. H. E 25 00
Mrs. H. T. L 50 00	Mrs. A. deP 30 00
Mrs. J. L. R 50 00	Mrs. T. H 30 00
Mrs. F. D 40 00	Mrs. E. W
MIS. F. D	
Mrs. O. J. A 30 00	Orphans Bro. W.H.W 40 00
Mrs. T. McK 50 00	Mrs. C. J. A 20 00
Mrs. J. S. G 20 00	Mrs. H. A 40 00
Mrs. W. P 30 00	Bro. S. B 50 00
Mrs. J. W. H 30 00	Mrs. E. M. J 50 00
Mrs. J. H 25 00	Mrs. J. G. S 50 00
	Mrs. W. J. W 25 00
	Mrs. J. H. W 40 00
Mrs. G. M. McI 40 00	
Mrs. C. N 40 00	Mrs. D. L. C 20 00
Mrs. R. C 30 00	Mrs. B. H. E 30 00
Mrs. P. P 30 00	Mrs. A. C 40 00
Mrs. F. W. S 40 00	Mrs. W. A. D 25 00
Mrs. H. M 50 00	Mrs. N. R. E 30 00
Mrs. M. McL 40 00	Mrs. W. K
	Mrs. W. J. C 50 00
Mrs. A. V. F 40 00	MIS. W. J. C 50 00
Mrs. W. E. H 40 00	Mrs. J. M
Mrs. F. A. R 50 00	Mrs. J. B 30 00
Mrs. C. F. H. S 40 00	Mrs. J. E. H 40 00
Mrs. H. F. G 50 00	Bro. J. F. W 30 00
Mrs. S. G. S 25 00	Bro. G. C 50 00
Mrs. S. B	Mrs. F. McM 75 00
	Mrs. J. M
Mrs. H. E. C 50 00	MIS. J. M
Mrs. W. C 30 00	Mrs. T. H. C 30 00
Mrs. J. N 40 00	Bro. J. K 75 00
Mrs. M. G. R	Bro. F. R 30 00
Mrs. C. F. S 50 00	Bro. W. A. R 75 00
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Bro. J. W\$50	00
Mrs. A. W 40	00
Mrs. W. J. B 20	
Bro. H. C. P 30	
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MIS. J. E	
Mrs. W. M 20	
Mrs. C. F. R 40	
Mrs. W. R. A 15	
Mrs. A. C. C 20	
Mrs. J. G 20	00
Mrs. M. M 25	
Mrs. C. H. C 20	00
Mrs. G. O. F 50	00
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Mrs. W. E. K	
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Mrs. P. F	00
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Bro. A. E 50	00
Mrs. R. W. L 30	00
Mrs. W. McG 50	00
Mrs. J. H. 30	00
Bro. F. T. W 20	00
Bro. I. F. R	00
Mrs. W. A	00
Bro. T. H	00
Mrs. G. R 40	00
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Mrs. G. A. T	00
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Mrs. J. T. 30 Mrs. J. E. A. 30 Mrs. J. E. A. 30	00
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Mrs. T. G. B	00
Miss L. B	00
Mrs. D. G. K 40	00
Mrs. G. S 40	00
Miss M. L 20	00
Mrs. J. F 50	00
Mrs. I. R	00
Mrs. N. M. C	00
Mrs. T. E. T 25	-00
Mrs. J. McC 30	00 +
Bro. G. W. A. P	00
Mrs. E. R	00
Mrs. J. P 40	00
Bro. R. A 50	00
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Mrs. J. A	00
Mrs. T. H. 25	00
Mrs. T. H	
Mrs. I. F. G	00
Miss A. V 20	00
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Mrs. G. A. C 25	00
Mrs. G. A. S 40	00

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5	Bro. J. McI.	.\$50	00
	Mrs. R. L. S	. 50	
	Mrs. W. R. S		
	Mrs. H. H		
	Mrs. J. F.	. 30	
	Mrs. J. F. Mrs. A. K.	30	
	Bro. W. H. L.	.75	
	Bro. W. B.		
	Mrs. J. Z.		
	Mrs. J. A. C	. 30 . 30	
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	Mrs. S. W.	. <u>30</u>	
	Mrs. R. W. Mrs. W. B. A.	. 20	
	Mrs. D. McN		
	Mrs. P. N.	. 30	
	MITS. E. W. 1	. 40	
	Mrs. R. C.	. 20	
	Mrs. J. D. D.	. 40	
	Mrs. J. D. D. Bro. J. C.	. 50	
	MITS. W. D.	. 25	00
	Mrs. R. T. H	. 25	-00
	Mrs. G. W. A	. 40	-00
	Mrs. R. V.	. 40	
	Mrs. R. S. M.	. 30	
	Mrs. T. L. Mrs. E. D.		
	Mrs. E. D.	$\tilde{40}$	
	Mrs. E. D. Mrs. J.P. V.	30	
	Mrs. J. F. S	25	00
	Bro. J. K. M.	50	00
	Bro. C. S.	75	00
	Mrs. H. R		00
	Mrs. J. L. R		00
	Mrs. J. L. R Mrs. A. E. H	30	00
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	Mrs. R. G. R.	20	00
	Mrs. H. L.	30	00
	Mrs. T. M. McG.	20°	00
	Mrs. W. B. S	20	00
	Mrs. A. A. M	40	00
	Bro. J. C. M	50	00
	Bro. J. B	75	00
	Mrs. J. S.	30	00
	Mrs. G. H. L	50	00
	Mrs. J. W. W	40	00
	Bro. H. H.	30	00
	Bro. G. A. F. C	40	00
	Bro. D. T	75	00
	Mrs. J. W. R	25	00
	Mrs. R. R. M	25	00
2	Mrs. J. R	30	00
1	Mrs. S. H. W	40	00
	Mrs. S. H. W Mrs. G. W Mrs. M. S	50	00
		50	00
	Bro. J. C	50	ŬŬ -
	Bro. J. C. Bro. S. C. D	75	ŏŏ -
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Feb.	Feb.
5 Miss M. C\$30 00	5 Mrs. T. B\$30 00
Bro. R. G 50 00	Mrs. J. W. G 50 00
Mrs. J. C 40 00	Mrs. A. B
Mrs. H. J. B 50 00	Feb.
Mrs. A. C	24 Mrs. J. W
Mrs. G. F. H	Misses C., F. & M 50 00
Bro. H. C. E. C. 25 00	Mrs. L
Bro. H. A	Mar.
Bro. W. B	2 Bro. J. W. M 30 00
Bro. J. N 50 00	4 Bro. H. W. B. Mason-
Bro. G. W. S 50 00	ic B. of R. Chicago,
Mrs. W. B 30 00	for late Bro. D148 00
Mrs. H. P 50 00	11 Mrs. T. D. H 75 00
Bro, T. P 50 00	Miss M. W 75 00
Mrs. S. S	Miss M. H. H 18 75
Mrs. W. B 50 00	April
Mrs. W. C 25 00	1 Mrs. D. H. C 50 00
Mrs. A. C 50 00	May
Mrs. W. A. K 50 00	18 Mrs. J. D. McN 60 00
Mrs. J. A. R 30 00	Bro J. M 40 00
Mrs. R. E 20 00	
Bro. V., children of 50 00	\$29,193_00
Bro. D. C 75 00	

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit statement of receipts and expenditures of the Semi-Centennial Fund for the year ending May 31st, 1914.

RECEIPTS

To balance at the credit of the Account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1913
Less outstanding cheques 815.00
Amount received from Grand Secretary during year ending 31st May, 1914:
Contributions from Lodges on Capital account \$1,431.64
Interest on Investments 4,665.85
Interest on Bank Deposits
\$6,180.76
\$7,551.52
Berlin Debentures Instalment
Berlin Debentures Instalment 53.78
East Toronto Instalment
\$8,776.01
DISBURSEMENTS
Purchase of Strathroy Debs 528.37
Purchase of Brampton Debs 1,841.49
Purchase of Walkerville Debs 599.88
Accrued interest on Debs. purchased . 10.82
Benevolent Orders 4,515.00
Balance in Bank
Less outstanding Cheques2,005.00
\$1,280.45

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

HARRY VIGEON.

Chartered Accountant.

June 24th, 1914.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND. Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1914.

	Rate of Interest							
Securities	Bear	Yield	Cost Value	Face Value				
DEBENTURES								
Berlin, City of	5	4^{1}	\$ 1271 77	\$ 1218 40				
Berlin, City of	õ	4^{3}_{4}	6354 82	6277 61				
Berlin, City of	5	41_{2}	$3088 \ 38$	3000 00				
Brampton, Town of	6	6	1841 49	1841 49				
Brandon, City of	5	$4^{1}2$	-4170 00	4000 00				
Calgary, City of	$4^{1}2$	$4^{1}2$	-3980,00	4000 00				
Durham, Town of	5	510	$1439\ 71$	1528 43				
East Toronto, Town of	5	$5^{1}\bar{2}$	559-60	571 84				
Galt, Town of	4	5	1695 60	$2000 \ 00$				
Ingersoll, Town of	-1	$\tilde{5}$	891.60	1000 00				
Kincardine, Town of	5	4 %	1019 60	1000 00				
North Vancouver, Dist. of	$4\frac{1}{2}$	4^{3}_{4}	2880 60	3000,00				
Oakville, Town of	5	4^{3}_{4}	4971 42	4787 92				
Oshawa. Town of	$4^{1}2$	41.0	5272 13	$5272\ 13$				
Ottawa, City of	-1	4^{1}_{2}	1951 80	2000 + 00				
Owen Sound, Town of	412	5	$940 \ 10$	1000 00				
Owen Sound, Town of	5	4^{1}_{4}	2200 80	2000/00				
Peterborough, City of	3	4	$1693 \ 20$	2000/00				
Peterborough, City of	4	5	907-90	1000 00				
Peterborough, City of	434	41.5	1905 50	$1850 \ 00$				
Peterborough, City of	413	$4^{1}\frac{7}{2}$	3854 72	$3854\ 72$				
St. Catharines, City of	4	$4\frac{1}{4}$	$5141 \ 74$	5319 96				
St. Mary's, Town of	412	4.80	8658 63	9000-00				
St. Thomas, City of	5	434	5053-50	5000 - 00				
Saltfleet, Township of	5	431	4119 22	4000 00				
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of	5	434	1862 64	1800 00				
Seaforth, Town of	5	431	4105 56	4000-00				
Shuniah, Municipality of	5	47/8	1015 90	1000 00				
Strathroy, Town of	5	558	$1459 \ 73$	1546 54				
Walkerville, Town of Walkerville, Town of	$4^{1}2$	434	3516 34	$3581 \ 16$				
Walkerville, Town of	41_{2}	518	599 86	$639 \ 13$				
Windsor, City of	4	415	3867 97					
Woodstock, City of	416	4.05	4240 00					
Toronto General Trusts Corp	458	458	5000-00	5000 00				
Hamilton Masonic Hall Assoc- iation Stock		6	100 00	100 00				
			\$101631_83	\$102273 22				
Balance in Canadian Bank of	of Con	imerce.						
May 31st, 1914				5				
Less outstanding Cheques			2005-00					
				-\$ 1280 45				
				\$103553 67				
	E	. Т. М	ALONE,					
			Grand	l Treasurer.				
	н	ARRV	VIGEON,					
Correct June 24th, 1914.	11			Accountant.				

1912-1913

PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE, SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

	· · · · ·
Aug. 1913.	Dec.
13 Miss M. W\$50 00	26 Bro. F. Mc.M
Dec.	Mrs. W. J. C 25 00
26 Mrs. J. W 50 00	Bro. F. R
Mrs. H. J. H 25 00	Bro. J. K 50 00
Bro. T. K 25 00	Bro. W. A. R. 50 00
Mrs. R. T. P 25 00	Mrs. G. O. F
Mrs. C. W. S. S 25 00	Bro. J. E. R 75 00
Mrs. J. J. M 25 00	Bro. A. E
Mrs. J. C 25 00	Bro. T. H 25 00
Mrs. C. W. M 20 00	Mrs. J. F 50 00
Mrs. J. M	Mrs. J. R
Bro. E. H. B 50 00	Mrs. J. P
Bro. J. A. S 25 00	Mrs. C. E. D 50 00
Mrs. I. A	Mrs. T. G
Mrs. T. McC. L 25 00	Mrs. J. H. B 50 00
Mrs. W. J. S 25 00	Bro. W. H. H 50 00
Mrs. W. H. W 25 00	Miss V. McC 50 00
Mrs. P. G 20 00	Bro. R. A
Mrs. F. G 25 00	Mrs. J. A
Bro. J. A. C 50 00	Bro. A. B
Mrs. E. L. 10 00	Bro. W. H. L. 50 00
Bro. A. H. M 25 00	Mrs. E. W. T 25 00
Mrs. G. S	Mrs. J. A
Bro. W. J. K 50 00	Bro. J. B
Bro. A. E. B 40 00	Mrs. J. W. 20 00
Mrs. T. G	Bro. T. P
Bro. J. J. P 25 00	Mrs. W. B
Bro. R. J. H 20 00	Bro. W. A. K 25 00
Mrs. A. R. P	Mrs. T. E. T
Mrs. W. C. M. 25 00	Miss M. W
Mrs. J. L. R	Mrs. G. R. H
Mrs. T. McK	Mrs. A. A. M 10 00
Mrs. C. H. N	Mrs. H. C. C 50 00
Mrs. A. V. F 10 00	April.
Bro. M. G. R	7 Bro. W. B. H 50 00
Bro. H. E. C. 25 00	May.
Bro. A. B	26 Mrs. H. J. H 25 00
Mrs. C. F. S. 25 00	Bro. T. K
Mrs. W. E. J	Mrs. R. T. P 25 00
Mrs. G. E. W 25 00	Mrs. C. W. S. S
Mrs. S. M. C 25 00	Mrs. I. I. M
Bro. S. A. B	Mrs. J. C 25 00
Mrs. L. R. 20 00	Mrs. C. W. M 20 00
Orphans W. H. W 20 00	Mrs. E. H. B 50 00
Bro. S. B 25 00	Bro. J. A. S 25 00
Mrs. H. A	Mrs. J. A
Mrs. J. E. H 20 00	Mrs. T. C. L 25 00
Mrs. J. G. S 25 00	Mrs. W. J. S
1. J. G. J 20 00	1 Jano, W. J. S 20 00

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Mrs. P. G..... 20 00 Mrs. E. L.... 10 00 Mrs. G. S..... 10 00

 Mrs. J. K.
 50 00

 Bro. W. J. K.
 50 00

 Mrs. A. E. B.
 40 00

 Mrs. T. G.
 25 00

 Mrs. J. J. P.
 25 00

 Mrs. R. J. H..... 20 00 Mrs. A. R. P..... 20 00 Mrs. W. C. M..... 25 00
 Bro. J. L. R.
 25 00

 Mrs. T. McK.
 25 00

 Mrs. C. H. N.
 20 00
 Mrs. A. V. F..... 10 00 Bro. M. G. R..... 25 00

 Bro. H. E. C.
 25 00

 Bro. H. E. C.
 25 00

 Bro. A. B.
 25 00

 Mrs. C. F. S.
 25 00

 Mrs. W. E. J.
 25 00

 Mrs. G. E. W.
 25 00

 Mrs. G. E. W.
 25 00

 Mrs. L. R.
 20 00

 Orphans W. H. W.
 20 00

 Bro. S. B.
 25 00
 Mrs. H. A..... 25 00

May		
26 Mrs. J. R. H	\$20	00
Mrs. J. G. S	25	00
Bro. F. McM	75	00
Mrs. W. J. C	25	00
Bro. F. R		00
Bro. J. K	50	00
Bro. W. A. R.		00
Mrs. G. F	25	00
Bro. J. E. R		00
Mrs. J. F		00
Mrs. J. R.		00
Mrs. J. P		00
Bro. R. A		00
Mrs. J. A		00
Bro. R. B		00
Bro. W. H. L		00
Bro. C. W. T		00
Mrs. J. A.		00
Bro. J. B		00
Mrs. J. W. W		00
Bro. T. P		00
Mrs. W. B		00
Mrs. W. H. K		00
Mrs. T. E. T		00
Miss M. W.		00
Mrs. G. F. H.		00
Mrs. A. A. M.		00

\$4,515 00

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

- To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.
- M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg leave to present my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me, and paid to the Grand Treasurer, during the year ending 31st of May, 1914, and including the following statements, viz.:

A Summary of receipts from various sources on General Account; Details of Receipts on General Account and Ledger Balances as at the 31st May, 1914; Details of Payments to the Grand Treasurer; a Summary of Expenditure for the year; Details of the Returns of Lodges as at the 24th June, 1914; a Summary of the Receipts and Payments to the Grand Treasurer on account of the Semi-Centennial Fund: a Statement of the amount contributed to the Fund by Lodges on Capital Account for the year; and a Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements for the year on the Semi-Centennial Fund Revenue Account. Also a record of dispensations issued, by-laws and amendments thereto approved by the M. W. the Grand Master.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, NIAGARA FALLS, 1914

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Year Ended May 31st, 1914.

Fees, registration of Initiations		S	11.472	00
Fees, registration of Affiliations			384	
Dues			25.970	00
Certificates			147	
Constitutions and Ceremonies				
			1,414	
Dispensations			636	
Commutation of Dues.			1,105	
Warrants			200	
Miscellaneous			805	
Ballot Boxes			-63	80
		-		
		S	42.198	46
Interest on Debentures and Bank Account:			, -	
Landed Banking and Loan Company \$	-450	00		
Toronto General Trusts Corporation	508	74		
Town of Berlin.	-239	91		
Town of Berlin	276	15		
City of Brandon	600	00		
City of Brantford	320			
Town of Brockville	326			
City of Hamilton	120			
Town of Kincardine	25			
City of New Westminster	500	~ ~		
		48		
County of Oxford				
City of Peterborough	230			
City of Port Arthur	_50	~ ~		
City of St. Thomas		51		
City of Stratford	45	~ ~		
City of Strathcona	225			
City of Toronto	170	32		
Bank Account	126	02		
		:	5.042	62

Total Revenue, General Account.......\$47,241 08

Debentures Matured and Paid:

Town of Berlin	$705 \ 39$		
Town of Brockville	$409 \ 61$		
	\$	1,115	00
	-		
	44	\$48,356	08

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

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PAYMENTS TO THE GRAND TREASURER.

1913.

Tuno	6	Deposited	in Conadian	Bank of Commerce\$	$368 \ 62$
June	0	Deposited .	"		75 48
	26	44	"	" "	898 45
	$\overline{28}$		**	" "	1783 50
		**	**		365 23
	30	**		**	$1441 \ 00$
July	$\tilde{2}$	"	"	"	$1327 \ 35$
55		" "	44		946 52
	5		**	**	2807 85
	8	" "	**	"	3321 00
	11	" "	"	**	1832 40
	24	"	**	~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	$3150 \ 75$
	31	"	" "	" "	$384 \ 65$
Aug.	- 9	**	" "	"	$562 \ 60$
0		4.4	"	**	25 00
	25	" "	" "	**	$791 \ 95$
	30	" "	" "	**	$561 \ 15$
Sept.	- 8	"	<i></i>	**	$455 \ 35$
		"	64	"	$409 \ 61$
		" "	"	<i>" "</i>	$326 \ 21$
	30	" "	" "	"	$525 \ 25$
Oct.	1	" "	<i>" "</i>	"	160 00
	23	**	" "	"	$264 \ 20$
	31	4.4	**	**	421 55
Nov.	20	4.4	" "		$642 \ 10$
		6.4		<i>4</i> 4	$275 \ 00$
		"	"	" "	96 69
	29	"	**	**	$130 \ 00$
		**	**	6.4	$705 \ 39$
		4.4		4.6	239 91
Dec.	2	4 E	"	**	$254 \ 37$
	16	4.4	<i>" "</i>	4.4	339 95
	30	**	" "	(1	$441 \ 25$
	30	**	11	4.6	$615 \ 23$
	31	"		44	$1615 \ 85$
1914					
Jan.	2	"	• •	44	$1451 \ 75$
		"	4.6	"	$262\ 66$
	$\overline{7}$		<i></i>	<i>4 4</i>	$2311 \ 15$
	16	"		6.6	$3506\ 65$
				18	$112 \ 91$
	21	**		44	$2136 \ 70$
_	31	"		44	$2382 \ 75$
Feb.	11	"			1286 85
		••		"	$25 \ 00$
	19		**	•	1247 90
_	28		**		740 55
Mar.	21	~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~		44 	847 86
	28	~	**	44	407 00
	31	" "	"	4.6	118 55

191	4.					
April	1	Deposited	in Canadian	Bank of Commerce	\$ 703	71
	15		**	<i>" "</i>	567	95
	30	<i>" "</i>	" "	16	403	00
May	2	"	" "	**	225	00
	13	"	**	<i>44</i>	473	25
	26	"	" "	4 i	362	80
		"	" "	46	50	00
	30	" "	<i></i>	* 6	141	35
		"	66	"	29	33
					\$48356	08

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Year Ended May 31st, 1914.

1914.\$\$200 00R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary, salary to March 31st, 19143,000 00H. Viggeon, Auditor, salary to May 31st, 1914	E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer, salary to March 31st,		
H. Vigeon, Auditor, salary to March 31st, 1914 300 00 J. P. Muir, Superannuation to May 31st, 1914 1,100 00 J. Place, Stenographer, salary to May 31st, 1914 1,000 00 F. J. Brown, Clerk, salary to May 31st, 1914 1,000 00 Incidental Expenses, Grand Secretary's Office 818 86 Printing and Stationery 1,682 18 Certificates and Warrants 800 00 Safety Deposit Box Rental, Toronto General Trusts Corporation 40 00 Office Rent, Hamilton Masonic Hall Association 40 00 Office Furniture 41 00 Postage on Proceedings 215 00 Pexpenses of Crand Lodge and Board of General Purposes at Ottawa 2,596 79 Expenses of Delegations and ceremonies 14 75 Inspection of Benevolent Grants 1,000 00 A. T. Freed, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence 250 00 <	1914 \$	200	
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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, NIAGARA FALLS, 1914

Details of Receipts on General Account and Ledger Balances, Year ending May 31st, 1914

No.	Name of Lodge	Location	An	nt.	Bala Dr.	ance Cr.
2	Niagara	Niagara	\$ 55	75	\$1 00	
3	Ancient St. John's		224	25		
5	Sussex		184	50		
ĕ	Barton		$-\hat{2}\hat{0}\hat{2}$	50		
Ž	Union		-56	75	61 85	
ġ	Union	Napanee	106	00		
10	Norfolk		83	75	150	
11	Moira	Belleville	198	50	$-\tilde{3}$ 00	
14	True Britons		197	75	50	
15	St. George's		162	75		\$3 75
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	267	$\overline{75}$		
17	St. John's		137	75		
18	Prince Edward		-129			
$\tilde{20}$	St. John's		194	00	75	
21a	St. John's		$^{-}52$	00	• •	
22	King Solomon's		234	$\overline{75}$		
$\overline{23}$	Richmond		-46	25	1 00	
24	St. Francis		132	00	1 00	
$\overline{25}$	Ionic		156	25	13 00	
26	Ontario		110	$\bar{25}$	19 00	
$\frac{1}{27}$	Strict Observance		-275	- õ õ		
28	Mount Zion		- 44	75		
$\bar{29}$	United	Brighton	101	75	4 00	
30	Composite		101	00	1 00	
31	Jerusalem			50	$2^{-}25$	
32	Amity		- 89	50	50	
33	Maitland.		111	60	3 40	
34	Thistle		- 199	75	5 50	
$3\overline{5}$	St. John's			05		
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	96	25		
38	Trent	Trenton	116	50		
39	Mount Zion		43	00		
40	St. John's		336	35		
41	St. George's		105	00		
$\tilde{42}$	St. George's		116	ŏŏ		
43	King Solomon's		-203	25		1 00
44	St. Thomas		268	$\tilde{30}$		1 00
45	Brant		223	75		
46	Wellington		173	25		
47	Great Western		454	95	12 00	
48	Madoc		86	00		50
$\tilde{50}$	Consecon.		41	25	1 50	
52	Dalhousie		266	$\tilde{00}$		
54	Vaughan		42	50		
55	Merrickville		53	75		
56	Victoria		171	75		
57	Harmony		122	50		
58	Doric		137	80	8 00	
61	Acacia		348	$\frac{30}{20}$		
62	St. Andrew's			50^{-1}		
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63	St. John's		5	149			••••
64	Kilwinning			199	25	\$1 50	
65	Rehoboam			274	75	••••	
-66	Durham			71	75		\$2 50
68	St. John's	Ingersoll		59	00	$1 \ 00$	
69	Stirling	Stirling		100	00		
72	Alma			175	20		
73	St. James'			58	$\overline{50}$	41 00	
74	St. James'			51	00		
75^{-1}	St. John's			189	00	$\frac{100}{300}$	
$\frac{13}{76}$				196	50	3 00	••••
	Oxford						
77	Faithful Brethren			166	50	5 00	••••
78	King Hiram	Illsonburg		119	75	• • • •	
79	Simcoe			90	75		••••
81	St. John's	Mount Brydges		-46	00		50
82	St. John's	Paris		-87	75		
-83	Beaver	.Strathroy		-82	50		
84	Clinton	Clinton		50	10	4 00	
85	Rising Sun			- 39	$\overline{50}$		
86	Wilson			230	00		
87	Markham Union			87	50		
88	St. George's			134	$\frac{30}{25}$	*** *	••••
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90	Manito			66	00		30 75
91	Colborne			67	50	6 00	
92	Cataraqui	Kingston		203	75		
93	Northern Light	Kineardine		-76	75		
94	St. Mark's	Port Stanley		42	40	1 50	
96	Corinthian	Barrie		148	25		
-97	Sharon	Oueensville		57	75		
98	True Blue,			48	50		
99	Tuscan			-60	00	1 50	
100	Valley.			126	$\overline{75}$	1 00	
101	Corinthian			118	50	3 00	
103				134	75^{-50}	30	••••
	Maple Leaf						••••
104	St. John's			67	50	•···•	
105	St. Mark's			113	75	••••	
106	Burford			44	50		50
107	St. Paul's			67	30		
108	Blenheim	Princeton		40	25		
109	Albion	Harrowsmith		-59	75	•···•	
110	Central	Preseott		-92	50		
113	Wilson	Waterford		-95	25	•	
114	Hope			101	75		
115	Ivy			$\tilde{92}$	$\dot{75}$		
116	Cassia			-32	25		
118	Union			87	75		200
119						••••	
	Maple Leaf			53	75	•••••	••••
120	Warren			45	75	••••	
121	Dorie			299	75	••••	••••
122	Renfrew			98	50	••••	••••
123	Belleville			159	75	••••	
125	Cornwall			-80	75		
126	Golden Rule	Campbellford		-72	50		
127	Franck			111	25		
128	Pembroke			114	25		3 00
129	Rising Sun				$\overline{50}$		
				00	00	••••	

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101	Ct. I	0 11 1 0		00		
131	St. Lawrence		55	00		
133	Lebanon Forest		69	75	\$1 50	*
135	St. Clair		87	20	$3 \ 00$	
136	Richardson		-35	25		
137	Pythagoras		- 87	50	-2.00	
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	- 81	00	1 00	
140	Malahide		- 94	75		
141	Tudor	Mitchell	55	00		\$2 00
142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	51	00		
143	Friendly Brothers		72	75		
144	Tecumseh		180	50		
$144 \\ 145$					••••	
	J. B. Hall		45	$\frac{25}{2}$	••••	
146	Prince of Wales		66	75		
147	Mississippi		50	50	••••	••••
148	Civil Service		141	75	••••	
149	Erie		-59	00		
151	Grand River	Berlin	135	75		
153	Burns	Wyoming	-65	75		
154	Irving	Lucan	-68	70		
155	Peterborough		158	25		
156	York	Toronto	160	75		
157	Simpson	Newboro	46	50^{-10}		
$151 \\ 158$	Alexandra		46	$50 \\ 50$		
$150 \\ 159$			96		••••	
	Goodwood			75		
161	Percy		53	25	• · · · ·	
162	Forest		32	45		
164	Star in the East		-76	00	$1 \ 25$	
165	Burlington	Burlington	92	50		25
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	137	25	· · 8.	$29 \ 25$
168	Merritt	Welland	-94	25		
169	McNab	Port Colborne	- 66	00	4 00	
170	Britannia	Seaforth	-88	75	1 00	
171	Prince of Wales		28	25	8 00	
172	Ayr		46	$\overline{25}$		15 00
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan	69	$\overline{00}$		10 00
177	The Builders		294	95		
			39	$\frac{55}{75}$		••••
178	Plattsville				5.00	•••••
180	Speed		105	50	$5 \ 00$	
181	Oriental		39	$25_{-0.0}$	•···•	
184	Old Light		61	20	• • • • •	
185	Enniskillen		24	25	••••	1 75
186	Plantagenet		41	75	••••	$2 \ 00$
190	Belmont	Belmont	64	00	••••	
192	Orillia	Orillia	187	75	• • • •	$9\ 25$
193	Scotland	Scotland	- 66	75	1 00	
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	162	50		
195	Tuscan		73	75		
196	Madawaska		- 58	60		
197	Saugeen		47	$\overline{50}$	2 00	
$\frac{197}{200}$	St. Alban's		- 99	75	2 00	
			109	65		
201	Leeds		$109 \\ 62$		••••	$50^{}$
203	Irvine			00	••••	
205	New Dominion		30	00	••••	6 00
207	Lancaster		80	25	••••	
209a	St. John's		292	$\frac{25}{2}$	••••	
209	Evergreen	Lanark	33	75		
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0.00			0			
212	Elysian Lake Harris Frederick Stevenson	.Garden Island S		50		
215	Lake	.Ameliasburg	$^{+15}$	25		
216	Harris	.Orangeville	14I	75	\$0 25	
217	Frederick	Delhi	115	60		
218	Stevenson	Toronto	159	75	7 50	
$\overline{219}$	Credit	Georgetown	70	75	25	
$\frac{10}{220}$	Zeredatha	Urbridge	52	$\frac{1}{25}$		
221				$\frac{2.9}{50}$	••••	
$\frac{221}{222}$	Mountain		102			••••
	Marmora		69	25	••••	
223	Norwood			50	••••	
224	Zurich	Hensall	49	00		\$0 50
225	Bernard	Listowel	-69	00		
228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	55	25	75	
229	Ionic	Brampton	101	25		
230	Kerr	Barrie	154	50		2 25
231	Fidelity	Ottawa	195		3 00	
232	Cameron	Dutton		50 - 50		
233	Dorio	Dort-hill	- 33	$50 \\ 50$		
$\frac{235}{234}$	Done	Classical			••••	••••
	Beaver	Clarksburg		50	••••	
$\frac{235}{235}$	Aldworth	Paisley	- 85	25	••••	• · · · ·
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	-49	25	••••	
237	Ionic Kerr Fidelity Cameron Doric Beaver . Aldworth Manitoba Vienna Havelock Tweed Macov	Vienna	- 67	25		
238	Havelock	Watford		50	-3.00	
239	Tweed	Tweed	- 87	75		
242	Macoy	Mallorytown		00	1 50	
$\bar{2}4\bar{3}$	St. George		-54	$\tilde{50}$		
245	Tecumseh	Thomesville	-43			
$\bar{2}47$	Ashlar	Toronto	258			
249	Culadonian	Midland	144	$-20 \\ -50$	$\frac{1}{2}25$	
	Caledonian Thistle Minden	Ridiand				••••
250	I histle	Embro	- 30	75	3 00	••••
253	Minden	Kingston	122	75		• • • •
254	Chitton	.istagata Pans	158	95	6 00	• • • •
255	Sydenham .	Dresden	-82	75	$24 \ 00$	
256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	- 84	75		
257	Galt	Galt	115	25		75
258	Guelph	Guelph	- 93	75		
259	Springfield	Springfield		-75		
$\frac{1}{260}$	Washington	Petrolio	105			
$\frac{260}{261}$	Oal: Bronch	Innorlin	35		••••	50
262	Uamieten	Innerkip		25	3 00	
$\frac{262}{263}$	E	namston				
	Forest	Forest	51	-50		
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa.	204			$3 \ 00$
265	Paterson	Thornhill	-58			
266	Northern Light	Stayner	-24	70		
267	Farran's Point Galt Guelph Springfield Washington Oak Branch Harriston Forest Chaudiere Paterson Northern Light Parthenon Verulam Brougham Union Cedar Wellington Seymour	Chatham .	197	50		
268	Verulam	Bobcavgeon	- 53	50	25	
269	Brougham Union	Claremont	41	00	50	
270	Cedar	Oshawa	- 20		25	
$\bar{2}71$	Wellington	Frin	-16			
$\frac{1}{272}$	Soumour	Anonator	- 67	$-50 \\ -50$		
$\frac{1}{274}$	L'ant	Dischaling	- 21		25	••••
	Vedlington Seymour Kent	T.	- 11	75		••••
$\frac{276}{276}$	Teeswater Seymour	Teeswater		20	1 00	••••
277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie.		50		
279	New Hope Lorne	Hespeler	71		$2 \ 00$	
282	Lorne	Gleneoe	66	25		

283	Englan	Dallaadila @	00	20		
$\frac{285}{284}$	Eureka		$-88 \\ -65$	$\frac{50}{75}$	\$1 75	••••
$\frac{284}{285}$	St. John's		- 05 - 47	$\frac{10}{00}$		\$1_00
$\frac{285}{286}$	Seven Star		$-\frac{4}{67}$	$\frac{00}{25}$		
$\frac{280}{287}$	Wingham Shuniah		$\frac{07}{261}$	$\frac{20}{75}$		
$\frac{281}{289}$	Doric		- 53	$\frac{75}{75}$	••••	••••
$\frac{289}{290}$	Leamington		118	$\frac{70}{50}$	••••	••••
$\frac{290}{291}$			$\frac{115}{78}$	$\frac{50}{25}$	••••	• • • •
$\frac{291}{292}$	Dufferin Deberteen		$-\frac{10}{32}$			75
$\frac{292}{294}$	Robertson		$\frac{52}{54}$	$\frac{50}{85}$		
$\frac{294}{295}$	Moore	0		-	• • • •	• • • •
$\frac{295}{296}$	Conestogo		-62	75	e 00	••••
	Temple		-91	25	6 00	
297	Preston		-58	25		• • • •
299	Victoria		- 57	00		
300	Mount Olivet		_43	75	n 00	
302	St. David's		241_{-20}	00	$3 \ 00$	
303	Blyth.	Blyth	- 69	$\frac{25}{2}$		50
304	Minerva		54	$\overline{1}\overline{2}$	1 -0	
305	Humber.		- 85	75	1 50	
306	Durham		- 50	25		
307	Arkona			50		
309	Morning Star		43	50		
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	_37	50		
312	Pnyx		100	50	10.1	
313	Clementi		-62	00	•• •	
314	Blair.		68	25		
315	Clifford		62	75		
316	Doric		224	25		
318	Wilmot		17	00		
319	Hiram		-62	00	·	$1 \ 00$
320	Chesterville		-74	45		
321	Walker		-48	00		
322	North Star		119	75		
323	Alvinston		44	50		
324	Temple		265	75		
325	Orono .	Orono	25	75		
326	Zetland	Toronto	306	00		
327	Hammond	Wardsville	-38	25	$3 \ 00$	
328	Ionic	Napier		00		
329	King Solomon		41	00		
330	Corinthian		140	75		
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	60	75	- (c) - (c)	$9 \ 50$
332	Stratford		140	00		
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	- 55	00		• • • • •
334	Prince Arthur	Arthur.	-43	50		
336	Highgate	Highgate	24	25	4 00	
337	Myrtle		45	40		
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	25	50	29 75	
339	Orient	Toronto	290	50		
341	Bruce	Tiverton	-46	75	3 75	
343	Georgina	Toronto	297	00		
344	Merrill	Dorchester St'n	30	25		25
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	58	50		25
346	Occident	Toronto	332	75	25	
347	Mercer	Fergus	56	00		

348	Georgian	Penetanguishene	\$ 78	00		• • • •
352	Granite Brock	Parry Sound	156	50		
354	Brock.	Cannington	- 31	00	\$1 00	
356	River Park	Streetsville	-29	25	29 75	
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	- 93	25		
358	Delaware Valley	Delaware			$97\ 75$	
359	Vittoria	Vittoria	37	25		\$1 00
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	48	$\bar{75}$		
361	Waverley	Guelph	173	$\frac{10}{75}$	4 50	
362	Maple Leaf	Tara	43	25		
364	Dufferin		106	$\frac{1}{25}$	9 00	
367	St. George		268	$\frac{25}{25}$		
368	Salem		$\frac{203}{137}$	$\frac{25}{75}$		••••
369	Mimica	Lombten Mille		25	••••	••••
$\frac{309}{370}$	Mimico	Data Data	92			
	Harmony		51	50	- 00	
371	Prince of Wales		145	75	$5 \ 00$	••••
372	Palmer.	Bridgeburg	67	25	••••	••••
373	Copestone	Welland		00		••••
374	Keene			00	••••	
375	Lorne		-40	00		••••
376	Unity		90	00		
377	Lorne	Shelbourne	51	00		
378	King Solomon's	London	-207	00	••••	25
379	Middlesex	Bryanston	27	50		
380	Union		193	25	$3 \ 00$	
382	Doric	Hamilton	249	55		
383	Henderson	Winchester				2 00
384	Alpha	Toronto	316	75		
385	Sprv	Beeton	67	25		
386	Spry. McColl.	West Lorne	74	75		
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	37	50		
388	Henderson	Iderton	27	00		25
389	Crystal Fountain	N Augusta	33	66		
390	Florence					
391			29	75		••••
392	Howard		58	50		••••
$\frac{392}{393}$	Huron	Camlachie	36	50		••••
000	Porest	Chesley	43	00		• • • •
394	Forest King Solomon Parvaim Cedar Leopold Victoria Moffatt	I hamesford	-49	00	25	····
395	Parvaim	Comber	29	75^{-}	••••	••••
396	Cedar	Wiarton	76	50		• · · · •
397	Leopold	Brigden	32	75		
398	Victoria	Kirkfield .		50	$3 \ 00$	
399	Moffatt	Harrietsville .		50	'	
400	Oakville	Uakville	98	00^{-}	$2_{-}00$	
401	Craig.		86	50^{-1}		
402	Central	Essex	60	25		
403	Windsor.	Windsor	290	25		
404	Lorne	Tamsworth	-1-1	75		
405	Mattawa			35		
406				10		75
408	Spry	Beaverton			$12 \ 75$	
409	Golden Rule			75	14 10	
410	Zeta			75	3 00	
411	Rodney	Rodney		00		3^{-90}
412	Keystone		283		100	
112	iscystolic	Saurt Ste. Marie	200	00	1 00	

410	NT 1 / 11	/T ¹ '11				00 OF
413	Naphtali			75	····	\$0 25
414	Pequonga		124			
415	Fort William		209			3 75
416	Lyn		22		A1	
417	Keewatin		72		\$1 75	
418	Maxville		69			···· •
419	Bismarck		63			
420	Nipissing		154		1 00	
421	Scott		75		1 50	
422	Star of the East		47	25		25
423	Strong		60			
424	Doric		31	00		••••
425	St. Clair		57	05	••••	
426	Stanley		239			
427	Nickel		185			
428	Fidelity		101	-00		
429	Port Elgin		51	50	25	
430	Acacia	Toronto	172	50	1 00	
431	Moravian		-39	50	••••	$1 \ 00$
432	Hanover	Hanover	-39	25		
433	Bonnechere		-85			
434	Algonquin		-93	50		
435	Havelock	Havelock	107	75	1 00	
436	Burns	Hepworth	-39	50		
437	Tuscan	Sarnia	158	-00	-3.00	
438	Harmony	Toronto	-352	50	1 61	
439	Alexandria	Alexandria	-36	00		
440	Arcadia		44	25	• • • • •	••••
441	Westport	Westport	42	05		
442	Dyment	Thessalon	-48	75	1 25	
443	Powassan	Powassan	-53	25		
444	Nitetis	Creemore	-58	75		
445	Lake of the Woods	Kenora	12	-00	$12 \ 75$	
446	Granite	Fort Frances	-79	75		
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls.	- 88	50		
448	Xenophon	Wheatley	-39	-00		
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	-39	75		
450	Hawkesbury	.Hawkesbury	55	25	3 00	
451	Somerville	Kinmount	-45	75		
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	- 96	75		60
453	Royal	Fort William	134	00	25	
454	Corona	Burk's Falls	-78	-00		
455	Doric	Little Current	-64	75		
456	Elma	Monkton	-30	00		
457	Century	Merlin			87 00	
458	Wales	Wales	-61	00	$1 \ 00$	
459	Cobden		82	25		
460	Rideau		26	50	$16 \ 50$	
461	Ionic		66	50		$1 \ 75$
462	Temiscaming		158	25		25
463	North Entrance		27	$2\overline{5}$		
464	King Edward		$\overline{22}$	50		
465	Carleton		51	$\overline{50}$		1 00
466	Coronation	Elmvale	75	25		
467	Tottenham	Tottenham]	13 50	
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			\$ 48,3	356	08		
2000			· 1.	+	50		
	ntures redeemed				00		
	est				62		
	ries			859	80		
Total	receipts from Lodge		841	338	66		
0.D.	Mount Sinai	. 10101110		0ئ	00	14 OU	••••
				20	00	$12 \ 50$	••••
	Sable			20	00	20 00	••••
	Ontario			$\frac{40}{20}$		6 00	• • • •
- U.D. - Ц. D.	Onondaga Coronati	Toronto	•		00	••••	••••
U.D.	Onondaga	Ouondage		$\frac{20}{31}$	00		
U.D. U.D.	Sioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout		$\frac{20}{25}$	00	$3 \ 00$	
U.D. U.D.	Hazoldoor	Deachburg		84		2.00	45
U.D.	Reba Enterprise Hazeldean	Brantford		84		••••	13 00
U.D.	St. Alban's	Loronto .		307	60		12 00
U.D.	Corinthian	Hamilton		78	00		••••
U.D.	Malone	Sutton.		55	85		5 00
U.D. 17 D	Volonaught	w. Fort William	m	67	45		= 00
010	Parkdale Connaught Malone	. 1 oronto		118	90		••••
$\frac{509}{510}$	Twin City	Berlin		80		••••	• • • •
$\frac{508}{500}$	Ozias				40	••••	• • • •
507	Elk Lake	Elk Lake		152	95	••••	
$506 \\ 507$	Porcupine	Porcupine		176	50	$13 \ 45$	••••
$\frac{505}{506}$	Lynden			86	60	19 4*	••••
504	Otter	Lombardy	• •	35	35		
503	Inwood	Inwood		46	90	••••	
$\frac{502}{502}$	Coronation			58	10		
501 502	Connaught	Mimico		70	25	3 60	
500	Rose.	windsor		55		$\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{00}{60}$	••••
	Port Arthur	Port Arthur		128	00	9.00	••••
$\frac{498}{499}$	Rang George V	Loboconk		46		••••	••••
$\frac{497}{498}$	St. Andrew's	Coboorni-		43	25	$1 \ 00$	••••
	University	1 oronto	•••	126	50	1 00	
495	L'hivorcity	Toronto	•••	261	50		••••
494	Riverdale Electric	Hamilton		$\frac{189}{261}$	45	••••	
$\frac{495}{494}$	Riverdala	Toronto		49			
$\frac{192}{493}$	Karnak St. Marys	St Morve				••••	••••
$\frac{191}{492}$	Varual.	Coldwater		$\frac{55}{54}$			
$\frac{490}{491}$	Cardinal	Cardinal		$\frac{20}{53}$			\$1 50
490	Hirain :	Markdale		$\frac{00}{25}$			
$\frac{100}{489}$	Osiris			$\frac{44}{66}$		1 00	
488	King Edward			44	50	$\frac{1}{3}25$	
487	Penewobikong			42	00		
486	Silver			141	$\tilde{00}$		
485	Haileybury	Hailevhurv		111	$\frac{30}{25}$		
484	Golden Star			$\frac{+3}{73}$	$\frac{20}{50}$	1 00	
483	Granton			48	$\frac{75}{25}$	1 00	••••
482	Bancroft	Baneroft		- 3 5 - 80	75	$\frac{2}{1}00$	
481	Corinthian	Toronto		-98	50	$2^{-}50$	
$\frac{419}{480}$	Williamsburg Corinthian	Williamshurg	••	$\frac{19}{26}$	$\frac{00}{75}$		
479	D necoli	Duccoll		$\frac{39}{73}$			••••
478	Harding	Milverton		$-\frac{20}{39}$	$\frac{25}{25}$	1 75	
477	Harding	Woodville		$\frac{05}{25}$	$\frac{100}{25}$	1 75	
476	Corinthian			39	50		
475	Dundurn	Hamilton		162	25		
474	Victoria	Toronto		195	50		
473	Gore Bay. The Beaches	Toronto		170	$\tilde{00}$		
472	Gore Bay	Gore Bay		-46	50	$1 \ \overline{00}$	
471	King Edward VII.				$\overline{50}$	25	
470	Victoria	Victoria Harbo	ο Γ	83	$\overline{25}$	S. 00	
$\frac{1}{469}$	Algoma	Sault Ste Mar	ie	168	20	\$1 00	
468	Peel	Caledon East	S	58	25		

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SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.	
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT.	
Year ended May 31st, 1914.	
Contributions from Lodges, per detailed statement	
Debentures Matured, Town of Berlin	679 88
Debenture Matured, Town of East Toronto	$544 \ 61$
	0.656 19
	32,65613
'SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS ON REVENUE ACCOUNT.	
Interest on Investments and Bank Account, per detailed	1
statement	4,749 12
	7,405 25
SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND	

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND. PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER.

1019		PAYME	NTS TO GR	RAND TREASURER.	
1913. June	6	Deposited	in Consider	Bank of Commerce \$	131 00
June	0	Deposited "			253 86
		" "	"	. 6	544 61
	30—		"	* *	237 50
	00	**	**		$\frac{261}{280}$ 67
July	8-		"	* *	$\frac{230}{238}$ 00
July	0	**	"	* *	$\frac{200}{337}$ 50
	17—		" "	4.4	48 00
	11	" "	"	" "	25 00
Aug.	30-		"	• 6	52 00
mag.	00	**	••		1052 97
Sept.	30-		" "	**	13 00
Oct.	31-		" "	. 6	22 00
		**	"	**	40 00
Nov.	20 -		**	4.6	202 50
	29-		"		100 00
		**	**	4.6	$223 \ 78$
		* *	**	4.6	41 89
Dec.	2-		<i>44</i>	6 E	502 87
	13 -			6 6	336 00
		"	" "	4 4	440 52
	30-		. "	4.6	11 00
		**	64	**	$280 \ 67$
	31	<i>" "</i>	* 6	* 6	3 00
1914.					
Jan.	2-		"	**	$317 \ 50$
	31	. "	" "		45 89
		" "	"	4.4	$25 \ 00$
Feb.	28-	. "	"	* 4	$65 \ 25$
Mar.	21 -		**	* *	$21 \ 00$
		4.6	**	4.4	81 67
April	30 -		" "	" "	$105 \ 00$
		66	4.6	4.4	$240 \ 00$
May	1—			4 6	884 82
	30 -			• 6	$3 \ 00$
		"	"		$156 \ 40$
		• • • •	44	4.4	$41 \ 38$
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				40	7405 25

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FÜND.

Abstract of Receipts from Contributors to the Capital Account, for the year ended May 31st, 1914.

No.	Name	Location	Amount
14	True Britons	Perth	44 00
21a	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	10 00
47	Great Western		441 00
55	Merrickville		3 00
56	Victoria	Sarnia	11 00
64	Kilwinning	London	$202 \ 00$
73	St. James	St. Marvs	76 00
77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsav	11 00
83	Beaver	Strathrov	104 00
106	Burford		9 00
121	Doric		3 00
142	Excelsior		33 39
155	Peterborough		3 00
170	Britannia		8 00
209a	St. John's		1 00
245	Tecumseh		$\bar{3}$ 00
256	Farran's Point		6 00
274	Kent		47 50
323	Alvinston		59 25
327	Hammond		33 00
330	Corinthian		5 00
333	Prince Arthur		11 00
358	Delaware Valley		21 00
368	Salem		$22 \ 00$
377	Lorne		83 00
380	Union		8 00
417	Keewatin		24 00
419	Bismark		3 00
431	Moravian		39 00
463	North Entrance		3 00
493	St. Marys		3 00
498	King George V		1 50
U.D.		Toronto.	100 00

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SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Revenue Account Year Ended May 31st, 1914.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at Credit, May 31st, 1913	
Interest on Investments:	
Toronto General Trusts Corporation	$231 \ 25$
Berlin, Town of, Debentures	558 79
Brandon, City of, Debentures	200 00
Calgary, City of, Debentures	180 00
Durham, Town of, Debentures	
East Toronto, Town of, Debentures	
Galt, Town of, Debentures	
Ingersoll, Town of, Debentures	
Kincardine, Town of, Debentures	50 00
North Vancouver, District of, Debentures	135 00
Oakville, Town of, Debentures	$239 \ 37$
Oshawa, Town of, Debentures	237 24
Ottawa, City of, Debentures	80.00
Owen Sound, Town of, Debentures	$145 \ 00$
Peterborough, City of Debentures	$361 \ 34$
St. Catharines, City of, Debentures	212 80
St. Marys, Town of, Debentures	$405 \ 00$
St. Thomas, City of, Debentures	$250 \ 00$
Saltfleet, Township of, Debentures	200 00
Sault Ste Marie, Town of, Debentures	90-00
Seaforth, Town of, Debentures	200 00
Shuniah, Municipality of, Debentures	50 00
Strathrov, Town of, Debentures	$77 \ 32$
Walkerville, Town of, Debentures	$161 \ 15$
Windsor, City of, Debentures	$163 \ 35$
Woodstock, City of, Debentures	180 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association Dividend	6 00
Canadian Bank of Commerce, interest	83 27

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\$ 5,705 38

DISBURSEMENTS.

Accrued interest on Debentures at date of p	urchase:		
Brampton, Town of	\$ 1	51	
Strathroy, Town of	2	38	
Walkerville, Town of		93	
Grants for Benevolence	4515	-00	
Balance at credit, 31st May, 1914	1179	56	
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Grand Secretary.

Hamilton, June 23rd, 1914.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct abstract, from the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Grand Lodge for the year ending May 31st, 1914.

> HARRY VIGEON, Chartered Accountant.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon nomination of their respective Grand Masters, the following brethren have been appointed by the Grand Master to represent this Grand Lodge near their own Grand Bodies, viz.:

V. W. Bro. Edwin Albert Roberts, Brisbane, Queensland, Grand Lodge of Queensland.

R. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Calgary, Grand Lodge of Alberta.

W. Bro. Franklin Bien, New York, Grand Lodge of New York.

Upon nomination of the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, V. W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan, Toronto, was appointed to represent the Grand Lodge of Oregon near this Grand Lodge.

WARRANTS.

In compliance with the resolution of Grand Lodge at the last annual communication, warrants have been granted to:—

Inwood Lodge, No. 503, Inwood. Otter Lodge, No. 504, Lombardy. Lynden Lodge, No. 505, Lynden. Porcupine Lodge, No. 506, Porcupine. Elk Lake Lodge, No. 507, Elk Lake. Ozias Lodge, No. 508, Brantford. Twin City Lodge, No. 509, Berlin. Parkdale Lodge, No. 510, Toronto.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been continued to the following Lodges, viz.:--

Connaught Lodge, West Fort William. Corinthian Lodge, Hamilton. Malone Lodge, Sutton West. St. Alban's Lodge, Toronto. Reba Lodge, Brantford. Enterprise Lodge, Beachburg. Hazeldean Lodge, Hazeldean.

Dispensations have been granted to new lodges as follows:---

Sioux Lookout Lodge, Sioux Lookout. Onondaga Lodge, Onondaga. Coronati Lodge, Toronto. Sable Lodge, Massey. Mount Sinai Lodge, Toronto. Ontario Lodge, Windsor. Royal Arthur Lodge, Peterborough. Temple Lodge, Toronto. Mississauga Lodge, Port Credit. Ionic Lodge, Westboro.

CONSECRATIONS.

The following Lodges have been constituted and consecrated, viz.:-

Inwood Lodge No. 503, Inwood, by R. W. Bro. Thos. Paul, D.D.G.M., on Monday, September 22nd, 1913.

Otter Lodge No. 504, Lombardy, by R. W. Bro. G. R. Putnam, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, September 10th, 1913.

Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden, by R. W. Bro. C. S. Kilgour, D.D.G.M., on Wendesday, September 17th, 1913.

Porcupine Lodge No. 506, Porcupine, by R. W. Bro. W. J. Thompson, D.D.G.M., on Friday, October 17th, 1913.

Elk Lake Lodge No. 507, Elk Lake, by R. W. Bro. W. J. Thompson, D.D.G.M., on Wendesday, October 15th, 1913.

Ozias Lodge No. 508, Brantford, by R. W. Bro. C. S. Kilgour, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, September 30th, 1913.

Twin City Lodge No. 509, Berlin, by R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Day, D.D.G.M., on Friday, September 26th, 1913.

Parkdale Lodge No. 510, Toronto, by M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Grand Master, on Friday, October 3rd, 1913.

DEDICATIONS.

The following lodges have been dedicated during the year, viz.:—

St. Clair District No. 2.

Inwood Lodge No. 503, Inwood, by R. W. Bro. Thos. Paul, D.D.G.M., on Monday, September 22nd, 1913.

London District No. 3.

Cameron Lodge No. 232, Dutton, by R. W. Bro. A. E. Roberts, D.D.G.M., on Thursday, May 21st, 1914.

South Huron District No. 4.

Maitland Lodge No. 33, Goderich, by M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Grand Master, on Wednesday, May 6th, 1914.

Clinton Lodge No. 84, Clinton, by M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Grand Master, on Wednesday, May 6th, 1914.

Wellington District No. 7.

The Guelph Masonic Temple by M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Grand Master, on Friday, April 24th, 1914.

Hamilton District No. 8.

Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden, by R. W. Bro. C. S. Kilgour, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, September 17th, 1913.

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Toronto West District No. 11.

Parkdale Lodge No. 510, Parkdale, by M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Grand Master, on Friday, October 3rd, 1913.

St. Lawrence District No. 15.

Otter Lodge No. 504, Lombardy, by R. W. Bro. G. R. Putnam, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, September 10th, 1913.

Nipissing District No. 18.

Porcupine Lodge No. 506, Porcupine, by R. W. Bro. W. J. Thompson, D.D.G.M., on Friday, October 17th, 1913.

Elk Lake Lodge No. 507, Elk Lake, by R. W. Bro. W. J. Thompson, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, October 15th, 1913.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge No. 447, Sturgeon Falls, by R. W. Bro. W. J. Thompson, D.D.G.M., on Monday, March 9th, 1914.

Eastern District No. 21.

Avonmore Lodge, No. 452, Avonmore, by R. W. Bro. G. A. Bradley, D.D.G.M., on Tuedsay, March 24th, 1914.

Lancaster Lodge No. 207, Lancaster, by R. W. Bro. R. T. Nicholson, P.D.D.G.M., on Friday, June 19th, 1914.

Hawkesbury Lodge No. 450, Hawkesbury, by R. W. Bro. G. A. Bradley, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, June 23rd, 1914.

Chesterville Lodge No. 320, Chesterville, by M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Grand Master, on Wednesday, October 8th, 1913.

BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER.

Date	te No. Lodge		Location
1913			
June	19 - 439	Alexandria	Alexandria
Nov.	12501	Connaught	Mimico
Nov.	12113	Wilson	Waterford
Nov.	14508	Ozias	Brantford
Dec.	23313	Clementi	Lakefield
Dec.	$23 \dots 503$	Inwood	Inwood
1914			
Jan.	19203	Irvine	Elora
Jan.	31 177	The Builders.	Ottawa
Mar.	5430	Acacia	Toronto
Mar.	5339	Orient	Toronto
Mar.	13136	Richardson	Stouffville
Mar.	14 312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg
April			Ottawa
April	13378	King Solomor	ı'sLondon
April			Hamilton
June	12151	Grand River.	Berlin
June	12209	Evergreen	Lanark
June			Lombardy
June			Toronto
June	20412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Matie

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER.

Date	No.	Lodge		Location
June	12144	.Tecumseh		Stratford
June	18196	Madawasks	sa	Arnprior
June	20437	.Tuscan		Sarnia
June	26153	Burns	·····	Wyoming
July	5495.	Electric	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Hamilton
July	23144	.Tecumseh		Stratford
July	26272	Seymour		Ancaster
Sept.	10121	Doric	·····	Brantford
Sept.	10352	Granite	·····	Parry Sound
Sept.	24. 234	Beaver	·····	Clarksburg
Oct.	6 34	.Thistle		Amerstburg
Oct.			y	
Nov.	12274	.Kent		Blenheim
Nov.	12297	.Preston		Preston
Nov.				
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Nov.			•••••••	
Nov.				
Nov.			••••••	
Nov.				
Nov.	28149	Erie		Port Dover

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AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER-Continued.

Date 1913	No.	Lodge	Location
Nov.	28 2000	St. John's	London
Dec.	10 46	Wellington	Chothom
Dec.	23 140		Avlmer
Dec.	23 186		Riceville
Dec.		Union	
Dec.	31 264	Chaudiere	Ottowo
Dec.	31 100	Oakville	Ontrawa
		Oakvinc	Oakvine
1914			
Jan.	1922	King Solomon's	
Jan.	19361	Waverley	
Jan.	24 233	Doric	
Jan.	27 - 258	Guelph	
Jan.	31 - 58	Doric.	
Jan.	31 - 142	Excelsior	
Feb.	$20 \dots 502 \dots$	Coronation	
Feb.	2130	Composite	
Mar.	3186	Plantagenet	
Mar.	56		
Mar.	10126	.Golden Rule	Campbellford
Mar.	13 38	Trent	Trenton
Mar.		Keystone	
Mar.		Penewobikong	
April	1.290	Leamington	Leamington
April		King Hiram	
April		Acacia	
April		Blenheim	
April		Sydenham	
April		Dundurn	
June		St. John's	
June		Rehoboam	
June	12247	Ashlar	Toronto
June		Doric	
June		McColl	
June	12361	Waverley	Guelph
June		Algoma	
June		Rose	
June		Burlington	
June		St. John's	
June		St. Paul's	
June		Granite	
June	24 61	Acacia	Hamilton

LIST OF DISPENSATIONS ISSUED, 1913-1914.

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Dat	e	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
1913					
July	2	_69		.Stirling	
July	3	255		Dresden	
July	<u> </u>	35.		Cayuga	
July	<u> </u>	-201.	Leeds	Gananoque	Divine Service
July	- 7			Clarksburg	
July	7		Seven Star	Alliston	To install
July	9		Harmony	Delta	To install
July	14			Powassan	
July	15				
July	24			Granton	
July	30	146	Prince of Wales	Newborough	To initiate
July	30	402.	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	lo hold a pienie
July	31			Warkworth	
Aug.	17		Harmony	Binbrook	. To initiate
Aug.	12	96		Barrie	
Aug.	12			Caledonia	
Aug.	16			Ancaster	
Aug.	21			Arnprior	
Aug.	25			Bancroft	
Aug.	25			Binbrook	
Aug.	28			Caledon East	
Sept.	3			Frankford	
Sept.				Beaverton Port Burwell	
Sept.	10 13			Amherstburg	
Sept Sept				Wellington	
Sept.					Change meet'g. n't
Sept.				Port Hope	
Sept.			Zeta	Toronto	
Sept.				Ingersoll	
Sept.				Guelph	
Sept.		186	Plantagenet	Biceville	Meet at Riceville
Sept.		91	St Francis	Smith's Falls	To hold a banquet
Sept.				Cobalt	
Oct.	3	430	Acacia	Toronto	Change mtg. night
Öct.	7	486		Cobalt	
Oct.	8			Hamilton	
Oct.	9			Maple	
Oct.	10				To confer degrees
Oct.	17	403.	Windsor	Windsor	At Home
Oct.	18	-359.	Vittoria	Vittoria	Divine Service
Oct.	23	243.	St. George	St. George	To install
Oct.	24	232.	Cameron	Dutton	Divine Service
Oct.	25	-290.	Leamington	.Leamington	Divine Service
Nov.	3	447.	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	To initaiate
Nov.	7			Lindsay	
Nov.	8	-473.			
Nov.	10			Peterborough	
Nov.	10			Peterborough	
Nov.	10			Toronto	
Nov.	10	435	Havelock	Havelock	To install

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LIST OF DISPENSATIONS-Continued

Dat	e	No.	Lodge	Loca	tion	Purpose	
Nov.	15	25	Ionic		o	o initiate	
Nov.	17	-147	. Mississippi	Almon	teI	Divine Servic	e
Nov.	18	471	K'g. Edwa	rdVII.Chippe	ewaI	Divine Servic	e
Nov.	19	33	Maitland	rdVII.Chippe Goderie	ehI	Divine Servic	e
Nov.	19	105	St. Mark's	Niagra	a Falls	o install	
Nov.	21	55	Merrickvill	e Merrie	kville	o install	
Nov.	24	3	Anet. St.	ohn's.Kingst	011 I	Banquet	
Nov.	24	44	St. Thoma	sSt. Th	omas	At Home	
Nov.	25	418		Maxvil			
Nov.	25	339.		Toront			
Nov.	27			Windse			
Nov.	29			Burling			
Dec	1			Suithv			ee
Dec	2			ice Southa			
Dec	2	361_{-}	Waverley	Guelph	ií	fo install	
Dec	3	496	.University.		.o	Chauge mtg.	uight
Dec	4	21a	.St. John's.	Vankle	ek Hill	fo install	
Dec.	4	254	Clifton	Niagar	a Falls	Change mtg.	night
Dec.	8	44	.St. Thoma	s	omas	Change mtg	night
Dec	8	44	.St. Thoma	sSt. Th	omas	fo install	
Dec	8	63	.St. John's.	Carleto	on Place]	fo install	
Dec	8			Barrie			
Dec.	8			Hamilt			night
Dec.,	9			Strath			
Dec	9	461	.Ionie	Rainy	River []	lo install	
Dec	10	22	King Soloi	non's Toront	0	fo install	
Dec	10	101	Corinthian	Peterb	orough	fo install	
Dec	10			Bellevi			
Dec.	10	192	Orillia	Orillia.		l'o install	
Dec	10	223	.Norwood	Nørwo	od	lo install	
Dec	10	302	.St. David'	s St. Th	omas	l'o install	
Dec.	10	343	Georgina	Toront	0	At Home	
Dec	10	478	.Milverton.	Milver Niagar	ton	lo install	
Dec.	15	105	.St. Mark's	Niagar	a Falls	At Home	
Dec.	11			Mallor			
Dec.	12			Orange			
Dec.	12			Wallac			
Dec.	12	322	North Sta	Owen	Sound	Lo install	
Dec.	12	401	Craig	Desero	11to	lo instali	
Dec.	12	440	Granite	Fort F	rances	Lo install	
Dec.	12	409	Aigoma	Sault S	and Marie	fo install	
Dec	13	121	Dorie	Brantf EEganv		Fo install	
Dec.	13		Walainaha	Dort I	Rowan	Lo install	
Dec.	15	$\begin{array}{c} 174 \\ 30 \end{array}$	Walsingha	m Port F Whitb	v v v v v v v v v v v v v v v v v v v	Fo install	
Dec.	15	$\frac{30}{127}$	Duthogoro	s Meafo	y	Fo install	
Dec.	15	107	. Pythagora:		to Maria "	ro install	
Dec.	15	421.	Soott	Grand	Vollov '	Fo install	
Dec.	15		Wollzor		vancy,	Fo install	
Dec Dec	16 16	041	Dringe Ed	ward Picton	······	Fo install	
Dec.		10	Wollington	Chatha		To install	
Dec.	16	40.	wennigton	Chatha		io mistan	

Da	te	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
Dec	16	88	St. George's	Owen Sound	To install
Dec.	16. .	103		St. Catharines	
Dec.	16	219.		Georgetown	
Dec.	16 .	377.	Lorne	Shelburne	To install
Dec.	16 .	404	Lorne	Tamworth	To install
Dec.	16	415		Fort William	
Dec.	16	423	.Strong	Sundridge	To install
Dec.	16 .	442	Dyment	Thessalon	To install
Dec.	16	482		Bancroft	
Dec.	17	276	Teeswater	Teeswater	To install
Dec.	17			St. Catharines	
Dec.	17			West Lorne	
Dec.	17			Milverton	
Dec.	18			Cookstown	
Dec.	18	304		Stroud	
Dec.	18	390		Florence	
Dec.	18			Wiarton	
Dec.	18			Markdale	
Dec.	19			Ingersoll	
Dec.	19			Port Colborne	
Dec.	19	4.18	Venophon	Wheatley	To install
Dec.	19	3.18	Georgian	Penetanguishene	To install
Dec.	$\frac{19}{20}$			Goderich	
Dec.	$\frac{10}{20}$			Sarnia	
Dec.	$\frac{20}{20}$			Toronto	
Dec.	20	309		Carlow	
	$\frac{20}{20}$			Sarnia	
Dec.	$\frac{20}{20}$	-497 -503		Inwood	
Dec.					
Dec.		 ວ⊿0	Caladamian	Dunnville Midland	To install
Dec.	$\begin{array}{c} 22 \\ 22 \end{array}$	249	Aluitedonian	Transita	Chamber of the former
Dec.		- 384	Alpna	Ioronto	Change n't.of mtg
Dec.	23			Kingsville	
Dec.	23			Lucan	
Dec.	23			Hamilton	
Dec.	26			Woodstock	
Dec	26	141		Mitchell	
Dec.	26			Thorold	
Dec.	27			Leamington	
Dec	27			Arthur	
Dec.	27	489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	To install
Dec.	29			Midland	
Dec	30			Clarksburg	
Dec	30	10	Norfolk	Simcoe	To install
Dec.,	30	-34	.Thistle	Amherstburg	To install
Dec.	30	429	.Port Elgin	Port Elgin	To install
Dec	31	47	Great Western	1Windsor	To install
Dec.	31	68	.St. John's	Ingersoll	To install
Dec	31	394	King Solomon	'sThamesford	To install
Dec .	31			Hawkesbury	
Jan.	2	186	.Plantagenet	Riceville	To install
T	2	326	Zetland	Toronto	To initiate
Jan.	3				IO miciace

Da	te	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
-	0	0.50	TT1 ()	TT	77 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Jan.	3			Vittoria	
Jan.	5	85	.Rising Sun	Athens	To install
Jan.	5			Waterford	
Jan.	6			Binbrook	
Jan.	<u>6</u>	245	.Tecumseh	Thamesville	To install
Jan.	7	294	Moore	Courtright	At Home
Jan.	8			Peterborough	
Jan.	8			Nilestown	
Jan.	8			Toronto	
Jan.	8	474	.Victoria	Toronto	At Home
Jan.	12	341	Bruce	Tiverton	To install
Jan.	13			Iona	
Jan.	13			Sombra	
Jan.	13	494	Riverdale	Toronto•	At Home
Jan.	16			Owen Sound	
Jan.	16			Seaforth	
Jan.	20	225	Bernard	Listowel	At Home
Jan.	20	260	Washington	Petrolia	To initiate
Jan.	20			Owen Sound	
Jan.	20			Toronto	
Jan.	20			Teronto	
Jan.	23	88	.St. George's	Owen Sound	At Home
Jan.	26	378	King So'omon's	London	At Home
Jan.	27			Toronto	
Jan	27			Lambton Mills .	
Feb.	2	394	King Solomon's	Thamesford	At Home
Feb.	2	483	.Granton	Granton	At Home
Feb.	3	326	Zetland	Toronto	Change nig't of mtg
Feb	6	194	.Petrolia	.Petrolia	Initiate
Feb.	6	218	.Stevenson	. Toronto	At Home
Feb.	6	190	.Be!mont	Belmont	At Home
Feb	7			.Beeton	
Feb.	7	426	Stanley	Toronto	At Home
Feb.	9			Windsor	
Feb.	$9\ldots$	107	.St. Pauls'	Lambeth	At Home
Feb.	$9\ldots$	180	.Speed	Guelph	Change night mtg
Feb.	9				Change night mtg
Feb.	9			London	
Feb.	9			Havelock	
Feb.	$9\ldots$			Elmvale	
Feb.	12			. Inwood	
Feb.	12			Elk Lake	
Feb.	14			Petrolia	
Feb	14			Petrolia	
Feb.	14			Toronto	
Feb.	17			Toronto	
Feb.	17			Iona	
Feb.	17			Toronto	
Feb.	18			Almonte	
Feb.	18	376	Unit y	Huntsville	Lodge of instruc.
Feb.	19	156		North Toronto .	At Home

Da	te	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
Feb.	20	430	Acacia		Change hour mtg.
Feb.	20	444	Nitetis Rose	Creemore	At Home
Feb.	20 .	-500 .	Rose	.Windsor	At Home
Feb	24	263	Forest	Forest.	At Home
Feb.	24	277	Sevmour.	Port Dalhousie	Divine Service
Feb.	26	$\frac{46}{46}$	Wellington	Chatham .	Divine Service To initiate
Feb.	26	46	Wellington	Chatham	To initiate
Feb.	27	420	N1p1ss1ng	North Bay.	Change night mtg.
Mar.	2	336.	Highgate	Highgate	Change night mtg. At Home To initiate To initiate
Mar.	- 3	169	Macnab	Port Colborne.	To initiate
Mar.	4	482	Bancroft	Bancroft	To initiate
Mar.	5.	265	Patterson	Toronto.	At Home
Mar.	7	223	Norwood	Norwood	To initiate
Mar. Mar.	9	34	. Thistle	Amherstburg	To initiate
Mar.	9	193	Scotland	Scotland	To initiate
Mar.	9	309	Morning Star	Carlow	To initiate
Mar.	9	412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Mari	eChange night mtg.
Mar.	11	465	Carleton.	Carp	To initiate
Mar.	12	471	Kg. Edw'rd VII	Chippawa	Change night mtg.
Mar.	16	486	Silver	Cobalt	At Home
Mar.	17	96.	Corinthian	Barrie.	Lodge of instruc.
Mar.	17	333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	At Home
Mar.	17	339	Orient	Toronto	At Home
Mar.	19^{-1}	131	St. Lawrence.	Southampton	At Home
Mar.	25	34	Thistle.	Amherstburg	To initiate
Mar.	26 - 26	276	Teeswater	Teeswater.	To initiate
Mar.	27	367	St. George	Toronto	At Home
Mar.	27	506	Porcupine	Porcupine.	To initiate
Mar.	28^{-1}	403	Windsor	Windsor	At Home
Mar. Mar. Mar. April April April April	31	382	Doric .	Hamilton	Lodge of instruc.
Mar.	31	397	Leopold	Brigden	At Home
April	1	34	Thistle	Amherstburg	At Home
April	2	321	Walker	Acton	Divine Service
April	-4	291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro'.	To initiate
April	11	U.D.	Onondaga	Onondaga	To initiate
April	11 .	287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	At Home
April	13	$ \frac{385}{254} 343 43 $	Sprv	Beeton .	To initiate
April	14	254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	To hold th'tre p'v
April	14.	343	Georgina	Toronto	At Home
April	14	438.	Harmony	Toronto	Change night mtg.
April	14 .	461	Ionic.	Rainy River	. At Home
April	17	489	Osiris.	Smith's Falls	At Home
April	20	497	St. Andrew's	Arden.	To install
April	22	47	Great Western	Windsor	At Home
May	6		St. John's.	Norwich	Divine Service
May	9	282	Lorne	Glencoe	Divine Service
May	9	499	Port Arthur	Port Arthur	Divine Service
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May	18			Gore Bay	
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May	19				Change night mtg.
May	19				To hold excursion
May				Onondaga	
May	19			Cannington	
May	21	386	McColl	West Lorne	Divine Service
May	21	438	Harmony	Toronto	Visit Oriental Ldge
May	22	139	Lebanon.	Oshawa .	Lodge of instruc.
May	22	469	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie	Divine Service
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May	28	193	Scotland	Scotland	Divine Service
May	30	473	The Beaches	Scotland Toronto	Divine Service
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June	1	465	Carleton	Carp	Divine Service
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June	5	260.	Washington	Petrolia	Divine Service
June	6	110	Central	Prescott	Divine Service
June	6	143	Friendly Bros	Iroquois Wyoming	Divine Service
June	6	153	Burns	Wyoming.	Divine Service
June	6	234	Beaver	Clarksburg	At Home
June -	6	373	Copestone	Welland	Divine Service
June	6	U.D	Enterprise	Beachburg.	Divine Service
June	8	254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	Divine Service
June	8	267	Parthenon	Chatham.	Divine Service
June	8	287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	Divine Service
June	8	462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	Divine Service
June	8	476	Corinthian	North Gower.	Divine Ser-ice
June	8	405	Mattawa	. Mattawa	To decorate graves
June	9	85	Rising Sun	Athens	Divine Service
June	9	393	Forest	Chesley	. Divine Service
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June	10			Marmora	
June	10			Oakville	
June	10	441	Westport	Westport	Divine Service
June	11			Harrowsmith	
June	11			Georgetown	
June	11	420	Nipissing	.North Bay	Divine Service
June	11	487	Penewobikong	Blind River	Divine Service
June	13	55	Merrickville	Merrickville	Divine Service
June	13	77	Faithful Breth.	Lindsay	Divine Service
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Fraternally submitted,

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Grand Secretary.

Niagara Falls, July 15th, 1914.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by M. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In presenting my report I desire in the first place to express my thanks to my brethren for the honor bestowed upon me in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. of Erie District No. 1, and for the kindness, courtesy and consideration with which I have been treated.

It has been my endeavour to perform the duties of the office in a satisfactory manner as circumstances and ability would permit.

I have visited every lodge in the district at least once, and a few twice, having paid some thirty-six visits to twenty-seven lodges. In every case I found the brethren endeavoring to exemplify the work which had been laid down by my predecessor. I am pleased to report that in all lodges the Past Masters take an active part in the work and assist the younger members with their advice and experience.

On May 14th a Lodge of Instruction was held in Windsor at which some four hundred of the brethren of the district were present. It was held under the auspices of the Windsor lodges. Lodge was opened by St. George Lodge, Kingsville, and the first degree was conferred in a splendid manner, the second degree was exemplified by Florence lodge and the third degree by Rose and Great Western Lodges. It was the opinion of the brethren that this was the most successful lodge of instruction ever held in Erie district.

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It is needless to say the work was exemplified ' in a perfect manner.

We also had the pleasure of having with us R. W. Bro. Milner of West Lorne and some fifty P. Ms of the district.

Official Visits.

Visited Star of the East Lodge No. 422, Bothwell, February 4th. There was a very large attendance, the third degree being exemplified in a perfect and impressive manner. The best of harmony prevails and the brethren make one feel at home the moment one enters the lodge room. A number of visitors were present from Toronto, Florence and Thamesville.

Visited Lorne Lodge No. 282, Glencoe, February 5th. The first degree being conferred in a most pleasing manner by the W. M. and officers. This is one of the best lodges in the district. The brethren work together in harmony. A great deal of credit is due to the Secretary, Bro. McLachlan, for the financial condition of the lodge. Not one cent owing for dues on the first of the year.

Visited Rodney Lodge No. 411, Rodney, on February 9th. This is one of the lodges on which my predecessor failed to make a very favorable report. I found the W. M. Bro. McVicar and P. Ms. of the lodge endeavoring to place the lodge in better shape. The first degree was exemplified fairly well. I am led to believe that when my successor visits the lodge he will find a vast improvement.

Visited McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne, February 10th. First degree was exemplified in a splendid manner by W. Bro. Conway and officers. The members are enthusiastic. The books are in splendid shape and the brethren have the good advice and support of R. W. Bro. Milner.

Visited Howard Lodge No. 391, Ridgetown, on February 23rd, the second degree being exemplified. The work was put on in first-class shape. There

was a large attendance of members and visitors. This lodge has considerable work on hand and the brethren are enthusiastic.

Visited Naphtali Lodge No. 413, Tilbury, on Februarv 24th, on which occasion the first degree was conferred on a candidate in a very impressive manner. There was a very good attendance and the brethren are enthusiastic in their work. They have a splendid lodge room and a great deal of credit must be given to the Past Masters.

Visited Parthenon Lodge No. 267, Chatham, on February 25th, the work being a first degree was beautifully exemplified by the W. M. and officers. The evening was a success, the attendance being very large. The books are exceedingly well kept, the prospects are bright and the brethren show a true Masonic spirit.

Visited Highgate Lodge No. 336, Highgate, on March 6th, There being no candidate, lodge was opened and closed in the first, second and third degrees in an able manner by the W. M. and officers, after which a social hour was spent. The prospects are good and the best of harmony prevails among the brethren.

Visited Central Lodge No. 402, Essex, on March 11th, when two first degrees were exemplified in a splendid manner by W. Bro. Bowie and his officers. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, and a deep interest was taken by the members. I also installed the officers on July 3rd.

Visited Parvaim Lodge No. 395, Comber, on March 13th. The work was a third degree and was exemplified in a faultless manner by W. Bro. Brown and his officers. This is the mother lodge of V. W. Bro. Brown and he keeps the brethren up to the mark.

Visited Century Lodge No. 457, Merlin, on March 25th. For some reason the W. M. failed to show up. The work of first degree was exemplified

in an able manner by a Past Master and the officers. The brethren are enthusiastic.

Visited Xenophon Lodge No. 448, Wheatley, on March 26th. No candidate being available, the first degree was exemplified in a creditable manner by the Master and officers. The brethren are enthusiastic but lack work to keep them on their metal. Practice would do no harm.

Visited Tecumseh Lodge No. 245, Thamesville, on April 6th. No candidate being available lodge was opened and closed in the first, second and third degrees, and the first degree was exemplified on one of the brethren. The work was splendid and the brethren enthusiastic. The books are kept in splendid shape by Bro. Pye and R. W. Bro. Fraser is always present to advise the brethren.

Visited Sydenham Lodge No. 255, Dresden, on April 9th. Third degree being the work of the evening was exemplified in a very capable manner by the W. M. and officers. The brethren seem to be always on their metal and a great deal of credit is due to W. Bro. Jeffs and other Past Masters.

Visited Pnyx Lodge No. 312, Wallaceburg, on April 13th. The first degree was conferred in a splendid manner. The brethren are enthusiastic and the books are kept in splendid shape by the secretary. The prospects are bright and the success is due a great deal to W. Bro. Dundas and other Past Masters.

Visited Thistle Lodge No. 34, Amherstburg, on April 14th. The work was conferred in an impressive manner. The books are neatly kept and upto-date, and the lodge is to be congratulated on having W. Bro. Lewis as secretary. This is one of the livest lodges in Erie district.

Visited Kent Lodge No. 274, Blenheim, on April 20th. As usual, was enthusiastically received by the brethren. The work was conferred in an able manner. There was a good attendance, about forty members. The books are well kept by W. Bro. Crookshank. Harmony and the best of feel-

ing prevail. I also had the pleasure of installing the officers on December 8th.

Florence Lodge No. 390, Florence, Ont. I did not visit this lodge as they had exemplified the 2nd degree at the lodge of instruction in Windsor in a faultless manner, and it being the mother lodge of R. W. Bro. Kelly, I felt that it was not necessary to visit them.

Visited Wellington Lodge No. 46, Chatham, on April 27th. There was a splendid attendance and the brethren exemplified their work in a first-

class manner. The books are well kept by Bro. Gregory and the prospects of the lodge are bright. I had the pleasure of installing the officers on December 29th.

Visited King Edward Lodge No. 488, Harrow, on April 28th. I received a most cordial welcome from W. Bro. Sparling and the officers of the lodge. I found it to be in good shape and the brethren enthusiastic. They have much work on hand and can do it well. I had the pleasure of installing the officers on December 30th.

Visited Hammond Lodge No. 327, Wardsville, on May 5th. This is the other lodge in this district on which my predecessor made an unfavorable report. I found W. Bro. Connelly able to open and close his lodge in the three degrees in as able a manner as any Master in the district. He exemplified a first degree upon one of the brethren in a faultless manner. If he could get his officers to get up the work a little better my successor would be able to report this lodge as capable as any. Lack of work is their chief trouble. W. Bro. Wilson is a tower of strength to Hammond Lodge.

Visited Learnington Lodge No. 290, Learnington, June 2nd. The work was exemplified in a very capable manner by W. Bro. Wright and his officers. They have moved into new quarters and have splendid lodge rooms. The brethren are enthusiastic and have the able support of R. W. Bro.

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Hillier and other P. Ms. I also installed the officers on January 6th.

Visited St. George Lodge No. 41, Kingsville, on June 4th. This being the mother lodge of R. W. Bro. Sheldon, I expected to find the work exemplified in a faultless manner, and was not disappointed. The brethren are enthusiastic and it is one of the strongest lodges in Eric district. I also had the pleasure of attending an At Home given by St. George Lodge on March 20th.

Great Western Lodge No. 47, Windsor, being my mother lodge, I did not feel like putting the Windsor lodges to the expense of receiving me on my official visit. I decided to visit each one of the lodges in the city several times unofficially. I found Windsor Lodge No. 403 conferring the work in a splendid manner, the officers and members enthusiastic, and the P. Ms. giving the Master their loyal support. I also found Rose Lodge No. 500 doing the work in an A1 manner. I feel deeply grateful to the members of Rose lodge for their kindness to me in making it possible to hold a Lodge of Instruction in Windsor On February 16th I instituted a new lodge in Windsor called Ontario Lodge, and I must say that for a lodge of six months' standing, they are doing remarkably well. The Master and officers open and close their lodge in a faultless manner and are able to confer the three degrees. I sincerely trust that at this Grand Lodge meeting they will be granted a warrant.

Great Western Lodge as was to be expected, do the work as well as any. The brethren are always ready to extend the hand of welcome to visitors and show a true Masonic spirit.

[•] In conclusion I want to again thank the brethren of Erie District for the honor they conferred on me and for the kindness shown to me on my visits.

Freternally submitted,

W. N. GATFIELD, D.D.G.M.,

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GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT No. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It affords me much pleasure to present my official report on the condition of Masonry in St. Clair District No. 2. for the past Grand Lodge year. I am exceedingly pleased to say that in all my official visits to the various lodges throughout my district I have been received in a kind and brotherly way and that due courtesy has been shown me by the officers and members and I take this opportunity of thanking them one and all for their kindness to me.

I wish also to thank the district for electing me to the important and distinguished position of District Deputy Grand Master. I fully appreciate the honor done and have endeavored to fulfil the many duties pertaining to this office, and I trust that each lodge has received some benefit from my visits. During my term of office I have visited the twentyone lodges in my district once officially, besides making many fraternal visits which are not necessary to mention in this report. I have found the various lodges enthusiastic in the work of the craft. It has been a pleasure to me to see how familiar the brethren are with the work and how anxious to have it done in an impressive manner.

I regret very much that some of the lodges in the district have not paid their full quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund, but I am led to believe they will at an early date, one lodge having paid their full quota since my visit.

My first official duty was the appointment of a District Secretary and Chaplain. For Secretary I selected W. Bro. Wm. Culbert, and for Chaplain Rev. Bro. McCracken, both members of Burns Lodge No. 153, Wyoming.

Besides paying my official visits I have had the pleasure and the privilege, at the request of the

M. W. the Grand Master, of constituting, consecrating and dedicating Inwood Lodge No. 503, Inwood. I was ably assisted in the ceremonies by R. W. Bros. Brodie, J. Sinclair and J. McDonald, with several Past Masters from Petrolia, Washington, Leopold, Forest, Alexandra, Burns and Alvinston Lodges.

The annual Lodge of Instruction for this district was held under the auspices of Havelock Lodge No. 238, Watford, on the 11th of November, 1913. Owing to the storm of November 9th, only ten lodges were represented. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Laird and officers of Havelock Lodge No. 238. The second degree by W. Bro. Janes and officers of Forest Lodge No. 263, Forest, and the third degree by W. Bro. Collier and officers of Washington Lodge No. 260, Petrolia. The work in all the degrees was about perfect, and left a marked impression on the brethren present. Much credit was due the officers and members of Havelock Lodge for the kind reception tendered the visiting brethren, for which one and all felt deeply indebted.

Arkona Lodge No. 307, Arkona, I made my first official visit to this lodge on October 9th. The W. M. and officers exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner. The books and the business of the lodge are well looked after.

Alvinston Lodge No. 323, Alvinston. I visited this lodge October 15th and was well received by the brethren. There was a good attendance, R. W. Bro. Martyn being present added to the pleasure of my visit. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Warren and officers in a very creditable and impressive manner. The rooms of Alvinston lodge are the finest in the district and the lodge is in a prosperous condition. The Secretary's books are well kept and dues well paid. I have much pleasure in reporting that since my visit Alvinston Lodge has paid its full quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Ionic Lodge No. 328, Napier. I visited this lodge November 6th. This being a very wet night

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the attendance was very small. The W. M., W. Bro. Buchanan opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees.

Havelock Lodge No. 238, Watford. I visited this lodge November 25th. There was a fair attendance of the brethren. Owing to the failure of a candidate no degree work was exemplified. W. Bro. Miller opened and closed in the three degrees in a very correct manner. W. Bro. Rivers makes a good secretary, but is too easy on the brethren with regard to their dues, as there is too large an amount outstanding.

On December 9th I visited St. John's Lodge No. 81, Mt. Brydges, and was greeted by a large turnout of brethren. V. W. Bro. Richardson and others of Beaver Lodge, Strathroy accompanied me. I am very sorry to report that there is a lack of harmony in this lodge and some irregularities have been investigated and report is now in hands of Grand Lodge. A little consideration would help greatly to arrange matters.

On December 10th I visited Dufferin Lodge No. 364, Melbourne. The third degree was con-ferred by the W. M. Bro. Campbell and was exceedingly well done, almost faultless.

On January 27th I visited Petrolia Lodge No. 194, and Washington Lodge No. 260, Petrolia, at a joint meeting and was very cordially received by a very large number of brethren, the room being filled at the time of opening. R. W. Bro. Sinclair was present. I might mention that he is the first D.D.G.M. elected in St. Clair District No. 2, and still takes a great interest in Masonry. A number of the brethren of Burns Lodge accompanied me. The work of the evening consisted of conferring the first and second degrees; the first degree by W. Bro. Hillis and officers of Washington Lodge No. 260, the second degree by W. Bro. Hamilton and officers of Petrolia Lodge No. 194, the work being done in an almost perfect manner.

On February 3rd I visited Victoria Lodge No. 56, Sarnia, and was very cordially received by a

large number of the craft. R. W. Bros. Ward, Wanless, Saunders and Montgomery were present. W. Bro. Wadland conferred two first degrees in a very fine manner and very correctly. The several offices in the lodge are filled by very capable craftsmen. Victoria is the oldest lodge in the district, and is making marked progress.

On February 4th I visited Leopold Lodge No. 397, Brigden. W. Bro. Taylor and his efficient staff of officers conferred the first degree in an almost faultless manner, showing the effect of steady practice. V. W. Bro. Warren is the secretary, and is very prompt and careful in regard to the duties of his office.

On February 5th I visited Moore Lodge No. 294, Courtright. W. Bro. Kelly and officers conferred one first and two third degrees in a very perfect and impressive manner. The W. M., P. Ms. and officers of this lodge take a great interest in Masonry. The lodge is in splendid condition. The Secretary's books are well kept, neat and clean and dues well paid up I was pleased to assist in welcoming several brethren from St. Clair, Mich.

On February 9th I visited Cassia Lodge No. 116, Thedford, W. Bro. McGregor and officers conferred the third degree in a fair manner and with a little practice will make very efficient officers. R. W. Bro. Sutherland was present on this occasion and still takes a great interest in the well-being of the Craft.

On February 10th I visited St. Clair Lodge No. 425, Sombra. The W. M. and officers conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner. The meeting was largely attended. Was pleased to meet a number of brethreu from Marine City, Mich. The Secretary's books are splendidly kept and the business of the lodge carefully looked after.

Beaver Lodge No. 83, Strathroy. I made my official visit to this lodge on February 13th and received a very cordial welcome from a large number of the brethren. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Gough in an A1 manner. This lodge

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is well officered for the present year and is in a very healthy condition. I had the pleasure of meeting V. W. Bro. Richardson on this occasion.

On February 18th I visited Tuscan Lodge No. 437, Sarnia. There was a very large attendance of members of the lodge as well as a large number of visitors from the two sister lodges of the city. W. Bro. Saurenwein and his very efficient staff of officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner, every officer doing his work perfectly. W. Bro. Barrie looks after the duties of Secretary in a very satisfactory manner. This lodge is in fine working order with very bright prospects for the future.

On February 23rd I visited Bismarck Lodge No. 419, Sarnia and was accompanied by a large number of the brethren of Victoria and Tuscan Lodges. The second degree was conferred in a very correct manner by the W. M. Bro. Walsh. This lodge has a fine set of officers. The Senior Warden delivered the lecture in a very impressive manner The Secretary's books are well kept.

On March 4th I visited Forest Lodge No. 263, Forest. The meeting was well attended. Worshipful Master D. R. McCahill and his efficient staff of officers initiated a candidate in an almost faultless manner. R. W. Bro. Brodie was present and added to the pleasure of my visit. The rooms of Forest Lodge are nicely furnished and well kept; lighting system perfect. The dues are well paid up and books well kept by their worthy secretary.

On March 5th I visited Burns Lodge No. 153, Wyoming, and was warmly received in this my mother lodge. The room was filled at time of opening a large number of brethren from Petrolia and Washington Lodges were present; also some from Bismarck and Huron Lodges. Worshipful Master J. Maw and officers conferred the first degree in a fair manner. W. Bro. Culbert is secretary of this lodge. His books are neatly kept and dues closely paid up.

Inwood Lodge No. 503, Inwood. Made my official visit to this lodge March 9th. Regular -

meeting. The W. M., Jas. Brown, and his officers conferred the E. A. degree in a very pleasing manner. There was a large attendance of enthusiastic brethren. A great deal of credit is due W. Bro. Campbell for his activity which has brought this young lodge into prominence and made it efficient in its work. The Secretary's books are well looked after by him. I am pleased to say this lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Huron Lodge No. 392, Camlachie. I visited this lodge on March 11th. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Trusler and his officers in a very able manner. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Trusler on this occasion. W. Bro. A. Trusler makes a good Secretary, books well kept and dues well paid up.

On March 12th I visited Alexandra Lodge No. 158, Oil Springs. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Sproule and the officers of the lodge and was fairly well done. There was a good attendance of members and visitors and the lodge seems to be in a very prosperous condition.

In closing this report, I must mention that all the lodges are working in harmony (with the exception of one). The Past Masters in all the lodges are regular in attendance and assisting the W. Ms. Care is being exercised in the admission of candidates in the majority of the lodges.

In conclusion, permit me to say that during my term of office, and on the occasion of my official visits, the receptions on my behalf have been most fraternal and hospitable, and I wish to warmly express my thanks and appreciation of the same, and any shortcomings on my part I trust may be forgiven. For my successor I bespeak the same cordial assistance as was extended to me and trust that Masonry in St. Clair District may continue to prosper in the future as it has done in the past.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. PAUL, D.D.G.M.,

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GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

LONDON DISTRICT No. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Before I submit my report on the condition of Masonry in London District No. 3, I wish to briefly mention the appalling disaster on the St. Lawrence River in the early hours of the morning of 29th May, when so many men and women displayed such bravery in their last hours as must have been shown on this sad occasion. It only proves that the noble teachings of our order and other good influences have had some effect; and I extend my own sympathy, and much more on behalf of my district to those who have been bereaved of loved ones.

I first of all wish to thank the brethren of the district for the honor they conferred on me in electing me to the high and important office of District Deputy Grand Master. Also on behalf of my lodge I wish to thank them for this recognition, the first it has had in the forty-two years of its existence.

My first official act was appointing Bro. T. S. Woods of Dutton as District Secretary; and drafting letters to the Secretary of each lodge in my district informing them of my election, and with instructions of my intentions.

Freemasonry in London District No. 3 is in a most healthy condition, enthusiasm is at its zenith and the most ideal fraternal spirit prevails in every lodge. Each lodge in my district is busy making Masons, and quality (as it should be) is the most exaction requisite demanded of any applicant. I find the Secretaries throughout the district capable and painstaking and the Worshipful Masters and officers most desirous to perform their separate duties faithfully and ritualistically correct.

In all my official visits I tried to impress npon all my hearers the teachings of our noble order, and

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to never forget the grand principles upon which the great institution is founded.

I may say that the present mode of balloting has not many admirers in this district.

Dedications.

On 21st May, 1914, I had the honor, by the authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, of dedicating the lodge rooms of my mother lodge, Cameron Lodge No. 232. I was ably assisted by several brethren from London and St. Thomas, including P.D.D.G.Ms. Wallace, R. Guest and Wilson, and I am also grateful to the octette from St. Thomas who admirably performed their part of this interesting ceremony, which brought many words of praise from all visitors.

Lodge of Instruction.

On the evening of 23rd April, 1914, I held a lodge of instruction at St. Thomas, under the auspices of St. Thomas Lodge No. 44, exemplifying a board of trial. There was a large attendance of the brethren, and an interesting night of discussion brought forth many interesting points for the instruction of the brethren.

Official Visits.

St. Thomas Lodge No. 44, September 4th, 1913 My first official visit, and to the oldest lodge in the district. Witnessed third degree, W. Bro. James Tanner, W. M., in the East. The Deacons did particularly good work. Listened to an able paper given by P. M. Bro. Robertson on early history of Masonry, particularly relative to old 44. This was very interesting, and personally I would like to hear more of this in other lodges. The W. M. Bro. Tanner was forced to leave for the Canadian West shortly after my official visit. Since my visit, R. W. Bro. Slater, who introduced me to the brethren, has passed away.

Cameron Lodge No. 232, Dutton, September 10th, 1913. Witnessed third degree given by W. Bro. P. A. Duncanson. Many visitors present from West

Lorne and Prince of Wales Lodge, Lawrence Station. This lodge has an excellent Senior Warden in Bro. Woods, who will make a worthy successor to a very efficient W. Master. It also has a very able Junior Warden and numerous P. Ms. who are regular attendants, and all well posted. The lodge room is too small and I recommend new quarters. Since my visit I have had the honor of dedicating a new hall.

St. George's Lodge No. 42, London. Visited 2nd October, 1913. The W. M., W. Bro. Parkinson, conferred the second degree on two candidates Both received their work in a capable manner as the W. M. is a good officer and did good work. The junior offices, filled with young men, and a bright future ahead of this lodge. Also some good P. Ms. who know their work and attend to give help to the W. M. There was a good turnout from the City lodges.

Corinthian Lodge No. 330, London. Visited 7th October, 1913. W. Bro. C. Peacock in the East. I witnessed a first degree exceedingly well done. The Inner Guard, Junior Deacon and Wardens do good work. Lodge prosperous and in good shape. The P. Ms. take a splendid interest and the members attend well. Several brethren present from outside lodges, including Ilderton, Dutton and City Lodges, &c. The London lodges have a good home, and I tried to impress on the brethren the advisability of being loyal to the men who were instrumental in starting their temple.

Merrill Lodge No. 344, Dorchester. Visited 9th October, 1913. The W. M., W. Bro. Young, was ill, and the chair was occupied by P. M., W. Bro. Smuck. Many were present from London, Springfield, Thamesford, Nilestown and other places Presented Regalia to R. W. Bro. Banghart. This is a good lodge and is in a prosperous condition. It has a staff of young officers who do their work well. There was no degree worked but the lodge was passed and raised. The Master is efficient and can work all degrees well.

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 171, Lawrence Station. Visited 10th October, 1913. W. Bro. Dan Crawford in the East, conferred third degree in an efficient manner. Lodge has some splendid junior officers, and I predict success for some years to come. Their work is well done and the brethren all take an interest and turn out well. Good J.W., S.W., and Inner Guard. Abundance of P. Ms. out to welcome me. Gave me a good reception and assistance throughout my meetings at other places. Several brethren present from Warren Lodge, Fingal and from Cameron Lodge, Dutton.

Nilestown Lodge No. 345, Nilestown. Visited 14th October, 1914. W. Bro. Poad in the East. Work conducted in a splendid manner, as W. M. is a very efficient officer. Many were present from London, Dorchester, Thamesford and Harriettsville. They have good officers and their future is bright. Dues in good shape and the books were looked after by W. Bro. Palmer.

Moffatt Lodge No. 399, Harriettsville. Visited 15th October, 1913. W. Bro. Falls in the East. Brethren were present from Aylmer, Belmont, Springfield, Dorchester, London and Nilestown. The first degree was conferred in a very able manner. The W. M. does excellent work and the lodge has two good Wardens and a splendid Inner Guard and Junior Deacon. I recommended fraternizing with surrounding lodges, as this lodge is well situated for exchanging visits with rural lodges. Also recommended purchasing a few books and forming a Masonic library for the instruction of the brethren. Master can work all degrees and brethren are good Masons, and I predict a good future for this lodge. Past Masters Facev and York add much to its success.

King Solomon Lodge No. 378, London. Visited 16th October, 1913. First degree worked in a very able manner by W. Bro. Copp, assisted by his officers. Bro. W. Trick gave the W. M. very able assistance. The Manchester male quartette from Galt was present and sang beautifully during the work. A very prosperous lodge and many brethren present. Brethren all take an active interest and lodge is officered by young men who will keep it up to its present excellent standard. Lodge room filled with a large and representative attendance.

On Sunday, 26th October, 1913, I attended Divine service with the brethren of my own lodge and many visitors. We had a delightfully bright Autumn day, and consequently many came from neighboring lodges. A very able and instructive discourse was given by Bro. Murphy, J. W., of Cameron Lodge.

Belmont Lodge No. 190, Belmont. Visited 7th November, 1913. Witnessed first degree by W. M. Bro. Laidlaw, a good Master, with splendid assistance from sterling young men for officers. Junior Deacon's work especially good. W. Bro. Turner the secretary has the lodge welfare among his greatest aims in life. Many visitors were present from London, Dutton, Harriettsville and Nilestown. Nice cosy lodge room and bright future ahead for this lodge. Good assistance given to the officers by P. Ms.

Middlesex Lodge No. 379, Bryanstown. Visited 12th November, 1913. Witnessed third degree conferred by W. Bro. Snibert who does excellent work. Lodge is prosperous and many P. Ms. take an active interest which speaks well for their regard for Masonry. I have never visited a lodge which had more of the true spirit of Masonry. In my address I recommended a Masonic library and exchanging visits with other lodges. Brethren of this lodge were all anxious to extend a hearty welcome to the representative of the Grand Master.

St. Paul's Lodge No. 107, Lambeth. Visited 7th January, 1914. Witnessed a first degree by W. M. Meriam, assisted by an excellent staff of young officers. The Junior Deacon is worthy of special mention. This is one of the best rural lodges of London district. They own their own hall, with banquet hall beneath. There was a large turnout of brethren from London, St. Thomas, Delaware and Nilestown. Lodge is prosperous and has a

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reputation throughout London district for showing the true spirit of Freemasonry.

St. David's Lodge No. 302, St. Thomas. Visited 15th January, 1914. Witnessed first degree by W. Bro. T. C. Mallory, assisted by a most excellent staff of officers. This lodge takes great pride in doing good work, and W. Bro. Mallory and his officers deserve great praise for this. Many visitors from London and surrounding lodges. This lodge, with old 44, is busy making Masons who are a credit to St. Thomas and the whole order. Finances are in good shape, and a great future ahead in city for Masonry

Malahide Lodge No. 140, Aylmer. Visited 4th February, 1914. There was no degree work but the officers showed finished work in passing and raising the lodge. W. Bro. McConnell in the East, is a painstaking Master ably assisted by a capable staff of officers. Many visitors present from surrounding lodges, which made a very pleasant night for all—a beautiful lodge room well filled with Masons. Bro. Angus, who is now in his 79th year, creditably filled the office of Inner Guard. This is a prosperous lodge and is in good shape.

Doric Lodge No. 289, Lobo. Visited 5th February, 1914. W. Bro. Sloan in the East. No degree conferred, but passed and raised lodge. Cosy little lodge room and large attendance of Masons. I tried to impress the brethren with the moral duties of a Mason. This is a rural lodge, with many members scattered over all parts, some of whom were home to add to one of the most pleasant meetings held. The officers are young men and the lodge is full of active young men who have Masonry at heart and are capable of giving a good Master all assistance.

St. John's Lodge No. 20, London. Visited 10th February, 1914. W. Bro. Bishop in the East. Conferred first degree. Particularly good and careful work done in this lodge. Very careful about whom they receive. Was pleased with my first introduction to Irish work. Splendid officers give

a very capable Master every assistance. Had the pleasure of presenting a P. M's. jewel to W. Bro. Gilbert, the immediate P. M., and an efficient officer of the lodge. I also had the pleasure of investing the Secretary and Junior Steward. Large turnout of members and visitors from Lobo, Bryanstown, Ilderton and other places. R. W. Bro. Greer, a past D.D.G.M, is Treasurer of this lodge, which is the oldest in the city.

Kilwinning Lodge No. 64, London. Visited 20th February, 1914. W. Bro. B. W. Bennett in the East conferred first degree in an efficient manner, assisted by a worthy staff of officers. Lodge composed of young and ambitious Masons who do their work well, and has good prospects for the future. The Secretary has his books in good shape. Lodge is very prosperous and gave me a large turnout. Many visitors were present from other lodges. W. Bro. Bennett is very interested in keeping Past Masters in attendance.

The Tuscan Lodge No. 195, London. Visited 2nd March, 1914. W. Bro. Dr. Reason, assisted by some of the Past Masters of this lodge, conferred first degree in the most intelligent manner. The lodge is very prosperous and a good spirit is shown by P. Ms. in turning out to give assistance to a very capable W. M. Many visitors from out of town and city lodges. This lodge has a splendid staff of officers. It has a good future with splendid candidates waiting for degrees.

St. John's Lodge No. 209a, London. Visited 6th March, 1914. W. Bro. Frank E. Harley in the East conferred a second degree in a most impressive manner. This lodge is well officered from the most subordinate to the Master, and each officer performs his part in the ceremony in a faultless manner. The lodge is, like all other lodges in the city of London, very particular about the quality of candidates, and consequently the caliber of individual members is very high. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and a grand evening was spent.

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St. Mark's Lodge No. 94, Port Stanley. Visited 10th March, 1914. W. Bro. Chas. McIntyre in the East. I witnessed a second degree. This lodge does good work and has good officers, a bright future and a nice cosy lodge room. I was accompanied by over 50 visitors from St. Thomas, Fingal, Lawrence Station, London and Dutton. It was one of my most successful meetings. Secretary looks after the affairs of the lodge in a businesslike manner. The brethren here show a good spirit of Freemasonry and my visit was all too short. I recommended a Masonic library and interchange of visits, etc.

King Solomon Lodge No. 394, Thamesford. Visited 11th March, 1914. W. Bro. McMartin, in the East, conferred a second degree in a capable manner. This is one of the best country lodges in the district, and brethren turn out well to assist their Master and officers in the discharge of their duties. I was accompanied by a number of brethren from London, Lobo, Nilestown and other points. Outside a little nervousness this lodge is well officered and prospects for years to come are good. Many of their members are old men, hale and hearty, and I was pleased to see the interest taken in the work by them.

Henderson Lodge No. 388, Ilderton. Visited 6th April, 1914. W. Bro. Taylor in the East is a very careful painstaking Master who does excellent work. There was no degree work, but I asked the Master to pass and raise the lodge, which was done very creditably. Capable assistance was rendered by the officers. A good fraternal spirit exists in this lodge and they exchange frequent visits with other lodges. I advised library as nucleus for further enlightenment; also advised subscribing to a Masonic paper. The brethren of this lodge are very anxious to learn and do their work well.

Mount Olivet Lodge No. 300, Thorndale. Visited 7th April, 1914. W. Bro. Lee in the East. No degree conferred but the lodge was passed and raised. W. Bro. Lee is a good officer and the lodge is in good shape. It has a splendid staff of sub-

ordinate officers throughout and much of the success is due to the master hand of R. W. Bro. R. Guest, who is a faithful attendant. This lodge owns a splendid hall and I predict great success for it. The work is well done in this lodge.

Delaware Valley Lodge No. 358, Delaware. Visited 10th April, 1914. W. Bro. Hardy Johnson in the East. There was a large attendance of members including many Past Masters who are still taking an active interest in the lodge. There was not any degree work, but the lodge was passed and raised in a very satisfactory manner. I advised the brethren to visit other lodges in the district, also to start a library as a means of attracting and enthusing interest in the work. Visitors were present from Lambeth, Lobo and Dutton.

Warren Lodge No. 120, Fingal. Visited 5th May, 1914. W. Bro. Earnshaw in the East, and a good number of members present; also visitors from Prince of Wales and Cameron Lodges. No degrees were conferred but the lodge was passed and raised satisfactorily. I addressed them advising interchange of visits with surrounding lodges. This is the one lodge in the whole district that seems to be at a standstill, but I have great hopes for the future as it is now officered with bright young men.

Union Lodge No. 380, London. Visited 11th May, 1914. First degree conferred by W. Bro. Simmons and an excellent staff of officers in a faultless manner. W. Bro. Simmons is a conscientious Master, and delivered his part of the ceremony in an impressive manner. There was a large turnout of the brethren of the city. This lodge, like every other in the city of London, is in a very prosperous condition. Many of the members are young men who are anxious for advancement.

And now in conclusion, allow me once more to thank the brethren of the various lodges for the kindness and courtesy extended to me on every occasion. I also wish to mention personally R. W. Bros. Wallace and Wilson who were so faithful to me, and for them I have a very sincere affection. I am also indebted to W. Bro. Jordan, of Cameron Lodge, who attended me on nearly every one of my visits. The year now closing has been one of the most interesting of my whole life, and I found it no small honor to represent the M. W. the Grand Master in London District No. 3, and I am proud to say that the brethren of this district are true to the Craft and loyal to the Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted.

A. E. ROBERTS, D.D.G.M.,

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SOUTH HURON DISTRICT No. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

With much pleasure I submit for your consideration my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in South Huron District No. 4, for the year ending June 24th, 1914.

To the brethren of the district I wish to express my sincere thanks for the honor they have conferred upon me by unanimously electing me to the honorable position of their District Deputy Grand Master, especially as I was in the West and thus unable to attend the Communication of Grand Lodge held at Ottawa. I was courteously received on my various official visits and am pleased to report that I was able to visit every lodge in the district.

Masonry in the district is making progress in every way—in increase in members, in larger attendence, in a larger spirit of benevolence, and in a deeper sense of the meaning and obligations of the law of universal brotherhood. The brethren are trying faithfully to do their duty, and during my official visits I laid stress upon these things, and urged the brethren that while we should cultivate accuracy in presenting the form of Masonry the essential thing is being true to the spirit and teaching of our order.

One thing of interest and importance is the splendid class of men who are devoting their time and energy to the work in the various lodges as officers. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books in almost every case, are well kept, and the financial condition of the district is all that could be desired. The Worshipful Masters, with few exceptions, are especially qualified for the positions they occupy, and are supported by efficient officers.

The new ballot boxes are not approved of, and I think that most lodges in the district are desirous of returning to the older ballot box, as it is more secret than the new.

In addition to my regular official visits, I had the pleasure of accompanying the M. W. the Grand Master, the Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Grand Junior Warden on May 6th on their visit to Clinton Lodge, Clinton, and Maitland Lodge, Goderich, for the purpose of dedicating the lodge room at Clinton and the new Masonic Temple at Goderich. The brethren at Goderich have built a beautiful Temple for the use of Masonry, and it is not only a credit to Maitland lodge but a credit to the The dedication ceremonies in Clinton in district. the afternoon and at Goderich in the evening were most beautifully and impressively performed by the M. W. the Grand Master, and the brethren who were fortunate enough to be able to attend received instruction and inspiration from the eloquent addresses of the Grand Master.

I wish to thank the Stratford brethren who, at my request, entertained the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers to luncheon on their arrival in Stratford. The pleasure of the day was added to by this kindness and by the splendid preparation and hearty reception of W. Bro. F. E. Rorke of Clinton Lodge and W. Bro. A. C. Hunter of Maitland Lodge, on behalf of the officers and members of their respective lodges. The day is one long to be remembered and the M. W. the Grand Master has endeared himself to the officers and members of these lodges.

Official Visits.

New Dominion Lodge No. 205, New Hamburg. I visited this lodge officially on January 26th. On my arrival I was met by P.D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Holley, and had the pleasure of being entertained at dinner in the evening at the home of W. Bro. H. A. Ernst, where I met the officers of the lodge. The work of the evening was the opening and closing of the three degrees as there were no candidates for initiation. The work was well done. Wilmot Lodge No. 318, Baden. I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to this lodge on February 13th. I was cordially received by W. Bro. Bechtel and the officers and members of the lodge. The first degree was exemplified by the W. Master and officers in a very satisfactory manner. R. W. Bro. Howell, P.D.D.G.M., was absent, owing to illness. The Senior Warden was unable to attend through illness in his family and the Inner Guard was in the hospital, having undergone a serious operation. Their places were ably filled by P. Ms of the lodge.

Doric Lodge No. 233, Parkhill. This lodge I visited officially on February 10th, and received a hearty reception from P.D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Dawson and W. Bro. Fraser, secretary. There was a good attendance and W. Bro. John Chisholm and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very efficient manner. The lodge is in a prosperous condition and is doing splendid work.

Irving Lodge No. 154, Lucan. This lodge I had the pleasure of visiting on February 5th and was accompanied by a large number of brethren from Granton. We were heartily received by W. Bro. Brand, W. Bro. Orme, R. W. Bro. John Fox, R. W. Bro. Chris. Hodgins, P.D.D. G.M. The first degree was exemplified and was almost perfectly done.

Zurich Lodge No. 224, Hensall. On March 9th I visited this lodge and received a most cordial welcome. W. Bro. John Robinson conferred the first degree in a very efficient manner. The books are well kept by the Secretary, W. Bro. James Bonthron.

Clinton Lodge No. 84, Clinton. I visited this lodge on March 13th. I was greeted by an excellent attendance of the officers and members of the lodge. W. B. Rorke, the W.M., occupied the chair and the work of the evening was the exemplifying of the third degree. This was most beautifully done, in fact, so far as I could judge the work was perfect. W. Bro. Rorke is an excellent W. M.,

and has a splendid staff of officers. P.D.D.G.M Bro. Shaw made a request that their lodge should be dedicated during my term of office. The dedication ceremony was performed on May 6th by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Blyth Lodge No. 303, Blyth. I visited Blyth Lodge on March 17th. There was a splendid attendance. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Robt. M. McKay and a splendid staff of officers. This lodge is doing a good work and the W. M. is ably assisted by W. Bro. Hamilton, secretary of the lodge.

Lebanon Forest Lodge No. 133, Exeter. I visited this lodge on March 30th. Owing to the removal of the W. M. Bro. Weidenhammer, W. Bro Seldon was in the East. The first degree was exemplified and was well done. This lodge is in a prosperous condition and the officers received kindly assistance and instruction from P.D.D.G.Ms. Bros. Dickson and Rev. Bro. Collins. Rev. Bro. Collins delivered an excellent address at the banquet on "Canada and its relation to the Empire."

St. Mary's Lodge No. 493, St Marys. This lodge was visited on March 23rd. W. Bro. Northgrave and an efficient staff of officers exemplified the first degree in a very able manner. The business of the lodge is well looked after. I had the pleasure of presenting W. Bro. Dr. Coupland with the P. Ms'. jewel. This lodge is marked by a deep Masonic spirit.

Tecumsch Lodge No. 144, Stratford. On March 20th I visited this lodge There was a large number of members and visitors present. W. Bro. J. M. McCutcheon was in the East and conducted the business of the lodge in an efficient manner. The first degree was conferred by the W. M., assisted by W. Bro. Forrester, R. W. Bro. Mallion and W. Bro. Copus, I would have preferred to have seen the W. M. confer the full degree as I am sure he could have done so in an able and impressive manner.

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Maitland Lodge No. 33, Goderich. I visited Maitland Lodge on April 14th. W. Bro. Hunter was in the chair. He has a very capable staff of officers. The W. M. and officers conferred the third degree in a way that must have given pleasure and instruction to the large number of visitors present, as it did to myself. They have an able secretary. This lodge is in a prosperous condition, having initiated more candidates than any other lodge in the district. They have built a beautiful new Temple, and the W. M. and officers deserve much credit for the time and energy they have given to the work. The Temple was dedicated on May 6th by the M. W. the Grand Master, assisted by a number of Grand Lodge officers. The evening was one long to be remembered, and the success of the lodge is assured.

Morning Star Lodge No. 309, Carlow. This lodge was visited by me on April 15th. I drove from Goderich with a number of Goderich brethren and appreciated very much their kindness. A very kindly feeling exists between Maitland Lodge and Morning Star. The work done in this lodge is equal to any in the district. W. Bro. Hill and his officers conferred the first degree in a way that reflected much credit upon himself and his staff officers. The business affairs of the lodge are well looked after. This lodge is doing splendid work and I enjoyed my visit very much indeed.

Britannia Lodge No. 170, Seaforth. I visited this lodge on April 6th. There was a large attendance of members and many visitors were present. In the absence of the W. M. Bro. McLennen, the chair was occupied by W. Bro. McLean. The work of the evening was the conferring of the first degree, which was very impressively done and must have made a marked impression on the candidate. The musical part of the degree was delightful. P. D.D.G.M. Dr. Cooper was present and is of much assistance to the lodge. W. Bro. Jackson, the genial secretary, looks well after the business affairs.

Milverton Lodge No. 478, Milverton. I visited this lodge on April 27th. There was a good at-

tendance of the members and I was pleased to meet brethren from Elma Lodge, Monkton. W. Bro. Miller was in the East. The third degree was conferred upon an excellent candidate. The work was very well done. This lodge was in a fairly prosperous condition and the lodge has a good secretary in Bro. Zoeger.

Elma Lodge No. 456, Monkton. I visited Elma Lodge on April 29th. My visit was of great interest to me, as in Elma lodge I first saw the light of Masonry at the hands of W. Bro. Chalmers who conferred the degree. As there was no candidate for initiation or degrees to be conferred, I had the W. M., W. Bro. Ronnenburg, open and close in the three degrees. The work was very well done and we spent the time at our disposal in hearing and answering questions. The success of the lodge is assured. I was pleased to meet all the brethren and enjoyed my visit very much.

St. James Lodge No. 73, St. Marys. This lodge I had the pleasure of visiting on May 4th. There was an exceptionally large attendance of the members from St. Marys Lodge, St. Marys, and also from Granton. W. Bro. MaeRae was in the East and conferred the first degree with the assistance of an efficient staff of officers, in an able manner. There is a fine Masonic spirit in this lodge, and the most cordial relations exist between St. Marys and St. James Lodges. I had the great pleasure of presenting to W. Bro. W. J. Atkinson a P. M's jewel as a token of appreciation on the part of the officers and members of the lodge. I also presented Bro. James McLaughlin with a pair of cuff buttons for his kindness in preparing an electric sign for the use of the lodge.

Tudor Lodge No. 141, Mitchell. I visited this lodge on May 26th. The reception I received from the brethren was most cordial. As it was an Emergent meeting and late in the season there was not as large an attendance as there otherwise would have been. W. Bro. Mortson, with an able staff of officers, exemplified the first degree, and I was

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much pleased with the work. P.D.D.G.M. Elliott is always ready and willing to assist and instruct the officers of the lodge. The finances are ably looked after and the future of this lodge is assured.

Granton Lodge No. 483, Granton. On May 18th I paid my official visit to my home lodge. T was very pleased with the reception not only from the Granton brethren who were out in large numbers, but also from the large number of members from St. James' and St. Marvs Lodges, St. Marvs. There were also a large number of brethren from Lucan, and the meeting was the largest in the history of the lodge. W. Bro. Webb and his officers conferred the first degree which called forth the praise of P.D.D.G.M. Bro. Hodgins. The lodge room has not yet been dedicated but the ceremony will be performed this fall. W. Bro. Dann, the oldest P. M. of the lodge, is always ready to assist and instruct the officers of the lodge. Granton has a splendid staff of P. Ms and the lodge is looking forward to greater success in the future than in the past.

Stratford Lodge No. 332, Stratford. It was with much pleasure that I paid my official visit to Stratford Lodge. I was accompanized by large number of the Granton brethren, who were most heartily received by the officers and members of the lodge. The evening was one of the most pleasant of my official visits. W. Bro. Baker was in the East. He was supported by an excellent staff of officers. The first degree was conferred and every officer did his work in an efficient manner. The lodge is in a most prosperous condition and W. Bro. Baker has devoted much time to the work of the lodge and this accounts for the successful year through which the lodge has passed. The financial affairs of the lodge are in the hands of an able secretary.

In conclusion, I wish again to express my appreciation for the honor conferred upon me by the brethren of the district. The kindness and courtesy extended to me by the officers and members of

every lodge I shall not soon forget. The duties of District Deputy Grand Master I have performed to the best of my ability and am pleased to report that the work of the district is in a splendid condition.

Fraternally submitted.

JAS. ABERY, D.D.G.M.

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NORTH HURON DISTRICT No. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In presenting my report of the state of Masonry in North Huron District No. 5, permit me first to express my sincere gratitude to the brethren for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the high and important office of representative of the Grand Master in this district.

My duties have been, indeed, pleasant and at the same time easy owing to the cordiality of my reception and the general efficiency of the officers of the various lodges.

Where the hour and means of my arrival were known, I was met by someone deputed for that purpose and every courtesy was shown me, as is the due of the office, even to the extent of attending me to the station at my departure. The varied means of travel at the disposal of an official in this present age left the time and means often uncertain, in which case that courtesy was of necessity omitted, but the reception everywhere was all that could be desired.

I visited each lodge in the district at least once in the year, but held no Lodge of Instruction, although the brethren of Bernard Lodge, Listowel, very kindly placed their lodge room at my disposal for the purpose. To ask a lodge not one's own to take the responsibility of a Lodge of Instruction is asking considerable; had my home lodge been strong enough and sufficiently easy of access I would have essayed the task, feeling that success or failure would fall entirely upon myself.

The lodges in the district are all held in rooms well equipped and Masonically attractive. Some few landmarks remain of the inventive genius of an age preceding modern conveniences, landmarks

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cherished because of their association with the name of a brother, honored and skilful, who has since been called to report to his Grand Master on high.

In my visits, as there was little room for criticism of the work, the perfection of which is to a large extent a measure of the ambition and dramatic ability of the officers, I enlarged as far as time would permit, on the principles of Masonry, Charity, Virtue, Patriotism, its high ideals of manhood, and the importance of the Master's position.

The usual fourth degree was a feature of my visits and was generally a delightful function, well conducted, educative, intellectual and entertaining, besides affording opportunity for social acquaintance. The fourth degree to my mind *should never be omitted, not for the banquet itself, but for its educative and social value. Its toast list, the address, and song and story and the intimacy that begins and flourishes around the festive board.

The King of Terrors has summoned his usual detail of members in this district; hence I have to record the departure of a few of our esteemed brethren, skilled, useful, and beloved, to that bourne from which no traveller returns. May they rest in peace and may the blocks they offer Be found perfect by the Master.

October 14th, 1913, visited St. John's Lodge No. 284, Brussels. It was Past Masters' night. W. M. Bro. McDonald opened and closed in the three degrees showing proficiency in the work. Before opening in the third he examined the candidate who had been well prepared. Having opened in the third, he called the Past Masters to the chairs. The degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner indeed. The P. Ms had not forgotten the Royal Art in which they had been highly proficient.

November 7th, 1913. Visited Aldworth Lodge No. 235, Paisley. W. M. Bro. Ryan opened and closed in the three degrees and exemplified the third. Bro. Ryan was thoroughly skilled in the work and supported by an excellent staff of officers

whose efficiency and zeal ensure good work for the future. The candidate, too, was well prepared and a splendid type of manhood. This lodge is prospering and likely to prosper. Many visitors were present which indicated a healthy interest in Masonry.

December 11th, 1913. Fordwich Lodge No. 331 visited. W. M. Bro. Gibson opened in the first degree and examined a candidate whom he passed to the second. He then examined another candidate whom he raised to the sublime degree of a M. M. Both candidates were well prepared, especially the one for the third, whose answers were perfect. The exemplification of the degrees was excellent, the Master and his supporting officers being practically word perfect and impressive in delivery.

January 13th, 1914. Saugeen Lodge No. 197, Walkerton. W. M. Bro. Stephan opened and closed in the three degrees and exemplified the second. The candidate was well prepared. The Master and his officers thoroughly skilled in the work, the books well kept, and the lodge in excellent financial standing. A severe storm and almost impassable roads failed to damp the ardor of Masonry, as was indicated by the presence of many visitors from a distance, who contributed to the instruction, entertainment and general pleasure of the evening.

February 9th, 1914. Forest Lodge No. 162, Wroxeter. W. M. Bro. Ryan opened and closed in the three degrees and exemplified the initiatory. The candidate was very creditable indeed, paying close attention to the work. He will be an acquisition to the lodge. The W. M. was well skilled and supported by an efficient staff of officers. The inclemency of the weather prevented many from attending.

March 3rd, 1914. Wingham Lodge No. 286, Wingham. W. M. Bro. E. Hammond opened and closed in the three degrees and exemplified the second. The candidate was well prepared and the Master and his officers thoroughly skilled. A pleasing feature was the introduction of the D.D.G.M.

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by the R. Worshipfuls and a V. W., and the presence of the first Master of the lodge. My reception could not have been more courteous and the lodge is prosperous and well conducted. The attendance was very large indeed.

March 6th, 1914. Bernard Lodge No. 225, Listowel. W. M., Bro. Wm. Donaldson opened in the first and exemplified this degree by the admission of two candidates Bro. Donaldson though elected to the chair in December was proficient in the work and ably assisted by his officers. A pleasing feature at the close of the initiation was the presentation of a purse of gold to R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell who might well be called the Nestor of the lodge. I am pleased to record this tribute to old time courtesy, Craft skill, and high Masonic principle. It was a tribute deeply appreciated because of the manifestation of respect, and most thoroughly deserved by years of attention and interest in the lodge.

March 9th, 1914. Maple Leaf Lodge No. 362, Tara. W. M., Bro. Mutrie met me at the station and introduced me to many of the brethren. The work of the evening was the conferring of the second degree on a rev. gentleman who had long intended identifying himself with the Craft. The degree was well exemplified, the Master and his officers being thoroughly proficient.

March 10th, 1914. Cedar Lodge No. 396, Wiarton. W. M., Bro. Kesselring opened and closed in the three degrees, accepting three applications and exemplifying the initiatory degree on one of the applicants. Bro. Kesselring and his officers are well skilled in the work as was to be expected in this lodge. The lodge is commodious, well appointed with splendid dining hall with conveniences for social gatherings. It is strong and prosperous with excellent Masonic spirit as was evidenced by a brother coming twenty-one miles in answer to his summons.

March 25th, 1914. Northern Light Lodge No. 93, Kincardine. Emergent meeting called for my reception. W. M., Bro. Malcolm exemplified the

first degree showing himself and officers proficient in the work. The attendance was excellent, many brethren coming in from the country considerable distances. This lodge is strong, with splendid appointments, a dining hall beautifully decorated with the flag of our country. It is an inspiration to Masonic patriotism. The books are beautifully kept. The financies of the lodge are of the best.

April 9th, 1914. Port Elgin Lodge No. 429, Port Elgin. W. M., Bro. Langford exemplified the first degree in a very efficient manner, being himself well skilled and supported by officers equally expert in the Craft. The candidate was all that could be desired both as to present acquisition and promise for the future. The destinies of this lodge are in good hands.

April 10th, 1914. St. Lawrence Lodge No. 131, Southampton. Emergent meeting called for my reception. W. M., Bro. Short opened and closed in the three degrees and conferred the third on a candidate whose proficiency well merited that honor. Bro. Short was assisted in the latter part of the work by some of the P. Ms who are thereby kept in practice. The altar was draped for an honored brother who had departed in answer to the summons of the Master on High. This lodge is in good condition and the officers capable.

April 14th, 1914. Teeswater Lodge No. 276, Teeswater. Emergent meeting called for the purpose of initiation. W. M., Bro. Good, his Wardens and officers, exemplified the initiatory degree faultlessly, all being well skilled and deeply interested in the Craft. The candidate was all that could be desired. This lodge is in a prosperous condition, and under careful supervision. A big improvement has been made in the furnishing and the prospects are bright.

April 21st, 1914. Bruce Lodge No. 341, Tiverton. Emergent meeting called at my request. W. M., Bro. Glanville opened the lodge in the first degree and examined the candidate who was found . well skilled in his apprenticeship. The second de-

gree was conferred, the W. M. and his officers were thorough, being practically word perfect, each doing his part and the Master not omitting the charge. Notwithstanding a wet, disagreeable, dark night, many visitors were present from a distance, Masonry thereby exemplifying almost an equal power with the music of the fabled Orpheus, its drawing power being limited, however, to men. It was my privilege to decorate the I. P. M. and his predecessor in office with the P. Ms. jewel, which was a very pleasing feature of the evening.

April 23rd, 1914. Old Light Lodge No. 184, Lucknow. Emergent meeting called at my request. W. M., Bro. McDonald opened the lodge and exemplified the first degree. The candidate had been initiated which robbed the ceremony of some of its impressiveness. The Master and his officers are well skilled, needing no assistance. I did not require the Master to open and close in the second and third degrees, there being none but M. Ms present. I gave the penalties and answered such questions as were asked. This is a strong lodge and working in harmony.

April 28th, 1914. Forest Lodge No. 393, Chesley. W. M., Bro. Benedict exemplified the first degree, being well skilled in the work and supported by an efficient staff of officers. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees with thorough proficiency, which was the more noteworthy as there has been but little practice since installation. Under the head of Good and Welfare some merriment was indulged in, referring to the lack of skill of some excellent Masons who, no doubt, are regular attendants, but absent minded in observation of the customs.

April 29th, 1914. Burns Lodge No. 436, Hepworth. W: M., Bro. Campbell exemplified the second degree. This is a small lodge but in excellent condition. Officers are well skilled. What was lacking in numbers was more than made up in warmth of welcome. Heavy rains interfered to some extent with the purposed programme preventing intending visitors from arriving, but the

evening was spent pleasantly and profitable to ourselves and to Masonry. Burns Lodge will grow though its territory is limited, both in extent and population, for its destinies are controlled by brethren courteous, warm-hearted and politic, who well exemplify the spirit of Masonry.

May Sth, 1914. Hanover Lodge No. 432, Hanover. W. M., Bro. Engel opened and closed in two degrees. The candidate was examined in the first, found well skilled indeed, and passed to the second degree. Bro. Engel and his officers acquitted themselves well. There were many visitors present from Walkerton and Teeswater. Many contributed addresses pertinent to the occasion, showing strong attachment to the principles of the order.

May 15th, 1914. Moravian Lodge No. 431, Cargill. W. M., Bro. Houston exemplified the first degree and opened and closed in the three degrees. Bro. Houston and his officers are well skilled and capable of advancing the interests of the lodge which is growing and prosperous, and will soon move into other and more convenient quarters. The spirit of Masonry was well exemplified here by the number of visitors from surrounding lodges, Tiverton, Paisley, Chesley, Walkerton, Teeswater.

Fraternally submitted,

G. S. FOWLER, D.D.G.M.,

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WILSON DISTRICT No. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry throughout Wilson District No. 6 for the vear 1913-1914, I wish first to thank the brethren for the great honor they conferred upon me in electing me to the honorable office of District Deputy Grand Master, and to express my appreciation of the many acts of courtesy and kindness shown by members everywhere throughout the district, and to all the brethren who, at expense and inconvenience to themselves, so cheerfully accompanied me an many of my visits. It has certainly been a year that I shall always look back upon with a great deal of pleasure, and cherish the many warm friendships which I have formed throughout Wilson District. In selecting district officers I was pleased to appoint W. Bro. C. V. Thomson as District Secretary, and W. Bro. L. B. C. Livingstone as District Chaplain.

I have visited all the lodges in the district and witnessed some one of the degrees in nearly every case, and with one or two exceptions the work is uniformly good.

Lodge of Instruction.

The fifth annual Lodge of Instruction in Wilson District No. 6 was held on May 20th, 1914, under dispensation granted to King Hiram Lodge No. 78, Tillsonburg. Ideal weather conditions and good roads made it possible for a big turnout, and the consequence was the district was well represented from nearly every lodge, the register showing an attendance of 263. W. Bro. Church and officers of Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe exemplified the first degree. Discussion was opened by R. W. Bro. Geo. Naylor and was followed by several brethren who had a question or a suggestion to offer. W. Bro. Mason and officers of Walsingham Lodge No. 174, Port Rowan exemplified the second

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degree in a highly creditable manner, and a discussion led by R. W. Bro. Waddel, of Port Dover, followed. W. Bro. Vance and his officers of King Hiram Lodge No. 78 put on the third degree in a manner that was pleasing to all and left very little room for criticism which was opened by R. W. Bro. Jas. Ross, followed by several members who expressed their appreciation not only of the work but of the splendid lodge room and equipment, and the entertainment provided for the oceasion. W. Bro. White and staff of Frederick Lodge No. 217, Delhi, then conducted a board of trial and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The brethren were very much disappointed at the absence of the M. W. the Grand Master, but were unanimous in expressing the fact that a pleasant and profitable time had been spent at this the largest gathering of the kind ever held in Wilson District No. 6.

Official Visits.

Springfield Lodge No. 259, Springfield. At the request of the brethren of Springfield Lodge No. 259, I made them my first official visit, accompanied by my District Secretary and District Chaplain and several of the brethren of King Hiram Lodge, on September 15th, 1913. We were warmly welcomed and spent a very enjoyable evening with such zealous Masons as V. W. Bro. Muller and R. W. Bro. Geo. Stewart, to whom is due in large measure the splendid success of Springfield Lodge. W. Bro. Harris and his able officers exemplified the third degree in a very impressive manner. The Secretary is an efficient officer and has his books in neat and accurate condition. Springfield enjoys the proud distinction of being not only the first lodge in Wilson District to pay its full quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund but to pay it three times over. Another very commendable feature is that \$3.00 from each member initiated is set aside for a local Benevolent Fund. The future of this lodge is verv bright.

Walsingham Lodge No. 174, Port Rowan. On October 9th, 1913, I visited Walsingham Lodge No. 174, Port Rowan. They have a very creditable

staff of officers with W. Bro. Foster as Master. The evening was exceptionally warm and two degrees were exemplified, after which refreshments were served, and an informal programme carried out. The prospects of this lodge are very bright as they have a large field to select material from, and the fact that the officers come from five or six miles out, and are punctual and regular in their attendance, speaks well for the future. There are no arrears of dues and finances are in healthy state.

Vittoria Lodge No. 359, Vittoria. On the 10th of October, 1913, we motored from Port Rowan to Vittoria and were accompanied by several enthusiastic brethren from the Port and spent a very pleasant evening with Vittoria Lodge No. 359. W. Bro. Chadwick and his able staff exemplified the third degree not only creditably to themselves but to the candidate, who was well instructed and showed that he was building on a good foundation, and no doubt will be heard from in the future. The very efficient Secretary has not missed more than ten meetings in over thirty years. This lodge, although not strong in numbers, is doing good work and has bright prospects for the future.

Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland. Accompanied by several members of King Hiram Lodge No. 78 I visited Scotland Lodge No. 193 on October 13th, 1913. I was welcomed by not only a big turn out of their own members, but a goodly number from Wilson No. 113 Waterford, and Burford No. 106 The officers performed the openings and closings in an able manner. There being no degree work for the evening, after I addressed the brethren and examined the books, all repaired to the banquet room and the social side of Freemasonry was thoroughly enjoyed.

Blenheim Lodge No. 108, Princeton. On October 17th, 1913, I visited this lodge accompanied by three brethren from King Hiram Lodge No. 78. Although the weather was rainy and the roads were bad, a good attendance turned out, and several Plattsville brethren were among the visitors. W. Bro. Dr. Sutherland and officers conferred the third

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degree on a bright and well posted candidate in a manner that would do credit to any lodge in Canada. The work of the W. M. is accurate and deliberate and he has his whole staff trained to work with military precision. The books are neatly kept by their able Secretary. Although Blenheim Lodge is not one of the strong lodges in Wilson District numerically, yet for ability in the degree work and also in the social side of Masonry they can show the way to some other lodges.

Oriental Lodge No. 181, Port Burwell was visited on November 11th, 1913, in company with several members from King Hiram No. 78. Unforseen circumstances prevented the candidate from being present so had not the pleasure of seeing any degree work. The officers performed the openings and closings in the several degrees and a pleasant evening was spent with the Port Burwell brethren. The Secretary has the books and finances in good condition.

I visited St. John's Lodge No. 104, Norwich, on November 19th, 1913. W. Bro. McWhirter and his able officers exemplified the third degree in a very efficient manner on a well posted candidate. The lodge has nice cosy rooms and is in a thriving condition. They were, however, somewhat disappointed as the weather and roads were so bad that many whom they expected failed to attend.

On December 2nd King Solomon's Lodge No. 43, Woodstock was visited. A joint meeting had been arranged with Oxford Lodge No. 76 and a very large and enthusiastic meeting was the result. W. Bro. Karn and the officers of Oxford Lodge put on the work in the first degree, and W. Bro. Blair and officers of King Solomon's worked the second degree. The musical part in each ceremony was well rendered. Both of the lodges performed the work in a careful and pleasing manner. The Secretary of King Solomon's Lodge has his books very neatly and accurately kept. A very commendable incident occurred at this meeting when, on being informed of the distress of a brother of the lodge, living at present in the West, the sum of \$100 was

voted to his assistance. I was also pleased to see the lodges of the district represented at this meeting showing the interest in Masonry is not confined to local lodges but is general throughout the district.

My visit to Frederick Lodge No. 217, Delhi, was made on December 8th, accompanied by several members from Tillsonburg. This lodge had the misfortune to be burned out some months ago, and at present holds meetings in the rooms of the I. O. O. F. They expect, however, in the near future to have a new home of their own. Although this lodge has not fully met its obligations in regard to the S. C. F. they will, I think, endeavor to do so in the near future. W. Bro. Morris and staff conferred the second degree on a bright and well posted candidate in a creditable manner.

A very good attendance of the members of Plattsville Lodge No. 178, greeted me on my official visit to that lodge on December 12th, 1913. The officers conferred the third degree in a creditable manner considering the space they have at their disposal. The room is small and the ventilation bad, which does not make the best surroundings in which to excel, especially with a good turnout of members to consume the oxygen. I had the honor and the pleasure of installing and investing the officers for the ensuing year, assisted by Bros. Thomson, Hollier and Raynes. A little goodnatured criticism was afterwards indulged in and questions asked and answered.

On December 27th, 1913, I officially visited my mother lodge King Hiram No. 78, and installed and invested the officers for the ensuing year. The new officers then worked the second degree in a very capable and efficient manuer. The lodge has bright prospects for the future.

I officially visited Oxford Lodge No. 76 and installed the officers for the ensuing year on December 29th 1913. There was a good attendance from both lodges in Woodstock, being another joint meeting of King Solomon's No. 43 and Oxford No. 76. I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Dutton,

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Secretary of Oxford Lodge, who has the books in first-class condition. W. Bro. Scarff, of King Solomon's Lodge, on behalf of the officers of Oxford Lodge, presented the retiring Master W. Bro. H. A. Karn, with a beautiful Past Master's jewel. The Auditors' report showed the lodge to be in a good financial position, and prospects are bright for the future.

Emergent meeting of St. John's Lodge No. 68, Ingersoll, was called for January 2nd, 1914, and a joint meeting with King Hiram No. 37 was held, it being their regular night of meeting. Assisted by R. W. Bro. Roger Miller, Col. Hegler and Geo. Naylor, I installed the officers of both lodges. I am pleased to be able to state that the internal strife in St. John's Lodge No. 68 was apparently ended at the election of their officers, and everything bids fair to a prosperous future.

Norfolk Lodge No. 10 evidently has a reputation throughout Wilson District for celebrating the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. This year it fell on a Saturday night so the celebration was postponed until the regular meeting on January 6th 1914, at which meeting I officially visited the lodge and installed the officers. In this pleasant duty I was assisted by R. W. Bros. Waddel and Atkinson. W. Bro. Reid, on behalf of the officers, and members of Norfolk Lodge No. 10, presented the retiring Master, W. Bro. A. H. Paulin, with a beautiful Past Master's jewel. Bro. Kitchen, who is upward of ninety years of age, and who is always present at this annual festival, was able to attend lodge and join in the banquet. W. Bro. Gunton, the Secretary of the lodge, has the books in good shape and the dues well collected.

I was honored with an invitation to pay my official visit and install the W. M. and invest the officers of Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford, on January 7th, 1914. I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Jas. Ross and the P. Ms of the lodge. The newly installed officers worked the second degree in a highly creditable manner. It was also my pleasant duty on behalf of the officers and mem-

bers of Wilson Lodge to present to the retiring Master, W. Bro. Hill, a beautiful Past Master's jewel. This lodge is in splendid shape with no members on arrears and with R. W. Bro. Ross as critic and instructor, the officers are kept up to a high state of proficiency.

On May 1st, 1914, I was accompanied by several members from my mother lodge on a visit to King Hiram No. 37, Ingersoll. W. Bro. Dr. W. J. McMurrav and staff of officers, assisted by R. W. Bro. Geo. Naylor, put on the work of the third degree in a manner that upheld the dignity and high standing of this lodge in the district. I felt particularly honored at this meeting in having present with us M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, the Grand Treasurer, who had recently been made an honor-ary member of this lodge. Bro. Malone holds a very warm spot in the affections of many members throughout Wilson District, and particularly in Ingersoll, where he spent his younger days. His address was thoroughly appreciated by all present. The prospects of this lodge are very good. R. W. Bro. Navlor is a very efficient Secretary.

Erie Lodge No. 149, Port Dover, was visited on May 4th, 1914. The W. M. and his officers put on the initiatory degree in a manner that would compare favorable with most lodges in the district. This lodge is particularly strong in having an excellent lot of P. Ms who seem to take a deep interest in the lodge. On this visit I was accompanied by W. Bro. Thomson and several of the brethren of King Hiram Lodge No. 78. The District Secretary, W. Bro. Thomson, assisted by the officers of King Hiram put on the work in the third degree, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Both lodges were impressed with the good to be derived from fraternal visits of this kind. I have tried to encourage this throughout the distriet.

My visit to Burford Lodge No. 106 was paid on May 6th, 1914. For a few years passed this lodge has been rather on the down grade. Recently however they have wakened up and from present

indications Burford Lodge will be among the most prosperous of the district. They are getting a good class of young men offering who will no doubt assist the lodge, not only in a financial way, but will materially strengthen them in the ability to put on the work. Four applications were read, three were balloted for and accepted, and several others have been recently initiated. The officers put on the work of the first degree in a fairly creditable manner. The weather was rainy and the roads were bad, the turn out was not as great as they expected, but I thought it was good considering the conditions. A load from Paris motored over and were warmly welcomed. I impressed upon the brethren the object of the S. C. F. and the way I thought they could raise the balance of their quota. and urged them to make the trial, and I believe they will, and succeed too.

On May 7th, 1914, I visited Thistle Lodge No. 250, Embro. This is not a very strong lodge numerically, but there was a nice turn out of both members and visitors. This lodge also has brighter prospects ahead, as good candidates are offering, and are being taken in as fast as possible, as is proved by the fact that two firsts and two seconds were worked on the night of my official visit. R. W. Bro. Naylor who accompanied me, exemplified the second degree to the entire satisfaction of all.

St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris, was visited on May 12th, 1914. W. Bro. La Picrre and staff conferred the third degree on a bright and well posted candidate, in a very satisfactory manner. The books are kept in splendid form by the V. W. Bro. Buckley, who is one of their oldest members and very enthusiastic. They were also favored with a visit from R. W. Bro. Grant, P.D.D.G.M., from Galt, and W. Bro. A. E. Raynes, from Tillsonburg.

This lodge has some splendid musical talent and has a beautiful piano the property of the lodge.

Oak Branch No. 261, Innerkip, was officially visited on June 4th, 1914. This is one of the weak lodges numerically in Wilson District, and unfortunately their Master recently removed from the

village and I had the pleasure of installing a new Master in the person of Bro. King. No degree work was exemplified, but the business was ably conducted by W. Bro. Dr. Hossack. This lodge owns the building in which the lodge is held and they have a nice little meeting place, and with a little more enthusiasm the lodge could be strengthened.

St. John's Lodge No. 68, Ingersoll, Ont. I again visited this lodge on Friday, June 19th. W. Bro. Breckenridge and his able staff of officers exemplified the first degree. The secretary has his books in a neat condition and but few members in arrears for dues, the attendance at meetings, however, is not what it should be. I am strongly of the opinion that if the two Ingersoll lodges would amalgamate it would be better for all concerned.

Vienna Lodge No. 237 was visited on June 24th, 1914. They are in the habit of keeping the Feast of St. John the Baptist and installing their officers on that night, and this year the occasion was fitly celebrated in their new quarters in the form of a garden party to which the wives and families were invited as well as their friends and neighbors from Oriental Lodge, Port Burwell. After partaking of the good things, which the ladies so generously supplied, we repaired to the lodge room above the hall and installed the officers for the ensuing year. Vienna Lodge can now boast of a comfortable home in a splendid location, with entertainment hall below, and they are also fixing up a barn for the convenience of members who drive in to attend their meetings.

The work is not quite completed, so it is not dedicated as yet. They held me off until near the end of my term thinking they would be ready for the dedication ceremony, but that will no doubt be a pleasant duty for my successor. We congratulate Vienna Lodge on their enterprise and success.

Fraternally submitted,

H. McQUEEN, D.D.G.M., Wilson District No. 6.

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GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 7

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Wellington District No. 7, I wish first to thank most heartily the brethren of the district for their confidence as shown in electing me to the highest office in the gift of the district. Throughout the year I have been kindly received and everywhere the brethren have co-operated to make my visit most enjoyable.

My first official duty was the consecration of Twin City Lodge No. 509, Berlin, on September 26th, 1913, in which ceremony I was ably assisted by R. W. Bros. Houston, Cowan, Stephenson, and Zieman and a large number of Past Masters.

Trouble in Prince Arthur Lodge.

Just prior to the commencement of my term of office trouble arose in Prince Arthur Lodge No. 334, and charges of violating the constitution having been laid against the W. M. and officers, the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased earlier in the year to appoint a commission, consisting of R. W. Bros. Stephenson, Jardine and Day to investigate and report. On October 16th, the Commisision met in Arthur, took evidence, and later reported to the M. W. the Grand Master, who later found the W. M. guilty of violating the Constitution in three respects:

1. Balloting for a candidate at an Emergent meeting.

2. Re-opening the ballot after having declared the result.

3. Passing candidate to second degree after objection had been made.

On January 2nd, 1914, by command of the M. W. the Grand Master I attended Prince Arthur Lodge and censured the W. M. in open lodge for remissness of duty in these regards.

Instruction.

During my visits I have striven to instruct the lodges of the district in the various points brought out during our instruction at Ottawa, and at the Lodge of Instruction in Toronto on November 26th.

In a further effort to have the work done in accordance with these teachings, a Lodge of Instruction was held at Guelph on the 3rd day of April, 1914. This lodge was extra well attended, there being representatives from every lodge in the district except two. About two hundred and fifty were in attendance. The first degree was exemplified by New Hope Lodge No. 279, Hespeler, the second by Irvine Lodge No. 203, Elora, and the third by Waverley Lodge No. 361, Guelph. Purposely three lodges close to Guelph were chosen, because I wished to attend their rehearsals, and did so, and in this way the degrees were put on according to the instructions received at Ottawa and Toronto. The plan worked splendidly. After each degree various points in the work were discussed, and some of them illustrated again for emphasis.

As I look back upon it, the chief fault I find with the Lodge of Instruction is that it was held almost at the close of the year, and I thus had no opportunity of observing to what extent the lodges afterward followed the instructions given. However, the late date had its compensation. All my visits outside of Guelph, except one, were made prior to that date, and at every visit I emphasised the Lodge of Instruction, and requested each lodge to send representatives—and they all did but two, and it was the state of the roads that prevented at least one of them from sending delegates.

Can a thoroughly representative Lodge of Instruction be held in early Autumn? If so, that would be the ideal. How to secure it is worthy of much consideration, and to bring it about would justify considerable expense. An official instructor of Grand Lodge might fill the requirements and secure the desired end. The D.D.G.Ms would then have the greater part of the year in which to follow up and insist upon correct work in each individual lodge.

Guelph's New Rooms Dedicated.

On April 24th the new lodge rooms in Guelph were dedicated by the M. W. the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers, including R. W. Bro. Ponton, of Belleville, R. W. Bro. Wardrope, of Hamilton, and V. W. Bro. Curran, of Toronto. About three hundred and fifty brethren were in attendance. The occasion was one long to be remembered by those present. The influence of these new rooms on the condition of Masonry in the city of Guelph is dealt with later in my account of my visits to Speed, Guelph and Waverley Lodges.

Visits.

My official visits are here described chronologically.

October 10th. On this date I visited St. Alban's Lodge No. 200, Mount Forest, and saw the second degree conferred in a creditable manner. This meeting was for me somewhat of a "feeler." I found that numerous little points in the work that had always been bothersome in my own lodge and on which the D.D.G.Ms. had received definite instructions at Ottawa, were bothering St. Alban's, (which I later found true of the other lodges in the district), and I decided to take up one by one the various points and demonstrate on the floor of the lodge the method which Grand Lodge had instructed us to teach. At the conclusion the lodge passed a vote of thanks for the instruction, and the officers concerned afterwards expressed their thanks individually. The cordial reception of this method led me to follow it in all subsequent visits.

October 14th. Galt Lodge No. 257. This was Past Masters' night, and the third degree was exemplified in a splendid manner, accompanied with the high class musical ceremony for which Galt is noted. The lodge is in a flourishing condition.

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October 17th. Irvine Lodge No. 203, Elora. Here again I saw the third degree. Throughout the year I have been pleasantly surprised to find the third degree a favorite for exemplification of the work of the lodges. Irvine lodge did its work well.

October 23rd. Conestogo Lodge No. 295, Dray ton. The weather was very rough but in spite of this the attendance was good. The intended candidate for the second degree who lived several miles in the country, was deterred by the rain, but the officers conferred the degree on a "dummy" and a profitable time was spent in discussing and demonstrating the work not only of the second but of the first degree as well. Conestogo brethren always bring their ladies to the banquet on the occasion of the visit of the D.D.G.M. and the night is one of the big events of the year.

November 7th. Preston Lodge No. 297. The Master Mason's degree with musical accompaniment was conferred in an impressive manner. The lodge is in a flourishing condition and doing good work.

November 11th. Durham Lodge No. 306, Durham. This lodge conferred the third degree in a creditable manner, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The lodge is doing good work.

December 8th. Ayr Lodge No. 172, Ayr. I am glad to report that this lodge is again in an active condition. For some years it has been very quiet, and last year had not a single application for initiation. This year, however, they had several prior to my visit and have had others since. The lodge rooms have been re-decorated, a splendid new carpet laid, and other new furnishings supplied, and the rooms though small are very dainty and Probably these improvements have attractive. much to do with the revival of interest. The W. M. and officers conferred the first degree in a very satisfactory manner, particularly as it was their first initiation since installation, the degree work having been held back by the improvements above referred to.

December 26th. Alma Lodge No. 72, Galt. I visited this lodge on their annual Past Masters' night. The first degree was exemplified with musical ceremony, in which the whole lodge participated The work was of a high order. In my remarks, amongst other things, I suggested that the D.D.G. Ms. would prefer to see the regular officers in their places on the occasion of their official visits, making an informal visit on Past Masters' night.

January 8th. Wellington Lodge No. 271, Erin. This lodge has been somewhat at sea, owing to the transfer early in the year of the W. M. from Erin to Winchester. However the lodge has made a number of new members, and on the occasion of my visit exemplified the work of the first degree. Owing to sickness and some other unavoidable causes the attendance was light, and only a few of the regular officers were in their places, but in spite of these handicaps the degree was worked in a creditable manner. Financially the lodge has not been strong, since its rooms and furnishings were destroyed by fire some years ago, yet with all there is a fine Masonic spirit.

January 19th. Clifford Lodge No 315. This lodge draws its membership to a considerable extent from the surrounding country and seems to be in good condition. The officers were disappointed in a candidate through a slight indisposition, but they exemplified the second degree, one of the Past Masters acting as a substitute candidate, and the work was well done.

February 4th. New Hope Lodge No. 279, Hespeler. This was the first lodge visited whose officers were installed on the Festival Day of St. John the Evangelist. The E. A. degree conferred was the first degree to be worked by the new officers, and it was a credit to both them and the lodge. New Hope is in splendid condition, and shows the careful training of well-skilled Masters. Even the minutest details of the ceremony were carried out with accuracy and precision.

February 13th, 1914. Blair Lodge No. 314, Palmerston. The new officers conferred the third

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degree impressively. The warmth of fraternal spirit in the lodge was very marked.

February 19th, 1914. Scot Lodge No. 421, Grand Valley. Grand Valley and Orangeville are very inaccessible by rail from Guelph, and it was necessary for me to select a convenient time when I could remain away for a day and visit the two lodges on successive evenings. This I could only do the latter part of the week. And for this purpose Scott Lodge accommodated me by calling an Emergent meeting on Thursday evening. The second degree was well worked. The lodge is in good condition.

February 20th, 1914. Harris Lodge No. 216, Orangeville. This lodge also accommodated me by calling an emergent meeting on Friday evening. Under R. W. Bro. Irvine's watchful eye, as Treasurer, the lodge has become financially strong, the brethren are enthusiastic, and Masonry is at high tide. In the work of the first degree each officer performed his part with fidelity.

February 27th, 1914. Twin City Lodge No. 509, Berlin. This lodge was dedicated on September 26th, 1913. It was intended to exemplify the first degree only, but owing to urgent circumstances the second degree also was worked. In this lodge I saw the fruits of visits to neighboring lodges earlier in the year, when some of the Past Masters of Twin City were in attendance. The work in both degreees was correct in almost every detail. The lodge is forging ahead rapidly with much choice material to work upon.

March 6th, 1914. Mercer Lodge No. 347, Fergus. I here saw conferred one of the best third degrees it has ever been my pleasure to witness. The excellence of the work speaks well not only for the Worshipful Master and his officers, but for the Past Masters, who keep a watchful eye upon the lodge.

March 9th, 1914. Harriston Lodge No. 262, This visit was a disappointment, Masonically. No degrees were exemplified and the lodge was not

opened above the first degree. The Worshipful Master through indisposition was unable to be present. Socially the evening was a marked success. The ladies graced the banquet with their presence, and made the evening a most enjoyable one.

March 10th, 1914. Grand River No. 151, Berlin. The work of the Fellow Craft degree was well exemplified, the Sr. Deacon's work being particularly good Grand River is in a very healthy condition. The formation of Twin City Lodge has not injured the parent body in any way, indeed, it has, if anything, been a benefit by creating a generous fraternal rivalry in the work.

May 5th, 1914. Speed Lodge No. 180, Guelph. The new lodge rooms in Guelph have given a great impetus to Freemasonry in the city, as evidenced by the large number of good candidates in the three lodges. On account of the large expenses in furnishing the new rooms, I suggested to the Guelph lodges that it would be agreeable to me to omit the customary banquet, This was done and the entire evening devoted to degree work. Speed Lodge on this occasion conferred three first degrees in a first class manner.

May 12th, 1914. Guelph Lodge No. 258, Guelph. This lodge has also had a large number of candidates since moving into the new rooms, and on this evening conferred several first degrees and second degrees.

May 27th, 1914. Waverley Lodge No. 361, Guelph. During the present Master's incumbency of the office the regular meetings have been devoted to business and social intercourse, degree work being left for Emergent meetings. On the occasion of my visit, however, the W. M. and officers conferred the first degree in a splendid manner.

I cannot leave the Guelph lodges without referring more specifically to the effect of the new lodge rooms. The attendance at both regular and emergent meetings has materially increased. In this the beauty and comfort of the rooms have

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played an important part. The lounging room merits special mention. It is open and heated at all times and the brethren avail themselves of its comforts to a marked degree. Almost every evening sees a number of them congregated there, and thus Masonic good fellowship is fostered as it can not be by lodge meetings alone once or twice a month.

June 2nd, 1914. Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur. On account of the trouble in this lodge, already referred to, my visit was left as late as possible to allow opportunity for matters to settle down, and the lodge to resume its good work. To this end, by consent of the W. M. I wrote a personal note to every member of the lodge, asking each to try and be present on the occasion of my visit, so that we might have a rousing meeting, work up some enthusiasm, and leave the lodge in a healthy state for the ensuing year. And in this I was not disappointed. Nearly every available member of the lodge was present, and besides, a large quota of visitors were present from surrounding lodges, and even as far south as Guelph, Hespeler and Galt. Among the number were four past D.D.G.Ms. No degree work was done, but the lodge was opened to the third degree, and some time was spent in discussing and exemplifying some points in the work. After the meeting a splendid banquet and programme were indulged in, and there was "something doing" all the time. Altogether it was one of the best meetings of the year, and besides, I have the personal assurance of a number of the brethren that Prince Arthur Lodge is now in healthy condition.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. H. DAY, D.D.G.M.,

Wellington District No. 7.

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HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In presenting my official report of the work in the Hamilton District No. 8, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor that was conferred on me by being elected District Deputy Grand Master of this district. I have found the work a great pleasand the many friendships formed while on ure my official duties will long be treasured as some of my most pleasant recollections. I have officially visited all the lodges and find them in a sound financial condition; some are doing a remarkable amount of work, I think almost too much. This, of course, applies more particularly to the city lodges. In all of the lodges there is a splendid feeling of optimism and loyalty to Grand Lodge, and although some are not doing as much work as I should like, still there are applications in them all.

The work is fairly well exemplified but there seems to be a tendency to introduce innovations and depart from our established customs and landmarks. A desire for originality and change is prevalent in many lodges. I have taken a very strong stand against all of these innovations and have repeatedly pointed to our Lodge of Instruction as a guide in this district for the proper exemplification of the work. The Brantford lodges are the most flagrant violators in this respect, as they have no lesser lights in the centre of the lodge room near the altar, and they have a peculiar way of manipulating the electric lights, especially in the first degree. Some of the lodges besides Brantford who have introduced innovations have seemed more ready to conform to my suggestions.

I wish to refer to two meetings called military nights. The first of these was held in Ozias Lodge, Brantford, at which the Grand Master M. W. Bro.

W. D. McPherson, M. W. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson, P.G.M., a number of Grand Lodge officers and other distinguished Masons were present. There were also present a large number of military dignitaries. The second of these military nights was held by the Lodge of Strict Observance, Hamilton, and there were present also on this occasion the Grand Master M W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, M. W. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson, P.G.M., and a number of military officers. From my observations on both of these occasions I am quite convinced military nights in a Masonic lodge are much out of place. It is right that military officers should receive the honor due to their rank but to try to accord them this honor in a Masonic lodge where they occupy a subordinate position, especially when Grand Lodge officers are present, makes what may be called a conflict of "authority" and places both in an untenable position. If it is necessary to have a military night in order to keep up interest in the lodge, it should be at a time when Grand Lodge officers are not present.

In accordance with the instructions given at Grand Lodge that a Lodge of Instruction be held in every district, a Lodge of Instruction was held on the 1st of April, 1914, in the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, under the auspices of the Doric Lodge No 382, Hamilton, with a dispensation granted by the M. W. the Grand Master, who honored us by his presence on this occasion and delivered an inspiring, eloquent and instructive address on the widespread influence of Freemasonry. The work in the first degree was exemplified by Electric Lodge No. 495, Hamilton. The second degree by the officers of Harmony Lodge No. 57, Binbrook, and the third degree by Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford. Dinner was served in the banquet room between six and seven o'clock. There was a very large attendance, over 400 being present and twenty-seven out of the twenty-eight lodges in this district were represented.

By authority received from the M. W. the Grand Master, my first official duty as District Deputy Grand Master was to constitute, consecrate, dedicate, and install the officers of Lynden Lodge No. 505, G. R. C., Lynden. I was assisted by R. W. Bro. Dr. C. V. Emory, R. W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Hamilton, and R. W. Bro. J. G. Liddell, of Brantford, P.D.D.G.Ms., W. Bro. J. G. Liddell, of Hamilton, acting G.S.W.; W. Bro. J. G. Webb, Hamilton, acting G.J.W.; V. W. Bro. J. Cheyne, Hamilton, acting G.J.D.; W. Bro. W. H. Stewart, Hamilton, acting G.J.D.; W. Bro. Hanlan Robinson, Hamilton acting G. Puisuivant; W. Bro. W. H. Elliott, Hamilton, acting G. Secretary; Bro. Prof. Johnson, Hamilton, acting G. Secretary; Bro. Prof. Johnson, Hamilton, acting Director of Ceremonies, and a large number of brethren from the surrounding lodges. After the close of the meeting in the lodge room all were entertained at a banquet provided by the ladies who honored us by their presence and made this after meeting doubly enjoyable.

On September 30th, 1913, I constituted, consecrated, and installed the officers of Ozias Lodge No. 508, Brantford, and was assisted on this occasion by R. W. Bro. Dr. C. V. Emory, R. W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Hamilton, R. W. Bro. J. G. Liddell, Brantford, and much the same staff of officers as on the Lynden occasion. Ozias Lodge has restricted the number of their initiates to ten per year, discourage many banquets after their lodge meetings, but intend to cultivate the intellectual and social side of Masonry by addresses, lectures, etc. No banquet was held on this occasion.

Officially visited Harmony Lodge No. 57, Binbrook, on October 8th. First degree was exemplified. At the banquet after the close of the lodge a number of inspiring addresses were delivered by several members of this lodge who are a credit to the Craft.

Electric Lodge No. 495, Hamilton, visited on October 16th and conducted the election of officers. Although this is one of the younger lodges in the city they have a very enthusiastic lot of members and are doing a great deal of very creditable work. St. Andrew's Lodge No. 62, Caledonia, was visited on November 14th. Was accompanied on this occasion by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope and R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Holden, who presented this, his mother lodge, with a framed portrait of himself, it being fifty years since he was initiated. This was a splendid meeting and St. Andrew's is a fine healthy lodge.

Wentworth Lodge No. 166, Stoney Creek, visited December 8th and conducted election of officers. This lodge is in a fine part of the country and has a lot of very superior members but is suffering from the misfortune of many of its Past Masters living at a distance or moving away altogether.

Temple Lodge No. 324, Hamilton, visited December 9th and conducted election of officers. This lodge is a good example of quiet conscientious work.

Burlington Lodge No. 165, Burlington, visited December 10th, conducted the election of officers. Oakville Lodge, Oakville, paid a fraternal visit on this occasion. The lodge room has been enlarged in the past year and is now nicely furnished and very comfortable.

Acacia Lodge No. 61, Hamilton, visited December 12th, conducted the election of officers. This is one of the fine old lodges of Hamilton which has made Masonry famous in this part of the country, and is today maintaining its best traditions.

St. John's Lodge No. 40, Hamilton, visited December 18th and conducted the election of officers This lodge has the honor of being the largest lodge in the district and has a long list of illustrious Past Masters among whom are many former officers of of Grand Lodge.

The Lodge of Strict Observance No. 27, Hamilton, visited December 19th and conducted the election of officers. This lodge is distinguished for its air of financial health and prosperity and the loyalty of its members.

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Dundurn Lodge No. 475, Hamilton, visited December 20th and conducted election of officers. This was the seventh annual meeting I attended in two weeks, and although each and every one of them was very pleasant and enjoyable coming as they do so close together, it is very strenuous work.

St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George, visited December 30th. Invested the newly-elected officers, the W. M. having been re-elected for a second term. This was a capital meeting and those who accompanied me and myself were received in the most kindly manner.

Seymour Lodge No. 272, Ancaster, visited January 6th. First degree was exemplified in a satisfactory manner. This lodge is in a fine healthy condition with lots of applications.

On January 16th it was my privilege to institute Onondaga Lodge, U.D., Onondaga, by instructions received from the M. W. the Grand Master, W. D. McPherson, K.C., M.L.A., On this occasion I was accompanied and assisted by V. W. Bro. W. W. Greenhill and W. Bro. Wilcox Perry, of Hamilton; W. Bros. H. Clapsattle, Dr. D. Russel of Brantford, and a number of brethren. This lodge starts out under favored auspices with every prospect of doing fine, successful work.

Corinthian Lodge, U.D., Hamilton, visited on January 22nd. This was the first occasion on which the officers wore their new regalia. Two candidates were initiated in a satisfactory manner. They are doing a reasonable amount of work and have a fine lot of members.

Credit Lodge No. 219, Georgetown, visited February 6th. First degree was exemplified in a capable manner. They were using a ballot box not in accordance with the constitution and I drew their attention to this fact and explained the matter very fully. This lodge has fine quarters and very capable staff of officers.

Waterdown Lodge No. 357. Millgrove, visited February 10th. The first degree was exemplified.

The officers displayed appreciation and knowledge of the ritual. This lodge room newly refurnished and decorated.

Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford, visited March 10th. Was accompanied by a very large delegation from Hamilton. This is another of the grand old lodges of this district. The first degree was exemplified a la Brantford. My somewhat severe criticisms were received in the most kindly manner and we were afterwards entertained in the banquet room in a magnificent manner.

Walker Lodge No. 321, Acton, visited April 6th. Found this lodge in good financial circumstances with fair quarters, but suffering somewhat from lack of interest, the officers being interested in other matters. No work was available other than opening ad closing in the various degrees. After the close of the meeting a banquet was held in the Parish hall at which a large number of ladies were present. This was really quite a social function and very enjoyable.

Oakville Lodge No. 400, Oakville, visited April 7th. First degree was worked, a large number of Past Masters assisting. This is a good live lodge and has a bright lot of officers.

St. Clair Lodge No. 135, Milton, visited April 9th. Second degree was conferred on two candididates. This is a very prosperous lodge and is doing a fine amount of work. The lodge room is much above the average in beauty and appointments.

Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford, visited April 19th. First degree was exemplified with the usual innovations introduced by the Brantford lodges. This is a very successful lodge, might be almost called a wealthy lodge. The Brantford lodge room is really a credit to the Craft. They have recently fitted up a smoking and club room which is one of the finest and most artistic I have ever seen. Their banquet room will comfortably seat over 400.

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Dufferin Lodge No. 291, West Flamboro', visited May 7th. First degree was conferred in a very acceptable manner. This lodge is doing a fair amount of work considering its restricted territory, and has a fine staff of officers who are all enthusiastic Masons.

Reba Lodge U.D., Brantford, visited May 14th This lodge has initiated thirty-two candidates in the ten months since it was instituted by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope. They hope to receive their warrant at the coming meeting of Grand Lodge.

Valley Lodge No. 100, Dundas, visited June 8th. Conducted the election of officers. This lodge has had the misfortune of being without the W. Master the greater part of the time, he having moved to another district. The Past Masters, however, rallied to his assistance and the work was carried along in a very acceptable manner.

The Barton Lodge No. 6, Hamilton, visited June 10th. Conducted the election of officers at this meeting. A delegation from Washington Lodge Buffalo, presented a memorial tablet commemorating the death of M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson. All Masons in Canada are proud of the Barton Lodge, may it long continue to occupy the enviable position it does today.

The Doric Lodge No. 382, Hamilton, visited June 15th. This is my mother lodge and it was my last official visit. The Past Masters almost to a man turned out on this occasion to honor me on having completed my official duties.

The Great Architect of the Universe has seen fit in His mercy and love to remove from our midst M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. Gibson has long been a tower of strength in the business, social and fraternal life of this district. He was not only a very prominent Mason but a member of the Senate of this Dominion and had large interests in many lines where his force of character and shrewd foresight will long be missed. R. W. Bro. Dr. Secord,

of Brantford, Past G. S. W., also passed away since the last meeting of Grand Lodge. R. W. Bro. Secord was a man of retiring disposition but of fine scholarly attainments, and his death is a distinct loss to the members of this district.

This report would be incomplete without some reference to the assistance given me by W. Bro. G. B. Perry, District Secretary. I have at times felt that I should not have known what to do had it not been for his counsel and advice. He is a most indefatigable worker and has won the esteem and respect of every lodge in this dstrict through his conrtesy, information and knowledge of our ritual.

Fraternally submitted.

CHAS. S. KILGOUR, D.D.G.M. Hamilton District No. 8.

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GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I beg to submit for your consideration the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Georgian District No. 9, for the year ending June 24th, 1914.

At the outset I wish to express to the brethren of the district my appreciation of the confidence placed in me in electing me to the very honourable and important office of D.D.G.M. in this district, and to give expression to my sense of gratitude for the assistance and helpfulness rendered on every hand by the officers and members of the various lodges.

I also wish to take this opportunity of conveying to the brethren my sincere thanks for the very fraternal and courteous manner in which I have been received and entertained on my official visits. Everywhere throughout the district I find the officers of lodges capable and efficient, and well qualified to perform the work of their respective offices.

In submitting my report I will endeavor to comply with the recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, and be as brief as possible, and I trust the brethren of the district will not think me ungrateful if mention is not made of the many kind and warm receptions which they have extended to me at all times.

Early in the year I issued a circular letter to the lodges of the district, especially drawing their attention to the following:—(a) Semi-Centennial Fund; (b) Lodge Dues; (c) Examination of Master Masons; (d) Unaffiliated Brethren; (e) Lodge of Instruction; (f) Admission of Visitors.

During the year in my official visits I have emphasized the necessity of each lodge possessing

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a library, and while the majority of the lodges have not given the question the consideration it deserves, I am pleased to know that a few have started libraries.

Lodge of Instruction.

A very successful and largely attended Lodge of Instruction was held in Barrie, on March the 20th, under the joint auspices of Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie, and Kerr Lodge No. 230, Barrie. The first degree was exemplified by Caledonian Lodge No. 249, Midland, the second degree by Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie, and the third degree by Orillia Lodge No. 192, Orillia. The evening session was so largely attended that a large number of brethren were not able to secure ad-However, provision had been made mittance. to meet this circumstance should occasion demand, and a third degree was exemplified in an adjoining room by the officers of Corinthian and Kerr lodges, so that those who had not been able to gain admittance to the lodge room were still afforded an opportunity of seeing an almost perfect exemplification of the work in this degree.

To the officers of the two Barrie lodges I owe a debt of gratitude for the hearty manner in which they joined to make this Lodge of Instruction a success. The expenses connected with this function were borne by the two lodges, and throughout the whole proceeding the utmost harmony prevailed, each set of officers seeming to endeavor to leave nothing undone which might contribute to the interest of the undertaking and the good to be accomplished by the occasion. While we were not able to have the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, we were happy in having with us R. W. Bro. Grant, D.D.G.M., of Muskoka District, and P.D.D.G.Ms. R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, of Toronto, R. W. Bros. Alex. Cowan and George Monkman, of Corinthian Lodge, Barrie, and R. W. Bro. Raikes M.D., of Caledonian Lodge No. 249, Midland. The presence of these brethren was very helpful and very much appreciated.

Official Visits.

Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie. Visited this lodge February 5th. W. Bro. Johnston and his officers conferred a first degree in an almost faultless manner. The officers and brethren of this lodge are alive to the value of precision in the minor details of the work that make so much for the success of the degree. The books are well kept and the prospects of this, one of the best lodges in the district are very promising.

Northern Light Lodge No. 266, Stayner. Visited this lodge on February 10th. The W. M., W. Bro. McDermid, with his officers conferred a second degree in a very impressive manner. While the membership is not large, there are a number of brethren of splendid ability, but there seems to be a lack of opportunity for the careful rehearsal of the work that accurate rendering demands. This is largely due to the fact that the officers do not all live conveniently near the lodge room. However, considering this difficulty, this lodge is making progress.

Kerr Lodge No. 230, Barrie. Visited this, my mother lodge, February 20th. W. Bro. W. N. Duff ably officiated, and with the assistance of his officers conferred a first degree in such a manner that accuracy and impressiveness shone all through the ceremony. A healthful and happy emulation exists between Corinthian and Kerr Lodges, which results in a desire to excel. This lodge is now enjoying a marked degree of prosperity and has every prospect of maintaining a high place amongst the best lodges of Georgian District.

Beaver Lodge No. 234, Clarksburg. Visited this lodge on March 10th. On this occasion I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Alex. Cowan and officers of Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie, who exemplified a first degree in a most efficient manner, after which the W. M. and officers of Beaver Lodge conferred a third degree.

Georgian Lodge No. 348, Penetanguishene. Visited this lodge April 2nd, and was accompanied

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by a number of brethren from Barrie. W. Bro. Beck, W. M., presided. A third degree was exemplified in a very capable manner by the W. M. and officers of the lodge. This lodge has begun to establish a library. The books are well taken care of by a very efficient Secretary.

Caledonian Lodge No. 249, Midland. Visited this lodge April 16th. A third degree was very impressively conferred by W. Bro. McTavish, W. M., assisted by his officers. This lodge has established a reputation for good work and is one of the fastest growing lodges in the Georgian district. A very pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of Past Masters' jewels to two P.Ms. of the lodge. The presentation was made by R. W. Bro. Richard Raikes, M.D. This lodge is fortunate in retaining the active service of a large number of Past Masters.

Simcoe Lodge No. 79, Bradford. Visited this lodge April 17th. A first degree was conferred by the Worshipful Master and his officers. This lodge now meets in a very comfortable and neatly furnished lodge room, and is doing good work.

Coronation Lodge No. 466, Elmvale. Visited this lodge April 27th. W. Bro. Cotton and his officers exemplified a second degree in a very creditable manner. This lodge is doing very good work and has very good prospects.

Orillia Lodge No. 192, Orillia. I visited this lodge May 1st, on a regular night of meeting, and had the pleasure of seeing a first degree conferred by W. Bro. J. C. Miller, W. M., and his officers. The W. M. of this lodge is fully alive to the duties of his office and is ably supported by a capable and loyal staff. Owing to a large number of candidates being admitted ample opportunity is afforded for work in all the degrees which are ably and impressively conferred. This lodge has a library of several volumes. The lodge is in a very flourishing condition, and its prospects are very bright.

Minerva Lodge No. 304, Stroud. I visited this lodge officially on May the 5th, and was accom-

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panied by a large representation from Corinthian and Kerr Lodges, Barrie, all of whom received a most cordial reception and welcome by the W. M. and members of the lodge. The work of the evening was the conferring of an E. A. degree, which was very creditably performed notwithstanding the fact that the W. M. and Wardens all live several miles from the lodge room, and rehearsal of the work is thus rendered very difficult. Considering the difficulties in the way, this is shown to be one of the most progressive lodges in the district.

Victoria Lodge No. 470, Victoria Harbour. On May the 6th I visited this lodge. Work, a F. C. degree. The attendance was very good and the work very ably done by W. Bro. Porter and his officers. The brethren of this lodge have just completed a very comfortable and commodious lodge room, which reflects great credit on the progressiveness of the lodge and the interest taken by its members.

Karnak Lodge No. 492, Coldwater. In company with a number of Orillia brethren I visited this lodge on May the 7th, and had the pleasure of seeing an E. A. degree exemplified by W. Bro. Wellwood and his officers. The W. M. is most deserving of commendation for his zeal and faithfulness to his lodge. Shortly after election he was removed to Brantford, and notwithstanding that he has to travel about one hundred miles to attend the meetings of the lodge, he had not been absent at a regular meeting up to the occasion of my visit. He is ably assisted by his Past Masters, and with a good staff of officers Karnak Lodge is making good progress.

Manito Lodge No 90, Collingwood. I visited this lodge on May the 12th, and was very cordially welcomed. W. Bro. Zimmerman presided in a highly efficient manner. The Master Masons degree was conferred on two candidates who were very thoroughly prepared, as was shown by their examination as Fellow crafts. W. Bros. C. T. Stephens and Hughes assisted the W. Master. After the third degree being conferred, a brother who had

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recently been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason was examined as such. This lodge is to be congratulated on its procedure along this line. Manito Lodge possesses a good staff of officers and is doing splendid work.

Pythagoras Lodge No. 137, Meaford. On May 29th I visited this lodge and witnessed the exemplification of the F. C. degree. A number of brethren from Manito Lodge were present. The lodge has been under the careful guidance of several active Past Masters, as well as that of R. W. Bro. Hamill, who takes no small interest in the lodge. The entire proceedings of the evening showed the W. M. and his officers to be very proficient in the work of the evening.

In conclusion I wish to acknowledge the splendid service rendered by W. Bro. F. R. Redditt, P. M., of Corinthian Lodge, who kindly consented to act as District Secretary.

I may further add that whatever my failings have been, I have endeavored to do my duty and to instil into the brethren a sense of the privilege and responsibility connected with our membership in the craft.

On the whole the year has been one of great profit and pleasure to me, and I trust that I may have, in some small measure at least, been helpful to others.

Fraternally submitted.

R. I. SPROTT, D.D.G.M.,

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GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9a.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with great pleasure I submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Georgian District No. 9a.

I desire to thank the brethren in this district for unanimously electing me the representative of the Grand Master, which is the greatest honor that lay in their power to bestow. I have endeavored to carry out the duties imposed on me to the satisfaction of all, and I trust that no action of mine will cast any reflection on the high office held by me during the term. Although it has taken considerable time from my business, yet I feel amply rewarded by the universal kindness and courtesy accorded me from all while on my official visits.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Jno. M. Campbell, of St. George's Lodge No. 88, District Secretary. W. Bro. Campbell very kindly accompanied me on four of my official visits and to him I wish to render my sincere thanks for his good advice and valuable assistance. I also appointed Rev. Bro. James Ardill, of North Star Lodge, No. 322, District Chaplain, to whom I am verv grateful.

On my return from Ottawa I notified the different lodges of my election and that I hoped to have the pleasure of visiting each lodge at least once during my term of office. This, I am pleased to be able to report, I have done.

I have found that only two lodges in the district still owe to the S. C. Fund. They have good reasons for this and hope to be able to wipe out this debt within the next year.

I regret that I was not able to arrange a Lodge of Instruction.

The harmony that exists throughout the district is most gratifying; another pleasing feature is the exchange of visits between the members of the different lodges. This I have endeavored to stimulate as I am a firm believer in the good results effected by these fraternal visits.

I was pleased to find in nearly every lodge I visited a goodly number of Past Masters, and for the benefit of the Worshipful Master I would suggest that he arrange, a few days before the meeting, for some part of the work for each Past Master to do, and the result would be that the W. M. would receive valuable aid and they would be pillars of strength to the lodges.

I endeavored to notify the brethren in ample time of the date of my official visit with the result that the attendance at the meetings was good, and in nearly every instance many visiting brethren were present. The hospitality of the lodges of Georgian District No. 9a is beyond reproach. Everywhere there is good fellowship and good feeling, and a capacity to entertain that ought to and does make the brethren feel that companionship and brotherly feeling that eannot be excelled outside the Mystic Tie.

Official Visits.

Spry Lodge No. 385, Beeton. March 9th I visited Spry lodge No. 385, Beeton. There was a good attendance, visitors from Cookstown, Tottenham and other neighboring lodges being present. The W. M., W. Bro. Bradley and his officers passed a candidate to the second degree in a most efficient manner. The Senior Warden, Bro. Morrow, gave his lecture in a very impressive way.

Beeton is the possessor of one of the best lodges in the district. I wish to convey my appreciation of the kind acts shown me by the brethren of Spry Lodge and especially of V. W. Bro. Swan and W. Bro. Dunham. The books are kept in good condition.

Manitoba Lodge No. 236, Cookstown. I visited Manitoba Lodge No. 236, Cookstown, on March

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10th. There was a good attendance, several visitors being present. As there was no candidate, I asked the W. M. to open and close in the three degrees, and I also requested the Wardens to give their lectures. all of which was done with credit to the lodge. The lodge is to be congratulated on their very efficient Secretary

Seven Star Lodge No. 285, Alliston. On March 11th I visited Seven Star Lodge No. 285, Alliston. A first degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner by W. Bro. R. Murphy. The lodge must congratulate themselves on having such a true and hardworking Mason. The lecture was given by the Junior Warden in such a manner that the candidate shall ever remember. I regret very much that the Secretary was unable, through sickness, to be present, but I found his books kept in perfect order. The brethren are to be congratulated on their beautiful quarters.

Nitetis Lodge No. 444, Creemore. I visited Nitetis Lodge No. 444, Creemore, on March 12th, and was very pleased to meet P.D.D.G.Ms. R. W. Bros. Bethune and Brown, of Georgian District No. 9, and received much inspiration from their kindly words and encouragement. The work for the evening consisted in opening and closing in the three degrees and the exemplification of the third degree by W. Bro. Lennox and his officers, which was put on in such a manner as to leave little or no room for criticism, although I did make a few suggestions in regard to the floor work which I hope they will carry out in order to make the work letter perfect. I was particularly pleased to meet W. Bro. Hood who retains all his old-time interest in Masonry and especially the welfare of Nitetis Lodge

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 333, Flesherton. On April 2nd I visited Prince Arthur Lodge No. 333, Flesherton. There was a good attendance of members and the second degree was conferred in an excellent manner by W. Bro. Smith. The W. M. is an enthusiastic brother and ably supported by his officers. Prince Arthur Lodge possesses a nice lodge room and the brethren have the true Mason-

ic spirit, and I believe true harmony exists in their lodge. I shall ever remember the kindly greeting I received from the brethren of Prince Arthur Lodge, and also the kindly and cordial reception of W. Bro. Blackburn, and the enthusiasm displayed by him will long be pleasing memories. This brother, who has been an invalid for a number of years and confined to his home, was introduced to me by W. Bro. Munshaw, of Prince Arthur Lodge, who is acting Secretary, and I examined his books and found them to be without a doubt ranking as first-class in the district.

Hiram Lodge No. 490, Markdale. I visited Hiram Lodge No. 490, Markdale, on March 27th, and was well received by the brethren. There was an exceptionally good attendance and several visitors. The work of the evening was the conferring second degree which was exemplified in a most comprehensive manner by W. Bro. Gilfillan and his officers. The lecture as given by Rev. Bro. Phalen, Senior Warden, will ever be instilled in the candidate. I feel that they are conducting the work of the craft so as to give it due impressiveness and effect. The Secretary's books I found very neatly and correctly kept, and I am assured that the dues are well paid up by the brethren.

Dundalk Lodge No. 449, Dundalk. I visited Dundalk Lodge No. 449, Dundalk, on March 26th. The work of the evening was an initiation. On account of the bad roads the attendance was not as large as the officers and members hoped. The candidate, after walking several miles, received the light of Masonry in a satisfactory manner.

Tottenham Lodge No. 467, Tottenham. March 13th, 1914, I visited Tottenham Lodge No. 467, Tottenham. W. Bro. McCabe put on a first degree in a very creditable manner. This lodge has not been making very good progress for the last year or two and the attendance seems very small. They have a good staff of officers, the Secretary seems to try hard to collect the dues without results, and possibly if they would abide by the constitution more closely, they would have less

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trouble in collecting dues. Several brethren from neighboring lodges were present. My reception here was most cordial.

Lorne Lodge No. 377, Shelburne. I visited Lorne Lodge No. 377, Shelburne, on April 3rd. The second degree was very well given by W. Bro. Mortimer and his officers. There was a good attendance of Past Masters, members and visitors. I also had the Junior Warden give his lecture, which was given too fast, and would not under any consideration be impressive to the candidate. T gave him to understand that it was not a matter of committing to memory alone, but to instil into the candidate the impression which should be given in regard to the lecture on the tracing board, which he accepted with true Masonic spirit. I was accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. Jno. M. Camp-bell, my efficient Secretary. This was one of the happiest official visits in the district.

At my invitation R. W. Bro. A. B. Crosby, D.D.G.M., of Toronto East District No. 11a, kindly consented to visit the two Owen Sound Lodges with me and to criticize the work. I give his report below.

"On March 18th, 1914, at the invitation of R. W. Bro. C. D. Taylor, D.D.G.M., of Georgian District No. 9a, I officially visited North Star and St. George's Lodges, of Owen Sound, who held a joint meeting on the date mentioned. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from neighboring lodges. The meeting was opened and the first degree exemplified by W. Bro. G. H. Holmes and Officers of North Star Lodge. The third degree and closing by W. Bro. J. H. Brownlee and officers of St. George's Lodge. The work by both lodges was performed in a most creditable manner. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the large attendance of Past Masters who, I am told, are not only regular visitors at their lodges, but are able and willing at all times to assist the officers in their various duties. I might mention the name of W. Bro. Tucker, an aged P. M. in his eightieth year, who gave the P. Ms. charge very

acceptably. The Secretary's books are kept in good shape, neatly and accurately, and a credit to the brethren in charge.

I have to report that both lodges are in a most prosperous condition financially as to numbers, and being composed of the leading business men, are a credit to the city of Owen Sound and Masonry in general. In closing I wish to thank R. W. Bro. Taylor and brethren for the most kind and courteous treatment accorded me both before and at the meeting."

In eonelusion, I desire to tender my sincere and hearty thanks to the brethren of Georgian District No. 9a for their kind assistance during my term of office. I have tried to prove that the confidence of the brethren was not misplaced, by paving strict attention to my duty and in my own humble way promoting the success of the craft. My services have been more than repaid by the whole-hearted hospitality and support I have received. As the representative of the Grand Master I have been accorded the greatest deference and I lay down the mantle of office with mingled feelings of gladness and sorrow. I am, indeed, glad to be relieved of labor and responsibility so onerous, but I am sorry to part officially from my brethren, for it has been a real pleasure to move among them. I desire to thank all those brethren who have assisted me and helped cheer me on my way.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

CHRIS. D. TAYLOR, D.D.G.M., Georgian District No. 9a.

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NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the pleasure in submitting to you my report as D. D. G. M. of Niagara District No. 10. In order to conserve your valuable time, I will make it as brief as I consistently can. I take this opportunity of recording my deep appreciation of the honor bestowed upon me by the brethren of the district in electing me to such high office. Also acknowledgment is due Bro. Herman McKenzie, who has been good enough to act as my secretary, for his faithful assistance in that capacity.

In general, I am gratified to be able to report the affairs of the district as being in excellent condition. I have found among the fraternity a keen desire for improvement and growth. While I have not felt it incumbent upon me to in my visits make pointed criticisms where they may have appeared to be warranted, I have endeavored to the best of my ability to stimulate the desire to improve the work, to make it uniform throughout the district, and to render it in as impressive a manner as possible. I venture to hope that such efforts as I have been able to put forth in this direction will have good and permanent results; in fact, I may state this as my belief, founded on the intelligence and spirit of the members and officers of the various lodges. The district is a large and prosperous one; the quality of the membership added during the year has appeared to be excellent, and the prospects are most encouraging. I wish to commend the secretaries of the lodges, without exception, upon the thoroughness of their work, which I found to be in a very satisfactory state. And I desire to thank the brethren for their kindness and cordiality toward me on my visits.

Following is a note on each lodge I visited:-

Clifton Lodge No. 254, Niagara Falls. I paid my official visit to Clifton Lodge No. 254 on Nov-

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ember 6th, and was cordially welcomed by W. Bro. Saunders, officers and members of the lodge. The work of the evening was an exemplication of the first degree by W. Bro. Saunders and his officers. The floor work was not as well done as it might have been, but the officers are taking up that part, and I have no fear for the future. The attendance was good, there being about seventy-five present. I found on looking over the books that they were well kept and the dues well paid up. Their lodge room is very small for the membership, and I hope to see them in a home of their own in the near future, as they have a good sum on hand in their building fund.

Enniskillen Lodge No. 185, York. I paid my official visit to Enniskillen Lodge No. 185, on November 10th, and was cordially welcomed by W. Bro. Emerson and the assembled brethren. As the roads were very bad, a number of brethren from the outlying country were unable to be present at the meeting, but I am pleased to say there were enough to open in the three degrees, which was very well done. Owing to their district being so small, it is difficult for them to make much headway in the growth of the lodge. They had an application in that night and it was said that others were expected in the near future, offering some encouragement for the future. They have an efficient Secretary, who has the books well kept, and dues are well paid up, there being but few outstanding.

Dufferin Lodge No. 338, Wellandport. I paid my official visit to Dufferin Lodge No. 338 on November 11th, and was heartily welcomed by W. Bro. Stewart and his officers. As they had no work for that night, they opened up in the three degrees, which was very well done, and they evidently have their work up to the standard. The Secretary had the books well kept and the dues well paid up, with a good sum in the treasury. They own their own lodge room, which is nicely furnished and has every convenience.

St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cauyga. I paid my official visit to St. John's Lodge No. 35 on November 13th. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. Gowling and his officers in a very impressive manner. I wish to congratulate the Junior Warden upon the way he delivered his charge as it was very well done, and the candidate seemed much interested. W. Bro. Sheppard is a very painstaking Secretary; he has the books in good order and the lodge dues are well paid up. The lodge room is nicely furnished with every convenience, and the prospects for the future are bright.

King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis. I paid my official visit to King Solomon Lodge No. 329 on November 14th. The third degree was conferred in a very efficient manner by W. Bro. Robinson, assisted by R. E. Miller, Past Master. This lodge apparently does good work. The books are well kept and they have a considerable surplus on hand. The attendance was not good, as the roads were in very bad condidition and the brethren from the country were unable to get in. They have a lodge room with every convenience, and I feel no doubts about the future of this lodge.

Coronation Lodge No. 502, Smithville. I paid my official visit to Coronation Lodge No. 502 on December 8th and I found the lodge room nicely furnished with every convenience for working purposes. They had no work for that night, but opened up in the three degrees, so as to maintain uniformity with the rest of the lodges in the district. Although they had no experience in floor work, I found that they were well posted in the ritual. I also found on looking over the books that they were well kept and showed no outstanding dues. I was very sorry to hear a few days after my visit that they had lost their lodge room by fire, including furniture, regalia and minute book, but I have no fear for the future, as they are a lot of enthusiastic masons. I made a second visit to Coronation Lodge on June 24th, and had much pleasure in installing their officers. I congratulate Coronation Lodge on the way they have furnished their lodge room.

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They have everything paid for and a nice surplus on hand.

Ivy Lodge No. 115, Beamsville. I paid my official visit to Ivy Lodge No. 115 on December 9th. They have a fine lodge room. The attendance was good. As this was their night for election of officers, they had no work, but in opening and closing I found that the officers were well posted in their work. We had a long talk on Masonry and the way the work should be done, and the members were all anxious to get new information concerning the floor work in the different degrees. I found the books well kept and the dues well paid up.

Union Lodge No. 7, Grimsby. I paid my official visit to Union Lodge No. 7 on December 11th. There was a large attendance. A deputation of Grand Lodge officers were present there that night. W. Bro. J. P. McConachie and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very impressive manner. All the officers had their work up according to the ritual, and the Junior Deacon's work was well done. There were about eighty present at this meeting, including seventeen P. Ms., which is a splendid showing for any lodge. We had some very good information from R. W. Bros. R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary and C. S. Kilgour, D.D.G. M., of Hamilton District. The lodge books are well kept and dues very well paid up.

Palmer Lodge No. 372, Bridgeburg. I paid my official visit to Palmer Lodge No. 372 on February 3rd. The lodge was opened promptly on time. The attendance was good, there being about sixty present. The Master Mason's degree was accurately and impressively rendered by W. Bro. Bond and his officers. Palmer Lodge is in every respect in a flourishing state. The books are well kept and the dues well paid up. The lodge room is inadequate for its number of members, but they are contemplating building new quarters in the near future, and have already purchased a lot and have a good surplus on hand with which to start the building.

Niagara Lodge No. 2, Niagara. I paid my official visit to Niagara Lodge No. 2 on February 4th. As there was no work for that night, the W. Master and his officers opened up in the three degrees, which showed that they were well up in their work. The Secretary has the books well kept and the dues are fairly well paid up. They own their own lodge room, which is well furnished.

Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville. I paid my official visit to Hiram Lodge No. 319 on February 8th. The attendance was good. They exemplified the first degree, but the work was not as well done as might reasonably be expected in view of the fact that this lodge includes in its membership a P.D.D. G.M. The officers were all new and they had had no rehearsals before this meeting. I gave them some instructions as to how the floor work should be done, and also in some parts of the ritual, which they were very anxious to learn. Their lodge is in good shape, and their future looks bright. They had two applications in that night. I found the books well kept and the dues well paid up.

St. Mark's Lodge No. 105, Niagara Falls South. I paid my official visit to St. Mark's Lodge No. 105 on February 10th on a regular meeting night, accompanied by some of the brethren from King Edward VII. Lodge, Chippawa, Ont. The attendance was large, there being about eighty present. W. Bro. Wallace and his officers exemplified the second degree in a very impressive manner. The floor work was well done. They have a very painstaking Secretary, who has the books in good order, and the dues are well paid up. Music has been made an important part of the ceremony in St. Mark's Lodge.

Seymour Lodge No. 277, Port Dalhousie. I paid my official visit to Seymour Lodge No. 277 on February 18th. W. Bro. House and his officers, assisted by the Past Master, exemplified the third degree in a very accurate and impressive manner, under the watchful eye of R. W. Bro. Waugh, P.D.D.G.M. They have a well furnished lodge room, and they have a very efficient Secretary, the books being well kept and the dues well paid up. This lodge is in a flourishing condition.

Temple Lodge No. 296, St Catharines. I paid my official visit to Temple Lodge No. 296 on February 25th. W. Bro. Decker and his officers worked the second degree, assisted by the P. M., in a very creditable manner. They have a very efficient Secretary who has the books well kept and only a small amount of dues outstanding. The prospects are bright for Temple Lodge in every respect.

Merritt Lodge No. 168, Welland. I paid my official visit to Merritt Lodge No. 168 on March 6th. The W. Master and his officers opened up in the second degree and exemplified the work in a very capable manner. All the floor work was fairly well done. I found the books well kept and the dues well paid up. Merritt Lodge is growing steadily and has a good attendance at each meeting.

Myrtle Lodge No. 337, Port Robinson. I paid my official visit to Myrtle Lodge No. 337 on March 7th. W. Bro. Chas. S. Ross and his officers worked the first degree in a very fair manner. The Junior Warden's lecture was delivered by an old Past Master in a very impressive manner. Some time was spent in going over the floor work in the differeent degrees, so as to get it uniform with the other lodges in the district. I found on looking over the books that they were well kept and the dues fairly well paid up. The membership in the lodge is growing steadily and I have no fear for the future of Myrtle Lodge.

Mountain Lodge No. 221, Thorold. I paid my official visit to Mountain Lodge Bo. 221 on March 8th. W. Bro. H. B. Ward and his officers exemplified the second degree in a very accurate and impressive manner, the floor work being excellent. All the officers are well posted in their work. Their Secretary has the books in good shape and the dues are well paid up. Their membership is increasing with good material. Macnab Lodge No. 169, Port Colborne. I paid my official visit to Macnab Lodge No. 169 on March 10th. The lodge was opened on time, and the attendance very good, about forty being present. W. Master and his officers, assisted by his Past Master, exemplified the first degree in a very satisfactory manner. Macnab Lodge has moved into larger quarters and has a very fine lodge room, which is being almost entirely refurnished. They have a very efficient Secertary who has the books in good order, and their dues fairly well paid up. Their prospects for the future are bright.

Amity Lodge No. 32, Dunnville. I paid my official visit to Amity Lodge No. 32 on March 11th. W. Master O. E. Wilson and his officers worked the first degree, assisted by the Past Masters, in a way which left no room for criticism. The Junior Warden delivered his lecture in a style which deeply impressed the candidate. Amity Lodge is in good shape. They have a capable Secretary and the dues are fairly well paid up. They are moving into larger quarters, which will give them ample room to do the work. They opened up in the second and third degrees, having some instruction in each degree.

King Edward VII. Lodge No. 471, Chippawa. I paid my official visit to King Edward VII. Lodge No. 471 on March 18th. W. Bro. Herber and his officers worked the second degree in a very fair manner. The floor work was well done. I found the books properly kept and the dues well paid up. They had a very good attendance, there being present a number of brethren from the neighboring lodges. The lodge is in good financial standing, and the lodge room is nicely furnished.

Copestone Lodge No. 373, Welland. I paid my official visit to Copestone Lodge No. 373 on April 2nd. W. Master Urquhard and his officers exemplified the first degree in a most commendable manner. The lecture given by the Junior Warden deserves special mention. The Secretary of the lodge has the books well kept and the dues are well paid up. The financial standing of the lodge is

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excellent. They have a good set of officers who take great pride in their work. There was a large attendance and a number of visiting brethren, and the lodge is steadily growing.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103, St. Catharines. I paid my official visit to Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103 on April 30th. The work was an exemplification of the first degree, which was rendered by W. Master Inksater and his officers in a very impressive manner. The floor work was well done. Music has been made a very important part of the ceremony. The attendance was large, including many visiting brethren from neighboring lodges. This lodge is growing rapidly and the character of the new members is most desirable. Maple Leaf Lodge is one of the best in the district.

St. George's Lodge No. 15, St. Catharines. I paid my official visit to St. George's Lodge No. 15 on May 5th. There was a large attendance. The work of the evening was an exemplification of the Master Mason's degree by W. Bro. W. P. Holmes and his officers, and was done in a way which called for much praise. I found on looking over the books that they were well kept and the dues fairly well paid up. Their membership is growing rapidly, and prospects for the future are bright.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the officers and brethren of the various lodges throughout the district for the very courteous and kindly way in which they received me on my various visits, and to express the hope that I have, in a small way at least, done my part in promoting the best interests of the Craft in Niagara District.

Fraternally submitted.

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

Niagara District No. 10.

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TORONTO WEST DISTRICT No. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with great pleasure that I submit a brief report as D.D.G.M. for Toronto West District No. 11 for the past Masonic year and to combine therewith my heartfelt thanks for the confidence expressed at electing me to the honorable position of D.D.G.M.

During the past twelve months the district could not have been more prosperous and the work, taken on the whole, has been all that could be desired. True, there have been a few items which required explaining, but, I think, the combined Lodge of Instruction for this district and District No. 11a, held in Toronto on November 26th, 1913, was entirely responsible for making the work uniform.

As District Secretary I appointed W. Bro. W. E. Birrell, of Victoria Lodge No. 474, and I am deeply indebted to him for his careful and prompt attention at all times.

Two new lodges were instituted, namely, Mount Sinai on March 14th and Temple on June 23rd. Mount Sinai is showing good results. Temple Lodge has not yet had the opportunity.

I visited the majority of the lodges twice and for the sake of the individual lodges I do not propose to single out any one lodge as excelling.

My official visits were as follows, and the work of the evening is appended:

St. Alban's U.D., Toronto, October 20th, 1913, first degree, R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, W. M.

Union No. 118, Schomberg, December 8th, 1913, two second degrees, W. Bro. M. Brandon, W. M.

Parkdale No. 510, Toronto, December 12th, 1913, first degree. October 3rd, 1913, Dedication and Consecration, W. Bro. F. H. Hayhurst, W.M.

True Blue No. 98, Bolton, December 19th, 1913, second degree. W. Bro. Geo. Smith, W. M.

Ashlar No. 247, Toronto, January 27th, 1914, first degree. W. Bro. W. H. Lyon, W. M.

Alpha No. 384, Toronto, February 5th, 1914, first degree. W. Bro. Wm. Moull, W. M.

Connaught No. 501, Toronto, February 12th 1914, two second degrees. W. Bro. P. H. Brown W. M.

Ionic No. 229, Brampton, February 17th, 1914, second degree. W. Bro. Geo. N. McCullough, W. M.

Patterson No. 265, Thornhill, February 18th, 1914, first degree. W. Bro. I. Vanderburg, W.M.

York No. 156, Toronto, February 20th, 1914, first degree. W. Bro. Geo. S. Henry, W. M.

Harmony No. 438, Toronto, February 23rd, 1914, first degree. W. Bro. H. F. W. Funston, W. M.

University No. 496, Toronto, February 26th, 1914, third degree. W. Bro. H. C. Hindmarsh, W. M.

Stanley No. 426, Toronto, March 3rd, 1914, first degree. W. Bro. J. J. Linton, W. M.

Rehoboam No. 65, Toronto, March 5th, 1914, first degree. W. Bro. A. L. Gallow, W. M.

King Solomon's No. 22, Toronto, March 12th, 1914, first degree. W. Bro. J. C. Bansley, W. M.

Mount Sinai U.D., Toronto, Instituted March 14th, 1914, visited April 14th, 1914, first degree. R. W. Bro. H. C. Scully, W. M.

Wilson No. 86, Toronto, March 17th, 1914, first degree. W. Bro. H. Minchinton, W. M.

Corinthian No. 481, Toronto, March 23rd, 1914, first degree. W. Bro. H. W. Burgess, W.M.

Zetland No. 326, Toronto, March 27th, 1914, two first degrees. W. Bro. J. M. Miller, W. M. Robertson No. 292, King, April 6th, 1914, first degree. W. Bro. Duncan McMurchie, W. M.

Mimico No. 369, Lambton Mills, April 7th, 1914, first degree. W. Bro. C. Silverthorne, W.M.

Peel No. 468, Caledon East, April 10th, 1914, third degree. W. Bro. R. J. Nelson, W. M.

Occident No. 346, Toronto, April 15th, 1914, first degree. W. Bro. C. W. Worth, W. M.

Victoria No. 474, Toronto, April 21st, 1914, first degree. W. Bro. L. O. Horner, W. M.

Humber No. 305, Weston, April 24th, 1914, first degree. W. Bro. J. Hamshaw, W. M.

Vaughan No. 54, Maple, May 5th, 1914, second degree. W. Bro. J. A. Rose, W. M. Presentation of regalia to R. W. Bro. J. B. McLean, P.D. D. G. M. and V. W. Bro. Thos. W. Cousins.

Blackwood No. 311, Woodbridge, May 8th, 1914, second degree. W. Bro. G. D. McLean, W. M.

River Park No. 356, Streetsville, June 2nd, 1914, second degree. W. Bro. Bowie, W. M.

In closing I wish to speak of the very cordial receptions extended me on all my visits and feel assured that my successor will retire with as pleasant memories.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN STEPHENS, D.D.G.M.

Toronto West District No. 11

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TORONTO EAST DISTRICT No. 11a.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present my report as District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto East District No. 11a for the Masonic year ending June 30th, 1914, and I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the brethren of the district for placing me in the very responsible and honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master.

I have endeavored during my term to impress on the officers and members the very great desirability, not only of rendering the work perfectly, but living as closely as possible to the tenets and principles of our beloved order, and I trust that my remarks in this respect may have had good effect.

I have visited all of the lodges of the district some of them several times, and have always been received in a most cordial mznner. For the many pleasant and profitable meetings, and for the unfailing courtesies received from the brethren at all times, I desire here to express my grateful thanks.

Lodge of Instruction.

On the evening of November 26th, 1913, a Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of Districts No. 11 and No. 11a in the Temple building. There was a very large attendance at all the sessions. M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, K.C., occupied the chair, and amongst those present were the following: Most Worshipful and Right Worshipful Brethren, Past Grand Master E. T. Malone, Past Grand Master Aubrey White, C.M.G., Deputy Grand Master S. A. Luke, and most of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the province. The first degree was worked by Corinthian Lodge. The second degree was worked by Riverdale Lodge. The third degree was worked

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by Zetland Lodge. All the work was performed in a manner that drew unstinted praise from the brethren present. Considerable discussion took place on each degree work, and many valuable points decided by the Grand Master. While the meeting was a grand success, I am free to say, that so far as No. 11a District is concerned, it does not quite fill the bill. It cost the District about \$60.00 and I think the money could be better expended by holding three or four Lodges of Instruction in the rural parts of the district, and I would suggest to my successor that these meetings be held at Aurora, Uxbridge and Claremont early in the Fall, and the official visits made later.

Owen Sound.

On the evening of March 18th, 1914, I was invited by R. W. Bro. Chris. D. Taylor, to visit and inspect the two Owen Sound lodges. It was a most enjoyable meeting. There was a splendid attendance of both members and visitors. The work as performed by North Star and St. George Lodge officers was most creditable. A feature of the meeting was the presence of W. Bro. Tucker, 87 years of age, who gave the Past Master's charge to the candidate in a most impressive and correct manner.

The Work.

The lodges in the district as a whole are doing good work, and, with one exception, making marked progress, and so far as I was able to judge, the class of candidates was of a very high order. The various city lodges perform the degree work almost faultlessly. In the country lodges, it is, of course, not so well done, nor, indeed, can it be expected to be as good. While the officers in these lodges have the ability, they have not the incentive nor the encouragement, nor the surroundings necessary, for a perfect rendering of the work. I recommended to them frequent rehearsals and a series of visits from neighboring lodges as tending towards enthusiasm, and getting better acquainted with one

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another. I am thankful to be able to say that all the lodges in the district are working in peace and harmony.

Suggestions.

I would suggest the Grand Lodge take into its consideration the advisability of printing and issuing a uniform set of books for Secretaries and Treasurers of the subordinate lodges. While the accounts are all in fairly good shape, each officer has apparently an idea of his own as to how this should be done, and I do think a uniform set of books would be a distinct advantage.

I would also suggest that something should be done towards having all elections and installations of officers in the months of May and June respectively. This would conform to the Grand Lodge meeting, and also give the District Deputy Grand Masters a much better chance for good work during their year of office.

We aim and endeavor to teach uniformity in our ritualistic work, why not carry it a little further and improve matters as suggested above.

Official Visits.

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 16, Toronto, March 10th, 1914. This fine old lodge under the care of W. Bro. Montgomery is still in the front rank. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The first degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer are in splendid shape, and altogether the lodge is to be congratulated on its present standing.

Richmond Lodge No. 23, Richmond Hill, February 11th, 1914. Although it was one of the coldest nights of the winter, there was a good attendance of the members, as well as a large contingent from Toronto, Patterson, Aurora and Maple Lodges. W. Bro. Padgett and his officers gave the second degree very acceptably. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Nichol, has his books in splendid shape.

Ionic Lodge No. 25, Toronto, March 3rd, 1914. This lodge, under the direction of W. Bro. R. Cassels, is maintaining its old traditions, by excellent work and good attendance of members. At this meeting the third degree was exemplified in a manner both pleasing and instructive. I was introduced to the lodge by M. W. Bro. Goggin and M. W. Bro. Sharp. The books and financies of the lodge are in excellent shape.

St. John's Lodge No. 75, Toronto, October 6th, 1913. This was my first official visit, and the pleasant reception tendered me and witnessing the excellent way the work was done, gave me courage to face the rest of my visits. W. Bro. Dodge and his officers gave the first degree in excellent manner. The books of the lodge are carefully and accurately kept and are a credit to all concerned.

Markham Union Lodge No. 87, Markham, October 10th, 1913. This village being my birthplace, a splendid reception was tendered me, a special train from Toronto was chartered, having a large body of city brethren on board. The hall was crowded to its capacity and all were delighted with the work done by W. Bro. Todd and his officers. During the evening a set of District Deputy Grand Master's regalia was presented to my predecessor, R. W. Bro. G. A. M. Davison.

Sharon Lodge No. 97, Queensville, May 5th, 1914. There was a good attendance at this meeting, and the first degree was given by W. Bro. Ewing and his officers in a very creditable manner. The books of the lodge are in good shape and the prospects are good for the future prosperity of the lodge.

Tuscan Lodge No. 99, Newmarket, May 13th, 1914. There was a very good attendance of members and visitors. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Eves and his officers in a fairly good manner. The Secretary, Bro. W. H. Helmer, is a good man for the position, and has his books in excellent shape. I drew the attention of the lodge to the unsuitable and inadequate rooms in which

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they were meeting, and not at all in keeping with the dignity of the craft, nor to the credit of the lodge. I believe my remarks will bear fruit, and I hope to have the pleasure of meeting with them in their new home in the near future.

Rising Sun Lodge No. 129, Aurora, March 6th 1914. There was a large turnout of members and a special car load of brethren from the city. It was a splendid meeting in every way. W. Bro. Hancock and his officers gave the first degree in a very acceptable manner. The Secretary's books are in good shape and a credit to this officer. This lodge has the finest and most comfortable rooms outside the city, and the brethren are to be congratulated on that fact.

Richardson Lodge No. 136, Stouffville, May 15th, 1914. There was a very fair attendance of members and visitors from Markham, Claremont and Toronto. W. Bro. Burkholder and his officers did the work of the first degree very nicely. The lodge is progressing slowly, but I believe the prospects for the future are bright. The Secretary, W. Bro. Barker, is an efficient officer, and has his books in good shape.

Stevenson Lodge No. 218, Toronto, March 9th, 1914. There was a good attendance of members and visitors The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Baker and his officers in a most acceptable manner. The books and finances are in good shape but I drew their attention to the very large amount of arrears in lodge dues, and hope to see the same materially reduced in the near future.

Zeredatha Lodge No. 220, Uxbridge, April 6th, 1914. There was a good attendance at this meeting which was enhanced by the attendance of a large number of Past Masters as well as R. W. Bro. Harvey Gould. W Bro. Hutchison and officers conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner. The books of the lodge, under the care of W. Bro. Hare, are in splendid shape; he is a careful and faithful officer and would be hard to replace.

Brougham Union Lodge No. 269, Claremont, May 20th, 1914. There was a good attendance of members and visitors from Stouffville and Toronto. Although they had candidates for all degrees, unfortunately none of them were on hand. W. Bro. Middleton and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees, and I gave them instruction in the floor work. The lodge is in good shape and making fair progress. They have a very comfortable hall which is nearly all paid for.

Doric Lodge No. 316, Toronto, March 19th, 1914. There was a splendid attendance of members and visitors. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Hoar and his officers in a most acceptable manner. The books and finances are in good shape, and I am pleased to report that, having gotten over their little trouble of last year, the lodge is making good progress and the prospects for the future are very bright.

Orient Lodge No. 339, Toronto, April 7th, 1914. This being my mother lodge, a most pleasing reception was tendered me. The hall was filled to overflowing by members and visitors. W. Bro. Scott and his officers performed the work of the first degree in an almost faultless manner. The books under the care of W. Bro. F. H. Anderson are models of perfection. Among those present was W. Bro. Thomas Davies, who filled the chair 37 years ago, also his successor, W. Bro. J. K. Leslie. This lodge is in a most prosperous condition. At this meeting the brethren presented me with a beautiful set of Crown Derby China as a token of their esteem.

Georgina Lodge No. 343, Toronto, February 7th, 1914. There was a splendid attendance at this meeting of both members and visitors. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Madill and his officers in a most excellent manner The books are in good shape, and in the hands of very efficient officers. The membership is increasing very materially, and the prospects for the future are very bright.

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Brock Lodge No. 354, Cannington, March 11th, 1914. Visited this lodge in company of W. Bro. Alex. Gillies, but regret to say that owing to an excursion to a neighboring village, it was only with difficulty that enough members could be reached to open the lodge. There was no work done except opening and closing in the three degrees, which was fairly well performed. W. Bro. Parliament makes a good W. M., and his secretary, W Bro. Kiff, an A1 officer. The lodge has comfortable rooms and a good membership, but for some reason or other they do not seem able to ge⁺ any new material, no initiations having taken place for quite three years or more.

St. George Lodge No. 367, Toronto, February 6th, 1914. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. H. Ellis and his officers very creditably. The books and finances are in good shape, and the prospects for continued progress very bright.

Zeta Lodge No. 410, Toronto, February 27th, 1914. A splendid meeting. There was a large attendance of members and visitors W. Bro. Davison and his officers conferred the third degree in a very creditable manner. The books and finances are in good shape, and the lodge generally is in a prosperous condition.

Doric Lodge No. 424, Pickering, May 7th, 1914. I visited this lodge accompanied by a very large delegation form Acacia, Georgina and Coronati Lodges. There was also a good attendance of members. W. Bro. Kerr and officers conferred the third degree very acceptably. The lodge is making fair progress and the books and finances, under the care of Bro. Gormley, are in good condition, the prospects for the future are very good.

Acacia Lodge No. 430, Toronto, April 20th, 1914. A splendid meeting with good attendance of members and visiting brethren from various city lodges. W. Bro. Hammett and his officers initiated a candidate in excellent manner. The books of the lodge, under the care of Bro. Prescott, are in ex

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cellent shape. Just a week after this visit I attended the funeral of our good brother Prescott, the Secretary, who died very suddenly a couple of days after the meeting. He was a capable and efficient officer and a true Mason.

The Beaches Lodge No. 473, Toronto, March 13th, 1914. I visited the lodge on the above date. There was a good attendance of members as well as visitors. W. Bro. Findlay and officers conferred the first degree in a pleasing manner. The books and finances are in good hands, and are in excellent shape. This lodge is making good progress, having in the officers a very efficient lot of brethren.

Riverdale Lodge No. 494, Toronto, April 24th, 1914. This was a splendid meeting, there being a very large attendance of members and visitors. W. Bro. F. H. Webb and his officers initiated a can didate in a most pleasing and impressive manner. This lodge has made, and is making, material progress. The Secretary's books are well and accurately kept, and the finances are in good shape. Prospects for the future are very bright.

Malone Lodge U.D., Sutton, December 10th, 1913. I visited this lodge accompanied by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone and R. W. Bro. G. A. M. Davison. There was a good attendance and the work of the first degree was very creditably performed by W. Bro. Tremayne and his officers. I visited this lodge again on the evening of May 6th, accompanied by a special car load of brethren from Queensville, Toronto and Newmarket. The first and third degrees were given by W. Bro. W. M. Miskelly (my District Secretary) and officers of Coronati and Riverdale lodges in a manner that drew unstinted praise from the brethren of Malone and visiting lodges. They were more than delight-ed with this lodge of instruction. The lodge is making good progress and future prospects are good. I strongly recommend the granting of a Charter by this Grand Lodge.

Coronati Lodge U.D., Toronto, May 12th, 1914. I visited this lodge officially on date men-

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tioned and the meeting was one of the best of the year, there was a very large attedance of members and visitors, and the work of the first degree was given by W. Bro. Alex. Gillies and his officers in a most creditable manner and unsurpassed by any lodge in the district. This lodge has made remarkable progress being instituted on January 2nd this year, with 40 Charter members they have initiated 99 members and affiliated 7. The lodge is under the supervision of experienced and careful Past Masters and is a credit to the craft. The books of the Secretary, W. Bro. Miskelly are the best I have seen, they are of the loose leaf system. and strictly up-to-date in every way. The finances are in good shape, all accounts paid to date, with a balance of over \$2,500.00 in the bank. I strongly recommend that a charter be granted to them by this Grand Lodge. On this occasion the brethren were kind enough to present me with a cabinet of sterling silverware as a token of their regard.

I cannot close my report without expressing my sincere thanks to my District Secretary, W. W. Bro. W. M. Miskelly, who has given me most generous assistance, being most anxious and willing at all times to do any thing he could towards advancing the interests of the district. I must also give thanks to Bro. Charles Gigg, of Coronati Lodge, who has been of very great assistance to me in looking after and taking charge of special cars and parties.

In conclusion, I desire to say that my term of office, while at times somewhat stremuous, has been of very great pleasure and profit to me, and I trust to the district as well.

Brethren, once more I thank you most sincerely for the great honor conferred upon me, and for your appreciation of my services.

Fraternally submitted.

A. B. CROSBY, D.D.G.M. Toronto East District No. 11a

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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Ontario District No. 12 for the past year.

In doing so I desire to express to the brethren of the district my appreciation of the honour they conferred on me by electing me to the distinguished office as head of the craft therein.

It was with considerable diffidence that I accepted the office so unanimously tendered me, and while realizing the responsibilities and duties incumbent thereto, I have endeavored to faithfully discharge the same, and for any shortcomings or failures on my part I must claim your indulgence.

I desire to place on record the usefulness and the advantage I derived from the Lodge of Instruction held under your immediate auspices in Toronto, where I had the opportunity of seeing the work of the several degrees exemplified in a manner and according to the high ideals of Grand Lodge. It was a most useful object lesson and of great value when I made my visits to the respective lodges.

It was my privilege to visit every lodge in the district, and while I endeavored to do this at their regular meetings, I regret that in order to complete my work I had to call three Emergency meetings, to which the officers and brethren kindly responded and for which I desire to express my appreciation.

I find that the W. Ms. and Wardens are, as a rule, thoroughly familiar with the ritualistic part of the work and are capable of managing their respective lodges with skill and ability. In some instances improvement could be made in the floor work by more carefully instructing the Deacons, which would add materially to the attractiveness and effectiveness of the work.

I was pleased to notice in every instance the careful manner in which candidates were prepared for receiving their respective degrees, the advantage of which cannot be gainsaid.

The various Secretaries have been prompt and punctual in sending their summons for the regular and Emergency meetings, and have freely opened their books for my inspection. I am pleased to report that their minute books and accounts are invariably kept in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge. The finances of the lodges are carefully looked after, the majority keep their accounts in some chartered bank, and make payments by cheque,—a most commendable practice.

Fraternal Dead.

The following brethren of this district have joined the Grand Lodge above: Bro. W. J. Read, Verulam Lodge No. 368, died November 20th, 1913, at Rheim, Sask. Bro. John H. Gale, Composite Lodge No. 30, Whitby, February 24th, 1914. He was a P. M. and honorary member and an enthusiastic and an exemplary Mason. Bro. Geo. McLean, Fidelity Lodge No. 428, Port Perry. The following brethren of Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77, Lindsay: W. Bro. Geo. Ingle, September 30th, 1913; W. Bro. Jas. Moss, September 20th, 1913; W. Bro. T. McConnell, March 31st, 1914; W. Bro. G. S. Patrick, May 2nd, 1914. Bro. Patrick was for many years the Treasurer of the lodge and was a most highly respected citizen. His sudden death was a great loss to the lodge and the whole community.

Lodge of Instruction.

A Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of Lebanon and Cedar Lodges, Oshawa, in the new Armories, on Thursday, June 4th. The place selected gave us ample accommodation and was most suited for such a meeting. We were favored with a large attendance, some 300 members of the craft were present being representatives from the majority of the lodges. The afternoon proceedings were opened at 3.15 p.m. by the W. M.

and officers of Cedar Lodge, who received the Grand Lodge officers and the visiting brethren. The W. M. and officers of Fidelity Lodge, Port Perry, then proceeded to exemplify the first degree which was done in a very efficient manner. Then followed the exemplification of the work in the second degree by the officers and members of Composite Lodge, Whitby, which was done in a most acceptable manner. Some discussion took place after each degree, during which the respective lodges were complimented on their excellent rendering of the work. At the evening session a splendid exemplification of the work in the third degree was given by the officers of Faithful Brethren Lodge, Lindsay, the floor work being exceptionally well done, and they deserved the high compliments paid them. The Oshawa Lodges entertained the visiting brethren right royally.

Official Visits.

Composite Lodge No. 30, Whitby. I made my first official visit to Composite Lodge No. 30, Whitby, on December 4th, and was most cordially received by its officers and members. This is the oldest lodge in the district having been instituted by the Duke of Zetland in 1852, under the original Charter No. 856, received from the Grand Lodge of England. The present Charter was granted in 1858 by M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. This lodge has an unbroken record of activity from that year to the present, and has had among its membership many of the most prominent citizens in the professional, business and mercantile life of the town. The W. M. Bro. Christian is ably and efficiently assisted by a good staff of officers, and is also supported by several of the Past Masters. The work for the evening was the passing of a candidate. The ceremony was preformed in a very creditable manner showing that the officers had a thorough knowledge of their work. The lodge room and the appointments are all that could be desired. The Secretary has the minute book and the members' books in good order, and reported that the

outstanding dues would be all paid up at the commencement of the new year. I again visited this lodge on December 26th, and at the request of the W. M., installed the officers. In this ceremony I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Rose and W. Bro. Geo. Every.

Lebanon Lodge No. 139, Oshawa. I visited Lebanon Lodge No. 139, Oshawa, on December 9th, and was very cordially received by its officers and members. There was a large attendance including several members of Cedar Lodge, thus evincing the good Masonic feeling existing among the brethren in this progressive and manufacturing centre. The W. M., Bro. Saunders, is well supported by a good staff of officers and has at his call several active P. Ms. The work assigned for the evening was the passing of a candidate to the second degree. the ceremony being impressively and beautifully performed. The books and accounts are carefully looked after by R. W. Bro. W. E. N. Sinclair, who still continues his unabated interest in the work of the lodge. This lodge has a large membership, a healthy financial condition, good appointments, a large and regular attendance of its members and a staff of officers imbued with a desire of exemplifying the work according to the wish of Grand Lodge. I must commend this lodge on the good programmes they have arranged after each meeting, consisting of special addresses on Masonic history, and symbols, and would suggest that other lodges in the district might with advantage follow their example.

King Edward Lodge No. 464, Sunderland, December 12th. I was accorded a most hearty and royal reception by the officers and brethren, already noted for their Masonic enthusiasm. There was a good attendance of members as well as several visitors from Zaredatha Lodge, Uxbridge, and Harding Lodge, Woodville, including R. W. Bro. Neil Patterson. Their lodge room is commodious, and comfortable, and their appointments very creditable. The W. M., Bro. Switzer, has a good staff of officers, but his S. W. was unfortunately absent through illness. The work for the evening

was the passing of two candidates who had been previously well instructed in their work. The ceremony was very creditably performed, the floor work being also well done. The Master's Charge was well and accurately given by P. M. Bro. Sheer. The Secretary's books and accounts are well kept and in good order. The prospects of the lodge will continue bright providing the brethren practice Masonic harmony. I availed myself of the opportunity to review shortly the origin and history of Freemasonry.

Mount Zion Lodge No. 39, Brooklin. I made my official visit to Mount Zion Lodge No. 39 on December 27th, and installed its officers. This is the second oldest lodge in the district, having also received its original Charter in 1852. For many years past it had difficulty in keeping its existence, but of late years marked improvement has taken place and it now has a good membership, particularly of young men. The W. M. Bro. Snudden has surrounded himself with capable young officers who should, and I trust will, become proficient in their The financial condition of the lodge is exwork. cellent owning as they do a large building, the lower part of which is used as a public hall. There is no indebtendess on it and it is maintained in good repair. The prospects of the lodge are good.

Somerville Lodge No. 451, Kinmount. I was invited to install the W. M. and officers elect of Somerville Lodge No. 451, Kinmount, on June 8th, 1914, and at the same time to pay my official visit. There was a good attendance of members present, considering the long distance many of them have The W. M. elect was unfortunatley unto drive. able to be present through illness, thus postponing the installation ceremony. Sufficient work however was provided by the old officers in balloting and the conferring of the F. C. degree. The ballot boxes used were not of the form authorized by Grand Lodge, and I drew their attention to Sec. 192 of the Constitution and suggested they procure the proper boxes. The work of the F. C. degree was fairly well done, the W. M., Bro. Wellstood having it well in hand. There were three

applications for membership so that the new officers will have plenty of work for them. The Treasurer's and Secretary's books are well looked after. This is the only lodge in the district holding their meetings in a private residence, but as the owner of the building is a member of the lodge and caretaker, while not desirable, little objection can be taken under the circumstances. The prospects of this lodge are more bright and encouraging. The enthusiasm of the brethren in this section should be an inspiration to those more favorably situated.

Fidelity Lodge No. 428, Port Perry, January 9th, and was most cordially received. There was a large attendance of their members present. The W. M., Bro. Purdy occupied the chair, and has an excellent staff of officers. The work assigned for the evening was the raising of a candidate, but he not being present the exemplifying of the second degree was given in a most satisfactory manner, the S. W. charge being worthy of special mention. The Secretary has the minutes and his account book in good shape, while the Treasurer carefully looks after his duties. There is also an active lodge of Past Masters who render valuable assistance to the W. M., whose work this year has been particularly heavy. The lodge room is commodious, well furnished and lighted; the ante rooms being large. The officers and members of this lodge are to be congratulated on their beautiful Masonic home and its appointments.

Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77, Lindsay. I made my official visit to Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77, February 6th. I was accompanired by R. W. Bro. Hutchison, P.D.D.G.M. We were most cordially received by the W. M. and the brethren of the lodge, of whom there were present a large attendance including several of their P. Ms. This lodge has now a membership of 250, being the largest in the district. The W. M., Bro: Brimmell is a most capable and efficient officer and has the support of an excellent staff of officers and Past Masters. The work for the evening was the initiation of two candidates, the ceremony of which was concluded before I reached the lodge. I had

the pleasure of seeing a candidate passed to the F. C. degree, the work being done in a most satisfactory manner. A commendable feature of it was the division of the work among several P. Ms. The Secretary's books are well and neatly kept, while the Treasurer carefully looks after the financial interests of the lodge, as is evidenced by the fact that only seventeen brethren are in arrears. The lodge is to be congratulated on its beautiful lodge room and its complete and unique appointments. Indeed, it is the finest in the district, and will bear a favorable comparison with any of our city lodges. The excellent staff of officers display accuracy and exactness in their work.

Cedar Lodge No. 270, Oshawa. I visited Cedar Lodge No. 270, Oshawa on February 24th, and was received in true Masonic style by the officers and brethren, of whom there were a fair number present. This lodge has concurrent jurisdiction with its sister lodge Lebanon, but the best of good feeling and harmony prevails. There were several visitors present. The chair was occupied by the W. M., Bro. W. A. Luke, who though recently installed has the work well in hand. He has the support of a promising staff of young officers who will give a good account of themselves as the year progresses. He also has the able asistance of several P. Ms. among whom he divides his work. The work for the evening was the ceremony of an initiation which was fairly well performed, and whatever defects occurred will be remedied by further experience. This is a good working lodge, the officers being desirous of receiving and acting on any suggestions made for the purpose of having the work accurately done. The Secretary keeps the books in a proper manner, while the financial condition is good.

Murray Lodge No. 408, Beaverton. Murray Lodge No. 408, Beaverton was visited by me on May 5th. I met with a cordial reception by the W. M., officers and members. There was a fair attendance. The W. M., Bro. Walls has good support in his officers and always has at his call the services of R. W. Bro. Williamson. The work for

the evening was the initiation of a candidate. The ceremony was fairly well performed the J. W. charge being very well given. With practice the floor work could be much improved. Their rooms are well furnished and comfortable. This has been one of their most prosperous years, having secured several applications for membership from very desirable young men. The Secretary has his books well and neatly kept and reports the dues fairly well paid. The Treasurer's books are well and accurately kept. On the whole the prospects of the lodge are bright. R. W. Bro. Patterson and some members of Harding Lodge kindly favored us by their presence.

Spry Lodge No. 406, Fenelon Falls. I visited Spry Lodge No. 406, Fenelon Falls on May 6th. I was cordially received by the officers and members who turned out in good numbers. They take great pride, and justly so, in their beautiful and well furnished lodge room. Their electric lighting is very commendable and their rooms are kept scrupulously clean. As there was no regular work for the evening the W. M. exemplified the third degree in a manner that left little room for criticism. The Secretary has his books in excellent order and the Treasurer reports a nice surplus to their credit in the bank, while the dues are well paid with little arrearages. This lodge ranks among the best working lodges in our villages, its membership being composed largely of young men, with enthusiastic officers imbued with a spirit to attain perfection in their work. R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald's past work and interest has borne good fruit.

Verulam Lodge No. 268, Bobcaygeon. I visited this lodge on May 8th and was heartily received by the officers and members. This lodge was unfortunate in having all their furniture, regalia and records destroyed in the fire which visited the village last Fall. They particularly regret the loss of their minute book which contained in one volume a record of all their proceedings since the institution of the lodge. They at once secured temporary premises for their work

which they will occupy until the completion of their new rooms over the B. N. A. Bank. The W. M., Rev. Bro. Smith is supported by a good staff of officers who are enthusiastic in their work. He also has the support of W. Bro. Hurchmur who has been one of the old guard for many years. The work of the evening consisted in the initiation of two candidates which was done in a creditable manner under the disadvantage of their room, and also the raising of a brother. The officers have plenty of work on hand and on the whole the prospects of the lodge are bright. The Secretary has his books and accounts in good order, while the Treasurer reports that with their insurance and the cash they had on hand they will be able to refurnish their room without incurring any debt.

Arcadia Lodge No. 440, Minden. I visited this lodge on May 21st at an Emergency meeting called at my request. W. Bro. Wellstood, of Kinmount, kindly accompanied me and drove over through the bush fires then raging in that district. There was a good attendance including several visitors. W. Bro. Graham occupied the chair, but the Wardens being absent their places were taken by P. Ms. There was no regular work so the W. M. and officers exemplified the opening and closing in the several degrees, which was performed in a creditable and accurate manner. The Secretary has his books neatly kept according to the directions of Grand Lodge, and reports that the dues are punctually paid. It was with regret that we heard of his removal to another charge as he was an enthusiastic worker for the interests of Masonry in that district. The Treasurer has his books a model of neatness and reports a substantial cash surplus to the credit of the lodge. I was delighted to meet with so many true Masonic brethren, who drive many miles to attend this lodge.

North Entrance Lodge No. 463, Haliburton. I visited this lodge on May 22nd. There was a good attendance of its members when we consider the fact that several of them drove twenty miles to be present. The W. M.,

Bro. Laking occupied the chair and was supported by a good staff of officers. The work for the eveing was the passing of a candidate to the F. C. degree, and the W. M. was assisted by W. Bro. Spurr who takes great interest in giving the work properly. R. W. Bro. Clarke is one of the mainstays of the lodge. Their lodge room is small and situated some distance from the centre of the village, but they are looking forward to the time when they will have more suitable rooms centrally located. The Secretary keeps his books and accounts very accurately, while the Treasurer reports a cash surplus to their credit in the bank. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and will long remember the enthusiastic brethren.

King George V. Lodge No. 498, Coboconk. I made my official visit to this lodge June 8th. Owing to the excessive heat the lodge was not opened until late when I received a hearty welcome. The W. M., Bro. Austin, M.D., has surrounded himself with capable officers. The work consisted in the passing of a Bro. to the second or F. C. degree. The ceremony was performed in a manner which showed they had a thorough grasp of the work. The books and accounts are well kept. This lodge has done good work since receiving its charter. Prospects are very good.

Victoria Lodge No. 398, Kirkfield. I visited this lodge at an Emergency meeting called by my request for June 9th. There was a good attendance considering that their regular meeting was held a week previously. The W. M., Bro. Jobe occupied the chair and the other officers were in their respective places The work for the evening was the raising of a candidate to the M. M. degree. The ceremony was very creditably performed considering their small room, the officers knowing their work very well. The books and accounts are carefully kept by the Secretary whose services are of incalculable benefit to this lodge. The present year has been a successful one, thus brightening their prospects.

Harding Lodge No. 477, Woodville. I concluded my official visits at an Emergency meeting of this lodge held on Wednesday evening, June 10th There was only a fair attendance of the members present. The W. M. Bro. Leas occupied the chair. The work provided for the evening was the passing of a candidate for the second degree. The W. M. was assisted by R. W. Bro. Patterson, and the work was very creditably performed. The Secretary keeps his books in good form and is an enthusiastic member of the craft. This lodge is the owner of the building which they hope soon to have paid for. Their rooms are suitable and most comfortable, while their appointments are good. The financial position of the lodge is sound and their future prospects very bright.

I cannot conclude my lengthened report without again expressing my appreciation of the unfailing courtesy and consideration received, and for which I am deeply grateful, and will ever remember.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN J. MOORE, D.D.G.M.,

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PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT No. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have great pleasure in submitting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Prince Edward District No. 13 for the year ending June 24th, 1914.

I wish first to place on record my gratitude to the brethren for the great honor conferred on me by my election to the distinguished position of District Deputy Grand Master; also for the many kindnesses shown me during my term of office. The practical exemplification of the true Masonic spirit that I found throughout the district has amply repaid me for the many sacrifices of time and comfort that are necessary in covering a district as large as this one.

Immediately after my election I issued a circular letter to the various lodges, making several suggestions, and appointed W. Bro. C. F. Walt District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. B. F. Byers District Chaplain. Both these officers have faithfully and willingly performed all the duties assigned to them.

I have, however, personally done most of the correspondence, feeling that I could thereby keep in closer touch with each lodge in the district.

The condition of Masonry throughout the district is exceedingly bright; there has been a large increase in membership and the new material is of the proper sort. Peace and harmony prevail in every lodge. All are in good financial standing, and, with the exception of one or two Secretaries, every officer is efficient, painstaking and enthusiastic.

I visited each lodge at least once and I desire to express my sincere thanks to the brethren who accompanied me on those visits, and to the officers

and members of every lodge in the district for the exceedingly kind welcome I was given, both in lodge and at the banquet table. I only regret that space will not admit an extended account of those entertainments that will ever remain a bright spot in in my memories of the past year.

In each lodge I strongly urged the appointing of a committee on instruction and the examination in open lodge of all candidates after being raised. I am glad to state that this is now being done in practically the whole district. I drew attention many cases to the necessity of revising the by-laws, and this is being done wherever it was found advisable. I also pointed out to each lodge the absolute necessity of a further substantial grant to the Semi-Centennial Fund, both from the individual members and the lodge funds. In every case this met with hearty approval, and I feel assured that Pricne Edward District will not fail in her duty in this respect.

Lodge of Instruction.

On May 18th I held a most successful Lodge of Instruction under the auspices of Trent Lodge No 38. Of the 20 lodges in the district 19 were represented, and visitors from 18 outside lodges helped to swell the attendance to 400, so that even standing room was at a premium. Among the Past Grand Lodge officers present were R. W. Bros. H. G. Stafford, F. E. O'Flynn, John Newton, R. H. Spencer, F. D. Diamond, O. C. Watson and A. G. F. Cobb.

In the afternoon the first degree was worked by the officers of Trent Lodge No. 38, followed by an exemplification of the second degree by the officers of Star in the East Lodge No. 164. In the evening Colborne Lodge No. 91 exemplified the third degree and Tweed Lodge No. 239 closed down.

All the work was well done and the interest and enthusiasm of all present was evinced by the many questions asked and the lengthy discussions that followed each degree.

The following motion was unanimously passed: Moved by R. W. Bro. Spencer and adopted, "That in the opinion of the members of Prince Edward District No. 13 the ballot box now authorized by Grand Lodge is not suitable to our purposes; that we also disapprove of members casting their ballots from their seats, and request the representative of this district to bring these matters before Grand Lodge with a view to having them amended."

Fraternal Dead.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year: Prince Edward Lodge, January 5th, W. Bro. Albert C. McDonald; Match 26th, Bro. James C. North. Trent Lodge January 9th, R. W. Bro. J. S. Dench. Colborne Lodge, April 3rd, Bro. James Redfearn. Golden Rule Lodge, February 5th, Bro. John S. Dickson; June 1st, Bro. Wm. J. Hall. Stirling Lodge, September 13th, W. Bro. Albert Chard; September 27th, Bro. Dena Sine. Star in the East Lodge, April 7th, W. Bro. J. D. Stinson. United Lodge, September 6th, W. Bro. T. D. Sanford. Eureka Lodge, October 18th, Bro. James Brown; November 4th, Bro. G. N. Brown. Bancroft Lodge, Bro. E. L. Weiss.

Official Visits.

My first official visit was made on October 13th to Franck Lodge No. 127, Frankford, where I was given a warm welcome by 100 members and visitors The work—a raising—was well done by the regular officers, and the books were in good condition. Franck Lodge has a nice little sum set apart for a building fund; the members are enthusiastic and the prospects very bright.

October 15th, I visited Moira Lodge No. 11, Belleville, where 150 brethren gave me a rousing reception. W. Bro. Cooper and his staff of officers initiated a candidate in excellent style, and the officers of Madoc Lodge No. 48, who were paying a fraternal visit, exemplified the third degree in an equally good manner. Moira, the largest and oldest lodge in the district, is in the front rank in every

respect. Books well kept, financial condition excellent. The only possible fault that might be found, is that the membership is getting so large that it is rather unweidly.

Tweed Lodge No. 239, Tweed, visited November 7th. This was the second night in the chair for the W. M., who conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner. About 100 brethren were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The books were well kept and the finances in a most satisfactory condition. The by-laws should be revised.

Eureka Lodge No. 283, Belleville, visited November 19th. A very stormy night cut the attendance down to about 75. W. Bro. Symons and officers conferred the first degree in an almost faultless manner. The books are well kept and the prospects of the brightest.

The Belleville Lodge No. 123, Belleville, visited December 4th. The second degree was exemplified and the work was well done. The Secretary is most effleient. I was much pleased in my visit to all the Belleville Lodges to see the great harmony that exists among them. As one Past Master remarked, "Belleville has only one lodge but three Worshipful Masters." I think, however, that all the Belleville lodges are too lenient in the matter of arrears of dues. The financial condition of all is good, but because they are not in urgent need of the money is no reason why a number of members who are well able to pay should be carried for four, five or six vears, or even longer before they are suspended.

Stirling Lodge No. 69, Stirling, visited December 18th. A large attendance greeted me at my mother lodge. The second degree was exemplified satisfactorily. The Secretary is one of the best, the financial condition excellent and the outlook very bright.

Prince Edward Lodge No. 18, Picton, visited January 8th. There was a good attendance and a large number of visitors, chiefly from Star in the East Lodge present. This was the first night W. Bro. Garbutt and his officers had occupied the chairs, but they gave a particularly good exemplification of the first degree. There was a good attendance of Past Masters, the books were in good order and financially the lodge is very strong.

Marmora Lodge No. 222, Marmora. visited January 12th. This visit necessitated a thirty mile drive for myself and Bro. Byers, the District Chaplain, over badly drifted roads, with the thermometer 30 below zero. The attendance was small though the Past Masters were well represented. No candidate being present I requested Bro. Baker to exemplify a first degree. Although this was the first night for the new officers, they had evidently spent much time on the work, which was almost letter perfect. The books were well kept, and the financial condition particularly good.

Trent Lodge No. 38, Trenton, visited February 3rd. Although a stormy night, over 100 brethren gave me a most hearty welcome. One candidate was initiated and three passed in a very creditable manner. A very efficient Secretary and much enthusiasm among the members and Past Masters are pushing the lodge ahead rapidly. They have a nice sum set aside for a building fund, and their membership is growing rapidly.

Colborne Lodge No. 91, Colborne, visited February 6th. Again a blizzard caused a small attendance, but the Past Masters were out in good numbers. W. Bro. Finlay and an excellent staff of enthusiastic young officers initiated two candidates most impressively. This lodge has one of the most up-to-date and attractive lodge rooms it has been my pleasure to visit. The Secretary's work is excellent and the prospects above the average.

United Lodge No. 29, Brighton, visited February 10th. As the W. Master was quarantined with scarlet fever, the I. P. M. Bro. Bedal presided and worked a second degree in a very able manner. There was not as much enthusiasm among members and Past Masters as I would like to see. The Secretary had his books in first class shape and evidently looks well after the collection of dues.

Craig Lodge No. 401, Deseronto, visited March 3rd. A large attendance with a good number of P. Ms. and visitors; a very creditable exemplification of the third degree; a capable Secretary and much enthusiasm, made my visit a very pleasant one. The lodge is making good progress and the prospects are excellent.

Golden Rule Lodge No. 126, Campbellford, visited March 10th. A small turn out of P. Ms. did not seem to dampen the enthusiasm of the members The third degree was worked in a very able manner, with musical accompaniment. A good sized building fund and a large amount of new material promise a bright future for Golden Rule. The Secretary is capable and painstaking.

Lake Lodge No. 215, Ameliasburg, visited March 9th. A number of brethren from Belleville accompanied me and we were welcomed most heartily. The W. M. initiated a candidate in a most excellent manner. The books and finances were in good shape and the enthusiasm of the members was very marked.

St. John's Lodge No. 17, Cobourg, visited April 21st. I was greeted with a good turn out of brethren, also a number of visitors, including two P.D. D.G.Ms. from Port Hope. The third degree was well done and the prospects of the lodge are excellent.

Percy Lodge No. 161, Warkworth, visited April 29th. In spite of a stormy night and almost impassable roads, a good number of Campbellford brethren accompanied me on this visit. The members turned out well but there seems to be a lack of interest in the lodge. The work—a third degree—was exceptionally well done, and I think a little more fraternal visiting would provide the enthusiasm that is required to make this lodge more progressive. More attention to the requirements of the constitution would improve the Secretary's work.

Star in the East Lodge No. 164, Wellington, visited May 5th. A very large turn out of members and much enthusiasm made this a visit long to be remembered. An initiation, the first work the Master had done, was very creditable. The Secretary is good and the prospects are of the best.

Consecon Lodge No. 50, Consecon, visited May 8th. The hospitality for which the brethren of Prince Edward County are noted was well exemplified here. This lodge, though the smallest in membership and jurisdiction in the district, is in a most prosperous condition, due no doubt to the great enthusiasm displayed by the members. The third degree was worked in a most pleasing and satisfactory manner before a large turnout of members and visitors. A good Secretary helps to make this lodge a most promising one.

Bancroft Lodge No. 482, Bancroft, visited June 5th. That Masonry is appreciated here is evidenced by the fact that some of the regular attendants have to drive 20 or 25 miles to attend lodge. W. Bro. Wiggins very impressively conferred the second degree on a candidate in his 69th year—and one of the best candidates, by the way, that I have ever seen. The Secretary is most efficient. The dues are well collected, too well, in fact, as a large proportion of the members have paid several years in advance to pay for their fine building and equipment, and this has temporarily crippled their finances. This will, however, work out all right in time.

Madoc Lodge No. 48, Madoc, visited June 16th A fair attendance welcomed me on this my last official visit. The W. Master conferred the second degree in a very satisfactory manner. The books and finances are in good condition and prospects bright.

Fraternally submitted.

JAMES McC. POTTS, D.D.G.M.

Prince Edward District No. 13.

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FRONTENAC DISTRICT No. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Outario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Frontenac District No. 14 for the past year. I desire first of all to express my thanks to the brethren of this district for the honor they have done me in electing me as the District Deputy Grand Master, also for the fraternal and very courteous manner in which I have been received everywhere on my official visits, and for the generous assistance which I received from the Past Grand Officers and brethren while doing my official work.

Immediately after my election I appointed Bro. Geo. H. Gillespie, District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. Walter Cox, Gananoque, District Chaplain, and I am very much indebted to these brethren for assistance on many occasions. To the District Secretary especially I am greatly indebted for assistance during the year.

I have visited every lodge in the district in an official capacity, besides paying several other visits during the year, and I am pleased to report that I have found everything in excellent condition, prosperity and harmony existing nearly everywhere.

The lodge buildings are good, and in many places excellent, and I wish to express my sympathy with the brethren of Prince of Wales Lodge, Newburgh, Ont., who lost their lodge room and all belongings through a disastrous fire. However, they have shown their courage and enthusiasm, and have almost completed a beautiful lodge room in its place. Every lodge in the district is carrying insurance, and the business affairs are carefully looked after. Enthusiasm prevails throughout and many of the older Masons are regular in attendance, and willingly advise their younger brethren in things Masonic.

Fraternal Dead.

The following fraternal dead have been reported to me during the year: Leeds Lodge No. 201, James Dempster, M.M.; Andrew B. Carnegie, M.M W. T. C. McClellan, M.M.; George Gillies, P.M.; William Funnell, M.M. The Ancient St. John's Lodge No. 3, Edwin James Reid, M.M.; Frederick Wilmer Jenkins, M.M.; Leonard Clements, M.M.; Alexander K. Kirkpatrick, M.M. Victoria Lodge No. 299, Centreville, R. W. Bro. A. B. Carscallen, P.D.D.G.M., 14th Masonic District; T. Lochead, M.M. Prince of Wales Lodge No. 146, V. W. Bro. M. I. Beaman, Past Grand Pursuivant. Minden Lodge No. 253, Charles Wright, M.M.

Lodge of Instruction.

On the third of December, 1913, a Lodge of Instruction was held at Kingston, under the auspices of the three Kingston lodges, at which we were honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, whose presence and addresses on Masonry aided very largely in making this one of the best Lodges of Instruction ever held in the district, both from the point of view of enthusiasm and numbers, there being about 400 present at the evening meeting. The work of the three degrees was exemplified by the various lodges in a very creditable manner. In the evening a banquet was held in the City Hall, at which interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by the M. W. Grand Master and several local Past Grand officers and brethren. I wish to thank the Kingston lodges and particularly the committee appointed by them for the grand success of this Lodge of Instruction, and for making all arrangements therefor during my absence from home for two weeks.

Official Visits.

Victoria Lodge No. 299, Centreville. I visited this lodge on October 9th, 1913, accompanied by V. W. Bro. John R. Smeaton and Bro. George H. Gillespie, District Secretary. W. Bro. Loughhead,

in the absence of the W. M., conferred the first degree in an excellent manner. The prospects of this lodge are excellent, and the finances are in good shape.

Albion Lodge No. 109, Harrowsmith. October 10th, 1913, I visited this lodge. There was a good attendance, but owing to the fact that the two candidates for passing were not prepared for examination, there was no degree work. The W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. This lodge is in good condition.

Simpson Lodge No. 157, Newboro. I visited this lodge on October 14th, 1913. Owing to the illness of the W. M., R. W. Bro. R. H. Preston occupied the chair, opening and closing in the three degrees. This lodge is in good condition, and its prospects are good. The books are well kept and the older members are active in the work.

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 228, Odessa. I visited this lodge October 20th, 1913, and found things in an excellent condition. In the face of inclement weather there was a good attendance. The W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and did the business in an excellent manner. Secretary's books are well kept, and the finances are in good condition.

Leeds Lodge No. 201, Gananoque. I visited this lodge on January 6th, 1914. The first degree was exemplified by the retiring W. M. in a very acceptable manner, after which I installed the officers for the ensuing year. In this I was assisted by R. W. Bro. Fred. Skinner and R. W. Bro. R. Graham. This lodge is in a flourishing condition its prospects are excellent, and finances in a good condition.

Lorne Lodge No. 404, Tamworth. I visited this lodge on February 6th, 1914. The W. M. exemplified the third degree in an excellent manner. This lodge is in an excellent condition and its prospects are very bright.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 119, Bath. I visited this lodge February 9th, 1914. The W. M. was absent, but a first degree was put on by W. Bro. Huffman, and a second degree by W. Bro. Fred. W. Armstrong, both of which were exemplified in a very creditable manner. Their finances are in excellent condition, the prospects for increase in membership bright. After refreshments were served Bro. Mills, of Seattle Lodge, Washington, presented the lodge with a solid ivory gavel, which was much appreciated.

Cataraqui Lodge No. 92, Kingston. I visited this lodge on February 11th, 1914 W. Bro. Andrews put on a third degree in an excellent manner, exemplifying the work to a number of visiting brethren from Cape Vincent Lodge, New York State, under the Grand Lodge of New York. There was a very large attendance, including several of Cataraqui's Lodge Past Grand officers. The records are well kept and the finances show a large balance to their credit.

Elysian Lodge No. 212, Garden Island. I visited this lodge on February 17th, 1914. The W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees. The lodge is small in numbers owing to circumstances beyond their control, and I can only say that, while small in numbers, they are very enthusiastic Masons.

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 146, Newburgh. I visited this lodge on March 4th, 1914. There was a large attendance and the W. M. exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner. The lodge finances are in a very healthy condition and the Secretary's books well kept. Later, a disastrous fire burned up the lodge room and equipment, but they have risen to the occasion and replaced the building with a more beautiful one. Their prospects are excellent.

Union Lodge No. 9, Napanee. I visited this lodge on March 6th, 1914. There was a very large attendance of brethren present, and W. Bro. Daly, after transacting the regular business, opened and

closed the lodge in the three degrees. Later, Bro. Riffenstine gave an illustrated lecture on South America and Mexico. We were honored by the presence of R. W. Bros. Wartman, Longmore, Herrington and Nesbitt. This lodge is in an excellent condition and is putting on lectures regularly illustrated by lantern, which they own. This has been the means of creating much enthusiasm and increasing the attendance.

The Ancient St. John's Lodge No. 3, Kingston. I visited this lodge on April 3rd, 1914. W. Bro. Seels exemplified the first degree in an excellent manner. The officers were all present and a good attendance of the members. The records are well kept and the finances in an excellent condition. The prospects of this lodge are very bright.

Minden Lodge No. 253, Kingston. I visited this lodge on April 7th, 1914. W. Bro. Graham and all his officers were present. The W. M. exemplified the first degree in an excellent manner, after which R. W. Bro. D. A. Nesbitt, of Union Lodge No. 9, Napanee, gave an excellent address on the early history of Masonry, which was both interesting and instructive. The books of the lodge are well kept and the finances in an excellent condition.

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 497, Arden. I visited this lodge on May 7th, 1914, and installed the officers. This lodge is located some twenty miles from the nearest lodge, and has suffered the loss of W. Master and Past Master by death, leaving only the Senior Warden to take charge. However, I installed the officers, assisted by V. W. Bro. Smeaton, who accompanied me from Kingston, W. Bros. Carscallen, Brown, Kennedy and Jones, of Lorne Lodge, Tamworth, and W. Bro. Sidney Wagar, of Victoria Lodge, Centreville. I gave them about two hours' instruction in the work, and I feel confident that with the assistance of the Worshipful Brothers from Lorne Lodge, Tamworth, who have promised to, and are assisting them, they will make a splendid showing next year.

Rideau Lodge No. 460, Seeley's Bay. I visited this lodge on June 6th, 1914. The W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. There was a small attendance owing to the busy season. The lodge has suffered from several removals lately. but is in an excellent condition and prospects are very bright.

Westport Lodge No. 441, Westport. I visited this lodge on June 5th, 1914. W. Bro. Breckenridge exemplified the work of the third degree in an excellent manner. There are several very enthusiastic young men in the chairs of this lodge, and they are doing splendid work, aided by their older brethren. The lodge is in a flourishing condition and the finances are good.

Finally, I regret very much to say, that owing to the carelessness of the Secretaries of some lodges it is very hard to get in reports on time. I have been compelled to telephone five for their returns, after having written them two weeks ago asking that they be sent in at once, and at this time June 30th, I am still short one.

Fraternally submitted.

R. J. GARDINER, D.D.G.M. Frontenac District No. 14]

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ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren-:

I have the honor to present my report in connection with my term of office as D.D.G.M. in St. Lawrence District No. 15.

Before proceeding with the main contents of my report, I wish to thank all the brethren in the district for kindness and fraternal regard shown me on all occasions. May the future be bright for all our brethren and prosperity rest upon all our lodges. More especially may the spirit of goodwill and fraternity continue to abide.

Early in the Masonie year, in the month of September, 1913, I had the honor of representing the M. W. the Grand Master in the Constitution, consecration, and dedication of Otter Lodge No. 504, situated at Lombardy, Ont., and in the installation and investing of the officers. In this fucntion I was assisted by distinguished brethren In this from Smith's Falls, Merrickville and St. James' Lodges, South Augusta. There was a large attendance of brethren and the ceremony passed off impressively, and it will be a day long remembered by the brethren of Otter Lodge and by those who attended. The W. M. of Otter Lodge, W. Bro. Clark Nichols, is one of those sturdy characters. if failures do come he refuses to call them "failures" and plods on to certain success. He is surrounded by brethren of splendid fibre, and I look forward with great interest to the expansion of Otter Lodge.

On December 10th I visited officially Harmony Lodge No. 370, Delta. The evening was not favorable to a large attendance, but the brethren spared no pains to make my visit most pleasant and profitable. This lodge shows that great eare has been exercised in the admission of members, as those whom I had the pleasure of meeting were evidently men of careful life and high thinking. The Master

Mason's Degree was conferred, and afforded evidence of thorough acquaintance with the work. A mutual interchange of Masonic knowledge on the conclusion of the work brought a most pleasant evening's intercourse to a close.

On December 29th I had the honor and pleasure of visiting my mother lodge, Merrickville No. 55, officially, my brethren extending every possible courtesy on that occasion. I had the pleasure of installing the W. M., W. Bro. John M. Church, who is a descendant of a long line of honored Masons as well as of a distinguished family in social and professional life. I chose the night, partly at least, because of my pleasant relations with both the outgoing and incoming Masters. This lodge, as the number indicates, is one of the pioneer lodges of this part of the province, and many have been the good men and true who have had a part in its construction; but I think I am fairly within the limit when I say, that at no time in its history has there been connected with it a higher type of manhood, or more efficient workers, than at the present time. There is a fine class of young men coming forward and the general outlook is of the best. We were honored with the presence of W. Bro. Lloyd and V. W. Bro. G. W. Fluker, Master and Secretary respectively of St. Frances Lodge No. 24, Smith's Falls, and W. Bro. Clark Nichols, W. M. of Otter Lodge No. 504, Lombardy. These brethren made a distinct contribution to the pleasure of my visit.

During this month of December I was also honored with invitations from Osiris Lodge No. 489, Smith's Falls and St. Francis Lodge No. 24, Smith's Falls, to the former in connection with Past Masters' night, and the latter on the occasion of installation of officers, both of which were exceedingly pleasant functions.

On the evening of January 5th it was my pleasure to visit True Britons' Lodge No. 14, Perth, and the event stands out as one of the most pleasant experiences of my term of office. This lodge is forging ahead at a splendid rate, and is

officered by a most efficient set of men. The utmost harmony prevails, and the work seems wellnigh perfect. The minutes as I heard them read revealed conscientious service on the part of W. Bro. Buffam. One pleasant feature of the evening was the presence of so many of the older brethren, brethren who have borne the burden of the day for many years, and who still have an abiding interest in the craft. R. W. Bro. Hyndman and V. W. Bro. R. Craig from St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, graced the occasion with their presence. True Britons' Lodge has an exceedingly bright future before it.

On January 8th I visited Rising Sun Lodge No. 85, Athens, and had the pleasure of installing the newly elected officers. The equipment of this lodge is good, and all of the officers are most conscientious in regard to work. I will not soon forget the kindly courtesy of W. Bro. Lamb and W. Bro. Hamblin, as well as the fraternal consideration of all the brethren. The one thing I feel that this lodge should aim to do is, to see that each year the W. Master, or some other qualified brother attends Grand Lodge, and thus keep in close touch with present movements of the craft at the fountain head.

On the 19th of January I was present officially in Sussex Lodge No. 5, and Salem Lodge No. 368, Brockville. My welcome here was most fraternal. A good gathering of members of both lodges were out, and the Grand Master's representative in this district was suitably received and entertained. The high standing of these two lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction is too well known to make extensive reference necessary. Brethren of great skill and high attainment belong to these lodges, and the officers now in the chairs are worthy successors to worthy Past Masters. The records, as kept by the Secretaries, are models of completeness, and the work as performed in the presence of the district officer was all that the Grand Lodge can reasonably expect of any lodge. In my opinion the work of these lodges conforms more closely to the English

Rite than is usually found, due, I think, to two sources, viz., the presence of a Lodge of Instruction last year, and to careful work on the part of my predecessors.

On January 28th I had the pleasure of being in the historic Lodge of St. James No. 74, South Augusta. One cannot visit this lodge without becoming reminiscent, having on every hand reminders of the good old days when the locality in which the lodge is situated was a veritable Mecca for Masonic devotees. I was particularly fortunate in having in the large company of Brockville brethren many of the County Councillors, who at the time were meeting in the County Town of Brockville. The work is well done in this lodge, and while the new officers were conferring a degree for the first time, they did it with the grace and efficiency of Past Masters. The reception of the district officer is most fraternal in this lodge, and one feels that he has been very close to the heart of the brethren after having such an experience as I had in St. James Lodge.

Crystal Fountain Lodge No. 389, North Augusta was visited on February 4th, 1914. A goodly number from my mother lodge drove out with me, and there were several other brethren visiting the lodge on the occasion. I am very well known in this lodge, as I also know many of the brethren. The membership is enthusiastic and efficient, and the future of the lodge is bright. It was not my pleasure to see any work, but knowing the ability of the lodge, and the work of the past, I feel safe in saying that Masonic interests will not suffer from the present staff of officers. The only suggestion I have to make in this connection is, that I would like to see a little closer brotherhood permeating all the membership, which indeed is all but general now.

On February 5th, 1914, it was my pleasure to visit Lansdowne Lodge No. 387, Lansdowne, where the brethren greeted me fraternally in the name of Grand Lodge. I found the work in this lodge was well performed, the W. M. being particularly well

skilled. Many of the oldest Masons of the district are connected with this lodge. All the members have the best interest of Masonry at heart. This statement might be qualified by conditions that seem to be rooted in the far past, and should have no place in the feeling of any brother, and I am happy to say have no place in the hearts of those who are making the lodge the success it is. I shall continue to have pleasant memories of my visit to this efficient lodge.

On Monday evening, February 9th, 1914, I was present in Macoy Lodge No. 242, Mallorytown. The W. M. was absent, but I am informed that he has the work well in hand. The other officers of the lodge are good workmen and have no need to be ashamed of their product. W. Bro. Mallory is an expert Secretary. I was particularly well pleased to meet many of the brethren who came a long way to meet the representative of the Grand Master, and whose presence, on that account, was incidentally a tribute to the craft at large. The work as exempliqfied on the occasion of my visit was satisfactory.

On March 10th, 1914, I visited Otter Lodge No. 504, Lombardy, one of the youngest in the whole jurisdiction. Otter lodge is, as yet, small, but with good prospects of growth ahead. The membership is of good quality, and under the leadership of W. Bro. Clark Nichols and Bro. Miller, is sure to forge ahead. I had the pleasure of constituting, consecrating and dedicating this lodge, and I naturally am much interested in its future. I have no doubt but that this lodge is a fixture in the district, and with the brethren now in line for lodge honors, will always give a good account of itself.

March 24th, 1914, found me in Lyn Lodge No. 416, Lyn. I was compelled to ask for an Emergent meeting as other engagements made it impossible to meet the brethren of this lodge on a regular meeting. Many of the Brockville brethren drove out with me, and in this connection I wish to say that unfailing kindness has characterized the Brock-

ville brethren in all their association with me. Lyn Lodge is well officered, the work almost faultlessly done, and while the territory is somewhat restricted the prospects of the lodge are better than they have been for some time. I was pleased with the chaste manner in which all the details of my visit were carried out, and I thank the brethren for the very kind way they received me. I suspect that R. W. Bro. A. E. Cumming had something to do with this.

My next visit was to Mount Zion Lodge No. 28, Kemptville. This lodge is well housed, having one of the most attractive halls in the district. The officers are capable and do the work well. This lodge fully maintains all that would be expected of a lodge bearing the old number that it does. The second degree was conferred in an able way, and the entertainment of the district officer was cordial and fraternal. Many of our oldest and most efficient Masons are members of this lodge, while the newer members are men of good standing and fine aspiration. Grand Lodge may rest assured that the best interests of the craft will be well looked after so far as Mount Zion Lodge is concerned.

My next visit was on April 7th, 1914, to Central Lodge No. 110, Prescott. A goodly turn out of the brethren, and the general atmosphere of the lodge, made my visit here a most pleasant event to me This lodge is doing well, the officers are well skilled, and the prospects of the lodge are splendid. Many of the brethren drove long distances to attend and the town brethren were equally hearty in the reception of the district officer.

St. Francis Lodge No. 24, Smith's Falls, one of the pioneer lodges of the jurisdiction, was the object of my next visit. In this lodge the whole machinery is running smoothly, the work is exceptionally well done, and a splendid spirit prevails. It has been my privilege to be in this lodge so . many times that it was like visiting my own lodge, but the brethren seemed to make an extra exertion to show their respect for the representative of the Grand Master. Many of my most cherished friends

are members of this lodge, and when I shall pass out of office, I shall still look forward to future associations of fraternity and happiness.

My circle of official visiting was closed by being in Osiris Lodge No. 489, Smith's Falls, and the event seemed like the rounding off of a general experience of profit and pleasure. The brethren of this lodge are not one whit behind any lodge in the district in efficiency and fraternity, and like St. Francis Lodge, my personal friendships in this lodge are many. The work is well done here, the books well kept and the prospects of the lodge good. I wish to make special mention of the excellent choir connected with Osisris and the impressiveness its work gives the whole proceedings.

Fraternally submitted.

GORDON R. PUTNAM, D.D.G.M.,

St. Lawrence District No. 15.

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OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Ottawa District No. 16 for the past year.

I desire in the first place to express my appreciation and thanks for the honor conferred on me when elected to the high and important office of D.D.G.M., and for the kind and courteous manner in which I was received on my official visits.

For the sake of brevity I shall omit mentioning names of brethren who kindly accompanied me on my visits, or otherwise extended courtesies or assistance, which I fully appreciate, or referring to the many banquets which I fully enjoyed, and place before you, in as concise a manner as possible, a report from which you may gauge the condition of our order in this district.

I am pleased to state that Ottawa District is enjoying a full measure of prosperity, as the appended statement will show, and I feel sure that the material accepted is worthy of our fraternity.

During my term of office I have visited each lodge officially, besides making other visits which are unnecessary to mention. On each occasion, excepting three, a degree was conferred. In these instances either the candidate failed to appear, or no work was on hand, but the W. Ms. and officers were not only willing, but anxious to exemplify the work on a substitute.

The work throughout the district is being performed in a uniform manner and in accordance with Grand Lodge requirements, in fact, I was surprised and delighted at the efficiency shown, and it certainly afforded me a great deal of pleasure, in every instance, to congratulate the officers. Any corrections which I made were of a very trivial char-

acter. The candidates for advancement usually showed careful preparation, but I regret to say that some of the Masters seem to forget that there is an examination on the M. M.'s degree I hope those who neglect this will attend to it. In one or two instances I found the W. Ms. not as familiar with the constitution as they should be. A thorough knowledge of this is necessary to a competent presiding officer. The Secretaries of the various lodges are, on the whole, capable and efficient brethren, and look well after the affairs of the lodge entrusted to their care. Some of them forget to report suspensions, deaths, etc., to the D.D.G.M. and a few are very slow in sending in reports at the end of the year. I would again impress on them the importance of these matters.

While the work is being performed most creditably, I fear we are neglecting to perfect our knowledge of the science. We cannot expect to understand the nature of our institution nor appreciate its character unless we become students of it. For this reason I have advocated the advisability of establishing a library in connection with each lodge for the enlightenment of the brethren, also occasionally having some qualified brother read a paper or give a few minutes' talk on some Masonic subject. In this way the younger brethren, and older ones also, will be instructed, and the meetings made more interesting.

This report would not be complete without a reference to the new Masonic Temple, Ottawa, which was occupied for the first time on my official visit to Fidelity Lodge. It is a magnificent building, luxurious in its appointments, and must bring joy to every member. It is a credit to the brethren of Ottawa city, to the district and to the craft generally. Long may it stand as a monument to their exertions.

Lodges Instituted.

Under instructions from the M. W. the Grand Master, I instituted Enterprise Lodge, Beachburg, on September 1st, 1913. I was assisted by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, R. W. Bros. Josephs and Ken-

ning, of Pembroke, and a large number of P. Ms. and members of Pembroke and Cobden Lodges. The prospects for this lodge are splendid. Ten applications were received that evening.

On March 5th, 1914, I instituted Hazeldean Lodge. Hazeldean, being assisted by W. Bro. A. H. Edwards and a number of brethren of St. John's Lodge Carleton Place. They are building a new Hall which will be ready for occupancy about September. They are enthusiastic, and I feel sure will give a good account of themselves.

On June 27th I received an application from W. Bro. Thos. Saunders and nineteen other brethren, asking for a dispensation for a new lodge at Westboro, to be known as Ionic Lodge. I have recommended the petition and have forwarded the same to the Grand Master.

Deaths.

The following deaths have been reported to me: Dalhousie Lodge No. 52, Ottawa, Bros. H. H. Cowan, A. C. Caughey, A. A. Cook, Jas. Gilchrist, Jos. Skinner. Doric Lodge No. 58, Ottawa, W. Bro. R. W. Stephen, P.M., Bros. J. A. Warne, C. W. Willimott. Renfrew Lodge No. 122, Renfrew, Bro. Sydney J. Jennings. Mississippi Lodge No. 147, Almonte, Bro. John Forsythe. Civil Service Lodge No. 148, Ottawa, V. W. Bro. Walter Rowan, Bros. Harold M. Blatchley, Harold W. Wilson. The Builders Lodge No. 177, Ottawa, Bro. Wm. Moxley. Madawaska Lodge No. 196, Arnprior, Bro. Matthew Riddell. Evergreen Lodge No. 209, Lanark, Bros. W. A. Field, Duncan Gunn. Chaudiere Lodge No. 264, Ottawa, Bros. Jas. M. Doran, J. D. C. McFarlane. Enterprise Lodge U.D., Beachburg, Bro. A. Crozier.

Official Visits.

Renfrew Lodge No. 122, Renfrew, W. Bro. H. M. McDonald, W. M. Visited November 3rd. On my first official visit I was given a cordial reception by the brethren of Renfrew Lodge, there being a very good attendance. They are fortunate in

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having many able P. Ms. who take an active interest in the lodge and good work is expected. The W. M. proved a worthy successor to these P. Ms., he and his officers conferring the first degree in a most acceptable manner. They are to be congratulated on having an ideal Secretary.

Chaudiere Lodge No. 264, Ottawa, W. Bro. Thos H. Hoare, W. M. Visited November 12th. There was a large attendance at this meeting, many visiting brethren of note being present. Being my first visit to the city of Ottawa in an official capacity, I expected to see a standard of excellence from which to judge the work in the district, and my expectations were fully realized. There were three initiations. The W. M. does his work in an impressive manner and he is ably assisted by a good set of officers, the J. D. might be particularly mentioned. On behalf of the lodge had the pleasure of presenting W. Bro. Gray with a P. M's. jewel.

St. John's Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place, W. Bro. J. W. Patterson, W. M. Visited December 10th. Being a member and regular attendant of this lodge I have had ample opportunity of witnessing the work during the year and can say it is up to a high standard. The work was an E. A. degree and was very well done. This was also the night for the election of officers and I feel sure the new officers will uphold the traditions of the lodge.

The Builders' Lodge No. 177, Ottawa, W. Bro. D. A. Whitton, M.D., W. M. Visited December 12th. As was to be expected, a large attendance was present when I visited this lodge, which enjoys the distinction of having the largest average attendance. The F. C. degree was conferred on five candidates who all showed good preparation. The work was done intelligently and impressively by the W. M., and all the officers seem to be familiar with their duties, the floor work of the S. D. being noticable. I again had the pleasant duty of presenting a P. M's. jewel, this time to W. Bro. D. A. Esdale.

Dalhousie Lodge No. 52, Ottawa, W. Bro. H. C. Ellis, W. M. Visited January 6th. A good attendance greeted me when I visited this, the oldest lodge in the district. The work presented was two E. A. degrees, W. Bro. John Walsh conferring one. The W. M. does his work in a faultless manner and the business of the lodge is executed with precision. The calibre of the present officers speaks well for the future of the lodge. The charge as given by W. Bro. Walsh was very impressive, and it afforded me much pleasure on behalf of the lodge to persent him with a P. M's. jewel.

Madawaska Lodge No. 196, Arnprior, W. Bro. J. C. Williams, W. M. Visited January 12th. This was a stormy and bitterly cold night, so the attendance was not quite so large as it would likely otherwise have been, but my reception was nevertheless warm. There being no work, the W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and kindly offered to exemplify the E. A. degree on one of the brethren, all of wnich was done in a very efficient manner, showing his knowledge of the work. Madawaska has a competent set of officers.

Lodge of Fidelity No. 231, Ottawa, W. Bro. C. B. Patten, W. M. Visited January 20th This was the first meeting in the new Masonic Temple and was also the largest in attendance during the year, about five hundred being present, among whom were many of eminence in the craft. One candidate was admitted to the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, and the W. M. and his officers did credit to themselves and to the lodge, doing the work in a very efficient manner. The lodge took advantage of this occasion to show their regard for R. W. Bro. H. W. Wilson, G. S. W., by presenting to him with the regalia of his office, R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, D. G. M., doing the honors most graciously. The pleasure was assigned to me of presenting a P. M's. jewel to W. Bro. R. R. Farrow. At the banquet which followed addresses of a very high order were given by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, G. Treas.; R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, D.G.M. R. W. Bro. H. W. Wilson, G.S.W.; R. W. Bro. Geo. S. Mav, Pres. of Temple Co.; R. W. Bro. A.

S. Goodeve, Bro. Hon. Martin Burrell and R. W. Bro. Rev. A. P. Shatford, P.G.C., of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Quebec. The reply of the latter to the toast of "Canada" being particularly appreciated.

Evergreen Lodge No. 209, Lanark, W. Bro Boyd A. C. Caldwell, W. M. Visited February 3rd. Fair attendance. The work of the evening was an F. C. degree which the W. M. conferred in a very able manner. The lodge has been handicapped somewhat by non-attendance of Deacons. Though their membership is small they have some very enthusiastic members and it afforded me aa great deal of pleasure, on behaldf of the lodge, to do honor to two of them, V. W. Bro. David Mc Laren and W. Bro. A. Buffam, in presenting them with P M's. jewels. It is always a great pleasure to visit Evergreen.

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371, Ottawa, W. Bro. Leonard Wood, W. M. Visited February 27th Here, as usual in all my visits to Ottawa Lodges, there was a large turn out of members and visitors. The first degree was conferred on a candidate, the work being done in a most commendable manner. The W. M. and every officer showed he was conversant with the duties of his office, W. Bros. F. W. Day and Thos. Jones were the recipients of P. M's. jewels as tokens of esteem from their lodge.

Civil Service Lodge No. 148, Ottawa, W. Bro. H. W. Lothrop, W. M. Visited March 10th. The sublime degree of a M. M. was exemplified, and although the W. M. was not feeling well he did his work in a manner that might be envied by many Masters. The support given him by his officers was all that could be desired. The ceremony was made very impressive by the selections introduced by the choir, this lodge having some of the best musical talent in the city within its ranks.

Pembroke Lodge No. 128, Pembroke, W. Bro. Wm. D. Dewar, W. M. Visited April 2nd. I received a hearty reception from the Pembroke brethren, every seat in the lodge being occupied. This lodge numbers among its members quite a number

of Past Grand Lodge offleers, including two Past Grand Masters. It was natural therefore to expect that the work would be done with precision. In their exemplification of the M. M's. degree I had no remarks to make but those of commendation. The musical portion of the ceremony was much appreciated.

Doric Lodge No. 58, Ottawa, W. Bro. E. S. McPhail, W. M. Visited April 3rd. Being the seventh visit to the city of Ottawa I became apprehensive as to regular large attendance which greeted me. But Doric proved no exception. From my knowledge of the W. M. and some of his officers I expected work second to none. One candidate was initiated, the degree being conferred both accurately and impressively by the W. M. His officers show that they are proper timber from which Masters are made.

Bonnechere Lodge No. 433, Eganville, W. Bro. Jas. A. McMillan, W. M. Visited April 13th. Considering the scattered membership, the attendance was very good. The work consisted of a second and third degree. R. W. Bro. David Barr, of Renfrew, an enthusiastic veteran in Masonry, conferred the second degree in a manner which must have impressed the candidate, as it did all those present. In the third degree the W. M. proved he had good command of his work and the Senior and Junior Wardens showed that Bonnechere need not worry about a ruler for some time.

Goodwood Lodge No. 159, Richmond, W. Bro. W. G. Beddoe, W. M. Visited May 5th. Mvwelcome at Goodwood made me feel at home. The work submitted for my inspection was a first and third degree. These were done in a correct and careful manner by the W. M. and officers. They have an efficient and zealous Secretary. Would like to see more promptness in opening. The brethren are at a disadvantage, as their present quarters are too small and unsuitable for their requirements, but am pleased to say that since my visit action has been taken with a view of building a new hall. I also had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on December 27th and installing the officers for 1914.

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Carleton Lodge No. 465, Carp, W. Bro. Wm. L. Gourlay, W. M. Visited May 8th. For a lodge composed mainly of a rural membership and not very large, the attendance was good on the night of my visit. The M. M's. degree was conferred on two candidates. The W. M. has the work well in hand and he received good assistance from his officers. Although this lodge has not shown any increase during the year they are doing good work. A little late in opening.

Russell Lodge No. 479, Russell, W. Bro. W. T. Fielding, W. M. Visited May 11th. There was a good turn-out of the members considering the time of the year. As there was no work for this meeting, the W. M. readily consented to exemplify the E. A. degree on a substitute. I was perfectly satisfied with the manner in which the W.M. and his officers did the work, leaving practically no room for correction.

Enterprise Lodge U.D., Beachburg, W. Bro. Albert Munroe, W. M. Visited June 1st. Since this lodge was instituted it has shown by its progress that there was a good field for Masonry in Beachburg. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and the M. M's. degree conferred in such a manner that reflects great credit on the W. M. and his officers. The candidate was very well prepared which appears to be a feature of this lodge. During the evening two recently raised brethren were examined on their M. M's. degree, and showed great proficiency. The regular attendance would do credit to some of the older lodges. The Secretary is worthy of praise for the interest he has taken before and since the lodge was instituted.

Corinthian Lodge No. 476, North Gower, W. Bro. J. C. McNeice, W. M. Visited June 5th. A kindly welcome and good attendance greeted me here. Although there were candidates for both the F. C. and M. M. degrees, they failed to appear, and wishing to see how they did their work, the W. M. gratified my desires and exemplified the first degree on one of the brethren. I was verv

well satisfied with the manner in which the W. M. and his officers acquitted themselves. They are doing good work.

Cobden Lodge No. 459, Cobden, W. Bro. J. H. Reynolds, W. M. Visited June 9th. Being an exceedingly warm evening, I was pleasantly surprised to see the lodge filled, every member remaining until the lodge was closed. I had nothing but commendation for the W. M. and his officers for the manner in which they conferred the third degree on a candidate who had been well coached on his F. C. degree.

Mississippi Lodge No. 147, Almonte, W. Bro. Jno. Aspinall, W. M. Visited June 24th. My last official visit was made to my mother lodge, and considering that there was a very severe rain storm early in the evening, and also counter attractions, the attendance was good. Since my removal from Almonte I have not had an opportunity of attending very often. A candidate was initiated and the work was done with a great deal of precision from the W. M. to the Inner Guard. I was well pleased with the work. At this meeting I installed and invested the officers for the ensuing year, assisted by R. W. Bro. D. H. McIntosh, Carleton Place, and am satisfied they will give a good account of themselves.

In conclusion, I desire to say I entered upon my duties fully realizing the responsibilities in connection therewith. It has been my earnest endeavor to fill the position to the best of my ability I have derived much profit as well as pleasure from my associations with the brethren, and I trust that they in turn have received some benefits from my visits.

Fraternally submitted.

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

Ottawa District No. 16

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ALGOMA DISTRICT No. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province o fOntario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report upon the condition of Masonry in Algoma District No. 17 during the past year.

In doing so it is my first wish to express sincere thanks and my appreciation to those brethren in the district who so ably and willingly assisted me during the year, and for the uniform courtesy, kindness and brotherly feeling extended to me by the brethren throughout the district, and especially so on the occasion of my official visits.

Shortly after assuming office I addressed a circular letter to every lodge in the district notifying them of my election. I also appointed as District Secretary W. Bro. C. S. Reid, P.M., Fort William Lodge No. 415, Fort William, and I have great pleasure in stating that he has faithfully and efficiently discharged every duty which fell to his lot. I also appointed Rev. Bro. Harold G. King, S. W., Royal Lodge No. 453, Fort William, as District Chaplain, who shortly after his appointment received a call from one of the largest churches in Vancouver, thus depriving the district of an enthusiastic Mason, but what was our loss was Vancouver's gain.

It affords me great pleasure to report to you that the work done in the different lodges throughout the district is of a very uniform character, the W. Ms. and officers being enthusiastic and well qualified to fill their respective offices. The work of the Secretaries is worthy of comment, and has added materially to the progress of the different lodges.

I have visited each lodge once in my official capacity, with the exception of Granite Lodge No. 446, Fort Frances, and Ionic No. 461, Rainy River. I had arranged to visit these two lodges on the 5th

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and 7th of February respectively, but owing to an outbreak of smallpox in the vicinity of Fort Frances I was requested to defer my visit until a later date. I again arranged to make my official visit to those two lodges on the 29th and 30th of April, but owing to business arrangements I was unable to attend, which I regret very much. R. W. Bro. Charles J. Hollands, P.D.D.G.M. very kindly consented to make the visits for me. I feel under a deep debt of gratitude to R. W. Bro. Hollands for his kindness in assisting me. I expect to receive a report from him before closing this report. In submitting my report it is my intention to leave out, to a considerable extent at least, my recollection of banquets, etc., at which I enjoyed myself to the full, and the unwieldy report of the names of brethren who were in attendance.

The Social Side of Masonry.

This is an important feature in connection with Masonry, and should receive every encouragement from the older members. I find the social side of Masonry well assured in this district.

Ritual.

I observe a strong tendency toward a more uniform standard of work. There is a general desire to bring the ritual and customs of the order to a high standard of efficiency and uniformity. I concede that much of this good showing is due to the good work done by my predecessor.

New Lodge Instituted.

On January 19th I had the honor, by direction of the M. W the Grand Master, of instituting a new lodge at Sioux Lookout, to be known as Sioux Lookout Lodge. I was assisted in the ceremony by W. Bro. C. S. Reid and W. Bro. C. W. Stewart, of New Hampshire. The Secretary, Bro M. M. Perkins, has supplied me regularly with the monthly notices and any other information that I have required. He is thorough and enthusiastic in the performance of his duties, and his books are neat and well kept.

Official Visits.

Royal Lodge No. 453, Fort William. On January 7th I visited this lodge. The occasion was one of great interest to me, it being my first official visit in connection with the district. The W. M., W. Bro. E. H North and his officers, conferred the first degree. The work was well done, the officers being well up in their duties. The books, in the hands of V. W. Bro. F. C. Perry, are models of neatness and correctness. There was a large attendance of members, visitors and Past Masters.

Port Arthur Lodge No. 499, Port Arthur. W. Bro. Hull Austin, W. M., visited February 9th, 1914. The M. M. degree was exemplified by the W. Master and his officers in a high and creditable manner. There was a good Masonic feeling existing among the brethren, and the work was carefully done, the floor work being excellent. The finances are carefully looked after, and the work on the books of the Secretary is all that can be desired.

Connaught Lodge U.D., Fort William. W. Bro. A. R. Mills, W. M. Visited February 16th, 1914. Work, M. M. degree. The W. M. and officers exemplified the third degree in a manner which, I think, could not be very much improved upon, the floor work being excellent. Bro. J. B. Hardy is an excellent Secretary. His books are neat and well kept. Finances are all that could be desired. The brethren expect to secure their warrant this year. I have no doubt whatever about the future success of Connaught Lodge. There was a large attendance of members, visitors and Past Masters.

Golden Star Lodge No. 484, Dryden. W. Bro. C. B. Gordon, W. M. Work, F. C. degree. I visited this lodge on March 3rd at an Emergent meeting. The attendance was good and the passing well done. The officers are well up in their work and enthusiastic in the welfare of their lodge. The books, under the care of their excellent Secretary, are models of neatness, and the dues are well looked

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after. Although a stranger to the brethren, the W. M. and S. W. took good care of me during my stay with them. I had the pleasure of being introduced by my father in Masonry, W. Bro. John Fraser, P. M., Fort William Lodge, who has become grey in the work, but still takes a great interest in Masonry.

Pequonga Lodge No. 414, Kenora. I visited this lodge March 4th. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. D. H. Currie, P.D.D.G.M., and W. Bro. J. W. Brenchley, P. M. There was a large attendance of members, and visitors from Keewatin. The Past Masters are regular in attendance and keep up their interest in the affairs of the lodge. Owing to the absence of W. Bro. J. L. Palmer, who has moved to the West, the lodge is well taken care of under the guidance and very able management of W. Bro. G. W. Smith. W. Bro. Smith conferred the E. A. degree impressively before a crowd of fifty brethren, which shows the interest and enthusiasm manifested by them. He was assisted by an intelligent staff of officers. The prospects of this lodge are the very best. The books are neat and well kept.

Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Kenora. W. Bro. C. H. Carpenter, W. M. I visited this lodge on March 5th. Work, F. C. degree. Exemplified by the W. M. and officers in a most commendable manner. This lodge has a Secretary whose books are in good shape. The finances are in excellent condition and the lodge manned by officers who realize the importance of conferring the degrees in an impressive manner. There were three P.D.D.G.Ms. and a large number of P. Ms. present.

Keewatin Lodge No. 417, Keewatin. W. Bro. J. J. House, W. M. Visited March 6th. This is one of the rural lodges which has the reputation of doing work second to none in the district. I was greeted by a large turnout of members and visiting brethren from Kenora, under the guidance of W. Bro. G. W. Smith, P. M. This was a splendid meeting, having a large representation of Past

Masters. The W. M. and officers conferred the M. M. degree in a manner which was very impressive and creditable, the floor work being excellent. Bro. A. J. Holmes, the Secretary is one of the best in the district, having held the position for sixteen years without any remuneration, excepting the goodwill of his brethren. The lodge room is free from debt and perfect harmony prevails. I wish to thank the W. M. and P. Ms. and all those brethren who attended lodge three nights in succession. A D.D.G.M. is well taken care of by the brethren of Kenora and Keewatin.

Shuniah Lodge No. 287, Port Arthur. W. Bro. W. J. Gurney, W. M. This is the largest lodge in the district, having over 300 members, and also the oldest. I had the pleasure of formally opening the parlors or club rooms which have recently been completed at a large expense for the benefit and comfort of the brethren and visitors. At this meeting I was greeted by the largest attendance of brethren during my term of office. The W. M. and officers conferred the first degree in a manner which I think could not be very much improved on. Every officer gave his part of the work in a perfect manner. The books of the Secretary are second to none in the district, the arrears of dues outstanding being reduced during the year from \$575.05 to \$322.00, a decrease of 31 members over twelve months in arrears, the benevolent grants have increased \$193.90 during the year. I predict a successful future for this lodge.

Fort William Lodge No. 415, Fort William. W. Bro. J. A. Campbell, W. M. I visited this lodge April 8th. There was a large attendance of Wor. Brethren present. This is my mother lodge, and it was only natural, and to be expected, that I should receive a warm welcome when I appeared in my official capacity, and I was not the least disappointed. The work of the evening was the first degree by W. Bro. A. J. Campbell, W. M., assisted by W. Bro. E. H. North, W. M., Royal Lodge No. 453, which was exemplified in a satisfactory manner. The musical portion of the ceremony proved most enjoyable, adding materially to the solemnity of the degree, and I took occasion to compliment the brethren on their excellent work. The Secretary is an efficient officer and his books are well kept.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the courtesy and kindness shown me on all my official visits, and the right royal entertainment accorded to me.

I can assure my successor that he will find a warm welcome awaiting him from every lodge in the district.

Fraternally submitted.

J. T. HOLLINSHEAD, D.D.G.M Algoma District No. 17

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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

NIPISSING DISTRICT No. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

After my election to the position of District Deputy Grand Master, I appointed W. Bro. Hayward my Secretary, and addressed a circular to all the lodges in my district informing them of my election and requesting their Secretaries to forward to my address a copy of all notices of regular and Emergent meetings, and also an annual list of officers and Past Masters of the lodge; most of the lodges have complied promptly.

I must also thank W. Bro. Hayward for his ready compliance to any duties required of him.

The Right Worshipful and Worshipful Brethren who assisted me at the Grand Lodge functions were R. Wor. Bro. A. J. Young, North Bay; R. Wor. Bro. J. B. Way, Sault Ste. Marie; R. Wor. Bro. C. W. Haentschel, Haileybury; R. Wor. Bro. Havnes, New Liskeard; W. Bro. N. J. McAulay, Hailevbury; and W. Bro. N. McLeod, New Liskeard. Before going further with my report, I wish particularly to thank these brethren for their assistance and support in putting on the Grand Lodge functions at Elk Lake and Porcupine; to take the trip to these two places necessitated a considerable monetary outlay; nearly a whole week of time; and a journey for some of them of over twelve hundred miles. This will give you some idea of the sacrifices these brethren are always ready to make in the interests of Masonry, their proved abiding concern for the welfare of the craft demonstrates that the brethren of Nipissing District make no mistake in their selection of Grand Lodge officers.

In order to abbreviate my report on each individual lodge, will say with regard to them all, the social side is well taken care of, the glad hand is in evidence everywhere; the addresses and other

entertainment at the different banquets were of high order and very instructive, the whole trend was to please each other by uniting in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness; without question, the real intention of Masonry is well exemplified in all these northern lodges.

On my official visits to the various lodges in this district I have particularly inquired as to the method of conducting the business, the financial standing, and as to the correctness of the method of keeping the records, and as a rule found little to criticize. The Secretaries were invariably doing their work according to Masonic rule and line.

I have checked up every lodge on the secret work and find them all fairly uniform. Where any variations were found I saw they were clearly instructed in conformity with the proper interpretation of the work as oultined by M. W. Bro. Malone when giving his parting instructions to the newly elected Deputies at Grand Lodge in Ottawa.

After a eareful survey of the material selected in the different lodges, it shows that excellent judgment has been practised in the acceptance of members, as the membership is conspicuously above the average of the community in which the lodge is situated. I find everywhere the members are loyal to their lodge, and the officers are particularly jealous of the landmarks, usages and traditions of the fraternity.

In this district of Nipissing the foundations of the Masonic structure have been well and carefully laid; the structure is now a permancy, covered with Masonic ornaments from which scintilate in increasing brightness the four cardinal virtues. Many of these ornaments were placed there by my distinguished predecessors—brethren who were fully siezed of what it is to be a Mason. Our prosperity and success at this date is largely a tribute to their worth and work.

Elk Lake No. 507, Elk Lake. Acting under instructions from the M. W. the Grand Master, one of my first official acts was to constitute, conse-

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crate and dedicate Elk Lake Lodge No. 507, on October 15th, at which time I presented the warrant, installed the officers and paid my official visit.

As the work for the night was heavy I did not request the exemplification of any of the degrees but contented myself with the opening and closing of the lodge in the first second and third degrees.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Porter, proved a very capable and well informed Mason. Under his care and patience I have no doubt the lodge will show a continual improvement as the year progresses. The lodge is a neat and well appointed room with ante-room and candidates' room, with all necessary furniture and fittings, and well located for the convenience of the officers and members. I found the lodge was supplied with a proper register, minute book, ledger and cash book, and that they were in order and well kept. At the Grand Lodge function of constituting, consecrating and dedicating I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Way, R. W. Bro. Havnes, R. W. Bro. Haentschel, W. Bro. Mc-Aulay, W. Bro. McLeod, and W. Bro. Harvey. Elk Lake Lodge up to this date had been working under dispensation. It is a pioneer lodge in the newest part of Ontario but exceptionally well favored as it is situated in one of the finest agricultural districts in the north, and has a bright future.

Porcupine Lodge No. 506, Porcupine. Acting under instructions from the M. W. the Grand Master, I constituted, consecrated, and dedicated Porcupine Lodge No. 506 on October 17th, Having presented the warrant and installed the officers, I paid my official visit, and as at Elk Lake I did not ask for any degree work to be put on, the lodge opened and closed in the first, second and third degrees. On enquiry and examination I found the Worshipful Master, Bro. T. W. Foster, was thoroughly conversant with the work in all degrees, that They the other officers were efficient and capable. have a proper register, minute book, ledger and cash book, and all in order. The lodge is a two storey, substantial frame building, recently erected

by the lodge and now largely paid for. It contains ante-room, lodge-room, with closets, and a commodious banqueting hall. Porcupine lodge is also a pioneer lodge situated in the midst of one of the richest gold camps in America. Prospecting, mining and their contingent industries are the chief occupation of the community. A lot of splendid material has been assembled in this lodge and they are unusually enthusiastic as to its future success.

Temiskaming Lodge No. 462, New Liskeard. I visited this lodge on October 20th. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro. McKnight, presided, all the officers in their places, the first degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner, the Past Masters assisting in the work. I found the lodge was supplied with proper registers, minute book, cash book, and ledger, all in order and well kept, showing great care on the part of the Secretary. Temiskaming Lodge is the parent organization in the new territory penetrated by the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, from which the lodges of the silver and gold country took their origin. The brethren of Temiskaming own their own building containing a commodious, well appointed lodge room and a comfortable and well furnished banqueting hall, with kitchen and other necessary paraphernalia. The success and progress of the lodge is of that conservative nature that bespeaks great permanency and exerts an influence in Masonie circles that are most beneficial and very much to be desired.

Haileybury Lodge No. 485, Haileybury. I visited Hailevbury Lodge October 21st. W. Bro. Johns presided, all the officers in their places. The degree work conferred was of a high order and very impressive, the full musical service rendered distinctly added to the beauty of the ceremony. The capable Secretary shows the books very neatly kept and in order. The officers and brethren of this lodge are very enthusiastic and energetic, and have luxurious quarters with every convenience in both lodge room and banqueting hall. Great pains and expense have been taken to beautify and adorn

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the lodge rooms. It has all the appearance of a metropolitan lodge and reflects great credit on the officers and their predecessors.

Silver Lodge No. 486, Cobalt. I visited this lodge on October 22nd. W. Bro. McLeod presided, all the officers in their places. The work of conferring the first degree was performed in a very excellent and impressive manner, accompanied by a splendid musical service. The individual rendering of the work by the different officers was very good and gave evidence of continual practice and patience. The lodge is supplied with proper registers, minute book, cash book and ledgers, which are kept in order and up-to-date. The brethren own their own building consisting of lodge room and banqueting hall; they are excellently furnished and very comfortable and are characteristic of the hospitality of the brethren.

Mattawa Lodge No. 405, Mattawa. I visited this lodge on February 3rd. W. Bro. Christie presided. With the assistance of the Past Masters the W. M. conferred the second degree. Owing to a great many members of this lodge living far afield, the attendance is very small, but the members are very loyal, and the affairs of the lodge are in excellent shape. They have a benevolent fund amounting to four hundred and fifty dollars, which is well administered, and they hold a decoration service for deceased brethren annually on the 24th day of June. They have a singularly commodious and well furnished lodge room, they have a painstaking and careful Secretary, their books are in order, and the affairs of the lodge well in hand. R. W. Bro. Haentschel is a member of this lodge and largely to his fostering care and suggestion it owes much of its success.

Nipissing Lodge No. 420, North Bay. I visited this lodge on February 4th. W. Bro. York presided, all the officers present. Conferring the first degree was the work of the evening. This degree was worked in a very impressive manner with a full musical service, which added a great deal to the beauty of the ceremony. The work was put

on with a smoothness and freedom on the part of all the officers that could only be obtained by continual practice and perseverance, and reflects the greatest credit on the W. M. and his capable predecessors. They have an average attendance of thirty-six members, the books of the lodge are in order and the business well in hand.

Nickle Lodge No. 427, Sudbury. I visited this lodge on March 18th. W. Bro. Dorset presided, all the officers in their places. R. W. Bro. Reid was also present with a number of the excellent P. Ms. of the lodge and took part in the work. The work of the evening was the conferring of the third degree, which was greatly enhanced by the vocal music of the lodge. The business of the lodge is well looked after and the books are in order.

Penewobikong Lodge No. 487, Blind River. I visited this lodge on March 30th. W. Bro. Glanville presided, with all the officers in their places. There being no degree work the secret work in each degree was exemplified in a satisfactory manner. This lodge, while showing no increase in membership, is very enthusiastic and bright and in a healthy Masonic condition. The books are up-to-date and the business of the lodge is well taken care of. The lodge rooms and banqueting hall are under lease and the furniture is fully covered by insurance.

Doric Lodge No. 455, Little Current. I visited this lodge on March 31st. W. Bro. Ellenton presided. The lodge having no degree work to put on, they were given an examination and instruction in the secret work. This lodge has a spacious and well appointed lodge room; they have a membership of eighty-three, there were present twenty-three, and the average attendance is nine. They have proper registers, minute book, cash book and ledger, and all in order.

Gore Bay Lodge No. 472, Gore Bay. I visited this lodge on April 1st. W. Bro. Waite presided, all the officers in their places. The work of the evening was conferring the first and second degrees which were put on in a highly satisfactory

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manner and reflected great credit on the W. M. and his predecessors, the Past Masters freely taking part in the work. This lodge is fully seized of the intention of Masonry, brotherly love and relief being practiced to a great degree. The Secretary having filled the office for a number of years, is a very zealous officer and particular that the lodge affairs are conducted according to Masonic rule and line. The books are well kept and up-to-theminute at all times. The lodge rooms and banqueting hall are roomy and well furnished.

Dyment Lodge No. 442, Thessalon. I visited Dyment Lodge on April 30th. The W. M., Bro. W. A. Bridge, was in the chair, all the officers present. The W. M., assisted by the P. Ms., conferred the second degree. The officers were also examined and instructed in the other two degrees. This lodge has the necessary registers, minute book cash book and ledger—I find them in order and up-to-date. They have a comfortable and commodious lodge room and banqueting hall, comfortably furnished and equipped.

Algoma Lodge No. 469, Sault Ste. Marie. I visited this lodge on January 26th. W. Bro. H. J. Moorehouse presided, all the officers present. The first degree was conferred in a very acceptable manner, the P. Ms. taking part in the work. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to Algoma Lodge of a complete set of working tools by the immediate Past Master, W. Bro. Campbell and W. Bro. Moorehouse. The present Secretary shows the books of the lodge well kept and very neat; the dues outstanding are practically nil. Algoma, while one of the younger lodges, has made great_strides and has a very rosy future.

Keystone Lodge No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie. I visited Keystone Lodge on January 30th, the W. M., W. Bro. Rudlen, presided, all the officers present. Conferring the first degree was the work of the evening. As is the regular custom in this lodge a goodly number of P. Ms. shared in the work, needless to say the work was put on in the usual good form. Keystone being the strongest lodge

and one of the oldest in the district, nothing but good work is expected; anything else would be a disappointment. A pleasant feature of the night was the presentation of a beautiful photograph of M. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P.G.M. R. W. Bro. Way, in eloquent terms, presented a resolution of acceptance. The work of the Secretary in this lodge is onerous and must occupy a great deal of time; the books are in order and up-to-date.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge No. 447, Sturgeon Falls. I visited this lodge on March 9th. The W. M., W. Bro. Joseph Wilson, presided, all the officers present. The degree work conferred was very good, being up to the average of the district. On the oceasion of this visit, and in accordance with instructions received from the M. W. the Grand Master, I dedicated the new lodge room, being assisted by R. W. Bro. Doctor Haentschel, Haileybury; R. W. Bro. Roraback, W. Bro. Millen, ν. W. Bro. Weager, W. Bro. York, W. M. Nipissing Lodge North Bay; and R. W. Bro. A. W. Smith and W. Bros. Coburn, McInnes, and Jessop, Sturgeon Falls. A very welcome addition to the ceremony of dedication was the presence of the W. M. of Nipissing Lodge, accompanied by twenty-five other brethren, they having received a dispensation to cancel their own regular meeting so that they could attend and assist the brethren at Sturgeon Falls. Sturgeon Falls Lodge now owns the lodge room: it was formerly the town's public school building. It has been renovated and makes very satisfactory quarters, being well located on a large parcel of property and all paid for except fifteen hundred dollars. A careful and competent Secretary has the books of the lodge in order and up-to-date.

New Lodge at Massey, Ont.

A short time after my election I received a petition from Bro. F. Summerby and eighteen other Master Masons praying for a dispensation to hold a lodge at Massey, Ontario. On securing the consent of three of the four lodges concerned in that jurisdiction I duly forwarded the petition to the M. W. the Grand Master who gave his consent

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and instructed the Grand Secretary to issue the dispensation permitting the brethren to hold a lodge to be known as Sable Lodge, at Massev, Ontario, which came into my possession April 1st, 1914. I at once notified the brethren at Massev informing them that as soon as they secured the necessary quarters and regalia I would be pleased to present the dispensation and institute the new lodge. Bro. Dave Sadowski, who is acting as Secretary for the Massey brethren, replied expressing the thanks of the Massey brethren and also state that as soon suitable lodge rooms could be secured they would notify me; up to date I have not heard from them. In consequence the dispensation is still in my possession; in turn I shall pass it over to my successor in office at the forthcoming annual communication.

Prospective Lodge at Chapleau, Ont.

April 22nd I received a communication On from Bro. Wm. McMullin, of Nickle Lodge, who resides in Chapleau, Ontario, informing me there were forty members of the craft residing in Chapleau and vicinity, that twenty of these held a meeting and decided to petition for a lodge at Chapleau. I replied to Bro. McMullin on May 7th, giving him instructions as to the mode of procedure in order to secure a dispensation. I also encouraged the plan and said I would be glad to render them all possible assistance. As vet I have received no further communication from them. I shall hand Bro. McMullin's letter to my successor in office for his guidance.

Fraternally submitted.

W. J. THOMPSON, D.D.G.M.

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GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT No. 19.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 19 for the year 1913-1914.

I must thank the brethren of the district for the honor they conferred in electing me to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. I entered upon the duties not without some misgivings, but the hearty support I have received from the lodges and all the brethren of the district has been a matter of great satisfaction to me personally. I must thank W. Bro. Jno. McLeod, of Unity Lodge No. 376, for the assistance he has given me as District Secretary.

I have been a resident of this district for a great many years and have visited most of its lodges a number of times, and I can say that, during the official visits which I paid to the various lodges during the past year, the work compared very favorably indeed, with that done some time ago. This, I believe, is largely due to the Lodge of Instruction which is held annually in the district. It makes for uniformity, and cultivates a feeling of harmony and friendship amongst the various lodges which is bound to do the craft good. I think the manner of holding the annual Lodge of Instruction in this district is about perfect. Each lodge contributes a proportionate part of the expense, and the work is divided among the lodges in succession each year, so that every two years or so each lodge has the opportunity of working some degree. There is a feeling that the Lodge of Instruction is a district affair, and each lodge is entitled to take part of the management of it and is equally responsible for the success of it. So far it has been held each vear at Huntsville, but that is because that town is more centrally situated, and has an exceptionally fine hall for use in holding it, and an equally fine banqueting hall in conjunction with it.

In making my official visits I find that the work is uniformly well done, the books well kept, and a very live interest taken in the work by all the lodges. I was fortunate in being able to visit each lodge on its regular night, and visited many of them twice, and one or two of them three times, during my year.

Official Visits.

Algonquin Lodge No. 434, Emsdale. I visited this lodge twice, the first time officially on the 21st of October, 1913, as they install in June. This lodge has been working under a handicap for some time, as they had lost their lodge room by fire, but have now secured rooms in a fine new structure, and during the past year have had it well furnished and made very comfortable. They are in good financial standing and a sincere interest is taken by all the officers and members. R. W. Bro. Metcalfe is an energetic Secretary. On this occasion there were two ballots taken; a first and a second degree worked by W. Bro. Jones in a creditable manner. A large number of brethren from Unity Lodge, Huntsville, accompanied me. The second time I visited the lodge was on the 9th of June, 1914, when a first and a second degree were con-The lodge was opened in the third and a ferred. short drill gone through in some movements in that degree. The membership is pretty well scattered in the country but their attendance at meetings is good.

Strong Lodge No. 423, Sundridge. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge at their installation of officers on the 29th of December, 1913, when R. W. Bro. Porter, of Powassan, was also present. The installation ceremony was well put on, after which the members of the lodge presented W. Bro. T. Wickett with a gold-headed cane, on his removal to Powassan. This gift was well merited by the recipient in his years of work for the lodge. I again visited the lodge on the 16th of March, 1914, when the first degree was conferred very well by W. Bro. Andrew, after which the lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees.

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W. Bro. Elliott makes a very efficient Secretary. On the second visit a number of brethren from Corona Lodge Burk's Falls, attended, amongst them their Master, W. Bro. Sylvester and W. Bro. Wilson, the venerable W. Bro. of this lodge who sets a worthy example in attendance.

Corona Lodge No. 454, Burks Falls. I visited this lodge on the 6th April, 1914. A first degree was put on by W. Bro. Sylvester, the W. M., and the work was well done by all the officers. They also opened and closed in the three degrees, and I took the opportunity of exemplifying some of the work in the second and third. R. W. Bro. J. W. Harris is the efficient Secretary, and the books are well kept. This lodge has been struggling for some time under a heavy financial obligation, as their room was burned some years ago, and unfortunately they were without insurance. Their furnishings to replace those lost cost considerably, but I am glad to say that during the past year they have got out of debt and the prospects of the lodge are excellent. A number of the brethren from Unity Lodge accompanied me on this visit.

Muskoka Lodge No. 360, Bracebridge. The official visit to this lodge was made on the 7th April, 1914. During the past year they have had a number of applications for membership, and at this meeting an initiation was put on in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. Elliott. There were also four applications received that evening. V. W. Bro. Warne is a very efficient Secretary and keeps the books and records accurately. This is one of the lodges of the district which is in a splendid financial position. They own considerable property and have a considerable fund in the bank. The officers also opened in the second and third degrees and apparently know their work well.

Powassan Lodge No. 443, Powassan. The official visit fell on Good Friday, but as I was anxious to visit so far as possible on regular nights I made it a point to notify the brethren in plenty of time. The attendance was rather slim, on account of the holiday, but the interest was quite keen. The

lodge had three initiations on hand, and went through with all of them. A peculiar incident happened in one. The candidate had come a long distance, some thirty miles, and as the day was cold he was rather chilled. Just as he was about to be obligated he collapsed, and was unable to proceed. After disposing of the other candidates and the first one being still unable to proceed, I directed the Master, W. Bro. Phillips, to obligate him that he would not discuss what he had seen or heard, or ask any questions until his initiation was completed next meeting, and then to dismiss him. The brethren opened and closed in the second and third degrees and gave every indication of having the interest of the craft at heart and know their work. A number of brethren from Burks Falls were present as well as W. Bro. Jos. Edgar, from Sundridge. R. W. Bro. Dr. Porter, my immediate predecessor as D.D.G.M., was present and assisted in the work, and keeps a kindly eye on his home lodge.

Golden Rule Lodge No. 409, Gravenhurst. The official visit was made to this lodge on the 13th April, 1914, at its regular meeting. The lodge room is well appointed and furnishings rather elaborate. The lodge is in good financial shape. The books are in charge of V. W. Bro. Davidson, who is particularly painstaking. The brethren conferred a first degree under the direction of W. Bro. Scott, the W. M. They also opened and closed in the second and third degrees. R. W. Bro. Dr. Leay was present and conferred the first degree. A number of visitors were present, among them V. W. Bro. Warne, Bracebridge, and W. Bro. Howard, Huntsville. The lodge has every prospect of continued success.

Granite Lodge No. 352, Parry Sound. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on the 15th April, 1914. This lodge is perhaps the strongest numerically and financially in the district. They have been doing a great deal of work during the past year, having initiated a large number of members. By careful management of its trustees the lodge now owns the building in which it is held

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and has a large fund in the bank. The very efficient Secretary, R. W. Bro. Knifton, is an old stand-by, and keeps the books and records in exceedingly neat shape. V. W. Bro. Foote sets an example in attendance in spite of advancing years. The work consisted of a first and third degree which were both put on very creditably by W. Bro. Purvis and W. Bro. Molyneaux, the P.M. This lodge is certainly in good shape and has every prospect of continued success.

Unity Lodge No. 376, Huntsville. I did not intend to visit this lodge officially as it is my home lodge, and I am regular in attendance, and had an opportunity of observing their work each night, but at the request of the officers, I did visit it on the 13th of May, 1914. W. Bro. Howard is an enthusiastic Mason and conferred two third degrees with the assistance of a number of P. Ms. The P. Ms. are regular in their attendance and one of the features of the work of his lodge is that the Past Masters take considerable part in the work. Another very interesting feature of the work took place in this lodge during my year. One of their members had been affiliated from an Ontario Lodge having been first made in the United States. Some defect was detected in his initiation and under special dispensation from the M. W. the Grand Master I held a special meeting of this lodge on the 16th of February, 1914, examined the brother in the three degrees and obligated and healed him as a Master Mason. It was an interesting ceremony and a new one to me in which both R. W. Bro. Fisher and R. W. Bro. Shearer assisted. I might also mention that the Lodge of Instruction was held under the authority of this lodge in the Parish hall, Huntsville, on the 19th of February, 1914, at which all the lodges of the district were represented, and the work was divided between Unity Lodge No. 376, Huntsville (in opening and closing only), Strong Lodge No. 423, Sundridge; Muskoka Lodge No. 360, Bracebridge; Granite Lodge No. 352, Parry Sound; and Algonquin Lodge No. 434, Emsdale. We also had the pleasure of having M. W. Bro. Aubrey White in attendance, an old Muskoka Lodge boy, who was first made a Mason in Bracebridge. He gave a splendid address after the work of the evening was over.

In conclusion I must again thank the brethren of the district for the very hearty and sincere assistance rendered me during my term of office, and must especially thank those brethren who accompanied me on nearly all of the official visits throughout the district. These social evenings have a decided tendency to cement acquaintenances and improve the condition of Masonry throughout the jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted.

D. M. GRANT, D.D.G.M.

Muskoka District No. 19.

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OTONABEE DISTRICT No. 20.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my report of the condition and progress of Masonry in Otonabee District No. 20.

In doing so I desire first to express to the brethren of the district my sincere thanks and appreciation for the confidence they placed in me in electing me to the high and honorable position of D. D. G. M.

In assuming the office I did so with no little misgiving on my part. But, realizing the responsibilities and duties incumbent upon me, I have endeavored to faithfully and conscientiously discharge my duty, and for any shortcomings and failures on my part I ask the broad mantle of a Mason's Charity. If I have been of some assistance to my brethren in encouraging them to uphold and maintain the great fundamental principles of Freemasonry I shall feel amply repaid for all my time and labor.

I can truly say that Masonry in this district is in a very prosperous and flourishing condition. Nearly every lodge has shown considerable progress during the past year.

I also desire to return my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the great kindness and consideration shown me during my official visits to the several lodges. I wish especially to thank R. W. Bro. Wm. Garfat, of Port Hope, and R. W. Bro. John Crane, of Peterborough, who so kindly accompanied me on several occasions on my official visits.

Lodge of Instruction.

On April 22nd I held a Lodge of Instruction at Port Hope, under the joint auspices of Ontario Lodge No. 26 and Hope Lodge No. 114, which was well attended, and I hope that the proceedings there will prove to be helpful and instructive. The

first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Dr. A. Jemison and officers of J. B. Hall Lodge No. 145, Millbrook, and was done with that precision and accuracy that this lodge is noted for. The second degree was done in a faultless manner by W. Bro. F. J. Mitchell and officers of Jersualem Lodge No. 31, Bowmanville and reflected very great credit on the brethren who participated. Considerable discussion then took place from which I feel sure great benefit will be derived. In the evening the third degree was exemplified by the W. Ms. and officers of Hope Lodge No. 114 and Ontario Lodge No. 26, Port Hope, jointly. This sublime degree was put on in such a manner as to call forth great praise from the brethren of the district. In fact, all the brethren who took part in the work at the Lodge of instruction acquitted themselves in such a manner as to call forth little or no criticism. I wish just here to thank the brethren of Port Hope for the very excellent way they entertained the members of the district at the close.

Visitations.

Peterborough Lodge No. 155, Peterborough. In company with W. Bro. W. H. Harper, District Secretary, and several other brethren from Norwood, I visited this lodge on October 3rd, 1913. This is the largest lodge in the district and one of the most efficient and best equipped. The third degree was exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. W. R. G. Higgins and officers in a most excellent manner. Peterborough Lodge is blessed with a goodly number of very efficient P. Ms. who continue to take a deep interest in Masonry. The floor work by the Wardens and Deacons was done perfectly. The choir under the direction of R. W. Bro. John Crane, rendered very efficient service throughout the degree. Needless to say the books are models of neatness and efficiency. Peterborough Lodge gives prompt and accurate attention to business and ceremonial work. The social side is also well looked after.

Jerusalem Lodge No. 31, Bowmanville. I made my official visit to this lodge on November 12th, 1913. I received a very enthusiastic recep-

tion. The first and third degrees were exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. W. C. King and officers in a most perfect manner. The W. M. is supported by a long list of very able and willing P. Ms. The work performed in this lodge shows the benefit of regular "grind nights" as every officer did his work perfectly. The books of the lodge are well and neatly kept by the very efficient Secretary, and the finances are also in good shape.

Orono Lodge No 325, Orono. I visited this lodge on November 13th, 1913. The W. M., W. Bro. Reed, was in the chair. On account of very bad roads and the candidate living far out in the country, it was impossible for him to get there, consequently there was no degree work. The W. M. and officers opened and closed in all three degrees in very good style. There are a lot of good enthusiastic Masons in Orono, and I think the prospects look bright for Orono Lodge.

J. B. Hall Lodge No. 145, Millbrook. I visited this lodge on February 5th. The W. M., W. Bro. Dr. A. Jemison, and officers initiated two candidates in a very creditable manner. Indeed it was practically faultless. All the officers appear to be well posted in their work. R. W. Bro. A. A. Smith continues to take a great interest in the craft at Millbrook. The books are models of neatness and well kept. Masonry is in a very prosperous condition in Millbrook.

Corinthian Lodge No. 101, Peterborough. I paid my official visit to this lodge on February 20th 1914. This is a grand old lodge and is noted for doing splendid work. The first degree was very well done by the W. M., W. Bro. R. M. Waddell, and officers. This lodge is favored with a long list of excellent P. Ms., who are always there and ready and willing to assist in the work. Like Peterborough Lodge, Corinthian has a splendid choir, which renders good service during the degree work. R. W. Bro. H. R. H. Kenner continues to take a deep interest in the work of the lodge. The books are kept in excellent condition by the very efficient Secretary.

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Clementi Lodge No. 313, Lakefield. Bro. John Weir, of Norwood Lodge accompanied me on my official visit to Clementi Lodge on March 3rd, 1914. and although the roads were almost impassable, the comfortable lodge room was filled to its fullest capacity. The W. M., W. Bro. Graham, and officers performed the work of the first degree in a manner that would reflect great credit on any lodge. The officers of Clementi Lodge rank among the best in the district for the manner and style in which they exemplify the work. This lodge is favored with a long list of very efficient P. Ms., who take a very active interest in the work, especially V. W. Bro. J. R. Fraser. R. W. Bro. Hull continues to take great interest in Clementi Lodge. The books are handled in excellent style.

Lorne Lodge No. 375, Omemee. This lodge, while one of the smallest in the district, has been very active this year. I visited them on February 6th and March 5th, but February 6th was such a stormy night that it was impossible for anyone to get in from the country, so the meeting was adjourned and I went back again on March 5th, and saw the Fellow Craft degree worked with considerable ability by the W. M., W. Bro. Earle. The brethren here are to be congratulated upon the lodge room, which is beautifully furnished and well equipped. The lodge books are well kept.

Hope Lodge No. 114, Port Hope. I visited this lodge on March 6th, and was received by a large crowd of very enthusiastic Masons. The work of the evening was the E. A. degree, which was performed in a most perfect manner by the W. M., W. Bro. G. T. Hancock and officers. In looking over the books I was particularly struck with the large average attendance and a more courteous and zealous lot of Masons could not be found anywhere. R. W. Bro. Wm. Garfat is one of the main pillars in Hope Lodge, and also W. Bro. Jas. Leach, who takes a very active interest in the welfare of the lodge. The books of the lodge are in splendid shape and great credit is due to the very efficient Secretary.

Norwood Lodge No. 223, Norwood. I visited this, my mother lodge, on March 9th, and received a very cordial reception. The W. M., W. Bro. E. C. Squire and officers exemplified all three degrees in very good form. The W. M. has his work nearly word perfect; the other officers while not just prefect have made wonderful progress since, and are now quite efficient. The books are well and neatly kept by the Secretary and the finances are kept in A1 condition by the Treasurer, V. W. Bro. J. B. Pearce, who is one of the oldest Masons there, and his books are models of neatness and accuracy.

Ontario Lodge No. 26, Port Hope. On March 20th, 1914, accompanied by R. W. Bro. John Crane of Peterborough Lodge, R. W. Bro. Wm. Garfat, of Hope Lodge, and W. Bro. E. W. Pickford, of Norwood Lodge, I visited this grand old lodge and saw the first and second degrees worked in excellent style by the W. M., W. Bro. Wm. H. Yelland and officers, assisted by Past Masters. The lodges in Port Hope are to be congratulated upon the excellent taste and good judgment shown in furnisnhig and equipping their new lodge room, which is second to none in the district, and a more enthusiastic lot of Masons I did not find anywhere. Under the experienced hand of R. W. Bro. W. J. Robertson, the books and data are sure to be found in excellent shape.

Durham Lodge No. 66, Newcastle. I visited Durham Lodge on April 7th, 1914, in company with R. W. Bro. Wm. Garfat, of Port Hope. The sublime degree of a Master Mason was conferred on a candidate by the W. M., W. Bro. F. C. Hoar, and officers in a very able manner. With such officers as W. Bro. Hoar and Bro. Davidson, the S. W., the future prospects of Durham Lodge look very bright. R. W. Bro. McLeod, P.D.D.G.M., is a tower of strength to this lodge and under his watchful eye the present officers do their work almost perfectly. Bro. J. M. Parker is working hard to get the lodge books in good shape. I was pleased to see quite a number of P. Ms. there whom

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I understand are always on hand ready to do any work necessary.

Keene Lodge No. 374, Keene. On April 9th, 1914, in company with Bro. H. G. Bass, of Norwood Lodge, I visited Keene Lodge No. 374, and although there was no degree work, the W. M. opened and closed the lodge in all three degrees, which was done in good form Quite a few questions were asked me during each degree in regard to the work, which made the evening very pleasant and instructive. I feel that Masonry in Keene will be well looked after under the watchful eyes of those old veterans W. Bro. Jas, McNeil and W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Goodwill. The books of the lodge are in good hands and well looked after.

Havelock Lodge No. 435, Havelock. I visited Havelock Lodge No. 435 on April 10th, 1914. I received a very enthusiastic reception, the hall being filled to its full capacity. The work of the evening was the first and third degrees which were exemplified in very good form by the W. M., W. Bro. H. T. Andrews and officers, assisted by a good loyal lot of P. Ms. W. Bro. W. Herrington, is a tower of strength to Havelock Lodge. The books and finances of the lodge are in good shape.

Royal Arthur Lodge U.D., Peterborough. By command of the M. W. the Grand Master I instituted Royal Arthur Lodge at the city of Peterborough on June 25th, 1914, named after His Roval Highness, the Duke of Connaught. This was one of the most pleasant duties I have had to perform and esteem it a very great honor indeed to insti-tute such a lodge as "Royal Athur," which has for its officers such Masons as R. W. Bro. H. R. H. Kenner, W. M., R. W. Bro. John Crane, S. W., R. W. Bro. W. H. Walkey, Secretary, W. Bro. W. R. G. Higgins, J. W., and several other R. W. brethren among its members. Royal Arthur Lodge is destined to be one of the finest lodges in the district, and it cannot be otherwise with such strong Masons behind it, and the excellent code of rules which they will be governed by.

In conclusion I wish to again thank all my brethren throughout the district for the very kind and courteouus manner which they received me on all my visits. And I bespeak the same kind treatment for my successor.

Fraternally submitted.

B. W. SQUIRE, D.D.G.M

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EASTERN DISTRICT No. 21.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

• I take much pleasure in submitting for your consideration the following report of my year's work in connection with the Eastern District No. 21.

In accepting the office of D.D.G.M. of Eastern District No. 21, I counted it one of the happiest moments of my life. I felt that the brethren had conferred a high honor upon me, and during the year I endeavored to show my appreciation of their confidence by discharging the duties of that office to the best of my ability. It was my privilege to visit every lodge once and some of them twice, and everywhere I was the recipient of the kindest courtesy and hospitality.

I would take this occasion to return thanks, on behalf of the officers and members of my mother lodge, to the brethren of the Province for the high honor conferred upon us in choosing for Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge Rev. Bro. D. Stewart.

My first official act was to appoint the following District officers: W. Bro. J. Daley, of Maxville No. 418, as District Chaplain, and W. Bro. G. W. Shepherd, of Alexandria No. 439, as District Secretary.

In reporting the condition of Masonry in this district, I can assure that there is a splendid spirit manifested in all the lodges, harmony prevails everywhere, the officers of the several lodges are men of strong personality, willing to learn, eager to serve, and seem to be impressed with the responsibility of their position. In my visits I have always tried to impress upon the brethren the necessity of being true men in every sense of the word. I have laid special emphasis on personal worth and character without the lodge as well as within its portals, and my aim has been to make better Masons by appealing to the brethren to live up to the noble principles exemplified in our order.

During the year four lodge rooms were dedicated: Chesterville No. 320 on October 8th, 1913; Avonmore No. 452, on March 24th, 1914; Lancaster No. 207, on June 19th, 1914; Hawkesbury No. 450, June 23rd, 1914.

Special mention should be made of the presence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, who, assisted by R. W. Bro. Luke, Deputy Grand Master officiated at the Chesterfield dedication. As this lodge is centrally located, the district is well represented by the large number in attendance. The addresses of these distinguished brethren will not soon be forgotten, and the influence of their visit was felt throughout the whole district.

At my request the authority to dedicate Lancaster No. 207 was issued by the M. W. the Grand Master to my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. Nicholson, who thus had the pleasure of officiating at his mother lodge.

On the other two occasions I had the honor of representing the M. W. the Grand Master. My thanks are due to the Past District Deputies who were present to take part in these functions.

Deaths.

With sincere regret I have to report the following deaths within the year:—V. W. Bro. Henry Smith and Bro. George A. Stafford of Plantagenet No. 186. Bro. W. L. Redmond, of Friendly Brothers Lodge No. 143. Bro. A. G. Watson, of Cornwall Lodge No. 125.

Official Visits.

Lancaster Lodge No. 207. Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. Stewart, G.C., I opened my official visits on November 11th, at Lancaster. The lodge was opened in the several degrees by the officers in a manner which led me to the conclusion that more practice was desirable, but throughout the evening the brethren displayed a strong desire

to become more proficient in their respective offices. These brethren are very comfortably situated in their new rooms. The books are well kept, and altogether a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

Hawkesbury Lodge No. 450. On January Sth, accompanied by W. Bro. E. H. Tiffany and a number of the Alexandria brethren, I visited this lodge officially, the occasion being the election and installation of their officers under special dispensation. At the request of the presiding officer, W. Bro. E. H. Tiffany, acted as installing Master, completing the work in a manner delightful to behold. I had the pleasure of meeting here a number of distinguished brethren of the district. After the election and installation of officers, the lodge was opened in the various degrees in a manner that left nothing to be desired, and I can easily see a very bright future for this lodge. Their rooms are comfortable and their books are well kept. Harmony is the kev-note of every meeting.

Friendly Brothers Lodge No. 143, Iroquois. This lodge I visited on the evening of February 4th. There was a large attendance of members and visitors and a very pleasant evening was spent. W. Bro. Marsh and officers conferred the first degree in almost a faultless manner. The books are well kept, and the brethren very comfortably situated in their rooms.

Williamsburg Lodge Bo. 480 I visited this lodge officially on February 5th. There was a fair attendance of members. W. Bro. Becksted and officers conferred a third degree in a manner which merited just praise from all present. The lodge is comfortably fitted, books are well kept, and as a whole, there seems to me to be a bright future for this lodge.

Excelsior Lodge No. 142, Morrisburg. Visited this lodge on February 6th. There was a fair attendance, but owing to inclement weather, many of the brethren from the rural districts were unable to be present. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Rev. D. Stewart, G.C., and R. W. Bro. Rev.

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C. O. Carson, P.D.D.G.M. There was no degree work on the occasion. W. Bro. Davey and officers opened and closed in the several degrees in a manner that was very satisfactory. The evening was very profitably spent in discussing the various points in connection with the work.

Maxville Lodge No. 418. Accompanied by a number of the Alexandria brethren, I paid my official visit to this lodge on February 13th, W. Bro. G. H. McDougall was in the chair, and with his officers initiated two candidates. The degree work, as well as the opening and closing in the various degrees, was an evidence of the careful study of these brethren. There was a large attendance. Their rooms are comfortable and their Secretary has his books in excellent shape.

Plantagenet Lodge No. 186, Riceville. On March 9th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. Stewart, I visited this lodge. We drove across country some twenty-five miles during a snow storm but our reception on the occasion fully compensated for the inconvenience of the trip. These brethren are now working under dispensation granted to meet at Riceville instead of Plantagenet as formerly. Their room is small but on the occasion of my visit, a motion was carried to purchase a lot in the town and build a new hall, provided that Grand Lodge granted a change of charter from Platagenet to Riceville. There was a fair attendance even although cold and stormy, and the W. M. and officers conferred a first degree in a very satisfactory manner. It was quite evident not only in the lodge, but in the district, that Masonry is a live institution with the people about Riceville, and the prospects for this lodge are very bright. W. Bro. Shepherd is a pillar to the lodge, and is ably assisted by Past Master Ryan, their popular Secretary, whose books are a marvel.

Cornwall Lodge No. 125. I visited this lodge officially on April 1st. The Worshipful Master, being unavoidably absent, the chair was taken by W. Bro. Fetterley, P. M., who opened the lodge. W. Bro. Nichol then took the chair, and conferred

in a splendid manner the second degree. These rooms are without doubt the largest and most comfortably fitted of any within the district. The evening was pleasantly spent in friendly debate on the various questions of a Masonic nature.

Chesterville Lodge No. 320 I visited this lodge officially on April 6th. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors. W. Bro. Tait and officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner. The brethren of this lodge have recently completed their new rooms, which do them credit, and the brethren are justly proud of their new home. The true Masonic spirit is not wanting among these brethren. They have an able Secretary, whose books are well kept.

Henderson Lodge No. 383, Winchester. I visited this lodge officially on the evening of April 10th. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors. Their rooms are comfortable and conveniently situated. There was no degree work but W. Bro. McEwen and officers opened and closed in the several degrees in a manner leaving nothing further to be desired. In each degree discussion took place relative to the various points of interest in connection with the work. A very pleasant evening was spent with the brethren of Winchester.

Avonmore Lodge No. 452. I visited this lodge on April 21st, the occasion being an Emergent, called for the purpose of conferring a third degree. There was a goodly attendance of members and visitors. The W. Master and officers conferred the third degree in an able manner, after which the brethren indulged in the usual practice, when the Deputy is present, of discussing the various points of the work.

Wales Lodge No. 458. Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Ridley, P.D.D.G.M., I visited this lodge on May 4th. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The W. Master and officers conferred the first degree in a very able manner, after which the lodge was opened and closed in the

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several degrees. The brethren are comfortably situated. Their books are well kept and the prospects of this lodge are good.

Farran's Point Lodge No. 256, Aultsville. On May 6th I paid my official visit to this lodge. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being R. W. Bro. Tousau, P.D.D.G.M., of Montreal District No. 2, G.R.Q. The W. M. and officers conferred the second degree in a satisfactory manner, the work being impressive throughout. These brethren have a neat, comfortable room, but I cannot say that they start promptly on time. The Secretary is a very able and efficient officer. His books are well kept.

Cardinal Lodge No. 491. On May 8th I visited this lodge officially. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being R. W. Bro. Rev. D. Stewart, G. C., of Alexandria. The W. M. and officers conferred the first degree in a manner leaving nothing to be desired, after which the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and the brethren permitted to indulge in a friendly debate on the various points of the work. This lodge is particularly fortunate in having a Secretary whose able work is shown in the small amount of arrears owing to the lodge.

St. John's No. 21a, Vankleek Hill. Accompanied by a number of the Alexandria brethren I visited this lodge officially on May 22nd. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors. The W. M. and officers opened and closed the lodge in the various degrees in a very satisfactory manner. This lodge has had the able instruction of P.D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. H. C. Jones, and is safe in his hands. Their Secretary keeps his books in a splendid manner.

Alexandria Lodge No. 439. My last official visit was paid to my mother lodge on the evening of June 16th, at an Emergent meeting called for the purpose. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors. There was no degree work on the occasion, but as I have witnessed the Wor.

Master, R. W. Bro. Rev. D. Stewart, on several occasions conferring degrees, I can vouch for the able manner in which this is done. The work in this lodge throughout is fair. They have been fortunate in having an able Secretary, who has devoted much of his time to the endeavor to collect dues in arrears, as well as the other duties in connection with this office. A pleasing incident of the evening was the presentation of Grand Chaplain regalia to the W. Master, who was retiring from the chair.

In laying down the gavel of office, I may say that I have endeavored faithfully and conscientiously to discharge the duties of the office. If errors have occurred, deal with them in a charitable spirit, as I assure you that I have been guided in all my rulings solely by my sense of duty to the craft, and with the desire to wound no heart and to offend no man.

Fraternally submitted.

GEO. BRADLEY, D.D.G.M.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Warrants:

REPORT

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on Warrants, beg to report as follows:

Your Committee, having examined the various books and records presented to them by lodges under dispensation, recommend that warrants be granted to the following:

Connaught Lodge, West Fort William	No. 511
Malone Lodge, Sutton West	No. 512
Corinthian Lodge, Hamilton	No. 513
St. Alban's Lodge, Toronto	. No. 514
Reba Lodge, Brantford	No. 515
Enterprise Lodge, Beachburg	No. 516
Hazeldean Lodge, Hazeldean	No. 517
Sioux Lookout Lodge, Sioux Lookout	No. 518
Onondaga Lodge, Onondaga	
Coronati Lodge, Toronto	
Ontario Lodge, Windsor	No. 521
Mount Sinai Lodge, Toronto	No. 522

We further recommend that the dispensations granted to the following lodges be continued for another year:

> Sable Lodge, Massey. Royal Arthur Lodge, Peterborough. Mississauga Lodge, Port Credit. Temple Lodge, Toronto. Ionic Lodge, Westboro'.

The minutes and other books of the lodges recommended for warrants were in excellent form. There was one lodge adopted the loose leaf ledger system, and had minutes on typewritten sheets, keeping a separate report of Board of General Purposes under same system, such reports not inscribed in the minutes of the lodge. Your Committee consider such irregular, as all reports submitted to the lodge should be inscribed in the minute records.

Your Committee have had under consideration the request of Plantagenet Lodge No. 186, formerly meeting at Plantagenet, Ont., in Eastern District No. 21, for permission to remove to the village of Riceville in the same district, together with the correspondence relating to the said removal, including the approval of the lodges which will be affected thereby, namely:—Russell Lodge No. 479, Russell; Maxville Lodge No. 418, Maxville; Alexandria Lodge No. No. 439, Alexandria, and also instructions from the M. W.

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Grand Master for the issue of a dispensation in September 1913 for the temporary removal of the said lodge to Riceville pending confirmation by Grand Lodge.

Your Committee concur in the Grand Master's opinion that it would be advisable that said removal shall take place and recommends that the action of the Grand Master be confirmed and that Plantagenet Lodge No. 186 shall hereafter be permitted to meet at the village of Riceville aforesaid.

Fraternally submitted,

A. SHAW,

Acting Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, Chairman of the Committee on Printing and supplies:

REPORT

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Printing and Supplies, begs to report that the contract for printing and supplies has, after due advertisement and consideration, been awarded to The Times Printing Company for the term of five years from 1st of January, 1914.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. HARCOURT,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by V. W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance:

REPORT

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, have pleasure in reporting that they have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and have found the same to be accurate in every respect.

The books and documents bear testimony to the excellence of the work being done by our financial officials, and Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on having such faithful and efficient servants in charge of their monetary affairs.

Your Committee has also carefully noted the work and certificates of the Grand Lodge Auditor, and have found that his work has been characterized by accuracy and efficiency.

All funds received by the Grand Secretary have been deposited in the Canadian Bank of Commerce and vouchers have been produced by the Grand Treasurer for the same.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Total receipts of revenue to May 31st, 1914, amount to	\$47241 08
(An increase over last year of $$2544.79$). Total expenditures as follows:	****
General expenses\$17429 03	
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Excess of expenditure over revenue	380 95

The funds of Grand Lodge, amounting to \$109,039.95, are invested in debentures as per list in the report of the Grand Treasurer.

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Your Committee have had placed before them for inspection the bond of the Grand Secretary in the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Co. for the sum of \$5,000, which is in the keeping of the Grand Treasurer. Your Committee recommend that the Grand Master renew the said bond on its maturity and that Grand Lodge pay the premium.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting that this fund has increased during the year by the sum of \$1,431.64 and now stands at \$102,273.22.

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The income from the investment of this sum amounts to \$4,749.12, and is being judiciously expended by the Benevolent Board for the relief of many brethren and other dependents who are in need of assistance.

Your Committee has much pleasure in stating that, in recent years, a marked improvement in making returns and remittances to the Grand Secretary's office has developed among some of the lodges which formerly were negligent or dilatory in that respect, and it is hoped that the few remaining lodges who are still in arrears will make every effort to put their affairs on a satisfactory basis.

Your Committee recommend that as the appropriation of \$150.00, passed by Grand Lodge in 1913, has been found to be insufficient to meet the expenses of the erection of a monument to the memory of our late brother, R. W. Bro. Ziba M. Phillips, that the sum of \$45.00 be added to the appropriation and that the account of \$195.00, as rendered, be paid.

Your Committee have had under consideration the following report from the Grand Secretary regarding the office staff.

To the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes:

"I beg to report that in furtherance of the recommendation of the Special Committee on Card Index, adopted by Grand Lodge in 1912, I have engaged the services of Bro. Arthur E. Mason to assist in installing the index, his remuneration to be fixed by the Board. His experience when him employed by his father, our late Bro. J. J. Mason, has made familiar with the clerical work of the office. I would therefore recommend that he be added to the staff, there being sufficient work, in addition to the index, to keep him constantly employed. The work of the office has materially increased of late years. In 1908 the receipts of revenue amounted to \$38,754.00, and the membership stood at 44,000. For the past year the revenue amounted to \$47,241.00, an increase of 22 per cent. in six years, and the membership is now about 57,000, an increase of 24 per cent."

R. L. GUNN, Grand Sec.

Your Committee recommend that the Grand Secretary's action in engaging Bro. Arthur E. Mason as clerk in his office be confirmed, and that his salary be fixed at \$60.00 per month, dating from 1st July, 1914.

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MAY, 1915.

RECEIPTS.

Fees-Registration of	Initiations	\$12500_00
Fees-Registration of		
Dues		$\dots \dots 26700 00$

Certificates	150	00
Constitutions and Ceremonies	1500	00
Dispensations	650	00
Commutation of Dues	1200	00
Warrants	200	00
Miscellaneous	900	00
Interest on Investments	5050	00
Interest on Semi-Centennial Fund		00
80	54,050	00

EXPENDITURES.

Salary of Grand Treasurer	5 200	00
Salary of Grand Secretary	-3000	00
Salary of Auditor	300	00
Salary of Clerk	1100	00
Salary of Stenographer	1000	00
Salary of Clerk	720	00
Salary of Clerk	660	00
Superannuation allowance of former Clerk	800	00
Printing and Stationery Incidental Expenses Grand Secretary's office	-2700	00
Incidental Expenses Grand Secretary's office	800	00
Certificates and Warrants	1000	00
Insurance	95	00
Safety Deposit Box Rental	40	00
Office Rent and Heating	1000	00
(Subject to approval of Special Committee)		
Telephone Service	65	00
Installation of Card Index System	1000	00
Postage on Proceedings	250	00
Expenses of Grand Lodge and Board of General		
Purposes at Niagara Falls	2700	00
Expenses of Commissions and Delegations	100	00
Inspection of Benevolent Grants	1000	00
Extra Expenses of Inspection, consequent on Gen-		
eral Triennial Inspection	200	00
Allowance for expenses of Grand Master	1000	00
Stenographer for Grand Master	100	00
Postage of D.G.M. and Chairman of Committees	-40	
Chairman of Foreign Correspondence	250	
Masonic Relief Association	-270	00
Miscellaneous	200	
Grants for Benevolence	34000	00
Total expenditure on General Account	54.590	00
Grants from Semi-Centennial Fund	3910	00
Expenses in connection with Peace Celebration	2500	00
8	61,000	00

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. MAY,

Chairman.

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It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by R. W. Bro. George S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE

The R. W: the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Benevolence, begs leave to report as follows:

During the year that has elapsed since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence has, with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, made grants to applicants amounting to the sum of \$1,658.00 the sum of \$1,358.00 from the General Fund and \$300.00 from the surplus interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund. Additional grants have been made from the interest on the investment of the Semi-Centennial Fund amounting to the sum of \$280.00.

The Board desires to again impress upon the lodges that it is their duty to assist their brethren and their dependents before making an application to Grand Lodge for assistance on their behalf, as the grants for benevolence are intended to be supplemental only to the grants from private lodges. The Board feels that unless lodges contribute according to their means towards the relief of their applicants grants should not be made from the funds of Grand Lodge.

The Board would also impress, upon the lodges the necessity of making all applications for relief in proper time, so that they may be dealt with by the Committee, instead of forwarding them, after the meeting of Grand Lodge, to be dealt with by the Chairman as interim grants.

The Board recommends that the subscription to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada be continued.

432 Applications were received and disposed of as follows:

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Total \$27052_00	tion	3920	00
10tal	Total	\$37953	00

The grants made by lodges during the year, as shown by the reports of the D.D.G.Ms. amount to the sum of \$19,600,00.

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 7 on Benevolence, cheques for grants made through the following lodges will be withheld until proper returns have been received by the Grand Secretary, showing the proper disposal of last year's grants, viz., Nos. 21a, 31, 45, 48, 73, 87, 93, 98, 110, 161, 162, 222, 261, 267, 269, 271, 276, 295, 312, 356, 358, 391, 411, 433, 436, 450, 458, 462,

The Board recommends that this report be read in each lodge at a stated meeting, notice thereof to be inserted in the summons as being an item of business to be considered. The Board recommends that where there are two or more lodges in a city, or town, a local board of relief be formed.

The Board again expresses regret that in many cases which have come before the Committee, the sons and daughters, quite able to support their parents, neglect or refuse to perform that sacred duty, and leave them to be supported by the brethren.

The Board beg to report that since 31st May, 1913, contributions to the amount of \$1,431.64 have been paid into the Semi-Centennial Fund, which now stands at \$103,138.90. Special mention should be made of the action of Great Western Lodge No. 47, Windsor, which permits new members to contribute towards this fund and this year remitted \$441.00 to the fund, although they had already overpaid their quota.

Your Committee recommend that, owing to there being a general inspection of the applicants for benevolence this year, the inspector be allowed \$200.00 for his expenses.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN E. HARDING,

Chairman.

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It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. James Abery, Chairman of the Committee on the Fraternal dead:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on our Fraternal Dead, beg to report:

It is with the deepest pleasure that we meet from year to year at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. We are happy to meet and always sorry to part, but our pleasure is shadowed with a cloud of sadness when we look for, and find not, the faces of friends and associates of former years. We miss their presence and influence, but believe that though dead they yet speak. We cannot agree with the poet's view of life when he says:

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,

And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,

Await alike the inevitable hour.

The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

The path of glory does not, in the truest sense, lead to the grave, but those who have lived for others have unfolded a larger life for themselves and for the race. We would rather ask:

> Oh, strong soul, by what shore Tarriest thou now? For that force Surely has not been left vain: Somewhere surely afar In the sounding labor-house vast Of being, is practiced that strength, Zealous, beneficient and firm.

Masonry is the uplifting force that it is today because of the unselfish lives of so many of our brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect rules and reigns for ever and ever.

The year that has passed has brought a fuller experience to us all and we who remain mourn the departure of those who have answered the great call. But the cali will come to each one of us, perhaps silently out of the great vastness or suddenly amidst the busy activities of life. Let us so live that when the call comes we can answer: "I have done my best." Those who have answered the great call whose names have been reported to us are:

In our own Jurisdiction.

M. W. BRO. WILLIAM GIBSON, P.G.M., May 4th, 1914.

R. W. BRO. ALLEN BRISCOE CARSCALLEN, P.D. D.G.M., Frontenac District No. 14, July 23rd, 1913.

R. W. BRO. R. W. STEPHEN, Ottawa District No. 16, September 11th, 1913.

R. W. BRO. WILLIAM MILLER, P.D.D.G.M., Ontario District No. 12, September 29th, 1913.

R. W. BRO. SIR AEMILIUS IRVING, P.D.D.G.M., Huron District, November 27th, 1913.

R. W. BRO. W. GEORGE EAKINS, P.G.S.W., December 21st, 1913.

R. W. BRO. THOMAS WILSON, P.D.D.G.M., North Huron District No. 5, August 30th, 1913.

R. W. BRO. JOHN S. DENCH, P.D.D.G.M., Prince Edward District No. 13, January 9th, 1914.

R. W. BRO. J. De WOLF RANDALL, P.D.D.G.M., Niagara District No. 10, March 10th, 1914.

R. W. BRO. LEVI SECORD, P.G.S.W., Brantford, May 8th, 1914.

R. W. BRO. LUKE SLATER, P.D.D.G.M., London District No. 3, May 17th, 1914.

V. W. BRO. F. T. DAVILLE, P.G. St'd, June 26th, 1913.

V. W. BRI. WALTER ROWAN, P.G.D. of C., October 11th, 1913.

V. W. BRO. HENRY SMITH, P.G. St'd., February 24th, 1914.

V. W. BRO. DUNCAN A. FERGUSON, P.G. St'd. May 8th, 1914.

V. W. BRO. MILTON I. BEAMAN, P. G. P., May 9th, 1914.

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M. W. BRO. W. M. CONNER, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Mississippi, August 4th, 1913.

M. W. BRO. ETHELBERT FORESTER ALLEN, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Missouri, August 26th, 1913.

M. W. BRO. FRANCIS D. CLARK, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Michigan, September 7th, 1913.

M. W. BRO. FRANK W. HAVENS, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, October 21st, 1913.

M. W. BRO. SAMUEL WARREN HAYES, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Nebraska, November 15th, 1913.

M. W. BRO. NATHAINEL M. AYERS, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Nebraska, November 19th, 1913.

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M. W. BRO. RUFUS WILLS COBB, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Alabama, November 26th, 1913.

M. W. BRO. LEON M. WOODFORD, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, December 30th, 1913.

M. W. BRO. JAMES HARVEY McLEARY, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Texas, January 5th, 1914.

M. W. BRO. REUBEN MURRELL PAGE, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Virginia, January 14th, 1914.

M. W. BRO. JOHN ROBERT THOMAS, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Illinois, January 20th, 1914.

M. W. BRO. JAMES ALONZO PINNEY, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Idaho, February 4th, 1914.

M. W. BRO. JAMES W. IRWIN, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Tennessee, February 12th, 1914.

M. W. BRO. HENRY MOORE TELLER, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Colorado, February 23rd, 1914.

M. W. BRO. JOHN WALDEN LANDUM, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, March 14th, 1914.

M. W. BRO. WILLIAM HENRY WHITE, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Washington, April 29th, 1914.

M. W. BRO. THOMAS TRENAMAN, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, April 27th, 1914.

M. W. BRO. CHARLES BRUERTON JACK, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Utah, June 4th, 1914.

M. W. BRO. GEORGE EDWARD SIMONTON, P. G.M. Grand Lodge of Colorado, June 24th, 1914.

M. W. BRO. FRED. WASHBON, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Kansas, July 12th, 1914.

We do not wish to expressly mention the names of any of our departed brethren. Some have occupied places of prominence in our order and in the State, but it is not the work we do, but the spirit with which we do it, that reveals true greatness. Those who are given only two talents and invested them wisely have done as great a work in our society and the State as the men who are given five talents and invested their talents wisely. Those who toil diligently, according to their ability for the good of others and have answered the great call, have heard the same words of commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Let us, during the coming year, toil for the truth and right, for truth and right must prevail, for God is on the side of truth and right. Well has it been said:

> Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne, Yet that scaffold sways the future, And behind the dim unknown Standeth God within the shadows, Keeping watch above His own.

Masonry is founded on Truth and Righteousness, and its foundations are sure. We have, as individuals in society, done much during the past year, but there is much yet to do and let us do it while it is day, for there is a night coming when no man can work. Let the memory of our departed brethren, who have lived nobly and unselfishly, inspire us to a nobler purpose and give to each one of us a higher ideal.

The relatives of our departed brethren have our deepest sympathy, and we trust that time, kindly to those who sorrow, will heal and bind up the broken heart.

What is the great lesson that we all should learn as we contemplate death?

That as the call has come to others it will surely come to us, and that we should be prepared to answer the great call and to stand before the Great Architect of the Universe unstained by vice and unspotted by sin. That we should learn and practice the beautiful lessons taught by the various degrees of Masonry. for if we do we shall not only wear the white lamb-skin apron, but we shall wear the garment of a pure and noble life. Because Tennyson lived a pure and noble life, he could by faith answer the great call and yet be unafraid.

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,

Too full for sound and foam,

When that which drew from out the boundless deep Turus again home.

Twilight and evening bell,

And after that the dark!

And may there be no sadness of farewell When I embark.

For the' from out our bourne of Time and place, The tide may bear me far,

I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crossed the bar.

May we be able to so answer when the clear call comes to us. Perhaps it will come this year; none can tell.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES ABERY,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Abery, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE AND SYMPATHY.

Moved by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, desires to record with deep regret the loss it has sustained in the death of M. W. Bro. the Hon. William Gibson, Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge and a Senator of the Dominion of Canada.

Endowed with more than ordinary ability, of great industry, sound common sense and undoubted honesty, he was not only successful in his private business affairs but was also enabled to achieve an honorable position in public life and to render distinguished services to the Craft.

Grand Lodge, desiring to convey its sympathy to his widow and family, orders that a copy of this resolution be duly engrossed, signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, the seal of Grand Lodge attached thereto and forwarded to Mrs. Gibson.

Moved by M. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. B. Allen, and

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, desires to express its sincere regret at the death of R. W. Bro. William George Eakins, P G.S.W., and to express to his widow its deep sympathy with her in the loss she has sustained. His earnest, able and unselfish work in various matters entrusted to his supervision merited and received the approbation and thanks of Grand Lodge, while his loyal, kindly and unselfish nature endeared him personally to all.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolusion properly engrossed, signed and sealed be forwarded to Mrs. Eakins.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which upon motion by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

CALLED OFF

At 12.30 o'clock p.m. Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

CALLED ON

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3.00 o'clock p.m.

M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Grand Master, on the throne, grand officers, members and representatives.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, beg leave to report as follows:

1. Re Bro. Alfred Taylor, St. George's Lodge No. 367, Toronto. Bro. Taylor was summoned as a witness to give evidence before a commission, deputed to investigate an irregularity in the above lodge, which he repeatedly neglected to do, and was suspended therefor on June 15th, 1912, by the M. W. the Grand Master. until the meeting of Grand Lodge at Toronto in 1912. At that session your Committee advised the continuance of the said suspension until the next annual meeting, with the proviso that should Bro. Taylor attend St. George's Lodge and receive the censure which his conduct merited, then the M. W. the Grand Master should be empowered to remove the suspension. Bro. Taylor has not so far signified his willingness to comply with the foregoing, and your Committee therefore recommend that the suspension of Bro. Alfred Taylor be further continued until he attend St. George's Lodge and receive the censure which his conduct merits.

2. Re Ionic Lodge No. 25, Toronto, vs. Alfred Hall. Brother Hall was convicted of fraud and sentenced to serve a term of twelve months on the Prison Farm at Oakhalla, B.C by his honor Judge McInnes. He was also tried by Ionic Lodge No. 25 and was found guilty on the above charge and recommended to this Grand Lodge for expulsion. In compliance with the report of the Board of General Purposes in this case, at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, Bro. Alfred Hall was summoned by registered letter, addressed to his last known place of residence, to show cause at this annual meeting why he should not be expelled from the Craft for unmasonic conduct.

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He has not appeared, nor been represented by counsel, and your committee therefore recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for the said offence.

3. Zeta Lodge No. 410, Toronto, vs. Bro. J. W. Ross, who was charged with and found guilty of profligacy and non-support and cruelty to wife and daughter. At the last Annual Communication, it was recommended that this brother should be summoned to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for unmasonic conduct. He was accordingly summoned by registered letter, addressed to his last known place of residence, and as he has not appeared in answer thereto, the committee recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for unmasonic conduct.

Zeta Lodge No. 410, Toronto, vs. Bro. Leonard Baker who was charged with and found guilty of forgery and theft. In compliance with the report of the Board of General Purposes, in this case, at the last Annual Communication, this brother was summoned by registered letter, addressed to him at his last known place of residence, to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for unmasonic conduct. He has not so appeared, either personally or by representative, and your committee therefore recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for unmasonic conduct.

5. Durham Lodge No. 306, Durham, vs. Bro. John R. Davis, who was charged with and found guilty of bigamy. In compliance with the direction of the Board of General Purposes, at the last Annual Communication, this brother was summoned by registered letter, addressed to him at his last known place of residence, to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for unmasonic conduct. He has not so appeared, either personally or by representative, and your committee therefore recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for unmasonic conduct.

6. King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis, vs. Bro. John Young Murdoch, who was charged with and found guilty of forgery and theft. In compliance with the direction of the Board of General Purposes, at the last Annual Communication, this brother was summoned by registered letter addressed to him at his last known place of residence, to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for unmasonic conduct. He has not so appeared, either personally or by representative, and your committee therefore recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for unmasonic conduct.

7. Copestone Lodge No. 373, Welland, vs. Bro. Alex. McK. Robbie, who was charged with and found guilty of desertion of wife and family and bigamy. In compliance with the direction of the Board of General Purposes, at the last Annual Communication, this brother was summoned by registered letter addressed to him at his last known place of residence, to show cause why he should not be expelled

from the Craft for unmasonic conduct. He has not so appeared, either personally or by representative, and your committee therefore recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for unmasonic conduct.

8. Unity Lodge No. 376, Huntsville, vs. Bro. A. A. Cooper. Bro. A. A. Cooper, a member of Unity Lodge No. 376, Huntsville, was tried before His Honor Judge Mahaffy and a jury at the General Sessions for the District of Muskoka on the 11th day of June, 1913, and found guilty of indecent assault upon one———, a girl under the age of fourteen years, and sentenced to imprisonment in the Central prison for nine months. He has also been duly tried by his lodge for said offence and found guilty and recommended for expulsion from the Craft. Your committee agree with the above finding and recommend that he be summoned to show cause at the next meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

9. Nipissing Lodge No.420 vs. Bro. Henry J. Herbert. Bro-Henry J. Herbert, a member of Nipissing Lodge No. 420, charged with and found guilty of unmasonic conduct on account of (1) desertion of his wife and family; (2) living openly with a woman not his wife. Your committee, without going into the merits of the case, find irregularities in the trial, of Bro. Henry J. Herbert that cause them to recommend that the accused be granted a new trial by a commission to be appointed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

Norwood Lodge No. 23, Norwood, vs. Bro. Thos. 10.Ridyard. Bro. Thomas Ridyard was tried for and pleaded guilty to the charge of bigamy at Sudbury on or about the 27th day of January, 1914, and sentenced to the Central Prison for six months for said offence. Norwood Lodge No. 23, of which Bro. Thomas Ridyard is a member, afterwards preferred a charge of bigamy against the said Bro. Thomas Ridyard and proceeded to trial on the 6th day of April, 1914. Bro. Ridyard was, after due trial, found guilty of the said offence and suspended indefinitely. The Lodge also recommended to Grand Lodge that he be expelled from the Craft. Your committee having carefully read and considered all the evidence submitted to them agree with the above findings and recommend that Bro. Thomas Ridyard be summoned to show cause at the next annual meeting of this Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. WARDROPE,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, beg to submit the following report:

'It is a condition that confronts us not a theory'' is often quoted with approval, but the condition of Masonry differs from other conditions and is not dependent on environment, on statistics on mass or on multitude. Masonry is a system, but one which uplifts and ennobles; as full of ideas and ideals as of realities and verifies. So when we report on the Condition of Masonry we must go to the heart of the matter and examine ourselves to see if our confraternity in Ontario measures up to the standard of manhood, rings true in word and in deed, practices all the virile virtues, translates faith into duty, transmutes potentialities into power, maintains the old traditions and loyal landmarks inviolate, preserves the peace, secures tolerance and self-control, clarifies vision, expands sympathies, and generally keeps aglow not merely the fire at the altar. but also the flame of freedom in men's souls and the light of knowledge in their eyes. The five-fold vision: let us ask ourselves in the vision retrospective are we true to the heritage?; the vision circumspective, do we realize that our neighbors are our brethren?; the vision introspective, is our heart a fountain of good fellowship?; the vision superspec-tive, do we honor the living temple of the Great Architect?; the vision prospective, have we that trust and confidence in working out our destiny together that justifies and generates the stability and strength of the true Masona man among men? If we Masons who bear allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada as our "benign mother" feel that we have not lived, are not living up to the measure of our opportunities and standards, collectively and individ-The ritual, with all its ually, then let us reform ourselves. beauty, cannot do it; certainly regalia will not do it; the Grand East with all its wisdom cannot do it; the Craft in the abstract with all its strength cannot do it. Masons are men. We must re-create ourselves. Let us feel our own pulses respond to the inspiration within and express the aspiration in action. Masonry has worthy gifts for worthy men, and offers materials and bases for builders-both old and young-who have the will to do well. As the old Harrow song has it:

God give us bases to guard or beleaguer,

Games to play out whether earnest or fun,

Fights for the fearless and goals for the eager,

Thirty, or forty, or fifty years on!

If we all catch the true Masonic spirit, all bring to our Masonic service the resourcefulness of humanity working in unity; if we all practice the amenities and avoid the asperities of our competitive and often complicated life; if we all champion great causes and good measures in our own concentric circles; if we all realize not merely the mission but also the ministry of Måsonry; if the streams of discriminating charity flow spontaneously to those of the household of the faithful; if in each of us Masonry makes for a purer body, wider outlook, clearer mind, truer manhood, more unselfish life and happier death, then the condition of Masonry is sound. But if not, then let each of these if's be an X-ray in the hands of intelligent and honest men who have of their own free will and accord pledged their best to the grand Craft of which this Grand Lodge is but the exponent and interpreter.

"If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew To serve your turn long after they are gone, And so hold on when there is nothing in you Except the will which says to them: "Hold on."

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch, If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you, If all men count with you, but none too much:

If you can fill the unforgiving minute With sixty seconds worth of distance run, Yours is the earth and everything that's in it, And—which is more—you'll be a man, my son."

In these days when fraternalism is in the air, do we Ontario men take sufficient pride in Masonry, Free and Accepted, about which there should not be anything cheap or common. We, the ancients of the days in the morning of the times. The tree is known by its fruits, but its fruits are often determined by its roots—and its sap The deeper the pillars reach into the ground the higher the wall may be built above it. "The life so short, the crafte so long to lerne," as Chaucer sings. Pride of birth—Masonic birth calls on us to realize ourselves, to be up and doing. This brotherhood of productive men has not even a corner for a drone or a pessinist.

Old in years our vereran brethren may be, but old in spirit, never. Nothing is more tonching in the District reports than the constant tributes to the faithful pioneers the fathers of the mother lodges, who, animated by the joys of human intercourse, night after night renew their obligation and share their mellow memories and experiences with their fellows. May the good Mason's benediction always follow them and gladden them.

> "And down the slopes of sunset lead As up the hills of morn."

Pride indeed we ought to have in a living organism which thus bridges the gap between youth and age, between rich and poor, between the ambitious and retiring, and transmutes into community of interest, of sympathy and of kin-ship, the most varied and versatile of talents and dispositions. Pride in her status and also pride in her stature. Pause and realize the vast extent of the jurisdiction over which our own Grand Master holds swav-Ontario-412,000 square miles; three times the size of Great Britain and Ireland, twice the size of France, twice the size of Germany. Great the area, great the achievement, and great the destiny if we follow the maxims of the old Knights of Chivalry-"live pure, speak true, right wrong, follow the King." The Grand Master of England, our own Governor-General, in his last address to the Dominion Parliament said: "I have a firm hope in the high destiny of Canada and in the manner in which Canadlans will fulfill that destiny." The best farewell that we, his brother Masons, can give our noble brother is the assurance that this Royal and Loval Craft will see to it as far as in us lies that his high hope will not be disappointed. So mote it be! But the Keepers of the House must not tremble, nor the Strong Men bow themselves. There is work for us to do. New occasions teach new duties. Let us have no craven fear of being great.

Then again, in these days of fraternalism, let us remember and make our friends understand that this great brotherhood is not a benefit society nor an insurance company. Benefits we confer but not as alms to the mendicant nor as a matter of right to the subscriber. Insurance we furnish to the living in the strength of co-operation-to resist temptation, to realize responsibility, to maintain the family honor and name. The five points of fellowship are not backed or bought by assessments or premiums. Our But survival values are not reckoned in the coin of Caesar. as intelligent men we recognize that emergencies and needs constantly arise which require that there should be a fund, to be carefully administered, ever ready to relieve the distressed, whose often silent appeal calls for the corn, wine and oil which first the mother lodges, (the units) and afterwards this Grand Lodge (the units in the orbit) willingly, after investigation, supply according to our means. But how small those means! How inadequate the pittance doled in dollars and cents! When we read of the works of benevolence of our brethren in the old land, of the homes supported, the education furnished, the financial subscriptions amounting yearly to hundreds of thousands of dollars, given with a zeal and enthusiasm that intensifies many-fold its value, our modest Semi-Centennial Fund must be considered only as an earnest of what we are called on to do, Now, in this year 1914, the need arises, the call is made. the principal must remain intact. Let us erect a Peace Monument worthy of ourselves, of our Craft—a reservoir of power. Let us add another \$100,000 to our guarantee for the future—as God has prospered us, and *Pax Britan*nica does spell prosperity to all of us. There is that scattereth and yet increaseth. Hoarding is not conservation. All service involves sacrifice, but there would be no sacrifice if everyone of us 57,000 Masons but do our duty. Let this Grand Lodge furnish the leader here and now, and let us prove that we of Ontario are worthy to possess

The land of gold, the land of gain, The land of fruit, the land of grain And the laud of the willing hand.

\$35,000 for benevolence from Grand Lodge and \$20,000 from the constituent lodges is, however, no mean record for our Grand Lodge in philanthropy in this year of grace.

While considering the Condition of Masonry Universal —for we are "all but parts of one stupendous whole—whose body nature is—whose God the soul," and while referring to the "land of hope and glory, mother of the free" as our sea girt "isles of the sea" have been aptly called, we cannot neglect to comment upon the great intellectual and Imperial work being carried on in London by the Quatuor Coronati and Authors' Lodges, of which during the past year several prominent Canadians have become members, and more especially by the Canada Lodge, which in three years has accomplished such genuine good at the centre in keeping the touch and establishing cohesion and solidarity in the web and warp and woof of all British Freemasonry. A brief summary of the report of the last meeting of Canada Lodge held two weeks ago, will give the brethren in proper perspective an idea of the prestige we derive from such a representative, and the good work done:

"The King thanks the Officers and Members of the Canada Lodge of Freemasons, representing Freemasons in all parts of His Majesty's Dominions, for their message of loyalty, and wishes them every success." Such is the substance of a message which ushered in the third installation meeting of this representative Canadian Lodge. This communication from His Majesty was in reply to a message prompted by the fact that, assembled under the banner of the Canadian Lodge, in the Temple of Grand Lodge, on the 17th inst., were brethren from all parts of the world, from Australia, Canada, Argentine, Eastern Archipelago, India, New South Wales, Northern China, South Australia, New Zealand and America, two brethren from the last named country being members of the Salvation Army Con-gress now being held in Loudon. Lord Ampthill, the Pro. Grand Master, truly said: "The Canada Lodge is serving a useful purpose in bringing together brethren from the United Kingdom and from the Dominion of Canada, and affording them an opportunity of knowing and understand-ing each other, thus laying the foundation of mutual respect and regard so necessary in the partnership of the British Empire, and it is hoped that this lodge is but the first of s chain of Imperial lodges which will represent in London the Masonic fraternity throughout the King's world-wide dominions."

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Again we are called to bare our heads in the presence of another great mystery—a great tragedy of the deep, and the darkness comprehended it not—the loss of the Empress of Ireland and the passing therein to the Lodge Celestial of many of our brethren—a cable-tow's length from the shore. To those who have met and heard him, the figures of Brother Laurence Irving and his wife, clasped heroically in their last embrace, calmly awaiting the rush of many waters stand out with peculiar and tragic significance as we recall the apparently prescient words that fell from his scholarly lips in his last address in Toronto, published in the University of Toronto Monthly, just three days before the sinking of the vessel, the wonderful words, as it were, of foreknowledge.

DOMINUS ILLUMINATIO MEA.

"In the hour of death after this life's whim The lover of the Lord shall trust in Him. When the will has forgotten the life-long aim The power of the Lord shall fill this frame. When the last sigh is heaved and the last tear shed The angel of the Lord shall lift this head. Power must fail and pride must fall And the love of dearest friends grow small, But the glory of the Lord is all in all."

And he closed his address by quoting what will appeal to all true Masons —

"He prayeth best who loveth best All things both great and small."

Somehow we are glad that his body has not been recovered, but that it is there with countless others—brave men and women—where the tide regularly ebbs and flows. Verily our shores are "guarded by graves." To the bereaved of all brethren thus lost and of all others who have passed in peaceful rest, this Grand Lodge extends sympathy and consolation, and we do not fail to realize the effect on the condition of Masonry of the manifold summons issued during the past year to so many of our fraternal dead, who though gone yet speak among us.

The social and companiable side of Masonry has received great attention in all the districts during the past year. The colloquial fourth degree has developed from the old game of knife and fork and tumblers into one not one whit the less enjoyable and far more satisfying. Here temperance has naturally acquired sway simply because intemperance, either of language or of appetite, is incompatible with good, and with the principles of the Craft. None the less are we merry, merry Masons; but while we have the quest of happiness for ourselves and others enjoined on us as a duty—given to us as a privilege—yet the brethren recognize also that in this quest is something more than the mere ephemeral gaiety of life. We are neither iaeval guilds, from which some say we have sprung in outward form, may have been a sort of glorified trade unions, but even they were something more, and they carried their "worship" into their work and into their play. Let us hear what the District Deputy of North Huron reports as to this phase of Masonic progress in this year of grace. After speaking of "the perfection of work as the measure of ambition, and also the dramatic ability of his officers," (a talent sometimes neglected), he records addresses breathing patriotism, virtue and high ideals of manhood. His evenings were educative, intellectual, entertaining, social, and delightfully well conducted. Intimacy begins, he says, and flourishes around the festive board where the speeches showed thought, the stories were apt, the wit not labored, the pleasant evenings well spent; truly they met upon the level and good digestion waited on appetite and health on both. Besides, much latent ability was developed. There was good-natured raillery and hearty applause, and the brethren are warm-hearted and politic. Let us hope that these Elysian conditions of Masonry will flourish in all districts as they apparently do in North Huron!

The following are some further suggestions made in some gleanings gathered from the earefully prepared and in many cases illuminating reports of the capable and conscientious District Deputy Grand Masters who during the past year have, with such credit to the Craft and to themselves, exercised their delegated authority in the twentythree districts into which this Sovereign Grand Jurisdiction is divided for purposes of administration:

1. Lodge libraries have actually been begun in several of the lodges in three of the districts, and in others the attention of the members has been pointedly directed to the advisability of establishing this invaluable asset. This forward movement is one of the fruits of the Provincial Lodge of Instruction and of former reports of this Committee. Good Masonic books are not accessible to all. Give the young members an opportunity to seek and find light and knowledge in the records of the past. Masonry is educational as well as social.

2. The Masonic press is filling a larger place in the attention of the brethren, and as a prudent exponent of modern Masonic thought its influence is for good. "Every good editor," says Carlyle, "is a ruler of the world, being as he is a persuader of it."

3. The Annual Grand Lodge Proceedings and Reports have in at least three districts been conscientiously, and we hope, profitably read.

4. In six of the districts dissatisfaction is expressed with both the present ballot box and the present method of balloting. A competent committee should investigate and report. 5. Some few districts have not yet adopted the principle of district assessment for the expenses of District Lodges of Instruction. It is inequitable and out of date to impose the whole cost upon the Home lodge. Lodges of Instruction have been held in twenty districts this year, and have proved in their mutual interchange of Masonic knowledge—their mutual interflash of Masonic fire—to be centres of attraction, engendering thoughtful study, helpful co-operation and kindly enthusiasm. We grow by sharing.

6. Many of the District Deputies refer with appreciation to the Lodge of Instruction presided over by the Grand Master in Toronto on November 26th. With the instructions given at Ottawa and Toronto by the Grand Master and M. W. Bro. Malone, the D.D.G.Ms. entered on their duties fully equipped and confident, moving from the centre, thus adding to the honor of their office and to their own usefulness as leaders and teachers of the lodges, both urban and rural. The unqualified success of this gathering in Toronto, attended by all the officers of Grand Lodge and by nearly all the District Deputy Grand Masters, fresh and ready for their year's work—eager to learn more and more fully justified the experiment. No honor conferable by Grand Lodge could be greater than to be asked to assist in interpreting the work to the men chosen to rule the districts. The influence extending throughout the jurisdiction is incalculable and has been, in past years, is, and will be reflected in the Masonic life and progress of every district.

7. More than thirty lodge Secretaries have again failed to rise to the responsibilities of their office at the close of the Masonic year, and have dilatorily resisted even the telegraphed appeals of the representatives of the Grand Master in withholding their reports. The names of these Secretaries should be printed in the proceedings of Grand Lodge so that their respective lodges may deal with them as they deserve, and so that the honor of the great body of devoted zealous and efficient Secretaries, who are the back bone of the lodges may not be tarnished by the failure of a few to respond to the call of duty. The Secretary's obligation should provide specifically for this.

8. Arrears of dues according to the reports still nominally amount to about \$30,000.00, an altogether unworthy showing in this prosperous province. In one district alone there are \$3,300.00; in another \$2,800.00; in another \$2,500.00; and these are where poor or struggling conditions do not prevail. The amount of arrears by districts should hereafter be published in the proceedings of Grand Lodge so as to bring home the responsibility and apply the remedy. This money thus locked up should be fruitfully employed in the service of the Craft. It is a buried talent. It is only fair, however, to add that several Secretaries have included in "arrears" several amounts which have not been due for twelve months, and which, being deducted, would materially reduce the above total. 9. Your Board commend the courage of one of the able District Deputies in protesting against innovations introduced into the work. And your Board further condemn in the strongest way the use of extracts from the ritual —hallowed by old and sacred associations—to "adorn" gastronomical menu cards and add a questionable flavor to perishable viands. The example of an English lodge in this regard affords the brethren some palliation and excuse, but this example must not become a precedent.

In several districts building funds are being ac-10.cumulated and lots purchased for the future "House Beautiful," the members of the Craft feeling the old Anglo-Saxon "hunger for homes," and desiring to add to the pride of work well done the satisfaction of owning their own well equipped Masonic temple or lodge room-an instinct which springs naturally from the underlying idea of the permanence, stability and perpetuity of the brotherhood. Your Board, while admiring the enthusiasm and ambition evinced cannot, however, approve the method adopted by two lodges of borrowing ahead, the money needed for building, by pre-empting annual fees paid in advance by members for this purpose for years to come, thus leaving but little available for maintenance and current needs. It has been suggested, but it is a question whether it is advisable, possible or feasible, that Grand Lodge might with benefit to the Craft make advances on a safe basis to lodges for building purposes at a fair rate of interest and on receiving personal guarantees of repayment. In any event, there is nothing more derogatory to the dignity of Masonry than unsuitable, inadequate and ill-ventilated rooms, and every encouragement should be given to "the builders" and the workmen from the quarries with materials for the Temple.

11. Ottawa, Goderich, London, Guelph, Chesterville and other centres—including the North, Elk Lake and Porcupine—furnish striking instances of the advantages to the Craft which the erection of suitable trysting places for the brethren affords, but the plan and design of the skilful architect should always be first obtained, for we build for all time and the home of the Craft should be worthy of Templar traditions. Your Board express the hope that the contemplated building of a great central Masonic temple in Toronto (in which the whole province is interested) may soon be an accomplished fact, and they commend the public spirit and enterprise of those who have in hand this great undertaking. The prospectus issued by them, illustrated by a master hand, is a thing of beauty and a joy for ever.

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12. Your Board approve the efforts of the District Deputies in making general the very proper practice of examining all brethren after having been raised to the third degree, so that they may, being free of the Craft, be better eqipped to visit other lodges the world over (which is their right), and not be left to grope or drift without making the work their very own.

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13. Your Board note with approval that many lodges have introduced a regular system of educational and inspiring addresses and some lantern lectures, so that the brethren may always rely upon some substantial features for each meeting, whereby the attendance is improved, interest quickened, latent talent and unsuspected merit revealed, ambitioned awakened and the three-fold need of "body, mind and spirit'' satisfied. These addresses by members of the Craft chosen for their qualifications and fitness, were suggested by the Grand Master and in previous reports of this comin fertile soil, to open the portals of research, to draw aside the veil, should be taken advantage of by those members of lodges to whom God has given these gifts to share with others, and they should prepare papers and addresses so as to be ready whenever called upon to take this honorable part in the advancement of their brethren along that path of knowledge which leads to profit, to pleasure and to power.

14. A seasonable warning is given by one District Deputy lest in our endeavor to attain verbal accuracy and precision we neglect to perfect our knowledge of Masonry as a science. "The letter killeth; the spirit giveth life"

15. Two other reports emphasize the basic fact that knowledge of the Constitution is necessary to a competent presiding officer—a sound conclusion which grows on us day by day.

16. Having regard to the line of succession which appears to prevail in many lodges, in looking for a standard of excellence by which to judge, the test should be applied to judior officers, are they proper timber from which Masters may be made? A poet is born not made. A Master is both born and made. a born leader and an experienced Mason well versed in the lore of the Craft and with tact, knowledge of human nature, decision of character, clarity of vision, and impartial justice added to all.

17. Two districts suggest that all elections should take place in May and all installations in June, so as to conform to the meeting of Grand Lodge. A suggestion has also been made that the date of holding Grand Lodge should be removed from the heated summer solstice to some more temperate and productive season. This is worthy of consideration.

18. One lodge is reported as having initiated 99 members since January 2nd, 1914, an accomplishment the possibility of which almost exhausts one to contemplate.

19. Five fires have occurred during the past year, and our sympathy is extended to the brethren who are gallantly rebuilding. Yet there are still about twenty lodges without fire insurance. Is this fair to the brethren—the burden bearers? The officers are responsible. "Seest thou the man who is diligent in business, he shall stand before Kings."

20.A general revision of the by-laws of all lodges; the preparation by Grand Lodge of a set of model by-laws; uniform sets of books for Secretaries and Treasurers; the appointment of a local "Committee of Instruction" for and by each district; the issue of a book on jurisprudence and Grand Master's Rulings; the establishment of club rooms or lounging rooms for daily friendly intercourse at or near the iodge precincts; the abolition of "Military Nights" where there is likely to be "conflict of authority" and want of observance of proper Masonie precedence; the revision of the list of representatives of foreign bodies near Grand Lodge; the fixing of a higher minimum initiation fee; the emphasising of the relative importance of the so-called minor officers of the lodges (for it is the little wheels that make the works move smoothly); the proper function of music in the lodge room in creating an impressive atmosphere and adding to the rhythmic charm of the ritual;-All these and other matters are submitted for consideration and possible action in this annual clearing-house of ideas.

The manifold activities of the M. W. the Grand Master his unwearving energy, his visits to Knoxville, Tenn., to participate in the Centennial there, and to St. Louis to attend the Fifth Annual Congress of Grand Masters; the splendid addresses he has delivered, and the devoted and earnest work he has, despite his many duties as a public man, given to the making of our forthcoming Peace Celebration the signal success which under his guidance it is sure to be, are worthy of spontaneous recognition by us. Not the least commendable of his official acts has been the care exercised in his appointments to office of worthy brethren, having an eye single to the advancement of Masonry in selecting those who would be an added strength to the In this connection your Board would earnestly recraft. commend that the District Deputy Grand Masters should each and all consider well not alone the personal and local claims of the brethren whom they may recommend for appointed offices, but especially the general good of the whole eraft. Great weight is to be attached to their recommendation of men well qualified to work in and to honor the respective offices to which they may be appointed and to add thereby to the prestige and official calibre of the craft in all the districts.

The Past Masters' Associations, composed of men of sound judgment and matured experience, "looking up, out, and forward," continue to accomplish good results.

Absent brethren should never be forgotten at our lodge gatherings. Many of our members are called to their work outside of Canada. Keep the touch by more than the summons. The mother lodge is often an anchor and has been many times a deciding influence towards repatriation. Lengthen the cords but strengthen the stakes. Responsibility to and for our brethren—the noblesse oblige

of Freemasonry—is one of her strongest factors for good. Let our absent ones realize the full significance of the unifying and cheering sentiment.

> "Across the world you keep the pride; Across the world we mark the score."

So much for the absent. How about the present about ourselves? Can each of us answer satisfactorily to himself this question: "Am I a friend to as many men as are good staunch friends to me?" Of the essence of Masonry in reciprocal mutuality, like good roads in facilitating the transportation of men and men's possessions—the great lines of communication—so is Masonry in the transmission and interchange of ideas—making the crooked straight, the low high" the via media—the viae vitae—the King's highway of human intercourse. But as good roads require maintenance, so freindship sometimes needs repairing. He who has friends must show himself friendly. Veins and arteries require good heart throbs.

I am a Road, a kind Road shaped by strong hands, And I make strange cities neighbors; Wherever I go there order from chaos comes, O, brave the life of a road. I am a Road; and I would make the whole world one. I would give hope to duty And cover the earth with beauty. Do you not see, O men! how all this might be done, So vast the power of the Road!

And in another sense to us British Masons, the "trail that ends where Empire trends is the trail we tread today." But we British Masons are cosmopolitan travellers and speak of Empire in no narrow or vainglorious sense, but rather as the Empire of living thought. We have climbed the highest hills, we have explored the lowest valleys. We do not tabulate our resources with pride, but accept with reverence the trusteeship of the heritage. Let us do more than command success—let us deserve it.

> "According as her labors rise, So her rewards increase, Her ways are ways of pleasantness And all her paths are peace."

Peace—yes, we Masons are all like Bridge Builders. We must cultivate the International Mind. There is something broader than British, and that is Anglo-Saxon; 180,000,000 now speak our mother English tongue. There is something broader even than Anglo-Saxon, and that is humanity.

> "And still the Masons build With Wisdom and with Strength, And labor day by day Until is built at length Fraternal love—so vast 'Twill hold mankind at last."

A consummation which within these peaceful walls may our children's children see fulfilled. Let us here and now add our share of the cement-retaining our own buoyant independence as men of the Northern Zone-but making ourselves valued as good neighbors, good comrades, to our brethren south of the line, with one honorable emulation between us, "who best may work, who best agree." With the two great flags (full of symbolism and of association) floating in the same breeze—across running water, as old Irish troth was plighted-let brothers grip the hands of brothers, and the peace of the world in this Western Hemissphere-the last great West-is assured for all time. Great as is the power of armaments-great as is the power of Niagara-man power is greater, and our lodges are mothers of men who have determined their will, which is "Let us have peace." Masonry knows no latitude or longitude, and for one hundred years our brotherhood has, by establishing mutual confidence and respect, and inspiring mutual regard. earned the gratitude of Empire and Republic and has added another long-service trophy to the victories of peace-not armed neutrality, but genuine permanent, international amity. Blest be the tie that binds; blest be the working tools of peace-peace with honor between honest men.

Not kinship alone, but the higher plane of our Masonic ideals obliterates past animosities. To all of us the heroism and sacrifices of one hundred years ago are now but inspiring memories. Both nations have been cradled in sacrifice—to both liberty was and is dear. Not kinship alone draws twenty-seven Grand Masters to this historic spot, in this historic week, from ocean to ocean here concentered with but one grand design and aspiration—universal brotherhood between two great sovereign people, and as is most fitting on British soil with its memories of Victoria the Good and the Great Grand Master Edward the Peacemaker. We are charged with a great duty—we are thrilled with a great emotion. Let it vibrate east and west, north and south, and let each member of Grand Lodge here assembled and each visiting brother carry the missionary spirit of Peace to his own centre and lead and mould public opinion and public sentiment. Thus will we be in the true sense constructive Empire builders. Thus will we create the "Supreme Court of the World."

Your Board note with satisfaction that the M. W. the Grand Master has carried out the rcommendation approved by Grand Lodge in last year's report of this Committee with regard to the Peace Celebration now and here successfully inaugurated. It may not be amiss for the benefit of those brethren who were not here to repeat what our report last year expressed with regard to this most important matter in the successful carrying out of which, in the proper whole-souled spirit, the honor of the craft in Canada is involved. The report thus submitted reads:

"It has been suggested that the craft might worthily participate in this pacific Centenary Celebration by holding a grand Festival, similarly to that held periodically in London, a magnetic centre which would draw the best of the world-wide brotherhood to the trysting place under the aegis of our own Grand Masterwe originating the idea-and on our own Canadian soil -with no territorial sovereignty invaded, but all pitching our tents together in the plains of peace. Treaties may be abrocated, even laudmarks removed, but

"There is neither East nor West, border nor breed nor birth

When good strong men come face to face, though they come from the ends of the earth.'

Let us now build together, but always preserving our own autonomy, our own distinctive type and work. We trust that our Grand Master in this may lead. The time is ripe the occasion is auspicious."

Our Grand Master has led. The time is now. And we extend the most cordial welcome to those distinguished and representative brethren who have come many hundreds of miles to participate with us in this epoch marking and epoch making celebration.

Realizing the great object lesson which this International gathering of the Anglo-Saxon race will be to the whole world, your Board heartily approves of the action of the Grand Master in arranging for a stenographic report of the proceedings at the Celebration. In order to give permanent value to this report, and that it may stand as a record for all time of one of the greatest Masonic gatherings ever held on this continent, your Board recommends that the report of the speeches and of the communications received be col-lated into a memorial volume, with portraits of all Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Canada and of the distinguished brethren who attend from foreign jurisdictions. If this suggestion should be adopted your Board would further recommend that the publication of the volume be placed in the hands of a small Editorial Committee, to be named by the Grand Master; that the cost of publication of the work be defrayed by charging a reasonable sum for each copy, and that every member of Grand Lodge regard it as his bounden duty to see that his lodge receives a copy either by subscription of the lodge itself or as a donation from himself.

Your Board would further recommend that a presentation copy of this Peace Memorial Volume be sent to every Grand Lodge in the world with the compliments of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

No nobler words have been uttered in this connection than those at Ottawa by a great American statesman and brother, whose worth justifies their being embodied in this report. He said, and we all respond to his sentiments:

"The celebration of great victories, the anniversaries of great single events call together crowds and are the subjects of inspiring addresses. We celebrate the centennial anniversary of one hundred years of peaceful fellowship. A hundred years during which no part of the fruits of industry and enterprise have been diverted from the building up of peaceful and happy homes, from the exercise and promotion of religion, from the education of children and the succor of the distressed and unfortunate, to be expended on warlike attack by one people upon the other. In the meantime our people are passing in great numbers across this invisible boundary—Canadians in the East and Americans in the West—and in thousands of homes they and their children are looking back from America to Canadian hillsides and from Canadian farms to an American Fatherland. May that look backward of loving memory never be turned to the hard gaze of hostility or of fear. Join me in a sentiment —to the Canadian settlers in New England and to the American settlers in the Canadian West—may they ever with loyal memory do honor to the lands of their birth, may they ever with loyal citizenship do God's service to the countries of their adoption."

And finally, members of Grand Lodge, for it is to you the brethren look for guidance—it is from you that enthusiasm should radiate. See to it that Masonry is not merely a perfect machine, with all its parts adequately performing its functions together concurrently, co-ordinated and concentrated towards a clear objective, a definite purpose, and with the best of all material, described by the District Deputy of St. Lawrence District as sturdy brethren of splendid fibre, of careful life and of high thinking. Not merely a perfect machine, but a light that guides—a safety lamp ever burning and never blurred by the fire damp of political, religious or personal controversy. In the old days of the Grecian games the race was not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong, but the laurel of victory rested on the brows of him who first reached the goal with his torch still burning. So with us—

> "Not once or twice in our rough island story, The path of duty was the way to glory."

"Yes, as this report began, so it closes, Masonry is a system, but a living system—an organized body of many truths under one idea and with a life and soul which assimilates those truths together. By it we stand. Freemasonry never brought a tear to the eye of any human being. Never slandered any man or woman. Never fought a battle nor drew sword against an enemy. Never taught any one to profane his Maker's name. Has not attempted to propogate any creed save its own simple and sublime one; no religion save the universal, eternal and immutable religion such as God planted in the heart of humanity. The cause of human progress and human freedom is our cause. Every subject's duty is the King's; but every subject's soul is his own. We are fountains not cisterns—factors, not ciphers. Imbued with this spirit, and translating into our lives these principles, may it be said of each of us, when we have answered the last roll call, he was "A strong man: For where he fixed his heart He set his hand to do The thing he willed, And bore it through."

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM N. PONTON,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

- The Grand Secretary presented the following Notices of Motion, received by him within the time prescribed by the Constitution.
- No. 1. By W. Bro. E. A. James, of Patterson Lodge No. 265

Whereas York Lodge No. 156, G. R. C., formerly located in the town of North Toronto, now in the city of Toronto, by virtue of the annexation of the town to the city and having previous to said annexation concurrent jurisdiction under resolution of Grand Lodge, with the lodges of the city of Toronto.

And whereas under the interpretation of the constitution of Grand Lodge, York Lodge has absolute control over an area which is purely rural in character.

And whereas York Lodge No. 156, having deemed that it is in the interest of Masonry that Patterson Lodge No. 265, situated 5 1-2 miles from the north limits of the city be given concurrent jurisdiction with York Lodge over an area extending from the north city limits to a line half way between the lodge rooms of York and Patterson Lodges and have forwarded to Grand Lodge a resoluton to this effect.

Therefore, I give notice that I will move at the next regular meeting of Grand Lodge that Grand Lodge grant Patterson Lodge concurrent jurisdiction over said area, notwithstanding the provisions of the constitution in that behalf to the contrary, if any.

No. 2. By W. Bro. E. A. James, of Patterson Lodge No. 265.

That section 186 (a), to read as follows, be added to the Constitution:—

"If it be made to appear to the Grand Lodge that special circumstances require that, in the cases of particular lodges, the general rules as to territory over which such

lodges shall have jurisdiction, shall not apply, the Grand Lodge may, by resolution, define the territory over which such lodges shall have concurrent jurisdiction. Such resolutions shall be received and dealt with as are amendments to the Constitution."

No. 3. By W. Bro. Wm. McCartney, of Doric Lodge No. 316.

That section 147 of the Constitution be amended by inserting the words "and voting" after the word "present" in the third line, thus making the section read as follows:

"Subject to the foregoing provision, every Lodge shall annually elect by the vote of a majority of all the members present, and voting, its Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, etc."

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Laws:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Constitution and Laws, beg to report as follows:

(1) As to the notice of motion of W. Bro. E. A. James, of Patterson Lodge No. 265, with respect to a request for concurrent jurisdiction between Patterson Lodge and York Lodge No. 156. In 1913 an exactly similar request was made by Patterson Lodge. It was placed in the hands of the Committee of the Board on Warrants, which Committee reported to the Board that such request should not be granted. The Board adopted this report and sent to Grand Lodge for adoption or otherwise. Grand Lodge adopted said report. The matter having been dealt with by Grand Lodge (see G. L. Proceedings, 1913, page 306), it is the opinion of your Committee that it cannot now come up again in Grand Lodge by virtue of section 45 of the Constitution, as to the 5 years' prohibition.

(2) Your Committee as to the second notice of motion by W. Bro. E. A. James, beg to report that they see no legal objection to said motion coming before Grand Lodge for discussion.

(3) Your Committee as to the notice of motion of W. Bro. Wm. McCartney, of Dorie Lodge No. 316, beg to report that there is no legal objection to such motion coming before Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. BURRITT,

Chairman.

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Resolved, That the report of the Board on Constitution and Laws be received and adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION CONSIDERATION OF

Notice of Motion No. 2 by W. Bro. E. A. James was withdrawn.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, (in the absence of W. Bro. Wm. McCarthy, who had given notice thereof, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved, That section 147 of the Constitution be amended by inserting the words "and voting" after the word "present" in the third line, thus making the section read as follows:—

"Subject to the foregoing provision, every lodge shall annually elect by the vote of a majority of all the members present, and voting, its Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, etc.

PROVINCIAL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. J. Moore.

That in accordance with the recommendation made in the Supplementary Report of the Board on Audit and Finance, which by resolution of Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication was laid on the table, not to be considered until the present meeting of Grand Lodge, a sum not exceeding \$600.00 be granted from the funds of Grand Lodge towards defraying the expenses of the incoming District Deputy Grand Masters to a Provincial Lodge of Instruction to be held at the call of the Grand Master.

It was moved in amendment by W. Bro. U. A. Buchner, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery,

That the consideration of the above resolution be deferred to the second day of this Annual Communication.

It was moved in amendment to the amendment by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by by R. W. Bro. G. S. May,

That the question be laid over until the next Annual Communication.

The amendment to the amendment was declared "Lost."

The original amendment was declared "Lost."

The original motion was declared "Carried."

CALLED OFF.

Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment at 5.30 p.m., to meet again at 9.30 a.m. on July 16th.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, July 16th, 1914.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9.30 o' clock a.m., M. W. Bro. Wm. D. McPherson on the throne; Grand Officers, members and representatives present.

The list of nominations for the election of Grand Lodge officers and members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year, and for the place of holding the next Annual Communication, were read by the Grand Secretary.

SCRUTINEERS OF THE BALLOT

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following Scrutineers of the Ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, and for the place of holding the next Annual Communication, and directed them to collect the ballot and report the result to Grand Lodge

R. W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, Strict Observance Lodge No. 27, Hamilton, Chairman. W. Bro. J. McL. Hartley, King Solomon's Lodge No. 22, Torouto; W. Bros. W. J. Elliott and L. F. Stevens, Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27. Hamilton; W. Bros. J. F. Mercer and A. S. McPherson, St. John's Lodge No. 40, Hamilton; W. Bros. H. Temple, Hugh Murray, A. H. Tallman, E. A. Vollick, T. E. Epps and W. H. Ginder, Acacia Lodge No. 61, Hamilton; W. Bro. F. G. Lee, Rehoboam Lodge No. 65, Toronto; W. Bro. D. Russell, Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford; W. Bro. John Graham, Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland; W. Bro. Thos. Robinson, Manitoba Lodge No. 326, Cookstown; W. Bro. G. L. Middleton, Brougham Union Lodge No. 269, Claremont; R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, Patterson Lodge No. 302, St. Thomas; W. Bro. W. C. Burrage, Humber Lodge No. 305, Weston; W. Bro. R. L. Shriner, Occident Lodge No. 346, Toronto; W. Bros. G. B. Perry, A. B. Clark and C. Sinclair, Doric Lodge No. 382, Hamilton; W. Bro. E. Ledger, Alpha Lodge No. 384, Toronto; W. Bros. W. H. Wixon, C. Fitzpatrick and A. M. Heron, Acacia Lodge No. 430, Toronto; W. Bro. W. J. Montgomery, King Edward VII. Lodge No. 471, Chippawa; W. Bros. F. H. Hayhurst and J. M. Palmer, Parkdale Lodge No. 510, Toronto.

ADOPTION OF REPORTS

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. S. May and

Resolved, that the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved. That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee, appointed to consider the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, beg leave to present their report:

The members of the Committee desire to congratulate most heartily the M. W. the Grand Master on his successful year of office. Truly it may be said to be the banner year of Freemasonry in the province of Ontario.

We acknowledge the wisdom of the action of the Grand Master in encouraging the holding of Lodges of Instruction and his attendance thereat when possible.

The Grand Master has wisely encouraged the holding of Lodges of Instruction, and has given them the benefit of his presence when possible. The value of Lodges of Instruction is so great that we congratulate the Grand Master on his activity and zeal in giving them encouragement. His presence is not only an incentive to the brethren, but his experience enables him to note and correct divergencies of practice and differences in detail which may creep into the work in different parts of the jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge is to be congratulated upon the fact that the Grand Master has so zealously guarded its interests as a body when granting dispensations for the formation of new lodges. He has not listened to the pleadings of zealous but injudicious brethren, nor thought of the desires of the ambitious, but has weighed the interests of the Craft in

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general, before sanctioning the formation of new Masonic units. His thoughtful prudence in this respect must command the approval of the members of this Grand Lodge.

We note with satisfaction that the Grand Master has appointed representatives near other Grand Lodges and has recommended the appointment of distinguished brethren as representatives of foreign bodies near this Grand Lodge. We may be permitted, however, to point out that the brethren who have been appointed Grand Representatives have had a great honor conferred upon them, and they should give evidence that they appreciate that honor by their presence at the annual communications of this Grand Lodge when it is possible for them to attend.

It is highly satisfactory to note that Grand Lodge has been able to grant such liberal sums to relieve the necessities of the aged, the indigent and the suffering. At the same time we feel it to be our duty to repeat that Grand Lodge relief should be given only after private lodges have given to the extent of their ability. It has been repeatedly pointed out that Grand Lodge relief is only supplementary to to the beneficences of the private lodges.

We cannot be too grateful for the fact that our Order has grown so rapidly during the past year in numbers and in the character of the material received, and we heartily agree with the Grand Master in giving a large measure of credit for that result to the active, energetic work of the District Deputy Grand Masters, who have so zealously and efficiently labored to promote the general welfare.

Finally, we desire to congratulate the Craft in this jurisdiction because it has as its chief executive a brother so eminent for ability and zeal as Most Worshipful Brother Wm. David McPherson. He has brought to the service of his brethren talents of a very high order, and he has spared not his time, his best thought, nor his strength in doing even more than the duties of his high office call upon him to do. It is certain that all the brethren will unite with this Committee in the fervent hope that the Divine favor may rest upon brother McPherson and give him guidance, support and strength.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. HARDING, Chairman.

J. H. BURRITT.

A. T. FREED.

Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's address be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PRESENTATION OF TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. AUBREY WHITE, P.G.M.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

REPORT.

The Committee has pleasure in reporting, that in accordance with the instructions received from Grand Lodge, it procured a suitable testimonial for presentation to M. W. Bro. Aubrey White on retiring from the office of Grand Master which he so ably and efficiently filled during the two years from July 1911, to July 1913. The presentation was made by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, P.G.M., a member of the Committee, at the regular meeting of King Solomon Lodge No. 22, Toronto, on the evening of the 13th day of November, 1913, in the presence of an unusually large attendance of members of the lodge, of visiting brethren, and of representatives from nearly all the lodges in the Districts Nos. 11 and 11a. M. W. Bro. Malone made special reference to the distinguished ability displayed by M. W. Bro. White in governing and directing the affairs of Grand Lodge and congratulated him on the great success which crowned his efforts, which is particularly noticable in the great increase in membership, in efficient and well skilled rulers in all the constituent lodges, in increased expenditures in benevolence, and in the harmony which exists throughout the jurisdiction.

In accepting the testimonial, M. W. Bro. White responded in eloquent and feeling terms.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

B. ALLEN. E. T. MALONE, R. L. GUNN,

Committee.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. B. Allen, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on the presentation of a testimonial to M. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Past Grand Master, be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MONUMENT IN MEMORY OF THE LATE R. W. BRO. ZIBA MARCUS PHILLIPS.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

REPORT.

Most Worshipful Sir:

We, your Committee appointed to carry out the wishes of Grand Lodge regarding the erection of a monument to the late Rt. Worshipful Brother Ziba M. Phillips, beg leave to report as follows:

After considering various materials and designs we decided on one, simple in form and on strictly Masonic lines. A block of red Canadian granite, 33 inches high, 27 inches wide and 22 inches deep, or in other words the regulation size of the ordinary lodge altar, with light displayed. This altar mounted on a gray Canadian granite (rock edged) base.

We found on due enquiry and consideration that this monument could not be placed for the sum at our disposal, and knowing it was the wish of Grand Lodge to erect a fitting memorial to our distinguished brother, we let the contract for the manufacture and erection of the above design to W. Bro. Leopold de Carle of Brockyille, who we believe is doing the work considerably under trade price.

The work has been inspected by a member of your committee and is being carried out in a very satisfactory manner; and we would ask you, M. W. Sir and the Board of General Purposes to recommend to Grand Lodge the payment of the bill as rendered.

We herewith append a copy of the inscription.

R. W. BRO. ZIBA M. PHILLIPS, 1787-1847

Past Deputy Grand Master Provincial Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., U. C., 1822-47.

Lieut.-Col. 2nd Regiment Grenville Militia, 1842. Fought at Queenston Heights, 1812; Sackett's Harbor, 1813; Lundy's Lane, 1814.

This memorial is erected by the Grand Lodge of Canada A. F. & A. M. in the Province of Ontario, as an appreciation of the active Masonic work, 1817-47, of R. W. Bro. Phillips, a stalwart British Canadian Patriot, and one of the pioneers of Masonic progress.

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Fraternally submitted.

E. A. McKIM, J. ROSS ROBERTSON.

E. A. GEIGER.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. A. Geiger, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on the monument to R. W. Bru, Ziba M. Phillips be received and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATION

Moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, and

Resolved, That Grand Lodge congratulate M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson upon the attainment of fifty years of Grand Lodge life. Bro. Robertson was our Grand Master for the years 1886 and 1887 and has now completed his twenty-seventh year as Past Grand Master, being our second oldest living Past Grand Master; his senior being M. W. Bro. Senator J. K. Kerr.

PEACE CELEBRATION

The Grand Master announced that after the close of Grand Lodge, a Celebration of One Hunderd Years of Peace, between Great Britian and her Dominions and the United States of America would be held in the Arena. That invitations had been issued to the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland Scotland, Sister Grand Lodges in all other Canadian Provinces, and all Grand Lodges in the United States of America, that the invitations had been favourably responded to by the attendance of many distinguished visitors, and that the celebration would be open to all members of the Craft and their friends, to whom he extended a most cordial invitation and welcome.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The following brethren were nominated by representatives of lodges and Past Masters of the respective districts and were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Robert Healey, Erie District No. 1. R.W. Bro. Wm. J. McCormack, St Clair District No. 2. R.W. Bro. Urban A. Buchner, London District No. 3. R.W. Bro. Hugh C. Dunlop, South Huron District No. 4, R.W. Bro. Fred. C. Ryan, North Huron District No. 5. R.W. Bro. Donald M. Sutherland, Wilson District No. 6. R.W. Bro. James H. Cowan, Wellington District No. 7. R.W. Bro. James McGregor, Hamilton District No. 8. R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Martin, Georgian District No. 9. R.W. Bro. Thomas McKnight, Georgian District No. 9a. R.W. Bro. John E. Cohoe, Niagara District No. 10. R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Smith, Toronto West District No. 11. R.W. Bro. Wm. R. Walters, Toronto East District No. 11a. R.W. Bro. John W. Anderson, Ontario District No. 12. R.W. Bro. Harry J. Clarke, Prince Edward District No. 13. R.W. Bro, Archibald B. Carscallen, Frontenac District No. 14. R.W. Bro. Frank H. Mallory, St. Lawrence District No. 15. R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, Ottawa District No. 16. R.W. Bro. Nelson Schnarr, Algoma District No. 17. R.W. Bro. Neil J. Macaulay, Nipissing District No. 18. R.W. Bro. Joseph Edgar, Muskoka District No. 19. R.W. Bro. Gerald C. Bonnycastle, Otonabee District No. 20. R.W. Bro. Wm. C. Davey, Eastern District No. 21.

M. W. Bro. Aubrey White installed and invested the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters (with the exceptions of R. W. Bros. D. M. Sutherland, D.D.G.M., of Wilson District No. 6; Wm. R. Walters, D.D.G.M., of Toronto East District No. 11a; and Wm. C. Davy, D.D.G.M., of Eastern District Nol 21), and they were duly proclaimed and saluted with Grand Honours. The retiring D.D.G.Ms. of Districts No. 6, 11a, and 21 were authorized and instructed to install and invest their successors at the earliest convenient date.

Subsequently it was reported to the Grand Secretary that the District Deputy Grand Masters above-named had been duly installed as directed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

R. W. Bro. G. R. Llovd, Chairman, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the Ballot, presented the following report of the names of the brethren elected to the several offices and to the Board of General Purposes:

M.W. Bro. Wm. David McPherson, Toronto, Grand Master. R.W. Bro. Sidney A. Luke, Ottawa, Deputy Grand Master. R.W. Bro. Samuel D. Warren, Niagara Falls, Grand Senior Warden.

R.W. Bro. John Tanner, Toronto, Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. G. A. Woodside, Brantford, Grand Chaplain, M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Toronto, Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton, Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Robt. J. Gibson, Toronto, Grand Registrar, and by an open vote of Grand Lodge

V.W. Bro. Thos. E. Epps, Hamilton, Grand Tyler,

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R.W. Bro Thomas Rowe, London.

R.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, Toronto, R.W. Bro. John R. Reid, Windsor, R.W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan, Hamilton R.W. Bro. Fred. Cook, Ottawa.

Subsequently the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term of two years:

> R.W. Bro. A. J. Young, North Bay. R.W. Bro. J. E. Merriman, St. Catharines. R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, Sault Ste. Marie. R.W. Bro. B. S. Sheldon, Berlin. R.W. Bro. James Ross, Waterford.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The City of Hamilton, Ontario, was chosen as the next meeting place for the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

OFFICERS INVESTED.

M. W. Bro. Aubrev White invested the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Grand Honours.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W., the Grand Master was pleased at subsequent date, to announce the following a appointments to office for the ensuing year.

- Grand Senior Deacon-V. W. Bro. James Bicknell, K.C., Toronto.
- Grand Junior Deacon-V. W. Bro. E. H. Tiffany, K.C., Alexandria.
- Grand Superintendent of Works-V. W. Bro. Alexander Gillies, Toronto.
- Grand Director of Ceremonies-V. W. Bro. Chas. E. Edmonds, Toronto.
- Assistant Grand Secretary-V. W. Bro. G. B. Perry, Hamilton.
- Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies-V. W. Bro. M. P. McMaster, Windsor. Grand Sword Bearer—V. W. Bro. J. F. Palling, M.D., Barrie. Grand Organist—V. W. Bro. Jno. B. Hutchins, Toronto. Assistant Grand Organist—V. W. Bro. Gordon H. Hayward,

- Sault Ste. Marie.
- Grand Pursuivant-V. W. Bro. John A. Armour, Owen Sound.

GRAND STEWARDS.

- V. W. Bro. William Culbert, Wyoming.

- V. W. Bro. W. A. Banghart, London.
 V. W. Bro. Wm. Dann, Granton.
 V. W. Bro. W. E. Birrell, West Toronto.
 V. W. Bro. Arthur Lawler, Whitby.
 V. W. Bro. Chas. F. Walt, Stirling.

- V. W. Bro. Chas. W. Postlethwaite, Merrickville. V. W. Bro. Geo. H. Findlay, Carleton Place.
- V. W. Bro. Geo. R. Finday, Carleton
 V. W. Bro. C. S. Read, Fort William.
 V. W. Bro. John McLeod, Huntsville.
 V. W. Bro. W. H. Harper, Norwood.
 V. W. Bro. W. C. Benson, Guelph.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

V. W. Bro. Phillip H. Burke, Kingston, V. W. Bro. C. V. Thomson, Tillsonburg.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren of Niagara Falls for the excellent accommodation provided and kindly attentions shown to the members during this annual communication.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Committee on Credentials and the Scrutineers of the Ballot for the valuable services rendered by them at this annual communication.

The Grand Chaplain then invoked the blessing of the Most High upon the members of Grand Lodge during the coming recess.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 1.30 o'clock p.m.





RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1914,

Also Receipts From Lodges for the Year Ended

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on or near the Festival

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
2	aNiagara	Niagara Kingston Brockville . Hamilton . Grimsby Napanee Simcoe Delloville	J B. Lockwood	J. H. Brown
3	aAnct. St. John's	Kingston	., J. H. Seels	A. W. Cathcart
5	aSussex	Brockville .	Thos. H. Guest	Geo. K. Dewey
6	Barton	Hamilton	Stuart H. Lees. J. H. Alway. Herbert Daly J. W. Church	W. H. F. Whateley
- 6	Union	Grimsby	J. H. Alway	A. E. Phipps
- 10	aUnion	Napanee	L W Church	R E Cunton
11	aMoira	Belleville	Ias L. Wilson	John Newton
15	aSt. George's	St. Catharines	Frank Hutchison J. P. Gwinner H. C. Montgomery A. E. Hopper E. C. Garbutt W. R. Bishop Jas. Westgate Ino. C. Bansley Geo. Cowie Thos. Lloyd Robt. Cassels W. H. Vellond	A. N. Lindsay
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	H. C. Montgomery	J. D. Keachie
17	St. John's	Coburg	A. E. Hopper	Robt. Buck
18	aPrince Edward	Pieton	. E. C. Garbutt	R. H. Hubbs
20	aSt. John's	London	W. R. Bishop	Rich Booth
- 41a 99	aSt. John S	Toronto	Ino C Bonsley	F A Dolson
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	Geo Cowie	H. A. Nicholls
24	aSt. Francis	Smith's Falls	Thos. Lloyd	G. W. Fluker
25	alonic	Toronto	Robt. Cassels	A. C. McMaster
26	aOntario	Port Hope	W. H. Yellond	W. J. Robertson
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton	H. T. Malcomson	Wm. C. Morton
28	aMI. Zion.	Kemptville	Jas. E. Burchill	S. H. Guest
30	aComposite	Whithy	W. H. Yellond H. T. Malcomson Jas. E. Burchill W. H. Russell W. M. Vanvalkelburg	C W P Every
31	aJerusalem	Bowmanville	F I Mitchell	L S Moorecraft
	aAmity .	Dunnville	W. L. Congdon	W. D. Patterson
- 33	aMaitland	Goderich	W. M. Vanvalkelburg F. J. Mitchell W. L. Congdon A. C. Hunter	John Straiton
34	aThistle .	Amerhurstburg	A. C. Hunter A. E. Wright Chas. D. Nevill. W. J. MacMurray.	E. R. Lewis
30	SL John S	Cayuga	Chas. D. Nevill	J. W. Sheppard
- 38	arrent	Trenton	Arthur Iones	W H James
39	aMt. Zion	Brooklin	Arthur Jones. Edwin Snudder. A. S. McPherson Jas. L. Baird.	lohn I. Moore
40	aSt. John's	Hamilton	A. S. McPherson	W. J. McAllister
41	aSt. George's	Kingsville	. Jas. L. Baird	Geo. S. Goodeve
42	aSt. George's	London	Alfred Drew	A. Ellis
43	St Thomas	Woodstock	V. Leroy Heath	A. McGachie
45	Brant	Brantford	Alfred Drew. Alfred Drew. V. Leroy Heath. D. M. Stirling R. T. Whitlock. C. E. Clement A. C. Phillips W. J. Smith.	Ceo Whitwell
46	aWellington	Chatham	C. E. Clement	Alex, Gregory
47	aGreat Western	Windsor	., A. C. Phillips	John Fry
50	aConsecon	Consecon	. John B. Yott	Chas. Carter
54	aVaughan	Maple	. J. Snearer	I. P. Molean
55	aMerrickville	Merrickville	John M. Church	G B Putnam
56	aVictoria	Sarnia	G. E. Wadland	F. C. Watson
57	aHarmony	Binbrook	J. Shearer Jas. A. Rose. John M. Church G. E. Wadland Jas. Muir, Jr. E. S. McPhail.	E. J. Whitworth
55	aDoric	Ottawa	E. S. McPhail	A. G. Greenfield
62	9Acacia	Hamilton	., Thos. Morrison	C. E. Kelly
63	aSt. John's	Carleton Place	R C Patterson	A T Hudson
64	aKilwinning	London	. B. W. Bennett.	R. W. Glover
65	aRehoboam.	Toronto	A. L. Gallow	Geo. H. Mitchell
66	Durham	Newcastle	F. C. Hoar	J. M. Parker
68	ast. John's	Ingersoil	John Breckenridge	L. H. Thompson
79	Alma	Galt	P W Poelfson	A I Oliver
73	aSt. James	St. Marys	Donald McRae	Thos Sinclair
74	aSt. James	S. Augusta.	W. M. Earl	L. E. Shepherd
7.5	St. John's	Toronto	E. S. McPhail , Thos. Morrison John Douglas. R. C. Patterson B. W. Bennett. A. L. Gallow F. C. Hoar John Breckenridge. T. W. Solmers. R. W. Roelfson. Donald McRae. W. M. Earl John Rogerson F. F. Dickerson.	C. F. Boddy
76	aOxford	Woodstock	F. F. Dickerson	J. W. Dutton

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED

31st May, 1914, and Ledger Balances at That Date.

of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or near that of St. John the Baptist.

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RETURNS OF LODGES AT JUNE 24, 1914,

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
77	aFaithful Brethren	Lindsay	H. Brimmell	R. G. Corneil Hy. McQueen C. W. Ellis. Wm. Young, Sr P. Buckley. R. F. Richardson H. B. Chant A. W. Parish John B. Nill Jas. Malcolm John B. Nill Jas. Malcolm M. J. McCampbell W. T. Herrington H. S. Keyes Robt. Hendry M. J. McPherson Wm. Jackson Alfred Wilkes M. J. McPherson W. H. Helmer F. A. Lats ^h aw S. T. Medd M. J. Johnson G. W. Poldon C. J. Didemus Geo. Armstrong H. Poole F. J. Daniel J. T. McKim A. T. Adams R. D. Gibson Thos. H. Bell W. Stewart R. W. Stewart
- 78	aKing Hiram	Tillsonburg	S. G. Vance	Hy. McQueen
79	aSimcoe	Bradford	Geo. P. Simpkin	C. W. Ellis
- 81	aSt. John's	Mt. Brydges	Asa Lipsit	Wm. Young, Sr
82	SL. John S.	Strathror	L. A. La Pierre	P. Buckley.
- 84	Clinton	Clinton	H. E. Rorke	H. B. Chant
85	aRising Sun.	Athens.	Morley Earl	A. W. Parish
- 86	a Wilson	Toronto	Harry Minchinton	John B. Mill
- 87	Markham Union	Markham	F. E. N. Reesor	Jas. Malcolm
- 90	aManito	Collingwood	I F Zimmerman	W T Herrington
91	aColborne	Colborne	W. A. Finlay	H. S. Keyes
92	aCataraqui	Kingston	F. Andrew	Robt. Hendry
93	aNorthern Light	Kincardine	Jas. Malcolm	M. J. McPherson
94	aSt. Mark's.	Port Stanley	P B Johnston	Wm. Jackson
97	aSharon	Oueensville	Wm. A. Ewing	Jas. M. Milne
- 98	True Blue	Bolton .	Geo. A. Norton	Robt. Smith
. 99	aTuscan	Newmarket.	W. H. Eves	W. H. Helmer
100	Valley	Dundas	Thos. Goodbrand	F. A. Latshaw
103	aMaple Leaf	St Catharines	S I Inksater	H I Johnson
104	St. John's	Norwich	N. C. MacWhirter	G. W. Poldon
105	aSt. Mark's	Niagara Falls	E. L. Wallace	C. J. Didemus
106	aBurford	Burford	F. W. Taylor	Geo. Armstrong
107	Blenheim	Princeton	T I Dambuson	H. Poole
109	aAlbion	Harrowsmith	R. B. Gilbert	I. T. McKim
110	aCentral	Prescott	A. R. Robinson	A. T. Adams
113	aWilson	Waterford	F. G. Wilcox	R. D. Gibson
114	aHope	Port Hope	Geo. T. Hancock	Thos. H. Bell.
-116	aCassia	Thedford	C F. Hurst Geo. McGregor M. K. Dillane H. S. Northmore E. Cascadden A. C. Barnett Jas. F. Mayhew W. H. Hudson A. L. Killaly	Geo G Heming
118	Union .	Schomberg	M. K. Dillane	R. W. Stewart
11.7	aMaple Leaf	Bath	H. S. Northmore	F. W. Armstrong
120	Warren aDorie	Fingal	E. Cascadden	N. E. Burton
	a Doric a Renfrew	Renfrew	Ias F Mayhew	M McKinnon
-123	aBelleville	Belleville	W. H. Hudson	D. Barragar
-125			A. L. Killaly Harry Lowery Rich. Reynolds	John Ridley
120	aGolden Rule aFranck.	Campbellford Frankford	Harry Lowery	R. J. Garrett
128	aPembroke	Frankford Pembroke	Wm. D. Dewar	5. Howell
-129	Rising Sun	Aurora	F. C. Davis	Fred. Baldwin
131	aSt. Lawrence.	Southampton.	E. E. Short	Fred. Baldwin F. Goodier
	aLebanon Forest	Exeter	Wm. B. Wiedenhammer	R. N. Creech
136	Richardson	Stouffville	E. E. Snort Wm. B. Wiedenhammer Alex, Armstrong F. D. Nighswander John A. Sinelair R. R. Beaton Yorke McConnell Lynde Mortson W C. Datasy	F S Barker
137	aPythagoras	Meaford.	John A. Sinclair	F. A. Clarke
139	aPythagoras	Oshawa	R. R. Beaton.	W. E. N. Sinclair
140	aMalahide	Aylmer .	Yorke McConnell	J. R. Woods
142	aExcelsior	Morrishurg	W C Dartey	B A Herring
143	aFriendly Bros	Iroquois	A. I. Marsh	B. A. Herring S. W. Wood F. S. Smith
144	aTecumseh	Stratford .	J. M. McCutcheon	F. S. Smith
-145 -145	aMalahide aTudor aExcelsior aFriendly Bros aJ. B. Hall aPrince of Wales Mississippi aCivil Service aErie	Millbrook	A. Jemison.	Chas. Thorndyke
140	Mississinni	Almonte	M. R. McFarlane	W. J. Wilde
148	aCivil Service	Ottawa	H. W. Lothrop.	Robt, Telford
149	aErie	Port Dover	C. W. Barwell	F. C. Henderson
151	aGrand River	Berlin	J. W. J. Andrew	J. F. Carmichael
154	alrving	Lucan	W D Brand	T D Orme
155	aPeterborough	Peterborough	A. A. Fowler	W. H. Walkey
126	aYork	Toronto	Geo. S. Henry	F. S. Smith. Chas. Thorndyke
157	aSimpson	Newboro	R. J. Davidson	Jos. H. Butler

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AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED-Continued.

No. of Lodge	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	With- drawn	Deaths	Suspen. N. P. D.	Suspen. U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members	Last Returns		Night of Meeting
77 78 79	$19 \\ 3 \\ 7$	11 2 1	$10 \\ 1 \\ -4$	2	23	3	6				$254 \\ 178 \\ 93$	24 June 27 Dec	$1913 \\ 1913$	lst Friday Wed. on or bef. F. M. Tue. on or bef. F. M.
81 82	7	6	8	2	1	1		1			87 112		1914	Tue. on or bef. F. M. 2nd Tuesday
83 84 85	$\frac{4}{4}$	$\frac{8}{4}$	$\frac{8}{2}$	1 4 1	1		4			2	$ \begin{array}{r} 132 \\ 88 \\ 74 \end{array} $	27 Dec. 24 June	$\begin{array}{c} 1913 \\ 1914 \end{array}$	Friday after F. M. Friday after F. M.
86 87	$1\frac{1}{4}$ 7		$14 \\ 11$	6		6 1	3			2	$380 \\ 104$			Thur, on or bef. F. M. 3rd Tuesday Friday on or bef. F. M.
88 90	15	12	13		4	2	7			2	$198 \\ 137$	24 June	1911	Wed. on or bef. F. M. Wed. on or aft. F. M.
91 92	$\begin{array}{c}1\\23\end{array}$	25	27	3	2	3					268	27 Dec. 24 June		Fri. on or bef. F. M. 2nd Friday
93 94 96	$ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 11 \\ 5 \end{array} $	$^{3}_{11}$	5 6 10	$\begin{vmatrix} 2\\ 1\\ 1\\ 1 \end{vmatrix}$	1	23				$\begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$	$ \begin{array}{r} 116 \\ 72 \\ 211 \end{array} $			lst Wednesday 2nd Tuesday 1st Thursday
97 98	6 6	5	10 3 5	1	i	1	10			[211 80 64			Tue. on or bef. F. M. Fri. on or aft. F. M.
$\begin{array}{c} 99\\100 \end{array}$	3 5	$\frac{1}{7}$	8	23	4	2	3				70 192			2nd Wednesday 2nd Monday
$ \begin{array}{c} 101 \\ 103 \\ 104 \end{array} $	10 13	6 13	$1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ $	4	2	2				$\begin{vmatrix} 1\\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$	185			3rd Friday Last Thursday
$104 \\ 105 \\ 106$		$\frac{4}{9}$		1 3 1	4	2	2]	1	$ \begin{array}{c c} 105 \\ 174 \\ 81 \end{array} $			Wed. on or aft. F. M. 2nd Tuesday Wed. on or bef. W. M.
$\frac{107}{108}$	12 9 5 7 7	11. 7	$\frac{11}{7}$		1	$\begin{vmatrix} 2\\ 1 \end{vmatrix}$					88 54			Wed. on or bef. F. M. Fri. on or aft. F. M.
$109 \\ 110$	7	8 2 8 5	$\frac{3}{4}$			2	3			1	$94 \\ 134$			Fri. on or bef. F. M. Ist Tuesday
$ \begin{array}{c} 113 \\ 114 \\ 115 \end{array} $	855	8 5 6	6 5 8		$\begin{vmatrix} 4\\ 1\\ 3 \end{vmatrix}$	3	1				$146 \\ 172 \\ 130$			Wed. on or bef. F. M. 1st Friday Tue. on or bef. F. M.
116 118	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 8 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ $	1	19		2	Ĩ	28			1	$ \frac{130}{43} $ 61			Mon. or or bef. F. M. Mon. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{119}{120}$	1		$\frac{5}{3}$		$\frac{2}{3}$	1 1	6				$74 \\ 44$			Monday before F. M. Tue. on or bef. F. M.
$ \begin{array}{c} 121 \\ 122 \\ 123 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 14 \\ 10 \\ 6 \end{array} $	15 12 8	$ \begin{array}{c} 17 \\ 13 \\ 12 \end{array} $		1	4				1	509 137			3rd Friday 1st Monday 1st Thursday
$123 \\ 125 \\ 126$	$ \begin{array}{c} 6\\ 17 \end{array} $		$12 \\ -3 \\ -14$	1 5 3	2	2				1	$ \begin{array}{c} 266 \\ 136 \\ 102 \end{array} $	- 4		1st Hursday 1st Weduesday Tue. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{127}{128}$	$\frac{7}{5}$	6 6	5			1					115 175			Monday before F. M. 1st Thursday
$\begin{array}{c} 129 \\ 131 \end{array}$	$\frac{4}{6}$	5 6	6 5	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	3 2					92 			lst Friday Tue. on or aft. F. M. Mon. bef. F. M.
$ \begin{array}{r} 133 \\ 135 \\ 136 \end{array} $	5 5 6	$^{3}_{11}_{5}$			5 1	1	2			1	$ \begin{array}{r} 104 \\ 123 \\ 58 \end{array} $			Mon. bet. F. M. Thur. before F. M. Fri. on or aft. F. M.
$137 \\ 139$	8	6 6	$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	3	2	±			1	$123 \\ 139$	 27 Dec.	1913	Fri. nearest F. M. 2ud Tuesday
$\begin{array}{c}140\\141\end{array}$	8 3 5 7 2 4	7		3	$\frac{1}{3}$	$ \frac{3}{1}$					$ \begin{array}{r} 131 \\ 69 \end{array} $	24 June	1914	Wed. on or bef. F. M. Tue. on or bef. F. M.
$ 142 \\ 143 \\ 144 $		3	5 5		1	1				1	$73 \\ 94 \\ 259$			Fri. on or bef. F. M. Wed. on or bef. F. M. 3rd Friday
$\begin{array}{c}144\\145\\146\end{array}$	$ \frac{13}{9} 2 $	$10 \\ 8 \\ 1$	13 6 3	2	2		1			1	259 70 75			Thur. on or bef. F. M. Wed. bef. F. M.
$\frac{147}{148}$	$\frac{2}{8}$ 15	10	11	2		1					99 223			1st Friday 2nd Tuesday
$\frac{149}{151}$	$\frac{2}{11}$	12^{2}_{12}	11	3						1	88 215	"		Mon. on or bef. F. M. 2nd Tuesday
$153 \\ 154 \\ 155$	$11 \\ 3 \\ 9 \\ 11$	$\frac{4}{8}$	$ \frac{4}{9} 10 $			·····	Ì 5			1	113 89 264			Thur. on or bef. F. M. Thur. on or bef. F. M. 1st Friday
$155 \\ 156 \\ 157 $	$11 \\ 13 \\ 4$	11	14	2	1	Ĩ	7			2	233 77			3rd Friday Tue. on or bef. F. M.

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
158	a.Alexandra	Oil Springs	Wm. H. Sproule	John W. Sauvey
159	aGoodwood	Richmond	W G Beddoe	John W. Sauvey S. W. Bradley
161	aPercy	Warkworth	C. C. Armstrong	B. Buchanan
161	Forest aStar in the East	Wroxeter	W. S. Ryan	B. Buchanan G. P. Jackson H. D. Cleminson
165	aBurlington	Wellington	Geo W Thorpe	Jas S Allen
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek	J. D. Felker	R. H. Dewar
168	aMerritt	Welland	B. L. Booth	H. E. Dawdy
169	a Macnab	Port Colborne	W. D. Bedell. Geo. W. Thorpe J. D. Felker. B. L. Booth Chas. S. Steele. A. A. McLennan Loc. Nitton	J. R. Tuck
171	a Prince of Wales	Lawrence Sta	Jas. Milton	L. C. Jackson
172	Avr	Avr	Wm. Oliver	A. Falconer
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan	F. E. Mason. C. H. Canlfield	J. E. Biddle
177	The Builders	Ottawa	C. H. Canlfield	H. H. Cairns
180	aSpeed	Cuelph	David Young	W m. J. Leonard
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	L. Van Order	A. W. Wright
184	aOld Light	Lucknow	Alex. McDonald	W. A. Wilson
185	aEnniskillen	York	Albert Emmerson	F. W. Brown
190	Belmont	Riceville Belmont	C. H. Canlheld Albert Smart David Young L. Van Order Alex. McDonald Albert Emmerson Wm. Wilson A. W. Beattie J. C. Miller A. R. Crooks.	G. A. Ryan
192	aOrillia	Orillia	J. C. Miller	G. A. Cole
193	aScotland	Scotland	A. R. Crooks	J. A. Messecar
194	aPetrolia	Petrolia	Jas. Hamilton	Thos. Bicknell
195	Madawaska	London.	Alox Reason	J. E. Magee
197	aSaugeen	Walkerton.	Chas. Stephens	R. H. McKay
200	St. Alban's	Mt. Forest	T. E. Speirs	T. G. Haslam
201	aLeeds	Gananoque	. C. C. Skinner	A. B. Munroe
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	Job. Rogers	S G Holley
207	aLancaster	Lancaster	A. W. Beattie J. C. Miller. A. R. Crooks Jas. Hamilton C. H. Reason Alex. Reid Chas. Stephens T. E. Speirs C. C. Skinner Job. Rogers John Martey A. D. Falkner F. E. Harley B. A. C. Caldwell John Kennedy A. G. Noxon. T. A. Carson P. G. White J. E. Baker J. E. Baker J. W. Kennedy Chas. P. King H. B. Ward John F. Baker E. C. Squire W. M. E. Hoggarth W. S. Donaldson A. H. Peters G. W. McCullough. B. W. Stewart	W. N. McGillis
209	aSt. Johns	London	F. E. Harley	J. E. Keenleyside
209	Evergreen	Lanark	B. A. C. Caldwell	C. M. Forbes
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	A. G. Noxon	Ias. E. Glenn
216	aHarris	Orangeville	T. A. Carson	A. E. Annis
217	a Frederick	Delhi	P. G. White	T. E. Morgan
219	aCredit	Georgetown	J. E. Baker	W N McKay
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	Chas. P. King	V. M. Hare
221	aMountain .	Thorold	H. B. Ward	J. B. Clarke
222	a Marmora	Marmora	John F. Baker	C. A. Bleecker
224	Zurich.	Hensall	Wm. E. Hoggarth	Jas. W. Bouthron
225	a Bernard	Listowel	W. S. Donaldson	J. H. Blackmore
228	alonic	Odessa	A. H. Peters	Robt. Bennett
230	Kerr.	Barrie	R W Stewart	R W Andrew
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	Geo. Powers	H. W. Wilson
232	aCameron	Dutton	A. H. Peters G. W. McCullough R. W. Stewart Geo. Powers Thos S. Woods Jas. F. Gillies Wm. Reekie	Arch. McCallum
234	aBeaver.	Clarkshurg	Wm Reekie	Dr. Geo. A. Fraser
235	Aldworth	Paisley	Rev. L. W. Diehl	D. Forrester
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	Rev. L. W. Diehl Thos. Robinson	W. G. Mackay
237	Uavelock	Watford	Robt. McLean	S. S. Clutton
239	Tweed	Tweed .	H. A. Monek	W W. Garrett
242	Macoy	Mallorytown	E. S. Bissell	F. H. Mallory
243	aSt. George	St. George	J. J. Greenfield	Jos. H. Burke
$\frac{230}{247}$	a Ashlar	Toronto	I flos. Robunson. Robt. McLean	W H Best
	acarcuoman	avarcing	WILL MCIAVISI	Alex, W. Den
200	I histle .	limbro.	Fred. Bennett	Columbus Ross
$\frac{253}{254}$	Minden	Kingston Niogara Ealla	R. S. Graham W. H. Wensley	T. D. Minnes
255	Sydenham	Dresden	R. D. Black	H. I. French
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of .	Initiated	bed	sed	pa	ith- drawn	Deaths	Suspen. N. P. D.	Suspen. U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members	L'ast Returns		Night of Meeting
No. of Lode	Init	Passed	Raised	Joined	With- drav	Dea	Sus N.	Sus U.	Exp	Res	Tot	IRel		Nig Mee
$158 \\ 159$	34	6 6	4		3						$\frac{76}{105}$	27 Dec.	1913	Thur. aft. F. M.
$161 \\ 162$	6	-4	3								87	24 June	1914	Tue. on or bef. F. M. Wed. bef. F. M.
164	1	1	$1 \\ 1$	1	1	· · · · · · · · · ·					136	27 Dec 27 Dec	1913	Mon. on or bef. F. M. Tue. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{165}{166}$		5 6	$\frac{5}{7}$	1	3		$\frac{4}{5}$				147	24 June	1914	Wed. on or bef. F. M. Mon. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{168}{169}$	$\frac{8}{2}$	$\frac{8}{2}$	9 3	1	1	1					$\frac{139}{98}$	27 Dec	1913	Mon. on or bef. F. M. Tue, on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{170}{171}$	2 5 3	$\frac{2}{7}$	9 4		1	2	3			1	$\frac{111}{41}$	24 June	1914	1st Monday Fri. on or bef. F. M.
172	67	6 7	$\hat{6}_{11}$	2 1	3	1 3	3			2	47			2nd Monday Thur. on or bef. F. M.
$174 \\ 177 \\ 177 \\ 178 $	17	17	20	1	22	3	2			<u>م</u>	283			2nd Friday
$\frac{178}{180}$	$\frac{4}{20}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6\\ 10\end{array}$	6 6	5	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	5			1	$\frac{49}{144}$			Fri. on or bef. F. M. 1st Tuesday
$\frac{181}{184}$	$\frac{4}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	2				$\frac{44}{106}$			Tue. on or bef. F. M. Thur, on or bef. F. M.
$185 \\ 186$	$\begin{bmatrix} 7\\4 \end{bmatrix}$	$^{6}_{5}$	3	1	23	$\frac{1}{2}$	5				28 57			Mon. on or bef. F. M. Mon. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{190}{192}$	$\frac{4}{21}$	6 16	$\frac{4}{16}$	7	1	1 2	4	1		1	$\frac{78}{250}$			Fri. on or bef. F. M. 1st Friday
193 194	1 19	1 18	18	. 3						2	84 147			Mon. on or bef. F. M. 2nd Wednesday
195	12	-10	9	1	3	1	1				129			1st Monday
$\begin{array}{c} 196 \\ 197 \end{array}$	$\frac{3}{3}$	$^{3}_{2}_{5}$	$\frac{4}{2}$		$\frac{3}{2}$	1				1	96 76			2nd Monday 2nd Tuesday
$\frac{200}{201}$	3 14	10	$\frac{6}{4}$	1	$\frac{1}{3}$	4	4				$\frac{84}{185}$	**		Fri. on or bef. F. M. Tue. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{203}{205}$	1	$\frac{3}{1}$	$\frac{5}{2}$		1	1				2	92 41			3rd Friday Mon. on or aft F. M.
207 209a	6	$\frac{4}{32}$	$\frac{5}{29}$	$\frac{1}{5}$		3	1			2	$121 \\ 407$			Tue. on or bef. F. M. 1st Friday
$\frac{209}{212}$	3	3	1									27 Dec 24 June		lst Tuedsay 1st Monday
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$\frac{216}{217}$	4	12 3	$\frac{9}{2}$	3 1	3	2	12			4	$159 \\ 60$	24 June	1914	Tue, on or bef. F. M. Mon, on or before F.M.
$\frac{218}{219}$	$\frac{26}{4}$	22 8	$17 \\ 5$	$\begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix}$	4	$\begin{vmatrix} 5\\2 \end{vmatrix}$				3	$ \begin{array}{c} 273 \\ 98 \end{array} $			2nd Monday Fri. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{220}{221}$	$\frac{5}{4}$	$\frac{4}{3}$	$ \frac{3}{4}$	1	1		86			7	$\frac{91}{154}$			Mon. on or bef. F. M. Wed. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{222}{223}$	$\frac{3}{7}$	5	$\frac{4}{5}$	1	$2 \\ 1$	1	1	·····		1	$95 \\ 94$	**		Mon. on or bef. F. M. Mon. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{220}{224}$	$\frac{2}{7}$	2	2	$\begin{vmatrix} 2\\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$	$1 \\ 2$	$\frac{1}{2}$				1	81 111			Mon. on or bef. F. M. Fri. on or bef. F. M.
228	$\frac{5}{7}$	5	5	1	1						71			Mon. on or aft. F. M.
$229 \\ 230$	9	$\frac{5}{12}$		$2 \\ 2$	2 2	1	2			1	$136 \\ 169 \\ 370$			3rd Tuesday 3rd Friday
$\begin{array}{c} 231 \\ 232 \end{array}$	$\frac{22}{17}$	22 8	18 10	13	22		5			$\frac{2}{1}$	270 82			3rd Tuesday Wed. on or bef. F. M.
$233 \\ 234$	$\frac{2}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		2	$ 1 \\ 1$						63 88			Tue. on or bef. F. M. Tue. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{235}{236}$	7	6 1	7	1	$\begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{vmatrix}$	$2 \\ 1$	1			1	85 71	"		Fri. on or bef. F. M. Tue, on or aft. F. M.
237 238	5	6 1	9	1		1					65 70	**		Fri. on or bef. F. M. Tues. before F. M.
239	1 5	7	9			1	2			1	126 95			Fri. on or bef. F. M. Mon, on or bef. F. M.
$242 \\ 243 $	3 5	3 5	43	3	3		1				74			Thur. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{245}{247}$	21	$\frac{1}{25}$		6		5	1				$\begin{array}{c} 71 \\ 411 \end{array}$			Mon. on or bef. F. M. 4th Tuesday
$\frac{249}{250}$	14 5	12 8	9 7	4	2	4	4			2	$217 \\ 47$			Mon. on or bef. F. M. Thur. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{253}{254}$	10 24	$12 \\ 19$	18 14		1	1				2	$ 163 \\ 242$			1st Tuesday 1st Thursday 2nd Thursday
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RETURNS OF LODGES AT JUNE 24, 1914,

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
	aFarran's Point		. F. T. Shaver	
257	aGalt	Galt	Hy. G. Hannam	Robt. Clark
$\frac{258}{259}$		Guelph	F. F. Sweetman	Jas. Ryder
	Springfield aWashington	Springheid	J. E. Lindsay Jos. Hillis	B Durlop
	aOak Branch	Innerkin	J. H. Whiteside	R O Irving
	aHarriston	Harriston	Anson Spotton	E. W. Lambert
	aForest	Forest	Anson Spotton D. R. McCahill	P. W. Campbell
-264	aChaudiere	Ottawa	W. E. Hayes, Jr	Thos. Saunders
265	Patterson	Thornhill	W. E. Hayes, Jr A. A. Brillinger	J. A. Thompson
266	aNorthern Light	Stayner	Rev. R. C. McDermid A. E. Green	J. W. Bethune
207	Parthenon	Pobeorgeon	Pay W C Smith	F I Broad
- 203	a Brougham Union	Claremont	Rev. W. G. Smith	Thos Gregg
270	aCedar	Oshawa	Wm. A. Luke	E. W. Drew.
271	Wellington	Erin	Wm. A. Luke L. H. Willis	J. S. Milloy
-272	Seymour	Ancaster	A. S. Armes	John Pickard
274				
276	a Teeswater	Teeswater.	John Good Geo. House C. P. Grill C. B. McLean L. E. Allan Arch. Thompson H. W. McCill	R. E. Campbell
277	a Seymour	Hocholor	C P Crill	Lohn Lardine
- 213	Lorne	Glencoe	C B McLean	I V McLauchlan
283	aEureka	Belleville	L. E. Allan	W. I. Diamond
284	St. John's	Brussels.	Arch. Thompson	J. Wright
285	Seven Star	Alliston.	H. W. McGill	Jas. A. Wright
286	Wingham	Wingham	J. A. Hammond	J. A. Morton
287	aShumah	Port Arthur	W. J. Gurney	Geo. G. Milne
289	a Dorie	Lobo	D. W. Sloan	P. L. Granam
291	a Dufferin	W Flamboro'	Ernest Kelly	Alfred Iones
292	aRobertson	King	D. McMurchy	Arch. McCallum
294	aMoore	Courtright	Arch. Inompson H. W. McGill J. A. Hammond D. W. Sloan L. J. Wright Ernest Kelly D. McMurchy A. W. Kelly C. N. Jack Ias. Dakers	R. G. Stewart
295	aConestogo	Drayton	C. N. Jack	Calvert Scarr
296	aTemple	St. Catharines	Jas. Dakers Jos. A. King	Currie A. Brown
297	Victorio	Controvillo	F. H. Henderson	A M Poll
	aMt Olivet	Thorndale	W. G. Lee	G I Guest
302	St. David's	St. Thomas'	G. R. Stevenson	I. C. Spencer
303	aBlyth	Blyth.	G. R. Stevenson Robt. M. McKay	J. M. Hamilton
304	a Minerva	Stroud	Wm. H. Martin	Jas, Black
305	Humber	Weston	John Hamshaw	B. Cowan
$\frac{306}{207}$	o Arkono	Arliona	Rev. W. H. Hartley Fred. Patterson	A M Thoman
309	a Morning Star	Carlow	Hugh Hill	John Varcoe
311	aBlackwood	Woodbridge	G. D. McLean	H. N. Schmidt
312	aPnyx	Wallaceburg	G. D. McLean Edwin Leigh	E. E. Parker
313	aClementi	Lakeheld	M. R. Graham	A. E. Kennedy
314	a Blair	Palmerston	A. M. Carthew	H. B. Coleman
310	a Dorie	Toronto	Geo. H. Whyte	A D Coodall
318	Wilmot	Baden	Allen Bechtel	Walter Waugh
		Hagersville	Benj. Hurst	S. C. Evans
320	aChesterville	Chesterville	Ias G. Tate	Geo Elliott
321	aWalker	Acton	E. J. Hassard Geo. H. Holmes J. E. Warner	R. M. McDonald
322	aNorth Star	Owen Sound	Geo. H. Holmes	A. A. Parks
323	aAIVINSTON	Hamilton	J. 15. Warner F. C. Perry	W. E. Germain
325	Orono	Orono	E. C. Perry. Wm. G. McCulloch	Thos Smith
326	aZetland	Toronto .	John M. Millar	I. H. Macabe
327	Hammond	Wardsville	Wm. G. McCullocn John M. Millar W. A. Connolly Wm. Woods O. J. Newell J. B. Adams T. H. Gibson Oscar 4. Cannon	H. A. Wilson
328	Ionic	Napier	Wm. Woods	W. L. Toohill
$\frac{329}{220}$	aKing Solomon	Jarvis	O. J. Newell	Jas. Noble
330	acorinthian	London	T. H. Adams	H. C. Simpson
339	Stratford	Stratford	Oscar A Cannon	H H Dempsey
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	T. A. Blakely	C. H. Munshaw
334	aPrince Arthur	Arthur	Oscar A. Cannon T. A. Blakely F. O. Henry	E. W. Brocklebank

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258	- 9	8	5	1	4	1					137	1	• •		2nd Tuesday
259	9	8	8	- 3		2					83		**		Mon. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{260}{261}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	0 3	8 4		1	1					135		Dec.	1913	1st Wednesday Thur. on or bef. F. M.
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$\frac{264}{265}$	$^{18}_{2}$	$\frac{15}{4}$	$^{15}_{3}$	3	$\frac{2}{2}$	$\frac{2}{1}$	'			3	$^{-260}_{-71}$		"		4th Tuesday Thur. on or bef. F. M.
266			2								35	27	Dec.	1913	Tue. on or bef. F. M.
267	31	24	27	5		$\frac{2}{2}$					-269	24	June	1914	1st Wednesday
$\frac{268}{269}$	$\frac{9}{5}$	6	5		1	1	14	······ .			$-59 \\ -71$				Fri. on or bef. F. M. Wed. on or bef. F. M.
270	10	$\frac{2}{7}$	6	1							128	\$	**		4th Tuesday
271	5	4	2		2	1	- :				- 67	1	••		Thur, on or bef. F. M.
$272 \\ 274$	$\frac{15}{3}$	13 5	$\frac{8}{5}$	2	7	1	11		• • • • • • • • •	1	$-133 \\ -121$				Tue. on or bef. F. M.
276		1	2	2	1	1					43	27	Dec. June	1913	Mon. on or bef. F. M. 4th Thursday
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283	6	-1	2	1	1	4	2				148	\$	**		Thur, on or bef. F. M. Wed. aft. F. M.
$\frac{284}{285}$	4	$\frac{3}{2}$	2	2					· · · · · · · · ·		95		••		Tue. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{289}{286}$	$\frac{2}{6}$	$\frac{2}{6}$	33	2	5	1	2			1	$-78 \\ -104$		**		Wed. on or aft. F. M. 1st Tuesday
287	32	24	20	11	2	3				î	307	Ĩ I	••		lst Tuesday lst Tuesday
289				1	2	$\frac{1}{2}$				1	67		Dec.	1913	Thur. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{290}{291}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	3 5		5 -1		$\frac{1}{2}$					$153 \\ 105$		June	1914	Tue. on or bef. F. M. Thur. on or bel. F. M.
292	$\tilde{2}$	1	3		4						- 34				Mon. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{294}{295}$	2 5 7	$\frac{5}{8}$	$^{+}_{8}$								$\frac{66}{77}$				Thur, on or bef. F. M. Tue, on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{295}{296}$	18	15	14	1							137		**		Last Wednesday
297	14	10	2	- 7	1	1					- 79)			Fri. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{299}{300}$	$\frac{9}{2}$	9	$\frac{5}{3}$	1		3				• • • • • • • •	$-56 \\ -59$		Dec.	1913	Thur. on or bef. F. M. Tue. on or bef. F. M.
302	5	$\frac{3}{5}$	6	3	-						306	5			3rd Thursday
303	9	9	8	1	1						- 80		June	1914	
$\frac{304}{305}$	$\frac{2}{7}$	2	$\frac{2}{1}$	1	25		6			2	- 83 - 112	5			Tue. on or bef. F. M. 4th Friday
306	2	$\frac{2}{3}$	-4	3					1	1	61		••		2nd Tuesday
$\frac{307}{309}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\begin{vmatrix} 1\\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$	1							$\frac{44}{52}$		Dee	1012	Thur. on or bef. F. M. Wed. on or bef. F. M.
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312	14		4	i							124	Ł			Mon. on or bef. F. M.
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315	4	3	1	<u>د</u>	528	2					61		4.4		3rd Monday
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$\frac{318}{319}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{2}{4}$								$\frac{28}{101}$				Fri. on or aft. F. M. Thur, on or bef. F. M.
320	1	3	2	1							- 95	: 97	Dec.		Mon, on or bef, F. M.
321	4	7	2								76	524	June	1914	Mon. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{322}{323}$	11 6	$ \frac{7}{4}$	11		$\frac{2}{1}$	2				1	188		Dec.	1913	Wed. aft. F. M. Wed. on or bef. F. M.
324	18	14	11	3	4	7	9				408	5.24	June	1914	2nd Tuesday
325		1.5			1	Ļ	3			1	47 588				Thur. on or bef. F. M. 4th Friday
$\frac{326}{327}$	17	15	18	2	7	8				1	= 28	81	4.4		Tue, on or bef. F. M.
328	5	5	5		4						$\frac{29}{72}$)	**		Fri. on or bef. F. M. Fri. on or bef. F. M.
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331	2	2	5			1					57	7	"		Thur. on or bef. F. M.
332		19	13	4	4	2	4			2	$ 195 \\ 69$		**		2nd Monday Fri. on or bef. F. M.
$\frac{333}{334}$	10	53	43	1	25	$\frac{2}{1}$				1					Tue, on or bef. F. M.
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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretarty
ž÷	Trade			
336	aHighgate	l Highgate	J. T. Attridge	Solomon Gosnell
- 337	a Myrtle	Port Robinson	Chas. S. Ross	Wm. Grisdale
- 338	Dufferin	Wellandport	C. Putman	W. J. Steward
209	aOrient	Toronto	H. A. Scott	F. H. Anderson
343	a Bruce	Tiverton	W. H. Glanville	D. A. McLaren
344			H. F. E. Kent	
	Nilastown	Dorchester	Harry Cain	A W Delmar
2.16	aOngidant	Toronto	Chas. Jackson Chas. W. Worht	C. C. Wightman
247	allereer	Forgue	A. W. Richardson	P Dorra
318	aGeorgian	Penetonguishene	W. F. Beck.	W H Hawson
352	aGeorgian	Parry Sound	H. M. Purvis	I H Vnifton
354	Brock	Campington	R. L. Corlett	Los A Kift
	aRiver Park	Streetsville	T. J. Bowie	W F B Switzer
357	Waterdown	Villgrove	B. A. Shuart	P D Shorey
	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	Hardy Johnston	Alex. Colvin
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	S R Hancock	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge	L H. Elliott	F. P. Warne
361	aWaverley	Guelph	H. E. Cosford	W. Simpson
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	J. H. Elliott H. E. Cosford J. F. Mutrie Geo. J. Stevenson	A. H. Monkman
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	Geo. J. Stevenson	Rev. D. C. Stephen
368	aSalem	Brockville	A. T. Wilgress	E. A. Geiger
369	aMimico	Lambton Mills	Chas. Silverthorne	J. T. Phillips
-370	Harmony	Delta	C. W. Webster	H. E. Johnson
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	Leonard Wood	R. A. de Olloqui
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg	J. W. Bond	John A. North
373	aCopestone	Welland	J. W. Bond. Geo. Urquhart. V. H. McWilliams	Thos. Main
374	aK eene	Keene	V. H. McWilliams	A. D. Anderson
- 373	aLorne	Omemee	Rev. Hv. Earle	W. I. Thorn
375	Unity	Huntsville	P. C. Marsh	D. M. Grant
311	al orne	Snelburne	R. E. Mortimer	Jno, R. Berwick
370	a Middlesov	Privancton	J. H. Hobbs Geo. E. Hudson	Mor. Cront
380	aUnion	London	E E Simmono	Los Word
382	Dorio	Vamilton	F. F. Simmons A. E. McArthur G. H. McKeown	C V Emore
383	aHenderson	Winchester	G H McKeown	B F Smith
384	aAlphza	Toronto	Wm. Moull.	E I Voss
285	Sorr	Destor	T T Decellers	Theo V nomice
386	a McColl	West Lorne	Ios M Conway	L.E. Milner
387	aLansdowne	Lansdowne	W. F. Mitchell	E. R. Bradley
388	aHenderson	Ilderton	Jos. M. Conway Jos. M. Conway W. F. Mitchell. W. G. Taylor R. A. Johnston Ira C. Bilton B. L. Sorger	J. H. Robson
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	R. A. Johnston	J. B. Love
390	aFlorence	Florence	Ira C. Bilton	Walter Drew
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	R. J. Spence W. L. Trusler	J. A. Crawford
392	aHuron	Camlachie	W. L. Trusler	A. Trusler
393	Forest	Chesley	John A. Green. John McMartin	J. J. Neelin
391	aKing Solomon's	Thamestord	John McMartin	W. W. Day
393	Parvaim	Comber	H. N. Collier	D. McDougall
207	a Cedar	Wiarton	C. A. Kesselring	5. E. Foster
200	Vietoria	Driugen	Jas. Taylor	Duncan Warren
300	Moffat	Harriotavilla	Jas. Taylor Wm. Jobe Samuel Weir	D D Dom
100	Qalmille	Optruillo	Choo H Cross	D. K. Dall.
401	aCraig	Deseronto	Eline Armitago	D N Irvino
102	Central	Fccev	F I Highe	H R Johnston
403	aWindsor	Windsor	Wm Birnie	A N Pettit
404	aLorne	Tamworth	Duncan Axford	Ias Avlesworth
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	S. G. Richardson	I. H. Speck
406	aSprv	Fenelon Falls	F. W. Warren	H. I. Townley
408	aMurray	Beaverton	Rev. J. McK McLennan	P. É. Byrne
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	Samuel Scott	J. C. Davidson
410	aZeta	Toronto	F. W. Davidson	Walter Bryce
411	aRodney	Rodney	P. A. McVicar	J. B. Stinson
412	aKeystone	Sault Šte. Marie	Geo. W. Rudlen I	E. I. Scott
413	aNaphtalií	Tilbury	A. Stenason	W. A. Johnson
414	Pequonga	Kenora	Samuel Weir Chas, H. Cross Elias Armitage E. J. Hicks Duncan Axford S. G. Richardson F. W. Warren Rev. J. McK McLennan J. McK McLennan Samuel Scott F. W. Davidson P. A. NcVicar Geo. W. Rudlen J. W. Douglas	P. E. Baker

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No. of Lode	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	With- drawn	Deaths	Suspen. N. P. D.	Suspen. U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members	Last Returns		Night of Meeting
$\begin{array}{l} N & - & \\ S & 3373 \\ S & 3577 \\ S & 3559 \\ S & 3569 \\ S & 3577 \\ S & 3559 \\ S & 3569 \\ S & 3577 \\ S & 3559 \\ S & 3569 \\ S & 3577 \\ S & 35777 \\$	$\begin{array}{c} & & & \\$	$\begin{array}{c} & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & &$	$\begin{array}{c} & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & &$	1 7 4 1 11 3 1 2	1 1 1 5 5 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	A 4 4 4 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 1 1 1 1 1	13				$\begin{array}{c} 51\\ 59\\ 81\\ 377\\ 71\\ 399\\ 47\\ 59\\ 82\\ 100\\ 66\\ 60\\ 216\\ 60\\ 58\\ 71\\ 133\\ 61\\ 124\\ 412\\ 225\\ 1290\\ 406\\ 58\\ 79\\ 96\\ 58\\ 44\\ 53\\ 62\\ 259\\ 131\\ 103\\ 66\\ 58\\ 44\\ 53\\ 66\\ 22\\ 799\\ 131\\ 105\\ 149\\ 105\\ 149\\ 105\\ 149\\ 105\\ 149\\ 177\\ 51\\ 103\\ 177\\ 51\\ 103\\ 117\\ 75\\ 103\\ 117\\ 75\\ 103\\ 117\\ 75\\ 103\\ 117\\ 75\\ 103\\ 117\\ 75\\ 103\\ 117\\ 75\\ 103\\ 117\\ 75\\ 103\\ 117\\ 75\\ 103\\ 117\\ 75\\ 103\\ 117\\ 75\\ 103\\ 117\\ 117\\ 117\\ 117\\ 117\\ 117\\ 117\\ 11$	24 June "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" ""	1914 1913 1914 1913 1914 1913 1914 1913 1914 1913 1914 1913 1914 1913 1914	Fri. on or bef. F. M. Tue. on or bef. F. M. Tue. on or bef. F. M. Ist Tuesday Tue. on or bef. F. M. Ist Saturday Thur. on or bef. F. M. Tue. on or bef. F. M. 3rd Wednesday Ist Friday Ist Thursday 3rd Weduesday Wed. on or bef. F. M. Tue. on or bef. F. M.
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No. Lodi	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
415	aFort William	Fort William	A. J. Campbell. Maurice Brown I. J. Honse. G. H. McDougall A. B. Walsh. J. B. Willis. T. F. Perkin. Edward Hone	C. E. Coombes
416	Lyn	Lyn	Maurice Brown	. J. C. McCrady
417	aKeewatin	Keewatin		. A. J. Holmes
418	a Maxville	Sornio	A B Walsh	D Burgese
419	Vinissing	North Bay	L B Willis	John C Ross
421	aScott	Grand Valley	T. F. Perkin	W. L. Craig.
				. J. H. McLeod
423	aStrong. aDoric aSt. Clair	Sundridge	H. B. Andrew	. W. J. Elliott
424	aDoric	Pickering	. H. G. Kerr	. John Gormley
425	aSt. Clair	. Sombra	U. E. Burgess	J. W. Burnham Wm. Harris
420	aStanley aNickel	Sudbury	R Dorsett	Jos. Fowler
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	W. F. Dobson	I. W. Crozier
429	aPort Elgin	Port Elgin	W. F. Dobson S. H. Langford	J. W. Dougherty
430	aAcacia	loronto	T. H. P. Hammett	W. E. Jarrett
	Moravian	Cargill	Wm. Irwin	Wm, J. Loughleen
432	Hanover	Hanover	W. D. Staples	Geo. A. Rozel
433	aBonnechere.	Eganville	J. A. McMillan	Jas. Reeves
435	Algonquin aHavelock	Havelock	H T Andrews	Harrison Wing
436	aBurns	Hepworth	Frank Campbell	V. W. Jones.
-437	aTuscan	Sarnia	W. A. Sauerwein	. W. J. Barrie
438	aHarmony	. Toronto	H. F. W. Funston	., W. T. Martin
-439	aAlexandria	Alexandria	. V. V. Massey	.J. E. Jacklin
440	Arcadia	Minden	John Snell	C. S. Brownlee
441	aWestport	Westport	W. S. Breckenridge	W W Thompson
442	aDyment aPowassan	Powassan	I G Phillins	D C Bingham
444	aNitetis	Creemore	J. C Lennox	I, O, Newton
	aLake of the Woods.	Kenora	J. A. McMillan. Walter R. Jones Frank Campbell. W. A. Sauerwein. H. F. W. Funston. V. V. Massey John Snell. W. S. Breckenridge. W. A. Bridge. L. G. Phillips. J. C. Lennov. C. H. Carpenter W. J. Clark. W. G. Austin.	. G. C. Hay
	aGranite	Fort Frances	W. J. Clark	F. H. Warner
	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	W. C. Austin R. N. Epplett H. C. Moody	W. C. Parliament
448	aXenophon	Wheatley	H. C. Moody	A E Colgon
450	aDundalk	Dundalk Hawkesbury	K M Robertson	H. E. A. Roche
	aSomerville	Kinmount	Geo. Horton	E. A. Wellstood
452.	aAvonmore	Avonmore	A. J. McMillan	. S. Shaver
453	Roval	Fort William	M. J. Francis. G. H. Silvester	F. C. Perry
454	Corona Doric	Burk's Falls	G. H. Silvester	. J. W. Harris
455	Elma	Monkton	Jos Ellenton	A Chalmara
457	a Century	Merlin	R. J. Shine.	W W Marshall
458	aWales	Wales .	G. D. Colguhonn	F. Warren
459	aCobden	Cobden.	R. J. Shine. J. W. Robertson G. D. Colquhoun J. H. Reynolds. C. C. Gilbert. D. McBane. Wesley McKnight. J. T. Laking. A. T. H. Switzer. Wm. L. Gourlay. W. D. Cotton. John McCabe. R. J. Nelson. H. J. Nelson. Frank Porter.	. Wm. J. Oates
460	aRidean	. Seeley's Bay	C. C. Gilbert	. Hy. Willis
461	Tomiccoming	Namy River.	D. McBane	E. Monoghun
402	North Entrance	Haliburton	T Lobing	H H Clark
464	King Edward	Sunderland.	A. T. H. Switzer	R. A. Purvis
465	aCarleton	. Carp	Wm. L. Gourlay	Geo. A. Moore
466	aCoronation	Elmvale	, W. D. Cotton	J. T. Foster
467	aTottenham	. Tottenham	John McCabe	. F. W. Abbott
468	Peel.	. Caledon East	K. J. Nelson	.J. W. Phillips
409	aragoma aVictoria	Victoria Harbor	Frank Porter	F B Brown
472	aGore Bay	Gore Bay	J. N. Waite	C. C. Platt
473	aThe Beaches	Toronto.	J. M. Finlay	S. J. Manchester
474	Victoria	Toronto	J. E. Weatherill	W. E. Birrell.
475	aDundurn	Namilton	John McCoy	. G. H. Lanigan
470	aCorintilian	Woodville	F A Leas	A E Stabach
478	a Milverton	Milverton	Rudolph Miller	W. I. Zoeger
479	aRussell	Russell	W. T. Fielding	A. Muckleston
480	aWilliamsburg	N. Williamsburg	C. A. Herber J. N. Waite J. M. Finlay J. E. Weatherill John McCoy J. C. McNiece. F. A. Leas. Rudolph Miller W. T. Fielding Oscar Becksted. H. W. Burgess	J. A. Barkley
481	aCorinthian	Toronto	H. W. Burgess	. G. G. Hood

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
482	a Bancroft	Bancroft	W. E. Wiggins	J. A. Eby
483	aGranton	Granton	C. M. Webb	Chas. A. Lang
484	Golden Star	Dryden	C. B. Gordon	J E. Cole
485	aHaileybury	Haileybury	Robt. Le Heup	
486	aSilver	Cobalt	F. D. Reid	A. D. Campbell
487	aPenewobikong	Blind River.	Jos. Glanville	F. G. W. Braithwaite
488	aKing Edward		Wm. A. Sparling	G. E. Johnston
489	aOsiris	Smith's Falls	Jno. M. Coombs	
490	aHiram	Markdale	R. J. Gilfillan	
	aCardinal		W. T. Kingston	
492	aKarnak		H. Wellwood	
493	aSt Marys	St. Marys	R. M. Northgrave	T. L. Sinclair
494	aRiverdale	Toronto.	F. H. Webb	C. W. Mott
495	a Electric	Hamilton	J. H. Schrader	W. F. Montague
-496	aUniversity	Toronto	H. C. Hindmarsh	P. W. Rogers
497	aSt Andrew's	Arden	H. Loyst	G. M. Kirk
498	aKing George V	Coboconk	J. B. Auston	F. C. Fielding
-499	aPort Arthur		Hull Austin	W. G. McGregor
	aRose			M. P. McMaster
501	aConnaught	Mimico	P. H. Brown	J. W. Ruttan
-502	Coronation.	Smithville	W. H. Trembly	
-503	a Inwood	Inwood	Jas. Brown	John W. Gault
-504	aOtter	Lombardy	Clark Nichols	Thos. Miller
505	aLynden	Lynden	John K. Jones	R. A. Thompson
506	aPorcupine	Porcupine	T. W. Foster	R. M. Chapman
-507	aElk Lake	Elk Lake	Andrew H. Porter	
	aOzias	Brantford	Wm. Bentham	
509			Robt. J. Kerr	
			F. H. Hayhurst	
511	Connaught	W. Fort William	A. R. Mills	J. B. Hardy
512			F. G. Tremayne	
513	Corinthian	Hamilton	F. H. Nairn.	J. R. Croft
514			F. W. Harcourt	
515			Wm. R. McCormack	
516			Albert Munroe	P. C. Creeggan
517			J. A. Cummings	
518	Sioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	J. V. Brandon	M. M. Perkins
519			R. J. Cranston	
520			Alex. Gillies	
521		Windsor	C. W. Cadwell	J. R. Thompson
522		loronto.	Hy. C. Scully.	C. E. Garrard.
UL			Fred. Summersley	
UI			Thos Saunders	
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LIST OF LODGES-BY DISTRICTS

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1 (27).

D. D. G. M.-R. W. Bro. Robt. Healey, Kingsville.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT No. 2 (21).

D. D. G. M.-R. W. Bro. Wm. J. McCormack, Sarnia.

No. 56, Victoria Sarnia No. 81, St. John's Mt. Brydges No. 83, Beaver Strathroy No. 116, Cassia. Thedford No. 153, Burns, Wyoming No. 158, Alexandra Oil Springs No. 194, Petrolia Petrolia No. 238, Havelock Watford No. 260, Washington Petrolia No. 265, Forest Forest	No. 323, Alvinston Alvinston
No. 263, ForestForest No. 294, MooreCourtright	No. 503, InwoodInwood

LONDON DISTRICT No. 3 (26).

D. D. G. M.-R. W. Bro. U. A. Buchner, London.

No. 20, St. John'sLondon	No. 289, DoricLobo
No. 42, St. George'sLondon	No. 300, Mount OlivetThorndale
No. 44, St. ThomasSt. Thomas	No. 302, St. David'sSt. Thomas
No. 64, KilwinningLondon	No. 330, CorinthianLondon East
No. 94, St. Mark'sPort Stanley	No. 344, MerrillDorchester Sta.
No. 107, St. Paul'sLambeth	No. 345, NilestownNilestown
No. 120, WarrenFingal	No. 358, Delaware, ValDelaware
No. 140, MalahideAylmer	No. 378, King Solomon'sLondon
No. 171, Prince of WalesLawrence	No. 379, MiddlesexBryanston
No. 190, BelmontBelmont	No. 380, UnionLondon
No. 195, TuscanLondon	No. 388, HendersonIlderton
No. 209a, St. John'sLondon	No. 394, King Solomon Thamesford
No. 232, CameronDutton	No. 399, MoffattHarrietsville

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT No. 4 (19).

D. D. G. M .--- R. W. Bro. H. C. Dunlop, Goderich.

No. 33. MaitlandGoderich	No. 233, Doric Parkhill
No. 73, St. James' St. Marys	No. 303, BlythBlyth
No. 84, ClintonClinton	No. 309, Morning StarCarlow
No. 133, Lebanon ForestExeter	No. 318, WilmotBaden
No. 141, TudorMitchell	No. 332, StratfordStratford
No. 144. TecumsehStratford	No. 456, ElmaMonkton
No. 154. IrvingLucan	No. 478, MilvertonMilverton
No. 170, BritanniaSeaforth	No. 483, GrantonGranton
No. 205, New Dominion, N. Hamburg	No. 493, St. Mary'sSt. Marys
No. 224, Zurich	

NORTH HURON DISTRICT No. 5 (19).

D. D. G. M.-R. W. Bro. Fred. C. Ryan, Paisley.

No. 93, Northern Light, Kincardine	No. 331, FordwichFordwich
No. 131. St. Lawrence Southampton	No. 341, BruceTiverton
No. 162. ForestWroxeter	No. 362, Maple Leaf
No. 184, Old LightLucknow	No. 393, ForestChesley
No. 197, SaugeenWalkerton	No. 396, CedarWiarton
No. 225, BernardListowel	No. 429, Port ElginPort Elgin
No. 235, AldworthPaisley	No. 431, MoravianCargill
No. 276, Teeswater	No. 432, HanoverHanover
No. 284, St. John'sBrussels	No. 436, BurnsHepworth
No. 286, WinghamWingham	-

WILSON DISTRICT No. 6 (22).

D. D. G. M.-R. W. Bro. D. M. Sutherland, Princeton.

No. 10, NorfolkSimcoe	No. 149, EriePort Dover
No. 37, King HiramIngersoll	No. 174, WalsinghamPort Rowan
No. 43, King Solomon's, Woodstock	No. 178, PlattsvillePlattsville
No. 68, St. John'sIngersoll	No. 181, OrientalPort Burwell
No. 76, OxfordWoodstock	No. 193, ScotlandScotland
No. 78, King Hiram	No. 217, FrederickDelhi
No. 82, St. John'sParis	No. 237, ViennaVienna
No. 104, St. John'sNorwich	No. 250, ThistleEmbro
No. 106, BurfordBurford	No. 259, SpringfieldSpringfield
No. 108, BlenheimPrinceton	No. 261, Oak BranchInnerkip
No. 113, WilsonWaterford	No. 359, VittoriaVittoria

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 7 (22).

D. D. G. M.-R. W. Bro. Jas. H. Cowan, Galt.

No. 72, AlmaGalt	No. 279, New HopeHespeler
No. 151, The Grand RiverBerlin	No. 295, ConestogoDrayton
No. 172, AyrAyr	No. 297, PrestonPreston
No. 180, SpeedGuelph	No. 306, DurhamDurham
No. 200, St. Alban'sMt. Forest	No. 314, BlairPalmerston
No. 203, IrvineElora	No. 315, CliffordClifford
No. 216, Harris Orangeville	No. 334, Prince ArthurArthur
No. 257, Galt	No. 347, MercerFergus
No. 258, GuelphGuelph	No. 361, WaverleyGuelph
No. 262, Harriston	No. 421, ScottGrand Valley
No. 271, WellingtonErin	No. 509, Twin CityBerlin

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 8 (28).

D. D. G. M.-R. W. Bro. James McGregor, Caledonia.

No. 6, The Barton Hamilton No. 27, Strict Observance, Hamilton No. 40, St. John's Hamilton No. 45, Brant Brantford No. 57, Harmony Binbrook No. 61, Acacia Hamilton No. 62, St. Andrew's Caledonia No. 10, Valley Dundas No. 121, Doric Brantford No. 135, St. Clair Milton No. 135, Burlington Burlington	No. 272, Seymour
No. 135, St. ClairMilton	No. 505, LyndenLynden

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9 (14).

D. D. G. M .-- R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Martin, Penetanguishene.

No. 79, SimcoeBradford	No. 249, CaledonianMidland
No. 90, ManitoCollingwood	No. 266, Northern LightStayner
No. 96, CorinthianBarrie	No. 304, MinervaStroud
No. 137, PythagorasMeaford	No. 348, GeorgianPenetanguishne
No. 192, OrilliaOrillia	No. 466, CoronationElmvale
No. 230, KerrBarrie	No. 417, Victoria Victoria Harbour
No. 234, BeaverClarksburg	No. 492, KarnakColdwater

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9a (11).

D. D. G. M .-- R. W. Bro. Thos. McKnight, Cookstown.

No. 88, St. George's Owen Sound	No. 385, SpryBeeton
No. 236, ManitobaCookstown	No. 444. Nitetis Creemore
No 285, Seven Star Alliston	No. 449, Dundalk
No. 322, North StarOwen Sound	No. 467, TottenhamTottenham
No 333, Prince Arthur Flesherton	No. 490, HiramMarkdale
No. 377, Lorne	

NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 10 (23).

D D. G. M.-R. W. Bro. John E. Cohoe, Welland,

No. 2. NiagaraNiagara	No. 254, CliftonNiagara Falls
No. 7, UnionGrimsby	No. 277, SeymourPort Dalhousie
No. 15, St. George'sSt. Catharines	No. 296, TempleSt. Catharines
No. 32, AmityDunnville	No. 319, Hiram
No. 35, St. John'sCayuga	No. 329, King SolomonJarvis
No. 103, Maple Leaf St. Catharines	No. 337, MyrtlePort Robinson
No. 105, St. Mark'sNiagara Falls	No. 338, DufferinWellandport
No. 115, IvyBeamsville	No. 372, PalmerBridgeburg
No. 168, Merritt	No 373, Copestone
No. 169, McNabPort Colborne	No. 471, King Edward VII., Chippawa
No. 185, Enniskillen	No. 502, CoronationSmithville
No. 221, Mountain	

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT No. 11 (30).

D. D. G. M.-R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Smith, Toronto,

No. 22, King Solomon's Toronto No. 356, River Park	ills nto
No. 65, Rehoboam	
No. 86, Wilson	nto
No. 98, True Blue Bolton No. 438, Harmony Toron	nto
No. 118, UnionSchomberg No. 468, PeelCaledon E	ast
No. 156, York	nto
No. 229, Ionic Brampton No. 481, Corinthian	
No. 247, Ashlar Toronto No. 496, University	nto
No. 265, Patterson	ico
No. 292, Robertson,	nto
No. 305, Humber	nto
No. 311, Blackwood	nto
No. 326, Zetland Toronto U.D., MississaugaPort Cre	dit
No. 346, Occident	nto

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT No. 11a (24).

D. D. G. M.-R. W. Bro, Wm. R. Walters, Toronto.

No. 16, St. Andrew's Toronto	No. 316, DoricToronto
No. 23, Richmond Richmond Hill	No. 339, OrientToromto
No. 25, Ionic	No. 343, GeorginaToronto
No. 75, St. John's Toronto	No. 354, BrockCannington
No. 87, Markham Union, Markham	No. 367, St. GeorgeToronto
No. 97, Sharon Queensville	No. 410, Zeta
No. 99, Tuscan	No. 424, DoricPickering
No. 121, Rising Sun Aurora	No. 430, AcaciaToronto
No. 136, Richardson Stouffville	No. 473, The Beaches Toronto
No. 218, Stevenson	No. 494, Riverdale
No. 220, Zeredatha Uxbridge	No. 512, MaloneSutton West
No. 269, Brougham UnionClaremon	No. 520, CoronatiToronto

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 12 (16).

D. D. G. M .-- R. W. Bro. John W. Anderson, Lindsay.

No. 30, Composite	No. 408, MurrayBeaverton
No. 39, Mount ZionBrooklin	No. 428, FidelityPort Perry
No. 77, Faithful Brethren, Lindsay	No. 440, Arcadia Minden
No. 139, Lebanon Oshawa	No. 451, SomervilleKinmount
No. 268, Verulam	No. 463, North Entrance, Haliburton
No. 270, Cedar Oshawa	No. 464, King EdwardSunderland
No. 398, Victoria	No. 477, HardingWoodville
No. 406, The SpryFenelon F'ls	No. 498, King George VCoboconk

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PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT No. 13 (20).

D. D. G. M.-R. W. Bro. H. J. Clarke, Belleville,

No.	11. Moira Belleville	No. 126, Golden Rule,Campbelford
No.	17, St. John'sCoburg	No. 127, Franck Frankford
No.	18, Prince Edward Pieton	No. 161, Percy
No.	29, United Brighton	No. 164, Star in the East, Wellington
No.	38, Trent Trenton	No. 215, LakeAmeliasburg
No.	48, Madoc Madoc	No. 222, MarmoraMarmora
No.	50, Consecon Consecon	No. 239, Tweed Tweed
No.	69, Stirling Stirling	No. 283, Eureka Belleville
	91, Colborne	
Bo.	123. The Belleville Belleville	No. 482, Baneroft Baneroft

FRONTENAC DISTRICT No. 14 (16).

D. D. G. M.-R. W. Bro. A. B. Carscallen, Tamworth.

No. 3, The Ane't St. John's, Kingst'n	No. 212, ElysianGarden 1sland
No. 9, UnionNapanee	No. 228, Prince Arthur Odessa
No. 92, CataraquiKingston	No. 253, Minden Kingston
No. 109, Albion Harrowsmith	No. 299, Victoria Centreville
No. 119, Maple Leaf Bath	No. 404, Lorne
No. 146, Prince of Wales . Newburgh	No. 441, WestportWestport
No. 157, Simpson Newboro'	No. 460, Rideau
No. 201, Leeds	No. 497, St. Andrew's Arden

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 15 (16).

D. D. G. M.- R. W. Bro. F. H. Mallory, Mallorytown.

No.	5, SussexBrockville	No. 242, MaeoyMallorytown
No.	14, True Britons,Perth	No. 368, SalemBrockville
No.	24, St. FrancisSmith's Falls	No. 370, Harmony Delta
No.	28, Mount ZionKemptville	No. 387, LansdowneLansdowne
No.	55, MerrickvilleMerrickville	No. 389, Crystal Fountain, N. Augusta
No.	74, St. James'St. Augusta	No. 416, Lyn
	85, Rising Sun Athens	No. 489, OsirisSmith's Falls
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No. 52, DalhousieOttawa	No. 231, Lodge of FidelityOttawa
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No. 209, EvergreenLanark	U.D., IonieWestboro'

ALGOMA DISTRICT No. 17 (12).

D. D. G. M.-R. W. Bro. Nelson Schnarr. Kenora.

No. 287, ShuniahPort Arthur	No. 453, Royal Fort William
No. 414, Pequonta Kenora	No. 461, IonieRainy River
No. 415, Fort William, Fort William	No. 484, Golden Star Dryden
No. 417, KeewatinKeewatin	No. 499, Port Arthur Port Arthur
No. 445, Lake of the Woods Kenora	No. 511, Connaught, W. Fort William
No. 446, GraniteFort Frances	No. 518. Sioux Lookout, Sioux Lookout

NIPISSING DISTRICT No. 18 (16).

D. D. G. M .-- R. W. Bro. N. J. Mcaaulay, Haileybury.

No. 405. MattawaMattawa	No. 469, AlgomaSault Ste. Marie
No. 412, KeystoneSault Ste. Marie	No. 472, Gore Bay Gore Bay
No. 420, NipissingNorth Bay	No. 485, HaileyburyHaileybury
No. 427, NickelSudbury	No. 486, SilverCobalt
No. 442, DymentThessalon	No. 487, Penewobikong, Blind River
No. 447, Sturgeon Falls. Sturgeon Falls	No. 506, PorcupinePorcupine
No. 455, DoricLittle Current	No. 507, Elk LakeElk Lake
No. 462, Temiscaming, New Liskeard	U.D., Sable Massey

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No. 360, MuskokaBracebridge	No. 434, AlgonquinEmsdale
No. 376, UnityHuntsville	No. 443, PowassanPowassan
No. 409, Golden RuleGravenhurst	No. 454, CoronaBurk's Falls

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No. 31, JerusalemBowmanville	No. 313, ClementiLakefield
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No. 101, CorinthianPeterborough	No. 374, KeeneKeene
No. 114, HopePort Hope	No. 375, LorneOmemee
No. 145, J. B. HallMillbrook	No. 435, HavelockHavelock
No. 155, Peterborough Peterborough	U.D., Royal Arthur Peterborough

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D. D. G. M .-- R. W. Bro, Wm. C. Davy, Morrisburg.

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Erie District	No.	1	ges
St. Clair District	No.	2	ges
London District	No.	3	ges
South Huron District	No.	4	ges
North Huron District	No.	5	ges
Wilson District	No.	2	ges
Wellington District	No.	7	ges
Hamilton District	No.	8	ges
Georgian District	No.	914 Lod	ges
Georgian District	No.	9a11 Lod	ges
Niagara District	No.	10	ges
Toronto West District	No.	11	ges
Toronto East District	No.	11a24 Lod	ges
Ontario District	No.	12	ges
Prince Edward District	No.	1320 Lod	ges
Frontenac District.	No,	1416 Lod	ges
St. Lawrence District	No.	1516 Lod	ges
Ottawa District	No.	16	ges
Algoma District	No.	1712 Lod	ges
Nipissing District	No.	1816 Lod	ges
Muskoka District	No,	19	ges
Otonabee District	No,	2014 Lod	ges
Eastern District	No.	2116 Lod	ges

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No. 41—Herbert Harris, S1—John C. West, 192—Lauchlin McKinnon, 223—Thos. Ridyard, 367—Alfred Taylor, 376—Anson G. Burke, 420—Henry J. Herbert, 440—Wm, A. Welch,

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DEATHS, 1913-1914.

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 1914. 410—Wm Dunlop, 19 April, 1914, Wm. R. Tait, 20 May, 1914. 412— Orlando O. Downey, 18 September. 1913, Amos Clarke, 4 March, 1914. 413— Lawrence V. Beck, 19 February, 1914. 414—Thos. Hanson, 30 September, 1913, Samuel C. Sharman, 6 January, 1914. 414—Thos. Hanson, 30 September, 1913, Samuel C. Sharman, 6 January, 1914. 414—Thos. Hanson, 30 September, 1913, F. Root, 3 May, 1914. 419—Andrew G. Manley, 2 August, 1913. 420—A. R. Morris, 9 June, 1914, G. L. Johnston, 19 February, 1914. 423—Wm. H. Hammond 14 May, 1914. 424—Joseph Workman, 27 April, 1914. 425—Chas. F. Cattan-ach, 9 Novemner, 1913, Jos. Workman, 24 April, 1914. 425—Chas. F. Cattan-ach, 9 Novemner, 1913, Jos. Workman, 24 April, 1914. 425—Chas. F. Cattan-ach, 9 Novemner, 1913, Jos. Workman, 24 April, 1914. 425—Chas. F. Cattan-ach, 9 Novemner, 1913, Jos. Workman, 24 April, 1914. 425—Chas. F. Cattan-ach, 9 Novemner, 1913, Jos. Workman, 24 April, 1914. 425—Chas. F. Cattan-ach, 9 Novemner, 1913, Jos. Workman, 24 April, 1914. Geo. McLean, 14 March, 1914, 429—M. G. Barber, 430—Thos. Prescott. 431—Robert Gamble, 28 January, 1914. 437—Wm. Holgate, 10 November, 1913, L. B. Slater, 26 Feb-ruary, 1914. 437—Wm. Holgate, 10 November, 1913, L. B. Slater, 26 Feb-ruary, 1914. J. T. Whitlaw, 30 January, 1914, O. B. Darland, 6 February, 1914, E. J. Evans, 16 March, 1914, Jas. Morgan, 14 January, 1914, C. T. Mead, 19 March, 1914. 441—F. M. Biliton, 3 December, 1913. 442—Thos. H. Moore, Frank E. Ross, 19 April, 1914. 443—Jas. J. Matthews, 19 January, 1914. 453—Thos. M. Piper, 23 March, 1914. 458—L. C. Hickey, 7 September, 1913. 460—Andrew Dillon, 21 May, 1913. 464—Thos. Allin, 13 March, 1913. 468—Mm. C. Burrell, 14 January, 1914. 475—Geo. A. Bain, 13 March, 1913. 466—Andrew Dillon, 21 May, 1913. 464—Thos. Allin, 13 March, 1913. 466—Andrew Dillon, 21 May, 1913. 464—Thos. Allin, 13 March, 1913. 466—Andrew Dillon, 21 May, 1914. 475—Geo. A. Bain, 13 May, 1914. 479—Wm. McKerowan, 27 June, 1913. W. Rowan, 11 October, 19

RESTORATIONS, 1913-1914.

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332—Jno. Rollinson, Wm. P. Lewis. 334—Geo. Scroggie. 339—B. G. Stephenson. 343—Jno. Spalding. 344—Chas. Small, Edward Buffam. 346—Geo. Johnson. 352—Richard Collins, J. Kentbera. 354—Jno. J. Hart. 361—Frank B. Fenwick. 367—Robt. Ronse, Jno. T. Alexander. 378—W. G. Keys, J. H. Dorman, P. E. McKay, Eli J. Wells. 380—Oro Lee. 382—John W. Beer. 384 Jas. B. Mortimer, Jno. B. Newton, T. W. Sterling. 388—Wm. H. Reeve. 390—Alfred H. Stratton. 391—A. Whitwam. 394—E. J. Hoskin. 396—Jas. R. McKenny. 397—Albert Fisher. 398—Fred. T. Caloren. Geo. E. Lipsitt, D. D. McDongall, Jno. McClelland. 411—John Houser. 412—Hy. M. Phillips. 414—Thos. Hanson, A. Campbell. 415—A. Sellers, J. L. Brown, A. F. Bottsford. 419—John W. Pringle. 420—A. J. Tait. 426—R. D. Thompson. 429—August F. George. 430—D. Baldwin, Wm. H. Goderham. 433—Alfred S. Laws, D. Jaborn, Jas. Jaborn, Michael Foran. 437—Wm. Shaw. 438—W. E. Clarke, W. H. Harper, W. A. McEwan, F. A. Rawlin, A. B. Clark, L. H. Lewis. 447—H. N. Cockburn. 452—Wm. M. Kece. 453—E. A. Cope. 461—W. O. Chapman. 472—Alex. Sinclair. 473—Christopher Dawson. 482—John L. Reid. 486—J. W. N. Beamish, H. M. McNeil. 489—Role Billings.

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Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, and a member of The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton. DIED MAY 4th, 1914

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P. D. D. G. M. North Huron District No. 5. DIED AUG. 30th, 1913

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P. D. G. M. Ottawa District No. 16, and a member of Doric Lodge No. 58, Ottawa.
DIED SEPTEMBER 11th, 1913

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P. D. D. G. M. Ontario District No. 12, and a member of Lorne Lodge No. 375, Omemee. DIED SEPT. 29th, 1913.

Right Worshipfull Brother Sir Aemilius Irving

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## Appendix to Proceedings of 1914

### REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE A. T. Freed, P. G. M., Chairman

#### To the President of the Board of General Purposes :

On behalf of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence I beg to submit the following report. Proceedings of Grand Lodges reviewed are the following :

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Alabama	New Jersey1913-1914
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Arizona	New South Wales1913
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Kentucky1913	South Carolina1913
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#### ALABAMA.

The ninety-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama was opened at Montgomery December 2, 1913. Daniel A. Green Grand Master. Lodges represented 441; unrepresented 93. Seven Past Grand Masters were in attendance. The representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada was not reported present.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to notify the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island that its representative had failed for three consecutive years to attend the annual communications of Grand Lodge, and to request that the commission for the representative be revoked.

In opening his address Grand Master Greene congratulated the brethren upon the fact that "Alabama is no laggard in the contest being waged by the moral forces of the world, and that its members are no drones in humanity's hive in the great work of bringing relief to the needy, comfort to the sorrowing and of making life worth the living; that they stand ever ready to reach forth the helping hand to those in distress, and to exemplify in their actions the doctrine of service."

He reported that eight new lodges had been organized during the year, while two lodges had surrendered their charters. Two lodges had forfeited their charters by failure to be represented in Grand Lodge for two successive years; but dispensations had been granted them to continue work until the meeting of Grand Lodge. Eight lodges had lost their warrants by fire or otherwise, and duplicate warrants would be granted.

He reported the death on November 26th, 1913, of Rufus W. Cobb, who served as Grand Master from 1881 to 1883. Bro. Cobb was in the eighty-fifth year of his age. He had served in the ranks of the Confederate army during the civil war, and had served his fellow citizens of Alabama as senator, governor and judge. He was held in high esteem throughout the state.

M. W. Bro. Greene had received a communication from the Grand Lodge of Oregon proposing the formation of a central body which would, in substance if not in name, be a national Grand Lodge. He was unable to attend the convention, and was unable to tell his brethren just what was decided upon; but he was "of opinion that the genius and spirit of Masonry is incompatible with the success of such a movement." He is right: the existing Grand Lodges will, no doubt, jealously guard their independence.

He had also received a communication from "what appears to be a self-appointed apostle to put on foot an organization among Masons," whose object appears to be "to take an active part in the government of affairs in every country." He wisely decided not to have anything to do with it. The proposer of the scheme is probably weak in his upper storey.

He had made many decisions, among them the following: The room containing the altar and the three stations is the lodge room; other apartments, part of the Masonic building, are outside of the lodge room. A blind brother may be excused from balloting, as he cannot distinguish the color of the balls; but he may designate some brother to cast his ballot under his direction. The non-payment of a special assessment made by a subordinate lodge does not authorize the suspension of a brother. No person other than a member of a lodge can object to the advancement of a candidate. Members of clandestine lodges must be considered as profanes, and can be accepted only as other profanes are accepted.

The Grand Master naturally took a keen interest in the Masonic home, and urgently appealed for more money to enlarge the buildings and make the home more efficient. There were at the time forty-three inmates; the property had cost about \$125,000; and the expense of maintenance had been about \$200 per inmate. There was hope that when some of the ground could be cultivated some saving in expense could be made. It must be borne in mind that private lodges in the United States bear a larger share of the cost of relieving distress than do our Canadian lodges. A committee to which had been referred a proposal to provide all lodges in the state with uniform receipts for dues reported in favor of the scheme, with a proviso that the Grand Secretary charge the lodges a price for the receipts to be fixed by him. On the back of the receipts is a certificate that the lodge issuing them is a regular lodge on the register of Alabama, so that each will be a certificate that the holder is a Mason in good standing.

A majority of the committee, to which was referred the application of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico for recognition, reported in favor of such recognition; but one brother took the opposite view, and the minority report was adopted. During the political troubles in Mexico very little of the York Grand Lodge appears to remain in existence; and at the best the legitimacy of that body is doubtful.

The very able and comprehensive report on Foreign Correspondence was written by W. Bro. William Y. Titcomb. It was his fifteenth-and his last. In his concluding remarks Bro. Titcomb said: "If, in the preceding pages of this report, anything has been written that might be construed into an expression of ill-will, brothers of the Guild. please do not so take it, for we strongly disavow any purpose to wound the feelings of any brother. It is our aim to do to others as we wish them to do to us . . . . May peace and harmony everywhere prevail, and may God bless every member of our loved fraternity." Those loving and Masonic words were submitted to Grand Lodge on the 3rd of December; twenty days later Bro. Titcomb reported in person to the Great Architect of the Universe. Peace to his ashes.

Lodges in Alabama, 548; members, 26,397; a gain for the year of 926.

Henry Clanton Miller, Birmingham, Grand Master.

George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

#### - ALBERTA.

The eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was opened at Banff May 28th, 1913. Robert Patterson, Grand Master. Lodges represented 44; unrepresented 22; Five Past Grand Masters were present: the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada was not.

The Grand Master reported progress and prosperity. He said:

In taking a survey of the jurisdiction and looking back over the past year. I think there is great cause for thankfulness. We are still progressing, and when we compare the present year with those that have flown, we cannot fail to realize the great advance that Masonry has made in the Province of Alberta, and the many moral benefits it confers upon its members.

The finances of Grand Lodge he said were in a very satisfactory shape.

He had not been called upon to decide any important point of Masonic law. The only one which he noted was that a man who had lost a limb was not proper material for Masonry, because "he could not possible comply with certain requirements of either the constitution or ritual."

He urged upon the brethren the duty of establishing a Masonic home and school fund.

He had attended a number of lodges of instruction, and commended the work done. He said: "They have the effect of promoting harmony and good feeling, and of stimulating brotherly sentiment, and stirring up good-natured rivalry between lodges in the effort to outdo each other in the work of conferring the degrees."

During the year warrants were issued to five lodges under dispensation; and dispensations were granted for the formation of thirteen new lodges.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and that on Grievances and Appeals reported that no new business had come before them during the year, which, as the committee last-named said, "shows the unanimity that exists all over the jurisdiction."

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was recognized, and an exchange of representatives authorized. The committee on Benevolence reported that only one application for relief had come before it during the year.

The committee on Warrants recommended that warrants be granted to nine of the lodges under dispensation, and that four dispensations be continued.

The committee on the Condition of Masonry recommended that all the District Deputy Grand Masters receive the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Lodge adopted the recommendation. It appears that Grand Lodge withholds the rank until evidence is given that these officers have done their duty and earned their reward.

R. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, and presents a good and comprehensive report on the proceedings of other Grand Bodies.

S. J. Blair, Calgary, Grand Master.

George Macdonald, M.D., Calgary, Grand Secretary.

#### ARIZONA.

The thirty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona was opened at Bisbee, February 11th, 1913. Harry Arizona Drachman, Grand Master. All the lodges in the state, twenty in number, were represented. Eleven Past Grand Masters were present, including M. W. Bro. Benjamin Titus, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In opening his address the Grand Master was able to say good things of the lodges under his charge. He said:

It is with a sense of pride that we see our ranks increasing and that we are becoming strong and powerful. Our treasury shows a large increase and our influence for good is expanding in the fraternal world. We are receiving into the order in this state many men who stand high in their respective communities, and with prosperity before us we should see our membership increase by leaps and bounds and prove a power for good in all that appertains to Masonry.

With one exception he had visited all the lodges in the state.

He had decided that "there is nothing to prohibit the holding of a dance, card party or bazaar (in a Masonic Hall); but do not deem it prudent to hold a raffle or any game of chance." It might have been better to use a stronger word than "prudent" in the last clause.

He recommended that Arizona raise its share of the fund for erecting a memorial to Washington, the Mason. Grand Lodge authorized the payment of \$100 for the purpose.

One special communication of Grand Lodge had been held during the year for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a high school.

A communication was received from the International Club, of London, asking for recognition. No action appears to have been taken respecting it.

Bro. Drachman recommended recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that the Grand Lodge continue to recognize "the same Grand Lodge in Mexico that it has recognized in the past; but consider it as contrary to Masonic law to recognize more than one Grand Lodge occupying the same territory, or to recognize any Grand Lodge that would permit any infringement of this law."

The committee on Grievances reported that one member had been expelled for unmasonic conduct. With this exception peace and harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction.

It was resolved that representatives from sister Grand Jurisdictions who should fail for three successive years to be present at the annual communications of the Grand Lodge should forfeit their representative positions.

Lodges were exempted from payment of per capita tax for members borne on their rolls who pay no dues to the lodges.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

Lodges in Arizona 20; members 2,118, a gain for the year of 105.

Leroy Middleton, Globe, Grand Master.

George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

#### ARKANSAS.

The seventy-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was opened at Little Rock November 18th, 1913. William T. Hammock Grand Master. Lodges represented, 487; unrepresented, 65. Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present; also Bro. T. M. Horsfall, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Immediately after the opening the roll of deceased Past Grand Masters was called, and funeral grand honors given.

The Grand Master rejoiced that, during the year, peace had reigned throughout the jurisdiction and harmony with sister jurisdictions, that the subordinate lodges gave evidence of prosperity, and that there had been a substantial increase in the membership.

He deplored the death, during the year, of two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. J. W. Sorrels and M. W. Bro. S. T. Rowe.

He had been asked for many dispensations to install officers of lodges at times other than those fixed by the lodge by-laws, and recommended that the law be changed to permit these occasional special installations without dispensation.

Dispensations had been granted for the formation of two new lodges.

Bro. Hammock had been active in endeavors to improve the condition of Masonry throughout the jurisdiction. He had written to the District Deputy Grand Masters, requesting them to visit all the lodges "for the purpose of arousing interest in dormant lodges, to smooth away discords, spread the cement of peace and brotherly love, and raise the standard of moral life, as well as to impart correctly our secret work." Also he took action to get reports and dues from lodges, some of which were in arrear for from one year to eight. The results of his action were encouraging. He ruled that a person under the full age of twenty-one years could not petition a lodge for initiation.

He had received a communication announcing the formation of the "Reform Grand Lodge of Hungary." The committee on Foreign Correspondence, to which this communication was referred, reported that the body in question was not regular and had not derived its authority from a proper Masonic source. For those reasons recognition was not accorded.

He read statistics of several "banner lodges," one of which initiated fifty-eight candidates within the year. It is doubtful in the extreme that good can result from encouragement of such activity. The fear is that the lodges seeking "banner" honors will accept unworthy material and possibly its members may use influence in procuring candidates.

On the recommendation of the committee on Foreign Correspondence the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

Bro. George T. Black, Chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, reported that last year he had mailed his report to the Grand Secretary for inclusion in the printed Proceedings, but it had never been received, and could not be reproduced in time.

An amendment to the constitution fixes the levy on the constituent lodges, for Grand Lodge purposes, at one dollar for each degree conferred and fifty cents for each member on the roll of the lodge, and a further sum of fifty cents per member "for the support and maintenance of the indigent orphan children of deceased Master Masons and members of the Eastern Star."

The trustees of the Masonic home presented a highly favorable report. They said they could compare the institution with any state institution and not be ashamed. The cost of maintaining each child was about \$200 a year.

Bro. Black, for the committee, presented a good report on Foreign Correspondence, covering

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the Proceedings of forty-eight Grand Lodges, not including Canada.

Lodges in Arkansas 554; members 20,118, an increase of 165.

David I. Mills, Pine Bluff, Grand Master.

Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, Grand Secretary.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The forty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was opened at New Westminster June 19th, 1913. John M. Rudd Grand Master; Lodges represented 54; unrepresented 9. Nine Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Master reported peace and prosperity throughout the jurisdiction. "Our relations with all our sister jurisdictions," he said, "have been most harmonious."

Appreciative acknowledgments were read from Bros. R. F. Gould and W. Chetwode Crawley, the Masonic historians, who had been made honorary members of the Grand Lodge, with the rank of Past Grand Warden.

The Masonic Board of Relief at Vancouver had reported to the Grand Master a case of fraud, the main portions of which are here reproduced:

The officers of the board having learned of the intention of agents of the American Masonic Federation, a clandestine body regularly incorporated under the laws of the state of Idaho, to start a clandestine lodge in Vancouver, took steps to thwart the same. Accordingly at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 15th, 1912, said officers in company with police officers, called at room 602 North West Trust Building, situate on Richards Street, Vancouver, at which place and time they had been informed said agents were to initiate the chosen officers of the clandestine lodge, preparatory to the general initiation the next evening. There they found one Joseph Mendell and one Nathaniel B. Weinberg in the act of initiating into their so-called rite of Masonry a young man named Stevens, an employee of the Arena cigar store of Vancouver aforesaid (who afterwards stated that he was to be secretary of the lodge to be named "Vancouver Lodge," that he was 19 years of age, that he had paid the aforesaid persons, Mendell and Weinburg, the sum of \$35.00, and that he believed he was joining the Masonie Order). Names of others in waiting to be initiated are withheld. At the instance of

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the police officers the office was closed and the said Joseph Mendell and N. B. Weinberg, who claimed to be agents, were placed under arrest and charged with obtaining money under false pretences

Before the case came to trial the charge was amended to "Conspiracy to defraud" and Joseph Mendell as subagent, was on December 17th arrested and charged jointly with Weinberg on the same charge. On December 18th the trial took place before Magistrate Shaw, who, on December 19th, found the said Weinberg and Mendell guilty and sentenced them to a fine of \$200.00 or six months in jail. The conspirators had the assistance of one Thos. Pierrolt, claiming to be the Deputy Grand Master of the clandestine body, as well as legal counsel from three different legal firms. The said Mendell and Weinberg paid the fines imposed, but before being released officers of the Dominion Government service sentenced them to deportation to the United States, from whence they stated they had come, on the grounds of having been convicted of an indictable offence, they not being citizens of Canada. They were accordingly deported on December 23rd, 1912.

During the year eight emergent communications of Grand Lodge had been held, seven for the purpose of constituting and consecrating lodges, and one for dedicating a lodge room. With a single exception the Grand Master officiated at these ceremonies.

British Columbia, like other jurisdictions on the Pacific coast, is compelled to grant large sums for the relief of transient brethren. In the year under review, while \$1,883 was paid for the relief of their own brethren and widows and orphans, no less than \$3,607 was paid on account of transients. Brethren in the east should remember this heavy burden on their western brethren, and make repayment whenever it is possible to do so.

The funds and property of subordinate lodges in British Columbia are valued at \$226,363.

The excellent and sometimes spicy report on Foreign Correspondence is by V. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, the Grand Secretary.

Lodges in British Columbia 69, including one under dispensation; members 6,344, an increase of 484.

William Henderson, Victoria, Grand Master.

W. A. DeWolf Smith, box 189, New Westminster, Grand Secretary.

#### CALIFORNIA.

The sixty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of California was opened at San Francisco October 14th, 1913. William P. Filmer Grand Master. Lodges represented 338, including seven under dispensation; unrepresented 30. Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present.

On the 13th of October (the day before the formal opening of Grand Lodge) the new Masonic temple in San Francisco was formally dedicated by Grand Master Filmer in the presence of a large assembly of Masons and citizens. The edifice is one of the finest in the world for Masonic purposes. The cost was about \$1,500.000. The ceremonies attending the dedication were elaborate and imposing.

At the formal opening of the communication of the Grand Lodge M. W. Bro William P. Filmer presided. Lodges represented 331; unrepresented 7. Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present.

In the opening of his address the Grand Master suitably noted the death of Past Grand Master Henry Sayre Orme, who was born in Georgia in 1837, was Grand Master of Masons in California in 1894, and died November 29, 1912.

During the year ten lodges had been consecrated, and dispensations had been granted for six new lodges.

Bro. Filmer was loud in praise of the two Masonic homes in the jurisdiction. The crowded condition of the Decoto home had necessitated enlargement of the buildings, and at the previous session Grand Lodge had levied an additional tax on the subordinate lodges for the purpose of building them. The work was still in progress. Bro. Filmer said:

In April I visited the home at San Gabriel and found most satisfactory conditions at this home. It is always a sight to gladden the heart to see the bright, intelligent faces of the girls and boys of that institution, surrounded by their beautiful environment, under the direct influence of those splendidly fitted by nature and education to care for and train the plastic minds of the young people over whom we have assumed control.

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Apart from the Masonic homes, the splendid charities of California Masons are the admiration of the world. When news of the flood disasters in Ohio and Indiana reached him, the Grand Master at once directed that five thousand dollars be sent to the Grand Master of Ohio, and, in addition, called upon the lodges and private brethren for contributions. The result of this appeal was that within thirty days the Grand Secretary received for the relief of the sufferers sums aggregating \$9,500.70. Think of that! And there were only 50,257 Masons in the state.

The payments to Grand Lodge by these 50,257 Masons, for the year under review, amounted to \$132,570.75, of which \$57,185.25 was for the general fund, \$50,257 for maintenance of the Masonic homes, and \$25,128.50 for new buildings at the San Gabriel home.

Not only do the California brethren care for their own dependents and send money abroad to relieve distress in other parts of the world, but they spend large sums of money in caring for transients who go the the state in search of health or pleasure. The Board of Relief of San Francisco, for the year 1913, spent \$13,690 for this purpose; that of Los Angeles \$15,299.96; that of Oakland \$4,804.86; that of San Jose \$1,700.33; that of San Diego \$1,971.98. Some of this money was returned by the lodges to which the recipients of the relief belonged, and a considerable part was supplied by Grand Lodge; but a great part of the burden fell upon the local lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon had proposed the formation of a "central representative Masonic body," which should have authority to enact laws and take measures binding upon the various Grand Jurisdictions participating; and Bro. Filmer recommended that the Grand Lodge of California should give its adherence to the general purpose expressed in the circular letter; but the committee to which that part of the Grand Master's address was referred reported adversely, and Grand Lodge

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sustained the committee. Grand Lodges do not appear to be inclined to surrender any part of their independence.

The Grand Master was much pleased with the condition of the craft in California, and with the progress it had made. He said:

In the year 1881 the membership in California was 12,597; in 1903 the 25,000 mark was passed, and now, but ten years later, its membership has reached the grand total of over 50,000 Master Masons, the order having gained, in the last ten years, as many members as it recorded after the first fifty-three years of its existence. This rapid increase, however, I believe has been consistent and in harmony with the splendid growth of our state and does not in any manner indicate that our lodges are not exercising proper care in the consideration of applicants for membership therein,

On the recommendation of the committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized. Also the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico. Recognition of the Grand Orient of Italy was refused, on the grounds that the body was of Scottish Rite origin, that "it does not appear to limit the exercise of its functions to the three degrees of craft Masonry," and that it has invaded the territory of various Grand Lodges in the United States and established lodges in them. All of which appear to be excellent reasons for refusing fraternal recognition.

A new lodge, to be called Germania Lodge, was granted permission to confer degrees in the German language.

The report on Correspondence is presented by M. W. Bro. Edward H. Hart, who is an able and judicious reviewer. Bro. Hart thinks that "The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence is primarily for the information and benefit of the brethren of the jurisdiction; secondarily, the report may be a vehicle whereby an interchange of opinions upon mooted questions by the correspondents themselves is afforded." That appears to be correct, provided the correspondents confine their comments to real Masonic history and practice. The report should give its readers a synoptical view of

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contemporary Masonry; and criticism and comment should be as brief as possible.

M. W. Bro. Aubrey White, of this jurisdiction, having declined to give a dispensation to hold a Masonic picnic in the state of Michigan, Bro. Hart says: "It might strike an outsider that, if this was a case calling for a dispensation the dispensation ought to have come from the State of Michigan rather than from the Province of Ontario." Not a doubt of it. Bro. White would not dream of granting a dispensation to hold a Masonic function outside his own jurisdiction.

Lodges in California 355; an increase of 4, members 50,257, an increase of 1,942.

John D. Murphey, Bridgeport, Grand Master.

John Whicher, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

#### COLORADO.

The fifty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado was opened at Denver September 16th, 1913. George E. Simonton Grand Master. Lodges represented 118; unrepresented 8. Twenty-one Past Grand Masters were present, including M. W. Bro. James R. Killian, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In opening his address Grand Master Simonton said: "Fifty-three years ago the representatives of three lodges, with a total membership of sixty-two Master Masons, met and organized this Grand Lodge. To-day we meet as the representatives of 126 active and chartered lodges, having a total membership of 16,139, and as I look into your faces I feel that no grander body of men can be gathered together within the borders of our state." He reported harmony throughout the jurisdiction, friendship with all other Masonic bodies, a gratifying increase in membership, and a comfortablyfilled treasury.

He reported the death of M. W. Bro. John B. Haffy, who was Grand Master in 1908.

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During the year a separate body was formed for the purpose of holding the securities of the Benevolent Fund, keeping it separate from other funds of Grand Lodge. This fund now amounts to nearly \$40,000.

Three new lodges have been constituted during the year.

No less than fourteen requests have been made and granted to confer degrees on Colorado Apprentices or Fellowcrafts during the year; and twenty-three to confer degrees upon brethren temporarily residing in Colorado. It is evident that there must be a considerable migration to and from the state of young Masons.

The Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania refused one of these requests, because the constitution of that state forbade it.

Three special communications of Grand Lodge had been held to lay corner stones, and one to attend the funeral of Past Grand Master Haffy.

During the year representatives had been exchanged with the various Grand Lodges in Germany; and negotiations had been opened with the Grand Lodge of Sweden looking to recognition there.

A sum of \$500 had been sent to aid in relieving distress of sufferers by the floods in Ohio.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

The Chairman of the Benevolent Fund Commission reported that eight brethren, eight widows and sixteen children had received relief from the fund. He quotes approvingly the opinion of the Grand Master of Maine on the subject of relief as follows:

In Iowa, as in Maine, it is believed that the needy brethren can be made comfortable more cheaply at their (own) homes than in an institution, and I believe that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, they are more happy, if allowed to remain in their homes. It is, of course, possible in a large jurisdiction, the only feasible way may be to support a Masonic home. Among other valuable and interesting things, the Grand Lecturer said:

It is very gratifying to be able to report that, generally speaking, there is throughout the jurisdiction a growing appreciation on the part of the craft of the dignity of the institution of which they are members. Thoughtless brethren are coming to realize more and more that the conferring of any degree in Masonry is a solemn occasion; that there is a time for all things; and that the time for amusement, entertainment and relaxation is—as will be found so clearly set forth in the ancient charges—at refreshment or after the lodge is closed.

M. W. Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf submitted the twenty-ninth of his valuable reports on Foreign Correspondence, the twenty-fifth in consecutive order. Bro. Greenleaf gives a comprehensive review of the doings of other Grand Lodges, with little personal comment.

Lodges in Colorado.129, including three under dispensation; members 16,139, a gain for the year of 607.

William S. Pickerill, Durango, Grand Master. Charles S. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.

## CONNECTICUT.

The one hundred and twenty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was opened at Hartford February 4th, 1914. Wilbur S. Comstock Grand Master. Lodges represented 109; unrepresented 1. Twelve Past Grand Masters were present; also R. W. Bro. Clarence R. Austin, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

It became the sad duty of the Grand Master during the year to announce the death of three Past Grand Masters of the jurisdiction. On the 17th of April M. W. Bro. Benjamin F. Turner was called away. He was born in 1860, became a Mason in 1887, and was elected Grand Master in 1906. M. W. Frank W. Havens was born in 1845, initiated in 1881, and elected Grand Master in 1898. He was Grand Secretary for several years,

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and also chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence. When, a year ago, he retired from those positions, he was elected Grand Secretary emeritus. M. W. Bro. Leon M. Woodford was initiated in 1887, and elected Grand Master in 1903.

The Grand Master said that the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters showed that Masonry as a whole, in Connecticut, was in a healthy and flourishing state. He paid a high tribute to the fidelity and usefulness of the District Deputies.

For the relief of the sufferers by the floods in the Ohio valley Bro. Comstock issued an appeal to the lodges, and received a sum of \$1,468, which was promptly forwarded to the scene of the calamity.

The Grand Master recommended that Grand Lodge become a member of the Masonic Relief Association; but we do not learn that action was taken.

He thought that conferences of Grand Masters would prove of value, and that interchange of ideas among rulers of the craft would secure "uniform legislation by the different Grand Lodges upon important points." He had no fear that such conferences would prove an entering wedge toward the formation of a general Grand Lodge.

He warmly approved of the memorial to Washington the Mason, and recommended that the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, which is a member of the Association, should be fully represented at the following annual meeting.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows that the largest lodge in the state has nearly a thousand members, and that the average membership of the 110 lodges is 226. It is a matter for regret that lodges in the United States and Canada grow to such unwieldy proportions; but we do not know how the evil can be checked.

A pleasing incident of the communication is thus related:

M. W. Andrew J. Hallock, in a few fraternal words, presented to M. W. James McCormick, senior living Past Grand Master, fifty-six roses in honor of the fifty-sixth

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anniversary of Brother McCormick's first attendance at Grand Lodge. In accepting this token, Brother McCormick expressed his appreciation and feelingly referred to his memory of past years.

M. W. Bro. George A. Kies, the Grand Secretary, is chairman of the committee on Fraterna Correspondence, and he does his work in a work⁻ manlike manner, while he is courteous and con⁻ siderate in the few comments he permits himself to make. We give him hearty welcome to the company of correspondents.

Lodges in Connecticut 110; members 24,815, an increase for the year of 611.

Edgar H. Parkman, Thompsonville, Grand Master.

George H. Kies, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

### DELAWARE.

The one hundred and eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was opened at Wilmington October 1st, 1913. Edward G. Walls Grand Master. All the lodges in the state, 22 in number, were represented. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present. The representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada was not.

M. W. Bro. Walls had visited in person all the lodges in the state but one. Illness prevented a visit to that one. He had also made several visits to sister jurisdictions.

During the year fraternal relations had been established with the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico.

A sum of \$150 had been sent to aid in relieving distress caused by the floods in Ohio.

A special communication of Grand Lodge had been held for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a Masonic hall.

Bro. Walls had ruled that each Mason from another jurisdiction applying for affiliation with a Delaware lodge must pay \$5 towards the maintenance of the Masonic home. He recommended more stringent regulations for the admission of visitors to subordinate lodges. Visitors should not only pass an oral examination, but should furnish some sort of documentary evidence of regularity and good standing.

He recommended the introduction of the card system for keeping the records of brethren throughout the jurisdiction.

Active efforts had been made during the year to raise money for the Masonic home. These efforts had been successful. Nearly \$14,000 had been received from all sources. There were eight inmates of the home; and the cost of maintenance had been \$1,763.

M. W. Bro. Harry J. Guthrie is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, and presents a good report of 100 pages. From his concluding remarks we copy the following:

From the latest returns we find there are over one and one-half millions of Masons in the United States today; 90,000 of these were raised during the last year. There has been an affiliation of 26,000 to offset the dimission of 27,000, and a restoration of 6,000 to offset the suspension of 16,000, and the expulsion of 400, an approximate loss of 11,400, or less than 10 per cent, of the total gain, and less than one per cent. of our entire membership. Of the 10,000 suspended members, less than 15 per cent. were suspended for absolute un-masonic conduct. As a moral force, Free Masonry in the United States today is a fact, a mighty bold fact. Thank God for that. That leads us to another thought. What are we one and onehalf million men doing for the one per centum of lost brethren—the fellows that got in wrong? What are we doing to heal the place from which the weak link was cut? Someone please work out this forty-eighth problem of brotherhood.

To which we reply that the thing will work itself out, and is doing so. Brethren continually go out from us because they are not of us. It has been so from the first, and it will be so to the end of time. It is so in all other societies of men, even in the Christian churches. We must just accept the situation as it is, and let it go at that.

Lodges in Delaware 22; members 3,358, a gain for the year of 77.

Frank S. Massey, Wilmington, Grand Master. Virginius V. Harrison, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

During the year 1913 the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia held five special communications, two "stated" communications, and one annual communication.

A special communication on the fifteenth of January was for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge, to be called East Gate Lodge. That on the 13th of February was for the purpose of laying the corner stone of All Soul's Unitarian Church. That on February 19th was for the purpose of attending the funeral of Past Grand Master Henry Stephen Merrill. That on August 9th for the purpose of attending the funeral of Charles Webster Hancock, Past Grand Secretary. And that on November 29th was for the purpose of dedicating the Masonic home.

The one hundred and third annual communication was held on the 17th of December. Charles E. Baldwin Grand Master. Lodges represented 28; unrepresented 2.

The Grand Master congratulated the brethren upon the splendid condition of harmony and prosperity enjoyed by Grand Lodge and by the constituent lodges of the jurisdiction.

He paid a fitting tribute to the memory of M. W. Bro. Merrill, who had been active in Masonry for forty-seven years, and whose administration as Grand Master had been marked by energy, faithfulness and ability.

He had ruled that a member of Congress could not be legally received and initiated in a Washington lodge, because his legal residence was in the state of which he was a representative. In fact the gentleman in question declared himself to be a farmer, and his farm was in his own state, and not in the District of Columbia.

For the relief of the sufferers by flood in the Ohio valley, he had sent a contribution of \$500 from the funds of the Grand Lodge, and called upon the lodges for further aid. The appeal brought gifts of \$1,242, so that the total assistance given was \$1,742.

One new lodge had been consecrated during the year.

In August Bro. Baldwin was notified by telephone that the brethren of a lodge had assembled in their lodge room; but that the Master and Senior Warden were both ill, and the Junior Warden was absent from the jurisdiction, so that there was nobody present authorized to open the lodge. In the emergency the Grand Master went to the hall and opened the lodge, after which he called upon a Past Master to preside. It appears that in the District of Columbia a Past Master has no authority to open a lodge.

Bro. Baldwin had attended the conference of Grand Masters at Indianapolis, and thought such conferences would be productive of good.

The excellent and comprehensive report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. Charles W. Baird. It reviews the proceedings of seventyseven Grand Lodges, some of which are not recognized by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Lodges in the District of Columbia 30; members 9,599, a gain of 323.

T. John Newton, Masonic Temple, Washington, Grand Master.

Arvine W. Johnston, same address, Grand Secretary.

## ENGLAND.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, September 3rd; 1913, with the Pro Grand Master, Lord Ampthill, on the throne.

Rule 150 of the Book of Constitutions was amended to read as follows:

No brother subject to the English jurisdiction shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be personally known to and vouched for by one of the brethren present, or unless he shall be well vouched for after due examination, and

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no brother who is not subject to the English jurisdiction shall be admitted as a visitor unless his certificate shows that he has been initiated according to the ancient rites and ceremonies in a lodge professing belief in T. G. A. O. T. U., and not unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential landmark of the order. In all cases satisfactory proof of identity must be produced if required, and every visitor during his presence in a lodge is subject to its by-laws.

There was some little criticism of the rule; but the Pro Grand Master explained that it was substantially the rule which had been in existence from the time of the formation of the United Grand Lodge; and it was adopted with substantial unanimity.

At a quarterly communication held December 3rd, 1913, the Grand Secretary read a message from the M. W. the Grand Master which will prove of interest to all Masons throughout the world. It is as follows:

It is with deep satisfaction that I find myself able to signalize the auspicious occasion of the centenary of the Union by an announcement which will, I am convinced, cause true rejoicing throughout the craft.

A body of Freemasons in France, confronted by a positive prohibition on the part of the Grand Orient to work in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, have, in fidelity to their Masonic pledges, resolved to uphold the true principles and tenets of the craft, and have united several lodges as the Independent and Regular National Grand Lodge of France and of the French Colonies.

This new body has approached me with the request that it may be recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, and, having received full assurance that it is pledged to adhere to those principles of Freemasonry which we regard as fundamental and essential, I have joyfully assented to the establishment of fraternal relations and the exchange of representatives.

We are thus enabled to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of that Union which was the foundation of our solidarity and world-wide influence by the consummation of a wish which has been ardently cherished by English Freemasons for many years past, and we are once more in the happy position of being able to enjoy Masonic intercourse with men of the great French nation.

I trust that the bond thus established will strengthen and promote the good understanding which exists outside of the sphere of Freemasonry.

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The Pro Grand Master said that the negotiations which resulted in the recognition of the new body of French Masons had been prolonged and difficult; but all objections had in the end been removed. The obligations which will be imposed on the new lodges will be:

1. While the lodge is at work the Bible will always be open on the altar.

2. The ceremonies will be conducted in strict conformity with the ritual of the "Regime Rectifie" which is followed by these lodges, a ritual which was drawn up in 1778 and sanctioned in 1782, and with which the Duke of Kent was initiated in 1792.

3. The lodge will always be opened and closed with the invocation and in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe. All the summonses of the order and of the lodges will be printed with the symbols of the Great Architect of the Universe.

4. No religious or political discussion will be permitted in the lodge.

5. The lodge as such will never take part officially in any political affair, but every individual brother will preserve complete liberty of opinion and action.

6. Only those brethren who are recognized as true brethren by the Grand Lodge of England will be received in Lodge.

Further to mark the centennial of the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Master had singled out W. Bro. Robert Freke Gould and conferred upon him the highest honorary distinction it was in his power to bestow, by making him honorary Grand Warden.

The Pro Grand Master invested Bro. Gould, with some highly appreciative remarks, to which Bro. Gould fittingly responded.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught was nominated for reelection as Grand Master.

For many years the English brethren have realized that some modification of their governing machinery was necessary. More than forty thousand brethren are entitled to sit in Grand Lodge and take part in its proceedings, and it is manifest that not a tithe of them can sit there. Lately a plan was formulated by the Board of

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General Purposes to provide "a thoroughly representative governing body for the craft"; and it was proposed that this should be submitted to all the lodges for consideration. Discussion of the scheme was heated at two quarterly communications—that of December, 1913, and that of March, 1914. It is not possible within the space at our disposal to give even a summary of the proposals; and it is not possible, in the light of the latest information we have, to predict what the final outcome will be.

At the quarterly communication held on March 4th, 1914, the Duke of Connaught was formally proclaimed Grand Master for the current year.

It was decided that discussion of the merits of the proposals for the establishing of a governing body should be postponed until the reports from the lodges had been received.

## FLORIDA

The eighty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida was opened at Jacksonville January 20th, 1914. George B. Glover Grand Master. Lodges represented 197; unrepresented 29. Nine Past Grand Masters were present, including M. W. Bro. Silas B. Wright, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Master spoke of prosperity and peace, accompanied by excellent prospects for the future. He said:

To-day we are eighty-five years removed from our cradle as a Grand Lodge. Eighty-five times have the years rolled round to find us in annual grand communication, and with ever-widening circles have we grown in numbers and in wealth, until today our influence is felt for weal or woe throughout the state. God, the God of our Fathers, our God, has blessed us with peace and plenty. To us the earth has yielded her increase, and the heavens have smiled on us. Neither storm, flood or pestilence has invaded the borders of our grand jurisdiction, and we have-been permitted in prosperity and health to round out one more year of change and revolution. But how do we stand in regard to the law of progression? Are we better men and Masons? Are we holier in life and purer in thought? Have we risen to higher levels of fraternal love? Are our ears quickened to the cry of the distressed? Are our aspirations strengthened and increased in search of truth? If we can affirmatively reply to these questions we need take but little thought of numerical increase or material gain, for we shall have achieved Masonry, the cardinal tenets of which are brotherly love, relief and truth.

At the previous annual communication Grand Lodge had authorized the granting of warrants to thirteen lodges then under dispensation. All these had been issued, and the lodges consecrated, while six new lodges had been formed under dispensation.

Bro. Glover had refused a dispensation to the members of a lodge to attend divine service clothed as Masons.

He had issued an appeal to the lodges of the jurisdiction in behalf of sufferers by flood in the Ohio valley, with the result that \$1,448.85 was raised and sent to the afflicted districts.

He had received the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Oregon to assist in the formation of a central representative body with power to make laws for the craft throughout the United States and Canada. "Simply out of courtesy to a sister jurisdiction," he placed the communication before Grand Lodge, but with the recommendation that the body stamp its disapproval upon any such proposition. "We cannot," he said, "be too jealous of our sovereignty." - The brethren took the Grand Master's advice, and decided to have nothing to do with the national Grand Lodge.

He had ruled that a ballot is not necessary to the granting of a demit; and proposed an amendment to the constitution, which, with some revision, was adopted, that when a brother in good standing, and against whom charges are not pending, asks for a demit, the Master of the lodge shall instruct the secretary to issue the document and to record the transaction in the minutes of the lodge.

He reported that relations with sister Grand Lodges were most pleasant.

On recommendation of the committee on Foreign Correspondence the Grand Lodges of Queensland and the Philippine Islands were recognized, and the Grand Master was requested to arrange for an exchange of representatives.

M. W. Bro. Silas B. Wright is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, and presented a report of 230 pages. Canada was not reviewed. Bro. Wright said that he had dealt with all proceedings which had reached him.

We cannot help thinking that he is a little bit unfair in dealing with the unfortunate Queensland differences. Doubtless it would be better for Masonry in that province if all the lodges would unite to form an independent Grand Lodge; but since two-thirds of them prefer to adhere to the parent bodies in England and Scotland, that appears to be a matter for their own consideration. No good can come from interference by outside bodies in the Queensland controversies, which will probably settle themselves in due time.

Lodges in Florida 226; members 11,437, an increase of 664.

Cephas L. Wilson, Marianna, Grand Master.

Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

## GEORGIA.

The one hundred and twenty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia was opened at Macon October 28th, 1913. Robert L. Colding Grand Master. Six Past Grand Masters were present. The representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada was not.

In opening his address Grand Master Colding said:

The year that has just passed has been exceedingly harmonious, almost without exception; peace, harmony and goodwill obtain throughout this grand jurisdiction. The brethren called to positions of trust and honor have shown their full appreciation and deep sense of gratitude for the honors conferred upon them and have been faithful laborers in the vineyard of Freemasonry. During the year he had laid two corner stones, one for a church and one for a Masonic temple.

Among his decisions we find the following:

A hunchback is necessarily a deformed man, and is therefore ineligible for initiation.

An applicant one of whose legs is three inches longer than the other is ineligible for initiation.

It is perfectly legal for a lodge to elect a brother to serve as Worshipful Master who has never previously served the lodge in any other capacity.

We believe all these decisions to be wrong in principle; but do not know to what extent Bro. Colding was constrained by the law of the jurisdiction. Decisions which will be generally approved are the following:

A man who can neither read nor write is ineligible for initiation.

An applicant for initiation is not disqualified on account of being an Indian.

It is illegal for a Masonic lodge to suspend from membership or strike from its rolls a brother who is hopelessly insane.

It is the prerogative of every member of a lodge to object to the admission of a visitor, when his relations to that visitor are of such a nature as to render it unpleasant for him to sit in lodge with him.

He had granted fourteen dispensations to form new lodges; and eight lodges were constituted and consecrated.

The committee on the address of the Grand Master made some very valuable recommendations. That respecting the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is as follows:

Your committee is not satisfied with the condition of Masonic affairs in Mexico, and before entering too closely into relations with any grand body therein, we believe the situation should be carefully investigated. We therefore recommend that the incoming Grand Master take this matter up at once, ascertain what was done at the communication of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico at its meeting in March, 1913, and satisfy himself regarding the legitimacy of said York Grand Lodge, and until this is done we recommend a suspension of our present fraternal relations.

It also recommended that, in case the Grand Master shall be unable to conduct the ceremony of

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laying a corner stone, he shall appoint some officer of Grand Lodge or some competent member of Grand Lodge to represent him in conducting such ceremony.

Further it deprecated the custom of naming lodges after living persons.

All these recommendations were adopted.

An amendment to the constitution was proposed that when a secretary of a lodge had been elected for the twentieth consecutive year he should be "considered elected Worshipful Master extraordinary," and should enjoy all the rights, privileges and honors of a Past Master. But the committee on Jurisprudence reported against the proposal, and it was not adopted.

An excellent recommendation of the committee on General Welfare was the following:

Much annoyance having been caused the craft by the solicitation of various fraternal and beneficiary organizations appealing for support to the brethren as such, we recommend that upon the attention of the Grand Master being called to the activities of such organization, he shall at once investigate their financial standing, business methods, and claims for recognition, and any such organization unwilling or unable to submit to such investigation shall be deemed unworthy, and the craft notified thereof.

Bro. Charles L. Bass made his second report on Foreign Correspondence with judgment and ability. He said he had endeavored to gather the most interesting and salient features from the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, "and by an occasional comment, with now and then a kindly criticism, to present them so as to be helpful as well as enjoyable to the brethren of my own Grand Jurisdiction." In that he has succeeded admirably.

Lodges in Georgia 647; members 38,425, a gain of 1,619.

Robert L. Colding, Savannah, Grand Master. W. A. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary.

# IDAHO.

The forty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho was opened at Pocatello September 9th, 1913. Ezra A. Burrell, Grand Master. Lodges represented 60; unrepresented 2. Four Past Grand Masters were present; the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada was not.

The Grand Master said he was able to report that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction; that relations with other Grand Jurisdictions were harmonious and pleasant; therefore the fraternity in Idaho entered upon the future with high hopes and bright promise.

Three special communications of Grand Lodge had been held during the year for the purpose of laying corner stones; dispensations had been issued for the formation of new lodges; and two lodges under dispensation had been instituted and consecrated.

Bro. Burrell had been asked if it would be proper to invite a lodge from Washington to visit an Idaho lodge and work the Master Mason degree, to which he replied:

I have very carefully looked into the records, decisions etc., and do not find anything directly in point, except that it is the law that the Idaho work must be employed at all times in an Idaho lodge, and I would not feel as if I had the authority to authorize you to invite the Spokane lodge over to put on the Washington work. We are obligated not to bring any innovation into this jurisdiction, and I do not feel that I can afford to take the responsibility of violating this obligation, therefore, inasmuch as I do not think it is the proper thing to do, I am obliged to disapprove it.

The Grand Treasurer reported that he had on hand in the various funds of Grand Lodge \$14,158. 78, and in the Orphan fund \$68,749.78. Grants had been made from the Orphan fund to the amount of \$2,711.65.

The Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. George E. Knepper, made a strong appeal for improvement in the manner of disseminating the esoteric work, and for a proper salary. He said:

Let us see where we stand. We have an office with a nominal salary attached. To the officer elected is confided the care and teaching of the esoteric work of the Grand Lodge which he is supposed to present and preserve in its purity. He is expected to visit the various lodges

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and pass the hat that he may be furnished with his daily bread while travelling, and also to acquire the necessary coin to get back to his home again.

The Grand Lodge voted him an annual salary of \$900, with actual travelling expenses.

On recommendation of the committee on Foreign Correspondence the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

The communication was not wholly devoted to work; for we read:

Brother George L. Miller, W. Master of Portneus Lodge No. 18, in behalf of said lodge invited the Grand Lodge and visitors to picture shows and automobile rides through the city. Said invitations were unanimously accepted.

Lodges in Idaho 62, including 3 under dispensation; members 4,012, a gain for the year of 168.

Curtis F. Pike, Boise, Grand Master.

Theophilus W. Randall, Boise, Grand Secretary.

## ILLINOIS.

The seventy-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was opened at Chicago October 14th, 1913. Delmar D. Darrah Grand Master. Lodges represented 788; unrepresented 27. R. W. Bro. S. O. Spring, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was present.

In the opening of his address the Grand Master congratulated the brethren on the success which had been everywhere in evidence. He said:

The year has been one of great material prosperity for the fraternity and a substantial increase in membership is the result. Not only have there been material and financial gains but there has also been great advancement in Masonic administration and in the application of the principles of the fraternity to the problems of everyday life. I think that I can truly say that never did the institution so completely represent the higher things of life as it does to-day.

He added that relations with other Grand Lodges had continued to be of the most cordial character.

He deplored the loss by death of M. W. Bro. Charles F. Hitchcock, who was Grand Master in 1899, and died on the 26th of October, 1912. A special communication of Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of attending his funeral.

During the year dispensations were issued for the formation of eleven new lodges. Eight lodges under dispensation were consecrated

Fifteen Masonic halls had been dedicated, eleven by the Grand Master and four by his representatives. Bro. Darrah says:

During the year I have laid the corner-stones of two Masonic Temples, two hospitals, one library and two high-school buildings. I have discouraged as much as possible the promiscuous laying of corner stones, believing that such practice is not in accordance with the customs of Freemasonry. There is a growing sentiment that the ceremony should be confined to purely Masonic buildings.

Referring to the granting of dispensations he says:

During the year I have received the usual number of requests for dispensations for various purposes. I have granted such as were sanctioned by law and refused all others. I believe that our law should be modified to permit a lodge whose stated meeting falls upon a legal holiday to waive same without the necessity of applying to the Grand Master for a dispensation for that purpose.

The Grand Lodge of Canada might well consider this suggestion. For example, we see no good reason why a lodge should be under necessity to ask permission to wear Masonic clothing when attending divine service. The permission is always granted; why make it compulsory to ask for it and pay a dollar for the dispensation?

Illinois is not backward in giving help in time of calamity. Bro. Darrah says:

It is unnecessary to rehearse for you the incidents connected with the disastrous floods which visited Ohio, Indiana and Illinois in the early spring. In response to an appeal from the Grand Lodge of Ohio the sum of \$1,000 was sent from our treasury. We were also ready to assist our good brethren of Indiana but were informed that they had the situation well in hand and did not need financial aid.

The situation in Illinois being rather alarming and applications for assistance reaching me daily, I caused an appeal to the lodges of Illinois to be issued and the splendid sum of \$11,391.50 was soon realized.

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The Grand Master attended the conference of Grand Masters at Indianapolis, and was hospitably entertained; but apparently he does not think such conferences of much value. He says:

Beyond the mere exchange of ideas, nothing was accomplished by the conference. Each state seems to be so irretrievably entrenched behind its own customs and procedures that it refuses to consider anything else. I doubt whether any Grand Master's conference will ever accomplish anything in the way of uniform laws because of the spirit of local autonomy which is so prevalent in each grand jurisdiction.

The doings of the Grand Orient of Italy outside of its own jurisdiction have been attracting attention of late. Respecting them Bro. Darrah says:

While in New York, last March, I met M. W. Bro. Robert Shirrefs, Committee on Correspondence Grand Lodge of New Jersey, who called my attention to the activities of the Grand Orient of Italy in establishing Italian Lodges in this country. Among the published list was one at Collinsville, Ill. It appears that through the connivance of a shrewd Italian lawyer these lodges are being protected by charters from the states wherein they are located. Upon my return home I made an investigation, and found that one of these lodges has been formed at Springfield and at several other Illinois cities, and that the organization is fast propagating itself in our state. I do not know what action, if any, this Grand Lodge should take. I merely report the facts so that the Grand Lodge may be informed of the activities of this propaganda.

The Grand Master unsparingly condemned the practice of sending out begging letters. It is forbidden by the Masonic law of Illinois; but frequently lodges in that state receive such letters from Masons in other jurisdictions. In all cases these appeals should be disregarded.

Frequently lodges are requested to give aid to brethren residing at a distance from their lodges, and sometimes the amount of the aid to be given, especially funeral expense, is not specified. Then the assisting lodge spends more money than the other lodge thinks necessary. Bro. Darrah recommended that where no sum is specified the expense for a funeral shall not exceed \$100, and Grand Lodge approved the suggestion. In 1912 Grand Lodge directed the Grand Master to issue an edict forbidding smoking in open lodge. Many feared that the edict could not be enforced; but Bro. Darrah says that the action of Grand Lodge was well received by the majority of the brethren, and if there have been any violations of the new rule they have not been called to his notice.

Concerning the use of music in degree work the Grand Master savs:

For many years the Board of Grand Examiners have held tenaciously to what I regard as a puritanical notion that no vocal music whatever shall be introduced into the first section of our degrees. As a result we are placed in the very anomalous position of recognizing a thing in our oral exposition of Masonry and forbidding it in the practice of our rites. For we recognize music in our Masonic college as a liberal art and prohibit its use in our ceremonies.

He believed music to be of great advantage in the conferring of degrees, saying: "I believe in dressing our degrees with music and flowers, which are merely visible expressions of the beauty and glory of the God we adore." The subject was referred to a special committee, which will report at the next annual communication.

The excellent and comprehensive report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. Owen Scott. It deals with the proceedings of seventy Grand Lodges and fills nearly 250 pages. A bird's eye view of the World's Masonry by Bro. Scott is well reproduced here.:

True masonry and its *quasi* imitators—sometimes called universal masonry—may be classified in three groups. These are—

1. Anglo-Saxon. Here may be found the only pure and genuine branch, standing squarely on all the essentials commonly called landmarks. This group embraces England, 2,768 lodges; Ireland, 460; Scotland, 712; Australia with 7 grand and 732 constituent lodges; the United States with 59 grand and 15,000 constituents; and Canada with 9 governing bodies with 752 lodges. This gives a total of over 20,000 lodges and a membership of a little over 2,000,000. All these are the direct descendants of the grand lodge of England formed in 1717 and built firmly on belief in God and the Bible as the great light.

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2. The Germanic includes Germany with 8 grand bodies and 490 local lodges and 5 independents at Leipzig: Denmark 12 lodges; Sweden 37; Norway, 15; Hungary, 68; and Luxemburg, numbers not given. The totals for this group are about 630 lodges and membership approximating 82,000. Illinois is not in fraternal relation with the Germanics because of their want of adherence to one or more of the fundamentals of craft masonry.

3. The Latin group embraces France, 535 lodges; Italy, 300; Spain, 80; Portugal, 100; Greece, 15; Switzerland, 34, and all the grand lodges and grand orients of Central and South America. There is a total here of about 1,500 lodges and 60,000 members.

As to the representation of the constituent lodges in the Grand Lodge of Illinois Bro. Scott thus courteously corrects an error into which this reviewer fell:

Each Illinois lodge is entitled to three representatives, the master, senior and junior wardens. Each has one vote. The trouble was that, except in Chicago, where the grand lodge always meets, and lodges adjacent thereto, few lodges have but one representative present. The payment of per mileage and per diem is only to the highest in rank. Others cannot afford to attend. Hence, the lodges near Chicago have an undue influence in grand lodge. This inequality Grand Master Ashley sought to correct by fixing representations at one from each lodge. The grand lodge did not agree with the grand master's view and each lodge continues with three representatives.

Lodges in Illinois 815; members 122,233, a gain of 7,138.

Henry T. Burnap, 300 Freemason Hall, Alton, Grand Master.

Isaac Cutter, Camp Point, Grand Secretary.

### INDIANA.

The ninety-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was opened at Indianopolis May 27th, 1913. Elmer F. Gay Grand Master. Lodges represented 538; unrepresented 7. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present; also R. W. Bro. Elias J. Jacoby, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Before the formal opening of Grand Lodge there was an informal meeting of brethren, at which Grand Master Darrah, of Illinois, delivered an eloquent address; and at its conclusion a loving cup was presented to M. W. Bro. Gay by those Grand Masters who had attended the conference at Indianopolis in 1912.

The Grand Master congratulated the brethren on peace and prosperity at home and amity with all other jurisdictions. He said;

We now number 63,035 Master Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, a gain of 2,867 over 1912, the largest gain that we have ever made. One of the best features of this splendid increase is the fact that it has been general throughout the entire state, and I am assured that the high standard which Masonry demands has been maintained in all cases.

During the year seven lodges had been constituted and consecrated, and dispensations had been granted for the formation of nine new lodges. By himself or his deputy seventeen corner stones had been laid, and six halls were dedicated.

No complaint of a serious character had come before him.

He was warm in praise of the Masonic home. During the year special efforts had been made to raise funds for the erection of buildings, and the result was that, in addition to the appropriations by Grand Lodge, a sum of \$22,759.82 had been raised. This left the total in the treasurer's hands at the close of the year \$86,770.02.

At the conference of Grand Masters, held at Indianopolis in March, 1913, thirty-one Grand Masters and representatives were present. He felt that much good had resulted from the meeting, and believed that like conferences would be held in the future.

When the disastrous floods in the Ohio valley took place the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary immediately sent messages to all parts of the state, asking information as to the points at which relief was needed. Bro. Gay says:

Fortunately we had in the Emergency Fund of the Grand Lodge about \$3,000 which was drawn on as needed, but more fortunate than this was the fact that at every place where loss was sustained, there were Masons ready

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and anxious to take up the good work, and relief was dispensed at the expense of the local Masons, with such assistance as we were enabled to give. and the reports which we received from the different sections of the state were to the effect that every one was properly cared for.

The Indiana Masons were able to care for their brethren without outside assistance, though offers of assistance came from all quarters. Bro. Gay says:

Brethren, I wish that it were possible for all of you to see the telegrams and letters that were sent to the Grand Secretary and myself from our sister grand jurisdictions and from the individual lodges throughout the country, offering sympathy and funds. It was a practical demonstration of that fraternal love and friendship which should and does exist between Freemasons wheresoever dispersed. Their kind words of sympathy are deeply impressed upon my mind and will ever remain with me.

The Grand Master recommended that the Grand Lodge of Indiana affiliate with the George Washington Memorial association, and Grand Lodge approved the suggestion.

He also recommended that Indiana participate in any future conferences of Grand Masters; and again Grand Lodge granted the necessary power.

M. W. Bro. Daniel McDonald, who is the oldest living Past Grand Master in the jurisdiction, and also the chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, was unable, through illness to attend the communication of Grand Lodge. His letter of regret contains a little passage which, though it is not strictly pertinent to our story, may well be reproduced here. Bro. McDonald said:

In passing my eightieth birthday, May 6th last past, I rejoiced to realize that during my long Masonic and business life I was in full possession of all my physical and mental faculties of hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling and tasting; that so far as I know I never cheated, wronged or defrauded any one with whom I ever had dealings; that, while I never made a profession of religion, I have always lived a moral and upright life and can truthfully say that I never swore a profane oath in my life; that I never contracted any but an honorable debt, all of which have been paid, and I owe no one any debt, and so far as I know, anything but good wishes. xxxviii

Bro. McDonald was elected Grand Master in 1875, and served one year.

The committee on the Masonic home had much difficulty in deciding upon a site, but in the end selected one on the Ohio river, not far from Jeffersonville, and Grand Lodge approved of the selection. It may be expected that within a few years a home worthy of the great state of Indiana will be erected on the site. Under the terms of an old will, and by gift of a local lodge, a large amount of property will be available for the support of the home.

On the recommendation of the committee on Foreign Correspondence the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

M. W. Bro. McDonald says that, owing to infirmity and age, he wrote the report on Foreign Correspondence "with more than ordinary effort," and says it is not what he had hoped to make it. It is, however, an excellent report; and it is to be hoped that, notwithstanding his eighty years, he will remain in the ring.

Lodges in Indiana 553; members 63,035, an increase of 2,867.

John W. Hanan, LaGrange, Grand Master.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

## IOWA.

The seventieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was opened at Council Bluffs June 10th, 1913. William Hutchinson, Grand Master. Lodges represented 476; unrepresented 43. Twelve Past Grand Masters were present.

Previous to the formal opening the officers and members of Grand Lodge formed in procession, headed by a band and escorted by Knights Templar, and marched to an auditorium, where a public reception was held. The Mayor of the city read an address of welcome; and another was read on behalf of the local Masonic bodies. Grand Master Hutchinson fittingly and eloquently responded to both. In opening his address Bro. Hutchinson announced the death of four Past Grand Masters. These were: Rollin Madison Hunter, who was Grand Master in 1907; Liberty Eaton Fellows, Grand Master in 1893 and 1894; Joseph Chapman, Grand Master in 1872 and 1873; and Aylett Rains Cotton, Grand Master in 1855. At the time of his death Bro. Cotton was 86 years old, had been a Mason 61 years, and a Past Grand Master 56 years.

Dispensations had been issued for the formation of two new lodges.

One decision gave the Grand Master some anxiety: A candidate had been ballotted for and elected; afterwards a brother objected to the initiation of the candidate. The Master of the lodge was suddenly called away and forgot to make known the objection; and in his absence the Senior Warden called a meeting of the lodge and initiated the candidate. The Grand Master ruled the initiation to be null and void, and ordered the fee to be returned to the candidate. The Committee on Jurisprudence to which the decision was referred, supported the Grand Master in his decision.

Two Masonic temples had been dedicated during the year, at both of which ceremonies Bro. Hutchinson officiated.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Newton R. Parvin, makes an elaborate report, dealing with many matters of business outside of the purview of the Grand Master. Speaking of identification cards he says:

In the distribution of these cards this year we tried a new plan, that of issuing our identification cards in stub book form in order that they might also answer as receipt for dues, leaving with the Secretary a stub showing date of issue, amount received as dues, etc., thus saving that officer the need of issuing additional receipts for dues. The new form, though somewhat more expensive than the old, has been very pleasing to the officers of our lodges and saved them the cost of securing books for receipts, the name and number of each lodge being printed on both stub and card. Let it be understood, however, that the presentation of these cards does not do away with the oral examination, but only acts as an aid to a better determination as to whether the party presenting same had paid dues in a regular lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge. Bro. Parvin also has an excellent report on the Masonic library and museum, which is among the great Masonic libraries of the world. In this report he says:

Here are to be found hundreds of volumes bearing evidence that Masonry was identical with the ancient mysteries of Egypt and that in the land of the Pharaohs Masonry was known and practised ages ago.

Of course there was masonry—operative masonry—of a wonderful kind in Egypt many thousands of years ago; but there is not the slightest evidence to show that our speculative Masonry is descended from it or owes anything to it. The Egyptian masons were prisoners or serfs, driven to their tasks by the whips of overseers. Only kings, priests and distinguished persons were permitted to receive the rites of Osiris and Isis. No good can come from attempts to claim for Masonry lineal descent from any of the ancient mysteries. Even in Athens, nominally a democracy, only citizens could be admitted to the mysteries; and the bulk of the population was made up of helots.

The growth of the library and museum makes enlargement of the building necessary.

The trustees of the charity funds report liberal grants, amounting to nearly \$13,000. The permanent fund amounts to about \$40,000.

Recognition was accorded to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

The report tells us that "Miss Anna Killian, who for the second time has attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge as office stenographer, tells us in her own way what she sees, hears and notes during the week at Grand Lodge."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. Charles C. Clark, who does his work excellently. For the most part he tells his readers what Grand Lodges throughout the world have done, and offers very sparing comment or criticism. Will Bro. Clark pardon us for saying that Lord Ampthill is not "Provincial Grand Master" in England, but Pro Grand Master? He acts for the Grand Master in the absence of that brother.

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We regret to learn that Bro. Clark cannot continue his work as writer of the report on Foreign Correspondence, owing to press of private business.

Lodges in Iowa 523; members 47,585, an increase of 1,588.

Frank B. Whittaker, Hillsboro, Grand Master. Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Grand Secretary.

#### IRELAND.

The regular annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland was held at Dublin December 27th, 1913. In the enforced absence of the Grand Master, Sir Charles Cameron, the Deputy Grand Master, presided. It was his painful duty to announce the death of the late Grand Master, the Duke of Abercorn. The Duke was first elected in 1886, and succeeded his father, who had held the office from 1874 till his death, so that for nearly forty years a Duke of Abercorn was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The present Grand Master is the Earl of Donoughmore, whose portrait adorns the volume of Proceedings before us. He is an enthusiastic Mason.

Sir Charles Cameron, in his informal address, spoke of a visit to Belfast by the late Grand Master to constitute and consecrate a new lodge, when more than two thousand Masons were present. Sir Charles said: "It was with the utmost pride I looked round on that very remarkable occasion and saw that gathering of North of Ireland Freemasons." He added that more than fifty per cent. of Irish Masons are in the North. In Belfast there are 113 lodges, while in Dublin there are 50. Yet in Dublin Masonry flourishes. "When I became a Mason," said Sir Charles, "there were only sixteen lodges in Dublin, and many of them were in an almost moribund condition. Now we have fifty lodges. Masonry appears of late years to be going forward by leaps and bounds. The revenues of Grand Lodge largely exceed the expenditures; and the two charities, which maintain 101 boys and an equal number of girls, are well supported, and are worthy of all praise.

During the year seven new lodges were constituted.

Ireland maintains a Grand Lodge of Instruction, which held six meetings during the year, and which were well attended by brethren, who showed deep interest in the proceedings.

The Provincial Deputy Grand Masters report but briefly on Masonic doings in their several provinces. The P.D.G.M. for the province of Down reported that there were 128 lodges in that Province, with 8,400 members. If that was a fair average the 490 Irish lodges must have a total of about 32,000 members. But the total is not given.

The receipts on account of general fund were in excess of \$27,000, and of the charity fund \$3,562. This takes no account of the funds for the support of the two schools, which, as has been said, maintain 202 orphans.

The installation of the Earl of Donoughmore as Grand Master took place at a special communication of Grand Lodge, and was an elaborate and impressive ceremony. More than 600 Masons were present. In his introductory remarks Sir Charles Cameron said: "There have been in the course of a century but three Grand Masters. It shows that those who occupy that high office attain a considerable degree of longevity. Three Dukes have occupied that position, Grand Master, during the whole course of a hundred years. Let us hope that there will be three Earls of Donoughmore occupying it for the next hundred years."

Communications for the Grand Lodge of Ireland should be addressed to the Deputy Grand Secretary, H. E. Flavelle, Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin.

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# KANSAS.

The fifty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was opened at Topeka February 18th, 1914. Elrick C. Cole Grand Master. Lodges represented 339; unrepresented 63. Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present; also W. Bro. John C. Ketcheson, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Master reported that during the year peace and harmony had existed among the brethren of the jurisdiction, and that none of the Grand officers had died. He added:

At the close of the last annual report the number of members was 38,877. During the year there was an increase of 3,539, and a decrease from various causes of 1,748, leaving a net increase of 1,791, and making a total membership at the close of this year's record of 40,668. This is a record of which we may well be proud, not only because of its number, but because of the kind of men which make up the membership of the subordinate lodges of Ancient Craft Masonry in Kansas.

Fraternal relations with sister jurisdictions had been most cordial.

When the disastrous floods in the Ohio valley were reported M. W. Bro. Cole issued a circular to the lodges throughout the state, and received from them \$3,231.60, which amount was promptly forwarded to the sufferers.

Two lodges were constituted and consecrated, and dispensations were granted for the formation of four new lodges.

With a single exception all the District Deputy Grand Masters throughout the jurisdiction had been active and efficient in the discharge of their duties, "assisting very materially in the advancement of the craft." In one case a brother honored with the position refused to perform the duties required by it, and even to acknowledge receipt of the jewel and cypher. The erring brother will be dealt with by the new Grand Master.

The Grand Master had officiated at the laying of four corner stones, and at the dedication of one Masonic hall.

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Bro. Cole expressed pride in and admiration for the Kansas Masonic home. He said:

Having had occasions to visit other grand jurisdictions where no home has been provided, either for the orphans of deceased Masons or for the aged and infirm who are entitled to our protection, I have found myself expressing the greatest thankfulness to those who in the years gone by fought the battles which gave to the grand jurisdiction of Kansas this magnificent monument to our thoughtfulness for those who need our care.

At the close of the official year there were ninety-two inmates of the home, consisting of fiftytwo children and forty adults. The cost of maintenance was \$17,584.32, or \$195.38 per capita. The lodges throughout the jurisdiction are assessed one dollar per member, of which one-half is for the home.

The following paragraph, which is taken from Bro. Cole's concluding remarks, will meet with acceptance from all good Masons:

Mankind has placed many laws upon the statute books to suppress crime. They deter crime, but do not raise the standard of humanity. Mankind has sought by altruism to upraise humanity, but in vain. The only grip by which men can be raised to a living perpendicular is the strong grip of the Lion of the tribe of Judah. No society, sect or creed has so great an opportunity in this regard as Freemasonry. About her altars the devotees of all societies, sects and creeds, the follower of Mohammed, of Confucius or the most orthodox Jew can join hands with the believer in the Divinity of the Master, meeting upon the common level of man's duty towards his God, his country and his fellowman. Freemasonry raises no issue and seeks no conflict with any sect or creed. Through all the centuries past since the Master Builder stood beside the trestle board, the strength of this order has been the dignity of its bearing when assaulted by ignorance, the freedom of creed of its membership and the coner-stone of love for our fellowmen. So long as these continue to be the essentials required, this order will continue to thrive in spite of anathema or prejudice.

The Grand Secretary proposes to compile a brief history of each lodge in the state.

The committee on Correspondence reported against the proposal of the Grand Lodge of Oregon to establish a central representative Masonic body. To become a member of such a body would, in the

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opinion of 'the committee, impair the sovereignty, independence and freedom of action of the Grand Lodge of Kansas. Grand Lodge took that view of it and approved the recommendation of the committee to have nothing to do with the proposition.

Robert Freke Gould, the Masonic historian, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

M. W. Bro. Matthew M. Miller submitted a good report on Correspondence, reviewing the Proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges. He reports that he had met with an accident, which appears to have been the dislocation of his knee joint. Fortunately his manuscript was in the hands of the printer before the accident happened. Though Bro. Miller cannot bend his knee, let us trust that his devotions have not been interrupted. As Bro. Miller pokes good-natured fun at this correspondent for using the phrase "conspicuous and ornate inexactitude," let us retort by correcting the conspicuous and ornate inexactitude with which he quotes Shakespeare. It was not Shylock who gave thanks to anybody for giving him a word: it was Gratiano who thanked Shylock.

Lodges in Kansas 406; members 40,668, an increase of 1,791.

Charles H. Chandler, Topeka, Grand Master. Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

### KENTUCKY.

The one hundred and thirteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was opened at Louisville October 21st, 1913. Joe H. Ewalt Grand Master. Twenty-one Past Grand Masters were present, including Henry Bostwick, eighty-six years of age, who was Grand Master in 1874.

In opening his address Grand Master Ewalt deplored the death of Past Grand Master Harry Bailey, who was assassinated in January, 1913, the victim of political rancor. He was Grand Master in 1901. In two cases Bro. Ewalt declined to grant permission to lodges under dispensation to perform funeral ceremonies at the interment of brethren. He explained that former Grand Masters had refused this privilege under like circumstances, and their actions were approved by Grand Lodge. It is not our custom to criticize the laws or the customs of other grand jurisdictions, nor is it seemly to do so; but we cannot help thinking that, while a lodge under dispensation has no power to do more than its dispensation gives it warrant for doing, it might reasonably be permitted to commit the remains of a brother to the ground with Masonic ceremonies.

The Grand Master disapproved the circulation in Kentucky of a begging letter soliciting funds for the building of a Masonic temple in another jurisdiction. He pointedly remarked that "charity begins at home," and added that Kentucky Masons had a large debt of their own to meet. Begging letters should not be encouraged.

Liberal grants were made in aid of the sufferers by floods, but we are unable to separate the sums which were sent to Ohio from those used for the relief of brethren in Kentucky.

Besides attending public official functions Bro. Ewalt had made ninety-four visits to subordinate lodges during the wear.

Among the decisions rendered were the following:

It is highly improper for a lodge to furnish a list of its members to any one in order that he may further his business interests.

Members of lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of France were refused the privilege of visiting lodges in Kentucky.

The Master of a lodge has no right to instruct a committee to report favorably or otherwise.

A blind man is not eligible for the degrees, as he cannot be brought to light, nor can he impart all the mysteries.

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#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Kentucky has two Masonic homes, the old Masons' Home and the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home. We do not find the number of inmates of the Old Masons' Home, but the Grand Master says there were about 350 residents of the Widows' and Orphans' Home. For their support lodges throughout the jurisdiction are assessed one dollar per member annually. There was an unfortunate difference of opinion between the Grand Master and the trustees of the homes as to the control of the property and the management; but these differences will probably be smoothed out.

At the election of grand officers the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Orie S. Ware, was chosen Grand Master; and a pleasant feature of the installation was the presence on the platform of Bro. Ware's father, who congratulated his son on his elevation to the highest office in the gift of his brethren.

A valuable and comprehensive report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by M. W. Bro. William W. Clarke, who notes that the Kentucky Proceedings for 1912 were not reviewed in this report last year. The reason was, dear Bro. Clarke, that the volume was not received, though a special request for it was sent about a month before our report went to the printer.

Lodges in Kentucky 585; members 40,495, a gain of 1,677.

Orie S. Ware, Covington, Grand Master.

Dave Jackson, Masonic Temple, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

### LOUISIANA.

The one hundred and third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was opened at New Orleans February 2nd, 1914. Emil Sundbery Grand Master. Lodges represented 184; unrepresented 37. Six Past Grand Masters were present; also R. W. Bro. N. B. Null, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

#### GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

### In opening his address the Grand Master said:

There is no doubt in my mind of the prosperity of our order in Louisiana both in numbers and quality of membership. I believe that the world grows better every day before our eyes, and that because this is so, we have more available Masonie material now than heretofore. Masonry is being recognized more and more as a world-power for good, and the best men in all communities, elsewhere as well as in our state, are seeking admission to its privileges. Such is my conclusion based upon information gained from the district Deputies, the Grand Lecturers, and my own observations. Our Grand Secretary's report will show a net gain of 731 in our membership during the year, the largest in the history of our order in this state. While a great numerical gain is by no means to be regarded as the highest achievement, it nevertheless indicates beyond question a most desirable reputation.

He announced the death on the 3rd of June, 1913, of M. W. Bro. Louis P. Delahoussaye, who was Grand Master in 1904 and 1905.

A lodge in the state had accepted and initiated a candidate. Before he could be passed he met with an accident "in the performance of his duty" by which he lost his right foot; and the officers of the lodge asked the Grand Master whether or not the Fellowcraft and Master's degrees might be conferred upon this briother. Bro. Sundbery says:

I wrote that Bro. Dickenson was a Mason, that he was declared to be such when he was called to stand in the northeast corner of the lodge, and gave it as my opinion that it was contrary to the fundamental spirit of Masonry to say to any brother unfortunate enough to be maimed in the performance of his duties, that we would not accord him the benefit of advancement and further fellowship.

The committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence did not approve of the ruling of the Grand Master; but Bro. Dickenson had already been made a Master Mason; "and there you are."

When news was received of the floods in the Ohio valley the Grand Master forwarded \$1,000 to the Grand Master of Ohio and \$500 to the Grand Master of Indiana. The cheque for the latter sum was returned, as the Indiana brethren were able to take care of their own sufferers.

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Bro. Sundbery attended the conference of Grand Masters at Indianapolis, and approves of such conferences.

The Supreme Council of Columbia was recognized, and an exchange of representatives authorized.

In welcoming the representatives of other Grand Lodges to the annual communication the Grand Master said:

Surely nothing less widely and deeply human, less truly divine, than the innermost spirit of Freemasoury will ever suffice to overcome and silence that dark spirit of strife so often revealed in the war of nation against nation, and in the clash of class against class. In all the times of distrust and suspicion, in all the fields of conflict, the voice of Masonry is heard, calling to men with its reminder of mutual obligation to meet brothers upon the level, to act by the plumb, and to part upon the square. It is because of these high teachings embodied in noble service that Masonry exists and has the right to exist. It is because of the sublime purpose underlying its teaching and its service—to improve and elevate the conditions of all social life—that we should feel proud of our enrollment as members of its glorious family.

W. Bro. Herman C. Duncan is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence and his report is good, though very brief.

Lodges in Louisiana 222; members 15,883, an increase of 731.

James H. Caldwell, Robeline, Grand Master.

Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

### MAINE.

The ninety-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine was opened at Portland May 6th, 1913. Elmer P. Spofford Grand Master. Lodges represented 191; unrepresented 12. Ten Past Grand Masters were present. The representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada was not.

The address of Grand Master Spofford was a well-prepared and thoughtful paper. From the opening section we take the following paragraph:

The feeling is stronger and more general throughout the world today than ever before that war should cease. It is no longer said that "Might makes right." It is believed that all differences among nations, as well as disputes between individuals, may find a just and peaceful settlement in courts established for the purpose. As conflicting claims between men are adjusted in our courts of law, so may disputes which arise among nations be submitted for settlement to an independent and impartial tribunal of arbitration whose judgments will be righteous and just.

Bro. Spofford announced the death of W. Bro. W. O. Carney, who had acted as Grand Tyler for more than forty years.

He called attention to the fact that lodges in Maine were permitted to form public processions for attendance upon Divine service without special permission from the Grand Master.

One petition had been received for dispensation to form a new lodge. Subsequently the dispensation was granted.

A petition came before the Grand Master asking him to intercede for the pardon of a sailor who had been condemned by a court of competent jurisdiction, for what offence is not stated, on the ground that the offender was a Mason and deserving of pardon. Bro. Spofford refused to sign the petition. In giving reasons for the refusal he said:

The petitioners should act in the character of citizens and ask for the pardon of the convict upon other grounds than that he is a Mason. Masons are lovers of law and order, good government and efficient administration of public affairs, and they adhere to the proposition that all men are alike and equal before the law. It is our privilege, as citizens, to petition the government for the redress of wrongs and in the interest of justice, and it would be our duty so to petition for the commutation of sentence of one, especially a Mason, who had already suffered adequate punishment for his offence; but the petition for clemency should be based upon the ground of justice and not upon the fact that the prisoner is a Mason. It would be a perversion of Masonry to inject it into our courts or departments of governments to prejudice or influence the due administration of law and justice.

All of which is eminently true, and well and forcibly put.

### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

A proposal to establish a Masonic home in-Maine was referred to the Committee on Finance, which reported against the project. In doing so it said:

The amount invested in the home must depend upon the purposes for which the home is to be used. Shall it be only for the poor brother Mason? or only for the widow? or for both the brother and his wife? or for the orphans as well? Shall it have a hospital for those who are sick, as well as poor? And so countless questions might be asked and as the answers are given the original cost might vary from the small expense with which the little jurisdiction of Delaware made a start (\$10,500) to the million or more in the large and wealthy jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. But after the home is established what is to maintain it? Only one answer-An assessment on the members of the individual lodges of one dollar or more per annum and perhaps a percentage of the fees received from each candidate. Some gifts may be received, contributions may be asked for, but the assessment must come. Will your lodge pay each year an assessment of one dollar for each of its members for the maintenance of the home? Does your lodge now pay that sum each year towards the support or for the assistance of your brethren?

Is there no other method for giving assistance than that of building and furnishing homes? There is one followed by some jurisdictions, viz., the giving to a lodge by the Grand Lodge as much money towards the support of the poor or sick brother, the widow, the orphan, as the lodge itself contributes itself either from its funds or by subscription.

A man who had been several times rejected by a lodge in Maine went to another state, and there, by untruthful representations, was accepted and received the degrees, after which he returned to his former home in Maine, and desired to be recognized as a Mason. It was ordered that he should not be recognized as a Master Mason within the state of Maine.

R. W. Bro. Stephen Berry having served Grand Lodge, as Assistant Grand Secretary and Grand Secretary, for more than half a century, it was ordered that a loving cup or other suitable testimonial should be procured and presented to him.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is, as formerly, by M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase. Bro.

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Chase thinks M. W. Bro. Macwatt was "arbitrary" because he reprimanded a Master of a lodge who had violated the constitution. Bro. Macwatt was not arbitrary in that matter: he had obligated himself to enforce the constitution; he found a brother who had violated the constitution; and he reprimanded that brother. Our law may be right or it may be wrong; but it is the law, and so long as it remains on the statute book it is the duty of the Grand Master for the time being to see that it is properly observed. Further we do not think the law is wrong. If Masters of lodges in one jurisdiction are permitteed to communicate directly with Masters of lodges in other jurisdictions all sorts of irregularities may creep in.

In the case in question a Canadian brother received a degree within the time prescribed by our law; the facts in such cases may not reach the Grand Secretary; complications with foreign Grand lodges may result. And we believe that most grand bodies in the world require that all official communications between bodies in different jurisdictions shall pass through regular officials.

With regard to Masonic benevolence Bro. Chase says:

We think that the present method of assistance, either by Masonie homes or with money from a Masonic fund, is not comparable with the earlier way, used in my lodge, and the true Masonic way, the taking of a collection, into which went the poor man's mite and the rich man's dollar, but with no difference in the sympathy towards the brother in his misfortune.

The objection to that plan is that the weak lodge cannot always deal with the cases of distress which come before it. For that reason the Grand Lodge of Canada decided a great many years ago to supplement the benevolence of private lodges by grants from the treasury of Grand Lodge. Last year no less than \$33,835 was so given. We freely grant that the system tends to limit the charity of the subordinate lodges and the individual members; but we do not see how cases of destitution can be adequately dealt with without that system or a home; and our objections to the Masonic home are two; first it breaks up the real home; and, secondly, the total outlay is large compared with the relief which the needy person receives. Further it tends to pauperize the recipients of the relief.

Lodges in Maine 203 members 29,872, an increase of 527.

Elmer P. Spofford, Deer Isle, Grand Master.

Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

### MANITOBA.

The thirty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was opened at Winnipeg June 11th, 1913. William Chambers Grand Master. Seventy lodges were represented; four were not. Eleven Past Grand Masters were present, including M. W. Bro. Bishop Matheson, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. Bro. Chambers congratulated the brethren upon the prosperity which had attended the order throughout the year. He strongly urged upon the members the duty of being regular in attendance upon the meetings of their lodges. He said:

The real seat of interest must always be in the subordinate lodge. The older members of the Grand lodge, who have been coming here for many years, have a natural attachment for the Grand Lodge as such, but I believe it is true that no Mason will long keep a true and warm interest in Masonic matters if he neglects his subordinate lodge, attends none of its meetings, and gets out of touch with its membership. Our Masonic obligations were taken at the altar of a subordinate lodge, and it is by gathering round that same altar that we are most likely to preserve its binding effect on mind and conscience. It was in a subordinate lodge that we first observed the chaste beauty of Masonic symbols, and there that we first heard the lofty principles of right living that Masonry inculcates. It is by regular attendance at the subordinate lodge that the light by which Masons work and live may most surely continue to shine and illumine our minds and make plain the path of duty.

He had granted a dispensation for the formation of one new lodge. Grand Lodge had been called in special communication for the laying of three corner stones, and on two of these occasions the Grand Master had officiated.

Bro. Chambers presented, on behalf of Grand Lodge, a handsome chain collar and jewel to M. W. Bro. John Wemyss, Past Grand Master.

The rank of Past Grand Master, with full privileges, was conferred on R. W. Bro. John Harris for services rendered Grand Lodge during the past thirty-seven years.

The Board of General Purposes reported that the combined form of receipt for dues and visiting certificate, authorized at the previous communication of Grand Lodge, had proven in every way satisfactory, and all the subordinate lodges had been supplied with the forms.

The committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence asked for further time in which to consider the application of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands for recognition.

It appears that election and confirmation as District Deputy Grand Master does not confer the title of Right Worshipful upon the brethren who so serve. At this communication the rank was conferred by resolution upon all the District Deputies with one exception. The brother who was passed over made no report of his work.

There is no report on the condition of Masonry in other jurisdictions.

Lodges in Manitoba 74; members 6,455, an increase of 488.

Edward M. Walker, Winnipeg, Grand Master.

James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.

### MARYLAND.

The semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was held at Baltimore May 13th, 1913. All communications of Grand Lodge in Maryland are opened with dignity and attention to ceremonial which other grand bodies might well take into consideration. The Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Deputy Grand Master, after which the Grand Marshal, properly attended, waited upon the Grand Master at his apartment and informed him that Grand Lodge was open and awaited his pleasure. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, was then conducted into the Grand Lodge, his entrance was proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, the grand honors were given, and the Grand Master assumed his station in the east.

He delivered an unwritten address, in the course of which he paid a tribute to the late R. W. Bro. Edward T. Schultz, saying that Bro. Schultz had few peers as a Masonic writer and dispenser of Masonic light and knowledge.

He had granted one dispensation for the formation of a new lodge.

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we gather that lodges of instruction are being held regularly in several towns, and that in Baltimore such a lodge is held once a week, and that they are attended chiefly by the oncoming officers of the several lodges. The Grand Lecturer says that the average attendance was 36, with a total attendance of 1,562 from 52 different lodges.

R. W. Bro. the Rev. Henry Branch, D.D., was appointed a committee on Correspondence, to succeed the late Bro. Schultz, and fittingly acknowledged the honor.

The one hundred and twenty-seventh annual communication was held at Baltimore November 18th, 1913. Thomas J. Shryock Grand Master. All the lodges in the state, 115 in number, were represented. One Past Grand Master was present, and we believe there is no other.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodges of Puerto Rico and the Philippine Islands were recognized.

The same committee called attention to the invasion of territory by the Grand Orient of Spain

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by chartering lodges of Freemasons in several states in the United States, and recommended that all persons affiliating with such lodges be declared clandestine Masons. The recommendation was adopted.

M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock was unanimously elected Grand Master for the twenty-ninth time.

A reading of the Maryland Proceedings leaves a good impression on the mind of the reader—an impression of a grand body that conducts its business with dignity and decorum, and of a fraternity that zealously adheres to the fundamental principles of Ancient Craft Masonry, that strives to secure correctness of ritual throughout the jurisdiction, that endeavors to relieve distress and practice charity, and that secures harmony within its own borders, for the Committee on Grievances reported that no business had come before it during the year.

Bro. Branch presents his first report on Correspondence. He starts out with the correct idea, that the correspondent ought to be a reporter rather than a debater, and he proposes to tell such things as will attract and instruct the other man.

He gives promise of being a worthy successor to the lamented Bro. Schultz.

Lodges in Maryland 115; members 15,960, a gain of 623.

Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore, Grand Master.

George Cook, Masonic Temple, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

During the year 1913 the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held four quarterly, one stated and twelve special communications.

On the 18th of January a special communication was opened at Christobal, in the Canal Zone of Panama, by M. W. Bro. Everett C. Benton,

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Grand Master, for the purpose of constituting Sojourners' Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. This event was remarkable in several ways. The charter contained the names of 190 members. While the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary were regular officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, other brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers hailed from the jurisdictions of Kentucky, Maryland, Texas, Jamaica and New York. Among those present were brethren from forty jurisdictions in the United States, two of its dependencies and four foreign countries.

The Grand Master also opened a special communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of paying an official visit to Canal Zone Lodge at Ancon, which is under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

A note informs us "that there appears to be a prosperous future in view for both lodges and the other Masonic bodies now organized upon the Isthmus."

From Panama the Grand Master proceeded to Chile, to pay an official visit to Massachusetts lodge at Valparaiso. While there he paid a visit to Independencia Lodge, holding under the Grand Lodge of Chile. At this meeting were members of local lodges holding under the Grand Lodges of Hamburg, Scotland and England. On this trip the Grand Master *traveled nearly fifteen thousand miles.

At a quarterly communication of Grand Lodge held March 12th, 1913, anouncement was made that a bequest of \$2,000 had been received for the benefit of the Masonic home.

At a quarterly communication held June 14th, 1913, correspondence was read respecting a man who had been expelled from Masonry in Massachusetts, and who afterwards went west and affiliated with a lodge in California. The affair has some unpleasant features, but the probability is that it will be settled amicably. The action of the Board of Directors in sending \$500 in aid of sufferers by floods in the Ohio valley was approved.

An address in praise of Paul Jones was delivered; and a request for recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was referred to a special committee.

At a special communication held at Weymouth June 14th, 1913, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a Masonic temple, M. W. Bro. Charles T. Gallagher delivered an addresss, in which he showed conclusively that the flag of the United States was fashioned from the arms of the Washington family in England.

At a quarterly communication held December 10th, 1913, the Grand Master announced the death of M. W. Bro. Henry Endicott, who had almost completed his eighty-ninth year. He was initiated in 1860 and was unanimously elected Grand Master in 1886.

Bro. Benton said that the increase in the number of lodges under the jursdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had been greater than for a generation. At the beginning of the year two lodges were under dispensation. Both of these had been consecrated; and dispensations had been granted for the formation of ten new lodges, all of which were doing well.

Under the heading "Foreign Relations," the Grand Master said that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts formerly carried upon the title page of its published proceedings the statement that it was in union with the most ancient and honorable Grand Lodges in Europe and America according to the old constitutions: and he added:

While this was true then and is today, and our union with English-speaking grand bodies is full and complete, something more seems to be needed in order that our Freemasonry may have the universality of which we boast, and our own members who visit foreign lands and wish to enjoy the advantages of fraternity or are in need of assistance, ought to know whether the Freemasonry they find is genuine, based upon belief in God and love to man, or whether it has simply a political meaning or is conducted for mercenary ends. The oldest Grand Lodge on the Western Continent should be among the foremost in examining and deciding the question of recognition of genuine Masonry wherever civilized man finds a home, and I recommend this subject as one for earnest consideration and intelligent action, especially important now because our business and social relations are being widely extended, and our own southern continent has been literally brought to our doors.

There are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts 249 lodges. Of these three are in China, three in Chile and two in the canal zone of Panama. The membership at the close of the year was 65,697.

Melvin M. Johnson, Masonic Temple, Boston, Grand Master.

Thomas W. Davis, Masonic Temple, Boston, Grand Secretary.

## MICHIGAN.

The sixty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was opened at Lansing May 27th, 1913. James H. Thompson Grand Master. Lodges represented 404; unrepresented 17. Fourteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance, including M. W. Bro. John Rowson, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Mayor of Lansing welcomed Grand Lodge in a felicitous address, which was fittingly acknowledged by the Grand Chaplain on behalf of Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Thompson evidently has a correct view of the duties of life, holding that no man should neglect small things while waiting for large things to come. Because the large things may never come, while the small things meet us every day. He said:

To one who in the love of Masonry performs those every day duties which appertain to the office he may fill, Masonry speaks a various language, bringing messages of brotherly love and friendship and of inspiration to higher thoughts, nobler deeds and purer actions.

He - had consecrated five lodges, three in person and two by deputy; had laid eleven corner stones, and dedicated twelve Masonic halls. He had granted dispensations for the formation of two new lodges.

An incident attending one of his visits is thus described:

At the time of the dedication of the Masonic Hall of Harbor Springs, the official suit-case, technically known and designated as the Goat, was stolen while in the custody of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad Company. The miscreant who purloined the same evidently thought he had secured a case of jewelry, but on finding out to the contrary threw it into the bay, retaining only the jewels, probably not then aware that they were made of cast iron. The aprons were ruined but through the contresy of the railroad company, by its personal representative, Brother John H. P. Hughart, the jewels and aprons have been replaced with new ones, and your official staff is properly adorned, and without expense to the Grand Lodge.

His decisions were few and of only local importance.

He had sent for the relief of sufferers by the floods in Ohio \$500 from the funds of the Grand Lodge, and \$120 additional contributed by lodges in Saginaw county.

During the year fraternal relations were established with six of the Grand Lodges in Germany, and representatives exchanged.

Of the Masonic home he said:

The Masonic home at Alma is indeed a home to the happy and contented residents who through the vicissitudes of life find themselves in their declining years in need of its hospitality. It has more the appearance of a high grade hotel than that of an institution. The buildings have been put in excellent condition, the rooms are sweet and clean, the meals served are good enough for the most fastidious, and a restful, homelike atmosphere pervades the place.

There is a report of proceedings at an "annual lodge of sorrow and pig dinner." It appears that the pig had the sorrow and the brethren had the dinner.

The Grand Master recommended that \$25,000 be set aside, to be known as the Masonic Home Hospital Fund.

At the close of the Grand Master's address the oldest living Past Grand Master in the jurisdiction, M. W. Bro. William T. Mitchell was introduced

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and presented to the brethren. That day he had completed his ninety-sixth year. He was Grand Master in 1865. After this Grand Master Thompson introduced his own father who was ninety-one years old.

The Grand Lecturer reported that 125 lodges of instruction had been held during the year, and that they were attended by representatives of 388 lodges.

The committee on Masonic home reported that the cost of maintenance had been \$19,579.96. The oldest inmate of the home was 100 years of age.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized, and an exchange of representatives authorized.

A resolution was adopted that in future all requests to lodges for financial assistance must first receive the approval of the Grand Master.

A beautiful Past Master's jewel and apron were presented to M. W. Bro. Thompson after the election, the presentation address being given by the Grand Chaplain.

The very full and able report on Foreign Correspondence is, as formerly, by M. W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, who fills nearly 300 pages with interesting material. Bro. Winsor is not permitted to comment upon the doings of grand bodies, nor to volunteer any opinion. We cannot but regret that he permitted himself to copy from the proceedings of a Western Grand Lodge an account, more or less incomplete and inaccurate, of the unpleasantness between the Grand Lodges of Michigan and Canada. That unpleasantness was ended by the apology offered by the Grand Lodge of Michigan and accepted by the Canadian Grand Master, and the incident ought then to have been considered closed. It would have been much better had Bro. Winsor refrained from copying the offending paragraph, which was not necessary to the completeness of his report.

Lodges in Michigan 421; membeers 71,752, a gain for the year of 3,355.

Francis D. Clarke, Flint, Grand Master.

Lou B. Winsor, Reed City, Grand Secretary.

### MISSISSIPPI.

The ninety-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was opened at Meridian February 17th, 1914. Alfred H. Bays Grand Master. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present, including M. W. Bro. Harry T. Howard, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Master reported the death of M. W. Bro. Walter M. Conner. We are not told in what year he was Grand Master. He died on the 4th of July, 1913.

The Masonic home was warmly praised by the Grand Master, who said:

I visited the home and found everything in first-class condition. The little fellows were romping and playing around as if at home, and I wish to say that it will do every Mason good to visit there, and I want to impress upon each one to go out there while you are here. The home is like one large family.

One hundred children were in the home at the beginning of the year, and 110 at the close. The property cost \$70,000, and the endowment fund amounts to about \$112,000. The cost of maintenance for the year was about \$17,000.

During the year six lodges under dispensation were consecrated, and five new lodges were formed.

Bro. Bays pleaded for permission to have inmates of the Soldiers' home buried with Masonic honors, even though they might not be Masons in good standing at the time of their death. He said:

I want to ask this Grand Lodge to do something for the old brethren at the Old Soldiers' home. They want the authority to bury their dead with Masonic honors, and I hope there can be some way fixed whereby they can have the privilege of assembling around the grave of their dead brethren. It makes no difference to me where they belong; they spent the best part of their lives in that great struggle for a glorious cause, and I hope that you will arrange some way to please them and grant this, their request.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we gather that lodges pay for the maintenance of the Masonic home seventy-five cents per member, in addition to payments to the general fund of Grand Lodge.

Last year M. W. Bro. Harry T. Howard declined re-election as chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, and M. W. Bro. Oliver Lee McKay was chosen to succeed him. Bro. Mc-Kay presents a very good report, dealing with the doings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges. He gives promise of being a valued member of the corps of correspondents and a useful official for the body he represents. Apparently the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada had not reached him when he closed his report. If we might take the liberty of offering him a piece of advice it would be to drop discussion of the negro question. It is not at all likely that any negroes will ever visit lodges in Mississippi, and if Mississippi brethren should go to England or other countries in which negroes are admitted, they need not vsit any of the lodges there. No good is likely to result from a discussion of the question.

There are 365 lodges in Mississippi, with 19,696 members, a gain of 593 for the year.

Robert A. Carson, Columbus, Grand Master.

Frederic Gordon Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

### MISSOURI.

The ninety-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri was opened at St. Louis September 30th, 1913. Jacob Lampert Grand Master. Lodges represented 588; unrepresented 36. Nineteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Master reported the death during the year of two Past Grand Masters—M. W. Bro. Leroy B. Valliant, who was Grand Master in 1904 and 1905; and M. W. Bro. Ethelbert F. Allen, who was Grand Master in 1898 and 1899. He also referred in eloquent terms to the death of Bro. James L. Kirkendall, who was "inconspicuous and unknown, save as a quiet and faithful Master Mason," but who, having no children or near relatives, left all his worldly possessions to the Masonic home of Missouri. As to the condition of the craft in Missouri Bro. Lampert said:

In so far as I have been able to ascertain in a somewhat extended and careful observation of the conditions existing throughout this jurisdiction, we have much to encourage us. In increase of members, this is a record year, and in general prosperity it has not been excelled. While a majority of the lodges have been conservative and careful, nevertheless I fear that in some cases, especially in the larger cities the spirit of rivalry has acted injuriously and that material has been introduced that cannot be converted into perfect ashlars fitted for our temple.

Fraternal relations with other jurisdictions had been and were perfectly satisfactory.

More than \$40,000 had been raised during the year for a Masonic home improvement fund. This was about half the sum needed.

Bro. Lampert had made many rulings, but only two of them are of more than local interest. These are—1. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has a right to prohibit smoking in the lodge room during the ceremonies of degree work, and should do so. 2. A Master Mason in good standing, who had committed suicide, was entitled to Masonic burial.

He had been present when the "Traveling Trowel" was received by George Washington Lodge and he was much impressed by the ceremonies of reception.

Bro. Lampert's plea for universal peace is well worthy of reproduciton. He said:

May I not say further in this connection, that a meeting of the Grand Masters of our own land, and of the world if possible, might become a mighty influence in the direction of universal peace! No thought or endeavor could be more appropriate for such an assembly. Our organization itself is a plea for peace, and an argument for peace. Freemasonry makes for the dissemination of the spirit of brotherhood throughout the world, and teaches us that peace and harmony are the strength and beauty of all institutions. Freemasons need not dwell on the fact that seven-tenths of the income of our nation is expended for war and its equipment; and that in other lands the tax is even greater. As Freemasons we cannot fail to deplore the barbarity of war, the awful sacrifice of human life and human hope, not merely on the field of carnage or in the hospitals of the world filled with groaning victims, but in the widows and orphans left helpless, starving, dying, because their protectors are taken away! Surely, it were well for us to consider this and to support every thought and movement calculated to secure the peace of the world.

During the year he had issued dispensations for the formation of seven new lodges. Twelve corner stones had been laid by the Grand Master in person or by his deputy.

Acting on an appeal by the Grand Master, the lodges of the state raised \$3,350 in aid of the sufferers by flood in Ohio and Indiana. Before the whole of it was forwarded word was received that no further help was needed, and \$850 was returned to the subscribing lodges.

The receipts for the year amounted to nearly \$74,000. Of this \$40,950 was for the Masonic home and \$5,000 for the Masonic hospital.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized. An appeal for recognition of the Grand Lodge of San Domingo was refused.

Bro. Lampert apparently is a Hebrew. While Grand Lodge was in session on the 2nd of October he said: "Brethren, before proceeding to business the Grand Master of Missouri wishes you all a happy new year—Rosh ha shono."

M. W. Bro. C. C. Woods writes the report on Foreign Correspondence, and a very good report it is. Bro. Woods thinks the claims made by some Grand Lodges to "perpetual jurisdiction" over candidates who have been rejected in any of their lodges constitute a "possible menace to the peace and harmony which have prevailed so generally throughout the United States." We really cannot entertain any fear on that account. Each Grand Lodge is absolutely independent, and is entitled to make such laws as it may choose respecting the qualifications of candidates. If Missouri, for example, should accept, after one year's residence in the state, a candidate who had been rejected in another jurisdiction, the other Grand Lodge might direct that the brother in question should have no Masonic rights within its jurisdiction. But it could do no more. And we cannot see that trouble ought to arise out of such a situation as that. Masonry is too big and too real to be endangered by mere differences of procedure. But the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction has no good reason behind it; and doubtless it will soon be abandoned.

Lodges in Missouri 631; members 58,237, a gain for the year of 2,324.

Van Fremont Boor, Kansas City, Grand Master.

John R. Parson, 510 Pine Street, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

## MINNESOTA.

The sixty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was opened at St. Paul January 21st, 1914. W. Hayes Laird Grand Master. Lodges represented 228; unrepresented 27. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present; the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada was not.

The Grand Master reported that three lodges had received their warrants during the year; and the corner stones of two Masonic temples had been laid with Masonic ceremonies.

He had granted many dispensations for the customary causes; and had refused dispensations asked for the following purposes:

The making of a Mason at sight.

To waive a year's residence as a requisite in petitioning for the degrees. Three requests. To permit those, strikingly and conspicuously maimed

To permit those, strikingly and conspicuously maimed who could not perform the requirements of Masonry, to petition for the degrees. Three requests.

To permit the use of accessories in the conferring of the third degree.

Among the decisions rendered we find the following:

A candidate, who in answer to the question of "trust," propounded to him, makes answer "I don't know," or answers in a jocular or evasive manner, is disqualified for initiation. The candidate should be dismissed at once.

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The records should show that the candidate was disqualified for receiving the degrees and his fee returned. A candidate who through ignorance fails to grasp the importance of the question of his "trust" is not fit material for our institution. Likewise, one who makes denial of the existence of a Supreme Being is absolutely disqualified for initiation.

Immediately after the disastrous floods in the Ohio valley, Bro. Laird caused \$500 to be sent to the Masonic Grand Treasurer at Cleveland, and sent out an appeal to the lodges for further assistance. The additional sum raised amounted to \$2,728.35, of which, however, \$2,228.35 remained in the treasury of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

Many schools of instruction were held during the year, with beneficial results.

Bro. Laird is of opinion that sufficient care is not taken in the examination of visitors. He says that the only safe method to guard against an impostor is to refuse an examination of a visitor unless he is in possession of some written evidence, direct from a lodge, showing that he was in good standing in a regular lodge at a date within one year from the time of the visit. The committee to which this part of the Grand Master's address was referred recommended that no visitor shall be examined until he exhibits to the Worshipful Master of the lodge or to the committee of examination appointed by him, a receipt or certificate of a date not more than one year previous, under the seal of his lodge, authenticated by the certificate of the Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction whence the visitor comes, showing that he is a member of said lodge in good standing.

Efforts are now being made to raise funds for the establishment of a Masonic home; but no expenditures for building, or even for the purchase of a site for the home, will be made until at least a hundred thousand dollars shall be raised.

On the recommendation of the committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

The committee on Ancient Landmarks expressed an opinion that brethren in Minnesota were

"uninformed regarding the ancient landmarks of the craft." If so they have some millions of companions in their ignorance; for no two authorities can be found to agree as to what are ancient landmarks.

The readable and well-digested report on Correspondence is by Bro. Irvine Todd, Chairman. Bro. Todd is of opinion that there is very little of Mexican Masonry to be recognized by any one. Being solicitous for the health of this correspondent, he asks if we have ever tasted Welsh rarebits. To which we reply in the language of Betsy Prig that "there aint no sich." We have tasted Welsh rabbits; but as ale is a necessary ingredient in such quadrupeds, doubtless Minnesota Masons would not be permitted to sample them.

Lodges in Minnesota 258; members 28,735, a gain of 1,201.

Robert E. Denfield, Duluth, Grand Master.

John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

## NEBRASKA.

The fifty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was opened at Omaha June 3rd, 1913. James R. Cain, Jr. Grand Master. Lodges represented 232; unrepresented 21. Twenty Past Grand Masters were present.

In his address the Grand Master congratulated the brethren upon peace, progress and prosperity. He said: "I am convinced that our affairs were never in a more satisfactory condition. We have ample funds for all legitimate demands, your interests are safeguarded in every possible manner, our lodges in the main are doing good work, and seem to have plenty to do."

He announced the death of Daniel Hotchkiss Wheeler, the senior Past Grand Master of the jurisdiction. Bro. Wheeler was 78 years old at the time of his death, and almost half a century had passed since his elevation to the Grand East.

Bro. Cain had visited the Masonic home on several occasions, and spoke in terms of warmest praise of the home itself, and of the excellent work it was doing. He said: "I have talked with resi-

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dents time and again, and find but one sentiment, that of grateful appreciation of the comforts and the genuine home life it affords."

The Grand Master recommended and the Grand Lodge adopted the recommendation, that there should be a uniform receipt for lodge dues throughout the jurisdiction. The face carries an ordinary receipt, bearing the lodge seal and the signature of the lodge secretary. The back bears a certificate from the Grand Secretary that the lodge is a lawful lodge, working under charter from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. All receipts are furnished by the Grand Secretary. The idea is that these receipts will constitute documentary evidence that the holder is in good standing in his lodge and that the lodge is regular.

Bro. Cain had dedicated two Masonic temples during the year; consecrated one lodge and granted two dispensations for the formation of new lodges.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was acknowledged, and the Grand Master authorized to exchange representatives therewith.

The benevolent fund of Grand Lodge amounts to \$70,000, an increase for the year of nearly \$4,000.

M. W. Bro. Charles J. Phelps submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence, which is a brief, but comprehensive and well-written summary of the proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Lodges. Bro. Phelps contents himself with reporting, and does not criticize.

Lodges in Nebraska 255, of which two are under dispensation; members 20,144, an increase for the year of 875.

Alpha Morgan, Broken Bow, Grand Master.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

### NEVADA.

The forty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada was opened at Reno June 10th, 1913. Henry W. Miles Grand Master. Lodges represented 21; unrepresented 4. Eleven Past Grand Masters were in attendance, including M. W. Bro. Frank Bell, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The address of Grand Master Miles had much to tell of visits made, of hospitality received, and of decisions given.

He decided that a corner stone ought not to be laid on Sunday. He referred to the case of a resident of Nevada who, while on a visit to the East, applied to a lodge there for membership, was accepted, and received the three degrees; and then returned to Nevada, and sought affiliation with the local lodge. The matter was brought to the attention of the Grand Masters of the two jurisdictions: the eastern lodge refunded the fees collected, and apologized to the Nevada lodge. Bro. Miles was asked what the local lodge ought to do with the candidate. It appeared that the man had suppressed material facts in his application to the eastern lodge. The Grand Master replied that the only course open to the lodge was to punish the offender by denying to him the right of affiliation. Right. The man who is capable of con-cealing facts is not worthy to be received into fellowship with Masons.

He decided that it is not legal for a lodge to continue a communication beyond midnight of the day on which it is called.

He had instructed the Grand Secretary to place the Grand Lodge in affiliation with the Masonic Relief association.

In person or by deputy he had convened Grand Lodge in special communication three times during the year, twice for laying corner stones, and once for dedicating a Masonic hall.

He had instructed the Grand Secretary to issue an appeal for assistance to sufferers by the floods in Ohio. A sum of \$774 was raised, which showed remarkable liberality on the part of the 1,886 Masons in the state.

He recommended (1) that steps be taken looking to the establishment of a Masonic home in the state; (2) that documentary evidence be required of all brethren desirous of visiting lodges in the state; (3) that diplomas be given to all candidates at their raising; (4) that a period of at least seven days should elapse between the election of a candidate and his initiation.

He reported favorably upon the condition of the craft in Nevada, and added that relations with sister jurisdictions were marked by amity and concord.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth, who always does his work well. His title by the way, is somewhat striking: he is the "Grand Commissioner of Review."

Lodges in Nevada 25; members 1,886, a gain of 40 for the year.

William M. David, Carson City, Grand Master.

Edward D. Vanderlieth, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

The forty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was opened at St. John August 26th, 1913. Frederick John Gilmour Knowlton Grand Master. Lodges represented 25; unrepresented 13. Three Past Grand Masters were present; also W. Bro. John B. M. Baxter, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In the opening of his address Grand Master Knowlton deplored the death of many useful members of the craft in New Brunswick, and especially that of M. W. Bro. John Valentine Ellis, who "passed peacefully to **rest**" on the 10th of July, 1913. Bro. Ellis was brought to light in the lodge of Social and Military Virtues, Montreal, now the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 1 on the Register of Quebec. Removing to St. John, he affiliated with Hibernia lodge. From that he demitted, and affiliated with Carleton Lodge, then on the English registry. There his abilities soon became apparent.

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He was several times Master of that Lodge, and as such was one of the active founders of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, which he served as Grand Master for six years. Bro. Knowlton says that "the history of his Grand Lodge career is the history of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick." Bro. Ellis was a man of commanding ability and untiring energy. He was active in journalism, in politics, in all the co-ordinate branches of Masonry; but he never intermitted his activity in the work of the craft lodge. His loss to New Brunswick is irreparable, and will be deeply mourned not only throughout Canada but beyond its borders.

The membership of the New Brunswick lodges having doubled in ten years, the Grand Master thought the salary of the Grand Secretary ought to be increased, and his recommendation was adopted.

He recommended that the Grand Master should have power to aid subordinate lodges, to the amount of \$150, in securing the ownership of their rooms. The power was granted and a sum of money set apart for the purpose.

He also recommended that Grand Lodge secure if possible the whole of the stock in the Masonic hall company, of St. John; and that it seek incorporation for the purpose of enabling it to hold property. This likewise met with the approval of Grand Lodge.

Among the distinguished visitors was M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who, though visiting the east to attend to important business interests, found time to drop in upon the meeting of Grand Lodge.

A motion to establish fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of France was declared lost.

The Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico was recognized.

The proposal to assist in the formation of a central representative Masonic body, with authority to enact laws and make regulations binding upon the constituent Grand Lodges, was not enter-

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tained. The committee to which the business was referred reported that "all necessary uniformity can be attained in North America without in any way impairing the sovereign authority of the existing Grand Lodges."

The new Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was not recognized. The committee reported:

There are in the Philippines two Masonic lodges under Scottish constitution, which took no part in the organization of the new Grand Lodge. The new grand body claiming exclusive territorial jurisdiction, demands that the Grand Lodge of Scotland shall withdraw from the territory thus occupied, and no longer maintain its authority over the two Scottish lodges; and, since it is improbable that the Grand Lodge of Scotland will accede to this imperative demand, and thus force the Scottish Masons in the Philippines to change their allegiance, it seems to your committee to be advisable to await the outcome before extending a formal recognition to the new Grand Lodge.

Lodges in New Brunswick 39; members 3,320, a gain of 135.

Frederick J. G. Knowlton, St. John, Grand Master.

J. Twining Hartt, Ritchie's Building, St. John, Grand Secretary.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The fifty-fourth semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was held at Manchester December 27th, 1912. Charles H. Wiggin Grand Master. These semi-annual communications are solely for the purpose of exemplifying the work: they constitute state lodges of instruction. They are more largely attended than the annual business communications. At this meeting 75 of the 79 lodges in the state were represented; 13 Past Grand Masters were present; and many distinguished visitors were present from other Grand Jurisdictions, including the Grand Masters of Connecticut, Vermont and Maine. At the close of the work in the third degree the State Grand Lecturer criticised the work done.

In addition to the state lodge of instruction, each district has a similar service; and at each of

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them a special communication of Grand Lodge is opened. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Charles H. Wiggin, presided at five of these communications. He was thus able to visit all parts of the state, and get into actual touch with the brethren.

The one hundred and twenty-fourth annual communication was held at Concord May 21st, 1913. Charles H. Wiggin Grand Master. Lodges represented 53; unrepresented 26. Twelve Past Grand Masters were present including M. W. Bro. Ira A. Chase, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Master reported the death, during the year, of M. W. Bro. Henry Augustus Marsh, who was Grand Master in 1896 and 1897.

As to the condition of the order in the state he said:

The year marks an epoch in our Masonic history, through amendment to our constitution, making possible the holding of lodges of instruction in the various Masonic districts, otherwise the year has been one of no startling or unusual Masonic events. A continuation of peace and prosperity has been ours. The constitution and general regulations have been faithfully observed and maintained; the individual lodges are in harmony with the Grand Lodge and each other. Reports from the various lodges, as submitted by the District Deputy Grand Masters, show the general condition of the lodges, financial and otherwise, to be good. Our membership has a net increase of 140.

He had received a present from the Grand Master of Massachussets, M. W. Bro. Everett Benton, of a gavel, made from wood cut on Mount Lebanon. In the letter accompanying the gavel, Bro. Benton 'said:

The log from which the gavel is made was imported for Massachussetts Consistory in 1910, during my term as Commander-in-Chief, and was exhibited at a meeting of the Consistory in April 22nd of that year. It was brought from Mount Lebanon by members of Mount Lebanon Lodge, Beyrouth, Syria, Asia Minor. It came from the same forest where centuries before the timber was secured for the building of the Ark, and later both temples at Jerusalem. It was shipped on February 4, 1910, and arrived in Boston on March 20, 1910, and from the time it was first taken from the forests of Lebanon until it arrived

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at the Masonic Temple in Boston, it was never, for a moment, handled by any other person, or in the custody of any one, except he be a Mason.

This is all highly interesting, but where is the evidence that Noah went to Mount Lebanon for the gopher wood needed for the ark? It is not well to make extravagant statements when handling Masonic history.

When news of the disastrous floods in Ohio reached Bro. Wiggin, and he learned that financial assistance would be gladly received, he issued an appeal to the lodges under his jurisdiction, and the result was that \$1,099 was sent to the GrandMaster of Ohio. When we consider that there are only 10,620 Masons in New Hampshire, it will be considered that the gift was amply generous.

Bro. Wiggin strongly impressed upon the brethren the sacred duty of marking and caring for the graves of Past Grand Masters in the state. In 1910 a resolution was adopted by Grand Lodge looking to the erection of a monument to the memory of Gen. Sullivan, the first Grand Master of New Hampshire; and Bro. Wiggin recommends that the movement be carried farther, by erecting memorials to all the chief rulers of the craft.

He had words of high praise for the Masonic home, which, he said, was doing noble service. There were thirteen inmates of the home, and all were well cared for. He also urged the formation of a charity fund. At a later stage of the proceedings an amendment to the constitution was adopted increasing the dues payable by subordinate lodges to the Grand Lodge to \$3 for each initiation and 75 cents annually for each member, two-thirds of which shall be used for the support of the Masonic home and other benevolent work.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized, and an exchange of representatives authorized. Like recognition of the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland was authorized. Why there has been this delay we are not informed. M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney is the Foreign Correspondent. In his opening remarks Bro. Cheney says:

What of the year? It has been but very little different from the preceding six years, save only in showing still greater growth, in all directions for our wonderful fraternity. The veterans are keeping at it; the new life received is ready to do its part—all in harmony so rich and blessed that the profane may justly envy.

And it is not for the inconsequential that the Masons are undertaking so much, but rather for the greatest things in life—to teach men how to live and how to die, namely, in the fear of God and in the hope of immortality.

Bro. Cheney says "It staggered us right off quick" to learn that Toronto had as many as 25 lodges. Well, Bro. Cheney, the population of Toronto is fully as great as that of New Hampshire; and the city has not quite one-third the number of lodges that New Hampshire supports.

He thinks that the work of the Canadian Grand Master would be materially lessened if lodges were permitted to attend church in Masonic clothing without asking for a dispensation.

Lodges in New Hampshire 79; members 10,620, a gain of 140.

Holman A. Drew, Berlin, Grand Master.

Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

# NEW JERSEY.

The one hundred and twenty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was opened at Trenton April 16th, 1913. Richard C. Woodward Grand Master. Lodges represented 190; unrepresented 2. Twelve Past Grand Masters were present; including M. W. Bro. George W. Fortmeyer, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In his annual address the Grand Master reported progress and prosperity within the jurisdiction and harmony with all other Grand Lodges.

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During the year one lodge had been constituted and consecrated, and a dispensation had been issued for the formation of one new lodge. Five corner stones had been laid.

One unusual and unpleasant event disturbed the harmony of the jurisdiction during the year. A lodge was afflicted by a member who considered it his privilege to use the black ball frequently. In order to determine his identity the officers resorted to an ingenious but unmasonic plan. The Grand Master tells the story in this manner:

It appears that after a certain petition for membership had been regularly received by the lodge the ballot was spread. When one of the members stepped in front of the ballot-box he informed the Worshipful Master that he could not vote. The Master asked the question, "Why." The brother replied that the cubes were all stuck together. The Master informed me that all the cubes were not stuck together, "they had become fastened together in fours and fives, and there were single ones underneath." As to whether the cubes were all stuck together matters not in my opinion, since it was clearly the intention to violate the secrecy of the ballot. If this act of certain individuals had gone no further, I should have disciplined only those concerned in it, but the Worshipful Master informed me that every member of the lodge present, but two, stepped to the east and congratulated him upon what had been done. The Master then called upon each individual member present, and the majority defended the action which had been taken. In view of this endorsement by the members of the lodge, I felt it my duty to arrest the warrant.

The committee on Jurisprudence, to which the affair was referred, justified the Grand Master in arresting the warrant of the lodge; but considered that the punishment had been sufficient, and recommended that the warrant be restored, which was done.

A request for recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was laid over for a year.

The Grand Master had sent the magnificent sum of \$8,400 in aid of sufferers by floods in the Ohio valley.

He reported that the affairs of the Masonic home were in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. There were 96 inmates of the home, and the cost of maintenance for the year was \$30,676.52

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The question of physical defects in candidates gave him much trouble. He said:

One hundred and seven requests for permission to receive and ballot upon the petitions of candidates having visible physical defects have been presented to me during the year. Every case of this kind has been referred to the District Deputy of the district in which the petitioner resided, for his personal examination. Upon receipt of his report I have rendered my decision as to the physical competency of the petitioner. In 70 cases permission has been granted; in 29 cases permission has been refused, and there are 8 cases pending.

We cannot help thinking that the greater part of this trouble might have been avoided. A simple requirement that the candidate must be able to comply literally with all the ceremonies is easily understood by the Master of a lodge, who would be under no necessity in ordinary cases of asking any advice. Of course there will be timid or incapable Masters, unwilling or unable to pass upon very simple cases; but in nine instances out of ten that now go to the Grand Master a reference would be unnecessary.

The Grand Master called attention to the fact that R. W. Bro. Jacob Ringle, then present, was making his fiftieth visit to Grand Lodge. He paid a fine tribute to Bro. Ringle for his devotion and fidelity.

R. W. Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs continues to write the report on Foreign Correspondence, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Adolphe Klee, who handles the Proceedings of Grand Lodges on the continent of Europe. Bro. Shirrefs tells why the ladies of the Eastern Star are permitted to meet in Masonic lodge rooms in New Jersey. This correspondent asked him where he would draw the line as to non-Masonic societies, and he says:

Rather than incur the risk of an interdict of fraternal communication by Ontario against New Jersey, on Brother Freed's motion, as we fear might happen if we answered him, or the resentment of any of the five different cotenant societies (including the Knights of Columbus), that meet in our lodge hall, we decline to do so, or to draw any line whatever. Necessity knows no law. "Mighty rough on both of us," as the prisoner said to the judge, when the

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latter reminded him that "ignorance of the law was no excuse"—but it is much easier on landlord and tenant when rentals prevent insolvency.

Lodges in New Jersey 193; members 36,649, an increase of 1,794.

Fred E. Tilden, Trenton, Grand Master.

Benjamin F. Wakefield, Trenton, Grand Secretary.

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The one hundred and twenty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was opened at Trenton April 22nd, 1914. Fred E. Tilden Grand Master. Lodges represented 90; unrepresented 4. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present, including M. W. Bro. George W. Fortmeyer, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Master was able to congratulate the brethren on the condition of Masonry in the state. He said:

The craft in this jurisdiction is to be congratulated upon its growth and prosperous condition, our net gain in membership being substantially 2,000 and our total membership being now nearly, if not quite, 40,000. The satisfactory condition of our finances is evidenced by the report of the Grand Treasurer, which will be submitted to you in due course.

Two lodges under dispensation had been constituted and consecrated during the year.

Fraternal relations with all other jurisdictions had been maintained.

Of the Masonic home he said:

The affairs of our Masonic home are in a prosperous and satisfactory condition, as will be shown by the detailed report of the Masonic Home committee which will presently be submitted for your consideration. I refrain from any comment on the subject other than to call your attention to the fact that the home has practically reached the limit of its accommodations. The growth of our membership means a proportionate increase in the number of inmates we will be expected to care for, and the necessity for building an additional structure for their accommodation is obvious. In case of emergency some of the rooms of the new boys' dormitory can be used, but the experience of your committee has been such as to demonstrate the unwisdom of housing young children and old people under the same roof.

A lodge, composed of Italians and working in the Italian language, had been established in New Jersey by authority of "the Grand Lodge of Italy." The Grand Master had declared it to be "spurious and clandestine, and therefore devoid of all Masonic character and standing;" and regular Masons of the state were warned to treat it and its members as such.

A decision of a former Grand Master had declared the lambskin or white leathern apron to be the proper Masonic clothing in New Jersey. For many years the decision has been ignored, and white linen aprons used. Bro Tilden did not rule on the question, but asked Grand Lodge to decide for or against the edict. In the end it was decided that white linen aprons might be used.

The Grand Treasurer reported that a sum of \$5,240 had been sent to Ohio to relieve distress caused by the floods.

The family in the Masonic home at the close of the year consisted of 98 persons. The cost of maintenance, including upkeep of the property, was nearly \$30,000, showing an average of  $87\frac{1}{2}$  cents for each inmate per day.

A request was received for recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. Action was deferred.

A like application from the Grand Lodge of Egypt was referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence; and, on the recommendation of the committee, action was "indefinitely postponed."

The Grand Lodge of Oaklahoma was recognized and an exchange of representatives was authorized.

Bro. Shirrefs, with the able assistance of Bro. Adolph Klee, continues the correspondence. Bro. Shirrefs confesses with contrition that he was once "a Toronto boy." Well, other men have started out badly, but have, by prayer and fasting, over-

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come the influences of their early training. Bro. Shirrefs gives a good summary of the doings of sixty-five grand bodies, and Bro. Klee of ten. At times there is a musical note in the song like the tinkle of the ice in the pitcher the morning after.

Lodges in New Jersey 194; members 38,674, a gain for the year of 2,025.

Charles P. Russ, Trenton, Grand Master.

Benjamin F. Wakefield, Trenton, Grand Secretary.

### NEW MEXICO.

The thirty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was held at Santa Fe October 20th, 1913. Marine R. Williams Grand Master. Lodges represented 34; unrepresented 7. Ten Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Master was able to report that Masonry in New Mexico had made satisfactory progress during the year, that harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, that relations with other jurisdictions had been cordial, and that the finances of the Grand Lodge were in good condition.

He announced the death of M. W. Bro. George W. Ward, who was Grand Master in 1904 and 1905. A special communication of Grand Lodge was called for the purpose of attending the funeral.

He had refused a dispensation to a lodge to appear in regalia for the purpose of unveiling a monument, because the ceremonies were to be conducted by a church, and the lodge was only to assist.

He recommended that subordinate lodges be permitted to communicate directly with lodges in other jurisdictions with respect to conferring degrees by courtesy. The business was remitted to the incoming Grand Master, who will report at the next communication of Grand Lodge.

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M. W. Bro. James H. Wroth for the committee on Foreign Correspondence, reported in favor of recognizing the Grand Lodge of Oueensland. He had reported against recognition; but he finds that in the past four years the lodges adhering to the Grand Lodge of Oueensland have increased from thirty-four to fifty-eight. Besides, he says, "the selfish actions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 'butting in' to use the vernacular, on the United States territory by establishing Grand Lodges in the eanal zone and in the Hawaiian islands, are well known. After reviewing these facts I have come to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge of Oueensland should be recognized, and that all its members have all the rights and privileges of visiting Masons."

We cannot help thinking that it is unwise to say that the new Grand Lodge of Queensland ought to be recognized, not because it is worthy of recognition, but because the Grand Lodge of Scotland has done something irregular: And then the statement of the "American" doctrine of territorial jurisdiction is a new rendering. The general opinion has been that the doctrine was that each Grand Lodge throughout the world was sovereign and independent, having exclusive jurisdiction over its own territory, and having right to warrant subordinate lodges in any unoccupied territory. Bro. Wroth's statement that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had established "grand lodges" in Panama and Hawaii was doubtless a slip of the pen.

Bro. Wroth presents a report on the Proceedings of forty Grand Lodges, and explains that, as in many jurisdictions the annual communications are held late in the year, their proceedings do not reach him in time for review.

Lodges in New Mexico 43, including two under dispensation; members 3,208, a gain of 221.

Nathan Jaffa, Roswell, Grand Master.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

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# NEW SOUTH WALES.

The twenty-fifth annual report of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales gives a summary of the proceedings of four quarterly and two special communications. All the communications were at Sydney.

At a special communication held July 17th, 1912, his Excellency Lord Chelmsford, who had been re-elected for the third time, was proclaimed Grand Master.

The report of the Board of General Purposes recommended the purchase by Grand Lodge of the Masonic hall property at Sydney.

At the quarterly communication on August 11th, 1912, the Grand Master reported the dedication of two Masonic temples.

The granting of a charter for a new lodge was recommended by the Board of General Purposes.

A uniform system of balloting for candidates was recommended.

A District Grand Inspector (corresponding to our District Deputy Grand Master) reported that at one lodge an appeal for charity was answered by a contribution of  $\pounds 10$  2s.

At the quarterly communication held December 11th, 1912, Lord Chelmsford announced that he would be called upon to leave the state in the following March, and the election of another Grand Master would be necessary.

The Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. Palmer, having died, the sum of \$350, equal to one year's salary, was granted to his widow.

At the special communication held March 5th, 1913, a resolution of regret for the loss of Captain Scott and his companions, and of sympathy with the relatives was adopted.

Lord Chelmsford delivered his farewell address as Grand Master. He said:

I am very proud to have been your Grand Master, and I shall look back upon my years of office with pride and pleasure. With pride because the craft has prospered wonderfully during these three years. Its numbers have increased from 15,000 to 19,000, I have in fact signed 5,923 Master Masons' certificates. Its funds have increased from  $\pounds 24,525$  to  $\pounds 40,000$ .

An address of appreciation was presented to Lord Chelmsford, to which the Grand Master replied in happy terms, briefly reviewing the years of his mastership.

At the quarterly communication held June 11th, 1913, Dr. C. U. Carruthers was elected Grand Master.

Bro. S. Scott Young is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence; but the work is divided among the members, each of whom initials the reviews he writes. Canada is not reviewed.

Lodges in New South Wales 241; members 18,728, an increase of 1,204.

Dr. C. U. Carruthers (address not given) Grand Master.

Arthur H. Bray, Masonic Hall, Castlereagh street, Sydney, Grand Secretary.

### NEW YORK.

The one hundred and thirty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was opened at New York May 6th, 1913. Charles Smith Grand Master. Practically all the lodges in the state were represented. Six Past Grand Masters were present; and no less than seventyfour representatives of foreign jurisdictions, including R. W. George W. Millar, representing the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In opening his address M. W. Bro. Smith said: "Prosperity has marked the progress of every lodge in this jurisdiction during the year now passed into history." And that was a wonderful thing to say, considering that there were 820 lodges in the state; and it was more wonderful, when the Grand Secretary was able to say in his report that each of the 820 lodges had made returns and paid its dues to date.

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Among the fraternal dead he noted the passing of two remarkable men. The one was Christopher G. Fox, who was Grand Master in 1872. Bro. Fox was initiated in 1854, and had been a Mason nearly sixty years. For forty-five years he had been Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York. The other remarkable man was Robert Collyer, the noted Unitarian clergyman, Past Grand Chaplain of New York. He was born in Yorkshire, England, was a blacksmith by trade, and became one of the ablest clergymen in the United States.

Dispensations had been granted for the formation of six new lodges.

Having learned that the Grand Orient of Italy had granted charters to two lodges in the United States, one at Newark, New Jersey, and one at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, the Grand Master called the attention of Bro. M. W. Ettore Ferrari, Grand Master of Masons in Italy to the invasion of territory. He said that, until those charters were withdrawn it would be impossible to exchange representatives with the Grand Orient of Italy. It is not impossible that other measures will be taken. There are lodges in New York city which conduct their work in the Italian language.

The Grand Master had sent \$2,000 to relieve sufferers by the floods in Ohio in the spring of 1913, which was accepted and gratefully acknowledged. A like sum was sent to Indiana; but the need there was not so great, and while the offer of help was gratefully acknowledged, the cheque was returned.

Bro. Smith warned the brethren that they ought to be more careful in examining candidates and enquiring into their antecedents. He cited the case of a man who had been accepted, initiated and passed, when it was discovered that he had been rejected five times in a town in which he had formerly lived. "A two-cent stamp and a line to the District Attorney of the city in which this party was rejected," said the Grand Master, "would

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have brought the information that an indictment is pending against this candidate for criminally receiving stolen goods."

The Grand Lodge of New York maintains a Masonic Employment Bureau, and it is doing a great deal of good. The cost to the Grand Lodge appears to be about \$1,500 annually; and in one year 950 applicants for employment registered their names. Of these 235 had been withdrawn for cause and about 300 had been placed in positions. The Grand Master said: "The annual income from the positions secured since the bureau has been in operation exceeds the sum of \$225,000, and this has been accomplished at a nominal expense to Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge has a very big real estate problem to face. Some years ago a new building was constructed on Twenty-fourth street, seventeen storevs in height; and subsequently the old Masonic temple on Twenty-third street was torn down and a seventeen storey building erected on the site. Thus the new buildings extend from street to street. At a meeting of Grand Lodge many of the offices remained untenanted, and there had not only been no revenue, but for the year there had been an actual deficit of \$64,000. The whole property at \$4,000,000, and the was valued debt upon it amounted to \$2,400,000. The Grand Master suggested that the lodges throughout the state should contribute toward the payment of the debt, and he thought it could be extinguished by the vear 1918. It is a heavy burden to assume, involving a payment of \$15 by each Mason in the state; but the New York brethren have proved their willingness to confront very serious problems. When the property shall be free from debt the net revenue will amply suffice to support the home at . Utica.

The Grand Historian, R. W. Bro. Edwin A. Quick, continues his valuable historical sketches of the lodges in the state. He also contributes an extract from a Philadelphia paper of December, 1778, which is subjoined. Monday last, agreeable to the Constitution of the Most Ancient and Worshipful Society of Free and Accepted Masons, was celebrated as the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. At nine o'clock in the morning three hundred of the Brethren assembled at the College, and at eleven o'clock went in regular procession from thence to Christ Church to attend divine service. The order of procession was as follows, viz.:

1. The Sword Bearer.

2. Two Deacons, with two wands tipt with gold.

3. The three Orders, *Dorick*, *Ionick* and *Corinthian*, borne by three Brethren.

4. The Holy Bible and Book of *Constitutions*, on two crimson velvet cushions, borne by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

5. A Reverend Brother.

6. Four Deacons, bearing wands.

7. His Excellency our Illustrious Brother George Washington, Esquire, supported by the Grand Master and his Deputy.

8. The two Grand Wardens, bearing the proper pillars.

9. The Past Masters of the different Lodges.

10. The present Masters of Lodges.

11. The Senior Wardens of the different private Lodges.

12. The Junior Wardens of the different private Lodges.

13. The Secretaries of the different private Lodges.

14. The Treasurers of the different private Lodges.

15. Brother Proctor's Band of Music.

16. Visiting Brethren.

17. The members of different Lodges, walking two and two, according to seniority.

The procession entered the Church in the order of their march and the Brethren took their seats in the pews of the middle aisle which was kept empty for their reception. Prayers were read by the Reverend Mr. White, and the following Anthem was sung in its proper place by sundry of the Brethren accompanied by the *Organ* and other instrumental music, viz.:

A Grand Symphony Chorus.

Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, Brethren, to dwell together in Unity.

Solo.

I will give thanks unto Thee O Lord with my whole heart secretly among my brethren, and in the Congregation will I praise Thee: I will speak the marvellous Works of Thy hands, the Sun, the Moon, and the Stars, which Thou hast ordained.

#### Solo.

The People that walked in darkness hath seen a great light, and on them that dwelt in the Land of the Shadow of Death doth the glorious Light of Jehovah shine.

#### Solo.

Thou hast gathered from the East, and from the West, from the North, and from the South; Thou hast made us Companions for the Mighty upon Earth, even for Princes of Nations.

#### Trio.

O! I AM! Inspire us with Wisdom and Strength to support us in all our Troubles, that we may Worship Thee in the Beauty of Holiness.

After which a most excellent and well adapted sermon was preached by our Reverend and Worthy Brother William Smith, D.D. the text was taken from the 1st Peter, 2nd Chapter and 16th Verse. The Brethren have since requested the Sermon to be published and the profits to be applied to the use of the poor.

After Divine Service the procession returned in the same order to the College; the Musical Bells belonging to the Church and the band of music playing proper Masonic tunes.

The Brethren being all new cloathed, and the Officers in the proper *Jewels* of their respective Lodges, and other badges of dignity, made a genteel appearance.

The Brethren afterward departed to their respective Lodges where they dined together with their usual harmony and sociability; the sum of Four Hundred Pounds having been collected in Church and among the Brethren and others, their charitable Fellow citizens, who honored them with their company, for the relief of the Poor.

N.B. Such charitable Brethren and others who have not yet had an opportunity of contributing their mite are requested to send the same to any of the following gentlemen, viz.: Mess. William Ball, John Wood, John Howard, and William Shute; to whom Objects of Charity, bringing proper recommendations to the house of Mr. Ball in Market Street, after New Year's Day, between the hours of ten and twelve in the forenoon, are to apply.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is written by a committee, having M. W. Bro. Sherer as chairman and R. W. Bros. Emil Frankel and Emanuel Loewenstein as the associate members. As usual it is a comprehensive, accurate and very valuable report, covering a wider range of useful Masonic information than any other which reaches this office.

Lodges in New York 820; members 179,927, an increase for the year of 6,214.

Charles Smith, Masonic Hall, New York City, Grand Master.

Edward M. L. Ehlers, Masonic Hall, New York City, Grand Secretary.

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## NEW ZEALAND.

The twenty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was opened at Auckland May 14th, 1913. Maurice Thompson Grand Master. Lodges represented 191; unrepresented 2. Three Past Grand Masters were present. Representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canterbury, under the Scottish constitution, and of lodges under the Irish constitution, were also present. The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, estimated that about 950 Freemasons were in attendance.

The Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. O. H. Moller, reported receipts for the year of about \$40,000, and balances at the credit of all the funds amounting to \$150,000.

M. W. Bro. Maurice Thompson was reelected Grand Master.

In New Zealand special appeals to the lodges in favor of needy brothers or relatives are permitted. The following shows how the plan works out:

On behalf of Mrs. McGregor, widow of the late Brother Duncan Alpine McGregor, a member of Lodge Wairaki, No. 145, Nightcaps, at the time of his death, but formerly attached to Lodge Wallace, No. 129, Otautau. Brother McGregor died suddenly in December, 1911. His life was not insured and the only property left by him was the cottage occupied by the family, valued at  $\pounds 250$ , subject to a mortgage of  $\pounds 100$  at 9 per cent.

The family consists of one son, aged 21, who earns 27s. 6d. per week, a daughter aged 16, who is a confirmed invalid, and a grandson aged eight. Debts had accumulated owing to much sickness in the family, and there was every prospect of their losing their little home. The appeal to our lodges has produced about £180, which will be expended in taking over the mortgage, reducing the debts, and placing the widow in such a position that the house-hold will be self-supporting.

The circular appeals are sent out by the Board, and are sanctioned by the Grand Master. The money is received and disbursed by the board. The drawback to the systen is that the names of beneficiaries are published throughout the jurisdiction. Annuities are granted from a special annuity fund, which has an invested endowment exceeding \$100,000. The smallest annuity granted last year was \$60, and the largest \$160. Special contributions to the fund amounted to about \$7,000.

Six lodges received charters and were consecrated during the year.

An agreement was reached with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, by which that body recognized the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and brethren of lodges in New Zealand holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland were accorded fraternal privileges. Under certain prescribed conditions the Scotch lodges may transfer their allegiance to the local Grand Lodge. There are fourteen Scotch lodges in the Dominion.

The Grand Secretary "was sorry to say that one half year's dues was still owing by one lodge. By this fact the record of the last nine years was broken, but not seriously." Some other Grand Lodges would be glad to be in no worse position.

The Grand Master said the reports of the Provincial Grand Masters gave evidence of progress in many lodges and steady work in all, while the number of lodges was increasing.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is written by M. W. Bro. Alfred H. Burton, who says that he is "in his eightieth year," and presents us with his portrait to make us think that he cannot be more than sixty. He gives a highly interesting review of the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges and intersperses comments which are about as interesting and instructive as anything that appears in any of the reports.

A correspondent of a jurisdiction in the United States has criticized New Zealand for conferring the degree of Past Master, and Bro. Burton appears to be troubled about it. He need not be troubled. The ceremony of conferring upon Masters elect the secrets of the Master's chair is very old, and it was received by New Zealand from the Mother Grand Lodge of the world. Besides, the

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Grand Lodge of New Zealand is a sovereign Masonic body, and is entitled to practice any ceremonies which may seem to be necessary and good, so long as they are Masonic. Further, the degree of Past Master is older than the Grand Lodge whose correspondent criticizes it.

Lodges in New Zealand 193; members 12,874, an increase of 575.

Maurice Thompson, Invercargill, Grand Master. Malcolm Niccol, Box 566 Dunedin, Grand Secretary.

# NORTH CAROLINA.

The one hundred and twenty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was opened at Raleigh Jan. 14th, 1913. William B. McKoy Grand Master. Apparantly all the warranted lodges in the jurisdiction, 408 in number, were represented. Eleven Past Grand Masters were present; also R. W. Bro. W. W. Willson, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Bro. McKoy is like a good many other men, Grand Masters and others. "At the outset of my administration," he said, "I started with a view of doing something worthy of being remembered. Tonight I look back over the year's work, and think very differently about many matters." Yes, that is a common experience; but it is better to attempt and partly fail than to make no effort at all.

Yet he seems to have been a pretty busy man. Nine corner stones were laid during the year, and at seven of the ceremonies he officiated in person. He dedicated a Masonic home and a Masonic hall and visited nearly every part of the state on Masonic duty.

A body of degree mongers, calling themselves Masons, were said to be clandestine, as they were. One of them has instituted a suit for libel; but he is not likely to make anything out of it. A suit will only make it apparent that the victims of the degree mongers are not Masons, and will not be received into any regular Masonic lodge. Dispensations were issued for the formation of four new lodges.

Bro. McKoy had made no decisions. He had been called upon for many interpretations of Masonic law, and in each case he had referred the questioner to the law in the case.

He had refused permission to a brother to issue a circular letter to the lodges soliciting funds to pay his debts.

He had recommended an annual appropriation of \$25 to be used in purchasing standard Masonic works for the Grand Lodge library.

He recommended that a portion of the code (corresponding to our constitution) be read and discussed at each meeting of each subordinate lodge.

The Grand Secretary reported that four lodges under dispensation had received warrants during the year, and two remained under dispensation.

Three lodges under suspension had had their warrants restored.

He had begun work on the card index system. He said, "It is my purpose to go back to the year 1787, when the Grand Lodge was organized, and work up the Masonic record of every Mason that has been connected with the Grand Lodge."

The orphan asylum is a noble charity; but it is not wholly nor mainly Masonic. Only 45 of the 316 inmates are orphans of Masons. The state contributes \$10.000 annually toward the support of the institution; and the total outlay for the year was \$33,547.

There is a long correspondence relative to the commission issued in 1771 to Joseph Montfort, of Halifax, North Carolina, as "Provincial Grand Master of and for America." This commission was undoubtedly issued by the Duke of Beaufort, who was Grand Master of the "Modern" Grand Lodge of England in 1771. In the end the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do not concur in the historical conclusions set forth in the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, concerning the relative powers of Joseph Montfort and other Provincial Grand Masters prior to the War of the Revolution;

And be it further Resolved, That with all the evidence before this body, including the original commission of Montfort and copies of other commissions, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina is convinced that the unlimited jurisdiction granted to Montfort, by his said commission, was due to no oversight, omission, accident, or clerical error; and that therefore he held and *exercised* primacy over other Provincial Grand Masters whose territorial jurisdiction was limited by their commissions—an instance of such exercise being the issuance of a charter to a lodge in Virginia while Peyton Randolph was Provincial Grand Master in that territory, and which charter was recognized as valid by the Masons of Virginia both before and after the Revolution.

It is hard to see that the commission has the importance which the brethren attach to it. There were many Masonic bodies in existence in the colonies long before 1771. Even if Virginia did acknowledge the primacy of Joseph Montfort, it does not follow that others did so. If they did, it is not in evidence that the claim was generally acknowledged. Besides, there were many provincial Grand Masters holding under the "Ancient" Grand Lodge; and from them much of the Masonry of the United States is descended. While the matter has some historical interest, no question of legitimacy, nor even of antiquity, is affected by it.

R. W. Bro. John A. Collins is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence; and he presents an excellent, though brief, report. He does not agree with the resolution of Grand Lodge as to the value of the Montfort commission. His review of Canada is kindly and full.

Lodges in North Carolina 414; including six under dispensation; members 22,214, an increase for the year of 725.

F. M. Winchester, Charlotte, Grand Master.

John C. Drewry, Raleigh, Grand Secretary.

# 1914.

The one hundred and twenty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was opened at Raleigh January 13th, 1914. F. M. Winchester Grand Master. Lodges represented 247; unrepresented 165. Twelve Past Grand Masters were present; also R. W. Bro. W. W. Willson, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Master reported that the most cordial and friendly relations had been maintained during the year with all duly constituted Grand Lodges of Ancient Craft Masonry throughout the world. Of his own jurisdiction he said that Masonry in North Carolina had never been so prosperous as during the year just closed.

Three lodges had been consecrated; and dispensations had been granted for the formation of nine new lodges.

The orphan asylum was reported to be in a prosperous condition, and doing excellent work. At the end of the year there were 322 inmates.

A home for aged Masons had just been opened. The buildings stand on a farm of twenty-five acres. There is a debt of \$25,000 on the property, and the Grand Master urged upon the brethren the duty of paying off that debt at the earliest possible day.

During the year Bro. Winchester had headed a "pilgrimage" to the tomb of Joseph Montford, the "first and only Colonial Grand Master of America."

Among the illustrations in the book is a portrait of Brother Richard James Jones, who was born in 1822. He had been a member of one lodge more than fifty years. The report of him says that he is "very regular in his habits, stands and walks erect, an early riser, taking a long stroll every morning. When asked for some important event in his life he said: 'I am now living at nearly ninety-two years, and am still able to work.'"

On the recommendation of the committee on Foreign Correspondence the Grand Lodges of Puerto Rico and the Philippine Islands were recognized.

While our North Carolina brethren are justly proud of their Masonic home, they are admonished

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by the Finance committee that, to provide adequately for that and to meet other increased expenses, they must be prepared to contribute more liberally to the funds of Grand Lodge. The committee said:

It is apparent to all that the present expenditures now authorized will exceed the income by nearly \$5,000.00, and it is now up to this Grand Lodge to decline these appropriations, or else to provide the money to meet the same as they fall due. To meet this excess the income of the Grand Lodge must be raised, which can be done either by increasing the per capita tax or by levying a tax upon each initiate or raising. We believe that both will be necessary for the Grand Lodge to do. We therefore recommend that the resolution of Brother A. S. Holden to put a tax of \$1.00 upon each initiate be adopted. This will add \$1,500.00 additional to the Grand Lodge revenue. Also we recommend that the resolution of Brother George L. Peterson increasing the per capita tax from 90 cents to \$1.00 be adopted. This will add approximately \$2,250.00 to the revenue.

R. W. Bro. John A. Collins, chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, dealing with this question says:

In many jurisdictions costly homes for widows and orphans and indigent Masons are maintained at a very high per capita tax cost.

Very many other jurisdictions are accumulating endowment funds for the erection and maintenance of such homes in the future.

There are, however, in the United States, and notably in the British Colonial Grand Lodges, many of them which are averse to the erection of homes and pursue the welltried plan of building benevolent funds, the income of which is ample to provide for every worthy case of need. The machinery for the management and distribution of the income of benevolent funds is simpler and cheaper than that of the institutional plan, and has the supreme advantages of keeping the beneficiaries in touch with the general craft. Those Grand Lodges, who practice this plan, are so well pleased with it that they do not contemplate making a change, and it seems from the records that economy and efficiency are subserved.

Bro. Collins presented an excellent report, dealing with the proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Lodges. He points out that in our last report we failed to review North Carolina, though it is named in the index. The report was written, and despatched to the printer by the Grand Secretary, but, somewhere between the Secretary's office and the printing office, that manuscript went out "to see a man," and never returned.

Lodges in North Carolina 420; members 22,811. John T. Alderman, Henderson, Grand Master. John C. Drewry, Raleigh, Grand Secretary

## NORTH DAKOTA.

The twenty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was opened at Bismarck June 25th, 1913. William E. Hoover Grand Master. Lodges represented 90; unrepresented 13. Ten Past Grand Masters were present; also W. Bro. Alexander B. Taylor, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Grand Master Hoover said: "We are closing a year of unusual serenity within our borders; the comforts of material prosperity have been abundant; the welfare of the home, of the church and the school have been fostered as never before; and the affairs of our state and our nation have been conducive to human happiness."

Before the preceding Christmas he had issued a circular letter to all the lodges, recommending observance of the season by generous remembrance of the time in the form of charitable gifts not only to Masonic institutions, but to those who needed help "among the whole brotherhood of men."

When news of the disastrous floods in the Ohio valley reached Bro. Hoover he hastened to tender offers of assistance, and appealed to the lodges throughout the jurisdiction for subscriptions. In the end a sum of \$1,231.25 was raised and forwarded to the Grand Treasurer of Ohio. Of this \$200 was taken from the Grand Lodge treasury. When we consider that there are less than 9,000 Masons in North Dakota we must acknowledge that their contribution was most liberal.

During the year three lodges were consecrated, and one dispensation was issued for the formation of a new lodge.

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Respecting the recognition of new Grand lodges the Grand Master said:

Many requests come to the grand offices of this Grand Jurisdiction asking for the recognition of Grand Lodges in various parts of the world. These requests are made matters of reference, and I am led to believe that with the limited time for intelligent investigation and with inadequate sources of information available at the time, the committees to whom such matters are referred are unable on account of these limitations to report recommendations in these respects that are satisfactory to themselves or the Grand Lodge. I therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge provide for a committee whose duty it shall be to recommend a standard by which all Grand Lodge recognition shall be measured, and to whom shall be referred, from time to time, all applications for such recognition for careful investigation and recommendation of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternal recognition was given to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

The Grand Secretary recommended the adoption of a uniform membership card, which would be evidence of good standing. Grand Lodge approved the recommendation, and authorized the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary to fix upon a suitable form of card

A beginning has been made on the work of publishing brief histories of the lodges in the state. Only three of these histories are given in the volume before us; but at all events a step has been taken in the right direction.

Past Grand Master James W. Foley presented a brief but valuable report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Lodges in North Dakota 104; members 8,666, a gain for the year of 307.

Walter L. Williamson, Lisbon, Grand Master.

Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

# NOVA SCOTIA.

The forty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was opened at Amherst June 11th, 1913. William Medford Christie, K.C., Grand Master. Lodges represented 60; un-

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represented 12. Four Past Grand Masters were present; so was R. W. Bro. Thomas Mowbray, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Before the general business of Grand Lodge was entered upon, the brethren marched in procession to church, where an able and eloquent sermon was delivered by R. W. Bro. the Rev. Allan Massie Hill.

On returning to the hall the Grand Master received the Masters of the local lodges, who read an address of welcome, to which a suitable reply was returned.

In the opening of his address the Grand Master said:

The past year has been one of almost perfect peace and of a fair progress in Masonry in this jurisdiction. We began the year with a membership of 6,486, and ended it with a membership of 6,528, an increase of 72. Although these figures are not as large as we hoped for, still we have the assurance that the new members represent the cream of citizenship in our Province. When I read the reports of other grand jurisdictions and learn of the number of members who are expelled from the privilege of Masonry each year, and then consider that only one member of a lodge in this jurisdiction has been expelled during the past year, I feel proud of the Masons of this jurisdiction, and I realize that the lodges are looking well after the interest of the craft, and that the brethren are carefully inspecting the material which is being brought in for use in the building of the Masonic temple.

His decisions were for the most part mere interpretations of Masonic law. One of them, of general interest, is as follows:

December 18th—Sent following to Minas Lodge, No. 67: "A dispensation is not required to hold a lodge banquet. If the parade you mention is for the purpose of attending divine service in a church, a dispensation is hereby granted, but if the parade is merely for the purpose of making a public display, it is not granted."

Another was to the effect that a man living more than ten miles from the meeting place of a lodge was "outside the jurisdiction of any lodge," and might apply to any lodge in the jurisdiction for initiation.

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He had officiated at the dedication of three lodge rooms during the year.

He warned the lodges against receiving petitions from candidates who had not resided a full year within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which application was made, and who were not well known to some of the members of the lodge.

He warned the brethren against having anything to do with a society which endeavored to get business from Masons by using the word Masonry in its advertisements. It was, he said, "a purely commercial corporation for the personal profits of its stockholders," and he added that its capital was seriously impaired.

The Freemasons' home is the subject of warm eulogy. There are about a dozen inmates, and all are well cared for and as comfortable as it is possible to make them. A recent addition to the buildings largely increases the accommodation. The cost of maintenance for the year was \$4,716.65.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Thomas Mowbray, who does his work excellently. Respecting the jurisdictional powers and duties of Grand Lodges he has this to say:

Another matter which has received some attention of late is the so-called infringement by Grand Lodges upon the rights and privileges of subordinate lodges. And we are far from saying that, in some juridsictions at least, there is not reasonable ground for the complaint. Subordinate lodges, very rightly it seems to us, are jealous of what they consider their just rights, and to preserve that harmony which should always prevail, these should be respected. As a matter of course, Grand Lodge has, as it has a right to have, a general oversight over its constituent lodges, which is proper, but it is far from wise to interfere or infringe too much. So far as we are aware our own Grand Lodge has not been much of a transgressor in this respect in the past, and, in view of recent developments, it is not at all likely it will be in the future.

Lodges in Nova Scotia 73; of which one is under dispensation; members 6,528, an increase of 72 for the year.

William Medford Christie, K. C., Windsor, Grand Master.

Thomas Mowbray, Halifax, Grand Secretary.

## OHIO

The one hundred and fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was opened at Columbus October 22nd, 1913. Edwin S. Griffiths Grand Master. Lodges represented 527; unrepresented 8. Nineteen Past Grand Masters were present—all who were living except M. W. Bro. Copeland, who was unable to attend because of blindness. The representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, M. W. Bro. F. S. Harmon, was also present.

It was the sad duty of the Grand Master to report the death of M. W. Bro. Leander Burdick, who had been a Master Mason for fifty-seven years. He signed his petition for admission to Masonry on the very day on which he became twenty-one years of age. He had attended every session of Grand Lodge for nearly thirty years.

Bro. Griffiths said:

In the reading of the Grand Secretary's report you will notice that this has been the banner year in Masonry in this state in the net gain of membership. The figures given me by the Grand Secretary show a gain of four thousand one hundred and seventy-three; but, my brethren, let me admonish you to be guarded and always remember that Masons should be made—not fast, but well. The Masonic standard is high, and it takes a man to maintain it.

Dispensations for the formation of six new lodges had been issued during the year, all of which were reported to be doing well; and six lodges had been consecrated.

On the 4th of July, 1913, the Grand Master officiated at the laying of the corner stone of the Perry memorial at Put-in-Bay, which memorial, the report says, is "in commemoration of the battle of Lake Erie and the peace of 1814." The ceremonies were elaborate and imposing.

Naturally the accounts of the disastrous floods which desolated the valley of the Ohio in March, 1913, fill much space in the proceedings before us. They show that the Masons of the United States and of other countries fully performed their duties and fulfilled their obligations in the emergency. Bro. Griffiths called to his assistance many Past Grand Masters and other prominent brethren, and all labored unceasingly and self-sacrificingly until their work was done. It speaks much for Masonry that money flowed in in excess of need. Altogether a sum of \$94,024.49 reached the committee, of which Ohio brethren contributed about one-third. In the end it was found that all the money was not needed; and Bro. Griffiths said: "I believe it to be our duty, after a reasonable time, and after the committee is assured that no further demands will be made upon it to care for sickness or want caused by the floods, to return pro-rata to our sister jurisdictions all money left in the hands of the committee."

Permission was asked to make a transcript from the records of a lodge of testimony taken in a trial for use outside the lodge. This permission the Grand Master refused. He said: "The testimoney taken by the committee appointed for that purpose and read at a Masonic trial forms a part of the private business of the lodge, and no transscript should ever be made except for strictly Masonic purposes, unless required by process of court."

Bro. Griffiths was opposed to the loosc-leaf method of keeping lodge records, principally because of "the ease with which a page may be removed from the records, and either misplaced or destroyed."

In another part of this report is told the story of a man who went to Vancouver and pretended to make Masons for a trifling consideration, and who was punished by the local court and deported from the province. Bro. Griffiths now tells the conclusion of the story. He says:

On the 16th day of December, 1912, I received a complaint from Bro. F. J. Burd, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, that Joseph Mendell, a member of Columbus Lodge No. 30, of this jurisdiction, had been arrested in Vancouver, British Columbia, for obtaining money under false pretences, the offense being that he, with a confederate named Weinstein, had been selling Masonic degrees in that city for \$10.00.

Mendell pleaded guilty, paid his fine, and was immediately deported from British Columbia as an undesirable citizen. I sent the complaint to the Master of Columbus Lodge, No. 30. Charges were preferred in that lodge, and such proceedings were had that on June 24th, 1913, Joseph Mendell was found guilty of the charges which had been preferred against him and expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

Notice of this action on the part of Columbus Lodge was immediately transmitted by our Grand Secretary to the jurisdictions on the Pacific Coast.

The Grand Lodges of Puerto Rico and the Philippine Islands were recognized; those of Hungary and Cuscatlan of Salvador were not.

Reference has been made in this report to the chain letters sent out asking aid for the building and "endowment" of a monument to Ex-President McKinley at Canton, Ohio. This affair was subject of a report made by a special committee of Grand Lodge, which showed that in 1901, 1902, and 1903 permission was granted the lodge at Canton to solicit subscriptions in Ohio for the purpose of "building" a monument to the late President McKinley; but the permission was "expressly limited to a period of one year" from the date of the last dispensation, and it was expressly limited to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. No authority was ever granted to solicit subscriptions outside of Ohio, and no authority was ever granted to solicit subscriptions by means of a chain letter. In view of all the facts in the case Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio does not now approve, and has never approved, of the chain-letter scheme of raising funds for the erection or maintenance of the McKinley memorial, or for any other purpose, and that all soliciting of funds for said memorial since the year 1904 has been without the authority or sanction of this Grand Lodge.

The volume under review is embellished by nearly a score of views of Masonic temples in Ohio. One of them is of the temple at Dayton. The photograph was taken at the time of the flood in that city, and shows the building submerged nearly to the tops of the first story windows.

The report of the committee on the Masonic home shows that the inmates numbered 172, of whom 70 were men, 54 women, 24 boys and 24 girls. The cost of maintenance appears to have been rather more than \$40,000.

The excellent and comprehensive report on Foreign Correspondence is by a committee of which M. W. Bro. Nelson Williams is chairman. The report under the head of Canada says:

We notice that candidates for the grand offices appear to be nominated in advance, which would seem odd in Ohio. We notice also that there are thirty-two scrutineers of the ballot appointed. In Ohio, with more than five hundred lodges, there are usually about eight tellers, as we call them, who take up the ballot and report the result.

In this jurisdictions no nominations are made for the offices of Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master. For other elective officers nominations must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary by six o'clock of the first day of the communication. The balloting begins at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the second day; about fifteen hundred votes are generally polled; and the report of the scrutineers is generally in the hands of the Grand Master by twelve o'clock.

In the concluding remarks the report says: "We are sorry to see in a few jurisdictions the manifestation of a bitter opposition to Masonic homes, and we cannot but feel that these objectors really do not know what they are writing about." Really, we have not observed the "bitter opposition." In this jurisdiction a very large majority of the members of Grand Lodge retain a belief that, with the money available, more good can be done by individual grants than by maintaining homes. But no criticism is ever heard of those who have ever adopted the home system.

Lodges in Ohio 536, including one under dispensation; members 90,666, a gain of 4,173.

Charles J. Pretzman, Columbus, Grand Master

J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

# OKLAHOMA.

The sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was opened at McAlester February 11th, 1914. Charles Lafayette Reeder Grand Master. Lodges represented 384; unrepresented 51. Twenty Past Grand Masters were present; also R. W. Bro. Almer Ellis Monroney, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In opening his address M. W. Bro. Reeder said that the history of the Grand Lodge since the amalgamation of the Grand Lodges of Oklahoma and Indian Territory had been one of uninterrupted prosperity, while peace had prevailed throughout the jurisdiction.

It was his sad duty to report the death of M. W. Bro. Henry C. Nash, who was Grand Master of Masons in Indian Territory in 1898.

He had attended the conference of Grand Masters held at Indianapolis, and thought such conferences were productive of good. He approved of the erection of a memorial at Alexandria to Washington the Mason, and recommended that Oklahoma actively assist in raising the necessary money.

During the year nine lodges under dispensation had been consecrated, and nine others were formed under dispensation.

The Grand Master recommended that "lodges of this jurisdiction elect by separate ballot petitioners for the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees, requiring two black balls to reject for the Fellowcraft and three black balls to reject for the Master Mason degree."

Another recommendation was that the minimum annual dues in any lodge in the jurisdiction should be four dollars.

Both these recommendations were approved by Grand Lodge, and are now part of the constitutional law of the jurisdiction.

Bro. Reeder felt called upon to protest against the efforts of opponents of Masonry in every part

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of America to discredit the order. We cannot share his anxiety. Masonry continues to grow nowhere more than where it is most assailed. The people whom the power in question influences would not make good Masons; and while it is true that one's mind is sometimes ruffled by ignorant and untruthful assailants, it is better to pay no attention to them.

The Masonic home called forth high praise from the Grand Master. Of the boys' dormitory, recently erected, he said: "If you could see the grateful expressions of the one hundred and twenty children in contemplation of the comforts to them from the use of this splendid building you would be fully remunerated, I am sure." The home has a domain of 650 acres of land, of which four hundred are under cultivation. The chapel of the institution was built by the order of the Eastern Star.

In 1910 Oklahoma declared non-intercourse with New Jersey, because the latter permitted a lodge in New Jersey to accept negroes as members. On the recommendation of the committee on Foreign Correspondence this action was reversed, and the Grand Master was requested to take such action as he might deem proper to resume fraternal relations with New Jersey.

M. W. Bro. Thomas C. Humphry, chairman of the committee on Correspondence, presented a good report on the doings of forty-nine Grand Lodges. Bro. Humphry, for the most part, contents himself with giving a summary of proceedings, and does not express many of his own opinions.

Lodges in Oklahoma 444; members 25,382, a gain of 793.

William Perry Freeman, McAlester, Grand Master.

William Moses Anderson, Oklahoma City, Grand Secretary.

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# OREGON.

The sixty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon was opened at Portland June 11th, 1913. George H. Burnett Grand Master. Lodges represented 107; unrepresented 28. Twenty Past Grand Masters were present; also R. W. Bro. Donald W. Mackay, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Grand Master Burnett had consecrated six lodges, either in person or by his deputy; dedicated three Masonic halls, and laid four corner stones. He had also granted dispensations for the formation of three lodges.

He had given many decisions, all of them interpretations of the law of the jurisdiction. Among them the following:

At any communication the lodge can be opened first on one degree and then on another as the work may require.

He recommended recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

Recognition was approved by Grand Lodge and an exchange of representatives was authorized.

He was favorably impressed by the proposal to establish a "General Grand Lodge" and held that a convention to consider the subject would be of benefit. He said:

Uniformity of work, of qualifications of members and of dimits, are among the topics that present themselves to a thoughtful Mason, and which might well be considered by such an assemblage. Considering our intimate relation with our Canadian brethren, it is my judgment that it would be well to invite all the Grand Lodges of the United States and of the British Possessions in North America, to convene at some suitable place to consider this subject, and if a majority of them consent, to form such a body to have at least advisory authority on certain Masonic subjects. An invitation to participate in such a meeting would be an act of courtesy, would do no harm and might prove of great benefit to the craft in general.

The prime objection to such a body is that the constituent Grand Lodges would be compelled to surrender some part of their independence; and the general opinion is that Grand Lodges every-

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where must be absolutely free from outside control. Advisory conferences of Grand Masters may be all right; but any legislative or judicial grand body would be out of the question. The Grand Lodge of Canada has pronounced against it.

Bro. Burnett thinks the crusade against the clandestine Masonry and degree mongers has been carried too far, that by proper vigilance impostors can be detected, and he would "leave to those who have been swindled the task of prosecuting the counterfeit humbugs."

He had issued an appeal to the constituent lodges for aid to the sufferers by storm and flood in Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio and Indiana. The response was gratifying, for a sum of \$2,637 was raised.

He reported that the year had been the most prosperous, Masonically speaking, in the history of the craft in Oregon.

Among the constitutional changes is the following:

"Sec. 205—No lodge shall charge any fee for affiliation. The fees for degrees shall be fixed by a majority vote of the lodge, but shall not in any case be less than thirty (\$30.00) dollars.

M. W. Bro. David P. Mason is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, and presents a valuable and readable report of more than two hundred pages. In reviewing Canada he says that "the law requiring two blackballs or more to reject is a new one to us, and seems a gross innovation." The constitution of this jurisdiction permits lodges to decide whether one or two balls shall be required to reject a candidate. It is not an innovation: in England three black balls are required.

Again he says: "It seems to us the state which rejected a candidate may be qualified to inform as to his character and qualifications, and thus protect the lodge in the new state." Quite right. The law here requires a residence of a year within the jurisdiction of the local lodge. When there is doubt as to a candidate it is usual to seek information respecting him from the lodge near which he formerly resided.

Lodges in Oregon 135; members 12,315, a gain for the year of 905.

S. S. Spencer, Eugene, Grand Master.

James F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.

# PENNSYLVANIA.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held at Philadelphia March 5th, 1913. William L. Gorgas Grand Master.

The principal part of the business transacted was of local interest only; but one case of appeal against the decision of a lodge is worthy of some attention. A member of a lodge was charged with inducing another member to sign an accommodation note for the purpose of retiring another note, and then leaving the first note in the bank and appropriating the proceeds of the second to his own use; also with appropriating to his own use funds of a school of which he was treasurer. He declined to plead to the charges before the lodge, on the ground that proceedings were pending against him in a civil court, and "resort to a court of law is in itself an answer to a Masonic complaint." The lodge found him guilty, and expelled him. He appealed against the verdict, alleging that it was unfair and unmasonic to compel him to divulge his defence before the lodge before the charge had been passed upon by the court and jury. The committee on Appeals of Grand Lodge recommended that the appeal be dismissed, because it was "the duty of the Master of the lodge to maintain the good repute of the membership of the lodge and the fraternity at large," and "to take immediate steps to ascertain whether or not the accused was entitled to membership." That was right: the interests of the craft are superior to the interests of the individual. A man might, by various devices, keep a case before the courts for years; and if this man's contention were allowed, Masonry

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would suffer all that time under the imputation of retaining in its membership a notoriously bad man.

At the quarterly communication held in June a lodge petitioned for the restoration of a member who had been expelled for robbing a bank, and who had not made restitution for the reason that he was not able to do so; but who for fifteen years had lived uprightly in the neighborhood of his former brethren. The petition was granted.

Grand Lodge congratulated the Hon. George W. Guthrie, Past Grand Master on his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary to Russia.

At the quarterly communication held in September action was taken to secure more accommodation in the temple at Philadelphia. Pennsylvania is in the position of some other jurisdictions: it has a vast number of brethren entitled to sit in Grand Lodge, and has no room large enough to hold them. A movement was also started to unite the Masonic charities of the state at the Masonic home, under control of the Grand Lodge.

At the quarterly communication held in December the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

The report of the committee on Masonic homes showed that the cost of the home had been \$1,138,-023. The cost of maintenance for the year had been \$52,000; and the number of inmates at the close of the year was 90. It was estimated that the cost of maintenance for the ensuing year would be \$75,000, and the estimate was that the number of guests would be 160.

The annual grand communication was held December 27th, 1913. Lodges represented 126. The almoners of the Grand Lodge charity fund reported that they had acted upon 778 applications, and had granted relief to the amount of \$8,500.

The Grand Master congratulated the brethren upon the successs which had attended the craft during the year. About 7,000 candidates had been initiated; and peace had reigned throughout the jurisdiction. A letter was read from Bro. Robert Freke Gould, who said that on the 8th December he completed his fifty-eighth year as a member of the craft. He added that "there is probably no other Grand Lodge in America which possesses records of equal value with those of Pennsylvania."

The Grand Master had sent \$1,000 to sufferers by floods in the Ohio valley, of which one half was contributed by University Lodge, No. 610.

In his reference to the Masonic homes he said: "The Grand Lodge starts the year with a bonded debt of \$517,950 and a floating debt of \$127,000. all of which will be wiped out five years from now out of the additional \$1 per capita tax authorized one year ago."

R. W. Bro. J. Henry Williams was elected Grand Master for 1914. In the course of an excellent address he said:

The crying evil of the day is greed and selfishness. Not only the greed for gain but the greed for power, greed for the opportunity of self-indulgence, the greed to be placed upon a pinnacle where the adulation of the unthinking may be received. And that greed which seems to permeate the masses as well as the classes is fast breeding a selfishness that is at once cruel and ruthless. It is again the old doctrine of might being right. Might never was, and never will be, in itself, right. You may well ask why do I say these things to you. I say them so you may go from here to the outer world and be a living witness that Freemasonry teaches a different doctrine. To show that herein is taught unselfishness, to teach that you do not ask, Am I my brother's keeper? But having espoused the principles of the fraternity, having learned its lessons, and believing in it as a mighty factor in building up the structure of human happiness, which means how to live right, to render to every man his just due, and to take to yourself nought that belongs to another, you are fitted for the work of instructing and teaching those not so fortunate as yourself, that neither wealth nor power are the great things of life.

Bro. James H. Lamberton is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, and the report is from his pen. The Proceedings of sixtytwo Grand Lodges are reviewed, with Bro. Lamberton's accustomed ability and judgment. It is always a pleasure to read Bro. Lamberton's reports, because they are fair, luminous and interesting. The Pennsylvania volume is beautifully printed and is illustrated with steel engravings of former Grand Masters.

Lodges in Pennsylvania 490, an increase of 4; members 110,630, an increase of 5,375.

J. Henry Williams, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Grand Master.

John A. Perry, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

# PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The thirty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was opened at Charlottetown June 25th, 1913. John T. Profit Grand Master. All the lodges in the jurisdiction, fifteen in number, were represented. Eight Past Grand Masters were present. The representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada was not.

Grand Master Profit opened his address with an expression of gratitude to God for peace and prosperity throughout the province and for harmony and satisfactory progress Masonically. He said: "Increase in numbers without unity is not success. Financial growth without harmony is not prosperity; yet with our slight increase we can report that unity and harmony which mean success and harmony."

He had personally visited all the lodges in the jurisdiction; and, with the assistance of the Grand Secretary, had made examination of the affairs of each. Which is something that perhaps no other Grand Master in the world has done.

The York Grand Lodge of Mexico was recognized and an exchange of representatives authorized. A request for recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was laid over for further consideration.

There is no review of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges; but the Grand Secretary, who is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence has a very good report dealing with "any matters of inter-jurisdictional interest or controversy which may be deemed of sufficient moment to bring before the brethren of this Grand Lodge at its annual session." M. W. Bro. Doull is an advocate of documentary evidence; and has been mainly instrumental in having a lodge receipt adopted which bears on its back a Grand Lodge certificate that the lodge named is regular. Referring to this subject Bro. Doull savs:

The incident opens up a line of thought which we trust will be taken up and discussed by the Knights of the Round Table, viz.: How far have modern constitutions the right to set aside the ancient landmarks? In Mackey's list of landmarks, the fourteenth is the right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular lodge which he states "is an unquestioned landmark."

To that dictum this writer begs to offer a courteous but firm denial. In the first place, Mackey's list of landmarks is generally discredited throughout Masondom; and no two lists of landmarks can be found to agree. But, in the second place, we submit that the Master of a lodge is and ought to be the judge as to whom he will receive as a visitor and whom he will refuse to receive. The constitution of this jurisdiction declares that "A brother in good standing, properly vouched for, may visit a lodge in the discretion of the Master."

That is but just and right, for it would be a hardship to admit a visitor whose presence might be unacceptable to a member of the lodge. We hold that visitation should be accorded as a courtesy, not exacted as a right.

Lodges in Prince Edward Island fifteen; members 769, an increase of 28.

Rev. T. F. Fullerton, Charlottetown, Grand Master.

Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown, Grand Secretary

# PUERTO RICO.

The official bulletin of the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico has reached us. It is in Spanish, a language not mastered by the committee. There are in Puerto Rico thirty-seven lodges: the number of members is not stated. The financial statement for the year 1913 shows receipts and expenditures of about \$25,000; but a large part of this was on account of the Masonic temple. For the year 1914 the estimate was that the receipts and expenditures would each be about \$8,000.

W. F. Lippitt, Grand Master.

Jose G. Torres, box 551 San Juan, Grand Secretary.

### QUEBEC

The forty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was opened at Montreal February 11th, 1914. John E. Wright, Grand Master. Lodges represented 63; unrepresented 2. Seven Past Grand Masters were present, including M. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Among the distinguished visitors were M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Past Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Sidney A. Luke, Deputy Grand Master, both of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who were cordially welcomed.

In opening his address the Grand Master said:

As we survey the year just closed, we cannot, I am sure, but distinguish a splendid advance in all lines of thought and action. The growth of the order has been beyond, probably, all our expectations, and as evidence of the healthy financial standing of some of our lodges we note that a number have acquired the properites in which their meetings are held, while others have secured new quarters, more commodious and more suitable for carrying on their work.

He deplored the loss of R. W. Bro. Charles W. Hagar, who died five weeks after his election to the office of Deputy Grand Master last year.

He had granted permission to Nelson Lodge, No. 9, to wear a centennial jewel and gold lace, proof having been given of continuous Masonic work for more than one hundred years.

He had issued a letter to all the lodges in the jurisdiction, of which the following is the substance:

Inasmuch, therefore, as it has come to my knowledge that some of the lodges in this jurisdiction are advancing

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candidates without inserting their names in the summons, I do rule and ordain that no candidate shall be advanced to the "F.C" or "M.M." degree either at a regular or emergent meeting, unless his name appears in the summons for that meeting.

He had ruled that it is not illegal for the Master of a lodge to withhold from the lodge the names of the members of a committee of investigation, though the report of the committee must be read to the lodge.

One emergent communication of Grand Lodge had been held, for the purpose of consecrating a lodge.

Bro. Wright had attended the one hundred and twenty-fifth annual meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, of the city of Quebec; and he had paid a fraternal visit to the Grand Lodge of Canada on the occasion of its annual communication at Ottawa.

He regretted the absence of three distinguished brethren—M. W. Bro. J. B. Tresidder, who had not been absent from an annual communication of Grand Lodge for thirty years; R. W. Bro. David Seath, chairman of the committee on Finance, who had not been absent for thirty-four years; and R. W. Bro. H. E. Channell, who had nearly as good a record.

R. W. Bro. Will H. Whyte, the Grand Secretary, pointed out that all but two of the lodges in the jurisdiction held their election at the close of the calendar year, and he suggested that the two should change the date of their annual meetings, so as to have uniformity in the returns to Grand Lodge. We take the liberty of pointing out to the genial Grand Secretary that, originally, all Masonic lodges held their annual meetings at the Festival of St. John the Baptist.

A special committee appointed at the previous communication of Grand Lodge to enquire and report on "documentary evidence," recommended a form of receipt for annual dues to be issued by subordinate lodges, showing the time to which the holder of the receipt had paid his dues, and a cer-

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tificate on the back of the receipt that the lodge holds its warrant from the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The report was adopted.

M. W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers continues to act as chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, and it is unnecessary to say that his work is excellently done. Of a good deal of European Freemasonry Bro. Chambers says:

The so-called Masonry of France and other continental grand bodies is not Masonry at all. It is not even a kind of Masonry. It is built upon an entirely different foundation from Freemasonry. It is without its primal essentials. It is darkness visible. Where there is no God, no G.A.O.T.U. there can be no legitimate Freemasonry. Where there is no volume of the Sacred Law there is none of the spirit of Masonry.

In his concluding remarks, written long after Grand Lodge had closed, Bro. Chambers said:

The corrected proofs of the foregoing report are being hurried back from the printers in Montreal, while the writer is hastening to a sorrowful mission. A mile or more from this home, the bodies of nearly three hundred victims of the fatal disaster to the "Empress of Ireland" have been brought up to this City of Quebec, from the scene of the collision, the majority of them awaiting identification in one of the immigration sheds of the port. Some of them, or more, may bear the badge of a brother Mason. It is our mission to investigate and see whether this be so or no. There may be Masons searching for lost friends, or friends or relatives on the look-out for dear ones who may be Masons. If so, we may hope to be useful to them.

If Masons are ever called upon to say why Masonry continues to exist one of the reasons must be that there is no scene of great disaster or general sorrow, in any part of the world, where evidences of Masonic sympathy and Masonic assistance are not present.

Lodges in Quebec 65; members 7,819, a gain for the year of 457.

John E. Wright, Montreal, Grand Master.

Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Secretary. .

### QUEENSLAND

A special communication of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was held at Brisbane August 14th, 1912, for the purpose of installing for the fourth time the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. M. Hertzberg, who had been re-elected at the preceding quarterly communication.

The Grand Master congratulated the brethren on the progress the Grand Lodge had made and the success attending its work. He said: "Our numbers have continued to increase steadily; and although the figures for the year just passed are not complete, I think from the number of the latest Master Mason certificate which I signed that they will approximate to 2,500 adherents. Of these nearly 1,500 have been initiated passed and raised under the aegis of the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

He had visited forty-six lodges, some of them at great distance from the capital, and in making these visits he had travelled 1,524 miles. The accumulated funds of Grand Lodge amounted to about  $\pm 5,000$ .

He congratulated the brethren upon the recognition of Grand Lodge by its mother Grand Lodge, that of Ireland, saying that the recommendations of the Irish Board of General Purposes set forth plainly "the justice of our cause and the regularity of our formation."

There is, however, a note of complaint and impatience throughout the address which does not favorably impress the outside reader. He spoke of "active propaganda" on the part of the English and Scotch lodges. explaining, however, that by "active propaganda" he did not mean that the lodges adhering to the English and Scotch constitutions "had sought in the highways and byways for individual members," but that they had given "unwarranted encouragement for the erection of new lodges under those jurisdictions." He thought that "those Grand Lodges which had so far quibbled" about the regularity of the Grand Lodge of Queensland would now be convinced of their mistaken attitude. He hoped that the three states in Australia which had declined recognition would "make amends for the past and hold out the right hand of fellowship to Queensland." And more in the same vein.

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Now, it is reasonably certain that if all the lodges in Oueensland would unite the interests of Masonry would benefit. But the facts in the case do not warrant Bro. Hertzberg in taking the attitude he takes or in imputing selfish and unmasonic motives to those who do not yet feel it their duty to sever their relations with their mother Grand Lodges, or to the grand bodies which have so far declined to recognize the new Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge has about one third of the lodges in the state; and its officers should not take the position that they are entitled to give laws to the other Then the Grand Lodges of England two-thirds. and Scotland cannot tell the lodges warranted by them that they must surrender their warrants. is quite probable that union will come in time; but petulant complainings and unmasonic language will have the effect of delaying union, not of advancing it.

At the quarterly communication held in December, 1912, M. W. Bro. Hertzberg was unable to preside, because of illness; but in March, 1913, he was present, and received many congratulations on his happy recovery.

A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to M. W. Bro. George S. Hutton, who was largely instrumental in forming the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

At the quarterly communication in June, 1913, M. W. Bro. M. Hertzberg was again elected Grand Master. The Grand Master of Victoria and several of the chief officers of that jurisdiction were present and were warmly received and welcomed.

On the 5th of August, 1913, a lodge of sorrow was held to show respect for the memory of M. W. Bro. George S. Hutton, who had been Provincial Grand Master under the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the first Grand Master of Queensland, and to attend the funeral services.

At a special communication on the 13th of August Bro. Hertzberg was for the fifth time installed Grand Master.

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Queensland maintains a Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons Institution. At present this institution supports nine orphans by allowances to the mothers; but the erection of a building is in contemplation. At the time of the meeting of the board the invested funds amounted to  $\pounds 2,500$ , and a further sum of  $\pounds 800$  was handed over to the governors for investment.

There is no report on fraternal correspondence.

A. M. Hertzberg, Brisbane, Grand Master

Charles H. Harley, Brisbane, Grand Secretary.

## RHODE ISLAND.

The semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was held at Providence November 18th, 1912. Wendell Richmond Davis Grand Master. It was purely a business meeting.

The committee on Grand Officers' Reports called attention to the fact that a dispensation had been granted permitting the name of an initiate to be signed to the by-laws of his lodge by proxy. The report said: "It is essential that there should be in the archives of the lodge either an assent to the by-laws over the signature of the brother himself or a written power of attorney or proxy over his signature, authorizing another brother to sign the by-laws in his name and behalf."

The same committee recommended that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased from \$900 to \$1,000 a year; but the committee on Finance recommended that the amount of \$900 be continued, and so it remained. It must be remembered that Rhode Island is a small state, and there are but 8,461 members under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

A committee appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a Masonic home found that the individual lodges were caring for their

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destitute members and for the widows and orphans of Masons. The report said:

Your committee is of the opinion that it is generally conceded that the maintenance of a home is an expensive means of dispensing Masonic charity, but there can be no question that the establishment of such an institution is a definite object to which the Masons in every jurisdiction where they exist, may contemplate with pleasure and point with just pride to this tangible evidence of the exemplification of Masonic Charity.

At the annual communication Grand Lodge granted \$2,000 towards a Masonic home fund, and levied an assessment of ten cents per member upon the constituent lodges for the same purpose.

The one hundred and twenty-third annual communication was held at Providence May 19th, 1913. Wendell Richmond Davis Grand Master. All the lodges in the state were represented; and six Past Grand Masters were present, but not the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In his address the Grand Master called attention to a peculiar case. A petition for initiation was not signed by any member of the lodge within whose jurisdiction the petitioner resided; but was signed by the Worshipful Master and two members of another lodge. The matter having been laid before the Grand Master he replied:

In every case the interest of the lodge must be considered before the interest of the individual, and it would seem surely not impossible where a man is unknown for steps to be taken that his character and worthiness may be determined by members of the lodge to which he desires to apply, so that they can honestly and conscientiously consider his application. To do otherwise would be to tend towards irregularity, which is bound eventually to result in injury to the lodge. In every case applicants must adjust themselves to the provisions of Masonry, and Masonry should not let down barriers simply to gain members, and the applicants themselves will have far greater respect for the institution if its governing principles are strictly adhered to.

When the news of the disaster by floods in the Ohio valley reached him Bro. Davis at once sent a check for \$400 to the Grand Master of Ohio, and issued an appeal to the lodges for further aid. Thirty-three lodges responded with contributions

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ranging in amount from \$5 to \$150, the whole amounting to \$1,382.85; so that, if Rhode Island is small in area and its Masons few in number, it is "not least among the princes of Judah" when calls for benevolence are made upon it.

The committee on Tiling reported that sufficient care was not always exercised in proving the standing of brethren desiring to visit sister lodges; and it submitted a number of rules regulating the matter. The chief of these are that visitors shall present to the tiler of the lodge an identification card, or, in case the visitor belongs to a jurisdiction which does not provide such cards, he shall present a receipt showing that his dues have been paid to within one year from the date of presentation.

Grand Lodge resolved to affiliate with the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

Lodges in Rhode Island 37; members 8,461, an increase of 344.

John F. Clark, Valley Falls, Grand Master.

S. Penrose Williams, Providence, Grand Secretary.

### SASKATCHEWAN.

The seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was opened at Saskatoon June 18th, 1913. Arthur Stirling Gorrell Grand Master. Lodges represented 87; unrepresented 17. R. W. Bro. John M. Shaw, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was present.

Immediately after the opening of Grand Lodge representatives of the local lodges read an address of welcome, to which a fitting response was made.

Grand Master Gorrell felt himself free to say pleasant things about the condition of Masonry in Saskatchewan, the progress it had made, and its prospects for the future. He said:

You will be pleased to know that the progress and prosperity of our Grand Body has exceeded our fondest expectations. The lodges throughout the jurisdiction have been exceedingly active and in fact some of them have been overburdened with work, but I am led to believe that they have exercised due precaution in regard to the material which has been admitted. Last year we had a total of 94 lodges, 89 under charter and 5 under dispensation. Today we have 106 lodges, 89 chartered and 17 under dispensation. Our total membership on the 31st of December, 1911, was 4,049, and on December 31st, 1912, it was 5,090.

He had tendered financial assistance in aid of sufferers by the floods in Ohio and Indiana; but the help was not needed.

In answer to questions, Sir Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, had sent him a reply as follows:

Grand Lodge is opened by a special ceremony and altogether distinct from the opening of private lodges in the three degrees; and in private lodges all business should be transacted when the lodge is in the first degree.

In answer to questions received from M. W. Bro. Monroe, Grand Master of California, as to persons engaged in the liquor business, Bro. Gorrell replied:

We have no regulation touching the question directly or indirectly, as it is a matter left entirely with the lodges to decide as they see fit by the ballot.

A brother had written to him asking him if the grand jurisdiction of Saskatchewan had any objection to the formation of chapters of the Eastern Star; and Bro. Gorrell's reply was as follows:

Your letter to the Grand Secretary has been handed to me and I beg to say in the kindest manner possible, and without adverse criticism, that the matter mentioned therein should never have been the subject of a debate in your lodge. The order of the Eastern Star is not Masonic, nor in any way founded upon Ancient Craft Masonry, therefore the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan has no more to say about it than it would have to any other society not Masonic. This order cannot under any circumstances be recognized by the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, nor can any special information from the lodge books or rulings be furnished to any member of any society not founded on ancient Craft Masonry. Bro. Gorrell had refused dispensations to initiate a candidate who had lost one foot; to confer degrees short of constitutional time; and to reballot on a rejected candidate.

He had laid one corner stone, that of a Masonic temple at Pense.

He reported that the benevolent fund had \$8,400 invested and \$400 to its credit in the bank.

Of the origin of the Grand Lodge he said:

In some of my talks to the brethren at our various gatherings, I made the statement that the mother lodge of Manitoba was the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. I am pleased to know that I was mistaken. It is true that Minnesota did grant a dispensation to a lodge at Fort Garry but, as shown by M. W. Brother Ovas, it was never constituted. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba was formed from three regularly chartered lodges of the Grand Lodge of Canada, so Saskatchewan can trace its direct legitimate descent to the mother Grand Lodge of England through British grand bodies.

The committee on Charters recommended that warrants be granted to fifteen lodges under dispensation.

The committee on Benevolence reported that there had been no calls for assistance during the year. The fund amounts to about \$5,500, and is growing in a satisfactory manner.

Bro. Gorrell was not only Grand Master for the year under review, but he was chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence as well, and presented an excellent report, in which Canada has no part.

Lodges in Saskatchewan 106, including two under dispensation; members 5,090, a gain of 1,041. An increase of 25 per cent, in one year is evidence of great Masonic activity in the jurisdiction.

W. B. Willoughby, Moose Jaw, Grand Master. John M. Shaw, Regina, Grand Secretary.

# SCOTLAND.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held at Edinburgh May 1st, 1913, with the Grand Master Depute, Col. R. King Stewart on the throne.

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The business transacted was of a purely routine character, the only item of general interest which we find in the report being the following:

A letter from the Ayr Burns club was submitted asking permission to solicit subscriptions from Masonic lodges towards the proposed memorial to the poet, Robert Burns, in St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh. The committee recommended that no objection be offered to the issuing of the appeal, provided that it does not bear that it is issued under the sanction of Grand Lodge.

At the quarterly communication held in August, 1913, recognition was given to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Permission was given to the Lodge Saltoun, Shanghai, China, "to change the color of their clothing from Fraser tartan to thistle green."

The Marquis of Tullibardine announced that circumstances made it impossible for him to accept re-election as Grand Master; and on his nomination it was unanimously "resolved to recommend Grand Lodge to elect Bro. Col. Robert King Stewart of Murdostoun Grand Master for the ensuing year."

Some reports from Provincial Grand Masters are printed, among them one for Lanarkshire Middle Ward, which tells us that there are twentysix lodges in the district, with 5,056 members; and that the initiates for the year numbered 873. The average of initiates, therefore, was rather more than 33 to the lodge, or nearly 20 per cent. of the membership at the beginning of the year. It is to be feared that admission to Scotch lodges is made too easy. The brethren, however, do not remain long in good standing, for the Masonic life of a member is said to be about five and a half years.

A quarterly communication was held at Edinburgh November 5th, 1913, the Grand Master, the Marquis of Tullibardine, on the throne.

On recommendation of the Grand Committee it was resolved to present to the retiring Grand Master a Past Grand Master's jewel; and further that a portrait of the Marquis be painted and hung in the Grand Lodge, while a replica of it should be presented to Lady Tullibardine.

On the motion of the Marquis Bro. Robert King Stewart was unanimously elected Grand Master Mason.

At the annual communication held on St. Andrew's Day, November 28th, 1913, the new Grand Master was installed, after which the brethren proceeded to celebrate the day after the ancient fashion. In the course of his speech, the Grand Master said:

I have now to give you a statement of our position, and I am glad to say that Grand Lodge has flourished numerically and financially during the past year. The grand total of Scottish Freemasons has been increased during the past year by 13,377 new members, as compared with 12,702 last year. The income of Grand Lodge during the past year has been  $\pounds 12,183$  as against  $\pounds 10,834$  in the previous year—an increase of  $\pounds 1,349$ . In 1912 the income of Grand Lodge was  $\pounds 10,834$ , and the expenditure  $\pounds 4,156$ . This year the income is  $\pounds 12,183$ , and the expenditure  $\pounds 5,085$ . The general fund amounts to  $\pounds 2,061$ , the benevolent fund to  $\pounds 11,159$ , and the annuity fund to  $\pounds 89,133$ , a total for the three funds of  $\pounds 102,353$ , exclusive of heritable and movable property valued at  $\pounds 57,997$ , making a grand total of  $\pounds 160,350$ . When you consider the state of the funds some years ago, I think you will admit that our craft has been very active and zealous throughout Scotland.

The number of members in Scotland is not reported; and many guesses respecting it have been made. It has been seen that in the year 1913 the initiations numbered 13,377. One of the speakers estimated the life of a Scottish Mason at five and a half years; that is the average member remains in good standing for that period. Taking that as the basis for calculation we may estimate the membership of all Scotch lodges at about 75,000.

During the year charters had been issued to thirteen new lodges, of which two were in Queensland, one in the Malay States, and one in Syria.

At a quarterly communication held February 5th, 1914, a letter was read from the District Grand Lodge of Queensland making enquiries respecting a body calling itself "the order of the Eastern Star." The Grand Secretary was instruct-

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ed to reply that the body in question did not purport to be Masonic, and any brethren taking part in its proceedings could not be deemed guilty of a contravention of the constitution and laws.

Attention was called to the fact that a calendar which purported to be a directory of all Scottish bodies included lists of office bearers in the order of the Eastern Star and the Rosicrucian Society of Scotland. The Grand Secretary was instructed to notify the publisher that these two bodies were not Masonic, and that in future all reference to them should be eliminated from his calendar, as serious misapprehension from their insertion might arise in Masonic circles.

The possibility of a misunderstanding between Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter had arisen. It is with respect to the authority for working the Mark degree in some of the craft lodges. The attention of Grand Lodge was called to a resolution adopted at the previous convocation of Grand Chapter: "That we adhere to the ancient landmarks of the order as exhibited in the old written work of 1809, which manuscript formed the basis of agreement with Grand Lodge, when Supreme Chapter granted it power to have the Mark degree worked under its jurisdiction." This was at once challenged by the Grand Committee of Grand Lodge, and a committee was appointed to enquire into the facts. At a subsequent meeting of the Grand Committee the sub-committee submitted a long report to the effect that about 1860 there was a conference between Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and at that time the two bodies accepted terms on which the Mark degree should be worked, which terms were as follows:

1. That all lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland shall be allowed to work this degree, in virtue of the charters which they already possess.

2. That to prevent confusion with brethren belonging to lodges out of this kingdom, or with sister Grand Lodges, this degree, although held by the Grand Lodge to be a second part of the Fellow Craft Degree, shall only be conferred on Master Masons, and the secrets shall only be communicated in presence of those who have taken it either from a lodge or chapter entitled to grant it. 3. That the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, shall adopt the same ritual in conferring the degree, being that now adjusted by their respective committees.

4. That any candidate applying to be admitted to the Royal Arch Degree, if he has received this degree in a regular lodge of St. John's Masonry, shall not be required to take it a second time from the chapter into which he seeks admission; but in event of his not having received it, he shall be obliged to take it from that chapter.

5. That, as regards the Royal Arch degrees, this degree shall be reckoned the fourth degree in Masonry.

6. That nothing contained in these regulations shall interfere with the superintendence which the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter claims over Mark Masonry out of Scotland, or with the lodges holding of it in England or abroad.

The present sub-committee concludes as follows:

It will thus be seen that the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter are committed to the statement, which cannot in point of fact be denied, that what was generally known under the name of Mark Master's degree was wrought by the operative lodges continuously from before the institution of Grand Lodge, and thus long before the formation of Supreme Chapter, down to the date of these resolutions, and it is therefore futile, even on the evidence of their own proceedings, for Supreme Chapter now to put forward a claim, as has been done in their minutes, asserting that lodges under Grand Lodge of Scotland only work the Mark under power granted by Supreme Chapter. Your sub-committee cannot conceive on what grounds any such claim can be put forward, far less substantiated, and are at a loss to understand why, looking to the agreement arrived at in 1860, it is now put forward. It may be that if the position taken up by the Supreme Chapter is to be insisted on it will be necessary for Grand Lodge, in view of such a breach of a treaty, to reconsider the whole ques-There can be little doubt that, logically, the Mark tion. degree is no part of the Royal Arch degree, but that it is an integral part of craft working; and there seems to be little doubt that the superintendence of it, said to have been "assumed" by Grand Chapter, was done simply as an arbitrary act, although they had no previous legal or logical connection with the degree. Meantime, it cannot of course, be assumed that Supreme Chapter intend the declaration in their minutes as a desire or intention to break the treaty of 1860; but the statement in their minutes is, in the view of the sub-committee, sufficiently serious to warrant a written protest, and a request by Grand Lodge that the statement may be formally withdrawn. The sub-committee, therefore, suggests to Grand Committee that Grand Secretary should be instructed to write to Grand Scribe E.

drawing attention to the mis-statement of fact in the printed proceedings of Supreme Chapter, and requesting its formal withdrawal.

It may not be uninteresting to recall that the Mark degree was worked in this jurisdiction (then Upper Canada) under the Atholl Grand Lodge of England, at the close of the eighteenth century, before there were any chapters of the Royal Arch in the country.

There appear to be 751 lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of which 446 are in Scotland, and the rest scattered over the face of the habitable earth. One hundred of them are in Queensland.

Col. R. King Stewart of Murdostoun Grand Master.

David Reid, Freemasons' Hall, 96 George street, Edinburgh, Secretary.

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The half-yearly communication of the Grand Lodge of South Australia was held at Adelaide October 16th, 1912. Sir Samual J. Way Grand Master.

The Board of General Purposes reported that during the half year two lodges had been consecrated and two Masonic halls dedicated.

A sum of  $\pounds 25$  had been sent to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in aid of sufferers by the cyclone which had devastated Regina. (This money was subsequently returned, because not needed).

The dues from subordinate lodges to Grand Lodge were increased from three shillings to four shillings per year.

At this communication W. Bro. Weir was present. He said he had been initiated in 1854, and was 83 years of age.

The annual communication was held April 16th 1913. Sir Samuel J. Way, Grand Master. Sir Samuel was re-elected Grand Master for the twenty-third time. The Grand Lodge had been in existence twenty-eight years, and Sir Samuel had been Grand Master during that time except for five years.

For the subordinate officers the ballot papers had been sent to the lodges throughout the jurisdiction and returned to Grand Lodge to be counted.

It is worthy of note that the auditors of Grand Lodge are W. S. Esau and William F. Jacob. Let us hope that Bro. Jacob will not make any attempt upon the birthright of Bro. Esau.

At a meeting of the Lodge of Harmony, Adelaide, held October 8th, 1912, the Grand Master was the guest of honor and celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his initiation. In the course of his address Sir Samuel dealt largely with reminiscences of persons and events of great local interest, but of little interest to outsiders. Fifty years ago, he said, Adelaide had a population of 20,000; now of 200,000. Then the population of South Australia was 126,000; now 410,000. He added:

In 1862, when I joined the order, Freemasonry in South Australia was working under three constitutions. There were une lodges with 320 members, under the English constitution; there was one lodge under the Scottish, and three lodges under the Irish constitutions, with memberships respectively of 60 and 120, making a total membership for the 13 lodges of 500 members. Now, in this year of grace, we are under a constitution of our own. We have 66 working lodges, and a total of 4,800 subscribing members.

Some excellent historical sketches of subordinate lodges are given, with illustrations, including a facsimile of the original warrant of the Lodge of Friendship, which was granted by the Duke of Sussex.

The report of the committee on the Proceedings and Reports of Sister Grand Lodges is by a committee, of which R. W. Bro. J. R. Robertson is chairman.

Sir Samuel J. Way, Adelaide, Grand Master.

Charles R. J. Glover, Freemasons' Hall, Flinders street, Adelaide, Grand Secretary.

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# SOUTH CAROLINA.

The one hundred and thirty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was opened at Charleston December 9th, 1913. George S. Mower Grand Master. Lodges represented 242; unrepresented 9. Eight Past Grand Masters were present: the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada was not.

The Grand Master reported that Masonry in South Carolina had enjoyed a pleasant, prosperous and successful year. He said: "The general condition of the craft is excellent, and it appears that the interest in Masonry has not only suffered no abatement, but is probably as great if not greater than at any time in the history of the craft in this jurisdiction."

He had called upon the lodges to contribute toward the fund for the relief of suffering caused by the floods in the Ohio valley, and a sum of \$1,922.45 was received.

He had attended the conference of Grand Masters at Indianapolis, and believed that such conferences would tend to make Masonic law more uniform throughout the country. He added:

I cannot speak too highly of the personnel and deliberations of this conference. All present seemed animated by sincere desire to promote the growth and advance the interest of Masonry. All of the deliberations were characterized with courtesy and kind feeling.

Six lodges under dispensation received their warrants during the year, and were duly consecrated; while dispensations were granted for the formation of five new lodges.

Bro. Mower recommended that the minimum fee for the degrees be increased to twenty-five dollars, and that five dollars thereof be turned in to the Masonic home fund until the home is established, and afterwards go to the treasury of the home for the current expenses of its maintenance.

The committee on the Grand Master's address, however, reported against an increase of the fee, and the report was adopted. The Grand Master ruled that a demit should be issued when ordered or granted by a majority vote of the lodge. In most jurisdictions, we think, a brother may resign from a lodge whenever he so desires, providing he is in good standing and no charges have been preferred against him.

R. W. Bro. O. Frank Hart, the Grand Secretary, reported for the Historical committee that he was collecting material for a history of the lodges in the jurisdiction; but he found the work heavier than he had anticipated, and he would need several vears to get his copy in shape for the printer.

The committee on Masonic home reported that the fund for the home had reached a total of \$84,327.54, an increase for the year of \$11,328.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, and reported against Costa Rica and Egypt. The report said: "It has been the practice of this Grand Lodge in the past to recognize only English-speaking Grand Lodges." We have no desire to criticise the action taken; but respectfully submit that the reason given for that action is not good. Not a single member of the first (legendary) Grand Lodge could speak a word of English.

Grand Lodge has resolved not to begin the construction of a Masonic home until the home fund shall amount to \$100,000; but the trustees were instructed to purchase a site.

Past Grand Master J. L. Michie presented a very readable report on Foreign Correspondence, dealing with all the Proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Lodges, not including that of Canada, which had not reached him.

He presented the following communication received from the Grand Lodge of Hungary, but made no recommendation respecting it:

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Budapest, date of the Poststamp.

To the Most Reverend Great-Lodge of the Freemasons of South Carolina, Columbia.

Right honorable br. Grandmaster!

Very beloved brothers!

With the sanction of the high royal ministry of the kingdom of Hungary have some earlier St. John's lodges a new Grand-Orient of Hungary named

"Magyarorszagi Szabadkomuvesek Reform Nagypaholya"

"Reform Greatlodge of the Freemasons of Hungary" erected. This new created Greatlodge is buildet of the principles of the old landmarks from 1717 suitabled to the present times.

We are glad to inform you, beloved brethren, of this delightful event and nominating the honorable br. O. Frank Hart to be our deputy by yours Grand-Orient, we beg that you from your side our beloved br. Zimmerman nominate as your deputy by the "Reform Greatlodge of the Freemasons of Hungary."

The official adresse of our Grand-Magistrate is: Karl Zimmerman Ingenieur und Stadtverordneter in Szombathely (Ungarn).

With fraternal greetings and handsqueezes

Dr. Tuszkai, M. P., br. Grandmaster. Zimmerman, br. Grandsecretary.

Permit us three observations as to that : 1. The good Hungarian brother doubtless wrote the best English he could command. 2. He made his meaning quite plain. 3. It is doubtful that Bro. Michie could do as well were he to attempt a letter in Hungarian.

Bro. Michie protests against calling a corner stone a foundation stone. Undoubtedly there is some confusion in applying the metaphorical language of Scripture to Masonic usage. In one ceremony the phrase "the stone which the builders refused" is applied to a stone which is neither a corner stone nor a foundation stone. The stone which is so frequently laid with Masonic ceremonies is the corner stone, not a foundation stone.

Lodges in South Carolina 257; members 13,772, a gain of 637.

George T. Bryan, Greenville, Grand Master.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

# SOUTH DAKOTA.

The thirty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota was opened at Yankton June 10th, 1913. William J. McMakin Grand Master. Lodges represented 109; unrepresented 31. Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present; the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada was not.

Addresses of welcome were received from the Mayor of Yankton, and from the Worshipful Master of Lodge No., 1 on behalf of the local brethren. The Grand Master called upon Past Grand Master Cleaver to respond on his behalf to the two addresses.

The Grand Master was called upon to deplore the death of M. W. Bro. Oscar Sherman Gifford, who was Grand Master in 1882 and 1883.

Seven lodges under dispensation were constituted and consecrated during the year; and dispensations had been issued for the formation of five new lodges.

Among the rulings of the Grand Master was the following: "A brother, having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, is entitled to all the rights and benefits of Masonry, notwithstanding that he has not signed the constitution and by-laws nor passed an examination in the lectures of the Master Mason degree."

He regretted that officers of lodges did not make themselves acquainted with Masonic law. He said:

It is to be regretted that lodges or at least the Masters and Wardens do not make themselves more familiar with our laws. I do not believe that our laws are wantonly disobeyed, but it is because of ignorance of the laws. From letters I have received I am led to believe that some lodges do not open and close, but call off from one meeting night to another, or at least for several days.

A brother had written to him to ask what could be done to stop the practice of smoking in the lodge room while the lodge was at work. He replied that smoking was objectionable if any of

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the brethren were opposed to it, but he could do nothing in the matter, as he had no right to interfere in the local affairs of a lodge.

He had issued a commission to a brother as representative of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota near "the Grand Lodge of Mexico." Which Grand Lodge of Mexico is not stated.

During the year three corner stones had been laid; there had been a number of special communications of Grand Lodge for the consecration of lodges; and one for the purpose of attending the funeral of M. W. Bro. Cleaver.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, and Grand Lodge adopted the report.

A special committee appointed to consider appeals for aid reported against indiscriminate and unsystematic giving. It said: "It is important that we exercise broad charity for the distressed; but we can easily dribble away our resources of money and patient hearing without accomplishing any substantial good."

The proper committee reported that the Grand Charity fund amounted to \$8,408; but thought that a special effort ought to be made to increase the fund, and recommended a special grant of ten cents per member throughout the jurisdiction from the funds of Grand Lodge, also that "similar action be taken at future communications of this Grand Lodge." The recommendation was in the right spirit; but it is not easy to see how one Grand Lodge can bind its successors without putting the change in the constitution.

M. W. Bro. S. A. Brown continues the report on Foreign Correspondence with his customary ability and industry. With a few exceptions the several reports are adorned with portraits of the Grand Secretaries of the several jurisdictions. This embellishment is due, we believe, to the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Pettigrew. Bro. Pettigrew now proposes to add the pictures of Foreign Correspondents to his gallery; and when that is done we shall be able to see that the correspondence writers are much superior to mere secretaries in evidences of intellect and piety.

Lodges in South Dakota 138; including four under dispensation; members 10,221, a gain of 520.

Owen H. Williams, Springfield, Grand Master.

George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

# TASMANIA.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania held its halfyearly communication at Hobart August 29th, 1913. The Hon. C. E. Davies Grand Master.

The Board of General Purposes reported that-

A lodge sought for ruling on a question that is without precedent in this and probably other jurisdictions. Can a candidate, who has conscientious scruples against taking an obligation, be permitted to substitute an affirmation? After very careful and lengthy consideration the board decided that it was not desirable so important a feature in our eeremonies should be altered or set aside, and therefore a candidate could not be accepted on the terms suggested.

The question is not without precedent; but it is satisfactory to know that the Tasmanian brethren have taken a correct view of it.

In the course of his address the Grand Master said that many men came into Masonic lodges under the impression that it was a benefit society, and that, no matter how short a time they might remain members, and no matter how little they might pay into the funds, they were entitled to assistance in case of need. He added:

Let me urge upon the brethren to be very circumspect in the admission of men amongst them who might eventually, from their present position, become a burden upon our institution. Many rules have been set out by the board for the administering of this fund, but I feel very certain that these are not fully adhered to, because, if any really deserving case is shown, a deaf ear is never turned by the board in rendering any temporary or necessary assistance.

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The annual communication was held at Hobart February 19th, 1914. The Grand Master, the Hon. C. E. Davies, in the east. Lodges represented 19; unrepresented 12. Among the brethren present were representatives of the Grand Lodges of South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia, and the District Grand Lodge (England) of Western Australia.

Bro. Davies, who had been Grand Master for eighteen years, declined re-election, and his Excellency Sir William Grey Ellison Macartney, Governor of the state, was elected unanimously.

Announcement was made of the death of the brother of the retiring Grand Master, Sir J. G. Davies, who had been Deputy Grand Master.

The Benevolent fund amounted to  $\pounds 4,200$ , a very creditable investment for so small a body.

There is a brief report on Foreign Correspondence, presumably by the Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. John Hamilton.

Lodges in Tasmania 31; number of members not given.

Sir William Grey Ellison-Macartney, Hobart, Grand Master.

John Hamilton, Hobart, Grand Secretary.

### TENNESSEE.

On the 27th December, 1913, the Freemasons of Tennessee met at Knoxville to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of their Grand Lodge. In 1813 there were eight lodges in Tennessee, all chartered by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. The oldest of these was at Knoxville; and therefore it was appropriate that the centennial ceremonies should be held at that place. There was a notable gathering, not only of brethren from Tennessee, but of representative Masons from other jurisdictions, including M. W. Bro. W. D. Macpherson, of this jurisdiction. The proceedings were mostly oratorical; and, though they were highly interesting, it is impossible to summarize them in the space at our disposal. The one hundredth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was opened at Nashville January 28th, 1914. Charles Comstock Grand Master. Lodges represented 446; unrepresented 6. Nineteen Past Grand Masters were present; also R. W. Bro. Samuel Slager, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Masonry in Tennessee appears to be prosperous. The Grand Master said:

I desire to congratulate the Grand Lodge on the general tone of prosperity that has pervaded our jurisdiction during the year. So far as I can learn, most of our lodges have been working regularly and harmoniously, and I believe earnestly endeavoring to uphold the high standard of Masonic excellence.

During the year six lodges were constituted and conservated, and dispensations were granted for the formation of four new lodges.

Bro. Comstock had approved some appeals for aid from brethren and subordinate lodges in favor of distressed brethren; and others he had declined to approve. Respecting these appeals he said:

While it is necessary, in some instances, to issue appeals for aid in behalf of brethren in distress, I am of the opinion that a more systematic method should be adopted. The results attained are not altogether satisfactory, for the reason that the response in some cases is inadequate for the relief that is needed, while in other instances it is excessive, and the funds received are not always used advantageously.

We do not think it necessary under any circumstances to circulate appeals for assistance. When a subordinate lodge is unable to relieve the necessities of its members, Grand Lodge should undertake the duty, and there should be a benevolent fund for that purpose.

The sum of a thousand dollars was sent to the Grand Master of Ohio to aid in relieving distress caused by the floods in that state last spring.

Bro. Comstock very properly declined to lay the corner stone of a church building on Sunday.

He had been active in visiting lodges throughout the jurisdiction, and reported that he had come in contact with brethren from one hundred and twenty lodges.

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He found that some lodges in the state had grown to unwieldy proportions, so that many active and enthusiastic young Masons, able and willing to undertake work, were crowded back by sheer force of numbers, and he said:

I am therefore constrained to believe that there should be a limit to membership of our larger lodges, and that when they have reached a certain numerical status, new lodges should be formed, that the work may be more equitably distributed, and greater opportunities offered the intelligent young brother who desires to advance.

Many very serious difficulties must be surmounted before any such scheme can be carried into operation. In the first place, Grand Lodges on this continent are composed of the representatives of subordinate lodges; and it will not be easy to convince these representatives that they ought to stop the growth of their membership. In the second place, there are few lodges which can pay current expenses from dues alone; and the members will think several times before they commit themselves to any very large increase of their dues. And there are other considerations only less important than these.

Requests for recognition had been received from the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico, the Reform Great Lodge of Hungary, the Grand Lodge Nationale of Egypt, and the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama. On recommendation of the committee on Foreign Correspondence the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico was recognized. Action as to the others was deferred. Respecting Mexico the committee reports that conditions in that jurisdiction are no better than they were a year ago, if as good.

The Grand Master regretted that smoking in lodges is not only tolerated, but is openly encouraged at times. He said:

Must we be such slaves to habit that we cannot deny ourselves the indulgence of pipe or cigar long enough to sit through an entire meeting of the lodge? How can we teach self-denial to those who come knocking at our doors in search of light and truth, if the Master sits in the East with a cigar or cigarette between his lips while the lodge is dispatching business? How can we consistently teach

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the subjection of the grosser habits and passions if we who pose as teachers are not willing to restrain our indulgence of the smaller faults that beset us?

The well-selected, well-digested and well-written report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. W. Bro. Henry A. Chambers.

Lodges in Tennessee 458; members 27,091, a gain of 893.

Thomas J. Bonner, Rives, Grand Master.

John B. Garrett, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

# TEXAS.

The seventy-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was opened at Waco December 2nd, 1913. J. J. Mansfield Grand Master. Lodges represented 450; unrepresented 426. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present; also R. W. Bro. Elmer Renfro, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

It was the sad duty of the Grand Master to announce the death of three Past Grand Masters of the jurisdiction. These were (1) R. M. Lusk, who was Grand Master in 1899; (2) Robert M. Elgin, Grand Master in 1865; and (3) Thomas B. Cochran, Grand Master in 1892.

Relations with sister jurisdictions Bro. Mansfield said, had been satisfactory. "Those who have the honor to be at the head of our sister Grand Lodges have uniformly displayed a spirit of cordiality, coupled with the noblest intentions and loftiness of purpose, and from every quarter have come messages of goodwill and fraternal greeting.

He noted the protest of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England against the assertion that distinguished brethren of that jurisdiction had been made Masons "at sight." In doing so he said: "Those whose social position is the highest known are not exempt from the ancient ceremonies that have grown hoary with age and exalted by practice. Nor is it to be understood that they have any desire for any such immunity."

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#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

In response to the cry for help in aid of the sufferers by floods in the Ohio valley he immediately sent \$500 from the treasury of Grand Lodge and issued an appeal to the lodges for further contributions. The result was that \$1,548 came from the brethren, which made a total of \$2,048.

Fifteen lodges under dispensation had been granted charters at the preceding session of Grand Lodge, and all of them were consecrated during the year. Dispensations were issued for the formation of four new lodges. The Grand Master said: "A large number of petitions for dispensations to form new lodges were rejected for the reason that the proposed locations were within less than ten miles of existing lodges. They were advised to present their petitions to the Grand Lodge at the present session."

An annoying mistake was made by acceding a request without proper examination. The to secretary of a lodge under dispensation desired the Grand Master to appoint Bro. Walling to consecrate the lodge; and the permission was sent by telegraph. Subsequently the secretary was asked of what lodge Bro. Walling was a Past Master; and he replied that he was not a Past Master at all, but was "well skilled in the esoteric work." He added that a candidate had been initiated on the night of the consecration. Then the Grand Master found a District Deputy Grand Master who was sent to the scene of the disaster, consecrated the lodge "according to law," and healed the candidate. Under the law of this jurisdiction the candidate would not need healing, since he would have been made a Mason in a lodge under dispensation. We do not know what the law of Texas may be.

Bro. Mansfield refused to grant a dispensation to a lodge to confer degrees in an opera house; also to shorten the time between degrees in the case of a member of a baseball club who wished to become a Master Mason before the opening of the baseball season. Doubtless the Grand Master, in taking that course, made himself liable to a charge of lese majesty.

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He feelingly called attention to the fact that the Grand Master, under existing conditions, is not only required to employ a secretary but must give almost his entire time to the duties of his Masonic office. "The time is fast approaching," he said, "when the man who is too poor to surrender the affairs of life for an entire year must of necessity decline the honor." And he suggested, though he did not recommend, that the duties of the office might be distributed in nearly equal proportions to the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Wardens. Grand Lodge does not appear to have taken action on the suggestion.

On the recommendation of the committee on Foreign Correspondence the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

On the recommendation of the same committee recognition of the Grand Lodge of France was withheld. It should be noted that this is not the body recently recognized by the Grand Lodge of England.

The directors of the Masonic Orphans' home reported 184 inmates at the close of the year; and had nothing but praise for the administration and for the condition of the children. The cost of management (including some improvements of the property) was \$65,814. The endowment fund amounts to about \$200,000. At another institution twenty-eight widows of Masons were maintained at a cost of about \$5,000.

M. W. Bro. George W. Tyler is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence. Twenty six years ago he held that position, and then stepped down because he was elected Grand Junior Warden, when M. W. Bro. Matthews took the chair and retained it for a quarter of a century, when he was claimed by death. Bro. Tyler, we think, has the proper conception of the duties of a correspondent. He savs: "We have tried to write a report and not a thesis. We have abstracted and boiled down the substantive facts contained in the proceedings reviewed, so that our brethren in Texas may be informed of the doings of other

Grand Lodges." He has succeded admirably in doing what he tried to do, and he has done it in a kindly spirit.

Lodges in Texas 876; including four under dispensation; members 58,724, an increase for the year of 2,653.

A. W. Houston, San Antonio, Grand Master.

W. B. Pearson, Waco, Grand Secretary.

# UTAH.

The forty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah was opened at Salt Lake City January 20th, 1914. George Henry Dern Grand Master. Lodges represented 17—all the lodges in the state. Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present; the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada was not. All the representatives of other Grand Lodges who were present were presented to the Grand Master and welcomed by him. In addressing them he said.

There appears to be an increasing tendency to cultivate and foster a better understanding and a closer relationship between the various Grand Lodges, particularly those of this great country of ours. Masonry is universal, and although each state or each country has its own Grand Lodge which recognizes no superior authority and is jealous of its sovereignty, yet each of them recognizes that all Masonic Grand Lodges have so much in common that some degree of uniformity in laws and methods is desirable. If substantial steps along these lines cannot be taken, we can at least, by the system of appointing grand representatives, make the peculiar customs of each grand jurisdiction understood by the others.

Among the brethren whose loss was noted was Past Junior Grand Warden J. W. Pearson, who had been fifty-seven years a Mason.

A letter had been received from the National Grand Lodge of Egypt asking for recognition and an exchange of representatives. The Grand Master had directed that investigation be made and further information obtained.

A communication had been received from the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica reciting that a telegraphic dispatch attributed to the Washington Government an intention to establish a protectorate over Central American countries, and asking Masonic influence in protecting the independence of those republics. The Grand Master said that such a letter was hard to understand, and that it was "strange that our good brethren of Central America should have so mistaken an opinion of the plans and intentions of the United States."

The representatives of six Grand Lodges had been absent from two consecutive annual communications. Bro. Dern had not revoked their commissions, but desired to remind those representatives that they owed a duty and a courtesy to the Grand Lodges which they had the honor to represent.

Two hundred dollars had been sent to aid sufferers by floods in the Ohio valley.

Bro. Dern had visited each lodge in the jurisdiction during the year. It is true enough that there are but seventeen lodges in Utah. On the other hand, it should be remembered that Utah is a very big state.

It had been customary in Utah to formally open an occasional communication of Grand Lodge whenever the Grand Master visited a subordinate lodge. Bro. Dern thought this unnecessary, and the committee on Jurisprudence took the same view of the matter.

The Grand Master recommended an amendment to the constitution to the effect that no lodge should confer the degree of Master Mason on more than one candidate at the same meeting; and on the recommendation of the committee on Jurisprudence, Grand Lodge adopted the amendment.

On the recommendation of the committee on Jurisprudence the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized, and an exchange of representatives authorized

M. W. Bro. Charles B. Jack presents an excellent report on Correspondence. He has departed (with good results) from the customary path by

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collecting legislation and opinions on particular subjects and grouping them under appropriate headings. Bro. Jack summarizes well, extracts judiciously, and comments with judgment.

Lodges in Utah 17; members 2,201, an increase of 120.

James William Cherry, Mount Pleasant, Grand Master.

Freeman A. McCarty, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

### VERMONT.

The one hundred and twentieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont was opened at Burlington June 11th, 1913. Eugene S. Weston Grand Master. Lodges represented 78; unrepresented 25. Seven Past Grand Masters were present; also R. W. Bro. George B. Wheeler, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Master reported that all was well within and without. There was "a healthy condition in all respects." "Peace and harmony," he added, "exist almost everywhere." There had been the usual number of accessions to the lodges, but the net gain in membership had been small, because many had been weeded out who would not do their share of Masonic work nor keep their dues paid up. "Outside of our jurisdiction," he said, "I know of no serious disagreement between the Grand Lodges."

He had dedicated one lodge room and laid one corner stone.

He had ordered \$100 sent for the relief of the wounded at Salonica in the late Balkan war; and \$100 in aid of sufferers by the floods in Ohio. An appeal for money to aid in building a Masonic temple at Ponce, Puerto Rico, was not entertained because the application did not come from or through the Grand Master of that jurisdiction.

He did not answer favorably a request to be represented at a conference of Grand Masters in Indiana, believing that substantially all questions of inter-jurisdictional importance had been settled at the conferences held at Philadelphia and Baltimore.

He had refused a dispensation to a lodge "to go into another Grand Jurisdiction to perform the burial service, as not being within my power as Grand Master of Vermont."

Replying to a circular letter from the Grand Master of Kentucky, as to correspondence between subordinate lodges in different jurisdictions, Bro. Weston said:

Previous to 1892 there was no law in this grand jurisdiction relative to the matter. In that year a ruling by Grand Master Bacon was adopted by the Grand Lodge and became the law, that correspondence between jurisdictions should be between the Grand Masters. In 1902 this ruling was again made by Grand Master Montague, and again confirmed by Grand Lodge. We find it the better way, as it does away with any danger of subordinate lodges entering into correspondence with irregular bodies. True, each lodge should have the means of knowing who are legitimate, but this is a matter that might involve us in trouble through the carelessness of some secretary. We do not claim that the Grand Master or Grand Secretary are endowed with any especial wisdom through their installation; but we expect them to be better qualified through their duties to perform their part.

He had given much thought to the question of Grand Lodge benevolence. The jurisdiction has no Masonic home and no Masonic benevolent fund; and he thought this state of things should not be allowed to continue, and he recommended an assessment upon the lodges for the purpose of creating such fund.

The committee to which the matter was referred did not approve of an assessment, but recommended an appropriation of \$1,000 from the general fund, which should form the nucleus of a benevolent fund. This recommendation was adopted.

A portrait of Noah Smith, the first Grand Master of Vermont, was presented to Grand Lodge by his granddaughter, Miss Huntington, who is now 87 years old.

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The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized, and order given for an exchange of representatives.

M. W. Bro. E. C. Benton, Grand Master of Massachussetts, was received, and made a brief address, in the course of which he said:

So far as the record goes, the first Masonic gathering in America was held in Boston in 1720 in King's Chapel; thirteen years later, in 1733, the first charter which was used for the regular convening of Masons was issued to Henry Price; that charter gave the right to establish lodges in the Western hemisphere, and from that St. John's Lodge Masonry has spread throughout North and South America.

Undoubtedly that "St. John's Lodge Masonry" spread into many parts of the American continent; but "there were others." British regiments brought Masonry to many garrison towns; and the Ancients were very active in spreading Masonry on this side of the Atlantic.

M. W. Bro. Marsh O. Perkins writes the report on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges in a document of 150 pages, and does it in a most able and satisfactory manner.

Lodges in Vermont 103; members 13,610, a net gain for the year of 167.

Eugene S. Weston, New Haven, Grand Master.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

## VICTORIA.

The United Grand Lodge of Victoria holds quarterly meetings. We have the proceedings embracing the four communications held in 1912. All were held at Melbourne.

At the March communication the Pro Grand Master, M. W. Bro. George E. Emery, presided.

A lodge had initiated a candidate who had failed to have any money at the time he presented himself, and who promised to give his cheque for the amount the following day, but failed to keep his word. He received no more degrees. The lodge was censured for its laxness, and warned to be more careful in the future.

The Board of Benevolence had paid about \$780 in charity during the quarter. The board recommended a special grant of \$200 to a brother not absolutely destitute, to enable him to rebuild his house. The brother had a spinal disease; and the local brethren agreed to contribute the labor. It was reported that in twenty-two years the board had expended in benevolence about \$140.000,

A special benevolent fund had been established called the King's Memorial fund. It amounted to nearly \$6,000.

Of the 218 lodges in the state only two had a membership exceeding 150.

Seven lodges had been consecrated, and twenty one lodges of instruction had been held.

The Rev. A. T. Holden was elected Grand Master. He is the seventh since the formation of the Grand Lodge.

The number of affiliated members was reported to be 12,310, an increase for the year of 582. The total of all funds amounted to nearly \$150,000, an increase of \$20,000.

At the June communication the Grand Master announced that he had rendered several decisions. Among them we find the following:

That not more than one degree can be conferred on the same evening.

When a dispensation has been granted to wear regalia at a Masonic dance or similar function, the regalia should not be worn outside the doors of the building in which the function is held, and under no circumstances should regalia be transferred to, or worn by other than Freemasons during a dance or at any other time. The utmost propriety should at all times be observed when regalia is worn.

The Board of General Purposes had directed that all summonses must be sent out in sealed envelopes.

At the quarterly communication held in December the principal business was the recognition of

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the Grand Lodge of Queensland. There was a good deal of discussion, but in the end the vote for recognition was almost unanimous. The following paragraph gives the number of lodges in Queensland under the English, the Scotch and the independent Queensland constitutions:

There are ninety-one English lodges and two in process of formation. The total membership of the ninety-one lodges is 3,457 members. Fifty-nine Scotch lodges in Southern Queensland, and two being formed, with estimated membership of 2,200, and nineteen lodges, with one being formed in Northern Queensland, under the Scotch constitution, with a membership of 800. These figures show that, under the English and Scotch constitutions in Queensland there are 6,457 Freemasons. The existing lodges under the English and Scotch constitutions are I60, and there are fiftyseven lodges under the Grand Lodge of Queensland, with an estimated number of members of 2,500.

At the December communication Bro. Holden was re-elected Grand Master.

Masonry in Victoria is active, progressive and benevolent. Its funds are in good shape, its benevolence is liberal, and its membership is growing rapidly. There are 218 lodges, with 12,310 members, an increase for the year of 582.

At the quarterly communication held in March, 1913, the following incident of Masonic benevolence, not forgotten as it sometimes is, was related. A brother had been robbed on a steamer, and landed at Melbourne in a destitute condition. He asked for relief, and received  $\pm 3$ . That was in 1900. In February, 1913, a letter was received from him, written in Alaska, in which the brother said:

Some time in the year 1900 I landed in your beautiful city of Melbourne from Coolgardie, West Australia, if not broke, I was indeed badly bent, having been robbed on the steamer on my way round from West Australia. Consequently I was reluctantly compelled to apply to your Grand Lodge for assistance; and not in vain. I must say it is indeed one of the brightest spots in my memory when I look back and think of the open-handed and brotherly manner in which I was received, and the courteous treatment extended to me. I do not intend flattery when I say that there is no country, place or people in the whole world to my mind where a down-and-out man would be accorded such hospitality and kind consideration. The Australians, to my mind, are the grandest and biggest-hearted people in the universe. . . I am enclosing P. O. for \$20.00

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to cover the amount of your loan to me, which, by the way, I think was something like  $\pounds 3$ . I am allowing the extra money for interest, which I consider is your due; should you not care to accept it for that, why, just let it go towards helping some other poor unfortunate who happens to be up against it real hard, the same as I was. I call to mind an old saying that one asked for bread and they handed him a stone, but it was not so in my case. I asked for bread and you handed me pie.

The Grand Inspector of Workings reported that the keenest interest was shown at the lodges of instruction; members travelled long distances for the purpose of attending them; and the subordinate officers of lodges showed a desire to become proficient in their duties.

The Grand Master announced that the Grand Lodge of Queensland had been recognized.

While he rejoiced in the prosperity which had characterized the year, he pointed out the "perils of prosperity," saving:

Never before were there so many candidates knocking at the door of our institution seeking admission to our privileges. I believe there is increasing care being exercised by our lodges so that none but the best may be received. Let us continue to be on our guard. Let us insist that every candidate shall be possessed of such quality of character and such congeniality of temperament that his coming in will be a strength to the institution. In all cases of doubt let the lodge have the benefit of the doubt. One undesirable man is sufficient to bring discord and disaster into a lodge. Freemasonry is a world-wide brotherhood. The key of the door of admission into this brotherhood is in the possession of every subordinate lodge. Let no lodge fail to realize its sacred responsibility in this matter.

The following regulations governing the working of degrees had been tried throughout the jurisdiction for nine months, and had been found to work satisfactorily:

That not more than one degree be conferred on the same evening.

That if there be more than one candidate for any degree the following procedure be adopted:—

In the first degree the candidates to be taken separately up to the end of Ob.

In the second degree not more than two candidates to be taken together up to the end of Ob.

In the third degree, not more than two candidates to be taken together up to the end of Ob., the candidates to be raised separately (all other candidates being out of the

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room), and the ceremony continued with only one candidate up to the reference to the b-m-star. The candidates may then be taken together.

At the end of September, 1913, the funds of Grand Lodge amounted to  $\pounds 37,852$ , of which  $\pounds 32,400$  was at the credit of the benevolent fund. At the same time the Freemasons' hall property which belongs to Grand Lodge, was valued at  $\pounds 29,439$ . It will be seen that our brethren in Victoria are strong financially.

The Rev. Albert Thomas Holden, Grand Master.

Charles James Barrow, 25 Collins street, Melbourne, Grand Secretary.

### VIRGINIA.

The one hundred and thirty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was opened at Richmond February 14th, 1913. William L. Andrews Grand Master. Eight Past Grand Masters were present; the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada was not.

Grand Master Andrews congratulated the brethren on peace within the jurisdiction and unbroken amity with all other jurisdictions. He reported a large increase in membership; but feared that some of the lodges were becoming "top-heavy." He added:

It is my opinion that those lodges having a membership of less than a hundred do more for the cause of Masonry, and show more enthusiasm than when they number hundreds. If you look over the list of those lodges that have shown their faith by their works you will find that when it comes to practical charity the smaller lodge exceeds in percentage its larger sister. I have been forcibly reminded of that fact in canvassing returns made to appeals sent out on behalf of our home.

For a considerable time there was an agreement between the Grand Lodge of Virginia and that of the District of Columbia, by which candidates living near the border might apply for initiation to the nearest lodge, irrespective of jurisdictional lines. That was found to lead to misunderstandings, and by mutual consent it was dropped.

Four dispensations were issued during the year for the formation of new lodges.

The Grand Master had been very busy during the year. He had personally laid many cornerstones and had visited "singly or in joint convocation" seventy-five lodges during the year. The hospitality extended to him on these visits seems to have wrought upon him greatly, and even its memory excited his eloquence. He does not boast of his own doings at the social gatherings, but tells us that on one occasion "it was reported that the Deputy Grand Master destroyed six dozen luscious bivalves, besides other materials not herein inventoried." That surely must be the brother who once remarked that "black-strap merlasses was mighty fine eatin' on fat pork, but was dreadful tejous in coffee."

Nineteen acres of land had been purchased for the purpose of extending the home, "so as to enable it to care for indigent Master Masons and the widows of deceased Master Masons." Grand Lodge was ready to begin the erection of the buildings.

Warrants were granted for the constitution of three lodges under dispensation.

The jewel worn by the Grand Master at this communication was that worn by the Grand Master at the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1777; and Grand Lodge ordered that the fact should be suitably inscribed on the jewel.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston. For the most part he contents himself with reporting; but occasionally says something by way of comment, and when he does it is to the point. For instance, he thinks the International Bureau of Switzerland has for its aim to "modernize and pervert Masonry into a political organization." And again, "The allegiance of a lodge, and not the ritual it uses, constitutes for us its regularity." We do not hold

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with him that "A Grand Master's acts, within the landmarks, are not to be criticised." In fact Bro. Eggleston quite freely criticises the acts of Grand Masters.

Lodges in Virginia 324; members 23,317, an increase for the year of 619.

W. L. Andrews, Roanoke, Grand Master.

Charles Albert Nesbitt, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

## WASHINGTON.

The fifty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington was opened at Aberdeen June 10th, 1913. Frank N. McCandless Grand Master. All the lodges in the state were represented—183 under warrant and 6 under dispensation. Twelve Past Grand Masters were present, including M. W. Bro. Yancey C. Blalock, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

An address of welcome from local brethren was fittingly responded to by the Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. McCandless was able to speak with satisfaction of the condition of the craft in his jurisdiction, of the progress it had made during the year, and with confidence of its future.

He had sent \$500 in aid of sufferers by floods in the Ohio valley.

He had laid four corner stones, dedicated one Masonic temple, constituted and consecrated nine lodges, and granted dispensations for the formation of six new lodges.

His idea of Masonic duty is well expressed in his concluding remarks:

Teach our brethren of this grand fraternity to practice in their every-day life those principles which we have been taught in the lodge; to work diligently for the upbuilding of mankind; to live creditably in their every-day life, and act honorably by all men, and by so doing help to uplift mankind. While we fight the battles of business life, cultivate that seed which you have sown in the fertile soil of Masonry and you will be entitled to the wages of life; the corn of nourishment, not only that which is supplied to our bodies, but also that seed which, planted in the minds of other men, shall bring forth a harvest for good to all mankind; the wine of refreshment, that gives new life to the less fortunate brother and cheers him on his way; the oil of joy, that smooths the pathway and extends that hand of fellowship and links those pearls with bands of gold unbroken; thus may we truly say "we have earned the wages of life."

At the conclusion of the address a gold headed cane was presented to the Grand Master on behalf of the brethren of Aberdeen lodge.

The Grand Treasurer reported the total assets of the Grand Lodge to be \$133,000, including General fund, Charity fund and Masonic home fund.

There were nine inmates of the Masonic home, and the cost of maintenance was \$3,399.98.

Recognition was accorded the Grand Lodges of Western Australia and the Philippine Islands, and action respecting the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and Costa Rica was deferred.

On recommendation of R. W. Bro. William H. Gorham, Grand Historian, a fraternal message was sent to the United Grand Lodge of England on the one hundredth anniversary of the union of the Modern and Ancient bodies in one Grand Lodge.

A special committee made the following recommendation respecting physical qualifications of candidates:

We think that the attention of lodges should be directed to the law specifying the qualifications of petitioners, which requires that the petitioner for the degrees in Masonry must possess no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of conforming *literally* to what the several degrees respectively require of him, and that the lodges are the judges of the fitness of the candidates in these particulars.

M. W. Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster continues the report on Foreign Correspondence, and does his work well. Speaking of the lodges in a jurisdiction he says he likes the term constituent better than the term subordinate. However, as the lodges receive their warrants from the Grand Lodge, and are bound to obey the constitution formulated by Grand Lodge, they are really subordinate to it; and there are members of Grand Lodge who do not represent any lodges, but are created such by the Grand Lodge itself. Still, we should never forget that the Grand Lodge is mainly composed of representatives of the constituent lodges.

In his concluding remarks Bro. McAllaster says:

We notice some little talk about uniformity of action among Grand Lodges, and conferences to bring it about. Brethren, if you want a National Grand Lodge, this is the way to start a movement, even though it is not in mind at the present time. As we said when we were with some of you, we believe it is the inevitable outcome of continued conferences of this character. When a large degree of uniformity has been secured and when the Grand Lodges have become accustomed to continued suggestions from such gatherings, some good brother will suggest how nice it would be to have a National Grand Lodge, and they will begin' to fall in line. Of course this is not imminent, but it is a lurking danger.

Lodges in Washington 189; members 18,407, an increase of 1,293.

Asa H. Hankerson, Seattle, Grand Master.

Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma, Grand Secretary.

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

At a quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, held at Kalgoorlie July 25th, 1912, the Grand Master the Right Rev. C. O. L. Riley, Lord Bishop of Perth, was in the Grand East. The Grand Master explained that he had "a journey of four days' hard travelling, over roads as bad as possible" in reaching his destination. He reported that everything was going on smoothly and well. We are gradually "becoming stronger in every way. We have peace and harmony in our constitution (we have always had it), and we have peace and harmony with sister constitutions, for which we are devoutly thankful."

The proper manner of proposing the toast, "the King and the Craft," has been discussed to some extent in various places. In speaking of it the Grand Master said:

So important was the question considered in England that the matter was thoroughly examined by W. Bro. J. B. Simpson, Past Assistant Grand Registrar, who elicited much

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information of great interest to the craft. In the year 1738 the Rev. James Anderson, D.D., compiled the English Book of Constitutions. He informs us that in 1430 in the time of King James I., of Scotland, this toast was drunk by the lodges in Scotland. St. John's Lodge No. 3, of Glasgow, have still in their possession a celebrated chest which apparently was used at all great Masonic functions in the 17th century, and to contain records. Outside is carved "God save the King and Mason, 1648." The next reference is to the laying of the foundation stone of the new banqueting hall at Whitehall in 1607, when a purse of broad pieces was laid upon the stone for the Masons to drink to "The King and the Craft." In 1719 at the Festival of the Year, Dr. Desaguliers, the then Grand Master, renewed the old and peculiar toasts and healths of Freemasonry, the first again being "The King and Craft." At the laying of the foundation stone of the Church of St. Martin's in Campis, in the reign of George I., 1727, the toast of "The King and the Craft" was drunk with full Masonic honors. In all toast lists, whether in the 18th or 19th century, this toast holds the foremost place. At the Act of Union of "The Atholl or Antients" and "Senior or Modern" in 1813, the toast was given with full Masonic honors. The Grand Secretary of the "Antients" sets out in the minutes of his Grand Lodge on two occasions the correct toast to be given. In the minutes of June 1760, and again the minutes of September, 1761, the authorized toast "The King and the Craft" heads the list. On the first date George II. was King, and on the second George III., and neither of these monarchs was a Freemason. In regard to the Grand Lodge of Ireland we find in the constitution published in Dublin in the year 1751, that when the foundation stone of the parliament house was laid, a great number of Freemasons were present and the health of "The King and the Craft" was drunk, and in the Book of Constitutions of the same Grand Lodge published in 1817, the first toast is that of "The King and the Craft." During the lifetime of her late Majesty Queen Victoria the first recognized toast was "The Queen and the Craft". At the Festival of the Grand Lodge of England held in May last year, the Pro Grand Master, Lord Ampthill, said, in pro-posing the toast:—"Brethren, I give you the time-honored toast of "The King and the Craft," and perhaps you will allow me just for once in a while to say that not only is " the toast time-honored, but it has a meaning which is not understood by all brethren. There are some who think that if they drink to the King and the Craft they are in one and the same breath honoring his Majesty the King and drinking prosperity to the Craft. I venture to think that is not so. I think the true significance is this-that, as Freemasons one of the first principles we are obliged to practice as citizens of the world is that of loyalty to the government under which we live, and, above all, loyalty to the Sovereign. We cannot in conformity with our pledge associate ourselves with any men, whether they be Freemasons or otherwise, or whether they be men of our own

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country or in foreign countries, who are concerned in plo's or conspiracies, or who are undermining the monarchy under which they live. That is the significance of the toast. It is a pledge to which we might be called upon to prove our sincere attachment, and it is of that I wish to remind you."

At the quarterly communication held October 24th, 1912, an application for recognition and exchange of representatives with the Grand Orient of Belgium was considered. It had been learned that the Grand Lodge of England had discontinued fraternal intercourse with the Grand Orient because it did not require from its candidates a declaration of belief in the G. A. O. T. U., and in its ceremonies the V. O. T. S. L. was not used, but candidates were obligated on the square and compasses and the general statutes of the Masonic order. Recognition was not granted.

The annual communication was held at Perth April 24th, 1913, with the Grand Master in the East.

He reported that two new lodges had been consecrated.

He congratulated the brethren on the harmony which existed and on the progress of Masonry in the jurisdiction. He said: "Our Grand Lodge was formed in 1900 with a membership of 2,000 in 33 lodges. Today there are 94 lodges on the roll (87 of which are working) with a membership of 3,949.

The excellent report on Foreign Correspondence is written by a committee, of which R. W. Bro. J. S. Battye is chairman, each writer initialing his work. Canada receives kindly notice.

C. O. L. Riley, Lord Bishop of Perth, Grand Master.

J. D. Stevenson, Freemasons' Hall, Perth, Grand Secretary.

### WEST VIRGINIA.

The forty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was opened at Clarksburg November 12th, 1913. Charles W. Lynch Grand Master. Lodges represented 131; unrepresented 16. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present, including M. W. Bro. George W. Mc-Clintic, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Master announced the death, on the 25th of January, 1913, of M. W. Bro. Joseph Hall, who was born in 1842 and was Grand Master in 1898 and 1899.

For the relief of distress caused by the floods in the Ohio valley a call was issued to the lodges throughout the jurisdiction, and a sum of \$2,502.75 was raised.

Among the rulings of the Grand Master we find the following:

A Master Mason, formerly a member of a lodge within this jurisdiction, but later suspended by it for non-payment of dues, desiring to visit a lodge in Texas subsequent to his suspension, was required to and did, respond to the tiler's test oath. The Grand Master of the latter state insisted, of course reasonably, that the lodge in this jurisdiction prefer charges against the accused. I replied that, by reason of his residence and commission of the offense beyond the jurisdiction of the subordinate lodge in this state, and of his non-affiliate relation, the lodge in Texas against which he offended, was the proper and only lodge to entertain jurisdiction to accuse, try and punish.

We cannot help thinking that Bro. Lynch was wrong. The offence of making a false oath is one which deserves expulsion from the order. Only the jurisdiction which gives the offender such Masonic standing as he retains can expel him. The Texas brethren can declare him to be deprived of Masonic privileges within that jurisdiction; but West Verginnia only can deprive him of all Masonic rights. And West Virginia ought to do its duty.

Another ruling which appears strange is the following:

To an enquiry whether one who petitions and receives the degrees without signifying in some manner his intention to become a member of such lodge may, if he chooses, apply for membership in another lodge in the absence of a demit from the first lodge, I replied in the affirmative, providing of course he furnished satisfactory information that he was a Master Mason.

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The inference from this is that a lodge in West Virginia may make a man a Mason without making him a member of a lodge.

Bro. Lynch appealed strongly against the vice of profanity. He said:

Such practice is generally abhorred by gentlemen, and is seldom employed in their presence. If banned there, it should meet disapproval everywhere. One whose conduct is refined in the presence of a lady should feel the same wholesome restraint when in the presence of a gentleman. It is, therefore, the duty of every loyal Mason ever to remember the imperative initiatory injunction never to mention the holy name, except with that reverential awe due from a creature to his creator.

On the recommendation of the committee on Foreign Correspondence the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

M. W. Bro. John M. Collins, the Grand Secretary, reported favorably on the condition of Masonry in the jurisdiction. He said:

So far as I am informed, peace and harmony prevail thronghout our jurisdiction and I am of the opinion that the returns, when received, will show a healthy increase in membership. Our state is growing rapidly in population and otherwise, and as the state grows, Masonry will necessarily keep pace with the growth. I am also of the opinion that you will find from the rejections reported that the brethren are on guard at the ballot box to see that the unworthy do not enter.

M. W. Bro. George W. Atkinson is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, and presents a very good report covering the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges. He is very complimentary in speaking of Canada, having these flattering things to say:

This I have always recognized as one of our great American Grand Lodges. The reason that I regard it as such, is because it conducts its business in a most systematic manner, and should therefore be followed as an ideal Grand Lodge, if for no other Masonic reason than this. If our American Grand Lodges generally would follow in its footsteps; if we would require our District Deputy Grand Masters to visit our subordinate lodges as our Canadian brethren require the work to be done at the hands of their official brethren, we would be far and away from where we are today in craft development. Commenting on the general improvement of the human race, Bro. Atkinson says: "The possibilities of evil are not less than they ever were, but the possibilities of good are vastly greater." May we add that the influences and instrumentalities working for good are vastly greater; that Masonry is not among the least of these beneficent instrumentalities, and that they are growing more and more effective in checking and controlling the evil influences.

Lodges in West Virginia 147; members 16,710, an increase for the year of 955.

Thomas P. Jacobs, New Martinsville, Grand Master.

John M. Collins, Martinsburg, Grand Secretary.

# WISCONSIN.

The sixty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was opened at Milwaukee June 10th, 1913. David B. Greene Grand Master. Twelve Past Grand Masters were present, including M. W. Bro. Hiram W. Sawyer, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Lodges represented 245.

The address of the Grand Master was marked by ability and full of information. In his opening remarks he said:

Masonry depends for its influence among men, for its prestige in the world, for its very life upon the power that lives and manifests itself in the example of its votaries. No institution is stronger, better, or more virtuous than are the members who compose it, and this little word, example, considered as being personal and individual to each one of us, is the one word that has in it the keeping of the influence and worth of that, that is truly Masonic. It means something to be a Mason. "Let the world observe" that we are Masons. Masonry stands for ideals, for thinking, for character—not in the abstract and general but in the concrete, in the individual.

Bro. Greene had granted sixty-five dispensations during the year, of which 23 permitted lodges to waive the time limit as to residence, and 25 for shortening the time between degrees. He pointed out that (1) dispensations are always granted to

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the lodge, never to the Worshipful Master or Secretary; (2) the lodge and not its officers should ask for it, and then only in cases of emergency.

All requests for permission to attend church services and to join in other processions and parades in Masonic clothing had been refused,.

He decided that it is not necessary for the Master elect of a lodge to take the Past Master's degree before installation.

A lodge asked permission to rent a hall outside the Masonic building, and work two degrees at the same time, one in the regular hall and the other in the rented hall. In refusing the request the Grand Master said: "A lodge cannot be in two places at the same time. One of these meetings would be no lodge, simply a gathering of Masons without warrant or authority, and work or business done by them would not be legal."

Four dispensations had been issued for the formation of four new lodges.

He recommended the formation of a committee to prepare a suitable service to be used when the bodies of Masons are to be cremated. Grand Lodge approved, and the committee was appointed.

In view of the losses by floods in the states of Ohio and Indiana a fund of \$4,202.60 was raised for the relief of the sufferers.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was officially recognized, and an exchange of representatives authorized.

An amendment to the constitution was proposed to the effect that—

Grand Wardens shall not be eligible to election for either Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master for a period of two years after the expiration of the term for which they were respectively elected, and the same rule shall apply to all appointive officers.

This was laid over for a year, and referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

A motion to assess members of all subordinate lodges 60 cents annually for the charity fund was also laid over.

Grand Lodge authorized the purchase of a Past Grand Master's jewel to be presented to the retiring Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Aldro Jenks continues the report on Foreign Correspondence, and the present is, he tells us, his sixteenth report. It is as good as any of its predecessors, and that is saving a good deal.

In noting the refusal of M. W. Bro. Aubrey White to receive a notice of motion proposing that certain lodges west of the great lakes should be permitted to secede, Bro. Jenks says: "Just where the lodges were situated is not stated. If they were in another Canadian province, their right to join in the formation of a new Grand Lodge we regard as satisfactory withou any permission being obtained from the mother Grand Lodge." The lodges in question are situated in the extreme west of the Province of Ontario. The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario has jurisdiction over all lodges in the province and over no others. The main point about the affair in question is that there is not the slightest evidence that any of the lodges wished to secede: they are absolutely loyal. The zealous brother who offered the motion made the play off his own bat.

Returning to the edict of the United States War Department (since rescinded) forbidding the use of Masonic emblems in national cemeteries, Bro. Jenks says:

It is safe to say that those who were instrumental in securing this order originally were entirely ignorant of the debt the people of the United States owe to Freemasonry at the inception of its government. Washington, Lafayette, Franklin, Hancock, and nearly every leader of renown who ventured their lives to secure the freedon of the colonies were Freemasons. The very language and spirit of that document is permeated with the teachings of the eraft. The Continental Congress which adopted it contained but four members who were not Master Masons, while fourteen Presidents of the United States have been wearers of the lambskin.

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Lodges in Wisconsin 269; members 28,082, a gain of 849.

George B. Wheeler, Eau Claire, Grand Master. William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

### WYOMING.

The thirty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was opened at Evanston September 3rd, 1913. William Pugh Grand Master. Lodges represented 28; unrepresented 6. Nine Past Grand Masters were in attendance. Wyoming does not exchange representatives with other Masonic jurisdictions.

The order in Wyoming is at peace, and is doing reasonably well in all respects. The increase in numbers is not large, but it is satisfactory.

The Grand Master was asked if a lodge might receive a petition from a man who had been a member of a clandestine body, who said that he had been deceived, and had wholly severed his connection with it. He replied:

Yes, providing that you can satisfy yourselves that he was deceived into joining the clandestine lodge; that he is sincere in his desire to become a regular Mason, and the lodge deems him a worthy and desirable person to receive into membership. Should he be elected it will be necessary for him to take all the degrees the same as in the case of any other profane.

Grand Lodge had been convened in four special communications for the purpose of laying corner stones.

When news of the great disaster in the Ohio valley reached him, Bro. Pugh issued a circular to the lodges throughout the state asking for help. The result was most gratifying. The Grand Master says: "There was a most generous response from a number of lodges in this jurisdiction, some even going beyond what I thought they could afford, considering the size of the lodges. I know of some lodges that contributed direct, and I am satisfied that all contributed in some way to the cause." Three lodges under dispensation were constituted and consecrated during the year.

Believing it to be well for the order in the United States to have uniformity of work, and similarity in laws governing membership, Bro. Pugh thinks conferences of Grand Masters desirable, and recommended that the Grand Master be empowered to attend any future conferences in person or by proxy, and that expenses be paid by Grand Lodge.

In conclusion he said:

Masonry is growing and prospering in Wyoming, the number of the lodges as well as the membership thereof continues to increase. Naturally this increases the labor and responsibility of the Grand Master, and the past year has been one of great activity for me. Nevertheless the opportunity for extending my knowledge of the state and the many delightful people that I have met, have fully compensated for the labor and time expended, and I shall always look back upon this year as a pleasant spot in my life, only regretting my inability to do more and better service for our noble order. The experience of the past year has resulted in greater knowledge and more appreciation of Masonry, and I shall step out of office into the ranks ready to help carry forward the good work that Masonry is endeavoring to accomplish.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

During the year a dispensation was issued for the formation of one new lodge, and Grand Lodge authorized the granting of a warrant to it.

R. W. Bro. W. L. Kuykendall, the Grand Secretary, writes the report on Foreign Correspondence, with his customary ability and fairness. Respecting the refusal of the Grand Master of this jurisdiction to grant a dispensation to hold a Masonic picnic in the State of Michigan, Bro. Kuykendall says:

If the picnic was to be held by a lodge or lodges, as such, the refusal to grant the dispensation should, in our opinion, have been based on the ground that they would cease to be Masonic lodges the moment they passed the Michigan line.

We cannot see it in that light. If the lodges ceased to be lodges on crossing the border they needed no dispensation, for individual Masons may

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hold pincics where they will, subject to the civil laws of the country they visit. The consideration with Grand Master White was that his jurisdiction was confined to the Province of Ontario, and he had no power to authorize Masons to do anything Masonic outside of that jurisdiction.

Lodges in Wyoming 34; members 3,036, an increase of 191.

Fred C. Barnett, Cody, Grand Master.

W. L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, Grand Secretary.

### CONCLUSION.

Again we have to report that Masonry everywhere has been prosperous in each grand jurisdiction whose reports have been received by us; that the foundation principles of Masonry-brotherly love, relief and truth-have been inculcated and practiced: and that harmony dwells among the brethren in all lands. We are entering upon that time when peace among English-speaking peoples is to be the dominant note of centennial celebrations, recalling the happy Augustan age when the temple of Janus was closed, when "the idle spear and shield were high uphung," when "the trumpet spake not to the armed throng," and when "birds of calm sat brooding on the charmed wave." We cannot doubt that Masonry will be a potent factor in teaching the world that war among civilized peoples is unnecessary, and that international misunderstandings may be settled by arbitration.

It is highly gratifying to note that genuine and primitive Masonry has been re-established in France, that the Volume of the Sacred Law has been placed upon the altars of the new lodges, and that the Great Architect of the Universe is recognized in their ritual. The people who have been sending out appeals for "Universal Freemasonry" (and cash) do not appear to have any words of welcome for legitimate Freemasonry in France.

In various parts of the Masonic world note has been taken of the valuable work for Masonry

of R. W. Bro. Robert Freke Gould. the Masonic historian, and full appreciation accorded. It has been unfortunate that too many Masonic writers have, in the past, given legend the authority of history, and have permitted themselves to state fancies as facts. With such writers as Findel. Murray, Lyon, Hughan and Gould all this has been changed: nothing has been put forward as fact for which documentary evidence could not be found, and nothing has been urged as probable without good reason. It is gratifying to know that Bro. Gould's labors have not been allowed to pass unrecognized. The Grand Lodge of England has given that brother the honorary rank of Past Grand Senior Warden, the highest honorary rank the constitution authorizes; and other grand bodies have given honor to the foremost Masonic historian now living. Bro. Gould is the son of a Somerset clergyman; served in the thirty-first regiment in various parts of the world, especially in China; was called to the bar in 1868. He was initiated in 1855, and has been active in Masonry ever since. The principal works published by Bro. Gould are the Four Old Lodges and The Athol! Lodges (1879); The History of Freemasonry, three volumes (1882-87); Military Lodges (1899); A Concise History of Freemasonry (1903); and Collected Essays.

### Fraternally submitted,

A. T. FREED, Chairman.

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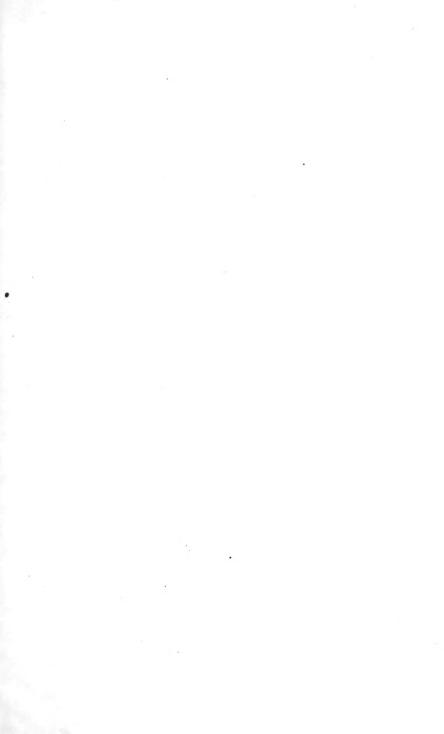
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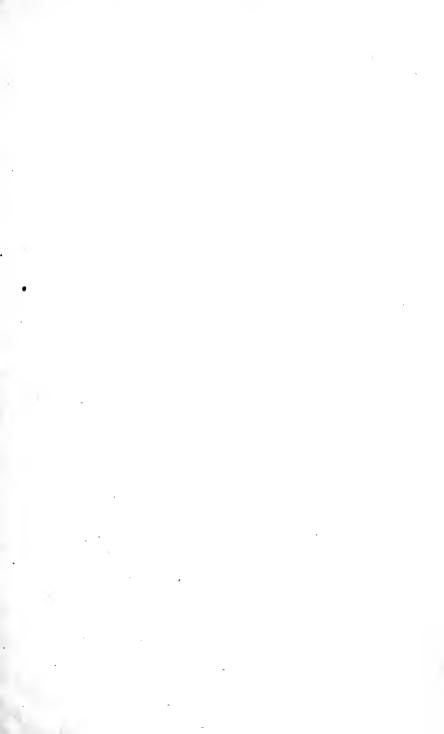
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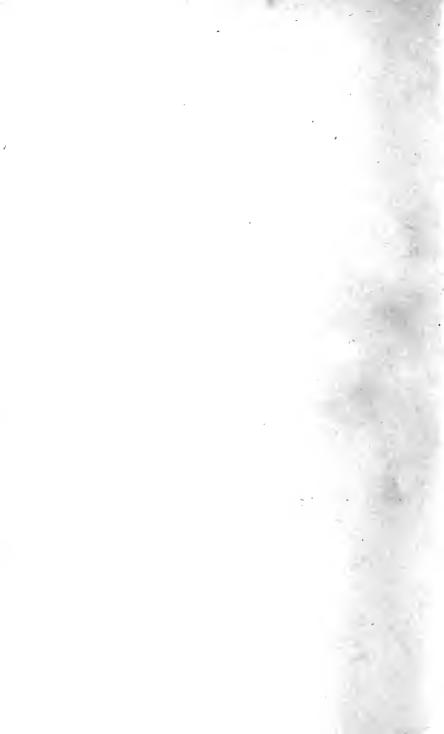


















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