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At the Seventy-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of Ottawa, commencing Wednesday, July 17th, A.D. 1929, A.L. 5929.

There were present:

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"	Jas. O. Herity.....	Belleville
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"	Wm. Patterson.....	Newmarket
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The Acting Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel and other officers assumed their respective places in the Auditorium of the Glebe Collegiate Institute at ten o'clock a.m.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

R.W. Bro. J. H. Putman, accompanied by the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies formally introduced the Mayor of the City of Ottawa, who presented on behalf of the Citizens of Ottawa a cordial welcome to the Officers and Delegates of Grand Lodge. In a few well chosen words he pointed out the unique position held by his city in the Province of Ontario and expressed his own belief that not only the Masons of Ottawa but all the people thereof would do their utmost to make the stay of Grand Lodge memorably pleasant.

The Acting Grand Master thanked the Mayor sincerely for his expression of good will and expressed the gratitude of the members of Grand Lodge for the many kindnesses and evidences of hospitality already received.

FIRST DAY

A constitutional number of lodges being represented by their representatives, Grand Lodge was opened in due form at ten o'clock, a.m. and the Grand Chaplain invoked the blessing of the Great Architect upon its deliberations.

The Grand Master gave permission to all Master Masons in good standing to enter and occupy seats in the gallery.

Following are the names of those delegates who were present and duly registered:

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No. 640, Anthony Sayer, Mimico. W. Bro. W. H. Hunter, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 641, Garden, Windsor. W. Bro. R. B. Moore, W.M., Bro. W. G. Davis, S.W., Bro. C. M. Reynett, J.W.

No. 642, St. Andrew's, Windsor. V.W. Bro. J. W. Adams, R.W. Bros. G. H. Arnott, W. T. Turner, P.Ms.

No. 643, Cathedral, Toronto. R.W. Bro. J. A. Slade, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 644, Simcoe, Toronto. W. Bro. R. J. Wallace, W.M., R.W. Bro. A. Cowan, W. Bros. J. F. Ardell, A.W. Green, P.Ms.

No. 645, Lake Shore, Mimico. W. Bro. G. R. Coombs, W.M.

No. 647, Todmorden, Todmorden. W. Bro. W. E. Judges, P.M. and Proxy. W. Bro. G. Chapman, P.M.

No. 648, Spruce Falls, Kapuskasing. W. Bro. G. F. Bailey, W.M.

Temple, U.D., Oshawa. W. Bro. C. R. McIntosh, W.M.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The following guests of Grand Lodge who were on the dais, were formally introduced to the brethren by M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope. Among these were M.W. Bro. Henry Willis, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, M.W. Bro. W. W. Williamson, Grand Secretary of Quebec; M.W. Bro. Geo. R. Sturges, G.M. of Connecticut; M.W. Bro. Winthrop Buck, Grand Secretary of Connecticut; R.W. Bro. Edwin Smith, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada; R.W. Bro. A. F. Webster, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, A. & A. S. Rite for the Dominion of Canada; and M.W. Bro. Judge Taylor, P.G.M. of Alberta.

The distinguished visitors were received with hearty applause and acknowledged their warm reception. At a later period in the session of Grand Lodge, R.W. Bros. Webster, Smith and Williamson spoke briefly to the brethren.

M.W. Bros. Sturges, Buck and Willis were listened to with much delight at an open meeting held in the Auditorium on Wednesday evening, as also were M.W. Bros. R. O. Bonisteel and Lou F. Winsor, Grand Master and Grand Secretary respectively of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, who had arrived too late for the formal welcome in Grand Lodge.

MESSAGES OF REGRET

It was moved by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope and resolved: That a message of sympathy and good wishes be sent to the Grand Master, who was prevented by illness from attending the session and whose letter appears later in these proceedings. Also it was directed that a similar message of regret at his absence be sent to M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

A deputation consisting of the Masters of all the lodges comprised in the Ottawa District, twenty-seven in number, were introduced to Grand Lodge by the

D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. J. A. Dobbie, On their behalf the following address was read by W. Bro. P. L. Young, M.W. of Rideau Lodge, the youngest of the Ottawa Lodges.

Ottawa, Wednesday, July 17th, 1929

To the Most Worshipful Brother,
The Honourable John Strickland Martin,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada
In the Province of Ontario.
Most Worshipful Sir:

It is with the most profound pleasure and gratification that the ruling Masters representing the twenty-seven lodges of the Ottawa Masonic District find themselves once more honoured and privileged in extending to you the welcome of the masons of this District to the Capital City of our great Dominion of Canada.

Looking backward over the years through which you have ornamented the high and important office you now hold, we feel deeply and reverently grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe for the rich blessings He has bestowed upon our Order in preserving its ideals, increasing its usefulness to mankind, and adorning it with such outstanding leaders as are represented in Grand Lodge, and most happily personified in our Grand Master, the head and ruler of the Craft.

Through long and faithful service you have endeared yourself to every Mason in the jurisdiction and cemented a fraternal feeling which will endure, we trust, to the latest period of our existence.

We have heard with deep concern of your indisposition, and we earnestly pray that the Most High will, in His infinite goodness and loving kindness, restore the full and wonted measure of energy, vitality and healthfulness which will enable you with all your accustomed vigor of mind and body to continue to discharge all those duties toward both State and Fraternity for which education and experience, guided by Divine Providence, have so efficiently fitted you.

At this the outset of the Seventy-fourth annual Communication of Grand Lodge, we express our continued loyalty and affection to you and those associated with you in the conduct of its affairs, and we trust that this meeting in the Ottawa District, surrounded by all the natural and created beauties of our Capital City, will be crowned with every success and richest blessing, so that you may long remember it with both pleasure and satisfaction as one of the happiest occasions of your Masonic experience.

With the deepest regard and greatest respect, Most Worshipful Sir, we subscribe our names to this Address of Welcome.

This Address was signed by the ruling Masters of the lodges of Ottawa District.

The Acting Grand Master in acknowledging the sentiment of the address on behalf of the absent Grand Master, warmly congratulated the lodges and members of the district on their standing and reputation in the Masonic world and exhorted them to continue in their unflagging enthusiasm, which must lead to ultimate success.

RULES OF ORDER

The Rules of Order were read by the Grand Secretary.

MINUTES

The Grand Secretary began to read the minutes of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication, held at London, July 18th and 19th, 1928, when it was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, and Resolved: That the Minutes of the last Annual Communication having been read and distributed to the Constituent lodges, they be now taken as read and confirmed.

LETTER FROM GRAND MASTER

The Grand Secretary read the following letter from the Grand Master, Hon. John S. Martin, and it was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, and Resolved: That a message of love and sympathy be sent to the M.W. the Grand Master.

My Brethren:

Little did I imagine two months ago that Grand Lodge would be held without me in my proper place. I had looked forward to this meeting with much interest and was greatly pleased with the selection of the place and the personnel of the local committee. However "Man proposes but God disposes" and I find myself the second week of July on my back with strict orders from my Doctors, that I must stay here for some time. They do say however, that they have found nothing organically wrong with me, and if I will have my method of living slowed down a bit there is no reason why I should not be restored to good health again.

R.W. Brother Dargavel the Deputy Grand Master has kindly consented to read my address and it is with faith and confidence that I hand to him the mantle of Grand Master. He is a good Mason, a hard worker, his judgment is of the best and his ability unquestioned. May you be as loyal to him as you have been to me and above all may you be true to Masonry.

Faithfully yours,

JOHN S. MARTIN.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Acting Grand Master then read the following address:

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

We are meeting today for the 74th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, in one of the most beautiful and interesting of our Canadian cities.

In the early summer of 1613 Samuel de Champlain was making his laborious way up the waters of the Ottawa in search of a Great Lake, of which he had heard, and a river running northward to the sea. He came, he tells us, to a river on his left "at the mouth of which is a marvellous fall, for it descends a height of twenty or twenty-five fathoms with such force that it makes an arch nearly four hundred paces broad, and the savages take pleasure in passing under it, not wetting themselves except from the spray". And a little farther on he came to another fall where "the water breaks with such impetuosity upon a rock that it has hollowed out in course of time a large and deep basin, in which the water has a circular motion and forms large eddies in the middle so that the savages call it "Asticon", which signifies "boiler". The cataract produces such a noise in this basin that it is heard for more than two leagues."

We recognize in the picture the Rideau and the Chaudiere, but how vastly the scene has changed. The dark and gloomy woods that lined the river banks have given way to the forces of settlement and civilization. The sound of the rushing waters and the roar of the cataract has been softened and subdued by the hum of industry and is sometimes lost in the rumblings of Parliament Hill. It was not until 1800, however, that Philemon Wright built the first home at the foot of the portage on the present site of the City of Hull, and another twenty years had passed when Nicholas Sparks crossed the river and cleared for himself a farm where a street now runs to perpetuate his family name. But the growth of the lumber trade soon brought wealth and population to the new settlement and in 1854 the Village of Bytown was elevated to the peerage of a City and took to itself the name of the river on the banks of which it stands. Four years later the new City was chosen as the Capital of the future Dominion.

In the little booklet prepared by the local Committee for the guidance of visitors to the Grand Lodge we come across this —“Ottawa is more than a place it is the symbol of a nation”—and the words are true. In the natural beauty of its location and surroundings and in the added beauty of its public buildings and private homes, in its commercial and industrial activities, in its churches and hospitals and schools, in the spirit and character of its citizenship Ottawa fittingly represents the country of which it is the political centre, and with the growing recognition of the Canadian nation is acquiring for itself a place of honour among the capitals of the world. May its voice be heard with ever-increasing authority, and its influence ever be exerted for all that is best and most enduring in the lives of men and of peoples!

VISITS AND VISITATIONS

It is almost needless to say that the past year, full as it has been of duties and labours, is full of pleasant memories of constant communication with my brethren. From one end of the Province to the other I have been welcomed with all the fervour which Masonry and Masonic brotherhood signify.

It is, of course, impossible for me to recount in intimate detail, as I should like, the many visits which I have made during the past twelve months. They have left in my mind a kaleidoscopic picture of the Province and its lodges, an ever delightful series of recollections which I can never forget. Many will remember Wordsworth's word painting of the field of daffodils which he chanced upon in his walk and which gave him such delight. The conclusion of that little poem well expresses the wonderful pleasure which the memory of beautiful things gives each one of us.

Thus oft, as on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude—
And then my heart with rapture fills
And dances with the daffodils.

My visits were many and all pleasant. From the Masonic picnic at Presqu'Île last August with its hundreds of Masons from the Prince Edward and Ontario districts, the laying of the corner stone of Oshawa's new Temple now completed, the many group and district meetings throughout the Jurisdiction, the delightful hospitality of Toronto lodges so often enjoyed, all down through the year till the end of May to the notable assembly in Buffalo, where Washington lodge of that city held an international gathering at which the Grand Master of New York was present—all of these I should like to tell about but must forbear.

One tour, however, I can not pass by so hurriedly, the one which I made last September through Northern Ontario, a two thousand miles journey, replete with interest and wonderful associations. Everywhere your Grand Master was greeted with warm enthusiasm and a fraternal feeling which amply demonstrated the strength of Masonry in the North. Without exception I found the lodges in a flourishing condition.

The absence of the Grand Secretary through illness was partly compensated for by the presence of the Grand Senior Deacon, V.W. Bro. George W. Lee, whose unremitting attention and care added enormously to the comfort and pleasure of the tour.

Our party went first to Kapuskasing, where on Monday, September 24th I constituted and consecrated the new Spruce Falls lodge and dedicated their Masonic hall. Great things are to be expected from these pioneer Masons of the North. In Kapuskasing we saw the great \$28,000,000 Pulp and Paper plant, one of the chief assets of this model town, which is itself a rare example of civic beautification.

At Cochrane on the following day I met the Masons of the surrounding district and saw the fine schools, hospital and substantial business section of that progressive place. The same afternoon we went on to Iroquois Falls.

Here the hospitality of the people is far famed. This is the model town of its kind, where all the property of the municipality is owned and directly controlled by the Abitibi Paper Company. One of the beauty spots of the Northern lands, with its lovely park, its wealth of flowers, its velvet lawns, its neat and well-paved roads, it is one of the gems of Ontario. Here we held a wonderful meeting.

Next day we went to Timmins, a city of 17,000, whose identification with the world known Hollinger, has made the place famous. We saw the mines and the wealth but more interesting yet to me was the gathering of my brother Masons. Nowhere perhaps on earth do we see more evident that boundless hospitality and fraternal friendship evinced than in the North.

The following day we went to Kirkland Lake, where in the heart of the rocks we found a town of 6,000 people living in fine homes, with churches, schools, hospitals, and all the fittings of a coming city. Although the lodge has only been established four years, I met here one of the most impressive assemblages of all the tour.

It was a different picture which we saw the next morning when we came to New Liskeard. Here in the clay belt we viewed the oldest and richest farming district of Northern Ontario, with fine farm homes and healthy crops. At Cobalt in the evening the Masons had gathered from Haileybury, New Liskeard, Elk Lake and the vicinity and I had the joy of meeting personally over three hundred of my brethren.

Sudbury, home of nickel, was our last stopping place and the Masons of Sudbury, Copper Cliff, Capreol and Sturgeon Falls left nothing undone to make our meeting a success.

I can not soon forget the impression made upon me by the tremendous growth of Masonry in the North, the character of the men whom I had the privilege of meeting and the hospitality with which I was received

by every lodge. Surely when the Fraternity has been blessed with such vigour in the far-flung North, Freemasonry must go on from strength to strength until all mankind must feel the benign influence of these three cardinal virtues, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

This is probably the most fitting place to acknowledge my debt of gratitude to M.W. Bro. Wardrope, who implemented for me a promise made to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, to send a representative from this Grand Lodge to their meeting at Prince Albert, held there for the purpose of doing honour to the oldest lodge upon their register. Kinistino lodge has the distinction of having been registered upon the books of three separate and distinct Grand Lodges: Canada, where it received its warrant, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. When I found that I could not myself be present I was indeed fortunate in being able to persuade M.W. Bro. Wardrope to go. In reference to his visit I will read a letter received by the Grand Secretary from the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

"The brethren of Saskatchewan at their 23rd Annual Communication were delighted to have present a representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario in the person of M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope and I wish on behalf of our Grand Lodge to express our sincere appreciation to your M.W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge in deputizing such an able representative.

We in Saskatchewan feel that we were fortunate indeed in having the privilege of coming in personal contact with Bro. Wardrope and that we have benefited much from his visit to us. Were it possible to still further cement the bonds of cordial fraternal relationship which exists between our two Grand Bodies, I can assure you that this has been accomplished by your representative. Bro. Wardrope's visit to our Grand Lodge on the historic occasion of our celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Masonry in what is now known as the Province of Saskatchewan will long be remembered by those brethren who were in attendance at Grand Lodge, and

also by those brethren whom he so kindly consented to address in Regina on his way back east.

We feel that we are indebted indeed to the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario and wish to assure you that we appreciate to the fullest extent your Grand Master's kindness in commissioning Bro. Wardrope."

OUR HONOURED DEAD

Two great men have passed away. Never again in this Grand Lodge shall we look upon and listen to those two beloved leaders, whose faces and voices were so familiar to us all. The committee whose special work it is will doubtless recite in greater detail the story of the Masonic life of these great Masons, but I feel that I must say here something which may testify to my respect and admiration for these two Grand Masters, and I know that my words of respect and admiration are your words too.

M. W. Bro. Sir John Morison Gibson, K.C.M.G., was an outstanding figure in modern Canadian history. He was soldier, statesman, financier, educationalist, industrialist, lawyer, churchman. He lived in three generations and gave to them all something of himself. His wise counsel and guiding experience always exercised for good, made him a rich treasure to Grand Lodge. Grand Master in 1892 and 1893 he was rarely absent from our meetings and his presence must have been a tremendous force and influence for both younger and older Masons, who saw and felt his sincere belief in Masonry as a powerful factor in the growth of our individual and national life. Freemasonry he loved and believed in and Freemasonry in this land is the better because of that love and belief.

Younger than Sir John in years and in Masonry, M. W. Bro. William David McPherson, was also a noble member of the wise and gallant company upon whose sagacious wisdom our brotherhood so much relies. Clearminded, of unfailing honesty of purpose, and withal a boundless generosity and kindness, he

gave to his brethren without stint all the benefit of his clear decision and judicial keenness. His exposition to the members of this Grand Lodge of difficult and disputed questions was a model of logical treatment and often cleared the mind for a just and sane conclusion. He has left the imprint of his character and work upon this living organism which we style Freemasonry.

DISPENSATIONS

The usual number of dispensations have been granted for change of lodge meeting dates, special functions and church services. I was pleased last year that Grand Lodge approved my recommendation to charge no fee for dispensations to hold divine services and this has been the practice since last July.

The customary number of dispensations has been issued to allow men physically imperfect to enter our ranks. The greatest care has been taken in every case to know that the applicant is mentally and financially fit and that he will not likely be a hindrance or a burden to his brethren.

COMMISSIONS

I have appointed several Commissions during the year to investigate charges of Masonic offence against brethren, where it seemed to me that a small Commission, composed of wise and prudent men, would achieve a more satisfactory result than the reference of the case to the general membership of the constituent lodge. The reports of these Commissions have been referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

I have made and recommended several appointments of brethren to serve as Grand Representatives for and at this Grand Lodge, all of which you will find noted in the Appendix to this Address, where also you will see in detail a record of many other official acts.

MEMBERSHIP

To day according to a close approximate estimate we have 116,500 members and we have 564 Lodges. Three Lodges received warrants at the Annual Communication last July and they have all been regularly Constituted and Consecrated.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

The Gross receipts for the past year on General Account were about \$150,000.

The expenditure for General Charges, this year was about \$37,000; last year about \$36,000.

Benevolent Grants 1927-28.....	\$105,000
Benevolent Grants 1928-29.....	\$107,000

Assets at this date:

General Fund.....	\$372,000
Semi-centennial Fund.....	107,000
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Total.....	\$479,000
Increase over 1927-28.....	12,000

The above figures do not include the Memorial Fund which I speak of elsewhere.

DIMITS AND SUSPENSIONS

These figures and the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary indicate that our material progress and prosperity is satisfactory and that we maintained a steady normal growth during the year. The only problem that confronts us, and it must be admitted it is a serious one, is the great loss suffered each year through Demits and Suspensions for N.P.D. It is not my intention to review the cause of this annual wastage. My predecessors have dealt with it thoroughly and effectively. The report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, at

the last Annual Communication, made a most valuable and elucidating contribution to this subject. What I desire to impress upon you My Brethren is, that this is a time for action not for words. All the advice and admonitions may be condensed in one brief sentence—That our losses come from the wholly inadequate attention that is given in keeping our membership interested in Freemasonry.

My appeal therefore is first to our Worshipful Masters, that we give more time to the making of Masons than to the securing of members. Let us return to the old idea of a lodge, as a place where Masons assemble for intensive Masonic study and teaching, that we may assist our brethren to learn of our history and our traditions, to master our symbolism, to become familiar with the work of the Craft in this and other jurisdictions, that we may appreciate Freemasonry as a living, a vital force in the Community and nation in which we live.

This annual loss of members should also be the concern of those zealous, enthusiastic and skilled Craftsmen who in our thirty-two Masonic Districts have the distinction of serving as Deputy of the Grand Master. We would suggest to the District Deputy Grand Masters a closer study and review of the conditions in lodges where demits and suspensions are of frequent occurrence. The wise, prudent and sympathetic leadership of a D.D.G.M. can do much to restore the spirit of harmony and goodwill among the members of a lodge, and also in bringing them to realize the essential purpose and meaning of Masonry—that the vigor and vitality of their membership in the Craft may be retained.

I would also solicit the aid of our Past Masters Associations. We are fortunate in having these Associations of Master Craftsmen in nearly all our Masonic Districts. Might we not have the benefit of their mature judgment and experience in the satisfactory solution of this most difficult problem? This surely is a matter that should engage the concerted consideration and deliberation of these organi-

zed veterans, these stalwarts of Masonry. They can render a distinct service by bringing our lodges more and more to catch the vision—that the success of Freemasonry does not come from the numbers initiated, but that its sacred and benign influence is maintained by those Masons in spirit and in faith who have a knowledge of its principles and practise the precepts of the fraternity.

My desire is that we might all realize our responsibility as we bring within our portals men of strong moral and intellectual fibre, men who come not from canvassing, but of their own free will and accord. Our work and our duty is one of assimilation and inspiration by bringing these men of different occupations and attainments to a common aim and a common purpose—to live and act according to the teaching of the Craft, inspired by the exalted spirit of service and self sacrifice on behalf of humanity's need and to find in the problems of to-day new fields of effort and endeavor.

MASONIC EDUCATION

I am firmly convinced that the time has come when something more definite and constructive should be accomplished in the line of Masonic education. We find in every other jurisdiction, where Masonry is alive, a growing demand from the younger generation of the Craft for some substantial food to satisfy their craving for knowledge about Masonic matters. As that great apostle of Freemasonry, Albert Pike, somewhere says in effect, "A few rudimentary lessons in architecture, a few elementary instructions in symbolism, imperfectly prepared and understood, a few casual hints in moral dogma are no longer enough to satisfy the earnest inquirer after Masonic truth." The leaders in Masonry everywhere are recognizing this modern development and are seeking a solution.

We lead the young enthusiast through the triple gates of our tiled and guarded courtyards into the sacred inner temple and we wonder perhaps as he surveys with eager eyes all the riches of our treasure house, but when he seeks from us the answers to the

thousand questions which spring from the fulness of his desire to learn more about this great heritage which he now shares with us, we discourage him and blunt the keenness of his longing by our lack of means to answer.

What a wonderful field lies before the student of Masonry! This great fraternity of ours, with all its complexity of tradition and history, its ritualistic symbolism and peculiar system of jurisprudence and philosophy, its remarkable line of offices, the variety of its manifold activities, to say nothing of its concordant organizations and ramifications, surely somewhere in all this wealth of material must lie some one thing to attract each one of us.

What is the right line of Masonic education? Of what shall it consist? How shall it be applied and administered? What should be its immediate and ultimate objectives? These are legitimate questions of great importance which many Grand Lodges are trying to answer in the present day and which I think we can not ignore. The question to my mind is of sufficient importance to deserve the consideration of a strong committee and I so recommend.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS

My attention has again been directed to the difficulty that the Masters of our Lodge so frequently have on the subject of Masonic recognition. The subject was discussed in the Grand Master's address in 1927 and I need not add to what was then said. May I simply emphasize the need for immediate action and suggest that when the Committee which was then appointed has presented its report the list of "recognized" jurisdictions be printed and a copy furnished to each of our Lodges for their guidance, in what is a matter of great and growing importance.

SPECIAL GRANTS

I ask your approval of two special grants that were made during the year. We contributed \$1,000.00

to the Welsh Miners' Fund, and also \$1,000.00 to the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

The dire need and distress of the Miners in the Old Land aroused the sympathetic consideration and generosity of all citizens of the British Commonwealth in the four quarters of the Globe. When the appeal came I felt that in keeping with our British traditions the misfortunes and distress of one part of the Empire was the common concern and problem for us all. This I believe was an occasion to exemplify that our Masonic Benevolence should not be limited or restricted, but that we must show a friendly personal interest, a brotherly love and affection to alleviate all human suffering and affliction.

The contribution to the Masons of Porto Rico was made in response to an appeal for assistance when a great portion of that island was devastated by storm and flood. Many were left homeless, a great portion of their property and means of livelihood were destroyed. May we in the breadth and depth of our Masonic Charity express the earnest wish and fervent prayer that peace and prosperity may be restored to the citizens of Porto Rico and may they realize that we the Masons in the Province of Ontario are grateful that the opportunity was afforded of rendering some practical assistance at the time of their great misfortune.

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

I am pleased to report that favorable progress is being made in the plans to celebrate our seventy-fifth anniversary at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

I suggest that at this anniversary, as we pay tribute to the faith, the vision and the sacrifice of those pioneers in Masonry, who laid the foundation for the organization and development of our Grand Lodge, we should also fittingly recognize the long, faithful and efficient service of our Grand Treasurer,

Most Worshipful Bro. E. T. Malone. He is now our Senior Past Grand Master. For almost half a century he has been a member and constant in his attendance at the communications of Grand Lodge. In July 1930 he will, we hope, present his twenty-eighth Annual Report as Grand Treasurer. During these twenty-eight years he has also been entrusted with the onerous, the important task of giving instruction and advice to the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters. This is indeed an enviable record, one which for length of service, zeal and fidelity of purpose, I doubt can be excelled in all the annals of Masonry. Grand Lodge, I suggest, would honor themselves by honoring our Grand Treasurer. I therefore recommend that a special committee be named to arrange for a fitting and suitable testimonial to be presented to Most Worshipful Bro. Malone at our next annual communication.

THE MEMORIAL FUND

And now Brethren I desire to refer to a subject of vital importance, one that has engaged our chief interest and our major activity during the year, and that is our effort to effectually implement the unanimous decision of Grand Lodge, at the last Annual Communication, to raise a Memorial Benefit Fund to mark the Seventy-fifth anniversary of the formation of our Grand Lodge.

We decided that the most efficient organization to carry on this work was to establish in each of our thirty-two Masonic Districts a committee of representative, active Masons who would direct and supervise the organizing of the Constituent Lodges—that each lodge might have a live energetic organized group—in order that a personal appeal might be made to every Mason in our Jurisdiction.

Many of the Districts and a large number of lodges have followed this plan and the results have been very gratifying and on the whole most successful. We regret there have been unavoidable delays in selecting the central committees in a few districts,

while some lodges have made futile attempts to raise their allotment by a plan other than personal appeal and personal contact, yet surveying the jurisdiction as a whole, I have every hope and confidence that when we assemble in July 1930 for the seventy-fifth annual communication, our objective will have been attained, and it is gratifying to announce to you at this time that for this year we have accomplished more than was expected and we can one and all rejoice, with a pardonable pride and satisfaction, that there is now deposited with the Grand Treasurer to the credit of the Memorial Fund the magnificent total of \$134,000 dollars.

Again I repeat that this achievement is most promising and encouraging, not only in the amount that has been subscribed but in the fact that it has been given not grudgingly nor of necessity, but freely and cheerfully in a spirit in keeping with our best Masonic traditions and one that bespeaks not only Masonic generosity, but humanity and brotherhood as well. Contributions are being made by Masons in all stations of life, by members of all ranks and degrees, by many who by force of circumstances have not been active in our councils or deliberations, but who have found it a privilege to be associated with this truly Masonic work of relieving distress, of helping to bear one another's burdens, thus adding to the brightness of life and to the joy of the living.

Such an occasion might well prompt us to pause and consider whence comes this benevolent impulse and what inspires it. Our answer is that it is a tribute to the past and promises well for the future—that we are true to the teaching and precepts of our Masonic pioneers—that the indefinable essence which we call the spirit or soul of Masonry is not dormant, but that it is strong, active and virile—in this great task to which we have committed ourselves, to provide more adequately for those whose wants should appeal so strongly to our hearts and of whose necessities there is urgent need for still greater sacrifices

But I would remind you, my brethren, that this work is of such pre-eminent importance, that we should allow nothing to prevent us realizing a satisfactory completion of the programme already begun. We may be content with our progress to date, but not satisfied. The minimum objective set by Grand Lodge a year ago will at best only care for our present commitments, while we are engaged in the undertaking, can we not also provide for part of our future requirements? Let us remember that this is not an enterprise to be carried to completion by the labors and sacrifices of even a major part of the jurisdiction, but having been authorized by this Grand Lodge at our last Annual Communication it becomes the duty of all Masons, and each district and every lodge is responsible for our ultimate success.

May we appreciate that the needs of our dependants is not primarily a Grand Lodge problem. The individual Mason and the Constituent lodge are charged with the sacred trust, to care for the widow and the orphan of our departed, and also to guarantee that our aged and infirm brethren do not suffer or spend their declining years in poverty and distress.

The Memorial Fund is therefore not in reality an appeal from your Grand Master or from Grand Lodge, but it comes to each and all of us from members of our own household, from brethren to whom we pledged ourselves to stand hand to hand when met with circumstances of unforeseen misfortune and calamity, and above all from those who have passed beyond the vale—appealing to us that we do not fail or even falter but carry to their widows and orphans comfort and consolation in the day and hour of their greatest trial and affliction.

My appeal at this time is to those lodges and to those brethren who have not already availed themselves of the opportunity of contributing, that this great work may be extended to include all members of the Craft—that we may all have the benefit of being identified for the future with this honorable, humane and truly Masonic endeavor, and thereby have the

consciousness of a work well done, a duty faithfully discharged and of being worthy of our great Masonic heritage.

And now Brethren, my term of office is all but over; for two years I have been privileged to go in and out among you as your Grand Master. One would like to feel that his efforts had been productive of some result; that he had said some word or left some influence behind to count for good. It is the unfailing law of service that one can never give as much as he receives, and whatever I may have done or failed to do, the memory of these years, of your loyalty, your forbearance, your unbounded kindness to me and mine will ever remain among the richest treasures of my life.

The value of Masonry does not lend itself to easy computation. Beyond and vastly greater than our benevolent and organized activities lies the broadening and humanizing influence of Masonic principles and Masonic teaching and its effect upon our private and public life. Someone has said "We can never improve this world faster than we improve ourselves." When Disraeli appealed to "Those high and honest impulses that were once the mainstay and main element of the English character—and then went on to say that in the hour of misfortune they would turn again to "those principles which made England great and which alone can keep her great"—he was using the language of wisdom and of statesmanship. For the lesson of history is plain that the greatest asset of a country is the character of its people and those nations alone have risen to greatness where men have not forgotten the higher purposes of humanity and have made some contribution to the cause of human progress and human happiness.

The application is obvious. We are living in feverish times. The scene shifts, the movement varies from day to day, but the actors remain the same. They are men with all the strength and all the weakness of men, with all their powers and all their limitations. We make new discoveries but the laws of

nature continue as before. Like the underlying principles of human conduct they are cut deep upon the tablets of eternity—

“The moving finger writes and having writ
Moves on, Nor all thy piety or wit
Can lure it back to cancel half a line”—

The aphorism still holds good—that we cannot improve the world faster than we improve ourselves.

It is the age of democracy; of disarmament, of universal peace; the age of Geneva and Locarno and the Kellogg pact. We are striving, a little blindly perhaps, a little impatiently certainly, for a new heaven and a new earth. “We can travel faster than our grandfathers,” Dean Inge reminds us—“and we waste much more time in getting from place to place”. For Democracy is not a thing of words and phrases, and Peace will not be a thing of pacts alone. We of the British Empire know that Democracy may develop under a king: the agonizing cries of countless thousands of innocent victims remind us that it may perish miserably under the forms of a republic. For freedom means “ordered freedom,” and liberty means law, and citizenship means duty as well as privilege and obligation as well as right, and it all means the willingness “to play the game.” It is one of the “ironies of Olympus” that a Russian should have written these words—“If society and social order continue to exist, no thanks to the magistrate with his severities, but on the contrary, in spite of the magistrate, and because by his side men continued to have pity one for another and to love one another,” and that Russia should have been the country in which, to adopt the words of Mr. Winston Churchill, Lenin, the Great Repudiator, repudiated God and King and Country and morals and contracts and the whole structure of human society, and last of all himself, and died mumbling with ceaseless iteration prayers to the God whom he thought to depose.

I spoke to you a year ago of the movement towards disarmament and the effort to secure inter-

national peace. One reads with approval, and I heartily commend to Masons everywhere the striking words of Mr. Ramsay Macdonald,—“I am banking,” he says, “on the risk of peace rather than the risks of war. All history has shown that risks of war is a real risk. No nation has taken upon itself the risk of war without having to face war. We want to present to you a nation which has been wise enough to take the risk of peace, because I know the nation that will take the risk of peace will get peace, just as in the past the nation which took the risk of war got war.”

It would be ideal to assume that the danger of war is gone forever, for a generation is coming on who know nothing of its horrors and desolation. But much has already been gained. In the last analysis the way to peace is the will to peace. We have seen the vision, and nations are like men in this, that they advance only as their eyes are uplifted to the hills.

And so I commend to you as Masons and as citizens the supreme duty of loyalty; loyalty to God and Country, to King and Craft, but loyalty above all to those abiding principles which alone can make and keep our country and our Empire great, for therein lies the road to better things.

JOHN S. MARTIN

Grand Master

APPENDIX

Corner Stone

The Corner Stone of the new Masonic Temple at Oshawa was laid on Wednesday, August 15th, 1928, by the M. W. the Grand Master

The Corner Stone of the new Masonic Temple at Sault Ste. Marie was laid on Saturday, November 24th, 1928, by Sir Wm. Hearst, P.D.D.G.M.

The Corner Stone of a Memorial Cairn erected to the honour and memory of the first United Empire Loyalists at Deseronto was laid on Tuesday, June 18th, 1929, by M. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, P.G.M.

Constitutions and Consecrations

The following lodges have been Constituted and Consecrated, viz.:—

Spruce Falls Lodge, No. 648, Kapuskasing, on Monday, September 24th, 1928, by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Rowland Lodge, No. 646, Mount Albert, on Monday, October 22nd, 1929, by M. W. Bro. John A. Rowland, P.G.M.

Todmorden Lodge, No. 647, Todmorden, on Monday, November 5th, 1929, by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Dedications

The following lodge rooms have been dedicated. viz.:—

Penewobikong Lodge, No. 487, Blind River, on Monday, October 22nd, 1928, by R. W. Bro. W. J. Cressey, D.D.G.M.

North Bay Lodges, North Bay, on Wednesday, November 14th, 1928, by the M. W. the Grand Master

Old Light Lodge No. 184, Lucknow, on Thursday, November 15th, 1928, by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Sioux Lookout Lodge, No. 518, Sioux Lookout, on Saturday, November 24th, 1928, by R. W. Bro. C. S. McComb, D.D.G.M.

Gore Bay Lodge, No. 472, Gore Bay, on Wednesday, May 1st, 1929, by R. W. Bro. W. J. Cressey, D.D.G.M.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne, on Thursday, May 2nd, 1929, by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Oshawa Lodges, Oshawa, on Friday, May 10th, 1929, by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Arcadia Lodge, No. 440, Minden, on Tuesday, May 14th, 1929, by R. W. Bro. C. M. Callan, D.D.G.M.

New Lodges

The following dispensation for a new lodge has been issued, viz:—

Scarboro Lodge to meet at Agincourt, in the County of York.

Grand Representatives

Upon nomination of their respective Grand Masters the following brethren have been appointed to represent this Grand Lodge near their own Grand Lodges, viz:—

Wor. Bro. P. W. Tarver, Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

R. W. Bro. C. P. Hoskins, Grand Lodge of Nevada.

W. Bro. Antonio Corretjer, Jr., Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

R. W. Bro. Harry G. Pollard, Boston, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

As representatives of sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, the respective Grand Masters have made the following appointments, viz:—

M. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope for the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston, for the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

R. W. Bro. A. M. Heron for the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

R. W. Bro. A. B. Rice, for the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

V. W. Bro. L. Grant, for the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

R. W. Bro. H. R. H. Kenner, for the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

R. W. Bro. S. S. Clutton, for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

R. W. Bro. G. C. Bonnycastle, for the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

R. W. Bro. J. G. McDonald for the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

R. W. Bro. J. H. Putman, for the Grand Lodge of Norway.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton and Resolved: That the Address of the Grand Master be referred to a Special Committee for consideration and report. The Grand Master appointed to this Committee, M.W. Bros. E. T. Malone, W. H. Wardrope and W. N. Ponton, the last named to act as chairman.

LETTERS

Letters of regret were read from the following, expressing their sorrow at inability to attend this Annual Communication: The Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

A letter was read also from the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico, thanking this Grand Lodge for their gift of \$1,000. for the relief of the sufferers from the devastating floods in that island.

Also a letter was read from Miss Mary Wilson daughter of the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, wishing success and prosperity to the efforts and ambitions of this Grand Lodge.

REPORTS OF THE GRAND TREASURER AND THE GRAND SECRETARY

The report of the Grand Treasurer was presented by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and the report of the Grand Secretary by R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, which reports, on the motion of M.W. Bro. Malone and R.W. Bro. Logan, were received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

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 ended 31st May, 1929.

General Account

RECEIPTS

To Balance of Account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1928			\$ 21,430.59
Refund from Grand Lodge Expenses, 1928.....			75.00
Received from Grand Secretary.....	\$130,884.09		
Interest on Investments.....	18,379.23		
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	937.15		
Debenture Matured:—			
St. Thomas.....	\$ 1,599.64		
Stormont, Dundas and			
Glengarry.....	11,057.18	12,656.82	162,857.29
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			\$184,362.88

DISBURSEMENTS

General Charges.....		\$ 37,368.25	
Benevolent Orders.....	\$105,883.00		
Less: Grants cancelled issued 1928-1929.....	4,840.00		
	<u>101,043.00</u>		
Less: Grants cancelled, issued prior to 1928- 1929.....	1,265.00		
	<u>99,778.00</u>		
Purchase of			
Canada Victory Loan Bonds.....	10,000.00		
City of Windsor Bonds	11,000.00		
	<u>21,000.00</u>		
Accrued Interest.....	330.37		
	<u>21,330.37</u>		
Balance on deposit in Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1929.....	27,126.26		
Less: Outstanding cheques	1,240.00	25,886.26	\$184,362.88

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

HARRY F. VIGEON, C.A.

Auditor.

Toronto, 17th June, 1929.

DISBURSEMENTS

1928

June 12	Incidental Expenses.....	8	300.00
30	Rent of Office.....		250.00
	Bell Telephone.....		7.20
	Grand Treasurer's Clerk.....		100.00
	Auditor.....		150.00
	Inspector Benevolence.....		100.00
	Supervisor Benevolence.....		250.00
	Grand Secretary.....		500.00
	Chief Clerk.....		250.00
	Stenographer.....		166.66
	Clerk.....		150.00
July 19	Grand Lodge Expenses.....		3,000.00
31	Robt. Raw Co.....		100.17
	Geo. H. Lees & Co.....		38.78
	Griffin & Richmond.....		16.12
	Robt Duncan Co.....		22.50
	W. J. Fearman.....		19.50
	Medals.....		144.20
	London Printing and Lithographing.....		225.58
	McLeod & Kenney.....		4.00
	T. Givins & Son.....		10.00
	Grand Secretary, Expenses, Commission.....		22.00
	G.M. Travelling Expenses.....		750.00
	G.M. Stenographer.....		150.00
	D.G.M. Travelling Expenses.....		250.00
	D.G.M. Postage.....		10.00
	Chairman Benevolent Committee, Postage.....		10.00
	Chairman Fraternal Correspondence.....		400.00
	Supervisor Benevolence.....		250.00
	Supervisor Benevolence Stenographer.....		75.00
	Inspector Benevolence.....		100.00
	Bell Telephone.....		7.20
	Grand Secretary.....		500.00
	Chief Clerk.....		250.00
	Stenographer.....		166.66
	Clerk.....		150.00
	Grand Secretary, Incidental Expenses.....		300.00
Aug. 31	Inspector Benevolence.....		100.00
	Supervisor Benevolence.....		250.00
	Bell Telephone.....		7.20
	Grand Secretary.....		500.00
	Chief Clerk.....		250.00
	Stenographer.....		166.66
	Clerk.....		150.00
Sept. 10	Robt. Duncan Co.....		11.70
	C. A. Whitwam.....		65.00
	Stewart Davidson.....		15.00
	Griffin & Richmond.....		3.61
	C. J. Leach.....		210.00
	Wesley Engravers.....		18.53
	Robt. Raw Co.....		2.83
	E. J. Pollard.....		2.10
	Hayden Press.....		257.50

	13	Supervisor Benevolence Travelling Exp.....	150.00
	29	Supervisor Benevolence.....	250.00
	29	Inspector Benevolence.....	100.00
		Bell Telephone.....	7.20
		Grand Treasurer's Clerk.....	100.00
		Auditor.....	150.00
		Rent of Office.....	250.00
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Grand Secretary Incidental Expenses.....	300.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
Oct.	31	Grand Secretary, Postage Proceedings.....	198.00
		F. & J. McMulin.....	75.00
		Robt. Duncan Co.....	3.60
		Griffin & Richmond.....	8.56
		Masonic Relief Association.....	281.00
		Supervisor Benevolence.....	250.00
		Inspector Benevolence.....	100.00
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Bell Telephone.....	7.20
Nov.	9	The Reid Press.....	1,456.54
	30	Supervisor Benevolence.....	250.00
		Inspector Benevolence.....	100.00
		Bell Telephone.....	7.20
		Grand Secretary, Incidentals.....	300.00
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
Dec.	24	Inspector Benevolence.....	100.00
		Supervisor Benevolence.....	250.00
		Grand Treasurer's Clerk.....	100.00
		Auditor.....	150.00
		Bell Telephone.....	7.20
		Rent of Office.....	250.00
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		G.M. Travelling Expenses.....	750.00
		G.M. Stenographer.....	150.00
		D.G.M. Travelling Expenses.....	250.00
		Supervisor Benevolence Expenses.....	250.00
		Supervisor Benevolence Stenographer.....	75.00
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	207.55
		Robt. Duncan & Co.....	2,692.99
		Griffin & Richmond.....	21.30
		Insurance.....	61.96
		International Railway Publishing Co.....	5.00
		Stainton Downey & Evis.....	2.50
		Insurance.....	27.54

		National Paper Goods Co.....	9.89
		Chairman Benevolent Committee, Postage	10.00
		D.G.M. Postage.....	10.00
1929			
Jan.	3	Grand Treasurer's Postage.....	10.00
	5	Porto Rico Grand Lodge.....	1,000.00
	21	The Globe "Welsh Miners".....	1,000.00
	31	Bell Telephone.....	7.20
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Supervisor Benevolence.....	250.00
		Inspector Benevolence.....	100.00
		Geol H. Lees & Co.....	15.55
		W. R. Crockett & Son.....	20.09
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	53.04
		Griffin & Richmond.....	260.30
		Robt. Duncan & Co.....	81.08
		B. F. Bolton, Flowers.....	10.50
Feb.	28	Supervisor Benevolence.....	250.00
		Inspector Benevolence.....	100.00
		Bell Telephone.....	7.20
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Grand Secretary, Incidental Expenses..	300.00
Mar.	4	Griffin & Richmond.....	8.58
		Stewart Davidson.....	5.00
		Geo. H. Lees Co.....	4.93
		Robt. Duncan Co.....	33.89
		Frank A. Copus.....	5.41
	25	Grand Treasurer's Clerk.....	100.00
		Auditor.....	150.00
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	7.20
		Inspector Benevolence.....	100.00
		Supervisor Benevolence.....	250.00
		Rent of Office.....	250.00
		Toronto General Trust Corp.....	40.00
		Howell Lithographing Co.....	183.60
		Griffin & Richmond.....	61.29
		Robt. Duncan & Co.....	32.09
		Office Furniture.....	320.00
Apr.	30	Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Bell Telephone.....	7.20
		Supervisor Benevolence.....	250.00
		Inspector Benevolence.....	100.00
		Miller & Sons.....	6.00

May 31	Grand Secretary.....	500.00
	Chief Clerk.....	250.00
	Stenographer.....	166.74
	Clerk.....	150.00
	Bell Telephone.....	7.20
	Supervisor Benevolence.....	250.00
	Inspector Benevolence.....	100.00
	Photo Eng. & Elec. Ltd.....	32.46
	Stewart Davidson.....	15.00
	Flowers.....	25.00
	G. H. Lees & Co., Ltd.....	9.94
	Robt. Raw & Co.....	155.30
	Griffin & Richmond.....	5.50
	C. H. Dearden.....	10.00
	Grand Secretary Special Stenographer.....	205.00
	Grand Secretary Expenses Consecrations...	74.25
	Masonic Relief Association, U.S. and Canada.....	276.37
	R. F. Richardson, Expenses G.L. Ottawa ..	45.00
	D.G.M. Expenses G.L. Ottawa.....	34.00
	R. Duncan & Co.....	14.55
	Office Equipment, Cheque Writer.....	120.00
	Supervisor Travelling Expenses.....	77.58
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		\$ 37,368.25
	Benevolent Orders.....	99,778.00
	Investments.....	21,330.37
	Bank Balance 31st May, 1929.....	\$ 27,126.26
	Less: Outstanding cheques.....	1,240.00
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		25,886.26
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		\$184,362.88

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Statement of Assets as at May 31st, 1929

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	5½	\$ 50,500.00	\$50,500.00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	6¼	4,650.00	5,000.00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	4.97	10,257.00	10,000.00
Landed Banking & Loan Company.....	5¼	5½	5,000.00	5,000.00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5¼	5¼	11,000.00	11,000.00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5	5	10,000.00	10,000.00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	4¾	4¾	15,000.00	15,000.00
Barton, Township of.....	5½	5.20	5,223.00	5,000.00
Brandon, City of.....	5	4⅞	2,116.04	2,000.00
Brantford, City of.....	4	3⅞	8,173.00	8,000.00
Brantford, City of.....	4½	6	4,442.00	5,000.00
Canada Permanent Trust Co.....	5½	5½	3,000.00	3,000.00
Canada Permanent Trust Co.....	5	5	20,000.00	20,000.00
Dominion of Canada, C.N.R. Equipment.....	5	4.95	1,503.75	1,500.00
Hamilton, City of.....	5½	6	5,192.26	5,072.00
Hamilton, City of.....	4	6	4,284.00	5,000.00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4⅞	509.80	500.00
Manitoba, Province of.....	5½	5.30	7,143.50	7,000.00
New Westminster City of.....	5	4.80	5,125.00	5,000.00
New Westminster City of.....	5	4¾	5,280.50	5,000.00
National Trusts Comp'y.....	5½	5½	10,000.00	10,000.00
Oxford, County of.....	5	4½	1,613.60	1,509.58
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.55	3,790.00	4,000.00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.30	9,700.00	10,000.00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.50	10,463.75	11,000.00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.05	4,975.00	5,000.00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6	10,000.00	10,000.00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	5.40	16,160.60	15,000.00
Peterborough, City of.....	4½	4½	5,121.37	5,121.37
Port Arthur, City of.....	5	4⅞	1,009.31	1,000.00
Strathcona, City of.....	4½	4¾	4,842.00	5,018.28
St. Thomas, City of.....	4	4⅞	9,100.00	9,010.74
Stratford, City of.....	4½	4⅞	980.85	1,000.00

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Statement of Assets—Continued

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Sandwich E., Township	5½	5.15	4,163.97	4,000.00
Toronto, City of.....	3½	4.05	4,484.14	4,866.66
Toronto, City of.....	5½	5.40	8,152.80	8,000.00
Toronto, City of.....	5½	6¼	5,681.40	6,000.00
Toronto, City of.....	6	6¼	11,600.40	12,000.00
Toronto, City of.....	6	6¼	2,901.30	3,000.00
Woodstock, City of.....	5½	6	4,655.80	5,000.00
Windsor, City of.....	5	5	21,000.00	21,000.00
York, Township of.....	6	6	10,000.00	10,000.00
York, Township of.....	5½	5¾	981.40	1,000.00
York, Township of.....	6	5¾	4,074.00	4,000.00
York, East Township of	5	5.10	1,980.00	2,000.00
			<u>\$345,831.54</u>	<u>\$347,098.63</u>

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce.. \$27,126.26

Less outstanding cheques..... 1,240.00

25,886.26\$372,984.89

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the Credit of General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1929, 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 F. VIGEON, C.A.

Auditor.

Toronto, June 17th, 1920.

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 a Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Semi-Centennial Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1929.

RECEIPTS

To Balance at Credit of Account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1928.....			\$ 3,822.55
Amount received from Grand Secretary during the year ended 31st May, 1929.....			36.00
Interest on Investments.....			5,187.33
Interest on Bank Deposits.....			138.05
Debentures Matured:			
Owen Sound.....	\$ 2,000.00		
Berlin.....	111.80		
York.....	878.24		
Strathroy.....	251.63	3,241.67	
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			\$ 12,425.60

DISBURSEMENTS

Purchase of Windsor Bonds	\$ 3,000.00		
Accrued Interest.....	20.01		
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	3,020.01		
Benevolent cheques.....	5,920.00	8,940.01	
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Balance on deposit in Can- adian Bank of Com- merce, 31st May, 1929	4,710.59		
Less: Outstanding cheques	1,225.00	3,485.59	12,425.60

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

HARRY F. VIGEON, C.A.

Auditor.

Toronto, 17th June, 1929

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Statement of Assets as at May 31st, 1929

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	5½	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	6¼	837.00	900.00
Toronto General Trusts Corp.....	5¼	5¼	5,000.00	5,000.00
Toronto General Trusts Corp.....	5	5	1,000.00	1,000.00
Toronto General Trusts Corp.....	5	5	6,235.00	6,235.00
Barton, Township of.....	5½	5.20	2,089.20	2,000.00
Canada Permanent Trust Co.....	5½	5½	4,000.00	4,000.00
Canada Permanent Trust Co.....	5	5	2,500.00	2,500.00
Durham, Town of.....	5	5½	1,439.71	1,528.43
Galt, Town of.....	4	5	1,695.60	2,000.00
Hamilton, City of.....	5½	5.30	1,023.80	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.20	1,046.40	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.20	1,040.80	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.20	1,072.90	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of.....	5½	5½	1,015.30	1,000.00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4¾	1,019.60	1,000.00
Lindsay, Town of.....	6	5.40	1,045.40	1,000.00
N. Vancouver, Dist. of.....	4½	4¾	2,880.60	3,000.00
National Trust Co.....	5½	5½	1,400.00	1,400.00
Owen Sound, City of.....	5	5.20	1,950.60	2,000.00
Oakville, Town of.....	5	4¾	4,971.42	4,787.92
Oshawa, Town of.....	4½	4½	4,316.40	4,316.40
Ontario, Province of.....	6	5.40	1,606.05	1,500.00
Peterborough, City of.....	3	4	1,693.20	2,000.00
Peterborough, City of.....	4½	4½	3,854.72	3,854.72
St. Mary's, Town of.....	4½	4.80	8,658.63	9,000.00
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of.....	5	4¾	1,862.64	1,800.00
Shuniah, Municipality of.....	5	4¾	1,015.90	1,000.00
Strathroy, Town of.....	6	5¾	283.60	314.22
Toronto, City of.....	5½	6	943.00	1,000.00
Toronto, City of.....	5	4.95	1,007.50	1,000.00
Windsor, City of.....	5	6	2,430.70	2,706.65
Windsor, City of.....	6	5.35	272.82	258.11
Windsor, City of.....	5	5	7,488.09	7,478.67
York, Township of.....	6	6½	1,382.41	1,440.72
York, Township of.....	5½	5	4,130.40	4,000.00
York, Township of.....	5	6	820.17	817.51
East York, Township of.....	5	5.10	9,222.35	9,315.50
Hamilton Mas. Associ.....	6	6	100.00	100.00
Windsor, City of.....	5	5	3,000.00	3,000.00
			\$102,751.91	\$103,653.85

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce....	\$4,710 .59	
Less outstanding cheques.....	1,225 .00	
		<u>3,485 .59</u>
		<u>\$107,139 .44</u>

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the Credit of Semi-Centennial Fund on 31st day of May, 1929, 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 F. VIGEON, C.A.,
Auditor.

Toronto, June 17th, 1929.

MEMORIAL 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 a Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the "Memorial Fund" for the year ended 31st May, 1929.

RECEIPTS

Amount received from the Grand Secretary during the year ended 31st May, 1929	\$101,183.29
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	18.01
	<hr/> \$101,201.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Purchase of Province of Ontario Bonds	\$ 11,000.00	
Accrued Interest.....	30.14	
	<hr/> 11,030.14	
Balance on deposit in Canadian Bank of Commerce, 31st May, 1929, no cheques outstanding.....	88,771.16	
Balance in hand of Grand Secretary deposited 1st June 1929.....	1,400.00	
	<hr/>	\$101,201.30

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

HARRY F. VIGEON, C.A.

Auditor.

Toronto, 17th June, 1929.

MEMORIAL FUND

Statement of Assets May 31st, 1929

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Ontario, Province of	5%	5%	\$ 11,000.00	\$11,000.00

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce—no outstanding cheques..... \$ 88,771.16

Balance in hand of Grand Secretary—deposited 1st June, 1929..... 1,400.00

\$101,171.16

The attached Statement of Assets shows the amount to the credit of "Memorial Fund" on the 31st day of May, 1929, and the sum 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 F. VIGEON, C.A.

Auditor.

Toronto, 17th June, 1929.

Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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 the 31st
May, 1929.

The following statements are herewith submitted
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, 1929;
a Summary of Receipts for the year; Details of Payments
to the Grand Treasurer; a Summary of Expenditure;
Details of the Returns of Lodges as at the 31st May,
1929; a Summary of the Receipts and of Payments to
the Grand Treasurer on account of the Semi-Centennial
Fund; and a Statement of the Receipts and Disburse-
ments on the Semi-Centennial Fund Revenue Account.

Details of Receipts of Grand Lodge on General Account and Ledger Balances, Year ending May 31st, 1929.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Location	Amt.	Balance	
				Dr.	Cr.
2	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	183.00	1.20	
3	Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston.....	490.00		
5	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	461.00	8.25	
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	365.20	8.20	
7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	275.50	1.00	
9	Union.....	Napanee.....	273.00	2.50	
10	Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	389.50		.50
11	Moir.....	Belleville.....	469.00		
14	True Britons.....	Perth.....	208.50		
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	391.00	13.00	
16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	627.00	1.00	
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	291.20	4.20	
18	Prince Edward.....	Picton.....	294.60	4.20	
20	St. John's.....	London.....	491.50	7.00	
21a	St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	130.50		
22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	494.50		
23	Richmond.....	Richmond Hill.....	167.50		
24	St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	380.55	7.00	
25	Ionic.....	Toronto.....	325.00		
26	Ontario.....	Port Hope.....	198.50		
27	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	538.30	2.50	
28	Mount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	124.00		.50
29	United.....	Brighton.....	222.50		
30	Composite.....	Whitby.....	188.00	1.00	
31	Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	289.00	7.00	
32	Amity.....	Dunnville.....	253.50		
33	Maitland.....	Goderich.....	270.70		
34	Thistle.....	Amherstburg.....	190.25	1.00	
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	156.00	3.50	
37	King Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	239.50	7.00	
38	Trent.....	Trenton.....	316.50		
39	Mount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	113.00		
40	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	602.50	13.00	
41	St. George's.....	Kingsville.....	322.30	1.00	
42	St. George's.....	London.....	404.50	7.80	
43	King Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	443.00	1.00	
44	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	487.50	2.50	
45	Brant.....	Brantford.....	534.10	6.10	
46	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	391.00	7.25	
47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	1,013.70	6.00	
48	Madoc.....	Madoc.....	260.00		.50
50	Consecon.....	Consecon.....	127.50	2.00	
52	Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	316.50		
54	Vaughan.....	Maple.....	101.80	.50	
55	Merrickville.....	Merrickville.....	134.00		7.00
56	Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	378.50	9.00	
57	Harmony.....	Binbrook.....	188.50	4.00	
58	Doric.....	Ottawa.....	539.00	1.00	
61	Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	1,066.70	2.00	

62	St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	157.50	6.00	
63	St. John's.....	Carleton Place....	267.00		.50
64	Kilwinning.....	London.....	477.25	5.00	
65	Rehoboam.....	Toronto.....	571.50		
66	Durham.....	Newcastle.....	114.00		
68	St. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	184.00		.50
69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	171.00		
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	242.00		
73	St. James'	St. Marys.....	151.00		
74	St. James'	South Augusta....	111.00	1.20	
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	287.10	6.50	
76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	377.50		3.50
77	Faithful Brethren...	Lindsay.....	399.50		
78	King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	301.00	12.00	
79	Simcoe.....	Bradford.....	137.50		
81	St. John's.....	Mount Brydges .	115.50	5.00	
82	St. John's	Paris.....	247.00		1.00
83	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	205.50		
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	163.00	6.00	
85	Rising Sun.....	Athens.....	111.50		
86	Wilson.....	Toronto.....	494.00	12.75	
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	183.00		
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	224.00	3.00	
90	Manito.....	Collingwood.....	360.50	13.00	
91	Colborne.....	Colborne.....	130.50		
92	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	542.00	4.50	
93	Northern Light.....	Kincardine.....	211.50		
94	St. Mark.....	Port Stanley.....	171.00	1.00	
96	Corinthian.....	Barrie.....	402.00		.50
97	Sharon.....	Queensville.....	123.50		
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	92.00		
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	163.50	1.00	
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	368.00	4.00	
101	Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	286.00		
103	Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines....	401.00		
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	196.00	2.00	
105	St. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls....	364.20	1.10	
106	Burford.....	Burford.....	176.50		
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	163.50	2.00	
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	99.50	12.00	
109	Albion.....	Harrowsmith.....	187.75		
110	Central.....	Prescott.....	225.00		
113	Wilson.....	Waterford.....	317.00		.50
114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	260.50		
115	Ivy.....	Beamsville.....	239.00	1.00	
116	Cassia.....	Theford.....	76.50		
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	94.50		
119	Maple Leaf.....	Bath.....	156.50		
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	94.00		
121	Doric.....	Brantford.....	580.50	8.50	
122	Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	175.00	1.00	
123	Belleville.....	Belleville.....	398.10	6.00	
125	Cornwall.....	Cornwall.....	243.20		4.50
126	Golden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	268.50	7.00	
127	Franck.....	Frankford.....	198.00	.50	
128	Pembroke.....	Pembroke.....	220.50	11.50	

129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	181.00	.50
131	St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	115.50	
133	Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	163.50	
135	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	190.50	2.00
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	100.50	
137	Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	231.00	
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	414.00	5.50
140	Malahide.....	Aylmer.....	190.50	2.00
141	Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	154.70	4.00
142	Excelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	123.60	
143	Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois.....	118.50	
144	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	410.50	7.25
145	J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	97.00	
146	Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	105.00	
147	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	177.00	
148	Civil Service.....	Ottawa.....	320.80	
149	Erie.....	Port Dover.....	190.00	3.00
151	Grand River.....	Kitchener.....	419.75	
153	Burns.....	Wyoming.....	139.50	
154	Irving.....	Lucan.....	146.00	7.00
155	Peterborough.....	Peterborough	347.50	
156	York.....	Toronto.....	520.00	13.00
157	Simpson.....	Newboro.....	110.00	4.00
158	Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	124.00	.50
159	Goodwood.....	Richmond.....	91.50	
161	Percy.....	Warkworth.....	169.00	4.00
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	73.50	.50
164	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	160.00	
165	Burlington.....	Burlington.....	259.00	3.00
166	Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	324.20	7.50
168	Merritt.....	Welland.....	290.50	
169	Macnab.....	Port Colborne.	267.50	9.30
170	Britannia.....	Seaforth.....	146.50	
171	Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence St'n.....	65.00	
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....	89.00	
174	Walsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	148.00	
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	414.50	
178	Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....	92.50	
180	Speed.....	Guelph.....	364.50	8.00
181	Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	73.00	1.00
184	Old Light.....	Lucknow.....	259.60	9.50
185	Enniskillen.....	York.....	77.00	
186	Plantagenet.....	Riceville.....	76.00	
190	Belmont.....	Belmont.....	123.50	
192	Orillia.....	Orillia.....	479.00	8.00
193	Scotland.....	Scotland.....	140.00	2.00
194	Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	228.00	6.20
195	Tuscan.....	London.....	341.00	
196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	170.00	
197	Saugeen.....	Walkerton.....	199.00	.50
200	St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest.....	126.00	3.00
201	Leeds.....	Gananoque.....	300.50	
203	Irvine.....	Elora.....	121.50	
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	73.50	
207	Lancaster.....	Lancaster.....	103.00	.50
209a	St. John's.....	London.....	530.60	1.00

209	Evergreen.....	Lanark.....	114.00	
215	Lake.....	Ameliasburg.....	128.50	5.50
216	Harris.....	Orangeville.....	270.50	1.00
217	Frederick.....	Delhi.....	126.50	
218	Stevenson.....	Toronto.....	392.00	8.00
219	Credit.....	Georgetown.....	202.50	
220	Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....	230.50	2.00
221	Mountain.....	Thorold.....	300.20	6.00
222	Marmora.....	Marmora.....	121.00	
223	Norwood.....	Norwood.....	116.00	6.20
224	Zurich.....	Hensall.....	94.00	
225	Bernard.....	Listowel.....	279.80	
228	Prince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	122.50	
229	Ionic.....	Brampton.....	352.00	1.00
230	Kerr.....	Barrie.....	391.00	
231	Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	473.00	6.00
232	Cameron.....	Dutton.....	136.50	7.20
233	Doric.....	Parkhill.....	163.75	7.00
234	Beaver.....	Clarksburg.....	107.00	
235	Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	157.50	.50
236	Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....	165.50	
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	122.50	2.00
238	Havelock.....	Watford.....	124.50	4.00
239	Tweed.....	Tweed.....	190.00	
242	Macoy.....	Mallorytown.....	143.00	17.50
243	St. George.....	St. George.....	119.50	1.00
245	Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	155.00	.50
247	Ashlar.....	Toronto.....	429.50	1.00
249	Caledonian.....	Midland.....	326.50	2.00
250	Thistle.....	Embro.....	178.50	1.00
253	Minden.....	Kingston.....	384.50	13.00
254	Clifton.....	Niagara Falls.....	532.00	6.00
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	190.00	
256	Farran's Point.....	Aultsville.....	117.00	
257	Galt.....	Galt.....	358.50	1.00
258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	412.00	
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	188.00	
260	Washington.....	Petrolia.....	271.50	
261	Oak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	60.50	
262	Harriston.....	Harriston.....	130.50	
263	Forest.....	Forest.....	195.00	9.00
264	Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	488.50	1.00
265	Patterson.....	Thornhill.....	180.50	4.00
266	Northern Light.....	Stayner.....	102.50	6.00
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	570.50	12.00
268	Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....	136.50	
269	Brougham Union.....	Claremont.....	123.00	
270	Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	389.50	15.00
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....	121.00	
272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	220.00	3.00
274	Kent.....	Blenheim.....	292.50	3.50
276	Teeswater.....	Teeswater.....	117.50	3.00
277	Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....	151.00	6.60
279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	155.00	
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	149.50	1.00
283	Eureka.....	Belleville.....	357.50	

284	St. John's.....	Brussels.....	149.50		
285	Seven Star.....	Alliston.....	209.50	5.00	
286	Wingham.....	Wingham.....	169.00		
287	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	617.00	5.00	
289	Doric.....	Lobo.....	124.50		
290	Leamington.....	Leamington.....	380.00		
291	Dufferin.....	West Flamboro..	145.50		
292	Robertson.....	King.....	108.50		
294	Moore.....	Courtright.....	106.00		
295	Conestogo.....	Drayton.....	129.50		
296	Temple.....	St. Catharines...	476.90	13.00	
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	212.50	6.00	
299	Victoria.....	Centreville.....	108.00	6.00	
300	Mount Olivet.....	Thorndale.....	91.50		
302	St. David.....	St. Thomas.....	581.80	6.00	
303	Blyth.....	Blyth.....	124.00		
304	Minerva.....	Stroud.....	183.00	3.50	
305	Humber.....	Weston.....	249.50	3.00	
306	Durham.....	Durham.....	170.00		
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	97.00		
309	Morning Star.....	Carlow.....	87.00	.50	
311	Blackwood.....	Woodbridge.....	119.50		3.00
312	Puyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	254.50		
313	Clementi.....	Lakefield.....	163.50	2.50	
314	Blair.....	Palmerston.....	264.00		
315	Clifford.....	Clifford.....	85.00		
316	Doric.....	Toronto.....	629.00	17.00	
318	Wilmut.....	Baden.....	37.50		
319	Hiram.....	Hagersville.....	230.50		
320	Chesterville.....	Chesterville.....	133.10	1.00	
321	Walker.....	Acton.....	165.50		
322	North Star.....	Owen Sound.....	271.00	1.00	
323	Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	119.00		
324	Temple.....	Hamilton.....	846.00	6.00	
325	Orono.....	Orono.....	106.50		
326	Zetland.....	Toronto.....	625.75	1.00	
327	Hammond.....	Wardsville.....	82.00		
328	Ionic.....	Napier.....	76.50		
329	King Solomon.....	Jarvis.....	105.50	2.50	
330	Corinthian.....	London.....	348.00		.50
331	Fordwich.....	Fordwich.....	69.50		.50
332	Stratford.....	Stratford.....	359.00	6.00	
333	Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton.....	211.80		.50
334	Prince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	98.00	1.00	
336	Highgate.....	Highgate.....	164.50		
337	Myrtle.....	Port Robinson...	112.00	2.00	
338	Dufferin.....	Wellandport.....	90.50	1.00	
339	Orient.....	Toronto.....	428.50	15.00	
341	Bruce.....	Tiverton.....	79.00		
343	Georgina.....	Toronto.....	482.00	2.50	
344	Merrill.....	Dorchester St'n.	153.00		
345	Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	137.00		
346	Occident.....	Toronto.....	521.50	1.00	
347	Mercer.....	Fergus.....	135.00		4.50
348	Georgian.....	Penetanguishene	165.00		
352	Granite.....	Parry Sound.....	363.50		

354	Brock.....	Cannington.....	152.50		14.00
356	River Park.....	Streetsville.....	168.00	5.50	
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	245.50	6.00	
358	Delaware Valley.....	Delaware.....	111.50	2.00	
359	Vittoria.....	Vittoria.....	101.50		
360	Muskoka.....	Bracebridge.....	146.00		
361	Waverly.....	Guelph.....	451.00	3.00	
362	Maple Leaf.....	Tara.....	94.50		50
364	Dufferin.....	Melbourne.....	90.00		
367	St. George.....	Toronto.....	528.50	2.00	
368	Salem.....	Brockville.....	358.50	3.00	
369	Mimico.....	Lambton Mills....	296.00	6.60	
370	Harmony.....	Delta.....	128.50		
371	Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	340.00	7.00	
372	Palmer.....	Bridgeburg.....	230.50		.50
373	Copestone.....	Welland.....	271.00		
374	Keene.....	Keene.....	64.50	1.00	
375	Lorne.....	Omeme.....	117.50		
376	Unity.....	Huntsville.....	203.50	2.00	
377	Lorne.....	Shelburne.....	160.50	.70	
378	King Solomon's.....	London.....	497.50	1.50	
379	Middlesex.....	Bryanston.....	89.50		1.50
380	Union.....	London.....	387.50		
382	Doric.....	Hamilton.....	546.10	2.00	
383	Henderson.....	Winchester.....	138.50		
384	Alpha.....	Toronto.....	650.50		
385	Spry.....	Beeton.....	120.50	13.00	
386	McColl.....	West Lorne.....	185.00		
387	Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne.....	123.00	.65	
388	Henderson.....	Ilderton.....	141.00		.50
389	Crystal Fountain....	North Augusta....	104.50		
390	Florence.....	Florence.....	99.00		
391	Howard.....	Ridgetown.....	245.50	1.00	
392	Huron.....	Camlachie.....	119.60		
393	Forest.....	Chesley.....	136.00	6.00	
394	King Solomon.....	Thamesford.....	126.50		
395	Parvaim.....	Comber.....	102.00		
396	Cedar.....	Wiarton.....	172.10		
397	Leopold.....	Brigden.....	119.00		
398	Victoria.....	Kirkfield.....	108.00		.50
399	Moffatt.....	Harrietsville.....	83.50		.50
400	Oakville.....	Oakville.....	273.00	9.60	
401	Craig.....	Deseronto.....	139.00	2.50	
402	Central.....	Essex.....	235.00		
403	Windsor.....	Windsor.....	715.70	1.00	
404	Lorne.....	Tamworth.....	97.00		
405	Mattawa.....	Mattawa.....	93.50		
406	Spry.....	Fenelon Falls....	133.25	1.50	
408	Murray.....	Beaverton.....	141.70	2.00	
409	Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst.....	171.10	2.00	
410	Zeta.....	Toronto.....	533.00	9.00	
411	Rodney.....	Rodney.....	141.50		2.50
412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie	483.00	3.00	
413	Naphtali.....	Tilbury.....	111.90		
414	Pequonga.....	Kenora.....	311.75		
415	Fort William.....	Fort William.....	495.00	1.00	

416	Lyn.....	Lyn.....	64.00		
417	Keewatin.....	Keewatin.....	139.50	1.00	
418	Maxville.....	Maxville.....	130.50		
419	Liberty.....	Sarnia.....	202.50		
420	Nipissing.....	North Bay.....	379.50		
421	Scott.....	Grand Valley.....	106.00	1.00	
422	Star of the East.....	Bothwell.....	106.00	16.00	
423	Strong.....	Sundridge.....	135.00		
424	Doric.....	Pickering.....	115.00		
425	St. Clair.....	Sombra.....	128.75		
426	Stanley.....	Toronto.....	522.00	7.50	
427	Nickel.....	Sudbury.....	390.00	7.00	
428	Fidelity.....	Port Perry.....	201.50		
429	Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin.....	89.50	1.00	
430	Acacia.....	Toronto.....	371.50	13.50	
431	Moravian.....	Cargill.....	83.50		
432	Hanover.....	Hanover.....	144.30	2.50	
433	Bonnechere.....	Eganville.....	125.50		
434	Algonquin.....	Emsdale.....	124.50		
435	Havelock.....	Havelock.....	137.80	1.00	
436	Burns.....	Hepworth.....	116.50	2.50	
437	Tuscan.....	Sarnia.....	570.60	12.00	
438	Harmony.....	Toronto.....	488.50		
439	Alexandria.....	Alexandria.....	83.00		
440	Arcadia.....	Minden.....	134.00	6.00	
441	Westport.....	Westport.....	117.50		
442	Dymont.....	Thessalon.....	147.00		
443	Powassan.....	Powassan.....	130.50	.50	
444	Nitetis.....	Creemore.....	126.50		
445	Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora.....	136.50	.50	
446	Granite.....	Fort Francis.....	227.90		
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	107.50		
448	Xenophon.....	Wheatley.....	96.00		
449	Dundalk.....	Dundalk.....	123.00		
450	Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury.....	151.00	1.00	
451	Somerville.....	Kinmount.....	78.00		
452	Avonmore.....	Avonmore.....	107.00		
453	Royal.....	Fort William.....	279.70	1.00	
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls.....	170.00		
455	Doric.....	Little Current.....	123.50		
456	Elma.....	Monkton.....	72.50		
457	Century.....	Merlin.....	163.50	3.20	
458	Wales.....	Wales.....	149.50		
459	Cobden.....	Cobden.....	174.50	6.00	
460	Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay.....	92.50		
461	Ionic.....	Rainy River.....	134.50	16.50	
462	Temiskaming.....	New Liskeard.....	211.50	11.50	
463	North Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	150.00	6.50	
464	King Edward.....	Sunderland.....	140.50	1.00	
465	Carleton.....	Carp.....	76.00		
466	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	131.00	5.50	
467	Tottenham.....	Tottenham.....	89.50		
468	Peel.....	Caledon East.....	129.00		
469	Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	359.00	6.00	
470	Victoria.....	Victoria Harbour.....	153.00	1.00	
471	King Edward VII.....	Chippawa.....	136.50	1.00	

472	Gore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	132.50	3.00
473	The Beaches.....	Toronto.....	355.50	
474	Victoria.....	Toronto.....	462.00	12.50
475	Dundurn.....	Hamilton.....	676.50	2.00
476	Corinthian.....	North Gower.....	85.00	
477	Harding.....	Woodville.....	99.00	
478	Milverton.....	Milverton.....	108.00	
479	Russell.....	Russell.....	151.50	
480	Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg.....	87.00	
481	Corinthian.....	Toronto.....	363.50	3.00
482	Bancroft.....	Bancroft.....	209.00	1.20
483	Granton.....	Granton.....	91.00	.50
484	Golden Star.....	Dryden.....	150.50	
485	Haileybury.....	Haileybury.....	213.50	
486	Silver.....	Cobalt.....	298.00	
487	Penewobikong.....	Blind River.....	104.00	7.00
488	King Edward.....	Harrow.....	170.50	1.00
489	Osiris.....	Smith's Falls.....	207.00	1.00
490	Hiram.....	Markdale.....	84.00	6.00
491	Cardinal.....	Cardinal.....	97.00	3.00
492	Karnak.....	Coldwater.....	117.50	
493	St. Marys.....	St. Marys.....	178.00	2.00
494	Riverdale.....	Toronto.....	452.50	
495	Electric.....	Hamilton.....	642.80	9.75
496	University.....	Toronto.....	480.50	
497	St. Andrew's.....	Arden.....	118.50	
498	King George V.....	Coboconk.....	96.50	
499	Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur.....	400.00	
500	Rose.....	Windsor.....	220.00	
501	Connaught.....	Mimico.....	302.20	
502	Coronation.....	Smithville.....	187.00	
503	Inwood.....	Inwood.....	98.50	1.00
504	Otter.....	Lombardy.....	69.00	
505	Lynden.....	Lynden.....	112.50	2.50
506	Porcupine.....	Porcupine.....	217.50	
507	Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake.....	78.00	49.00
508	Ozias.....	Brantford.....	245.50	7.50
509	Twin City.....	Kitchener.....	345.50	7.00
510	Parkdale.....	Toronto.....	393.50	6.00
511	Connaught.....	W. Fort William..	200.00	
512	Malone.....	Sutton.....	144.50	
513	Corinthian.....	Hamilton.....	743.60	1.00
514	St. Alban's.....	Toronto.....	407.00	2.00
515	Reba.....	Brantford.....	287.00	7.00
516	Enterprise.....	Beachburg.....	111.00	
517	Hazeldean.....	Hazeldean.....	74.50	
518	Sioux Lookout.....	Sioux Lookout.....	161.50	
519	Onondaga.....	Onondaga.....	55.00	
520	Coronati.....	Toronto.....	422.50	2.00
521	Ontario.....	Windsor.....	546.50	1.00
522	Mount Sinai.....	Toronto.....	562.00	1.00
523	Royal Arthur.....	Peterborough.....	214.50	
524	Mississauga.....	Port Credit.....	189.00	5.00
525	Temple.....	Toronto.....	369.20	13.50
526	Ionic.....	Westboro.....	277.00	
527	Espanola.....	Espanola.....	119.00	

528	Golden Beaver.....	Timmins.....	233	00	
529	Myra.....	Komoka.....	58	00	
530	Cochrane.....	Cochrane.....	206	50	2 00
531	High Park.....	Toronto.....	695	25	5 50
532	Canada.....	Toronto.....	416	00	1 00
533	Shamrock.....	Toronto.....	337	50	9 00
534	Englehart.....	Englehart.....	136	50	5 50
535	Phoenix.....	Fonthill.....	119	20	3 00
536	Algonquin.....	Copper Cliff.....	180	00	1 00
537	Ulster.....	Toronto.....	751	00	15 50
538	Earl Kitchener.....	Port McNicoll.....	71	50	6 25
539	Waterloo.....	Waterloo.....	165	50	6 00
540	Abitibi.....	Iroquois Falls ..	153	50	1 00
541	Tuscan.....	Toronto.....	497	00	1 00
542	Metropolitan.....	Toronto.....	203	00	7 00
543	Imperial.....	Toronto.....	307	00	2 00
544	Lincoln.....	Abingdon.....	91	50	
545	John Ross Rob tson.....	Toronto.....	470	00	1 00
546	Talbot.....	St. Thomas.....	334	50	7 20
547	Victory.....	Toronto.....	39	00	6 00
548	General Mercer.....	Toronto.....	391	20	15 50
549	Ionic.....	Hamilton.....	330	00	6 00
550	Buchanan.....	Hamilton.....	443	00	7 20
551	Tuscan.....	Hamilton.....	497	00	6 00
552	Queen City.....	Toronto.....	421	00	5 50
553	Oakwood.....	Toronto.....	270	00	50
554	Border Cities.....	Windsor.....	207	50	13 50
555	Wardrobe.....	Hamilton.....	403	50	6 00
556	Nation.....	Spencerville.....	90	00	6 00
557	Finch.....	Finch.....	111	00	3 00
558	Sidney Albert Luke.....	Ottawa.....	202	50	
559	Palestine.....	Toronto.....	203	00	4 00
560	St. Andrew's.....	Ottawa.....	245	50	50
561	Acacia.....	Westboro.....	192	50	6 00
562	Hamilton.....	Hamilton.....	443	00	1 00
563	Victory.....	Chatham.....	316	50	9 00
564	Ashlar.....	Ottawa.....	215	00	1 00
565	Kilwinning.....	Toronto.....	637	70	9 00
566	King Hiram.....	Toronto.....	215	50	
567	St. Aidan's.....	Toronto.....	107	00	6 00
568	Hullett.....	Londesboro.....	65	50	
569	Doric.....	Lakeside.....	77	00	50
570	Dufferin.....	Toronto.....	359	00	17 00
571	Antiquity.....	Toronto.....	290	00	7 00
572	Mizpah.....	Toronto.....	440	00	10 00
573	Adoniram.....	Niagara Falls...	283	50	
574	Craig.....	Ailsa Craig.....	86	50	1 00
575	Fidelity.....	Toronto.....	217	50	1 00
576	Mimosa.....	Toronto.....	235	00	
577	St. Clair.....	Toronto.....	317	00	2 00
578	Queen's.....	Kingston.....	314	50	
579	Harmony.....	Windsor.....	310	00	
580	Acacia.....	London.....	292	50	4 00
581	Harcourt.....	Toronto.....	77	50	
582	Sunnyside.....	Toronto.....	454	50	8 00
583	Transportation.....	Toronto.....	394	50	12 00

584	Kaministiquia.....	Fort William.....	129.00	
585	Royal Edward.....	Kingston.....	136.50	
586	War Veterans.....	Toronto.....	305.20	3.00
587	Patricia.....	Toronto.....	256.50	2.00
588	National.....	Capreol.....	143.50	
589	Grey.....	Toronto.....	207.50	
590	Defenders.....	Ottawa.....	143.00	
591	North Gate.....	Toronto.....	267.00	13.00
592	Fairbank.....	Toronto.....	226.50	3.00
593	St. Andrews.....	Hamilton.....	480.50	12.00
594	Hillcrest.....	Hamilton.....	273.00	9.00
595	Rideau.....	Ottawa.....	156.00	6.00
596	Martintown.....	Martintown.....	36.50	6.00
597	Temple.....	London.....	178.00	7.00
598	Dominion.....	Windsor.....	171.50	13.00
599	Mount Dennis.....	Weston.....	204.00	
600	Maple Leaf.....	Toronto.....	176.00	
601	St. Paul.....	Sarnia.....	189.00	6.00
602	Hugh Murray.....	Hamilton.....	258.00	1.00
603	Campbell.....	Campbellville.....	91.00	.30
604	Palace.....	Windsor.....	170.05	12.00
605	Melita.....	Toronto.....	161.50	8.00
606	Unity.....	Toronto.....	147.00	5.00
607	Golden Fleece.....	Toronto.....	133.50	3.00
608	Gothic.....	Lindsay.....	127.50	
609	Tavistock.....	Tavistock.....	75.50	
610	Ashlar.....	Byron.....	128.00	
611	Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto.....	144.50	
612	Birch Cliffe.....	Birch Cliffe.....	193.50	3.20
613	Fort Erie.....	Fort Erie.....	103.00	1.00
614	Adanac.....	Merriton.....	92.00	
615	Dominion.....	Ridgeway.....	94.00	2.00
616	Perfection.....	St. Catharines..	100.50	
617	North Bay.....	North Bay.....	138.50	4.25
618	Thunder Bay.....	Port Arthur.....	118.00	6.50
619	Runnymede.....	Toronto.....	219.50	4.60
620	Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto.....	236.50	4.00
621	Frontenac.....	Sharbot Lake.....	58.00	1.00
622	Lorne.....	Chapleau.....	113.00	2.50
623	Doric.....	Kirkland Lake....	218.50	
624	Dereham.....	Mt. Elgin.....	104.00	7.10
625	Hatherly.....	Sault Ste. Marie	52.50	
626	Stamford.....	South End.....	106.00	
627	Pelee.....	Scudder.....	83.60	2.00
628	Glenrose.....	Elmira.....	60.25	
629	Grenville.....	Toronto.....	259.50	7.00
630	Prince of Wales.....	Toronto.....	159.00	3.00
631	Manitou.....	Emo.....	100.50	
632	Long Branch.....	Mimico.....	126.10	8.00
633	Hastings.....	Hastings.....	71.50	1.00
634	Delta.....	Toronto.....	196.50	
635	Wellington.....	Toronto.....	213.50	1.00
636	Hornepayne.....	Hornepayne.....	120.00	
637	Caledonia.....	Toronto.....	382.50	14.50
638	Bedford.....	Toronto.....	221.00	7.00
639	Beach.....	Burlington Beach	147.50	4.00

640	Anthony Sayer	Mimico	50.50	6.00
641	Garden	Windsor	105.50	
642	St. Andrews	Windsor	153.70	
643	Cathedral	Toronto	115.00	2.00
644	Simcoe	Toronto	196.50	1.00
645	Lake Shore	Mimico	106.00	6.00
646	Rowland	Mt. Albert	125.00	1.00
647	Todmorden	Todmorden	282.10	1.00
648	Spruce Falls	Kapuskasing	152.50	6.00
649	Temple	Oshawa	82.00	6.00
	U.D. Scarboro	Agincourt	20.00	13.50

\$129,878.40

Sundries	963.40
Interest	19,316.38
Refund Rising Sun Lodge, 85 Athens	27.11
Refund Grand Lodge Expenses London 1928	90.18
Debentures matured	12,656.82

\$162,932.29

GENERAL ACCOUNT

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Year ended May 31st, 1929

Fees, Registrations of Initiations.....	\$ 13,488.00
Fees, Registration of Affiliations.....	544.00
Dues.....	106,959.00
Certificates.....	94.00
Constitutions.....	2,467.00
Ceremonies.....	182.40
Dispensations.....	1,132.00
Commutations of Dues.....	4,848.00
Warrants.....	40.00
Musical Rituals.....	120.50
Miscellaneous.....	966.90
Refund Grand Lodge London 1928.....	90.18
Refund Rising Sun Lodge No. 85 Athens.....	27.11
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	\$130,959.09

Interest on Debentures and Bank Account—

Dominion of Canada War Loans.....	\$ 3,327.50	
Landed Banking & Loan Company.....	262.50	
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	1,790.00	
Township of Barton.....	275.00	
City of Brandon.....	100.00	
City of Brantford.....	545.00	
Canada Permanent Trust.....	1,165.00	
Dominion of Canada C.N. Equipment.....	75.00	
City of Hamilton.....	479.00	
Town of Kincardine.....	25.00	
Province of Manitoba.....	385.00	
City of New Westminster.....	500.00	
National Trust Company.....	550.00	
County of Oxford.....	75.48	
Province of Ontario.....	3,300.00	
City of Peterborough.....	230.46	
City of Port Arthur.....	50.00	
City of Strathcona.....	225.82	
City of St. Thomas.....	424.43	
City of Stratford.....	45.00	
Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.....	718.72	
Township of Sandwich East.....	220.00	
City of Toronto.....	1,840.32	
City of Woodstock.....	275.00	
City of Windsor.....	500.00	
Township of York.....	895.00	
Township of East York.....	100.00	
Bank Interest.....	937.15	19,316.38

Total Revenue General Account.....	\$150,275.47
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Debentures matured and paid—

City of St. Thomas.....	1,599.64	
Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.....	11,057.18	12,656.82

\$162,932.29

GENERAL ACCOUNT **SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES**

Year ended May 31, 1929

E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer's Clerk, salary to 31st March, 1929.....	\$	400.00	
H. F. Vigeon, Auditor salary to 31st March, 1929.....		600.00	
W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, salary 31st. May, 1929.....		6,000.00	
W. J. Attig, Chief Clerk, salary to 31st May, 1929.....		3,000.00	
J. Place, Stenographer, salary to 31st May, 1929.....		2,000.00	
F. J. Brown, Clerk, salary to 31st May 1929.....		1,800.00	
Incidental Expenses, Grand Secretary's office.....		1,500.00	
Printing, Stationery, etc.....		1,045.02	
Ceremonies.....		167.89	
Constitutions.....		1,456.54	
Proceedings, 1928.....		2,516.41	
Printing, etc. for Memorial Fund.....		330.82	
Telephone Services.....		86.40	
Insurance on Furniture, etc. and Bond Premiums.....		184.00	
Safety Deposit Box Rental.....		40.00	
Office Rent.....		1,000.00	
Postage on Proceedings.....		198.00	
Postage Chairman of Committees.....		50.00	
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence Allowance to Grand Master 1928-1929 ..		400.00	
Stenographer for Grand Master.....		1,500.00	
Allowance to Deputy Grand Master.....		300.00	
Memorial Tributes.....		500.00	
Expenses Grand Lodge London, 1928.....		51.50	
Honorary Presentation Jewels.....		3,813.07	
Special Commissions.....		213.40	
U.S. and Canada Masonic Relief Association.....		32.00	
Steel Shelving for Basement.....		557.37	
Extra Stenographer.....		320.00	
Travelling expenses Grand Secretary		205.00	
Cheque Protector.....		74.25	
Expenses Grand Lodge Meeting Ottawa 1929.....		120.00	
		79.00	
			\$ 30,540.67
Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico.....		1,000.00	
Welsh Miners' Fund.....		1,000.00	
Inspector of Benevolence J. B. Nixon.....		1,200.00	
Supervisor of Benevolence Thos Rowe....		3,000.00	
Supervisor of Benevolence Travelling Expenses and Stenographer.....		627.58	6,827.58
			37,368.25

Debentures purchased.....		21,000.00
Accrued Interest on same.....		330.37
Benevolent Orders.....	105,883.00	
Less: Grants cancelled issued 1928-29....	4,840.00	
	<hr/>	\$101,043.00
Less: Grants cancelled, issued prior to 1928-29.....	1,265.00	99,778.00
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SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Summary of Receipts for the year ending May 31st, 1929

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Additional contributions from Lodges—		
Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77, Lindsay	\$ 6.00	
Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto.....	25.00	
Nickel Lodge No. 427, Sudbury.....	5.00	36.00
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Debentures matured—		
Town of Berlin.....	111.80	
Town of Owen Sound.....	2,000.00	
Township of York.....	878.24	
Township of East York.....	251.63	3,241.67
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REVENUE ACCOUNT

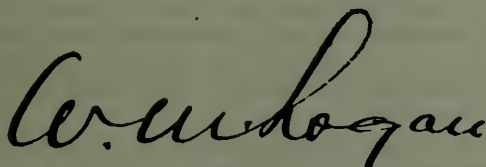
Interest on Investments and Bank Account as per Detailed Statement.....	5,325.38
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	\$ 8,503.05

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Revenue Account year ended May 31st, 1929

DETAILS OF RECEIPTS

Dominion of Canada War Loans.....	346.50	
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	621.75	
Town of Berlin.....	5.58	
Town of Barton.....	110.00	
Canada Permanent Trust Company	345.00	
Town of Durham.....	76.42	
Town of Galt.....	80.00	
City of Hamilton.....	290.00	
Town of Kincardine.....	50.00	
City of Lindsay.....	60.00	
District of North Vancouver.....	135.00	
National Trust Company.....	77.00	
Town of Owen Sound.....	150.00	
Town of Oakville.....	239.37	
Town of Oshawa.....	194.24	
Province of Ontario.....	90.00	
City of Peterborough.....	233.46	
Town of St. Marys.....	405.00	
City of Sault Ste. Marie.....	90.00	
Municipality of Shuniah.....	50.00	
Town of Strathroy.....	28.29	
City of Toronto.....	105.00	
City of Windsor.....	524.78	
Township of York.....	408.18	
Township of East York.....	465.76	
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association	6.00	
Bank Interest.....	138.05	\$ 5,325.38



Grand Secretary

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

I beg to report that I have completed the audit of the Accounts of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, for the year ended 31st May, 1929, and submit for your approval the following statements:

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, General Account.

Detailed List of all Disbursements from General Account.

Schedule of Assets, General Accounts as of 31st May, 1929.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Semi-Centennial Fund.

Schedule of Assets, Semi-Centennial Fund as of 31st May, 1929.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Memorial Fund.

Schedule of Assets, Memorial Fund as of 31st May, 1929.

I have verified all Cash Receipts and Disbursements during the year with the Bank Vouchers and Statements, and did personally inspect and examine all Securities covering the Investments of General Fund, Semi-Centennial Fund and the Memorial Fund, at the close of 31st May, 1929.

In accordance therewith, I have attached my Certificate to the Statements aforementioned.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HARRY F. VIGEON, C.A.

Auditor.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports of the thirty-two District Deputy Grand Masters, which, on motion of M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone and the Grand Secretary were received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

ALGOMA DISTRICT

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.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In submitting my report of the condition of Masonry in the Algoma District, I wish first to thank the brethren for the very great honor they conferred on me in electing me their District Deputy Grand Master. I cannot adequately express my appreciation but I wish to state that this year will always be considered an outstanding milestone in my life. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year of office, thanks to the co-operation of the brethren. Every lodge in the District has received me most kindly and I will cherish a fond remembrance until the closing hours of my existence.

My first official duty was to appoint Wor. Bro. H. S. Chase as District Secretary, and the very gracious and enthusiastic manner in which he accepted the office, gave me great encouragement for a successful year. He performed his task with the utmost fidelity and has been a tower of strength to me throughout the year.

On Tuesday, Nov. 20th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. H. S. Chase, I commenced my official visits at Fort Frances. We arrived there at three o'clock A.M. and we were very much surprised to be met at that early hour by the Wor. Master of Granite Lodge, Wor. Bro. Marsh, who had a car waiting and escorted us to our hotel where he had already arranged for the best possible accommodation. During the day we renewed acquaintance with many of the brethren including Rt. Wor. Bro. Walker, P.D.D.G.M., and we were shown the points of interest in their lively and prosperous town.

In the evening we were officially introduced to the Lodge by Rt. Wor. Bro. Walker and Wor. Bro. G. A. Hollands. We witnessed the exemplification of the third degree performed in a most impressive and dignified manner by Wor. Bro. N. S. Marsh assisted by some of the past masters. The Officers of this Lodge are outstanding in ability and enthusiasm and they have the loyal support of a number of veteran and well informed past masters.

The books of the Lodge are neatly and painstakingly kept by the secretary, Bro. J. R. Angus. He is a very aggressive collector and when the members fall behind in their dues, he makes a draft on them and if this is not met with promptly he follows up with a personal appeal thereby, keeping his outstandings down and maintains the interest of the brethren. The condition of masonry is well preserved in this Lodge. They own the building in which their Lodge room is located and seem financially sound.

Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 21st, thanks to some of the railway brethren of Fort Frances, we were permitted to journey to Emo on the fast Express which they had so kindly arranged to have stop for us at Emo.

This is the baby lodge of the District but they have made wonderful progress and merit much praise for the manner in which they perform their work. The Master Wor. Bro. E. L. Botel, has as pleasing a delivery as I have ever listened to.

Bro. E. T. McComb, the secretary and my namesake, although I regret we were not able to trace any relationship, is an efficient office man and keeps the books of the Lodge in manner becoming to his vocation. He is zealous and exceedingly anxious to be correct in detail.

They have a very comfortable lodge room which they rent but I did think the rent excessive. I feel confident this Lodge will progress and do honor to Algoma District by demonstrating the tenets and principles of masonry.

Ionic Lodge No. 461 Rainy River, we visited Nov. 22nd. Unfortunately our train was late in arriving at Rainy River and our visit was much shorter than we would have liked. We received a very gracious welcome by Wor. Bro. L. D. Hickey, being introduced by Wor. Bro. C. Murry and E. E. Jess. The Secretary, Bro. A. R. Nash, is an enthusiastic and efficient officer and his books and records are well kept.

The Lodge on this occasion received a visit from a number of American brethren from Beaudett. There seems to be a close fraternal feeling existing between the brethren of these two towns. Third degrees were exemplified by the Master and officers in a very splendid manner.

After the meeting we adjourned to the basement of the United Church where the ladies provided a very delightful supper and the brethren of the two countries joined in social mirth. This Lodge has a cozy lodge room nicely furnished. Their finances are in a sound condition. Their

officers are a type of men well respected in the community.

My official visit to Golden Star Lodge No. 484 Dryden was on May 30th. Through a misunderstanding no work was conferred. They did, however, open and close in the three degrees with accuracy and dispatch and demonstrated that the Master, Wor. Bro. Foulis, was properly versed in the obligations, particularly the penalties.

This Lodge has an enthusiastic set of officers and they are well supported by past masters.

Thanks to the courage and advice of Wor. Bro. A. Pitt and others, Golden Star Lodge owns a very fine masonic building and it is a great credit to the town. Wor. Bro. Pitt is a much beloved and respected member and I can well imagine that no social function is complete without him.

This Lodge is also fortunate in having as guide and mentor Rt. Wor. Bro. A. M. Taylor P. D. D. G. M., better known among the members as "Dad". He is a splendid type of mason and well versed in the tenets and principles.

The Secretary, Wor. Bro. A. E. Berry, a past master of ability, is a tower of strength for any master. He is deeply interested in the finances and welfare of the Lodge and keeps his books and records in a very creditable manner.

The members of Golden Star Lodge were greatly distressed to learn of the departure of their highly esteemed Senior Warden Bro. M. D. Hambly who left their midst to take up his residence in Winnipeg as manager of a bank.

The hospitality of this Lodge is not excelled by any and I will always cherish fond memories of

my visit. I feel deeply indebted to Wor. Bro. Foulis and the Junior Warden, Bro. M. F. Cook, who, on a cold and stormy day, drove sixteen miles from Dryden to Richan to take Wor. Bro. H. S. Chase and myself to Dryden where they had previously arranged for refreshments and our comfort.

A very marked harmony exists between Pequonga Lodge No. 414 and Lake of the Woods Lodge No. 445 and they very graciously arranged for a joint meeting to receive me on my official visit May 1st. I wish to express to them my gratification and appreciation for the courtesy shown me on behalf of Grand Lodge.

Although no degree work was exemplified, we had a most interesting meeting. There was a lengthy discussion on the memorial fund for, owing to lack of information in Grand Lodge proceedings and their isolation, there were many points with which they were not familiar. They expressed themselves loyally in favor of the campaign and, as a further mark of their support of benevolence, Pequonga Lodge at this meeting voted the sum of one thousand dollars towards the building fund of the Kenora Hospital, a very laudable cause.

Kenora has two large bodies of virile masons and they have outgrown their meeting place and are contemplating the erection of a new masonic temple. Such a building will give much joy and pleasure to the brethren of this community.

At the conclusion of the joint meeting we adjourned to a most exceptional banquet table prepared and arranged by the Kenora ladies, after which there was a lengthy toast list and a display of good fellowship which will be long remembered and cherished by me.

These lodges are well and carefully guarded. Their interests have been long and diligently

presented to Grand Lodge by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. K. Brydon, a most distinguished mason, widely known and dearly beloved by the members of Grand Lodge.

On the occasion of my official visit to Keewatin Lodge No. 417, a number of the brethren from Kenora accompanied me, which I very much appreciated. Keewatin Lodge is a very active body of masons many of whom are Scotch. They thoroughly enjoy Scotch stories. Brotherly love seems to rule supreme and they are like one big family.

No work was conferred, it was a business meeting at which the Memorial Benevolent Fund was discussed most sympathetically. They have since subscribed liberally to this fund. To further prove their benevolent spirit, they voted the sum of two hundred dollars to the building fund of the Kenora Hospital. Here also, I find a past master as secretary, Wor. Bro. P. E. Baker, whose records are accurately kept, and who is diligently and sincerely interested in the welfare of Keewatin Lodge.

The new Lodge Room at Sioux Lookout was dedicated on the occasion of my official visit to that Lodge, Nov. 24th. On instructions from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I opened Grand Lodge for the purpose of dedication and the other officers were;

Rt. Wor. Bro. Green, Deputy Grand Master; Wor. Bro. H. S. Chase, Grand Senior Warden; Wor. Bro. R. A. Shields as Grand Secretary; Very Wor. Bro. W. T. Cameron as Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bro. J. E. Cole, Grand Treasurer; Bro. F. Edwards, Grand Sup't of Works; Wor. Bro. W. J. Iball, Grand Chaplain; Bro. W. E. C. Day, Grand Deacon; Bro. R. Ferguson, Grand Steward; Bro. K. Ferguson, Grand Tyler.

Prior to the opening of Grand Lodge, I was introduced to the Lodge by Wor. Bro. Iball, and

given a most hearty welcome. The Worshipful Master was disappointed in the non-appearance of the candidates for the second degree, but I feel sure that the work of this Lodge is being efficiently done under the direction of a conscientious Master.

At this meeting I had the pleasure of presenting the regalia of Grand Steward to Very Wor. Bro. W. T. Cameron, the very efficient secretary of this Lodge and, a past master's Jewel to Wor. Bro. Yorke, who seems to be highly esteemed by the the brethren of Sioux Lookout. These presentations were made on behalf of Sioux Lookout Lodge. I must congratulate the members of this Lodge on the business like manner in which they are handling their property. Finding their building burdensome, they converted the second floor into a very cozy Lodge Room, enabling them to rent the lower hall for community purposes. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable time was spent. On behalf of Wor. Bro. Chase and myself, I want to express our appreciation to Wor. Bro. Iball and Wor. Bro. Shields who so kindly opened their homes and made our stay most pleasant.

The Lodges in the Twin Cities of Port Arthur and Fort William, I have visited several times and know the work they are doing, and which I feel compares most favorably with that done throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. Each Lodge has a capable and efficient set of officers. The secretaries are nearly all past masters of marked ability. I found their books well kept, and I must congratulate the Lodges in having as secretaries such outstanding men. Masonry in these two cities is progressing steadily in number and the dignity and honor of the fraternity is well maintained. I visited each Lodge officially once during my year as follows:

Royal Lodge 453, February 6th, 1929.

Port Arthur Lodge 499 February 11th, 1929

Connaught Lodge 511, February 18th, 1929

Shuniah Lodge 287, March 5th, 1929

Fort William Lodge 415, March 13th, 1929

Thunder Bay Lodge 618, April 4th, 1929

Kaministiquia Lodge 584, April 16th, 1929.

In each of these Lodges, I was received most cordially and with expressions of loyalty to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and to Grand Lodge.

I had the pleasure of installing and investing the officers of Thunder Bay Lodge No. 618, Fort William Lodge, No. 415; Connaught Lodge No. 511 and assisting in similar ceremonies in Shuniah Lodge No. 287. Owing to a previous engagement I was unable to accept the kind invitation to assist in the installation of the officers of Port Arthur Lodge No. 499.

Work was exemplified on my official visits to Fort William Lodge, Thunder Bay Lodge and Kaministiquia Lodge which I greatly appreciated.

During the year there passed from our midst to the Grand Lodge above, a very highly esteemed brother in the person of Rt. Wor. Bro. Fred C. Perry, Past Grand Senior Warden, Past Master of Fort William Lodge No. 415 and secretary of Royal Lodge since its inception. Our good brother was exceptionally well thought of and his genial and kindly manner together with his great love of the Masonic order, made him many friends who deeply regret his death. In his will he left tangible evidence of his love for the Craft to Royal Lodge No. 453.

On Sunday, June 2nd, together with about forty members of Shuniah Lodge, I attended a

church parade at Schrieber. Rev. Bro. Holmes delivered a very inspiring sermon to a well filled church of masons. Shuniah Lodge pays an annual visit to Schrieber where there is a large number of masons who, being not ready to apply for a lodge charter, have formed themselves into a very active body which they call the Doric Club.

As the Fort William and Port Arthur masons held their church parade at the same hour Sunday, June 23rd, Wor. Bro. H. S. Chase, District Secretary, attended church with the Fort William masons to hear a farewell sermon delivered by Wor. Bro. Glendenning, sitting master of Kaministiquia Lodge while I accompanied the Port Arthur masons, who were guests of Thunder Bay Lodge, to listen to a splendid message from the Rev. Andrew Roddan.

This district and particularly Shuniah Lodge No. 287, suffered a loss in the death of Rt. Wor. Bro. W. C. Dobie and Very Wor. Bro. John Ritchie. The latter, a much beloved mason and a distinguished citizen, died July 15th, 1928. He was an old and, at one time, very active brother, being a Past Grand Steward and a Past Master of this Lodge for thirty years. He was very prominent in educational matters, having been a school teacher for a number of years and school inspector almost until his death.

Rt. Wor. Bro. W. C. Dobie died on November 13th, 1928. This esteemed Brother was the first initiate of Shuniah Lodge, a past master of the same Lodge and a past district Deputy Grand Master. He resided in Port Arthur for more than a half a century, being one of the pioneer merchants. He occupied many positions of trust and was police magistrate for about thirty years. The memory of the many kind deeds done by our late Rt. Wor. Brother will live long in the hearts of the people.

I bespeak for my successor the same enthusiastic support and hearty co-operation given me as Grand Lodge representative, and masonry will continue to progress. The tenants and principles are well maintained and, the masonic order is a most respected fraternity; charity and benevolence are sincerely inculcated in the hearts of the brethren.

In conclusion, Most Wor. Sir and Brethren, I beg leave to make the suggestion, that in my humble opinion, it would be in the interest of masonry if lodges were limited in number to about two hundred and fifty members, believing the interest of the brethren would be better sustained and lodge attendance greatly improved if we had more and smaller lodges.

Fraternally submitted

C. S. McCOMB,

D.D.G.M. Algoma District.

BRANT DISTRICT

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 honour of submitting a report on the condition of Masonry in Brant District for the Masonic Year 1928-29.

My first official duty upon assuming office was to appoint Wor. Bro. Roy Pierson of Ozias Lodge, District Secretary, and at this time I wish to express my extreme appreciation of the able and proficient manner in which he discharged the duties of that office.

We got right to work and with the prompt co-operation of the various Lodges, we soon had our calendar arranged for the official visits, the dates of which were spread over a period from October 5th, to May 10th. St. George Lodge was the first to receive us and our official programme was brought to a conclusion at King Solomon Lodge Jarvis on the above mentioned date. We were favoured on all occasions with a good following of Brethren which personally I appreciated very much.

We found conditions very satisfactory, there being a pleasing degree of uniformity in the work throughout the district with the sole exception of St. John's Lodge, Cayuga. The standard of the work was very commendable and the trouble with St. John's Lodge, is lack of energy or interest, so much so, that even after my appeal asking them to rehearse and name another date for further inspection so as to permit of a favorable report, my request, up to this date has been completely ignored and therefore I feel it is a duty incumbent upon me, though unpleasant, as it is, to make mention of it at this time.

The loyalty of Brant district was expressed through the enthusiastic receptions we experienced

on all occasions; there was a diversity of work some worked firsts while others put on seconds, with the exception of Jarvis, they demonstrating there proficiency by the manner in which they transacted the lodge business, also raising and lowering in the three degrees.

Together with an installing team recruited principally from Reba Lodge, it was my pleasure to install the officers of Burford, St. George and Onondaga Lodges, and on all three occasions the evenings were spent both with profit and pleasure.

I am pleased to report that during my term of office there has not been one occasion or happening that might tend to mar the good feeling that exists either in the individual lodges or the district as a whole.

A very appropriate climax to the activities of the term was made possible when we received and accepted an invitation from the Anglican Clergy of the City to join with them in their Ascension Day Service which was held in Grace Church on May 9th, and I am pleased to report that practically every lodge in the District was represented and that those who availed themselves of the invitation received great benefit thereby. In passing I might remark that upwards of 400 turned out and they were rewarded with a service that was both helpful and enjoyable.

I wish to take advantage of this my last opportunity to again express my appreciation to the members of Brant District as a whole for the honour they have done me, and I sincerely trust that my demeanor and effort has met with your approval, in so much at least, as to have merited the confidence reposed in me, and in conclusion I would bespeak for my successor the same degree of loyalty and support that it has been my pleasure to experience.

Fraternally yours,

T. J. KIRKBY,

D.D.G.M. Brant District.

BRUCE DISTRICT

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

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to present herewith my report on the condition of Freemasonry in Bruce District, and in the several lodges of which it is composed.

First, however, I take this opportunity of expressing to the Brethren of the District, my appreciation of the high honour they conferred on me, in electing me to represent the Grand Master in the District of Bruce, and I also thank the Brethren for the most cordial welcome I received in all lodges, and for the harmony which always prevailed.

My first official duty was to appoint Wor. Bro. John A. Cumming, of Aldworth Lodge, to the position of District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. R. J. Murphy, of Maple Leaf Lodge, to the post of District chaplain. To both these brethren, and to the many others who assisted me, my thanks are due.

The raising of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund was the outstanding work of the year. Right Wor. Bro. Geo. Sirrs of Moravian Lodge, was appointed chairman in charge of this work, and he called a meeting of all Masters and secretaries in the district, to be held in Paisley on Nov. 9th. At this meeting, Wor. Bro. Cumming was elected District Treasurer, and the fund was launched. Owing to ill health, Rt. Wor. Bro. Sirrs gave up this office, and on May 16th, Rt. Wor. Bro. C. T. Boss, of Saugeen Lodge assumed the responsibility of completing the work. At this writing, Saugeen

Lodge is the only one which has attained its objective, but I am sure that under the leadership of Rt. Wor. Bro. Boss the rest of the district will fulfil its obligations in due time.

An outstanding event of the year was the District Lodge of Instruction, held at Paisley on May 16th. At this meeting, Maple Leaf Lodge of Tara exemplified the first degree on a dummy candidate; Saugeen Lodge of Walkerton, passed one of their own brethren to the second degree; and St. Lawrence Lodge of Southampton raised Bro. R. B. McGregor, of Aldworth Lodge to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The work in all three degrees was of a very high order, and the official critics, Rt. Wor. Bros. Cameron of Warton, McDonald, of Tara, and Boss of Walkerton, complimented the Officers highly on their proficiency. Very helpful discussions on the work in each degree took place and the 150 brethren who were present received a great deal of inspiration and help. Nine Lodges, out of the twelve in the district were represented and from the comments expressed, I feel sure that the results more than justified the effort.

One other District meeting was held, a district Church Parade was held at Tara, on Sunday, June 9th. The brethren in Maple Leaf Lodge room at 2.30, and marched to the Anglican Church, where the District Chaplain, Rev. R. J. Murphy gave us an excellent sermon on the text "Let your citizenship be in Heaven." Brethren attended this service from Hepworth, Southampton, Tara, Chesley Paisley, Walkerton, and Harriston.

I feel that district meetings of any kind are a distinct gain in fraternity, and that in these days of rapid transit, one or two district meetings should be held every year.

In making my official visits I was much impressed with the uniformly good work of the offi-

cers of the several lodges, and with the very comfortable condition of all the lodge rooms. Many of these would be a credit to a large city lodge, and the visitor receives a first impression which he will long remember.

My term of office as District Deputy has been a very bright year of my life, and I ask for my successor in this important office the same kindness and courtesy which have been accorded to me.

Hanover Lodge No. 432—On Friday, Nov. 2nd, I paid my official visit to this lodge. This was my first official visit, and about 20 brethren of my home lodge accepted the invitation of Hanover Lodge, and gave me the benefit of their support. Among the visitors were a number of Walkerton brethren, Rt. Wor. Bro. C. T. Boss, my immediate predecessor being one, several from Tara, including Rt. Wor. Bro. McDonald, and a few from Chesley.

I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Armstrong, and the cordiality of my reception demonstrated the regard in which Hanover Lodge holds the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master.

The work of the evening was the passing of two brethren, a Father and Son, Bros. Metcalf. The work was done by the Master, Wor. Bro. Ball, assisted by several past masters, and left nothing to be desired in either manner or wording. In addition to the candidates having the distinction of being the first father and son to go through the degrees together, they are the first farmer members, and thereby open up a large field of possible membership.

The books of the lodge are particularly well looked after by Very Wor. Bro. J. A. Magee, and he is making a real effort to collect arrears, and with very marked results.

At the conclusion of the lodge work, a social hour was spent in the restaurant, which was much enjoyed by the visitors.

My impressions are that Masonry is well looked after by Hanover Lodge, and I feel that is a real force in the community.

Moravian Lodge No. 431, Cargill—This lodge was visited on Nov. 26th, and I was accompanied by about 15 brethren of Aldworth Lodge, who had previously sampled Moravian hospitality, and could not be kept away. A number of Hanover were also guests, and a score or more of Past Masters were seated in the East. I was cordially received by Wor. Bro. J. A. Gregg and the Brethren in the particularly comfortable and well furnished lodge room.

The second degree was conferred on a very good candidate, a number of past masters assisting the master with the work.

At the conclusion of the work the visitors were not disappointed in the hospitality extended.

Since the last annual inspection, Moravian Lodge has prospered greatly. Several excellent new members have been initiated, with a number more in sight, while the Secretary, Bro. Ziegler, reported that not one member was in arrears for dues. This I consider a record to be proud of and I look with confidence on the future of Moravian Lodge.

Forest Lodge No. 393, Chesley. My official visit to this lodge was made on Nov. 22nd, 1928, and I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Ross, a past District Deputy of Bruce district, and was well received.

The work of the evening was the raising of Bro. Fortune, the ceremony being conducted by

the Master, Wor. Bro. McKinnon, assisted by several Past Masters. No criticism could be found with the work or the impressive manner in which it was put on and I am sure that the Officers of Forest Lodge are putting their whole hearts into their work.

The new Secretary, Wor. Bro. Gillies has the books in good shape and is a worthy successor to Wor. Bro. H. Stevens in this important post.

As usual a pleasant hour was spent in relaxation, after the labor of the evening.

I wish here to recognize the consideration shown me by Forest Lodge, in permitting my official visit at this time, only a few months after that of my predecessor.

Clifford Lodge No. 315, Clifford. On Monday Nov. 29th, I made my official visit to this lodge. In spite of the rather inclement weather, there was a good attendance of Clifford brethren, and also a number of visitors from Harriston, Mildmay and Paisley. I received a hearty welcome as the representative of the Grand Master, from Wor. Bro. Fulton, and his officers, being introduced by Wor. Bro. Robb. The regular business of the lodge was conducted in the first degree, after which lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and a recently raised brother was examined in the third degree work. He knew the work thoroughly, and I had the pleasure of presenting him with the certificate of his rank as a master mason.

The secretary of the lodge, Bro. Edgar Eckenwiler, has the books in excellent shape, and financially the lodge is on easy street, as it owns its own premises, including several stores, which bring in a good revenue, and a Banquet Hall, to which we adjourned when lodge work was over.

The speeches at the after meeting were of a particularly high order, and I will long remember this very interesting meeting, and the array of talent presented by Wor. Bro. Robb the toast-master.

Port Elgin Lodge No. 429, Port Elgin. This lodge received my official visit on March 21st, the night of the regular meeting. I was well received by a goodly number of brethren, including a few visitors from St. Lawrence Lodge Southampton.

The initiatory degree was conferred on two candidates, Messrs Ernest L. Roberts, and Ralph Pequegnat, the work being well done by the master, Wor. Bro. H. A. McGillivray, and his officers. The Secretary, Wor. Bro. Koebke reported the books to be in a satisfactory condition, the number of members in arrears being considerably reduced in the past few months.

A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of veteran Masters jewels to three veterans, Wor. Bros. Geo Smith, Gus. Smith, and J. A. Chapman. These three worthy brethren were all there in person to receive them.

This lodge has had rather hard luck for the past few years, as the last four masters have left the district before their term of office had expired. In spite of this fact, however, there was a good attendance of past masters, which argues well for the continued success of the lodge.

After lodge was closed a social hour was much enjoyed, and from the interest manifested in Masonic history I look for great things from Port Elgin Lodge.

St. Lawrence Lodge No. 123, Southampton. My official visit to this, the oldest lodge in the district, was made on March 26th, and I was

heartily received by a large number of brethren in the comfortable lodge room, which is owned by the lodge.

The degree of a fellowcraft was conferred on Bro. D. Matheson, the work being well done by the Wor. Master Bro. J. W. Burns and his officers in a very impressive manner.

The secretary, Wor. Bro. Goodier, reported a total of 118 members, and not one in arrears, a report which can never be excelled, and will seldom be equalled by any lodge in the district.

St. Lawrence lodge has several past grand lodge officers in its membership, and as these are still active in the craft, all ancient landmarks are particularly well observed. Five brethren of this lodge received the veteran masters jewels some time before, and several were worn on this occasion.

As usual, a pleasant hour was spent in the banqueting hall, where several speeches on Masonry, its meaning and history were much enjoyed.

Cedar Lodge No. 396, Wiarton. A rainy night on May 2nd, ushered in my visit to this, the largest lodge in the district. In spite of the rain the lodge was well filled with enthusiastic masons, some of the members coming over 20 miles to attend this meeting. I was introduced to the lodge by Rt. Wor. Bro. S. E. Foster, one of the more recent District Deputies, and my welcome was all that could be desired.

The third degree was conferred on Bro. W. H. Work, who was a particularly well prepared candidate. The degree, which was put on by the Master, Wor. Bro. J. F. Currie, assisted by several past masters, was of a very high order, and no criticism of any kind could be found with it.

Cedar Lodge has for years enjoyed the reputation of putting on excellent work, and the present officers are worthily upholding that tradition.

Several veteran masters jewels were presented to the lodge, but only one brother, Wor. Bro. Jackson, was present, to receive his in person.

The work of the evening being finished, a pleasant hour was passed in sociability, and many new friendships were formed by visiting brethren.

Aldworth Lodge No. 235, Paisley. This, my home lodge, received my official visit on April 16th, and honored my appointment to the office of D.D. G.M. by a large attendance, about 110 of the home and visiting brethren being present in the lodge-room. We were pleased to have, as guests, Rt. Wor. Bro. Leslie, D.D.G.M. of Grey district, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Mewhinney past D.D.G.M. of Huron as well as Rt. Wor. Bros. Boss and Armstrong of, our own district. No degree work was done, but lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, in proper form by Wor. Bro. Elgin Cumming, and his officers. Rt. Wor. Bro. Leslie gave the secret work, exemplified the grips etc., and a very helpful discussion took place.

At the conclusion of the meeting, adjournment was made to the town Hall, where the ladies joined us, and an excellent program was enjoyed.

I wish here to thank the brethren of my mother lodge for this, the most elaborate reception which could be tendered to the representative of Grand Lodge.

Harriston Lodge No. 262, Harriston. My last visit in the district was made to this lodge on May 21st. I was, as usual, accompanied by a number of Paisley brethren, who throughout the

year, have given me wonderful support in my rounds of the district. A large number of Harriston brethren received me, as well as visitors from Clifford, Palmerston and other places. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Morrell, a past D.D.G. M. of Bruce, who now resides in Hamilton, but was present in his home lodge on this occasion.

The work of the evening was the third degree and this was ably done by Wor. Bro. Murray, and his officers. Bro. Murray has an excellent memory, and a good address, and did nearly all the work himself in a very creditable manner. The candidate, was a good one, and had his work up perfectly.

Harriston Lodge is particularly fortunate in its secretary. Wor. Bro. H. J. Hucks, who has ideas, and is not afraid to use them.

The financial end is well looked after, the quarters are comfortable, and the lodge generally in the flourishing condition you would expect from its past record.

Burns Lodge No. 436 Hepworth. My visit to this lodge, long noted for the excellence of its work was made on May 3rd, and I was as always, most cordially received.

The sublime degree of a master mason was conferred on a very well prepared candidate by Wor. Bro. Fox, and his officers. Burns Lodge uses a musical accompaniment to this degree which is wonderfully effective, and must impress the candidate most strongly.

This lodge has recently purchased the block in which the lodgeroom is situated, so will have a permanent home, and the revenue which the lower flat produces will help materially in financing the purchase.

Wor. Bro. McBride is a capable secretary, and the lodge is fortunate in having him for this responsible position.

Burns Lodge makes a feature of this one night of the year as Ladies night, and when the labor of the evening was over, a very pleasant time was spent with the ladies and their visitors in the Town Hall.

Saugeen Lodge No. 197, Walkerton. My official visit to the County Town was made on April 9th when a large number of home and visiting brethren assembled to do honor to the Grand Master through his representative. I was introduced by my immediate predecessor, Rt. Wor. Bro. Boss, and received a real welcome from Wor. Bro. Patton and his officers.

The first degree was conferred on a youthful candidate, Mr. E. H. Truax, who seems the right stamp of young man to give the lodge a continually increasing prestige in the community. The quality of the work was excellent, and Saugeen Lodge may well feel proud of its present as well as its past officers.

As usual, a pleasant hour was spent in sociability, and many short speeches by the home and visiting brethren were heard with interest.

I mention here that Saugeen Lodge is the first lodge in the district to exceed its objective in the Grand Lodge benevolent fund, and as a great deal of this good work has been done locally in the past, we may rest assured that the brethren are Masons reality, as well as in name.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 362, Tara. This lodge received me on April 22nd, and I was introduced to the brethren by Rt. Wor. Bro. McDonald, a

Past District Deputy of Bruce. No degree work was done, but the Worshipful Master Bro. Dopfer and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees in good form. Penalties, etc., were given, and I am sure that the officers are all capable and efficient.

Wor. Bro. Shannon, the secretary, has the books in the best of shape, with a minimum of arrears, and the lodge is fortunate in having this important office so well filled.

At the conclusion of lodge work, we adjourned to the banquet hall where speeches and song refreshed the inner man.

Fraternally submitted,

S. F. BALLACHEY,

D.D.G.M. Bruce District

CHATHAM DISTRICT

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 honour to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Chatham District for the Masonic years 1928-29.

As this report will have chief interest to the brethren of Chatham District I desire herewith to extend to them my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred by them upon me in July 1928. I entered upon the year with some misgivings and concern regarding the responsibilities and duties of the office entrusted to my care.

The kind and courteous receptions tendered me throughout the District were regarded by me as an evidence of the esteem and affection in which our Grand Master is held by the brethren as well as their loyalty to Grand Lodge.

My first official act was to appoint as District Secretary, W. Bro. James Beatty of Florence Lodge No. 390 and Rev. Bro. M. A. Hunt of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville, as District Chaplain. These brethren have ably assisted me in my duties for which I wish to thank them.

Official Visits

Oct 12th I made my first official visit to Highgate Lodge No. 336. Highgate, and was kindly received by W. Bro. McKillop and his officers who conferred a second degree in a very creditable and impressive manner assisted by several Past Masters. I was accompanied by a number of Florence brethren. There were also a number of visitors present. This is

the Mother Lodge of my predecessor in office R.W. Bro. Dr. McPherson who takes an active part in the affairs of his lodge. The Secy. W. Bro. Montgomery has his books in fine order with dues well kept up and success seems assured for this lodge.

Oct. 24th, I had the pleasure of visiting Sydenham No. 255, Dresden. There was a large turnout of visitors. W. Bro. Paling and his officers conferred a third degree assisted by several Past Masters in an almost faultless manner. They have a comfortable room and prospects look good. W. Bro. French the Secy. was unable to be present through illness. He has the distinction of being the oldest Mason in the district being ninety years of age. V.W. Bro. Blackburn has now taken over the duties of secretary. R. Wor. Bro. Dr. Jeffs takes an active part in lodge proceedings being present on nearly all occasions.

Nov. 26th I visited Howard Lodge No. 391, Ridgetown and witnessed the first degree conferred in a creditable manner by W. Bro. Alexander and his officers. The books are a model of neatness by the secretary, W. Bro. Dr. Routledge with dues well paid up. I was accompanied on this occasion by R. W. Bro. Graham and W. Bro. McGuire of Tecumseh, No. 245, Thamesville. The Past Masters take an active part in the work which is encouraging to the younger brethren. Of special mention is W. Bro. Bingham who gives short talks on Masonic subjects which is interesting and who is also Vice-President of our Past Masters Association.

Dec. 12th, Parthenon Lodge Chatham, the largest in membership in the District. The W. Master, W. Bro. French and his officers conferred a first degree in an excellent manner. A pleasing feature of the evenings proceedings was the presentation of Grand Lodge regalia upon R.W. Bro. Plewes Grand Senior Warden. W. Bro. Martin is a very efficient and capable secretary with the dues well kept up. R.W. Bro. Draper takes an active interest. Also W. Bro. Miller and other Past Masters. Many visitors were present in-

cluding R.W. Bro. Burney Smith of London. I enjoyed my visit with the brethren of Parthenon lodge.

Florence Lodge No. 390. I visited on December 27th. When we also had our installation of officers. This is my Mother Lodge and needless to say I was no stranger to the brethren. There was no degree work the time being taken up with the installing of our officers for the ensuing year and I also had the honor of assisting in the work. This lodge is now making good progress. Since moving into our new lodge room which they now own. W. Bro. Butler and his officers confer the degree work impressively and are making substantial additions to our membership. W. Bro. James Beatty is a capable secretary with dues paid up.

Jan. 21st I visited Hammond Lodge No. 327, Wardsville. Accompanied by a number of Florence brethren and witnessed a third degree by W. Bro. McDonald and his officers assisted by several past masters. I was introduced by a former member of Florence Lodge, W. Bro. McIntyre. The degree work of the evening was very capably performed by the officers. This lodge appears to be in a prosperous condition, and doing well. The past masters take an active interest which is encouraging. W. Bro. Miller is an ideal secretary and the dues are kept up to date.

Tecumseh Lodge No. 245, Thamesville on Feb. 18th. A first degree being conferred upon an excellent candidate W. Bro. D. L. Stewart the Wor. Master, and his officer did their work in a very impressive manner. There were a number of Chatham brethren present including R.W. Bro. Edworth. Of special mention was the lecture in the south by Bro. Williams also the charge so nicely rendered by V.W. Bro. D. Winters. This is the Mother Lodge of R.W. Bros. Graham and Worth and other capable Past Masters. The dues are well paid up. They have a diligent and capable secretary in Bro. J. M. Coutts.

Monday, April 8th I visited Pynx Lodge No. 312 Wallaceburg and had the pleasure of seeing a second

degree conferred by W. Bro. Heath and his officers in a very able and impressive manner. This lodge is in a prosperous condition, with a large membership. They have also a splendid secretary in Wor. Bro. Johnson, who is also secretary of our Past Masters Association in Chatham District. The lodge is in good financial condition and dues well collected to date.

The Fraternal spirit seems to prevail with the brethren of Pynx Lodge. I also had the pleasure of having R.W. Bro. McCallum with me on this occasion.

April 9th I had the pleasure of visiting Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe, W. Bro. May and his staff of officers conferred two second degrees upon very excellent candidates. The work was well done and fully up to the high mark of efficiency. The past masters assisted in their own excellent style. I also had the pleasure of meeting R.W. Bro. Mumford, also a member of this lodge, and W. Bros. Houston, Freele and others. After the lodge was closed a social hour was enjoyed by the brethren. W. Bro. C. G. Yorke is a very able and capable secretary with his books a model of neatness. The dues are well looked after and prospects look bright for Lorne Lodge.

April 15th Wellington Lodge No. 46 Chatham when W. Bro. McKellar conferred a third degree, assisted by his officers and a number of past masters. As was to be expected the work was well rendered and ably done. This is the oldest lodge in the district, and on Nov. 19th celebrated their seventy-fifth anniversary. Their membership is large and a bright future is assured. This the home lodge of R.W. Bro. J. A. McCallum, who takes an active interest. W. Bro. McCall is an efficient secretary with his books in fine order and dues well in hand.

April 17th I paid an unofficial visit to Star of the East No. 422, Bothwell. This lodge suffered the loss of their building and contents by fire early in Janu-

ary and are at present occupying temporary quarters. in the Foresters Hall. The evening I paid my visit they were holding their past masters night, W. Bro. Prout in the East, assisted by past masters, conferred a second degree in a most excellent manner. The brethren of this lodge have the reputation of excelling in degree work, the floor work being second to none in the district. I also had the pleasure of meeting W. Bro. Patterson, Wor. Master and his officers. V.W. Bro. Bradley and others. The secretary W. Bro. Hankinson has his books in fine order with dues well collected.

May 20th I visited Kent Lodge No. 274 Blenheim, where W. Bro. Mooney exemplified assisted by his officers a second degree in an almost perfect manner perhaps the equal of any I had witnessed in the district. They have a fine large lodge room and a large membership. The secretary W. Bro. Williams is an excellent Bro. for the position and dues well looked after. The Fraternal spirit of Masonry is much in evidence in this lodge. I also had the pleasure of meeting a large number of Past Masters including W. Bro. Pardo. Shillington, McTavish and others who take a great interest in their lodge activities I thoroughly enjoyed my visit with the brethren of Kent Lodge.

May 22nd, Century Lodge No. 457 Merlin and witnessed a first degree by W. Bro. Crewe and his officers in a very able manner. A number of visiting brethren were present. The brethren of Century are somewhat handicapped by reason of having a small room it is proposed to secure more suitable quarters within a short time. The Past Masters take an active interest in the welfare of their lodge and are making good progress. The secretary W. Bro Holmes has his books in fine order with dues well paid up. I also had the pleasure of making myself acquainted with a large number of the brethren and will not soon forget the kindness and fraternal fellowship shown me by the brethren of Century Lodge.

May 28th I paid my last official visit to the brethren of Victory Lodge, No. 563, Chatham, and had the pleasure of seeing a first degree conferred by W. Bro. Beamer and his officers in a most capable manner I had expected to see the work well done in this lodge and was not disappointed. This lodge is fortunate in having R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Clements as one of their members as well as R.W. Bro. Perkins, Past Grand Chaplain. The Past Masters take an active part in looking after the interests of their lodge and masonry in the district. The Secretary, W. Bro. Scurr is very diligent in his duties and dues well looked after. The Fraternal spirit of masonry is largely in evidence and I enjoyed my visit.

Summary

On April 4th I called a meeting to be held in the Masonic Temple Chatham for the purpose of organizing a Past Masters and Wardens Association in the district. We had a good turnout of brethren representing the various lodges. At this meeting By-laws were adopted. Officers elected and the organization completed. This business had been provided at our last district meeting in London in July 1928. Since that time we have had another meeting June 28th and the success of the association seems assured. The next annual meeting takes place in October the place where held, and the date to be set by the erective committee.

In conclusion I desire to state that the condition of Masonry is excellent in this district. The spirit of True Brotherhood seems to prevail in all the lodges I have visited. I have endeavored to impress the brethren with the strict necessity of strictly adhering to the constitutional usages customs and landmarks of the order.

The year just closing will be remembered by me for the many acts of kindness shown me by the brethren of this District and may I bespeak for my successor the same loyalty and brotherly kindness which

has made my work in discharging the duties of the office most pleasant and agreeable.

I also wish at this time to thank the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan for his help and prompt attention to all correspondence I have had with him in discharge of my duties.

All of which is cordially and fraternally submitted,

W. J. BODKIN,

D.D.G.M. Chatham District.

EASTERN DISTRICT

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 honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Eastern District for the past year.

I wish, however, to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation to the brethren of the District for the high honour they conferred on me at the Grand Lodge Communication in London when they elected me the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this District.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. John F. Gibson of Henderson Lodge, Winchester, District Secretary.

W. Bro. Gibson accompanied me on all but two of my official visits and rendered most efficient service.

General Conditions: It has been my privilege to visit officially every lodge in the District, and have on several other occasions visited a number of them and have taken part in social functions or witnessed degree work.

I find that the work is done quite uniformly among the lodges of the district, a fact which shows that my predecessors in office have done their work very efficiently. In all cases the brethren have been encouraged to discuss freely any point of merit in the way the work was done and also to offer suggestions for improvement. In this way many points of interest came up for dis-

cussion and I believe much good has been accomplished through this friendly interchange of ideas.

Benevolence: In a circular letter issued in September I explained:

(1) The need for an increase in the benevolent fund if the Grand Lodge were to be able to continue to meet the calls made upon it.

(2) The proposal made at the Grand Lodge in London to raise a Memorial fund of at least \$250,000 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the institution of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

(3) The opportunity afforded each lodge and each member of sharing in the establishing of this fund.

(4) The request that each lodge appoint a committee to receive subscriptions.

When I made my official visit I also appealed to the brethren with all the force that I possess for the support of the fund and in all cases I received a very sympathetic hearing.

Each of the lodges appointed a committee and from the reports received I have good reason to be optimistic as to the results and that when Grand Lodge meets in 1930, that Eastern District will have contributed its full share.

Work: In my visits throughout the District it was my privilege and pleasure to witness the work of all three degrees. In all cases the officers appeared to feel that the candidate was the central figure and that the ceremony was entirely for his benefit. I believe that in every case he received a very impressive lesson on the teachings of the degree. The examination of the candidates before the second and third degrees also showed that the officers are very particular in instructing the candidates.

In most cases too, the candidates were exceptionally bright young men who will be a credit to our order and will make splendid material for officers later on.

Dues: I found that the secretaries have been very attentive in the work of collecting dues and that the amount outstanding is very small. This is naturally to be expected as most of the secretaries are Past Masters and several are Past D.D.G.Ms.

Meetings: The meetings in all cases were well attended and the members showed a keen interest in the work. In most lodges the Master retains the interest of his Past Masters by calling on them to take part in the degree work and by having a "Past Masters' night" some time during the year.

Fraternal spirit: At every meeting at which I made my official visit I found that there was a large representation of members from the surrounding lodges, in many cases exceeding in number the number of members of the lodge visited. This, I appreciated very much as it was an indication of the spirit existing among the various lodges of the district. In several cases the members travelled more than fifty miles—a very effective way of demonstrating their interest.

There has also been many exchanges of visits between different lodges for the purpose of conferring degrees and fostering the fraternal spirit about the festive board. This has been extended to fraternal visits between the lodges of different districts as well as between lodges of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

With such a spirit of fraternity as has been indicated, it is no surprise to find that there is perfect harmony among all the members and I have not been called upon to give any ruling whatever during the year.

Three lodges in Eastern District, Alexandria, Lancaster and Plantagenet, own their own property and in all three cases it is practically free of debt.

Throughout the District the property of the lodges is kept well insured and in a state of good repair. The lodge rooms are made cheerful and homelike and are a credit to the members.

On May 30th we were favored by a visit from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, The Hon. John S. Martin.

Cornwall was selected as the most central place in the district and a large number of the Craft from the various lodges gathered here to do honour to our most esteemed Ruler. The Past Masters' Association of the District assumed charge and a Complimentary Dinner was given under their auspices at the new Cornwallis Hotel. About 200 Masons were present to enjoy the good things that had been provided. After the Dinner an adjournment was made to the Assembly hall of the Collegiate where the brethren were joined by many others who had come in for the evening program.

A male choir of fourteen, mostly members of Cornwall Lodge, furnished several excellent musical numbers which proved to be a real treat. The address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master as well as those addresses given by several of the Past D.D.G.Ms. of Eastern District were of a very high order and the great attention given was an indication that all were intensely interested.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Harold Kidd brought the greetings of St. Lawrence District, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. A. L. Sisco brought those of the Shefford-Brome District and the Province of Quebec.

The Cornwall Collegiate Institute is the successor of the old Cornwall Grammar School—the

first Grammar school established in Canada nearly a century and a half ago by the Rev. Dr. John Strachan. Many of the most noted public men of Ontario and of Canada, including two premiers, Hon. John Sandfield McDonald and Hon. Sir James Pliney Whitney, are numbered among its graduates. For this reason it furnished an excellent background for the meeting of the Masons of Eastern District.

Very much of the success of the meeting was due to the untiring efforts of my predecessor, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. C. Macfarlane of Cornwall.

I am sure that all the brethren join with me in expressing our appreciation of the work he did in making the meeting a success.

I wish also to add that all the Past D.D.G.Ms. have given me their hearty support, and their presence at the meetings was an inspiration to myself and the other brethren present.

I am also deeply indebted to the members of Henderson Lodge, Winchester—my own lodge—for the enthusiastic support given me throughout the year. On every visit I was accompanied by several, on one occasion thirty five of them formed the escort. If I have had any success it has been due in a large measure to the wonderful fraternal spirit of this lodge.

Passing: It is with a deep feeling of sorrow and regret that I record the passing of two of the stalwarts of this District, Rt. Wor. Bro. John Ridley who was Secretary of Cornwall Lodge for many years, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Chas F. Whittaker, the founder and first W. M. of Williamsburg Lodge.

Both of these brethren served the craft faithfully and were also—as all Masons should be—good and faithful citizens of their respective communities.

In conclusion, I desire to again express my appreciation of the many kindnesses and the great inspiration I have received and I assure my successor the same hearty co-operation that has been so generously accorded me.

Fraternally submitted,

H. B. FETTERLY,

D.D.G.M. Eastern District.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT

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.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In presenting for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Frontenac District for the year ending June 30th, 1929, I wish first to express my sincere appreciation for the high honour which the brethren conferred upon me in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

The kindness, courtesy and hospitality that I received from the brethren throughout the district made the work a pleasant and agreeable one and I have endeavoured to discharge the duties involved to the best of my ability and to prove worthy of the honour and dignity becoming the office and can only hope and trust that it has not been undeservedly bestowed.

I wish particularly to express my appreciation of the very thoughtful assistance received from R.W. Bro. Harvey Milne and R.W. Bro. H. A. Carscallen upon my taking the duties of the office.

I am also deeply grateful to the several lodges for the many kind invitations to attend the different social functions held by them during the year and although it was impossible to attend many of them it showed the fine spirit of good will and hospitality that prevails in the district.

My first official duty was to appoint W. Bro. E. F. Purcell District Secretary and extend to him my thanks for his able assistance and also Bro. E. D. Shangraw who accompanied me on all my official visits as well as a goodly number of brothers from my Mother Lodge.

My predecessors in office deserve and have the thanks of the district for the uniformity of the degree work observed by me on my official visits. These esteemed brethren have set a high standard for those who follow in their train and their keen appreciation of the importance of their responsibility has made an impression for good in the District. I could not fail to observe the anxiety of the brethren to present for my inspection work that would be a credit to Frontenac District.

At all of the meetings there were present many visitors from neighboring lodges and a fine fraternal spirit was much in evidence. Many of the lodges have inter-lodge visits and Masonry in this district is in a healthy condition and showing progress. The officers are capable men, the members reasonably enthusiastic, the candidates of good type, the attendance good and the entertainments in the banquet rooms, as it should be, of a high order.

I wish to congratulate the secretaries of the different lodges on the excellent manner in which their books were kept and also the careful manner in which the finances were handled.

Finally may I say that I consider Frontenac District is one in which the brethren appreciate the high calling and that the spirit of tolerance and good will among them was never at a higher level.

From my own experience I can assure my successor that his duties though onerous will afford him friendships and happy memories for all the years to come.

On Dec. 27-28, I had the honour of installing and investing the officers of The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3; Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92; Minden Lodge, No. 253; Royal Edward No. 585; all of Kingston and was ably assisted by R.W. Bro. Milne, R.W. Bro. Carscallen and other Past Masters.

My first official visit was paid to Westport lodge No. 441, Westport on Oct. 5th.

I had the honour of being introduced to the Worshipful Master by Very Worshipful Bro. James R. Gorrell and W. Bro. William Ewart, Sr. whose combined ages were one hundred and seventy-five years.

The third degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. James F. McGuire and his officers after which a pleasant hour was spent at the banquet.

Leeds Lodge No. 201. Gananoque was visited on Oct. 23rd, W. Bro. S. L. McGannaghan and his officers worked the first degree in a very satisfactory manner. The attendance was large. Addresses were delivered at the banquet by R.W. Bro. Lott and other prominent brothers which made the evening a very profitable and enjoyable one. Leeds lodge is a banner one.

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 146. Newburgh I visited on Oct. 24th, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Milne. I was introduced to the lodge by R.W. Bro. Aylesworth. W. Bro. Wilson and his staff of officers conferred the second degree in a very creditable manner. A pleasant hour was spent in the banquet hall where addresses were delivered by R.W. Bro. Milne, R.W. Bro. Aylesworth and other prominent speakers.

Frontenac Lodge No. 621. Sharbot Lake received me officially on Oct. 26th, and I was introduced to the lodge by W. Bro. Reid, Frontenac is the youngest lodge in the district but what it lacks in age is made up in enthusiasm. The first degree was exemplified in musical form by W. Bro. C. G. Tripp and his officers in a very efficient manner. I was accompanied on this visit by a number of brethren from my mother lodge and we were royally received and entertained.

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 288. Odessa was next visited on Oct. 29th. There was a large attendance of officers and members as well as visitors from many of the surrounding lodges. The officers showed their proficiency in the exemplification of the first degree. The ladies are to be congratulated for the excellent banquet provided. R.W. Bro. Milne was the speaker of the evening.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299. Centreville welcomed me on Nov. 15th and I was introduced to the lodge by W. Bro. Wagar. The new officers conducted the candidate through the first degree in a splendid manner. W. Bro. H. A. Carscallen is to be congratulated on the good work this lodge is doing. The brethren accompanied by their ladies attended an excellent banquet in the town hall. R.W. Bro. Herrington gave a very enjoyable as well as instructive address.

Albion Lodge No. 109, Harrowsmith, which is my mother lodge, I visited officially on the 23rd of Nov. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. Deline and his officers. in a satisfactory manner. R.W. Bro. Milne was asked to review the work which he did in his usual capable manner. A banquet was provided by the ladies aid in the dining hall and after the good things had been done ample justice to we were favoured with an excellent musical program and with speeches by prominent speakers.

Simspon Lodge No. 157, Newboro was visited on Nov. 27th, accompanied by a number of brethren from my Mother lodge. W. Bro. L. J. Williams and his officers conferred the first degree in a fine and impressive manner. After closing we spent a very pleasant hour getting acquainted and listening to some very fine addresses from the visiting brothers of which there were quite a number. This lodge is doing good work.

Queens Lodge No. 578, Kingston, was visited on Feb. 11th, and was well attended by both members

and visiting brethren, W. Bro. McKee and his efficient staff of officers put on the First Degree in a very able manner having a brilliant young man as a candidate. It is very evident with the splendid officers coming along that Queens Lodge will make rapid progress. The usual banquet and social hour followed and was much enjoyed by all.

Minden Lodge No. 253, Kingston, received me officially on March 5th, and the meeting was well attended. R.W. Bro. H. Milne introduced me to the lodge in his incomparable manner and I was cordially received. W. Bro. H. A. Dunlop and his officers conferred the First Degree in their usual impressive manner. A pleasant social hour followed the closing of the lodge.

The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston, which is the second oldest lodge in the Province, welcomed me officially on Mar. 7th. The first degree was conferred in a very able manner. The impressive way in which the Junior Warden gave his work is worthy of special mention. Following lodge we retired to the banquet hall where we were well entertained.

Cataraqi Lodge No. 92, Kingston, was next visited on March 8th, and the first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Millard and his staff of officers in a manner which left no chance for criticism. A pleasant hour was spent in the banquet hall.

Royal Edward Lodge No. 585, Kingston, I visited on the 2nd of March and the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. McMillan and his officers. The high quality of the work and the friendly spirit which prevailed made the visit a real treat.

Loren Lodge No. 404, Tamworth, had a large attendance at Lodge the night of my official visit on April 19th. There was no work to be done and the W.M. Bro. Hinchey opened and closed lodge in the

three degrees. They have a good staff of officers and are capable of conferring any of the three degrees. A pleasant evening was spent in the banquet hall and after refreshments a good program of music and speaking was provided.

Union Lodge No. 9, Napanee gave me a very hearty welcome on May 10th, and there being no work on the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. The books are efficiently kept by R.W. Bro. Fennell. We were loyally entertained by the Masonic Choir, W. Bro. Pierce from Deseronto and a number of prominent speakers which made the evening an enjoyable one.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 119, Bath, extended me a very hearty welcome on my official visit on the 13th of May. W. Bro. J. S. Weese and his officers conferred the third degree in a manner which deserves special mention. The candidate for the evening was Bro. W. A. Hoselton who I was informed was the youngest of seven brothers to become members of the Craft and having Maple Leaf No. 119 as their mother lodge. At the banquet which followed the degree work we were entertained by music, singing and all listened with much interest to the instructive addresses given by R.W. Bro. Milne, R.W. Bro. Aylesworth, R.W. Bro. Shannon and a number of Rev. Brothers. The brethren of Maple Leaf Lodge are real entertainers.

St. Andrews Lodge, No. 497, Arden, was visited on the 21st, of May and this being their election of officers there was no work to be put on. I was asked to present W. Bro. Cowdy, I.P.M. with a Past Masters Jewell which afforded me much pleasure. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very prompt manner which showed that the officers were familiar with their work. We were then called to the town hall where the Canadian Girls in training had provided an excellent banquet after which we were entertained with music, singing and speeches.

Rideau Lodge No. 460, Seeley's Bay was my last Official visit and was made on May 23rd. There was a good attendance both of members but also visitors from Delta and Athens and I was much pleased to have the honour of meeting R.W. Bro. Earl, D.D.G.M. of St. Lawrence District. No degree work being on the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. We were entertained in the banquet room and listened with much interest to the impressive address given by R. W. Bro. Earl.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

NORMAN BOYCE,

D.D.G.M. Frontenac District.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT

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 honour of submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Georgian District for the year ending June 24th, 1929.

May I, first of all express my warmest thanks and appreciation to the lodges of the district for the honor conferred in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. I have faithfully endeavored to maintain the dignity and discharge the duties of the high and important office.

My first official act following my election was to appoint W. Bro. Ralph E. Robertson, District Secretary and Bro. Robert W. Greig, District Chaplain (Bro. Greig is 82 years old, 58 years a Mason and 10 years Chaplain of Manito Lodge). To these two brethren I desire to express my thanks for services rendered.

A most gratifying loyalty to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge is strongly in evidence and the spirit of optimism and enthusiasm is present in a marked degree. As the representative of the Grand Master I was received in every case with the greatest respect and cordiality, and the elaborate preparations for my visits and entertainment were in a great many instances most flattering.

I have personally visited each of the lodges of this Masonic District with the exception of Karnak Lodge No. 492, Coldwater. I found the lodges well manned by capable officers, who with the assistance of the Past Masters are doing good work.

On Wednesday, July 27th, 1928, a very successful Masonic picnic was held under the ausices of the District at Wasaga Beach. The brethren and their families attended in large numbers.

On November 26th, 1928, R.W. Bro. W. J. Martin a P.D.D.G.M. of Georgian District was summoned to the presence of Him who is the Great I Am. It is with feelings of deep regret that I record the passing of one who was a sincere friend, a good Mason and a true citizen.

On Oct. 8th, 1928, accompanied by three brethren of Manito Lodge I visited Seven Star Lodge No. 285 Alliston. W. Bro. F. O. Moore and his officers exemplified the first degree with musical ritual in a very commendable manner. The Secretary, W. Bro. W. Caesar has an excellent set of records. R.W. Bros. Cunningham and Knight and the Past Masters lend the W.M. their loyal support. This lodge has excellent prospects for the future.

On November 1st, 1928, accompanied by three of my brethren of Manito Lodge I visited Georgian Lodge No. 348, Penetanguishene. W. Bro. B. A. Blackwell and his officers exemplified the work of the Fellowcraft degree in a dignified and impressive manner. This lodge is loyally supported by its Past Masters and posesesses an excellent Secretary in the person of R.W. Bro. Keefe who controls a splendid set of records. The future prospects of this lodge are good.

On January 8th, 1929 I paid my official visit to Pythagoras Lodge No. 137, Meaford. I received a very cordial reception from my Meaford brethren the majority of whom are old friends. W. Bro. Edward Baker and his officers exemplified the Sublime Degree in an impressive manner. W. Bro. Finley has a good set of records. This lodge has good future prospects and enjoys the loyal support of its Past Masters. R.W. Bro. Hammill is still an active Mason and one of the pillars of Pythagoras.

On January 22nd, 1929 I officially visited Earl Kitchener Lodge No. 538 Port McNichol. W. Bro. W. H. Biggar and his officers exemplified the Fellowcraft Degree in a masterly and workmanlike manner. The records of the lodge are well kept and its future prospects are good. I wish to express to W. Bro. Biggar my appreciation of the courtesy he extended in making my visit so pleasant. While in Port McNichol I was domiciled with Bro. Norman McInnes, a boyhood friend, and his wife and wish to convey to them my thanks for their kindly hospitality.

This visit was saddened by the sudden ending, just after the banquet, of the fine, fearless Christian life of Bro., the Rev. George Craw, who was about his Master's business until the end. Just a short time before his summons to the Grand Lodge above he presented a very fine address on "Masonic Principles" which should make a lasting impression on the minds of those who heard him.

On January 29th, 1929, I officially visited Nitetis Lodge No. 444 Creemore. Owing to the unavoidable absence of W. Bro. J. M. Gabriel, who was attending the funeral of his brother, the work of the Second Degree was very nicely exemplified by W. Bro. John Lennox and the officers of the lodge. The lodge records are well kept and its future prospects fair.

On February 20th, 1929, I visited Victoria Lodge, No. 470, Victoria Harbor. W. Bro. E. Vanbuskirk and his officers worked the Fellowcraft Degree in a very impressive manner. This lodge is small numerically, but fortunate in having the guidance of R.W. Bro. Byron Brown, who at this particular time was laid up with a broken leg. Bro. Schlisser has the records of the lodge in good shape and its future prospects are fair.

On February 25th, 1929, I officially visited Tottenham Lodge No. 467, Tottenham. I was well pleased with the creditable manner in which W. Bro. R. M.

Lavery and his officers exemplified the Second Degree. This lodge is small numerically and its future prospects are fair. The lodge records are well kept by W. Bro. J. J. McKnight.

On March 12th, 1929, I officially visited my mother lodge, Manito No. 90, Collingwood. The District Secretary, W. Bro. R. E. Robertson, and myself, were introduced to the lodge by my esteemed friend R.W. Bro. C. T. Stephens and I desire to convey to him my appreciation of the kindly personal nature of his introduction. I regretted the absence of R.W. Bro. A. D. Knight and also W. Bro. Munro, the W.M. who that day buried his brother-in-law. The work of the Sublime Degree was conferred by W. Bro. C. A. Trott and the Officers of the Lodge in the usual impressive manner which is one of the traditions of Manito. The lodge is fortunate in having the guidance and counsel of R.W. Bro. Stephens and a fine line of active and well skilled Past Masters. The Secretary, W. Bro. D. M. Hughes, has the records of the lodge in excellent shape and Manito's future prospects are good.

On March 21st, 1929, the two Barrie lodges held a joint meeting at which I was officially present. The First Degree with musical ritual was exemplified in a most able and impressive manner. W. Bro. D. F. McCuaig and the Officers of Kerr Lodge No. 230 conferred the first portion of the degree and W. Bro. J. F. Goodfellow and the Officers of Corinthian Lodge No. 96 completed the work. W. Bros. Emms and Felt have the records of their respective lodges in excellent shape and these lodges have excellent future prospects. Kerr and Corinthian are fortunate in having a considerable number of outstanding Past Master's in the persons of R.W. Bros. Cowan, Smith Sprott, Little, Duff, who have the interests of their lodges at heart and are of constant assistance to the ruling masters. On this occasion R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, was present and presented a splendid and informative address on the "Memorial Benevolent Fund".

On March 25th, 1929 I officially visited Spry Lodge No. 385 Beeton. W. Bro. Carl Camplin and his officers conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree in a very impressive manner. Owing to the absence of the candidate W. Bro. W. E. King was substituted and must be complimented on the restraint he placed upon himself. This lodge has the loyal support of its Past Masters and its future prospects are good. W. Bro. Thomas Knowles has the records in splendid shape.

On April 5th, 1929, I was officially present at Orillia Lodge No. 192, Orillia. I was presented to the Lodge by my good friend R.W. Bro. W. H. Tudhope, who in the course of his remarks stated that of number of representatives of the Grand Master it had been his pleasure to present it was the first time he had presented a native born Orillian in that capacity. W. Bro. Reg. Miller and his officers exemplified the Second Degree with full Musical ritual in a very dignified and impressive manner. The lodge records are under the control of V.W. Bro. W. J. Boyle and are in splendid shape. The lodge is fortunate in having the guidance and assistance of such outstanding Masons as R.W. Bros. W. H. Tudhope and C. G. Kirkpatrick and V.W. Bro. W. J. Boyle and its future is well assured. At the Fourth Degree Bro. M. B. Tudhope, in his own forceful manner, presented a useful and very instructive address entitled "The Two Foundations."

On April 23rd, 1929, I officially visited Northern Light Lodge No. 266 Stayner. W. Bro. John Riseborough and his officers exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree in a manner which compared favorably with the work of the other lodges of the District. Bro. Clemence has a good set of records and the lodges future prospects are fair. I was very much pleased with the fine presentation of the Charge from the Book of Constitution as delivered by my good friend R.W. Bro. John Campbell. A pleasant feature of this visit was the fact that the brethren were holding their annual Ladies Night. I was accompanied by Mrs. Whipps and six of the past Masters and officers of

Manito and their wives and all appreciated the evenings entertainment very much.

On May 2nd, 1929, owing to illness I was forced to call my good friend R.W. Bro. R. D. Keefe of Penetanguishene to my assistance and on that evening he visited Karnak Lodge No. 492 Coldwater. Following is his report of that visit. "Although the elements seemed to have brought forth their heavy artillery yet there was a good turnout. It had been my privilege to officially visit them in 1926 and on this occasion they displayed the same zeal in the exemplification of the Master Mason's Degree. They are fortunate in having an excellent set of Officers led by W. Bro. Howard Gover, an exemplary Mason. Progress is being made and the outlook for the future is good." I wish to take this opportunity of thanking R.W. Bro. Keefe for his kindly assistance.

On May 6th, 1929, I visited officially Caledonian Lodge No. 249 Midland where I witnessed the Fellowcraft Degree with musical ritual presented in a most commendable and impressive manner by W. Bro. J. H. Park and his office. The lodge records in charge of V.W. Bro. W. H. Thornton are splendidly kept. This lodge has a large number of Past Masters who are maintaining their interest and who lend the Master and Officers valuable assistance. The future prospects of this lodge are good. I had the pleasure of a visit with Brothers Harry McGowan and Chris Raaflaub, members of Manito Lodge, who are now living in Midland.

On May 14th, 1929 I officially visited Minerva Lodge No. 304, Stroud. W. Bro. W. Warnica and his Officers initiated one candidate and the work was well exemplified. The records of this lodge are in good shape in the care of W. Bro. W. G. Hewson. The future prospects of this lodge are good.

On May 21st 1929 accompanied by R. W. Bro. C. T. Stephens, W. Bros. R. E. Robertson and E. B. Fry and a number of the members of Manito Lodge

I paid my official visit to Beaver Lodge No. 234, Clarksburg. The Fellowcraft Degree was exemplified in an impressive and pleasing manner by W. Bros Weller and his officers. W. Bro. Idle has the record of the lodge in good shape. On this occasion I was privileged to present Jewels to four Past Masters of the lodge. R.W. Bro. Charles Pye is still very active in the interests of Beaver Lodge and its prospects are good.

On May 28th, 1929, accompanied by three members of Manito Lodge I officially visited Manitoba Lodge No. 236 Cookstown. I was presented to the lodge by R.W. Bros. T. McKnight and Thos. Robinson. Here I witnessed the exemplification of the Entered Apprentice Degree conferred in a very impressive manner by W. Bro. Sutherland and his officers. R.W. Bro. McKnight is the Secretary and he controls a splendid set of records. R.W. Bro. Robinson and McKnight are keenly in the affairs of Manitoba Lodge and its future prospects are good.

On June 24th, 1929 accompanied by W. Bro. R. E. Robertson I paid my last official visit to Coronation Lodge, No. 466 Elmvale. There was no Degree Work put on as the brethren were celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the lodge. W. Bro. Corcoran is to be complimented on the splendid history of the early struggles of those worthy Masons who were responsible for the formation of this lodge which he prepared. W. Bro. Bishop controls a fine set of records, W. Bro. Ritchie and his officers are capable and the future prospects of the lodge are good. Upwards of 125 Masons and their ladies partook of an excellent banquet and a splendid musical entertainment. On behalf of Mrs. Whipps, Mrs. Robertson, W. Bro. Robertson and myself I desire to thank the brethren of Coronation Lodge for a very pleasant and enjoyable time spent in their company.

All of the lodges of the District are actively engaged in presenting to the brethren the requirements of Grand Lodge for Benevolent purposes and I feel

assured that we will raise more than the amount asked of us for the Memorial Benevolent Fund.

In conclusion let me again express to my brethren of Georgian District my warmest appreciation of the courtesy shown me during my term of office. I bespeak for my successor the same hearty support and co-operation which has been so cheerfully extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. WHIPPS,

D.D.G.M. Georgian District

GREY DISTRICT

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

Most Worhsipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with pleasure that I submit my report
as to the condition of Masonry in Grey District.

I first wish to thank the Officers and Members
of the various lodges for electing me to the office
of District Deputy Grand Master, and for the
courteous way in which I was received on all my
visits.

I was pleased to appoint W. Bro. E. T.
MacDonald of North Star Lodge, Owen Sound as
District Secretary. He accompanied me on all my
visits, took a keen interest in District matters and
gave me wonderful assistance at all times.

I appointed Bro. Rev. W. H. Smith of Durham
Lodge No. 306, District Chaplain, and I wish to
thank him for the splendid District Church service
he conducted in Knox United Church, Durham on
June 23rd, assisted by Bro. J. L. McInnis of Owen
Sound. All but two of the lodges were represented,
some 250 of the brethren attending. An offering
was taken up for the Benevolent Fund.

I have visited all the lodges in the District at
least once, and find Masonry to be in a most
flourishing condition. Splendid harmony apparently
prevails in every lodge. Most of the lodges are
comfortably situated in regard to rooms, although
some are a little crowded and could do better work
with larger quarters.

The Memorial Benevolent Fund campaign is
well under way. I divided the District into three

sections under the chairmanship of R. Wor. Bro. W. J. Price of Orangeville, R. Wor. S. Patterson of Shelburne and R. Wor. Bro. John McQuaker of Owen Sound. Some of the lodges are well organized and have met with splendid success, while others are somewhat slow in getting properly organized for a personal canvass, but I feel satisfied that by the time the campaign closes, every lodge will not only have reached its allotment, but a much larger sum, for no mason, if his circumstances will permit, can refuse to assist in such a worthy and noble cause.

Inspections

Sept. 28th. My first official visit was to St. Albans Lodge No. 200, Mount Forest where I saw the third degree conferred in a most capable manner. The lodge room had been recently decorated and is a credit to the members. I again visited St. Albans on the occasion of the celebrating of their 60th anniversary on Nov. 23rd. After a fine banquet, Lodge was opened, a historical sketch given by one of the members, and R. Wor. Bro. Dargavel, Deputy Grand Master delivered a most inspiring Masonic address. I had the pleasure of presenting a number of veterans' medals to several past masters from Prince Arthur Lodge, Flesherton and from St. Albans. One of these, W. Bro. Alex Gow of had been a member of St. Albans for nearly 60 years, serving faithfully and well ever since his initiation. This was his last attendance at lodge as he passed away on New Years Day at the ripe age of 94 years.

Oct. 5th. Visited Lorne Lodge No. 377, Shelburne. The meeting was very enthusiastic, and I was impressed by the large number of visitors present from the surrounding country, so much so that on my following visits, I strongly advocated more inter-lodge visiting regardless of what district they belonged. The work included an initiation in which the officers did themselves credit.

Oct. 9th. Paid a visit to Durham Lodge No. 306, Durham, when I was accompanied by a number of brethren from the two lodges in Owen Sound. A second degree was conferred almost perfectly. The members of this lodge are very proud of the fact that they own their own building, the revenue they receive from a store on the ground floor, being sufficient to pay the entire upkeep of the building.

Oct. 22nd. Attended a meeting of Dundalk Lodge No. 449 Dundalk. I found a most comfortable lodge room which had been just recently decorated, also a splendid banquet room. The first degree was conferred on one of the members who acted as candidate. The members seem to be enthusiastic, and prosperous times seem to have set in.

Oct. 25th. Visited Wellington Lodge No. 271, Erin. The third degree was conferred upon a candidate, and I had the pleasure of presenting a veterans medal to a past master who had served the lodge faithfully for many years. An excellent time was spent in the banquet room at the close of the meeting.

Nov. 16th. Attended an emergent meeting of Prince Arthur Lodge No. 333, Flesherton. Having had the privilege of acting as installing master on the occasion of their last installation, I expected a pleasant evening and was not disappointed. Although situated in a small place, the lodge is one of the most prosperous in the entire district. The second degree was conferred on two candidates, both clergymen, the work being done very efficiently. The banquet was held in the dining room of the local hotel, where a real live programme was given, with plenty of community singing and entertainment.

Feb. 27th. Officially visited my mother Lodge, North Star No. 322, and St. Georges No. 88,

Owen Sound, when a joint meeting was held as is the custom on occasions of this kind, the two lodges working in the best of harmony at all times. I am grateful to R. Wor. Bro. S. F. Bellachey, D.D.G.M. of Bruce District who was present to assist me and act as official critic. The officers of North Star initiated a candidate, after which the officers of St. George assumed the chairs and conferred a second degree. Both lodges meet in the same place and have a well equipped and well decorated lodge room and a large banquet hall.

Apr. 23rd. Visited Prince Arthur Lodge No. 334, Arthur. Although one of the smaller lodges of the District, the meeting was carried on, in a most business like way. The second degree was conferred upon a candidate in a very efficient manner. The brethren are enthusiastic and the best of harmony seems to prevail.

Apr. 30th. I was accompanied by quite a number of Owen Sound brethren to Markdale to visit Hiram Lodge No. 490. A candidate was raised to the sublime degree of a master mason, the work of the officers being exceptionally good. The fourth degree was held in a nearby hall, and an excellent time enjoyed by all those present.

May 7th. Visited Harris Lodge No. 216, Orangeville I was much impressed with the punctuality and promptness with which the meeting was carried on, opening sharp on time, and at no time, allowed to drag the least bit. I have tried to impress on all lodges the advantages of opening up, sharp at the hour set. A second degree was conferred, and just as the business part of the meeting was so well conducted, so was the degree exemplified. The officers are very efficient. The banquet part of the evening was also well conducted.

May 20th. Completed my series of visits by attending a fine meeting of Scott Lodge No. 421, Grand Valley. A candidate was initiated, the

work being splendidly done, particularly the lecture in the south. The lodge room is comfortable and well equipped. The banquet hall, although a trifle small, has been freshly decorated, and is a most inviting place in which to partake of refreshments.

Concluding my report, I wish to express my appreciation to the officers and members of all the lodges, for the kindness shown me on all my visits, and may I bespeak that same splendid treatment for my successor.

Fraternally submitted,

J. P. LESLIE,

D.D.G.M. Grey District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT "A"

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 and pleasure to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Hamilton District "A" for the past year.

I entered upon my work with a deep consciousness of the important duties of my office and a very earnest desire to carry the banner handed to me by my predecessor, in such a manner as might in some small measure show my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by my brethren of this district.

I was very pleased to appoint W. Bro. Cecil Stilson, as District Secretary, and he discharged his duties so ably that my work was made considerably lighter. His watchful eye carefully scrutinized every detail in the books and records of the lodges. His comments were always kindly and his suggestions were constructive. I feel sure that his genial attitude toward the lodge secretaries during the inspection of the records endeared him to them. To him I extend my sincerest thanks.

I appointed W. Bro. Frank Brown as District Chaplain and while his duties were not so onerous, he discharged them well.

On September 10th at the Regular Meeting of my own lodge, The Hamilton Lodge No. 562, my father R.W. Bro. James Dixon, Past Grand Registrar, invested me with my regalia, a gift from the lodges of the District. I was very proud indeed, and thankful that the G.A.O.T.U. had blessed me in sparing him that he might be present to place upon me the regalia of my office. This investiture took place in the pres-

ence of many of the Past and Present Grand Lodge officers.

On October 1st I was very pleased to be able to attend a dinner given by the M.W. the Grand Master, to the District Deputies and other Past Grand Lodge officers in Toronto. And it was on this occasion that M.W. Bro. John S. Martin presented to us his plan for raising of that mighty monument, the Memorial Benevolent Fund. At the request of the M.W. the Grand Master, every member present introduced himself, some with modesty, others with boastful references to their Districts, but it remained for a cautious Scot, in the person of R.W. Bro. T. C. Wardley to give a true introduction of himself by saying: "I was raised on porridge and the shorter catechism and taught to respect the truth."

Shortly after this on October 8th I had the pleasure of presenting V.W. Bro. W. J. Woods, Grand Steward with the regalia of his office, the gift of his brethren of Valley, Acacia, Hugh Murray and Hamilton Lodges. Many of the Past Grand Lodge officers and Past Masters were present to join in doing honour to one so worthy and deserving as our "Billy".

My first official visit was to Corinthian Lodge No. 513, and I was delighted to see the members fill the lodge room. However I learned later that this splendid lodge has an average attendance of 173. On this occasion I was accompanied by W. Bro. McNiven, W. Bro. Snider, W. Bro. Lowe and many of the officers and members of Campbell Lodge No. 603, Campbellville.

In Corinthian Lodge we find the true spirit of Masonry exemplified in the splendid relief work carried on each Sunday. Under the leadership of Bro. David Ekins, a band of Corinthians visits the hospitals and Mountain Sanatorium every Sunday afternoon, bringing a word of cheer to all sick brethren and relatives confined therein, a task of mercy which requires the personal visitation of 75 patients. Truly this is a

wonderful work and worthy of the praise of all brethren. One only needs to go the rounds once with these splendid Corinthians to appreciate the extent of the work and the good it is doing. This is an example which all other lodges might emulate. Naturally I found masonry flourishing in this lodge under a very capable set of officers.

My next official visit was made on December 4th to Campbell Lodge No. 603, Campbellville, the baby lodge of the District, but a very healthy baby indeed as is evidenced by the fact that they have no members over twelve months in arrears on their books. They own their own temple, having financed it entirely among their own members. The capacity of the lodge room was taxed to the utmost, a goodly number of visitors being present on this occasion. Wor. Bro. George Richmond accompanied me with a goodly number of his brethren from the Barton Lodge. Corinthian Lodge was also well represented by W. Bro. Joseph Crocker and a following of officers and brethren. Many other pastmasters from the surrounding lodges joined with the visitors on this occasion.

The Corinthian Lodge Quartette of Hamilton provided a splendid musical programme in the banquet room.

On December 6th I visited Tuscan Lodge No. 551 and conducted the election of officers. Needless to say the utmost harmony prevails in this young lodge and a splendid set of officers were elected. This lodge has grown steadily since its institution, and has a very strong set of past masters who give unsparingly of their time and talents that Tuscan Lodge may prosper. The financial condition of this lodge is very good. But particularly are the members of this lodge to be complimented for the relief extended to their indigent brethren during the past year.

Temple Lodge No. 324 received me officially on December 11th, when I conducted the election of officers. W. Bro. J. L. Beeching, the master of Duff-

erin Lodge No. 291 with W. Bros. W. J. Stutt, T. McCormack, G. Weatherston, A. Jones, T. Simpson, John Lawson and many officers and members of his lodge accompanied me on this occasion.

Shortly after assuming the gavel upon resolution of the lodge, Bro. Rev. C. H. Woltz of Waterdown Lodge, led in prayer to the Most High for the speedy recovery of our Gracious Majesty, King George. Worshipful Brother John Weeks was elected Master of this splendid lodge and under his guidance the year has been a banner one in Temple lodge. Donations for relief from the private benevolent fund of this lodge for the year amounted to more than the amount spent in the banquet room. Truly Temple Lodge is mindful of that greatest of all virtues, Charity.

Dundurn Lodge No. 475, presided over by W. Bro Russell Huxtable, accorded me a splendid reception on Saturday, December 15th. I conducted the election of officers assisted by many past masters of the district. The Worshipful Master, officers and members of Seymour lodge turned out in large numbers to pay a fraternal visit to Dundurn Lodge. And twenty three other past masters were also present to greet the master elect in the person of W. Bro. B. B. Hodge. This is one of the few lodges electing down to and including the Junior Steward. Consequently the election of officers required considerable time. I sincerely believe that the members would welcome a change in the mode of election to eliminate the election of the junior officers, were they permitted to revert to this system. A particularly gratifying report was presented by the master elect. Chairman of the Sick Visiting Committee. They too like Corinthian Lodge have been ever mindful of their sick brethren, having made over 550 visits in various parts of the city and to the several hospitals during the year. What a real Masonic work this popular lodge is doing. The meetings during the year have been so well attended by members and visitors that Dundurn Lodge can boast of an average attendance of 220, the highest in the district.

They too have contributed very considerably toward the relief of their indigent brethren. Well done Dundurn.

I paid my last visit during the year 1928 on December 20th to St. Johns Lodge No. 40, when I conducted the election of the officers. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Sheppard, W. Bro. Williamson, W. Bro. Lindley and W. Bro. Heldman, the officers and members of Burlington Lodge No. 165. After the election of the officers, an excellent report was read by the District Secretary. This grand old lodge still continues to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood by displaying in their great work, those truly masonic ornaments, benevolence and charity. And as must be expected in such an old lodge, they have suffered the loss of eleven members through death. But under the capable leadership of W. Bro. Robert Kerr, and his successor W. Bro. George Sutcliffe we can be assured that one of the oldest lodges in this district will continue to set an example to its younger lodges. Before the closing of the lodge R.W. Bro. James Gill offered a prayer to the G.A.O.T.U. for the return of our King to health and strength.

On February 6th I paid my official visit to Burlington Lodge No. 165, accompanied by W. Bro. E. L. Kerr, the officers and members of my own lodge. The Hamilton Lodge No. 562, and also W. Bro. John Weekes and the officers of Temple Lodge No. 324. The conferring of the third degree was exceptionally well done by W. Bro. Sheppard and his officers. This fine old rural lodge presented a glorious report of work done for relief and an almost unparalleled financial statement. They show assets of \$10,552.00 with no liabilities, own their own temple and continue each year to improve their financial standing substantially.

My "homecoming" to my own lodge was made on February 11th when W. Bro. E. L. Kerr and the members of The Hamilton Lodge No. 562, again accorded me a great reception. Having served this lodge as its first master and in all for 33 months, I

must refrain lest I be guilty of apparent self praise. But I am pleased to say in brief that all is well in this young progressive lodge and under a capable set of officers, masonry flourishes.

W. Bro. Norman Mills, the officers and members of Waterdown Lodge No. 357 joined with me to celebrate my home coming.

On February 13th I paid my official visit to the Barton Lodge No. 6, the oldest lodge in the district and one of the oldest in this grand jurisdiction. This grand old lodge is presided over by an energetic master in the person of W. Bro. W. J. Westaway. He is surrounded by a host of past masters and assisted by a splendid staff of officers who being fully conscious of their duties as Masons continue to give liberally to their brethren in distressed circumstances. A pleasing event took place in conferring of the second degree upon a brother of the Worshipful Master. A very attentive candidate received his Fellowship Degree in true Masonic form. Needless to say the financial standing of this old lodge is excellent. To its credit must be said that during the past year there have been no members suspended for non-payment of dues. I was very pleased to have our own Past Grand Master, M. Wor. W. H. Wardrope present on this occasion, and I was further delighted to be accompanied by W. Bro. Charles V. Hillmer, W. Bro. E. M. Bray, W. J. Smith, A. E. Hillmer, Geo. Hillmer and the officers and members of Oakville Lodge No. 400. In the banquet room a most interesting address on "Friendship" was given by Bro. Judge Henry Carpenter.

I visited Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 on February 19th and had the added pleasure of obligating my old room mate Bro. Dr. H. Carl Martin. This young lodge has made an enviable record for itself, and under the guidance of W. Bro. Baseman continues its steady progress. Named after our Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray it honors his memory by its splendid work.

W. Bro. Harry Clarke, his officers and members of Valley Lodge No. 100 joined me on a fraternal visit to Hugh Murray Lodge. In the banquet room the evening was made more enjoyable by the pleasant remarks of R. W. Bro. F. W. Davidson, R.W. Bro. John Forth, W. Bros. Alex. Robinson, John Weekes, B. B. Hodge, J. E. Lannin and others.

On March 5th I paid my official visit to Oakville Lodge No. 400 and saw W. Bro. C. V. Hillmer and his officers confer the first degree in full form. This work was well done and in accordance with our ancient customs.

I was accompanied by W. Bro. Geo. Sutcliffe, W.M. of St. Johns Lodge No. 40, his officers, past Masters and a number of his brethren. The Invictus Quartette furnished an excellent programme of music in the banquet room. It so happened that this visit fell on the 39th anniversary of my birthday and W. Bro. Hillmer, knowing of this, had prepared a birthday party. The banquet room was suddenly darkened when the Junior Warden appeared bearing a birthday cake illuminated by 39 candles. Many of the brethren were almost overcome with the heat. After the cake had been shared by all, the brethren of Oakville Lodge embarrassed me further by presenting me with a beautiful walking stick suitably engraved. I shall always cherish this gift as a tangible token of the kindly thoughts of my brethren of Oakville Lodge toward me, and to me the grip of this stick will ever be as the strong handshake of every member of the lodge and a constant reminder of the fraternal birthday party enjoyed with the members of "400". I must congratulate the worshipful master on the great improvement in the finances of the lodge during his term of office. Through his untiring personal efforts in collecting arrears, the current indebtedness of this splendid lodge has been wiped out and the members are able to enjoy to the fullest the benefits of their beautiful and commodious temple.

On April 8th W. Bro. Harry Clarke received me in Valley Lodge No. 100. At the same time he wel-

comed W. Bro. B. B. Hodge, his officers and many of the members of Dundurn Lodge who accompanied me. In the absence of W. Bro. Stilson, W. Bro. Robt. Randall acted as District Secretary. This old lodge continues to show marked progress in increased membership, financial standing and relief work. More has been expended during the past year for relief than any other rural lodge in the district and while I regret that the calls have been frequent it is gratifying to know that they have all been answered by this grand old lodge. I know that much of the success of this lodge is due to the willing, watchful assistance accorded by the past masters, led by that great ornament to Masonry, R. W. Bro. Fred Latshaw.

I visited Seymour Lodge No. 272 on April 9th, accompanied by W. Bro. Alex. Numbers, officers and members of Tuscan Lodge No. 551. Seymour Lodge situated in Ancaster, one of the oldest towns in Canada, is ably governed by W. Bro. Gordon Morrison, assisted by a number of active past masters and a strong staff of officers. They have a very comfortable and well equipped temple, with splendid accommodation in the banquet room. Visitors receive a royal welcome in this lodge as evidenced by the large numbers who join the several district deputies on their inspections.

But one face among the past masters in particular was missing this year. Since the last official visit of R.W. Bro. Robert Small, one of their own past masters was called to the Grand Lodge above in the person of W. Bro. Judge William M. Brandon. He had just been appointed a few months previous to his death, to the honorable position of Junior County Court Judge, a position to which he was peculiarly adapted and which he fulfilled to the entire satisfaction of all who came before him. We deeply mourn his passing and I join with all those who pay tribute to his name and memory.

On April 18th accompanied by W. Bro. John Weeks and officers and members of Temple Lodge No.

324, I visited St. Clair Lodge No. 135 at Milton. It was an added honour to me to be introduced by W. Bro. Judge Elliott, one of the most respected of our County Court Judges. Under the leadership of W. Bro. Campbell this lodge continues to prosper. They have prepared to meet all calls for relief by a strongly organized private benevolent fund, augmented by a proportion of all initiation fees and dues. The care of distressed brethren within the hail of this lodge is assured. The officers conferred the E.A. degree in splendid manner and the charge was worthy of particular comment. The finances of the lodge are sound and capably managed.

On May 21st I visited Waterdown Lodge No. 357 at Milgrove. The lodge room was filled to overflowing and undoubtedly the building shook when grand honours were given. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Joseph Crocker and officers and members of Corinthian Lodge. After being received by W. Bro. Norman Mills, the members witnessed a pleasant but touching ceremony when the sons of our late beloved R. W. Bro. Dr. MacGregor presented to his own lodge the emblems of mortality. Everyone present was carried back to the days when R.W. Bro. Dr. MacGregor sat with us in Lodge and it seemed as we viewed those emblems lying before us that out of that perishable frame our late brother counselled us with those immortal words "carry on". And as he would have wished, so, surely have the members of Waterdown Lodge been carrying on, with that same sincerity of purpose which raised this lodge in the past to the present high position it occupies in this district. And may I thank them for the kindness shown to my father who accompanied me on this occasion.

And on May 23rd, Empire Day, I paid my last official visit. Accompanied by W. Bro. Maurice Baseman, the officers and members of Hugh Murray Lodge I made my "valedictory address" to the members of Dufferin Lodge No. 291 at West Flamboro. As one would expect, a lodge bearing such a patriotic name, would be loyal to the Craft, so is Dufferin

Lodge. Located in a commodious temple of their own, with sound finances, this lodge is improving its position each year, and while the number annually seeking admission to the Craft through its portals, is not large, yet this loyal lodge is building strong and sure.

Standing solid around the W. M. W. Bro. Gibson, is a bulwark of past masters who give unsparingly of their time and talents in forwarding the interests of this splendid lodge.

So much for my official visits. But I cannot overlook other important occasions during my term of office. Among the foremost of these are the reception to R.W. Bro. Clarke and myself by the Ruling Master and Wardens Association; the reception tendered by Hamilton Districts "A" and "B" to the Most Wor. the Grand Master on April 11th; the At-Homes and Dances given by the several lodges during the winter months; the church services of many of the rural and city lodges; the fraternal visits of American and other outside lodges; and lastly the enjoyable Sunday afternoon of June 2nd spent with the members of Corinthian Lodge when accompanied by our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel and R.W. Bro. Heron, we all were brought to a conscious realization of the blessedness of extending charity of thought and good cheer to our sick brethren and their loved ones confined in the hospitals and Mountain Sanatorium.

And now that my term of office is drawing to a close let me say to all the past masters, and brethren who accompanied me and assisted me by their very presence, that I thank you most sincerely. What an inspiration it was to me to see regularly by my side on all occasions such brethren as R.W. Bros. John Forth, Herb Temple, "Bill" Osler, "Bob" Small, Fred Davidson, Jim Mercer, James Gill, Fred Martin, Very Wor. Bros. W. J. Attig, W. J. Woods, George Milne, D. W. Evans, Arthur Lavis, Donald Munro, David Hawkins, A. S. Macpherson, D. R. Gibson, and

Wor. Bros. J. Cochrane, Quackenbush, Cornell, C. F. Hillmer, Geo. Hillmer, Peter Nicol, H. A. Ross, John Weekes, Joseph Crocker, David McLean, Harry Clarke James Connor, Norman Mills, E. L. Kerr, Harold Hahnau, J. C. Gordon, B. B. Hodge, R. Huxtable, Alex Robinson, Ham Simpson, J. E. Lannin, George Sutcliffe, John Eaglesham, W. J. Stutt, Hugh Johnston, Norman Crawford, G. A. Sweatman, John Hunter, C. K. Jutten, George Maconachie, Scrimgeour, Alfred Oram and many other past masters and brethren.

During the year the gun was fired by Very Wor. Bro. W. H. Davis, Chairman of the Memorial Benevolent Fund Committee of Hamilton "A" and "B", commencing the campaign to raise our quota of that fitting memorial to our Grand Lodge. All of the lodges are working diligently toward their quota and I have no doubt that the Hamilton Districts will report our objective reached and passed long before the "cease fire" sounds in May, 1930.

I am indebted to W. Bro. Robt. Randall, who, in the absence of W. Bro. Cecil Stilson, so ably and willingly discharged the duties of District Secretary.

We mourn the loss of the brethren of this district, who, during the past year, have passed to Grand Lodge above. Among them are numbered such true Masons as R.W. Bro. William Fawcett Montague, Past Grand Senior Warden, V.W. Bro. Major John Kaitting, and W. Bro. Judge William M. Brandon. And just as I pen this report we gather to pay one last sad office of respect to our beloved Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson.

As I lay down the gavel of my office let me convey to the brethren my sincerest thanks for the honour they have conferred upon me and for the privilege they have given me of meeting so many real brethren throughout this and other districts. And let me sum up all that has been said and written of the condition of Masonry in Hamilton District "A" by reporting

that within its limits, there is not a weak link in the great chain of the Craft, that like in mid-ocean one rests at night comforted by the ever recurring cry of "All's well," so from within the portals of all the lodges in this district comes the resounding and assuring call "All's well" echoing from temple to temple until lost forever in the stillness of the night.

What a year I have enjoyed, what a host of friends and brethren I have met, what a treasure chest full of memories, all to be forever cherished as such I hope, everyone a precious jewel in the long chain of Masonic Brotherhood.

EWART G. DIXON,

D.D.G.M. Hamilton District "A"

HAMILTON DISTRICT "B"

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

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to present for your consideration, as we approach the end of another Masonic year, my report on the condition of Masonry in this district.

May I first express my thanks to the brethren of the district for the generous welcome and courteous hospitality extended to me, not only on my official visits, but wherever and whenever I visited a lodge.

My first duty on assuming office was to appoint W. Bro. Gordon A. McCulloch and W. Bro. Arthur E. McArthur as District Secretary and Chaplain respectively, and to them I herewith tender my thanks for the valuable assistance given to me so freely on all occasions.

Buchanan Lodge No. 550, Oct. 4th. This was my first official visit and I was pleased to comply with their request to conduct the election of officers.

This comparatively young lodge numbers among its membership many enthusiastic masons and its continued success is assured for the present year under the guidance of W. Bro. Rev. Griffin Thompson, assisted by a most capable secretary, W. Bro. Wm. Davies and also the loyal support of all past masters and members of the lodge.

Electric Lodge No. 495. I visited this lodge officially on Oct. 17th, where I received an exceedingly complete report prepared by the Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. F. Montague. Here again I presided at the

Election of Officers, and had the satisfaction of seeing a staff of officers elected who will not fail to continue the good work which has thus far carried the lodge to success.

Enniskillen No. 185, York. On Oct. 22nd, I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge when it was their intention to confer a degree. This however was found to be almost impossible on account of the large attendance. The lodge was filled to capacity, leaving little room for movement on the floor. I therefore decided to defer degree work until some future date. After receiving a cordial welcome in the lodge room adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, where the ladies had prepared a banquet which upheld the reputation which this lodge has enjoyed for many years. The lodge is in good condition in spite of the fact that their territory is very limited.

Harmony No. 57, Binbrook. My official visit was made to this lodge on Oct. 24th, and again the attendance was such that degree work was out of the question. There appears to be a friendly rivalry between the members of Harmony Lodge and Enniskillen Lodge, which brings out on these occasions at least nearly a full attendance and it is most gratifying to witness the fraternal spirit which exists between the two lodges. Harmony Lodge holds a position second to none in this district, either for the quality of their ritualistic work or for their unbounded hospitality.

Ionic Lodge No. 549. My official visit was paid to this lodge on Nov. 7. Have visited the lodge quite frequently ever since its inception and have noted its steady progress. On this occasion I had the pleasure of conducting the election of officers and saw elected a staff of officers which I know to be thoroughly capable. Under the able guidance of Bro. Jas. Rosie, assisted by the steadying influence of R.W. Bro. S. A. Watt and V.W. Bro. P. A. Lumsden, Secretary and Treasurer respectively, the success of the lodge is assured.

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 62, Caledonia. My official inspection of this lodge was made on Nov. 15 when I was greeted by a large attendance. I did not see any degree work on this occasion, but, knowing the officers and past masters, as I do, was well aware that they are capable of doing good work. W. Bro. Hicks is a very efficient secretary and presented a very creditable report of the work done in St. Andrews Lodge during the past year. There were present on this occasion, as in all others, a large number of Past Masters and members of sister lodges, and I cannot commend too highly the spirit of brotherhood which prevailed during the hour of refreshment which followed the meeting. The lodge certainly maintained its reputation for hospitality.

Wardrobe Lodge. On Monday, Nov. 28th, I visited Wardrobe Lodge No. 555 and received a most cordial reception. W. Bro. Hopkins is a very capable leader and has had a very successful year. He is ably supported by Past Masters, one of which R.W. Bro. J. Forth an ideal secretary and by his peculiar ability to mix sincerity and humor in just the necessary proportions to make a perfect blend, has made himself one of the most popular masons in this district. The continued success of the lodge I feel sure is assured under the guidance of W. Bro. Ireland, who was unanimously elected at this meeting.

St. Andrews Lodge No. 593. It was my pleasure to visit this lodge on Wed. Nov. 28th, and to be greeted by a large and enthusiastic gathering. I am well aware that all is well in St. Andrews, having been present at nearly all of its regular meetings since its inception. The lodge started on a firm foundation under V.W. Bro. Donald Munro, and has made steady progress up to the present. W. Bro. McBeth will hand over the gavel this successor with the full satisfaction of having had a successful year. The report read by the district secretary was most satisfactory in every particular and it would be difficult to improve on the system of R.W. Bro. Fred Davidson in keeping lodge records.

Wentworth Lodge No. 166. On Dec. 7th, I spent a most enjoyable and pleasant evening and as usual was received most cordally by my brethren of Stoney Creek in addition to a great number of visitors from the surrounding district. On this occasion we were all delighted by an address by W. Bro. Wm. McClemon, K.C., which was most inspiring. I am glad to report that conditions in this lodge are favorable in every particular.

Beach Lodge, No. 639. I visited this young lodge on Dec. 11th and conducted the election of officers. It is gratifying to note the wonderful progress this lodge has made since its inception. They have built and equipped a beautiful masonic home and I feel sure the members have made considerable sacrifice both in time and money in making this possible and are certainly worthy of commendation. In the banquet room following the lodge meeting the brethren listened to a most interesting address by the Rev. A. A. Acton of St. John's Church.

Acacia Lodge No. 61. On Dec. 14th, I paid my official visit to this old but none the less vigorous lodge, and was received most enthusiastically by W. Bro. James McKay, who is a dignified and capable officer. This is the largest lodge, numerically, in the district, having nearly one thousand members. The outstanding success of this lodge I feel is due in a great measure to the activity and enthusiasm of its Past Masters. An address of special interest was delivered in the banquet room by the Rev. Wm. Barclay.

Doric Lodge No. 382. It was my pleasure to visit this my Mother Lodge on Dec. 17th, and on this occasion conducted the election of officers, and I trust I may be pardoned if I appear somewhat boastful when I say that my lodge holds at least one record in the district if not in the jurisdiction, in that R.W. Bro. Dr. C. V. Emory and R.W. Bro. James Dixon were re-elected for the thirty-third consecutive year

as secretary and treasurer respectively. The financial position of the lodge bears witness to their efficiency. We were delighted to have as our guest on this occasion Bro. Wm. Douglas, K.C., of Toronto, who gave a humorous address, which was enjoyed by all.

The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27. I made my official visit to this lodge on Dec. 21st and received a most cordial welcome. This old lodge has always done good work and is continuing to do so. I was requested to conduct the election of officers, and was pleased to note that for each office the choice was unanimous. I know that every officer is fully conversant with his duties and can be depended upon to uphold the dignity for which the lodge is noted.

The secretary, W. Bro. H. W. Linton, is to be commended for the very excellent system he has, for keeping lodge records.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby. My official visit was made to Union Lodge No. 7 on Jan. 24th, where I found their beautiful lodge quarters taxed to capacity, and am pleased to report that, as predicted by my predecessor, wonderful progress has been made by Union Lodge during the past year. W. Bro. Lewis has carried on the good work done by W. Bro. C. H. Walker, and I feel confident that this old lodge is about to take its rightful place amongst the lodges in the district. A delightful entertainment was provided by brethren who accompanied me from Hamilton. The Rev. Bro. Beverly Ketchen delivered an address of unusual interest on this occasion. I was also favored on this visit by the company of R.W. Bro. E. G. Dixon, D.D.G.M. Hamilton District "A", who also addressed the brethren present.

Hillcrest Lodge No. 594. Monday, May 13th, was the date set apart for my official visit to this lodge, but due to the very serious illness of my wife I was unable to be present. I was ably represented, however, by R.W. Bro. Jas. McGregor, of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 62, Caledonia, who kindly consented to act in my stead. Have since visited Hillcrest

Lodge, and am satisfied that the brethren are doing splendid work.

Deserving of special mention is their work in connection with the Sanatorium. W. Bro. Ralph Douglas visits the institution every week, and from the patients themselves I hear that the cheer and encouragement thus provided is a source of great satisfaction to them.

Lincoln Lodge No. 544. On May 17th I was scheduled to visit this lodge officially, but was again prevented by illness in my family. On this occasion R.W. Bro. J. Forth very cheerfully agreed to act as my representative.

As in the case of Hillcrest I have paid a subsequent visit to Lincoln Lodge and received a warm welcome. I also had the pleasure of witnessing the first degree exemplified in a very creditable manner.

In closing may I take the opportunity of thanking most sincerely the brethren of the district for their co-operation. Have tasted the bitter as well as enjoyed the sweet of my term of office, having had the misfortune to lose my wife, who had been seriously ill during the whole of my term. During this trying period I have realized fully what membership in our order means. I am unable to find words to express my thanks to all the lodges in Hamilton Districts "A" and "B" for their generous expressions of sympathy and encouragement.

Feeling that I have neglected my duty as D.D.G. M. to some extent, prompts me to make the foregoing explanation and only by application of the golden rule can I ever hope to discharge the debt of gratitude I owe to the brethren of the Hamilton Districts.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT CLARK,

D.D.G.M. Hamilton District "B"

LONDON DISTRICT

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

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

As the time approaches for the conclusion of my official year as D.D.G.M. I have the honour to submit for your consideration, my report on the condition of Masonry in this District.

My first official duty was the appointment of W. Bro. Lt.-Col. W. H. Irvine, as District Secretary, to whom I owe my sincere thanks for his untiring efforts on my behalf and of this District. I shall always remember his loyalty, and take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude.

I also wish to express my hearty thanks to R.W. Bros. E. T. Essery, W. D. Love, J. Birnie Smith, J. W. Plewes and Past Masters, too numerous to mention, for their assistance and support.

To my mind, the outstanding event in the Masonic year was the reception to the Most Wor. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, on April 19th, 1929. The ten sitting masters welcomed the Grand Master, who was accompanied by Mrs. Martin. R.W. Bro. J. Birnie Smith, as General Chairman, was a guarantee that the evening spent was most enjoyable. During the banquet, the Grand Master was presented with a beautiful water colour painting and Mrs. Martin with a basket of roses. A most delightful evening was brought to a successful conclusion with cards and dancing.

London District is most fortunate in having an enthusiastic and virile Past Master's Association, which is doing a great work in fostering the aims and ideals of the Craft, by bringing together at its meetings, the

brethren from all parts of the District, thereby making new and cementing old friendships, while introducing talented and earnest speakers of reputation on Masonry and other interesting topics, making the meetings, inspirational, instructional and educational.

During my term of office, the twenty-three lodges in London District were visited, seventeen exemplified degrees and the remainder opened and closed in the various degrees. From the uniformity of the work, and the manner in which the traditions and ancient usages were maintained, it was quite evident that the ruling officers were well supported by the Past Masters. The Minute Books and Financial Records were quite uniform and the work of my predecessors was indeed noticeable.

At all official visits and at numerous other meetings, attention was called to the Memorial Benevolent Fund and particular emphasis was laid on its aims, its administration, and its great need. From the manner in which the subject was received the ready and sympathetic co-operation of the Masters, and the Lodge Committees, as well as the response to the preliminary campaign, one is led to add confidence to hope, in the belief, that the objective will be fully realized. Acknowledgment should be made of the kind and effective assistance given by our Deputy Grand Master, who addressed a large meeting of District Past Masters and Brethren at London in support of the project.

While on the subject of Benevolence, I would like to draw special attention to the work of one of the younger lodges, Acacia No. 580. This lodge has raised and expended on one family alone, during the last three years, approximately \$1,200. This is real Masonry and illustrates beyond doubt, that this lodge is practicing what they preach. My hope is, that other lodges may follow their good example.

I cannot conclude this report without recording my appreciation of the honour done me, in electing

me to this important position. One cannot help being deeply touched by the kindly way in which one is received and feted, as the representative of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master. My year will always remain green in my memory, and I take this opportunity of tendering my sincere thanks to the London Masonic District, and my Mother Lodge in particular for their co-operation and loyalty.

Fraternally yours,

H. J. CHILDS,

D.D.G.M. London District .

MUSKOKA DISTRICT

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 pleasure in presenting for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Muskoka District for the past Masonic year.

Like my predecessors in office I have greatly appreciated the honour of representing this important District in Grand Lodge for the past twelve months. I desire also to express my thanks to the P.D.D.G.M's of the District., the Wor. Masters of the different lodges as well as the Past Masters for the assistance so freely given in helping me to carry out my official duties.

Much of whatever success I have attained was due primarily to my happy choice of District Officers. •V. W. Bro. Bernath, the District Secretary has accompanied me on most of my visits and has been untiring in his efforts to emphasize the fundamental principles of our Order. His addresses on the traditions and philosophy of Masonry have created a most favourable impression on the Brethren throughout the District. And Bro. Rev. J. S. Veals the District Chaplain has been a tower of strength to me during my term of office.

Although there are only eight lodges in this District, geographically it is one of the largest in the Province, including as it does the extensive and picturesque Districts of Parry Sound and Muskoka. I have followed the innovation introduced by my predecessor last year of visiting half of the lodges in the autumn and the rest in the month of May when all could be reached by motor car. The result in every case has been an increased

attendance of members and visitors with much enthusiasm for the work in general. It is a pleasure to report that the same happy relations and fraternal spirit which has existed for many years among the various lodges of this District are still visibly present. The warmth of welcome which I received on all my visits whether official or fraternal will ever remain in my memory as the most treasured experiences of my Masonic life.

On Oct. 1st in company with R. W. Bro. Gravette I had the pleasure of attending the banquet given by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master at Toronto to the present and immediate Past District Deputies where the Memorial Benevolent Fund was formally launched. The lodges of Muskoka District have cheerfully accepted this opportunity to contribute to this worthy fund and are making an earnest effort to discharge their obligations in a true Masonic spirit.

Official Visits

On Oct. 2nd in company with R. W. Bros. Grant and Rice and a score of brethren from Unity Lodge I paid my first official visit to Algonquin Lodge No. 434, at Emsdale, where the Third Degree was impressively exemplified by W. Bro. Sine and his competent officers. R. W. Bro. Metcalfe, Dean of Masonry in Muskoka District, has kept the records of this lodge for many years and much of its success is due to his unfailing energy. Algonquin has always been noted for its lavish hospitality which was much in evidence on this occasion. During the evening P. M. Bro. H. Bell contributed two selections from Drummond's "Habitant" in his best inimitable manner.

Oct. 8th I visited Corona Lodge No. 454, Burks Falls presided over by W. Bro. Sharpe one of the most efficient officers in the District. No degree work was done but the lodge was duly opened and closed in the three degrees. Corona

lodge has a healthy membership, a well-equipped lodge room, its finances are in good condition and its prospects for the future are very bright. This lodge has a great exponent of Masonry in the person of R. W. Bro. J. J. Wilson who has faithfully filled the Secretary's office for many years. The after-dinner functions were enlivened by splendid addresses from R. W. Bro. Purchase of St. Andrews Lodge No. 16, Toronto, Past Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Freeland and others.

On Oct. 10th I visited Unity Lodge No. 376, Huntsville my Mother Lodge. In spite of unfavorable weather nearly all the lodges of the District were well represented. A District meeting preceded the regular session to deal with the Memorial Benevolent Fund and other matters. A strong committee representing all the lodges was formed to take charge of the Memorial Benevolent Fund with R. W. Bro. Grant of Unity as Chairman and W. Bro. Hutcheson the Secretary-Treasurer. On my request W. Bro. Hutcheson and his officers did not work any degrees as I had witnessed their proficiency on several previous occasions. An inspiring address on "The Gavel" was given in the lodge room by Bro. Matheson one of the junior officers of Unity and a short talk on the Symbolism of the Second Degree" was contributed by the D.D.G.M. Among the distinguished visitors were V. W. Bro. Weiger of Allandale, W. Bros. Broughton, Zeigler and Buckersmith of Granite Lodge and a score of others.

Unity is making preparations to observe its semi-centennial celebration in a fitting manner on Sept. 11th of this year when it is expected that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and his District Grand Master will honour the lodge by their presence.

On Oct. 15th I visited Strong Lodge No. 423, Sundridge in company with R. W. Bros. Wilson, Hilliard, Grant and the District officers. Several

visitors were present and spent a most enjoyable evening. W. M. Bro. Gully and his officers conferred a first degree in a very able manner assisted by W. Bro. Mitchell. R. W. Bro. Church is the efficient Secretary of this lodge and V. W. Bro. Bailey a most faithful Treasurer. The members contemplate building a new hall in the near future as the present quarters are inadequate to meet the needs of the increased membership.

On May 7th I visited Muskoka Lodge No. 360, Bracebridge, the pioneer Society of Muskoka where a second degree was ably conferred by W. Bro. Minns and his officers the charge being impressively delivered by V. W. Bro. Gerhardt the efficient Secretary. Muskoka Lodge has a distinguished list of Past Masters including the veteran W. Bro. Warne and two P.D.D.G.Ms. in the persons of R. W. Bros. Mackay and Bird who are a source of great strength to the Society. This lodge has a unique system of keeping records and accounts which might be advantageously adopted by some of the other centres.

On May 10th I visited Powassan Lodge No. 443, Powassan, accompanied by R. W. Bros. Church and Wilson and several Past Masters. A first degree was creditably exemplified. The list of Past Masters include three members of the Porter family who have been pioneers of Masonry in this part of the District since the lodge was inaugurated over thirty years ago, and another member Bro. W. C. Porter has been Secretary for ten years. The By-laws include a summary of events during the early years of the lodge's history, a chapter that will be invaluable in years to come. The finances show a substantial surplus on deposit in the Bank.

On May 15th I visited the banner Society of the District, Granite Lodge No. 352, Parry Sound, the oldest and largest one in Muskoka Masonic District with a membership above 300 and a beauti-

fully constructed and well-equipped temple that would do credit to any city lodge. The full musical ritual is used here with telling effect. W. Bro. Gilles is a most efficient Master and was ably assisted by his officers in working the second degree. With an imposing list of Past Masters and three P.D.D.G.M's in the persons of R. W. Bros. Whitby, Limbert and Moore and a live membership, Granite lodge exhibits an enthusiasm for Craft Masonry which is reflected in the atmosphere of the lodge. An annual "At Home" and dance is held in the spring of each year when the ladies have their innings. Perhaps this accounts for its phenomenal growth in the past ten years. The allocation of \$600 for the Memorial Benevolent Fund was fully met in record time. The hospitality of the brethren of Granite is noted throughout the North country and on this occasion it knew no bounds save those of prudence.

On May 31st I re-visited Algonquin Lodge in a fraternal capacity on the occasion of their "Ladies Night" when I was invited to address them on the principles and purposes of Masonry. Later the company enjoyed a delightful evening with cards and dancing.

The records of the eight lodges for the past ten years ending with December, 1928, show an aggregate of 852 applications for membership of which 687 were accepted and 19% rejected. The percentage of rejected candidates per lodge varied from 6 to 32%. Five lodges showed an average of 14% rejected and the other three 30% a disparity for which it is difficult to account.

During my term of office I have endeavoured to emphasize the importance of the Symbolism of Masonry, that the Real Secrets of the Order were to be found only by patient research into the deeper import of its symbolic meaning. A number of libraries have been installed and a deeper interest instilled in the rich literature of the Craft. It has

been my pleasure to listen to creditable addresses given on such varied subjects as, "The Philosophy of Masonry," "The Ancient Landmarks," "The Acacia," "The Ruling of Grand Masters," "The Gavel," "The Symbolism of the Three Degrees," and "The Masonic Apron."

Of the measure of my success as the Grand Master's representative I shall leave it for others to judge, but for me personally it has been a most pleasant and profitable year and my Masonic vision has been appreciably enlarged. In retiring I bespeak for my successor the same sympathetic support and warmth of welcome which has attended my efforts during the past year.

J. D. MACDONALD,

D.D.G.M. Muskoka District.

NIAGARA DISTRICT

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.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In reporting on the condition of the lodges of this district, I shall try to make the report general instead of referring to each particular lodge.

Every lodge is in capable hands and the work is uniformly of high character—so much so that it is with diffidence, I say that the three premier lodges in this regard are 1st Temple, 2nd, Fort Erie, 3rd, Copestone; but they are hard pressed to hold such position and had better look to their laurels. Three lodges did not exemplify a degree. Fort Erie is to be especially commended, being one of our younger lodges.

All of the secretaries are deserving of special mention for their competence, the most notable being W. Bros. C. A. Stringer of Adoniram, A. E. Coombs, of Maple Leaf, F. Trelford of St. Marks and W. D. Fairbrother of Ivy.

All the lodges have suitable quarters, the most excellent being Palmer, Coronation, McNab, Dominion Adoniram, Niagara, King Edward VII, Mountain and Amity.

Each lodge has its furniture insured and those owning buildings have them insured.

City lodges meeting in the same rooms are all comfortably housed and there seems to be only amicable conditions existing.

Lodges owning buildings are carefully watching that this does not affect the high standard which should be maintained with reference to candidates.

This district is unhappily too wide spread for frequent visits between lodges at the extremes, but even this does not deter them from occasional visits, and between adjacent lodges visits are frequent. This brings up the old subject of dividing the district. While the extent of the district did not bother me in the discharge of my duties, I can readily see that it would do so with a Deputy who must appear on his job at 7 a.m. the next morning. If the district is not divided, the deputy should be appointed for two years to get more and better service from his labours.

The lodges seemed to vie with each other in the heartiness of the reception tendered the representative of the Grand Master. The reception was particularly impressive at Ivy, St. Georges, Copestone, Phoenix, Myrtle, Seymour, Niagara, King Edward VII, Adanac, Dufferin, and Perfection. The last named has retained the old form of ballotting which I believe is more secret than the one generally used.

Special meetings at which I were present were:

Stamford—Doctor's Night, very interesting to me as being a physician. The chairs were occupied by doctors or dentists—a physician, a dentist, and a veterinary were given a degree.

Adoniram—Railroad night—The work was well done by a team of railway men.

Mountain—Paper Mill Night—The degree was put on by paper mill employees from three mills.

St. Marks—Cyanamid Night—The degree was conferred by employees of the American Cyanamid Company.

Installations—King Edward VII regular P.M installing staff of which I am a member installed on different nights, Adoniram, Myrtle and Clifton lodges

Visits outside the District—On Merritt's annual pilgrimage to Emulation Lodge of Buffalo I was asked to be present and we had a wonderful time.

On the occasion of the installation of Occidental lodge of Buffalo I was present and took part in the ceremony. The same lodge was again visited on the occasion when W. Bro. G. A. Schmidt and his full staff of officers of the year 1912 (now all P.M's) conferred the 3rd degree on W. Bro. Schmidt's son.

Before closing concerning visits I wish to pay tribute to certain P.D.D.G.M's for kindness and help and for being present at so many of my official visits: viz: R. Wors. J. C. Fralick, S. J. Wilson, T. O. Johnston, C. S. Ross and A. B. Damude.

The lodges have been fully instructed concerning the Grand Lodge Memorial Fund—and I believe will give a generous response to this worthy project.

Several lodges are to be particularly complimented on their private benevolences, especially Myrtle, every member of which gave personally and freely for deserving need.

During my term I have been asked concerning the following, and replied along these lines:

Waivers.—There seems to be a mistaken idea in this district and in other districts that section 185 of the constitution can be departed from by securing a waiver from the lodge or lodges having residential jurisdiction over a candidate.

The lodge so undertaking to initiate a candidate should be proceeded against by Grand Lodge.

All lodges should live up to the constitution by refusing to have anything to do with such an illegal proceeding.

Dual Memberships—Some lodges are not suspending from membership when notified of suspension from the other lodge in which brother had held membership.

Some check should be made on this by Grand Lodge as being the only place where it could be kept track of in every case. In my opinion a special roster of all dual memberships should be at the disposal of the Grand Secretary and when a brother becomes suspended in one lodge, the other lodge or lodges to which he belongs should be notified to suspend forthwith.

During my term there has been organized in the district a Past Master's Association, which held four interesting meetings. This is a move in the right direction and should be of considerable service to fraternity in the district. Every P.M.—Master and Warden, should join this association.

V.W. Bro. W. P. Holmes is President, W. Bro. F. Trelford is Secretary. The Secretary's address is Glenholme Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Before closing I wish to thank the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for appointing me as his deputy and the Brethren for selecting me as their choice. I must also thank the Deputy Grand Master R. Wor. Bro. R. B. Dargavel for appointing me re the Grand Lodge Memorial Fund.

I wish all the lodges continued prosperity and desire them to call on me if I can be of any assistance at any time.

Fraternally submitted,

ANDREW GRAY,

D.D.G.M. Niagara District.

NIPISSING DISTRICT

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 honour herewith to submit my repast as D.D.G.M., of Nipissing District, for the past Masonic Year.

Allow me first to express my very deep appreciation of the high honour conferred upon me by the brethren of this District in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and also to express to the Brethren my gratitude for the kindness and courtesy shown me during my term of office.

My first and very pleasant duty was to appoint W. Bro. H. S. Berlanquet, a Past Master of Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury, District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. C. C. Simpson, District Chaplain.

Grand Master's Visit to Sudbury

On Saturday, September 29th, 1928, Nickel Lodge, Sudbury, was honoured by a visit of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. J. S. Martin, who was accompanied by R.W. Bro. E. Ward, D.D.G.M. Temiskaming District. They were met on arrival of train and after lunch were driven to Coniston, where Bro. K. S. Clarke took over the party and escorted it through the Mond Nickel Co.'s works there. In the evening, Nickel Lodge assembled at 5.45 o'clock, W. Bro. A. C. Mudge, W.M. receiving the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in the time honoured manner. There were present at this meeting Brethren from Algonquin, Espanola, National and Lorne Lodges. The Grand Master addressed the Brethren at some length, and was then introduced to all present

by the Worshipful Masters of the several lodges. After lodge was closed, the brethren repaired to Wesley Hall, where a banquet was given in honour of the distinguished guest, music being furnished by Algonquin Lodge Orchestra, and W. Bro. H. M. Torrington acting as Chairman. The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, delivered a splendid address on Masonry, which was greatly appreciated by all the Brethren present, other speakers being R.W. Bro. E. Ward, R. W. Bro. R. H. Arthur, W. Bro. Berlanquet, and the Worshipful Master of Nickel Lodge, W. Bro. A. C. Mudge. During the evening, M.W. Bro. Martin was presented with a Monel Nickel Gavel, which was made at the International Nickel Co.'s plant at Copper Cliff.

Dedications

On Monday evening, October 22nd, by direction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I had the honour of dedicating Penewobikong Lodge, No. 487, Blind River, Ont. I was accompanied from Sudbury by W. Bro. D. H. Andress, who ably filled the office of Grand Director of Ceremonies. There were present a large number of Brethren from Espanola, Thessalon, Gore Bay and Sault Ste. Marie. The brethren of Penewobikong Lodge are to be congratulated on their splendid new Temple. After the dedication ceremony was over, and the lodge closed, we repaired to the banqueting room where a very pleasant and profitable hour was spent.

On Wednesday afternoon, November 14th, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. S. Martin dedicated the new Masonic Temple at North Bay, assisted by R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. W. J. Attig, Assistant Grand Secretary, as well as many P.D.D.G.M's, Past Masters, and other notable Masons of North Bay Lodges and District. In the evening a banquet was tendered the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in their magnificent dining room, when about 400 Masons with their wives, partook of the good things provided. Addresses were delivered by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and others.

Wednesday, evening, May 1st, by authority of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, assisted by R.W. Bro. Joseph Fowler and other Past Masters of Gore Bay, and Little Current, I dedicated Gore Bay Lodge, No. 472, Gore Bay Ont. I was accompanied from Sudbury by R.W. Bro. J. Fowler and Bros. J. S. McKeessock and F. J. Cressey. Grand Lodge assembled in the dining room adjoining the lodge room, at 7.30 o'clock. After the lodge closed, the brethren assembled in the new Community Hall, where a banquet was served by the ladies, and a very pleasant time enjoyed by all the brethren. The brethren of Gore Bay Lodge are to be congratulated on their new lodge room, it being larger and in every way more suitable than their old quarters. There were present 53 brethren from the different parts of the Island, and if the roads had been in good condition, there would have been a much larger attendance.

Laying of Corner Stone

The laying of the Corner Stone at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., took place on Saturday afternoon, November 24th last, by R.W. Bro. Sir William Hearst, K.C.M.G., Acting Grand Master, and assisted by a number of P.D.D.G. Masters and Wor. Brethren from the District. Immediately following the laying of the Corner Stone, Sir William Hearst delivered a very beautiful and inspiring address. In the evening a banquet was tendered Sir William Hearst, V.W. Bro. Col. Rowland acting as Chairman, and at which there were about 200 brethren present, including 8 or 10 brethren from Bethal lodge, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The speaker of the evening was Sir William Hearst, who delivered a splendid Masonic, Historical and Patriotic address. W. Bro. Davidson of Bethal Lodge of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and other prominent Brethren of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., also made addresses suitable to the occasion.

Official Visits

Mattawa Lodge No. 405, On Tuesday, October 2nd, accompanied by W. Bro. J. E. Fraser, a Past

Master of Mattawa Lodge, I visited Mattawa Lodge. At 6.30 in the evening a banquet was held in the old Methodist Church, at which several good addresses were given. The Lodge was opened at 8 o'clock, and I was introduced by W. Bro. Bell. The Third Degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner by the Officers of the Lodge, the W.M. W. Bro. J. H. Spec, being assisted by W. Bro. H. H. Betts. When one stops to consider the handicap that Mattawa Lodge is working under, there being only twelve resident members in Mattawa, out of a membership of 106, I consider that the noble few are to be congratulated. The minute book and records are well kept. This lodge is in a good financial condition.

Hornepayne Lodge No. 636. On Wednesday, October 10th, accompanied by W. Bro. W. A. Evan, W. Bro. A. A. Jackson and Bro. W. F. Bliss, I visited Hornepayne Lodge. I was introduced by W. Bro. Butters. The work of the evening was the Third Degree, and was conferred entirely by W. Bro. Tansley, the Worshipful Master. The work was put on well, leaving no cause for criticism, the Deacons being especially good. The secretary, Bro. C. M. McIntyre, has his duties well in hand, and the lodge books are kept in a very satisfactory manner. This is the baby lodge in the district and yet the brethren own their own lodge building.

Espanola Lodge, No. 527. I visited this lodge, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Joseph Fowler, V.W. Bro. J. A. Sharp, and W. Bro. E. A. Martin. Was introduced by R.W. Bro. Dibblee. Work—First Degree. W. Bro. Wilkes, W.M., being assisted by W. Bros. Plaunt and Forbes, the work of the junior officers being well carried out. A number of Brethren from Penewobikong Lodge, Blind River, were present; others from that lodge met with a motor accident on the way and had to return home. Fortunately, none were seriously injured. After the lodge was closed, an excellent entertainment and banquet was provided by the members. The minute book and records of the lodge are in good hands—W. Bro. L. N. Houck, being their genial secretary.

Hatherley Lodge No. 625. On Friday, November 16th, I visited Heatherley Lodge, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and was introduced by R.W. Bro. W. J. Thompson and V.W. Bro. Colonel Rowland. Owing to the candidate for initiation being unavoidably called out of town, no work was put on, but I witnessed the opening and closing of the three degrees. The W.M., W. Bro. F. W. Colloton and his officers are very enthusiastic and I feel sure that Hatherley Lodge will have a splendid year. The records of the lodge are well kept. Banquet at 6.30, at which a good musical programme was rendered and several very interesting addresses given.

Doric Lodge, No. 455. On Tuesday, December 11th, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Joseph Fowler, R.W. Bro. LeBaron Dibblee and Bro. F. J. Cressey, I visited Doric Lodge at Little Curent, and was introduced by W. Bro. J. E. Parkes. The work of the evening being the third degree, which was conferred in a very able manner by the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. McDonald, assisted by W. Bros. Parkes., Alston, Turner, Ritchie and Officers of the Lodge. About 35 Brethren being present. All minutes and records of the lodge are kept in good order. At the close of the meeting we attended a splendid banquet in Shaftsbury Hall, therefreshments being served by the ladies of the United Church, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447. On Thursday, January 10th, I visited this lodge, and was introduced by W. Bro. Gardner. The work of the evening was the First Degree. W. Bro. C. E. Taylor, the Worshipful Master was assisted by W. Bros. Armitage, Austin and Gardner. The degree work was rendered in a very satisfactory manner, every officer of the lodge doing his bit toward efficiency. The Worshipful Master and Officers are to be congratulated on the manner in which they put on the work, particularly, when we take into consideration, that the officers were only installed on December 27th last. Owing to a misunderstanding on my part as to date of their Instal-

lation, they did not have much time to become acquainted with the duties of their different offices. The Junior Warden's lecture was particularly well given. There were about 30 brethren present. Refreshments prepared by one of the lodges members were served at the close of the lodge, and a splendid programme provided by the brethren.

Penewobikong Lodge, No. 487. On Monday, February 11th, I had the pleasure of visiting Penewobikong Lodge, Blind River, Ont., where I was introduced by V.W. Bro. M. Dyke, and W. Bro. R. P. Scott. The first degree was conferred in an impressive manner by the Worshipful Master. Although all the officers of the lodge did their work in a very creditable manner, yet I feel that special mention should be given to the Junior Warden for the excellent manner in which he delivered his lecture. The Brethren of Penewobikong Lodge are enthusiastic Masons, and are to be congratulated on having built for themselves during the past year, a beautiful Masonic Temple. After lodge closed, a banquet was held in the beautiful dining room, about 40 brethren being present.

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, and Algoma Lodge, No. 469. On Tuesday, February 12th, accompanied by Bro. F. J. Cressey, I visited Keystone and Algoma Lodges at Sault Ste. Marie, when a joint meeting was held, there being a large attendance of brethren and visitors present. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Simpson, Keystone Lodge, and R.W. Bro. Goodfellow, Algoma Lodge, and was very cordially received. As is the custom at the Soo, a banquet was held at 6.45 which was immediately followed by conferring of the Third Degree, with W. Bro. H. A. Morcy, W.M. Keystone Lodge in the East, and the other offices filled by the sitting Officers of both lodges. The following Past Masters took part in the work:—W. Bro. Morcy, W.M., Keystone Lodge, and W. Bro. J. B. Wilson, W.M., Algoma Lodge, assisted by R.W. Bro. W. A. Simpson, W. Bro. A. Brechin, V.W. Bro. J. H. Jenkinson, W. Bro. H. A. Workman, W. Bro. W. J.

W. Johnston, and W. Bro. F. K. Allan, all of Keystone Lodge, and W. Bro. S. Goodwin, W. Bro. W. Rubenstein, W. Bro. W. C. Paul, W. Bro. J. Dudley, W. Bro. D. Rogers, and R.W. Bro. H. F. Goodfellow, all of Algoma Lodge. The work was most impressively given, every officer doing himself credit and leaving no room for criticism. The beautiful musical ritual added to the occasion. Both W. Bro. E. M. Shaw and W. Bro. J. Dudley, Secretaries respectively of Keystone and Algoma Lodges, are to be congratulated on the manner in which the minutes of these lodges are written up and records kept. Both of these lodges are in a splendid financial condition. The brethren of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. are erecting a beautiful Masonic Temple, and hope to be in same during the summer.

Dymont Lodge, No. 442. On Thursday, February, 14th, I visited this lodge at Thessalon, being introduced by R.W. Bro. R. C. Dobie and W. Bro. J. Towns, W. Bro. M. Clark, W.M., being unavoidably detained out of town. W. Bro. J. O. Coulter, took the East, and was ably assisted by R.W. Bro. Dobie, W. Bro. Brown, W. Bro. Benson, and W. Bro. McDougall, in conferring the first degree on two candidates who have travelled 28 miles over bad roads to be present for the occasion. The work was carried out in a very satisfactory manner. The books and records of the lodge are kept in perfect order. This lodge has been burnt out twice during the past two years, and yet the brethren are not discouraged, but are pushing ahead again. They have a very fine lodge room now, which, although small, is quite large enough for them to carry on for the present. After the lodge closed, the brethren repaired to the dining room where a very pleasant time was spent.

Nipissing Lodge No. 420. On Saturday, February 23rd, accompanied by W. Bro. H. S. Berlanquet, District Secretary, I visited Nipissing Lodge at North Bay. The lodge was opened at 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of conferring the three degrees. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. J. A. Smith,

The first and second degrees being conferred during the afternoon, two candidates presented themselves for initiation, and three candidates were passed. At 6.30 o'clock, the brethren and visitors were entertained to a splendid banquet. At 8 o'clock labour was resumed and three candidates raised to the third degree. The work was given by W. Bro. D. T. Millard, W.M. Nipissing Lodge, and was ably assisted by R.W. Bro. J. A. Smith, and W. Bros. E. G. Tilt, T. M. Sale, J. C. Ross, A. Freeman, H. G. Thorpe, J. A. Robertson and J. B. Willis. The conferring of the degrees during the afternoon and evening was done most creditably there being very little cause for criticism, and while all the officers did their work well, I wish to make special mention of Bro. W. H. Thomas their esteemed Chaplain, a Charter Member of Nipissing Lodge, and 72 years of age. V.W. Bro. B. F. Nott, assisted by Bro. E. G. Coulthurst, Secretary and Assistant respectively, have the books and records of the lodge in good shape.

North Bay Lodge, No. 617. On ^{Freem}Tuesday, March 8th, I made my official visit to this lodge being accompanied by W. Bro. A. C. Mudge. At 6.30 o'clock a banquet was held (at which over 100 brethren were present) in their beautiful dining room in the new Masonic Temple, a splendid programme being provided and a good time spent. At 9.00 o'clock lodge was opened and I was introduced by W. Bro. John Jago. Work of the evening was Initiation W. Bro. E. Roy Herbert, the Worshipful Master, assisted by W. Bros. Jago, Jones, Lowery and Mason, conferring the Degree, which was exemplified in a very favourable manner. Special mention should be made of the Junior Warden, Bro. T. E. Morton, for the able manner in which he delivered his lecture. A choir under the leadership of R.W. Bro. J. A. Smith, would not help but impress the candidate with the solemnity of the occasion. W. Bro. Herbert is supported by a very able and enthusiastic set of officers, each of whom did his work well. The books and records of the lodge are well kept by their secretary, W. Bro. J. H. Lowery.

Algonquin Lodge, No. 536. On Tuesday, March 19th, I officially visited Algonquin Lodge, Copper Cliff, and was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Joseph Fowler, W. Bro. H. E. Roseborough, W.M., Nickel Lodge, Sudbury, W. Bros. G. H. Davidson, Lorne Fowler, E. A. Martin, A. C. Mudge, and sixteen brethren. I was introduced by V.W. Bro. C. G. Ade, and W. Bro. W. T. Waterbury. The work of the evening was the third degree. W. Bro. J. K. Workman, W.M. was assisted by R.W. Bro. Rev. A. J. Bruce, V.W. Bro. C. G. Ade and W. Bros. W. J. Trezise, J. Hazledon, A. H. Abell, W. T. Waterbury and W. J. Hambley. The work was put on in an excellent manner which left no room for criticism. W. Bro. Workman is ably supported by an efficient staff of Past Masters and Officers, while the books and records of the lodge are kept in a very satisfactory manner by their efficient secretary, W. Bro. Hambley. There were present at this meeting about 80 brethren, including visitors from 14 different lodges, even as far as Norway. After the lodge closed, the brethren repaired to the dining room where a banquet was served and a good programme provided. During the evening V.W. Bro. C. G. Ade, and W. Bro. W. J. Hambley were presented with Past Master's Jewels, both making very pleasing and appropriate addresses.

National Lodge No. 588. On Tuesday, April 2nd, accompanied by W. Bros. H. E. Roseborough and A. A. Jackson, I visited this lodge at Capreol, Ont. We were met at the station by a deputation of the brethren of National Lodge and escorted to the Masonic Temple, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared in their dining room, about 30 brethren being present, after which a short programme was rendered and the usual toasts proposed and responded to. At 8 o'clock, the brethren assembled in the lodge room, one candidate presenting himself for initiation. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro. W. B. Reid was assisted by W. Bros. Douglas, Lomas, McDonald and Ellis. The work was exemplified very well indeed, special mention being given to Bro. J. H. Hamilton, Junior Warden, for the manner in which he delivered his

lecture. The secretary, W. Bro. L. W. Ellis has the books and records of the lodge in good shape and reported only one member of the lodge in arrears of dues for 1928.

Lorne Lodge, No. 622. On Wednesday, April 10th, I proceeded to Chapleau to pay my visit to this lodge, being met at Cartier by W. Bro. D. C. Wilson who completed the journey with me. At 8 o'clock Lodge was opened, there being present 30 members, W. Bro. D. C. Wilson introducing me. The work of the evening was the second degree, with Bro. Moorefield as candidate, the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. H. Searle, assisted by W. Bro. Wilson, conferring the degree, the work being done in a very creditable manner by all taking part. W. Bro. Searle has a staff of very efficient officers, but unfortunately, out of the four Past Masters of the lodge, only one is a resident of Chapleau at the present time. , the other three having moved away; but I am pleased to say that W. Bro. Searle is quite capable of carrying on. The books and records of the lodge, under the able care of Bro. G. J. Collinson are well looked after. After the lodge closed a banquet was given in their dining room where a very pleasant hour was spent.

Gore Bay Lodge, No. 472. On Wednesday, May 1st, following the dedication of the lodge room, I made my official visit to this lodge. I was introduced by V.W. Bro. R. Robinson, and received a very hearty reception. The work of the evening was the conferring of the Third Degree on one candidate, the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. A. Campbell being assisted by V.W. Bro. R. Robinson, and W. Bros. Hinds, McLean and Clark. The work was exemplified in a very creditable manner, every officer of the lodge putting his whole heart into the work. The books and records of the lodge are kept up to date and are in good shape. After the lodge closed, the brethren repaired to the new Community Hall, where a bounteous banquet had been prepared by the ladies and a very pleasant hour spent in addresses.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427. On Wednesday, May 22nd, I visited this, my Mother Lodge, officially. I was introduced by R.W. Bros. R. H. Arthur and Joseph Fowler, and received a hearty welcome from the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. H. E. Roseborough, which was sincerely appreciated by me. There was a splendid attendance of Brethren from Copper Cliff, Capreol, North Bay, and other points in the District. The work of the evening was the conferring of the Third Degree on my second son, W. Ernest, and honour which both the candidate and myself appreciated very much, and which was exemplified by the Worshipful Master, assisted by R.W. Bro. J. Fowler, and W. Bros. Mudge, Torrington, Lowe, Davidson, Mitchell and Bibby with dignity, and in such a manner, as to warrant words of commendation, which it was my privilege to convey. In every detail the work was done in a splendid manner and could not fail to make a lasting impression on the candidate. The work of the Secretary, R.W. Bro. Fowler is a pleasure to inspect; the books of the lodge are all well kept. Immediately after the lodge closed the brethren repaired to the dining room where a banquet had already been prepared, and a very pleasant and profitable hour spent.

I would like to pay a tribute to the Past Masters of the different lodges throughout this Masonic District, not only for their faithfulness in attendance, and the interest they manifest in all the affairs of their respective lodges, but for the very efficient way they perform their work when called upon.

The work throughout the District, in my opinion, is uniform and very creditable, and much importance is placed on the earnest rendering of the Work. It reflects honour to the members of the several lodges for the care they must have taken in selecting officers. The ruling Masters have proved themselves conscientious leaders and exemplary officers.

The books of the lodges are well kept and the lodges are to be congratulated on their secretaries,

thirteen of whom are Past Masters. This happy state of affairs accounts for the efficient work of the lodges.

Another indication of the healthy condition of Masonry in the District is the fact that the two cities, North Bay, and Sault Ste. Marie, have erected Temples for the use of the local lodges, while elsewhere, Sturgeon Falls, Blind River and Hornepayne, have Temples of their own.

On every possible occasion, I have taken up the matter of the Grand Lodge Memorial Fund with the brethren, and it was received very favourably, and I am proud to say that Mattawa Lodge, who hold the oldest charter in the district, but who have only twelve resident members out of a membership of one hundred and six, was the first lodge in the District to pay up their allotment into this Fund.

In conclusion let me express my sincerest appreciation for the courtesies extended to me by every lodge in this district on the occasion of my official visit. My reception everywhere has been most cordial and kindly, and the year has passed without a single jar or unpleasant incident, and while the duties have been somewhat arduous, owing to my having to travel nearly 3,700 miles in their performance, the year is one I will always look back upon with pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. CRESSEY,

D.D.G.M. Nipissing District.

NORTH HURON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of Grand Lodge, 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 North Huron
District for the year 1928-29.

Having been chosen District Deputy Grand
Master of North Huron District at the session of
Grand Lodge held in the City of London. I
feel the honor conferred upon me and express
sincere appreciation personally and on behalf of
Blyth Lodge No. 303 for the mark of distinction
brought by such choice to the Members of my
Mother Lodge. I have endeavoured to fulfil my
duties to the best of my ability and I trust I have
done some work to advance our Great Order in our
part of Young Canada.

My year has been one of pleasure and I lay
the gavel of my fraternal authority down, happy to
believe I have spent the best year in my life among
true brethren.

All the lodges in this District are in a flourishing
condition and I wish especially to mention the
efficiency of the Secretaries of the various lodges in
discharging their duties. Every lodge is doing
splendid work and the prospects look good for the
future.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro.
Pate of Blyth Lodge as District Secretary and Rev.
Bro. A. W. Barker of St. John's Lodge Brussels
District Chaplain.

I have visited every lodge in the District at least once and on other occasions I have attended social functions.

Blair Lodge No. 314 Palmerston. On Sept. 14th, 1928, I paid my first official visit to Blair Lodge Palmerston. After being introduced by Wor. Bros. White and Scrimgeour the 3rd degree was ably worked by A. P. Fair Wor. Master and his officers on a well prepared candidate. One pleasant feature of the evening was the conferring of a Life-member-ship upon Wor. Bro. Corbitt a venerable stalwart of Masonry in this lodge who is still deeply interested in the work of the craft.

St. John's Lodge No. 284 Brussels. On Oct. 23rd, 1928, I visited St. John's Lodge Brussels. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Wilson and Wor. Bro. Black, there was a large attendance of members and visitors from adjacent lodges. The second degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Bowman. One point worthy of mention was the work of the senior deacon.

Forest Lodge No. 162 Wroxeter. On Feb. 18th, 1929, I visited Forest Lodge Wroxeter. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Brown and Wor. Bro. Allan. The 3rd degree was worked in a creditable manner by Wor. Bro. McNaughton assisted by Past Masters.

Blyth Lodge No. 303 Blyth. On Feb. 26th, I visited my mother lodge. There were not a large attendance on account of the condition of the roads. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Tiernay and Wor. Bro. Popplestone. Two candidates were raised to the Sublime degree by Wor. Bro. Fingland in a very satisfactory manner.

Wingham Lodge No. 286. On Mar. 5th, I visited Wingham Lodge. Was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Gilmour and Wor. Bro. Thompson.

Wor. Bro. Brackenbury assisted by P. Ms. conferred three second degrees in a manner that left nothing to be desired.

Hullett Lodge No. 568. I visited Hullett Lodge No. 568 on Mar. 19th, 1929. Was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Rorke of Clinton a personal friend and Wor. Bro. Wells. Wor. Bro. Robertson conferred the 2nd degree very ably. This is the youngest lodge in the District and is doing splendid work.

Bernard Lodge No. 225 Listowel. On Mar. 22nd, I visited Bernard Lodge. Was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Bamford immediate P.D.D.G.M. of North Huron and Rt. Wor. Bro. Blackmore. The first degree was very impressively conferred by Wor. Bro. Hill and officers. This is the largest lodge in the District.

Northern Light Lodge No. 93, Kincardine. On Apr. 3rd, 1929, I visited Northern Light Lodge. Was introduced by R.W. Bro. Morrison. There were no degrees conferred. W. Bro. Schilroth and officers opened and closed in the several degrees in a creditable manner. This is the oldest lodge in the District and is doing a great benevolent twork. The members are contemplating building a temple in the near future.

Fordwich Lodge No. 331, Fordwich. I visited Fordwich Lodge on Apr. 18th, 1929. Was introduced by W. Bros. Patterson and McLaughlin. There being no degrees conferred. W. Bro. Sangster and officers opened and closed in the several degrees in a very efficient manner.

Teeswater Lodge No. 276, Teeswater. I visited this lodge on Apr. 25th. Was introduced by R.W. Bro. Linklater and W. Bro. Dr. Gillies. The first degree was conferred in a very able manner by Wor. Bro. Brown. He is also Warden of the County of

Bruce and Reeve of Teeswater. I wish to commend the Junior Warden on the able manner in which he delivered his lecture. R. W. Bro. Dr. Fowler is the efficient secretary and to him is due largely the success of the Memorial Benevolent Fund in this District as he is the chairman.

Bruce Lodge Tiverton, No. 341. I visited this lodge on May 21st, 1929. Was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. MacWhinney and W. Bro. Bowie. A second degree was ably worked by W. Bro. Preston and officers. A large attendance of visitors were present.

Old Light Lodge No. 184, Lucknow. My final visit was to Old Light Lodge No. 184 Lucknow on May 23rd, 1929. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Patterson a veteran of the craft in North Huron and W. Bro. Dr. Spence. There being no work in readiness W. Bro. Aitcheson and officers worked a 3rd degree on a dummy candidate.

One meeting deserving of special mention was the dedication of the new and commodious quarters of Old Light Lodge by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on Nov. 15th, 1928. A large gathering of Masons from all over the District witnessed the ceremony.

I also wish to mention the District Meeting held in Blyth on June 7th, 1929. Every lodge in the District being represented, also a goodly number of from South Huron District.

Blyth lodge greatly appreciated the honor of entertaining R. Wor. Bro. R. B. Dargavel Deputy Grand Master and R. W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary.

In connection with the Memorial Benevolent Fund I am assured by every lodge that their full quota at least will be forwarded in due time.

As I have the privilege of recommending to Grand Lodge the name of a brother to be appointed a member of Grand Lodge it will be a pleasure to me to recommend W. Bro. Robt. S. Pate as I know him to be a lover of the craft and a brother who is worthy of the honor.

In conclusion I wish to again express my sincere appreciation of the many acts of courtesy tendered me by officers and members alike throughout the District and bespeak for my successor the same courtesy that has been accorded me.

Fraternally submitted,

A. W. BEACOM,

D.D.G.M. North Huron District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT

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

I have the honour to herewith submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Ontario District for the Masonic year closing June 30th, 1929. Before doing so, however, I desire to express to the Brethren of this District my very great appreciation of the honour done me in the appointment of District Deputy Grand Master at London in July, 1928. I also desire to express my appreciation of the very kindly manner in which I was received by every Lodge throughout the district.

My first official act was the selection of Very Worshipful Brother T. Annison as Secretary for the District. I may say that Brother Annison has been most efficient and painstaking in his secretarial work throughout the entire year and has relieved me to a great extent of very many duties which it would otherwise have devolved upon me to perform, and I hereby strongly recommend V. W. Brother Annison for further Grand Lodge honours at the forthcoming Grand Lodge Communication.

Possibly the outstanding event in Ontario District during the year has been the completion of the new Masonic Temple at Oshawa. In August last the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Honourable J. S. Martin, accompanied by Right Worshipful Brother Dargavel, Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Logan, Grand Secretary, and other Grand Lodge Officers, were present in Oshawa for the laying of the corner stone of the new Temple.

May 10th, 1929, saw the consummation and dedication of this beautiful Temple erected to Masonry in the City of Oshawa, at which time the

Most Worshipful the Grand Master with his staff of Grand Lodge Officers very pleasingly carried out the ceremonies of the dedication, which was followed by a banquet in the main auditorium, addressed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and others. The programme throughout was perfectly arranged and effectively carried out.

In concluding my report I wish to say that one of the very pleasing features of my year's work has been the loyalty of the Brethren of my Mother Lodge in accompanying me in large numbers on my official visits, which I indeed appreciate as a great compliment.

Lebanon Lodge No. 139, Oshawa. My first official visit for the year was to Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa, on Tuesday, November 13th, where I was cordially received by Wor. Bro. R. E. Saunders and his brother officers.

I was introduced by Wor. Bro. R. F. Bennett.

The work of the first degree was excellently exemplified by the Wor. Master and his officers assisted by Past Masters, in a manner that left no room for criticism.

The lodge has a very efficient staff of officers. The books are in good order.

I was accompanied by several brethren of Jerusalem Lodge.

A most enjoyable and well arranged program followed.

Orono Lodge No. 325. I visited Orono Lodge No. 325, Orono, on November 22nd and had a very cordial reception. A very large number of brethren were in attendance including Bowmanville, Newcastle and Oshawa.

I was introduced by Wor. Bro. E. J. Hamm.

Wor. Bro. E. G. Prower and his officers, assisted by the Past Master, conferred the first degree and the work was exceedingly well done, supported by a very good choir. The full musical ritual was used.

The lodge is in first class condition and the books are in fine shape under secretary Colville's care.

A splendid banquet and an elaborate program delighted the large gathering.

Fidelity Lodge No. 428, Port Perry. I visited Fidelity Lodge No. 428, Port Perry, on Friday, November 23rd, and received a very hearty welcome from the Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Howard Williams. There was a large attendance and I was introduced by Wor. Bro. A. J. Dance.

The third degree was exemplified and a few errors and omissions had to be pointed out, however, there were quite a number of efficient Past Masters to do a share of the work. The floor work was very well done by Wor. Bro. A. B. Cawker. The Historic Lecture was given in a splendid manner by Wor. Bro. W. A. Beatty, the oldest Past Master of the lodge.

Wor. Bro. Geo. R. Davey, the newly appointed secretary, has the books in good order, and attention was drawn to the outstanding arrears.

The candidate was an excellent one; he was deeply interested in the ceremony.

After the closing there was a very pleasant banquet presided over by the W. M. Wor. Bro. Howard Williams.

St. John's Lodge No. 17, Cobourg. On Tuesday, December 11th, I had the pleasure of inspecting St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, the oldest lodge in Ontario District. There was a very large attendance. I was accompanied by several members from Jerusalem Lodge.

I was introduced by Wor. Bro. D. W. Odell and received a very hearty welcome from the Wor. Master, P. G. McNab, his officers and brethren.

The first degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner and I was pleased to see so many of the Past Masters taking a part in the work. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition and the books are in good order under Secretary Rothwell's care, and I am glad to know action is being taken with respect to arrears of dues outstanding.

Colborne Lodge No. 91, Colborne. I visited this lodge on January 18th and was introduced to the lodge in a very pleasing manner by Wor. Bro. A. T. Cornwall:

The second degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Arthur Cracknell, W. M., and his officers assisted by Past Masters, in a very acceptable manner.

It was a very stormy night which prevented several of their members being present.

I was accompanied on this visit by a very large deputation from my own lodge.

This lodge is in good financial position and Bro. W. J. Cochrane, the newly appointed secretary, keeps an orderly set of books.

I cannot let the opportunity pass without commenting on the fine way these brethren have their lodge room decorated.

All present voted the evening a very enjoyable one in every respect.

Composite Lodge No. 30, Whitby. I had the pleasure of visiting Composite Lodge on January 28th and received a very cordial reception. A great many visitors and members were in attendance and I was accompanied by a large deputation from Jerusalem Lodge. I was introduced by V. Wor. Bro. W. M. Jerymn, Director of Ceremonies.

The first degree was exemplified by the W. M. Wor. Bro. E. L. Odium in a splendid manner, several of the Past Masters assisting. The full Musical Ritual was rendered by the Lodge choir.

The Lodge is in a flourishing condition and is to be congratulated on the quality of men who are the presiding officers, and its efficient Past Masters. Wor. Bro. Bateman, secretary, also looks well to the duties of his office.

After the closing there was a very pleasant banquet, presided over by Wor. Bro. Odium, W. M.

Mount Zion Lodge No. 39, Brooklin. My official visit was made to Mount Zion Lodge on Tuesday evening, February 19th when I was accompanied by a good delegation from my own Lodge.

I was introduced by Wor. Bro. George Brown and received a very hearty welcome.

Wor. Bro. L. W. Hall, W. M. and officers exemplified the 2nd degree in a splendid manner, several of the Past Masters assisting, and a fine spirit of harmony is evident.

The efficient secretary, Wor. Bro. T. R. Price, has the books and records well in hand.

A fine banquet and social hour followed the closing of the Lodge under the direction of the Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. L. W. Hall.

Hope Lodge No. 114, Port Hope. I visited Hope Lodge, Port Hope, on March 1st and was accompanied by a splendid delegation of 30 from my own Lodge. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. T. George and received a very hearty welcome.

The second degree was worked in a manner which left no room for criticism. Wor. Bro. H. J. C. Beatty, the Master of this Lodge, and his officers received splendid support from the Past Masters.

We found an amount of arrears standing on the books but the new secretary, Wor. Bro. A. Mark and his committee are working vigorously and accomplishing a substantial reduction of outstanding dues.

The spirit of Brotherhood and the prospects of the Lodge seem quite good.

A splendid banquet and a very pleasant time followed the closing of the lodge.

Durham Lodge No. 66, Newcastle. I visited Durham Lodge on Tuesday evening, March 19th, 1929, and again a very large deputation accompanied me from my own lodge.

The attendance was most gratifying, about 120 being present including visitors from Napanee, Orono, Oshawa and several other lodges.

I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. F. Rickard, P.P.D.G.M. and heartily welcomed by Wor. Bro. T. F. Branton, W. M., officers and brethren. The first degree was exemplified by the

W. M. assisted by Wor. Bro. E. C. Hoar and his officers, in an efficient manner and worthy of commendation. The books are well looked after by Secretary Bradley and the lodge is making good progress.

The banquet which followed was sumptuous and bright. The Orono orchestra played several selections during the evening, which was much appreciated.

Cedar Lodge No. 270, Oshawa. On Tuesday evening March 26th, I visited Cedar Lodge and received a most enthusiastic welcome from the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Wm. Deans and the brethren.

I was introduced by V. Wor. Bro. A. E. Henry. The first degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Deans and his officers, assisted by Past Masters, in almost flawless manner. The Junior Warden's lecture by Bro. Meek and the Past Master's charge by V. Wor. Bro. A. E. Henry, were exceptionally well given. Wor. Bro. M. L. Argall is the efficient secretary and adds much strength to the lodge, the books and records being in good shape.

The full musical ritual was rendered by the choir. The candidate was a most excellent one, being deeply interested in the ceremony. The spirit of Masonry is very plainly shown in this splendid and thriving lodge. There was a large number of visiting brethren present. The lodge is well known for their hospitality and on this occasion they surely excelled themselves.

Jerusalem Lodge No. 31, Bowmanville. On Wednesday evening, April 10th, I had the pleasure of visiting my Mother Lodge in an official capacity. Here I was greeted by a splendid attendance, among them a good representation from sister lodges in-

cluding Port Hope, Newcastle, Orono and Oshawa besides some from outside Ontario District.

I was introduced in a very flattering manner by Rt. Wor. Bro. G. C. Bonnycastle, Director of Ceremonies, and graciously received by Wor. Bro. M. Comstock, W.M. and his officers and brethren. The Master Masons Degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner by the W. M. and his officers, several Past Masters assisting. It is gratifying to see the interest taken by so many Past Masters of the Lodge.

The secretary's books were also inspected and it was a pleasure to see the splendid form in which everything is kept, indeed, represents the last word in neatness and efficiency. V. Wor. Bro. Annison is to be congratulated on his work.

A splendid banquet followed the closing of the lodge in the usual Jerusalem way.

Temple Lodge U.D.A.F.A.M., Oshawa. This lodge was visited in April 16th when the first degree was exemplified in musical form by Wor. Bro. C. R. McIntosh and his officers with the assistance of a goodly number of Past Masters and the work left nothing to be desired.

The Junior Warden's lecture by Bro. C. F. Cannon and the Master Charge by the Worshipful Master, were exceptionally well given.

I was introduced by Wor. Bros. Geo. Hart and W. O. Wilson, and received a hearty welcome. I was accompanied by several from my own lodge and a very large number were present including many visitors.

The lodge books are well kept and the finances are in good shape under the care of secretary Wor. Bro. W. O. Wilson. This lodge is in a very flourishing condition.

Their reputation for entertainment after the meeting was fully maintained.

Ontario Lodge No. 26, Port Hope. I visited Ontario Lodge, an old lodge of the district, on April 19th. I was pleased to find such a large attendance including brethren from sister lodges.

The first degree was exemplified splendidly by Wor. Bro. C. H. Quick and his officers. I was glad to see many of the Past Masters taking part of the work. The musical part of the ceremony was beautifully rendered by the lodge choir under the direction of Bro. N. S. Choate who presided at the organ.

I was introduced by Wor. Bro. Harry Mitchell in a very pleasing manner and received a very hearty welcome.

Ontario Lodge is doing very excellent work. The books and records are in fine shape under the care of secretary V. Wor. Bro. T. H. Batty.

The banquet which followed was sumptuous and bright with wit and humor and wholesale good-fellowship.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. J. BRAGG,

D.D.G.M. Ontario District.

OTTAWA DISTRICT

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 much pleasure that I, herewith, submit for your consideration my report, as District Deputy Grand Master, on the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District, for the year 1928-1929.

To the Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of the District, I wish to express my most sincere thanks for the very great honour which they conferred upon me, in electing me to such a high office. To be associated with such a body of men as form the Ottawa District and to meet them intimately, as one does on an official visit or semi-official one is a great and pleasant privilege. The loyalty, expressions of good fellowship and Masonic interest exhibited to me throughout the year by each and every officer and past officer, and the large enthusiastic gatherings on my official visitations, were indeed a stimulus to me and aided very materially in making the work seem very much less onerous.

The Ottawa District consists of twenty-seven lodges and has some five thousand five hundred members, and while being one of the largest districts in the jurisdiction, is in an excellent condition and progressing, slowly it may be but safely and soundly.

There were many occasions during the year that the Masters of the various lodges added to the honour by requesting me to present Past Master's Jewels to the Immediate Past Masters. Such requests are very pleasant but it always appears to me that such an event is one requiring the very choicest of language to give dignity to the presentation and it would always be well to have a little warning so that some

thought may be given thereto. To all the brethren receiving Past Master's Jewels, my earnest wish is that many years of perfect health may be your portion, so that honour bestowed on you may be yours to wear and in so doing you may continue to honour the lodge by wearing its badge of honour.

Ladies' Nights are becoming quite frequent occurrences in Ottawa District, and it is always a delight to attend them, since the programmes are well arranged, elevating in thought and afford an opportunity of greater social intercourse with the brethren when they are free from the burden of the work.

Several inter-lodge visits were held throughout the year, not only between lodges of the Ottawa District, but of one Jurisdiction to that of another. I had the pleasure of accompanying Dalhousie brethren on their visit to Argyle Lodge, Montreal and that of Ashlar Lodge to Sussex Lodge, Brockville. Two very enjoyable evenings were thus spent and fraternal friendships made. Other inter-district and inter-provincial visits were made, which I was unable to attend.

Some five years ago, a few of the brethren had gotten together as a small choir, and the possibilities thereof being seen, a larger male choir was begun taking the name of the Temple Choir, because all the members thereof were members of the Craft. This choir has rendered very valuable service to the various lodges of the District from time to time, and has gone on to greater triumphs until this last May the choir went to New York to compete in a Musical Festival and Competition, in which very many of the best male choirs of the United States and Canada were present, and they were rewarded with the second prize, being one point behind the choir receiving first place. This choir will very kindly assist at the coming meeting of Grand Lodge by way of entertainment.

Year after year we look back on the membership of the Craft and realize that many men who had en-

deared themselves to the members through kindly dispositions and exemplification of the simple truths and principles of Masonry in their lives, are no more. They have been called to their reward, yet the memory of their deeds lives on, and acts as an uplift to those left behind. While in a large district, there are many members who have been relieved of their earthly duties and it would be but fitting that their names should be recorded and thus honoured. I shall only refer to two, R.W. Bro. Preston of Carleton Place, and R.W. Bro. Steel of the same town. Both large hearted men, who shall be greatly missed in the Craft.

Divine service is an annual affair in some lodges. This year I was unfortunately prevented from attending several held, but on 23 June, I had the pleasure of attending such a service at Renfrew in the Anglican Church, under the direction of Canon Quartermaine. A fairly large turnout and a very simple but effective service was pleasing to all. It would seem that it might be better for several of the lodges within a short radius of one another to combine for such a day and so make a much better showing and give greater stimulus to those in charge of the service. From year to year the location could easily be rotated.

Every lodge throughout the District was visited officially on one of its regular nights of meeting. Other visitations were made to many of the lodges both both by way of pleasure as well as to see how the work was done as a usual thing. The observations made leads me to the conclusion that the condition of masonry in this District is very satisfactory and that the general work of the lodges both from the standpoint of ritualistic rendition and knowledge of the affairs of the Craft generally is of a high standard. There are but one or two lodges in which the work is not as well done as one would desire, but it is perhaps more the result of ability than the lack of endeavor. In choosing the officers of any lodge, whether it be by general election, appointment by the Master or on the advice of Past Masters and other officers, due regard should be taken as to a man's natural ability,

his interest and initiative, his determination to study, as well as to the prediction as to what he is going to be eight or nine years later in life. Many promising men prove poor senior officers after being promising junior officers and the opposite is also true. It is being able to judge the man and his effort which should determine his final appointment to office.

It has been my good fortune to have very little of a critical nature to perform. In nearly all the lodges, it has seemed to be, how can the duties of the D.D. G.M. be made lighter and easier. When it has been necessary to draw attention to things contrary to the Constitution or in any way unmasonic, the criticism has been usually accepted in the manner in which it was intended, for the benefit of the Craft and Local Lodge, and the condition amended. There have been, I think, only two occasions where matters not in accord with the Constitution required attention, and while it might have been easier to pass these points up, and said nothing, I felt that it was only right for every man to do his duty as he sees it, and if the errors are pointed out kindly to those making them, others will learn therefrom and there is not likely to be a repetition. It is however necessary that the Lodge know of the mistakes and also of the corrections, otherwise the same mistakes may easily be committed again.

Following is a report on each Official Visitation:

Brief Summary of Official Lodge Visitations

St. John's Lodge, Carleton Place, 10 Oct., 1928. Began my official visitations with this lodge. In spite of it being a night of cloud and rain, I was welcomed at the home of the oldest rural lodge of the district by a very large and enthusiastic membership. Some fifty members of the Craft in Ottawa including R.W. Bro. W. M. Ross, R.W. Bro. J. A. Ross, R.W. Bro. D. A. Esdale, and most of the ruling masters of the city of Ottawa were on hand to do honour to the M.W. the Grand Master, through his District representative.

This lodge is comfortably located in its own quarters, which are sufficiently revenue producing to almost carry them rent free, a very excellent state of affairs and very largely due to the efficient services of their Secretary. The work of the evening was the conferring of the E.A. degree upon Mr. J. H. Lord, and all present were delighted by the excellent work done by the Master and his participating officers. The work of the Master and Junior Deacon was very smooth, and the lecture delivered by Bro. Dowdall and the charge by W. Bro. Menzies were exceptionally well done. The affairs and activity of the lodge seem to be in a generally good state.

Refreshments were served in an adjoining room at the close of the lodge and short addresses given by some of the brethren in reply to the usual toasts on such an occasion. Midnight saw the brethren, homeward wending, which is something I had desired to have practised, feeling that it would tend to better attendance at the regular meetings.

Chaudiere Lodge, Ottawa, 23 Oct., 1928. On this evening, I made my first official visit to an Ottawa Lodge. The lodge room was full to overflowing when I and the deputation accompanying me were received. W. Bro. J. McCulloch in introducing me to the Worshipful Master, and he on receiving me, said some very nice things of a personal nature which were much appreciated. His welcome to the deputation was both gracious and warm. The work of the evening—a second degree—was very efficiently done, the Master's work being exceptionally good, while that of each of the other officers was of a high standard. The candidate was a fine type of young man and should make a good Craftsman if he will but give of himself to the Craft and its work. At the close, we adjourned to the banquet room and partook of a very delightful line of refreshments prepared by the Junior Warden. After the Toast to the King, W. Bro. J. McCulloch proposed the Toast to Grand Lodge to which your humble representative feelingly responded. Several of the prominent local and Visiting brethren

spoke to the Toast to the Visitors. W. Bro. Banning also spoke, proposing a Toast to the W. Master, stating that he had proposed him for membership and had later appointed him to office, and he was highly gratified that W. Bro. Aikin had not only done well by the lodge but the lodge had seen fit to do well by honouring W. Bro. Aikin, by thus elevating him to the Master's chair.

St. Andrew's Lodge, Ottawa, 1 Nov., 1928—Another large turn-out of the brethren. The W. Master and his officers conferred the E.A. degree on Mr. James C. Shorter and for smoothness and good workmanship, the work of this set of men was indeed very pleasing and convincing. The candidate could not help but be stirred to higher manhood and thoughts.

To individualize with regard to the officers would be eminently unfair as all were good. At the close of the meeting we repaired to the refreshment room and to be led by two brawny Scots in their native costume and their skirling pipes aplaying, was an innovation for the District Deputy Grand Master. Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast, but one wonders if the rhythmic sounds of the pipes at such close quarters and within confined walls can be called music. The general effect is to stimulate enthusiasm and such was the case here, as the social programme of the evening was carried through with great enthusiasm and the brethren had a wonderful social hour.

Enterprise Lodge, Beachburg, Ont., 5 Nov., 1928
On the afternoon of this day, accompanied by some twenty Ruling Masters and Past Masters, I was motored by W. Bro. T. C. Miller to Beachburg. On our arrival at the lodge, the largest gathering ever held under the auspices of the lodge was present. Brethren from every section of the northern half of the District were present. After the usual opening ceremonies had been completed, the officers of the lodge proceeded to confer the First Degree and this was very correctly and efficiently done. Nervousness on the part of some of the officers seems to be the

greatest difficulty. If the brethren will but realize that confidence is only gained by first having spent sufficient time upon the work to master it and then had a sufficient opportunity of presenting it for others to hear and criticize constructively, they will gain confidence in themselves. At the same time they must learn to avoid over-confidence or a misplaced confidence. All superior officers should be and strive to be friendly assistants and instructors to their brethren and so should not be looked upon with fear and trembling but rather with a feeling that they are humane and are coming to help.

After the lodge was closed the brethren descended to the banquet hall where an excellent supper was served, as only can be served in such districts as Beachburg where the ladies do everything to make such a gathering a success. A short toast list was soon disposed of, the speakers being to the point with what they had to say. A short dance was then held and all the brethren, visiting as well as local entering into the spirit of it and having a very enjoyable time for a closing feature.

Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa, 20 Nov., 1928—Paid my Official Visit to this lodge on Tuesday of the above date. This is one of the older lodges of Ottawa as well as one of the larger lodges. Some two hundred brethren or thereabout were present, of which some sixty were or had been occupants of the chair of King Solomon. Following the usual preliminaries, the degree of E.A. was conferred upon Mr. John Wright by the regular officers of the lodge, a very excellent exemplification of the degree being given by the team as a whole. The Master's work, together with that of W. Bro. Frank Smith in the Past Master's Charge standing out as being exceptionally well done. Everything in this lodge is well looked after and a very pleasing incident after the ceremony of the degree is completed is the presentation to the candidate of the Volume of the Sacred Law upon which he was obligated, in this case being done by Bro. Rev. T. J.

Thompson, the Chaplain of the lodge with a few well chosen words of advice.

Another feature here is the using of Past Masters to assist with small portions of the work of the degree. This has a tendency to maintain their interest and since they are members of the same lodge should know the routine of the work and be able to step into the part without any hitch or rupture of the continuity. On this occasion W. Bros. Powers, Patten and Lang assisted.

A very pleasant social hour of speech and song was spent in the banquet hall at the close of the lodge.

Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa, 4 Dec., 1928—This is the oldest lodge in this District and is the home of many of the most ardent masons in Ottawa. With such a Worshipful Master abounding with energy and enthusiasm, it needs must be that the same condition becomes contagious and imbues the other members of the lodge with such a state. In the conferring of the First Degree the work was performed in an almost faultless manner, not only by the Master himself but by everyone. W. Bro. Scammell, I.P.M. delivered the Past Master's charge in a most instructive and dignified manner. Like the Wor. Master, W. Bro. Scammell is a tower of strength to this lodge. Arriving at the refreshment room, a very delightful repast was served after which the usual line of toasts and responses was carried out, but in addition a toast to Canada and the Empire was proposed, the response thereto being by V. W. Bro. Canon Gower-Rees of St. Georges Church, Montreal, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England. Canon Gower-Rees is a most capable and enthusiastic speaker and his address delighted every brother present even though the hour was exceptionally late.

The Builders, Ottawa, 14 Dec., 1928. Visited this my mother lodge on Friday the 14th Dec. It

was not necessary for me to pay such a visit in order to be able to report on the type of work done. Being a regular attendant at my own lodge, I can truthfully state that the standard of work done in this lodge will compare favourably with that of any lodge anywhere. The Builders is one of the oldest and largest lodges in the District and has been noted for its membership and workmanship as well as for the attendance and interest maintained in its Past Masters, with which it is blessed with a great number. Every meeting of the lodge, regular or emergent, sees many Past Masters out to assist and encourage the work. With such supervision and enthusiasm it is not to be wondered that excellent work may always be seen here. On this my official visitation the E.A. Degree was conferred on Mr. J. R. Sands in a most finished manner. The lodge is prospering and seems to be securing a very excellent type of candidate.

The usual banquet followed the closing of the lodge and it was carried out on a very high plane, the speakers and musicians all being of a high order.

Ashlar Lodge, Ottawa, 4 Jan., 1929. On this evening, paid a visit of inspection to this lodge, No. 564 G.R.C. in O. On my arrival, it was quite evident that there was a large attendance in the lodge room, which was greatly added to upon the admission and reception of the representative of the Grand Master and the deputation accompanying me. R.W. Bro. D. A. Esdale acted as official introducer and the W. Master, R. B. Pritchard was very kind in his words of reception. The work of the evening consisted in conferring the E.A. Degree on Dr. J. Pritchard, brother of the Wor. Master and a personal friend of mine as well as a member of my profession. No doubt these facts made the ceremony all the more impressive. From first to last, the work of the degree was performed in a very correct, dignified and impressive manner by every officer of the lodge participating therein. The floor work was very carefully done and the lectures by the Junior Warden, Bro. Davidson and that by I.P.M. Wor. Bro. J. F. Gilles-

pie were delivered in a most capable way. Everything here bespeaks a most successful lodge and an association of young enthusiastic masons.

At the close of the degree, the Wor. Master called upon me to present Wor. Bro. Gillespie with a Past Master's Jewel, such acts being always a delightful privilege, especially when it is known that they are justly bestowed. Wor. Bro. Gowling also presented him with a Past Master's Certificate. The brethren then assembled in the banquet chamber where a short time was spent in speech and song interspersed with brotherly and social intercourse.

Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew Ont, 7 Jan., 1929. Accompanied by W. Bros. C. M. Pitts, S. F. Smith, J. F. Gillespie, Lorne Young, T. C. Miller, S. Witten, R. McElroy, and G. Aiken, I visited Renfrew Lodge officially on the above date. Courtesy was extended to us by a visit to our hotel by W. Bro. Morrison and one of his Past Masters, to be followed in time by Bro. Dr. S. H. Murphy of Renfrew Lodge coming to the hotel to conduct our party to the lodge, both acts of kindness much appreciated by myself and friends.

The work of the evening was that of a first degree, done in a very excellent manner, showing that considerable time and thought had been spent by the various officers in preparing for their duties. On the closing of the lodge, banquet tables were soon in readiness and the brethren spent a short but very pleasant time together. While in many ways it was similar to other such occasions, there was a feeling, expressed by my companions later, that indicated a something, very desirable as brethren, and it seemed to be that these brethren were able to undo their heart strings and cause visitors to really feel that they were pleased to have you in their midst. Several short addresses were given by prominent members, outlining what Masonry does and can stand for and which if practised would do much for the betterment of the Brotherhood of Man.

Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa, 8 Jan., 1929. The night following Renfrew saw me paying a visit to Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa, and here we have a lodge possessing excellent musical talent. The officers pride themselves on their rendition of the M.M. Degree. This was one of the two occasions during my year when the M.M. Degree was exemplified for my Official Inspection. The work of the whole degree was exceptionally well done and the brethren in attendance were greatly impressed as the candidate could not help being. Such a ceremony must cause one to reflect as to the purposes of Masonry in its various phases. The music in this lodge is under the direction of Vy. W. Bro. J. W. Bearder, which speaks for the high standard to be expected.

The lodge being closed, a refreshing supper was served in the banquet chamber after which W. Bro. Metz proposed the toast to Grand Lodge, replied to by your representative. Other members of the lodge and its visitors added to the pleasure of the evening by short addresses and some very delightful music was introduced here and there.

Madawaska Lodge, Arnprior, Ont., 14 Jan., 1929. One of the older lodges of the upper Ottawa District but nevertheless quite young in spirit. On our arrival, W. Bro. Gardner met us at the station and conducted us to his home where we were the guests of Mrs. Gardner and himself. Thus commenced a very delightful evening. The truest hospitality was extended to us by our hosts, and the same spirit prevailed when we arrived at the lodge where a First Degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. The work of this lodge is fully up to its past standard and averages well with that throughout the whole district.

Entertainment and refreshment were provided in the banquet hall and after a social hour had been spent with the brethren of Madawaska Lodge, we again adjourned to the home of the W. Master to enjoy further hospitality and social intercourse while

awaiting the train to Ottawa in the early hours of the morning.

Mississippi Lodge, Almonte, Ont., 1 Feb., 1929. February 1929, was introduced masonically by my paying an Official Visit to Lodge No. 147 G.R.C. in o. On our arrival by train, W. Bro. McElroy of Fidelity Lodge and myself were taken in charge by R.W. Bro. M. R. MacFarlane and entertained right royally at dinner by Mrs. MacFarlane and himself, whereas the whole party from Ottawa was entertained at bridge after the meeting was concluded until train time in the wee small hours of the morning.

The work in the lodge room was exemplified in a very impressive manner, all doing their share to make the degree something that the candidate would appreciate in years to come as well as to delight the brethren present. The evening's work would indicate that while there may be some room for improvement, the general work and affairs of Mississippi Lodge are in a satisfactory and prosperous condition and that the watchful eyes and guiding words of the Past Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Master are having their effects by way of maintaining the standard expected of the lodge.

Refreshments were served in the lodge after the close and a very enjoyable get-together social chat among the brethren, all of which was much appreciated and enjoyed by everyone, visitors and members alike, stimulating that brotherly relationship that should exist in every masonic lodge.

Defenders Lodge, Ottawa, 6 Feb., 1929. This is a military lodge or rather a lodge largely composed of military men and they pride themselves on the precision of their doings.

The attendance was fairly good and those present saw the E.A. degree worked in a manner well nigh perfect. Wor. Bro. Hodgins is very cool and col-

lected, exceedingly dignified and while his voice is somewhat soft and low, he delivers the work with such deliberation and elocutionary effect that everyone can hear if even halfway attentive. His offices performed very well and well maintained the high state of efficiency set them by himself.

It would seem that great progress is being made in this lodge to take a worthy place amongst its sister lodges in the District. Everything is done efficiently and the reports of the Chairmen of the various committees were well prepared and well conveyed for the benefit of the members of the lodge. The social closing of the evening was very well handled. Toasts were introduced by W. Bro. Snowdon, R.W. Bro. MacFarlane and W. Bro. Armstrong. Replies were made by certain of the visiting brethren, to the enjoyment of the other members present.

Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke, Ont., 7 Feb., 1929. Accompanied by some eight or nine ruling and past masters of Ottawa lodges, we arrived at Pembroke about 7.30 p.m. After dinner, we were conducted to the lodge room, where we found that the Worshipful Master had already opened the lodge. After a short time, we were announced and then admitted and received by the Master on behalf of the members of the lodge and the officers. Everything about the lodge and the work of the degree was quite satisfactory. The F.C. degree was conferred upon Bro. D. E. Elliott. The lodge room is large and well appearing affording the brethren of Pembroke Lodge every facility for doing good work. It is quite evident that under the guiding hand of R.W. Bro. Josephs, the brethren enter enthusiastically into their duties and work.

A very satisfying form of refreshment was served in the banquet hall, followed by the usual toast list which was the means whereby several very excellent addresses were heard. Our Ottawa party caused the evening to be shortened considerably owing to having to leave early in order to catch the train for home.

Sidney Albert Luke Lodge, Ottawa, 13 Feb., 1929. Attended by a large and distinguished deputation, amongst whom were R.W. Bro. J. A. Ross, R.W. Bro. J. C. Scott, R.W. Bro. W. M. Ross, R.W. Bro. C. W. Jeffrey, R. W. Bro. E. J. McCleery, R.W. Bro. E. S. Macphail, R.W. Bro. J. H. Putman and many others, I officially visited this lodge numbered 558 G.R.C. in O.

After the W. Master had resumed the chair, and proceeded to confer the E.A. degree, W. Bro. S. F. Smith was most deliberate and being very proficient in his work, he did a masterly evening's work, ably assisted by all the participating officers. I.P.M. Wor. Bro. Ball Popham gave an excellent demonstration of the Past Master's Charge to the candidate. This is a young lodge named after a very worthy Mason and a Past Grand Master and a lodge trying to uphold the high principles of masonry taught by him.

At the close of the degree, W. Bro. Smith honoured me by asking me to present a Past Master's Jewel to W. Bro. Popham. The recipient of the jewel having been known to me from his very early years and having been a pupil of mine years ago, I appreciated the honour greatly and still more so the fact that I could conscientiously pin such a jewel on his breast knowing that his life and workmanship in masonry had been such that he would ever be an honour to his lodge in the wearing of it as well as it being an honour to him to be able to wear such a jewel.

Many prominent brethren, members as well as visitors, had an opportunity of addressing the gathering and thus adding some wholesome thoughts for the benefit of the fraternity at an excellent spread provided by the Junior Warden in the hall below.

Prince of Wales Lodge, Ottawa, 22 Feb. 1929. Visited this lodge officially on Friday evening of this date. The attendance approached two hundred and twenty-five, while some forty Masters and Past Mast-

ers were present. R.W. Bro. F. H. Mallory, P.D.D. G.M. of St. Lawrence District honoured the meeting by his presence. W. Bro. Bruce Nelson and his officers conferred the E.A. Degree upon Mr. Alexander Kerr in a most finished manner. The Master had not only his work in excellent shape but conducted the affairs of the evening in a most capable manner and with military precision. Following the degree, I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Master's Jewel to W. Bro. J. M. Jackson as a token of love and appreciation from the Officers and Brethren of Prince of Wales Lodge.

At the conclusion of the evening's duties in the lodge room, the brethren repaired to the banquet hall, where, with the proposals of the various toasts and the replies thereto, the brethren also listened to a very practical address from V. W. Bro. Rev. H. H. Bedford-Jones, of St. George's Church, Ottawa.

Ionic Lodge, Westboro, Ont., 13 March, 1929. There was a very large attendance of the members of this lodge together with many of their friends from other lodges. The E.A. degree was conferred upon Mr. P. Hobbs, a member of the R.C.M.P. The Worshipful Master gave an excellent rendition of the work and the junior officers all possess good quality of voices, so that when performing their parts the interest of the gathering was well maintained, each officer dominating the lodge room and holding the attention of the brethren absolutely.

The lecture by the Junior Warden was given in a very able manner by Bro. Daubney. After the lodge was closed, a sumptuous repast was served and many of the visiting brethren were given an opportunity to convey helpful thoughts to the gathering.

The two lodges at Westboro have a very neat, well built Temple, plenty large enough for their present and somewhat future needs. The lodge room is very tastefully designed. Masonry here under the

guidance of R.W. Bro. Heney and his able assistants is progressing very soundly.

Doric Lodge, Ottawa, 21 March, 1929. On this date, being Thursday evening, I visited Doric Lodge No. 58, G.R.C. in O. The large membership present at the opening of the lodge was considerably increased upon the admission and reception of your representative and the deputation which accompanied him, amongst whom were the following prominent Masons, namely, R.W. Bros. A. H. McKee, E. J. McCleery, D. A. Esdale, Arthur Collins, E. S. Macphail, J. A. Ross, C. W. Jeffrey, A. J. Anderson of Toronto, together with many ruling and past masters.

After the W. Master's words of reception and an expression of thanks by the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the W. Master having resumed the Chair, proceeded with the work of the evening, which was the conferring of the E.A. Degree upon Mr. W. E. Knox. W. Bro. Robertson and his officers are in charge of one of the oldest of the city lodges, and as it was known that they have had a high standard set them in the past by Doric officers, excellent work was expected of them and this expectation was not in vain. Every officer performed very satisfactorily, especially the Junior Deacon, who with his military training and his knowledge of the floor work, gave a very fine exposition of the work of that office. To Junior Warden's lecture and that of the I.P.M. were also well delivered. There is no doubt but what this lodge shall have a very successful year.

At the social hour at the close of the meeting a very fine explanation of the Memorial Benevolent Fund and its purposes was given by R.W. Bro. Anderson, which was greatly appreciated by those present and great should be the practical results therefrom.

Rideau Lodge, Ottawa, 11 April, 1929. Thursday 11 April found me visiting Rideau Lodge, the youngest lodge of the district. The work of the evening was

the First Degree and it was certainly an inspiration to see the smoothness, effectiveness and the impressiveness of W. Bro. Young as he proceeded with his part of the work. It could not but have the effect, as it did, of placing all his assisting officers at perfect ease and inspiring confidence in them so that their work was a great support to the Master's. Rideau Lodge under the present staff of officers should have a great year's work. Enthusiasm and energy are there in abundance and the brethren are happy with one another and seem to turn out to secure that brotherly relationship which does so much to promote the harmony of the lodge.

At the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned down stairs, where an hour of music and speeches was indulged in proposing and replying to toasts from that of "The King and the Craft" to that of the "Visitors" with great enthusiasm. Among those speaking were General Winter, Col. Cooper, W. Bro. Pitts of Dalhousie Lodge and Wor. Bro. Hooper of St. John's Carleton Lodge Place.

Hazeldean Lodge, Hazeldean, Ont., 17 April, 1929. Motored out to Hazeldean and on arrival found that the lodge had already assembled, and that the business part of the meeting was in session. When admitted to the lodge about thirty Masters and Past Masters accompanied me. There was a very excellent turnout of members, in spite of a wet and stormy night. After a very hearty reception, an exemplification of the E.A. Degree was given. Very fair work was done by all participating, showing that study and application had been given to the work.

Prior to going to the lodge, I took time to call on R.W. Bro. the Hon. R. H. Grant, whose home is a short distance from the lodge and who has been a great tower of strength to this lodge. I was pleased indeed to find him on this occasion feeling somewhat better, and that while he could not accompany me to the lodge in the flesh, he assured me that he would be

there in spirit. Another pleasing feature during the evening was that the son of R.W. Bro. Grant, also a Past Master of the lodge, showed that he was an able assistant in the work by presenting the working tools.

Hazeldean Lodge has a very comfortable lodge building, owned by the body and as a lodge is in good financial condition and well insured.

Most of the Ruling Masters of the Ottawa Lodges were out to Hazeldean on this occasion together with many others of all ranks, some of whom were W. Bro. W. C. N. Marriott, D. P. Bateman, E. H. Scammel Jos. McCulloch, S. Banning, R. W. Bros. J. A. Ross, E. J. McCleery, D. A. Esdale, and E. S. Macphail.

Acacia Lodge, Westboro, Ont., 26 April, 1929. Visited Acacia for the first time owing to it meeting on the same evening as my Mother Lodge. It is the younger lodge for the Westboro district but for all that is quite a strong active lodge. R.W. Bros. F. Heney and D. A. MacEachern are two well skilled P.D.D.G. Ms. the one from the Ottawa District and the other from Quebec Province across the Ottawa. The work of the F.C. Degree was demonstrated in a very clear and instructive manner, the candidate being given a very intelligent and dignified exemplification of the work. At the close, the brethren were invited to stay and go to the banquet hall and by the attendance every man must have stayed, for which they were rewarded with an excellent supper provided by the ladies of one of the local church organizations. On the ladies withdrawing, a programme of toasts and songs was proceeded with and finally upon being called upon to reply to a toast to Canada, Bro. A. E. Ross, M.P. for Kingston gave a very interesting and instructive address on some of the features of Canadian History and Geography along which his thoughts had from time to time been travelling. Every brother present felt that a wonderful night had been spent and spent profitably.

Cobden Lodge, Cobden, Ont., 14 May, 1929. Tuesday, 14 May, saw some twenty Past Masters and Ruling Masters motoring with me to Cobden where we were augmented by perhaps as many more from the surrounding lodges. After the reception of myself and deputation, the initiation of Mr. Percil Wilfred Collins was carried out by the officers of the lodge. It was perhaps of interest to many that the candidate of the evening was the son of the immediate Past District Deputy Grand Master of this District. The work of the Master while earnest and impressive might have been more accurate. The whole work of the evening was rendered almost unhearable by the storm that was raging at the time and the heavy rain which was falling on the roof of the building of which the lodge room was right in the top, the roof forming the ceiling. Each officer should feel that his part is the most important part and that the success of the whole degree depends upon him delivering his part so that it shall be effective. An interesting part was the music supplied by the brethren of Pembroke Lodge.

Adjournment was made at the close of the lodge to the basement, where the ladies had prepared a banquet in which every table was weighted down with the most tempting foods. After the singing of the National Anthem, R.W. Bro. Arthur Collins proposed the toast to Grand Lodge in a very able manner. After my reply thereto, W. Bro. H. F. Hardy proposed and W. Bro. C. M. Pitts responded to a toast to "The Ladies", both of which were very well done. Several brethren responded to the toast to the Visitors. All in all a right royal evening had been spent with the members of Cobden Lodge.

Carleton Lodge, Carp, Ont., 17 May, 1929. Had the pleasure of being motored to Carp by W. Bro. T. C. Miller of the Builders Lodge. On our arrival it was a pleasure to find between thirty-five and forty visiting brethren from Almonte, Carleton Place, Hazeldean, Ottawa and other places in the District. The capacity of this lodge was taxed to its utmost to take care of the wonderful turnout of members and visitors.

Owing to this the floor work of the Junior Deacon was somewhat interfered with. Owing to the Master of this lodge not now residing at Carp, but being at Vankleek Hill, it is quite evident that the smoothness or workmanship among the officers if not what it would be if he were there to practise and supervise. However the work was fairly well done and that of the Junior Warden, was outstanding, and should long stay with the candidate. The Past Master's charge by W. Bro. Moore was also well given. The on-coming officers of this lodge would appear to give good promise for the future welfare of this lodge.

A very fine supper was served after the closing of the lodge, across the way in the Carp Memorial Hall, a good place for such a gathering. Here in response to the toast to Grand Lodge, I referred to the Memorial Benevolent Fund and it seemed to be met with a very sympathetic feeling. Addresses were also given by R.W. Bros. E. J. McCleery, C. W. Jeffrey, W. Bros. Hooper of Carleton Place, Young of Rideau Lodge, and E. H. Scammell of Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa.

Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, Ont., 21 May, 1929. Through the courtesy of V.W. Bro. T. A. Browne, The Builders Lodge, I motored out to Richmond and had a very enjoyable time both before and after the lodge meeting. associating and conversing with the brethren of Goodwood Lodge and the surrounding district. This is a very interesting lodge from its history. As there was no candidate to be initiated, the work of the degree was exemplified upon a brother, Bro. Ghannonhouse, acting for the candidate. Everything was done in a most creditable manner. The Junior Deacon and Junior Warden being exceptionally good. Sincerity was evidenced throughout the work and there is no doubt that any candidate receiving his degree in this lodge will be impressed by the work. Wor. Bro. Kemp has again served as Master during the past year and has performed his duty faithfully.

A bounteous repast was served in the basement,

and by the number present Goodwood Lodge has made many friends, who show their friendship by their presence. This lodge possesses very commodious quarters which should serve them well for many years to come.

Russell Lodge, Russell, Ont., 27 May, 1929. W. Bro. H. F. Hardy of Sidney Albert Luke Lodge, Ottawa, very kindly motored me out to Russell for an official visit to the lodge at that place. The evening was oppressively warm, but there was an unexpectedly large turnout of the brethren from the whole south-eastern half of the district. R.W. Bro. Fetterly, D.D.G.M. Eastern District, honoured us with his presence. After my reception with that of the deputation accompanying me, Wor. Bro. Mitchell and his officers conferred the M.M. Degree upon Bro. C. J. Hall. It was quite a treat as well as an unusual thing, to have this degree conferred on such a night and by one of the rural lodges. The exemplification was such that any lodge might be proud of. The candidate too was well prepared and gave one the feeling that he was understanding and appreciating each step of the work as it was rendered. He should prove quite an addition to the Craft and if he is a fair sample of the incoming members of Russell Lodge and the Craft generally, it speaks well for the future of Masonry. The lecture by Past Master Gamble added also the to finish of the degree.

Upon the close of the lodge, the brethren were requested to go the hall of the United Church where the ladies of that church served a very excellent supper, both as to what was served and the manner in which it was served. The usual toast list was carried out, Rev. Bro. Menzies proposing the toast to Grand Lodge in a very happy way. R.W. Bro. Fetterly contributed a very helpful address when called upon for the second reply to the toast to Grand Lodge. R.W. Bros. J. C. Scott, E. S. Macphail, J. A. Ross, were also present, and speaking.

Bonnechere Lodge, Eganville, 10 June, 1929. In company with R.W. Bro. D. A. Esdale and W. Bro.

Gillespie, W. Bro. T. C. Miller motored me to Eganville. Our party was right royally received and entertained by R.W. Bro. Dr. James Reeves, Secretary of the lodge. While the members of Bonnechere Lodge do not own the building in which the lodge is, the quarters occupied are quite satisfactory, being central and commodious and well situated. The degree of E.A. was conferred on the candidate of the evening. and was done very ably, each officer striving to hold up his part of the degree. Individual mention would be unfair. What perhaps is needed more than any other thing is sufficient work to enable the brethren to become confident of themselves by practice.

A delightful social hour was afterwards spent in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, where the ladies of the town provided amply for the inner man of the most delicious things and where food for thought was supplied in the addresses of R.W. Bro. Reeves, D. A. Esdale, V.W. Bros. Milligan, Stewart, and Connolly, and W. Bro. Lorne Young of Rideau Lodge on behalf of the ladies. Many were the pleasant things remarked on the journey to Ottawa, in the early hours of the morning, regarding the whole evening at Eganville, which seemed to have been enjoyed by all.

Corinthian Lodge, North Gower, Ont., 21 June, 1929. Again through the kindness of V.W. Bro. T. R. Browne of The Builders Lodge, and that of W. Bro. H. F. Hardy, I was motored to North Gower where on our arrival, brethren were found from all parts of the southern half of the distict paying a fraternal visit to their masonic friends of Corinthian lodge. The E.A. Degree was the work of the evening, and while the ritualistic work was at times somewhat lacking, everyone must have been impressed by the zeal and earnestness of the various officers. The candidate was a very fine type of young man, being the son of the W. Master of the lodge. In my remarks to the brethren before the close of the lodge, I endeavoured to give some helpful suggestion in the working of the degree both from a ritualistic stand-

point and which would be easier for those performing the works as well as being more pleasing to those observing.

On the lodge being closed, the brethren proceeded to the town hall where after the serving of refreshments toasts were proposed and responded to by a number of the brethren. Music was supplied by an Octette under the leadership of W. Bro. Miller of Ottawa. In spite of the oppressive heat which was the worst of the season, everyone had a very pleasant evening for which the brethren of Corinthian lodge are to be heartily thanked. This closed my official visitations to the lodges of the Ottawa district, the same having been carried out as per schedule.

On June 11th, 1929, the Ruling Masters of Ottawa and Westboro held a Complimentary Dinner for me at the Chateau Laurier Hotel, a most delightful affair, when many very kind and overly kind things were spoken regarding the year just about to close. Finally W. Bro. C. M. Pitts, on behalf of the Ruling Masters presented me with a most handsome group photograph of themselves surrounding my own. This I shall ever prize and look upon as a reminder of perhaps the happiest year of my life.

Now that the great bulk of the work is done, I realize that many of the bridges that I anticipated would be difficult to cross, never participated in the pathway of my duties, and that which appeared dark and gloomy, was nothing but sunshine when reached.

To all those brethren that have helped me during the year by special duties and otherwise, I thank you most sincerely, hoping that my frailties and mistakes will be overlooked, and that the intention be seen and not necessarily the result. My sincere wish is that the Ottawa District may ever be united and remain true to the highest principles of Masonry.

Now that the year is nearly passed and the duties of the office will soon pass into the hands of someone

else, may the Most High spare me to enjoy the many, many glorious friendships which ' have been permitted to form during my term and so frequently meet, greet, hear and grip the hand which means a real fraternal and sympathetic welcome. To my successor, I extend heartiest greetings, whoever he may be, and any assistance that I am able to render him, will be most cheerfully extended.

In closing let me say:

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave;

There are souls that are pure and true;

If you give to the world, the best you have,

The best will come back to you.

All of which I respectfully submit, Most Worshipful Sir,

J. A. DOBBIE,

D.D.G.M. Ottawa District.

PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT

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

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor and much pleasure submitting for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Peterbrough District for the year 1928 and 1929, and in agreement with your desire for brevity, I shall endeavour to be as brief as possible.

I wish to express my deep appreciation of the high honor the brethren of Peterborough District conferred upon me, and on Clementi Lodge No. 313, in electing me unanimously as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and also of the most cordial reception and loyal support accorded me by the brethren of every lodge in the district during my term of office. I wish also to express my gratitude to the brethren of Clementi Lodge for their great kindness in accompanying me on my official visits, as I was never allowed to go alone, but was always chaperoned by a goodly number of both young and old Masons.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Morrison, District Secretary, to whom and W. Bro. Hull, present Master of Clementi Lodge, W. Bro. Casement, treasurer of our lodge for over forty years continuously, and also other Past Masters, I am indeed grateful for aid given me during the year.

The Past Masters Association of Peterborough District meets in May and October and is growing in numbers and usefulness as it brings together the Past Masters of both city and rural lodges, making them better known to each other, and cementing

them in true Masonic principles. A committee is at work at present toward the formation of a Masonic library for the District. The "Travelling Square" presented to the chairman of the Past Masters Association by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on behalf of my predecessor R. W. Bro. Morris, is still travelling among the lodges and is proving satisfactory, as a means of promoting uniform work, friendly competition, and brotherly relations among the brethren.

I have made official visits to all the lodges of district, and am very pleased to report that in every lodge, the work in the different degrees is orthodox, uniform, accurate and given with much feeling and impressiveness, and I found no cause for criticism but on the contrary was happy in being able to congratulate the Wor. Masters and their officers, and in every lodge the musical ritual was rendered. The attendance at the lodges was very large in every case, and was especially noticeable in the rural lodges which were crowded by visiting brethren from other lodges, and sometimes brethren from other districts. The candidates in every lodge were apparently chosen with care and discretion which was one of the points stressed in my addresses, pointing out that the committee of enquiry was not only protecting their own lodge but the whole fraternity.

I also made a strong appeal for a larger Benevolent Fund for Grand Lodge purposes and have no doubt that Peterborough District will subscribe the full allotment for this purpose, some of the lodges having already done so. I also pointed out that our Masonry should not be of the lodge room alone, but we should carry the tenets and principles of our fraternity into our daily lives by fair and square dealings with all mankind.

Official Visits

Golden Rule Lodge No. 126 Campbellford, visited Oct. 2nd, 1928, by special invitation from

the lodge. I was introduced by W. Bro. Frederick Dinwoodie, a charter member of my Mother Lodge Clementi 313 in 1874. He was 87 years old, but still very much alive and active, and I need hardly say that I appreciate very highly the compliment paid me by having this aged Past Master introduce me. The work was two initiations, one a Presbyterian minister and the other a business man of Campbellford. I noted especially in this lodge the presence of a great many aged past masters, more so than in any other lodge of the district, who assisted the W.M. and his officers and whose work was very efficient and impressive. The W.M. and officers were well trained and very efficient. The books were well kept by W. R. Bro. Bonnycastle and finances were in a satisfactory condition. This lodge is prosperous and has a bright future.

J. B. Hall Lodge No. 145, Millbrook, was visited officially March 14th, 1929. Being a wet and disagreeable night and country roads bad, there was a rather smaller attendance than usual, but they are enthusiastic Masons and work of 2nd degree was beautifully given to a bright candidate, who was really one of the best prepared I have ever seen. He was a returned man, had the erect military appearance, and the work of the W. M. and his officers was unexcelled anywhere or in any lodge, and the Past Masters who assisted were very efficient and impressive. The young officers of Clementi lodge who accompanied me were very much impressed and loud in their praise of the whole work. The books are well kept by the secretary R. W. Bro. Thorndyke who introduced me, and this lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Corinthian Lodge No. 101 Peterborough visited on Friday March 15th 1929. Was introduced by W. Bro. Allen accompanied by my predecessor R. W. Bro. Morris. The work was an initiation which was very efficiently and earnestly done by the W. Master and his officers, and the Past Masters of

the lodge, Very W. Bro. Nesbitt, a Past Master over eighty-three years of age, at his own special request, giving the lecture on the tracing board in a very impressive and earnest manner. He was noted in his younger days for his beautiful delivery of this part of the work and wished to give it once more before he passed on, but I hope and trust that he may long be spared to Corinthian Lodge. as a shining example to the younger members. The books are in the competent care of W. Bro. R. F. Downey and are well kept and finances are all right.

As I fear a detailed account of my visits to all the lodges will make this report too long and will really be a repetition practically of what I have already written, I shall simply state the dates of my visits to the remaining lodges in the District.

Royal Arthur Lodge No. 523, Peterborough, on April 1st, 1929, work in 1st Degree. Peterborough Lodge No. 155, Peterborough, on April 5th, 1929, 1st Degree. Clementi Lodge No. 313 Lakefield, on May 7th, 1929. Two initiations. Norwood Lodge No. 223 on May 13th, 1929, second degree. Keene lodge No. 374, on May 16th, 1929, 3rd Degree. Hastings Lodge No. 633, on May 17th, 1929, 3rd degree. Havelock Lodge No. 435, on May 20th, 1929, 3rd degree. Percy lodge, No. 161, Warkworth on June 5th, 1929, 1st degree.

I desire to state that the work of the Wor. Masters and officers and Past Masters of these lodges, was quite as good as those I have already described, being impressive, earnest, true to the ritual and given with much feeling, and the books of these lodges are carefully kept and finances in good condition.

Havelock Lodge recently purchased the building in which their lodge room is situated. They were obliged to do so or lose their present Masonic home as the building was to be sold.

Percy lodge has a beautiful Masonic Temple and are making a vigorous campaign to try and wipe off half of their indebtedness by July 1st, and consequently have postponed their contribution to the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge, but I was assured that their allotment would be attended to later on.

In my visits to all the lodges in this district, I made it a point to get there early as it gave me an opportunity to meet many of the Worshipful Masters and officers and brethren before the lodges were opened, and have no complaint about delay in opening the lodges, nor about bad ventilation nor unnecessary heat of the lodge rooms, the criticism last year having borne fruit, probably.

At all the meetings there were present many visitors from neighboring lodges and there was evident, a fine fraternal spirit, the candidates were of good type, the attendance of members large and the entertainments in the banquet rooms were always as they should be, of a high order.

In concluding my report I wish to express my appreciation of the cordial welcome given me by every lodge in the district, and to convey to the Past Masters and Masters, my sincere thanks for the many kindnesses extended to me during my official year, and I trust my successor will receive the same loyal support that has been extended to me and may the same prosperity and harmony continue.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN R. FRASER,

D.D.G.M. Peterborough District.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT

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.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Prince Edward District for the current Masonic year.

I must express my grateful appreciation of the honor conferred upon my by the brethren when I was unanimously made their choice as representative of the Grand Master in Prince Edward District.

For district secretary, I appointed W. Bro. Leon E. Walmsley and he has given me most faithful and valuable assistance in carrying out the duties of that office. He accompanied me on all my official visits to the various lodges except one. I selected Bro. Rev. C. E. Clarke, M.A., B.D., for district chaplain, but unfortunately, the serious illness and subsequent demise of Mrs. Clarke made it impossible for him to take part in more than two or three of the lodge visitations.

Printed Programs of Visits

An innovation was introduced in our district by having a complete schedule of the visits printed and the cards distributed through the medium of the lodge secretaries to every member. On the one side of the card was printed the schedule giving the names of the lodges and the dates of the visits. On the other side appeared the following message:

"To the Officers and Members of the Masonic Craft in Prince Edward District, A.F. & A.M.:—

This card, giving a schedule of the Official Visits of the D.D.G.M., is being forwarded to all the mem-

bers of the sixteen lodges throughout the district in the hope that they will not only attend their own lodge on the night of the official inspection but visit as many of the other lodges as possible on the various dates mentioned. All lodges are delighted to welcome visiting brethren at all times but particularly upon the occasion when the representative of the Grand Master makes his annual inspection.

These official visits will not only be the occasion for inspecting the work and conduct of the individual lodges but will also be, in a very real sense, lodges of instruction where all may learn and profit by observation and by helpful suggestion and discussion.

The D.D.G.M. especially requests that upon the night of the official inspection the lodge be opened punctually at the time mentioned on the summons and that he be admitted immediately after the opening and BEFORE the minutes of the preceding meeting have been read.

The efficiency of the Masters will be judged largely by the promptness and celerity with which the evening's business is conducted. Delay and waste of time indicate lack of preparation and are potent causes of waning interest and decreasing attendance.

The D.D.G.M. wishes it distinctly understood that he comes not as a fault-finder or a carping critic but as a counsellor and a helpful friend. He hopes to find 'himself in the midst of a happy family of cordial, genial Masons whose most sincere desire is to communicate happiness.'

Many favourable comments were made by the members receiving the cards and the list of dates made it convenient for all to keep the time of the official visits in mind. The result was a remarkably large attendance at all the meetings when official inspections took place and an earnest endeavor was made by the ruling masters and other lodge officers to carry out

faithfully the various suggestions made, particularly about opening the lodges on time.

Speaking generally, the lodges of Prince Edward District have attained high excellence in their exemplification of degree work. Two or three, indeed, showed such finish and perfection that the D.D.G.M. was at a loss where to suggest improvement let alone offer criticism. The district is favored with an unusually conscientious, able and intelligent group of presiding officers who have the faculty of communicating their enthusiasm to the subordinate officers and members.

Districts Unite in Picnic

On August 1st, 1928, the various lodges of the Ontario and Prince Edward Districts held a union picnic at Presqu'ile Park, near Brighton. Many hundreds of Masons with their wives, members of their families and other friends enjoyed to the full the days' outing. Most Wor. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin graced the occasion with his presence and was the principal speaker of the day. Many other Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted in the program. Athletic contests, races and sporting events supplemented the days' pleasures.

Prominent Masons Called by Death

The early part of my term of office was saddened by the untimely demise of R.W. Bro. R. H. Spencer, of Trenton, one of the most enthusiastic and whole-souled Masons in all Ontario. A little later V. W. Bro. James Colden, a most estimable brother of Prince Edward Lodge, Picton, lost his life through an accident while carrying on his work at Picton cemetery. W. Bros. Willoughby W. Anderson, of Moira Lodge, I. A. Eby of Bancroft Lodge, G. R. Robertson of Trent Lodge, R. E. Wright of Prince Edward and Col. L. W. Marsh of Moira Lodge were among those who have been promoted the past year to the Grand Lodge above.

During the past year many of the lodges paid fraternal visits to other lodges in the district and exemplified degrees. In this way Masonic instruction and education are more effectively conveyed in our opinion, than by the cumbersome and barren "lodges of instruction" which have, in Prince Edward District, fallen into disuse.

The three Belleville lodges have introduced an interesting and excellent means of creating enthusiasm and increasing attendance by a series of special "nights". For instance, when a prominent member of the Rotary Club was to be initiated into Eureka Lodge a "Rotary Night" was arranged with Rotarians occupying all the chairs during the initiatory degree. In another lodge, a "Ministers' Night" was arranged when a clergyman was initiated. Several of the industrial plants supplied degree teams when members of their staffs were made Masons. Similarly there has been a "Transportation Night" and a number of others that brought the brethren out in sufficient numbers to tax the capacity of the lodge room.

Belleville is an important centre of Masonic interest. This city is said to be the strongest Masonically in all Canada in proportion to population. The three lodges Moira, No. 11, Belleville, No. 123, and Eureka, No. 283, have a combined membership of 1,162. The population of Belleville by the last Municipal census was 13,208.

Official Visits

The best endeavors were used to make the official visits helpful and educational. As D.D.G.M. I refrained from delivering set speeches either at the lodge meetings or at the subsequent banquets. The work in the lodge room was reviewed and comment made as appeared necessary but the criticism when offered was always kindly and constructive in its nature.

September 10th, 1928, My first official visit was paid on this date to Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frank-

ford. One of the severest electrical storms of the year came on just before the hour for lodge but nevertheless the attendance was large. R.W. Bros. H. F. Ketcheson and J. W. Barlow, V.W. Bro. R. H. McCrudden of Belleville and a score or more of and past masters from the surrounding district were in attendance besides a multitude of members. The master, W. Bro. A. G. Austin, and his fellow officers gave a most commendable exemplification of the second degree. The banquet was held after the meeting at Stockdale United Church. The menu supplied by the ladies of the congregation was notable for its excellence. The post-prandial program of speeches and music was equally enjoyable.

September 24th, 1928. Bancroft Lodge, No. 482, Bancroft. The village of Bancroft, more than 80 miles north of Belleville, occupies a most picturesque situation and is the home of one of the liveliest lodges in the whole district. The exemplification of the third degree by J. L. Churcher, the W.M., assisted by P.M's Walter Wiggins, E. L. Reid and others was impressive and capable. The banquet held later in the Community Hall was attended also by the ladies who were responsible for a feast of continuous delights. W. Bro. Dr. T. A. Embury, M.P., and others prominent in the social and civic life of the north took part in a varied program of high quality. A dance extended the night's pleasure well on past the usual hour for retiring.

September 28th, 1928. Tweed Lodge, No. 239. Tweed. There was a hundred per cent. attendance of officers and a large crowd of members and visitors. upon the occasion of the official visit to Tweed lodge R.W. Bros. E. Brown of Madoc and C. J. Symons of Belleville were among those present. For accuracy, dignity and impressive rendition of the ritualistic work the capable list of officers of Tweed lodge so closely approached perfection that the D.D.G.M. could bestow only praise upon W. Bro. Lloyd and the those who assisted him. The banquet was a happy occasion and thoroughly enjoyed.

Oct. 2nd, 1928. Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto. The occasion of the official visit to Craig lodge brought as visitors R.W. Bros. Norman Boyce, the D.D.G.M., and a number of other brethren prominent in the order from Frontenac district as well as many others from the lodges in Belleville and elsewhere. The first degree was exemplified and the master, Major V. G. Pearce, was exceptionally capable as presiding officer. The past masters take keen interest in the work. Craig Lodge has been suffering severely because of removal of members from the town but those who remain are most loyal. A fish dinner at the banquet was thoroughly appreciated.

October 4th, 1928, Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling. A great gathering of Masons marked the occasion of the official visit to Stirling lodge. Among those present were R.W. Bro. C. J. Symons, Belleville, and Hon. Robt. J. Cooke, M..PP., minister of power in the Ontario Government. The presiding master, W. Bro. Voleny Richardson, is one of the most efficient officers in the district and in the exemplification of the second degree he was supported by a staff of officers of excellent qualifications. At Stirling lodge also the D.D.G.M. had practically no opportunity for anything but compliments to the degree staff. The Fourth degree was made notable by an unusually eloquent and powerful address on "Canada" by Hon. Robt. J. Cooke.

October 11th, 1928, Prince Edward Lodge, Picton. For a variety of reasons, the official visit to Prince Edward Lodge was one of the most outstanding in the whole itinerary. The visit took place in the afternoon instead of at night. R.W. Bro. Dargavel, deputy grand master, was present and at the conclusion of the D.D.G.M.'s inspection he unveiled a bronze tablet to mark the hundredth anniversary that the Prince Edward lodge had been holding its meetings on the present site. The third degree, as exemplified by W. Bro. Clifford Cooper and his staff, was one of the most completely satisfactory examples of Masonic work that it has ever been our pleasure to witness.

The banquet and subsequent program in the evening was attended by 180 brethren who assembled in the parish hall. Impressive and eloquent addresses were delivered by R.W. Bro. Dargavel, W. Bro. Prof. R. O. Jolliffe, Kingston, W. Bro. Smith, P.S.I., Kingston, and others. The "Radio Four" of Belleville gave a highly appreciated program of vocal numbers.

October 23rd, 1928, Star-in-the-East Lodge Wellington. This lodge has suffered severe losses through the death of its two most prominent members, R.W. Bros. J. Shurie and W. W. Fitzgerald. These two skilled and enthusiastic Masons gave Star-in-the-East that leadership and direction which made this lodge one of the best known in the district, whether at labor or refreshment. Now that they are gone this duty has fallen upon several of the past masters who are loyally endeavoring to carry on the work and the tradition. The first degree was exemplified and after the closing of the lodge a cafeteria luncheon was served.

October 26th, 1928, Consecon Lodge, No. 50, Consecon. The membership of this lodge is numerically the smallest in the district but the lodge itself is one of the most efficient. Consecon is a rural village with a rich countryside as a background. The chief officers are all farmers or are indirectly connected with agriculture. The rendition of the ritualistic work in the second degree was as near perfection as could be imagined and W. Bro. Wray Carley, the master, and his excellent staff were highly complimented by the D.D.G.M. in his review of the inspection. The subsequent banquet was notable for its elaborate menu and the thoroughly enjoyable program.

Thursday, November 1st, 1928, The Belleville Lodge, Belleville. The first visit to a lodge in the home town was on the above date. The first degree was exemplified with the musical ritual and a company of accomplished vocalists leading. Several past Masters assisted in the ceremony. Most W. Bro. W.

N. Ponton was present, as this is his home lodge, and gave one of his ever welcome and graciously complimentary after-dinner speeches at the banquet. His son, Bro. Major R. D. Ponton, is now on his way through the office of senior warden. W. Bro. Welland Reed, master of the lodge, conducted the business with despatch and has been a most capable presiding officer. The other officers, in several instances, gave outstanding evidence of skill and accuracy in their work.

November 6th, 1928, United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton. This is one of the three lodges in Prince Edward District that was established more than one hundred years ago. The members naturally take pride in their long and honorable history. It is worthy of note that the junior warden, Bro. H. A. Bullock, has the unusual distinction of being the fourth generation, in an unbroken line, of those who have held office in United Lodge. His father, grandfather, and great grandfather were all masters of the lodge in their day. The first degree, with musical accompaniment, was most interesting, impressive and dignified. The lodge has well qualified mentors in R.W. Bro. Morrow and the secretary of such long standing, V.W. Bro. Becker. Among the visitors were R.W. Bro. Legge of Richmond Hill and W. Bro. Herrington of Toronto.

November 7th, 1928, Moira Lodge No. 11, Belleville. My visit to this oldest and largest lodge in the district was another occasion where the work in the lodge-room was gratifyingly well done and where fault-finding could have no place. The presiding master, W. Bro. Wm. McIntosh, is a native of Scotland with a Scotsman's bent for thoroughness in all he does. Here again there was a musical accompaniment to the work of the degree. Several past masters of more than ordinary skill assisted in the ritual. The banquet, after the dismissal of lodge, was a fitting close to one of the most satisfactory inspections of my itinerary.

November 26th, 1928, Lake Lodge, No. 215 Ameliaburg. This is another lodge whose member-

ship is almost exclusively rural but it does not suffer by comparison on that account. The W.M., W. Bro. John A. Black, is a very capable and popular ruler of his lodge which has prospered under his direction. R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, K.C., of Napanee was present and delivered a most illuminative account of the working of "Grand Lodge" in his response to that toast at the banquet.

On June 22nd, 1929, about forty of the brethren of Bay of Quinte Lodge, Toronto, motored down and installed the officers of Lake Lodge, V.W. Bro. Geo. A. Kingston, K.C., of the Workmen's Compensation Board, Toronto, was the very capable installing officer.

January 9th, 1929, Eureka Lodge No. 283, Belleville. The night on which I visited my mother lodge was given over to the installation of the officers for the ensuing year. I acted as chief installing officer and was assisted by Most Wor. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and R.W. Bros. J. W. Barlow, H. J. Clarke, R. A. Baekus, John Newton, H. F. Ketcheson, C. J. Symons V. W. Bro. R. McCrudden, and W. Bros. L. E. Walmsley, S. McGuire, H. A. Thompson, M. W. Day, W. B. Doolittle, Geo. Dawkins, and R. D. Adams. In the immediate past master, Bro. Fred Wiggins, and the present master, Bro. Everett Liddle, Eureka Lodge has two of the most faithful and enthusiastic masters in its history. A pleasant feature of the night at Eureka was the presentation of a beautiful bouquet of roses to the chief installing officer after a most gracious tribute by Bro. Rev. Dr. R. N. Baker, principal emeritus of Albert College.

February 12th, 1929, Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton. A remarkably large attendance, lodge work executed with masterly precision and effectiveness, a temple worthy of a town of much larger population and a subsequent banquet with a musical program of delightful quality, all united to make the occasion of my visit to Trent Lodge impressive and memorable. The first degree with an excellent choir leading in the musical part of the ritual, was conferred. The

regular officers of the lodge were 100 per cent. present and were assisted in the work by several past masters. The junior warden's lecture in particular was admirably given by Bro. Orloff G. Alyea. The W.M., W. Bro. Chas. V. Wilkins, is an officer of promising capability. Among those in attendance was Bro. Capt. Vanalstine who was initiated into the order over 60 years ago.

May 20th, 1929, Marmora Lodge, No. 222, Marmora. For many years Marmora lodge has been known for the excellence of its work. My inspection of the lodge on the above date proved that there had been no deterioration. A double quartet rendered the musical accompaniment to the first degree and gave to it an inspirational quality that was solemnly impressive. The banquet in the community hall was attended by the ladies as well and here good-fellowship had ample sway. The menu and the program of music, song and lively after-dinner addresses combined to produce an evening of profit and pleasure that will long linger in the memory. Marmora Lodge has the honor to be the first lodge in the Prince Edward District to reach and pass its quota for the Grand Lodge Memorial Fund.

May 21, 1929, Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc. My concluding official inspection was at Madoc Lodge where a large crowd assembled and gave undivided attention to the second degree ritualistic work which was exemplified with accuracy and skill by W. Bro. Embury and his staff of officers. The D.D.G.M. found much to praise and few places where improvements could be suggested. The closing banquet was a sort of neighborly reunion for there were many visitors from other lodges in the district, among them R.W. Bros. T. E. Laycock, Marmora, and E. Brown of Tweed Lodge.

The district secretary carefully examined the books of the various lodges and found in every instance they were being neatly and correctly kept.

The lodge rooms are, for the most part, well furnished, bright, attractive and properly heated and ventilated. Several have recently been refurnished and renovated.

June 18, 1929. On the afternoon of this date I assisted Most Wor. Bro. W. N. Ponton and other Grand Lodge officers at the ceremony attending the laying of the corner-stone of a cairn that was erected at Deseronto in commemoration of the landing of the United Empire Loyalists, 145 years before.

June 28th, 1929. The last meeting during my regime as D.D.G.M. was one held at Belleville and composed of the past masters, masters and wardens of the lodges of the district. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the progress being made in the collection of the Grand Lodge Memorial Fund and to discuss other problems affecting the district.

In conclusion, I must express my lasting and grateful appreciation of all the kindnesses shown me and the benefits received. It has been to me a year of deep and abiding satisfaction because of the new friendships that I have formed and the happy memories that will linger with me through all the years to come. Such ties and memories are beyond price.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. O. HERITY,

D.D.G.M. Prince Edward District.

SARNIA DISTRICT

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 submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Sarnia District for the year ending June 24th, 1929, I must first record my deep and sincere appreciation of the honor which the brethren of this District conferred upon me in electing me as their representative of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master. I would also like to thank the brethren of the District for their forbearance and many kindnesses, as well as the many courtesies so generously extended to me, and to assure them that I appreciated their kind hospitality during my visits among them. I have endeavoured to the best of my ability to fulfil the duties required of me and to maintain the high standard and dignity of the office. To what degree I have succeeded I leave to the judgment of time and my brethren.

I would also like to express my appreciation of the untiring efforts of my predecessors in office, as I feel that they are responsible in a large measure for the present efficiency of the lodges and that their interest in the same did not terminate with their official year, but increases as time goes on.

These brethren are not only an asset to the lodge to which they belong but are a source of inspiration to the ruling D.D.G.M. and make the evening of his official inspection a very pleasant and enjoyable one.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Allan M. McNeill of St. John's lodge No. 81, District Secretary and R.W. Bro. Canon D. W. Collins of Victoria lodge 56, District Chaplain, and

I wish to express my thanks to these brethren for their valuable assistance and counsel.

I sent a copy of my official visits to every lodge in the District. I found this to be a great help to myself as well as the lodges and was perhaps a means of stimulating fraternal exchanges between lodges, which I found to be a happy occurrence on many of my visits of inspection.

Accompanied by brethren from my mother lodge as well as many visiting brethren from surrounding lodges I personally visited the twenty-one lodges which make up this splendid district and in all of them the work was of a very high order and I wish to congratulate every lodge in Sarnia District on the efficient way in which they do their work.

My official inspections were as follows:

Oct. 22, 1928, Inwood Lodge No. 503, Inwood;
Oct. 24, 1928, Alvinston Lodge No. 323, Alvinston;
Oct. 25, 1928, Arkona Lodge No. 307, Arkona;
Oct. 26., 1928, Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier;
Nov. 14, 1928, Petrolia Lodge No. 194, Petrolia;
Nov. 14, 1928, Washington Lodge No. 260, Petrolia;
Nov. 17, 1928, St. Paul's Lodge No. 601, Sarnia;
Nov. 20, 1928, Havelock Lodge No. 238, Watford;
Nov. 21, 1928, Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest;
Feb. 15, 1929, Beaver Lodge No. 83, Strathroy;
Feb. 20, 1929, Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie;
Feb. 21, 1929, Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming;
Mar. 11, 1929, Liberty Lodge, No. 419, Sarnia;
Mar. 20, 1929, Leopold Lodge No. 397, Brigden;
Mar. 21, 1929, Moore Lodge No. 294, Courtright;
Mar. 28, 1929, Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs;
April 2, 1929, Victoria Lodge No. 56, Sarnia;
April 17, 1929, Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia;
April 23, 1929, St. John's Lodge, No. 81 Mt. Brydges;
May 20, 1929, Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford;
May 21, 1919, St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra.

There were a number of exchanges between the lodges of the District for the purpose of conferring degrees which is very commendable in that it helps to develop the fraternal spirit, gets the members of the lodges better acquainted with each other and tends toward uniformity as well as efficiency in the work.

There were a number of special nights during the year of which mention should be made as they were outstanding nights for Masonry and show forth the true spirit of brotherhood. Space will permit only the mention of a few.

W. Bro. Saylor, being the last of the original officers of St. Paul's Lodge arranged an original officer's night at which every officer was in his position as on the night when they were invested as the first officers of St. Paul's Lodge. These brethren are now living in various parts of the province and with but one exception are now all Past Masters, which speaks very highly for the choice of junior officers which in some instances I fear does not receive the consideration which it should receive.

Another very unique and important event was the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of Victoria Lodge No. 56. This is the oldest lodge in the District and one of which we have every reason to be proud. This celebration on June 6th was very fittingly preceeded by a church service on June 2nd. A very large and representative gathering of Masons attended this service which was conducted by R.W. Bro. Canon D. W. Collins, District Chaplain and was of a very high order.

Almost every lodge in the District holds a church service sometime during the year and these services are always well attended by the surrounding lodges, which leads us to believe that the

brethren are not neglecting the spiritual side of Masonry.

Lodge of Instruction

A lodge of instruction was held under the auspices of Washington lodge in Petrolia on November 7th. W. Bro. Clubb and officers opened the lodge in the first degree and received the Grand Lodge officers. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Pedden and officers of Beaver Lodge No. 83, Strathroy. in a very able manner. The Past Masters and others took part in the work which lent variety and interest to the degree.

The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Clubb and officers of Washington Lodge in a manner which left little room for criticism and we congratulate these lodges on their proficiency.

In the evening the Deputy Grand Master R. W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel gave us a very interesting and enlightening address on the Grand Lodge Memorial fund which is now under way and is being met with general approval throughout the District.

I would like to express my appreciation of the work of the District Committee on benevolence under the Chairmanship of R. W. Bro. Williamson of Watford, which committee have laboured unceasingly and untiringly that every lodge in the district might be made acquainted with the purposes of this fund, and we know that their efforts have been appreciated.

In visiting the lodges throughout the district I found that criticism for the most part was unnecessary and I endeavoured to leave a few suggestions which I think can be practised with profit. Better attendance at lodge meetings in rural sections could be had if the lodge meetings were distributed throughout the month instead of meeting by full moon which brings the lodge meetings all in one week. Members of other lodges do not care to

be out two or three nights in succession and the fraternal relations between lodges are hampered in this way.

A Master's ability is very readily judged by the way he conducts the business part of the meeting, and the interest and enthusiasm of the members is often in proportion with the zeal and ability of the Master. Too much caution cannot be observed in the selection of the brethren who will some day be expected to fulfil the duties of a Master. The position is one of great responsibility and should only be accepted by one who has sufficient knowledge and experience to enable him as W. Master to preside over the lodge in a satisfactory manner, to foster a real fraternal spirit within the lodge, and generally to impart light to all the brethren by example and precept, so that the grand principles of the order are fully maintained.

Too much time is often expended in the reiteration of degree ceremonial to the exclusion of the greater lessons of which the work is but a means of teaching. Men of intelligence and real value to the organization often remain away from our meetings because they are satiated by constant reference to degree work with nothing to inspire new thought or urge to productive work.

My term will close very soon. I have enjoyed the work. The pleasant memories which surround the evening spent with you do not easily lend themselves to words. The office so gracefully bestowed on me will pass to another and I am sure my successor will have, as I have had, a full measure of kind consideration, loyal support and brotherly love, all of which contributes so much to the purposes of Masonry and makes our duties easy and pleasant.

Fraternally submitted,

GORDON E. LONGFIELD,

D.D.G.M. Sarnia District.

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT

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 compliance with the constitution, I have the honor to report upon Masonry in South Huron District. It is a pleasure to be able to state that this District is prospering, and that uniform and impressive work prevails.

Early in August V. Wor. Bro. Denroche of Stratford Lodge, was appointed Secretary, and V.W. Bro. McGouin of Irving Lodge, Lucan, Chaplain, for the District. These brethren gave the ready service in the work that is characteristic of them. This was supplemented by the assistance of W. Bro. Peter Munnoch of St. James Lodge, St. Marys, especially in the clerical work here, necessitated by the residence of the District Secretary in Stratford.

The outstanding event of the year was the visit the Most Worshipful the Grand Master made to the District on Nov. 8, accompanied by the R.W. Bro. The Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and many distinguished visitors. The reception tendered him was in open lodge, in the town of St. Marys, there being present a large gathering of the brethren from all over the District. R.W. Bro. Frank Copus assumed the gavel during the proceedings, and right worthily discharged his duties.

Very notable and inspiring addresses were given by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, by R. W. Bro. Dargavel, and by R.W. Bro. Logan; and an expression of the esteem in which our Grand Master is held was made by the District presenting him with an Ontario woodland scene from the hand of a Canadian artist.

This reception was held in the evening, but advantage was taken of the interest created to hold, in the afternoon, a lodge of instruction, which was well attended, the officers of the lodges of the district being particularly in evidence. The instruction given was means of the exemplification of certain parts of the work in each degree, and by answering a questionnaire on the work, that had been sent in from the various lodges.

The work in the first degree was presented by Tudor Lodge of Mitchell, in the second degree by Lebanon Forest Lodge of Exeter, and in the third degree by Stratford Lodge. Absolute perfection is, perhaps, not to be attained even in a lodge of instruction, but the matter of securing accuracy, both in the exemplification of the more difficult parts of the work, and in the answers to the questionnaire, was canvassed by calling a meeting of the Past District Deputies Grand Master of the District. Thus we are hopeful that the instruction given proved helpful to every lodge officer present, and as well interesting and instructive to all the brethren.

My thanks are due to the whole District for the enthusiastic support given to these events; to the visiting lodges, which had given their time and care to secure a correct rendering of the work; and to the officers and brethren of the two St. Marys Lodges who unsparingly gave their services to secure success both in the afternoon and evening.

Accompanied in all cases by many visiting Masters and brethren, I inspected the eighteen lodges of the District, paying my first visit to Doric Lodge of Parkhill, on Oct. 23, and my last to Tavistock Lodge on June 11. The work in all was presented in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge, and the books properly kept.

While I do not wish to take the space to mention each lodges work in detail, may I call your attention to the very splendid stimulus provided in almost every

instance by the presence in the lodge room of brethren who had given faithful service for very many years, many of them being delegated part of the work. Especially worthy of mention in this regard are Wor. Bro. Gilbert of Doric Lodge, Parkhill, who gave the Past Masters' charge in a splendid manner; W. Bro. Hurrell, Worshipful Master of Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, now enjoying his second term of office after an interval of forty-five years, and putting on the work in an exemplary manner.

One might add name to name in this way—W. Bro. Adams and W. Bro. McCallum, are a great support to Craig Lodge, W. Bros. Baillie, Mackenzie, and Wilson to Morning Star Lodge of Carlow; W. Bro. Crystal of Maitland Lodge Goderich, and W. Bro. McRae, of St. James Lodge St. Marys.

During the year Irving Lodge of Lucan sustained the loss by death, of a noted brother, W. Bro. Geo. Stanley, and during this past month, Bro. H. B. Chant, who has filled the position of Secretary for Clinton Lodge for many years, was summoned to the Grand Lodge above. Of all the lodges now working in the district Clinton was the first to receive its warrant, and I am glad to say still stands among the foremost in the excellence of its work. To the maintenance of this high standard our late Bro. Chant contributed more than his share.

On the occasion of every official visit there was a good and enthusiastic attendance of members and visitors. Notably this was the case in Lebanon Forest Lodge of Eseter where with a membership of 128 there was an attendance of some 120, taxing the lodge room to its utmost capacity.

In each lodge in the District I found a great interest in the explanation of the work, to its smallest detail, especially with regard to its symbolic meaning. Reference to the operative secrets wins a ready attention, but it is notable that more interest often centered on the mystic. It is very heartening to find that this is the case, for however well we think of the fraternal

and benevolent, it is wise to remember that the surest foundation for the brotherhood of man is in the Fatherhood of God. Thoughts that surround the Sacred Symbol create the deepest impression, which is in itself good evidence of the living force of Masonry in the lives of the brethren.

It is gratifying to know that some progress is being made, in the way of lodges owning their halls. Undoubtedly, where this does not involve too great a financial burden, it marks progress. Irving Lodge of Lucan and Craig Lodge have both made the step of purchasing premises. In this connection may I point out that some of the lodge rooms have expensive appointments that are contrary to the requirements of our Grand Lodge, and that it behooves a lodge in the case of furnishing a room to make careful enquiry as to the Ancient Usage and Established Custom in these matters.

Although mercifully, the responsibility for the Memorial Fund does not rest on the representatives of the Grand Master in the Districts, a word on this matter may not be out of place. Though this District makes a comparatively light demand upon the funds of Grand Lodge in comparison with others, yet this work is being pushed vigorously, some of the lodges having already reached or nearly reached their allotment, and the District as a whole standing, relative to the whole Jurisdiction, better than the average. This coupled with the fact that many lodges have not much more than begun their efforts, and that there is still a year before the fund closes, makes us confident that we will go far above our objective.

In conclusion I would express my appreciation of the cordiality shown me, and the support accorded me, that has made the office one of great profit and pleasure, as well as of labour, and I can only hope that my term has been for the Good of the Order.

Fraternally submitted,

E. W. WHITE,

D.D.G.M. South Huron District.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT

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 submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in St. Lawrence District, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the brethren of this district for my unanimous election last July to represent the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this district.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. C. M. Bracken of Rising Sun Lodge No. 85, District Secretary and W. Bro. J. L. Medcof District Chaplain. These brethren accompanied me as often as possible on my official visits and assisted me in every way they could.

I also wish to acknowledge the assistance given me by all the brethren of the district. I found P.D.D.G.M's very willing to give me helpful advice at any time. there being from one to six present at almost every meeting.

I visited all the lodges of the district on their regular meeting nights except two, and this happened by their requesting me to visit at an emergency meeting. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to report that the work in the different lodges is uniform and that the officers all seem to be interested, there being from forty to a hundred brothers present at each meeting.

On my official visits I had the pleasure of seeing degrees exemplified in nearly all the lodges. Those that did not exemplify the degrees opened and closed very creditably in the three degrees.

One pleasant feature of my year's work was to assist the Most Worshipful the Grand Master dedicate the new temple of Lansdowne Lodge No. 387 on May 2nd. He was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary, besides some three hundred brethren of the district.

The brethren of Lansdowne Lodge are to be congratulated on their beautiful temple of which they are justly proud.

It was also my pleasure on the thirty-first of May to accompany St. Francis Lodge No. 24, of Smith Falls on a visit to Royal Edward Lodge of Montreal, where they conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner.

In winding up a very pleasant Masonic year we held a basket picnic at Lake Charleston on July first where all the Masons and their families of the district were invited. The weather was ideal, but there was not as large a crowd as expected, owing to many other counter attractions. The time was spent in sports of all kinds, swimming, boating, and dancing.

In closing I wish to say that harmony prevails throughout the district. The brethren are in very comfortable lodge rooms, the majority of the lodges owning their own temples. I have enjoyed my association with the brethren of St. Lawrence District. It has been a pleasure for me to visit the lodges and I shall ever cherish the cordial welcome I have received and bespeak for my successor the same courteous welcome.

Fraternally submitted,

E. MORLEY EARL,

D.D.G.M. St. Lawrence District.

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT

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 Brother:

In submitting this report on the condition in Masonry in St. Thomas District, I wish first to express my gratitude to the brethren of this District for the honor they have conferred on my old Mother Lodge, Warren No. 120, Fingal, and upon myself, in electing me as representative of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master. The loyal support that has been given me has made the past year the most happy and enjoyable one in my Masonic life.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. W. A. Braddon, District Secretary, who accompanied me on all my visits relieved me of all the clerical work, inspected lodge books and gave his time, skill and experience unsparingly. To him I wish to express my sincere thanks for his untiring assistance.

My first official visit as District Deputy Grand Master, was made on the evening of Oct. 5th to the St. Thomas Lodge No. 44. Old 44, as it's members proudly call it, the oldest lodge in the district and also numerically the strongest.

I was introduced to the lodge by R.W. Bro. F. W. Judd and R.W. Bro. J. A. Ryckman and was accorded a real Masonic welcome. There is nothing cold about "Old 44". W.M. W. E. Eldert and his officers, assisted by several Past Masters exemplified the 3rd degree in a manner which could not fail to impress both the candidate and the members who were on-lookers. Some parts at least, it would have been hard to improve on. The floor work was carried out with military precision. I was supported by several

P.M's and brethren of our own lodge and as a large number of the members are my personal friends, the evening was a particularly enjoyable one.

My official visit to Prince of Wales Lodge No. 171 was made on the evening of October 12. This lodge is yet in an unsettled condition, having had, as reported by my predecessor in office, a fire which destroyed their lodge room, furniture and some of their books. Since then while seeking or negotiating for their new quarters, they have met fairly regularly in the lodge room of Warren Lodge, Fingal. In the more or less disorganized state in which they are in at present they are doing their best to keep up with their work and hold their lodge together. W. Bro. George Lumley is an efficient Master. Their books are well kept and their finances are in good order.

Accompanied by several Past Masters and brethren of Warren Lodge I made my official visit to McColl lodge No. 386, West Lorne at their regular meeting, on the evening of October 26. We were accorded a warm and hearty welcome by Worshipful Master H. J. Turner and his officers and brethren. The lodge business was conducted in precision and despatch, A candidate was given his passing degree in a very creditable manner, every officer doing his work well.

McColl Lodge occupies snug, but not very commodious quarters, well furnished. Their books, kept by the secretary Bro. A. Smith are models of neatness and financially the lodge is in splendid shape. We all thoroughly enjoyed our visit with the brethren there.

December 3rd, was the date of the official visit to Rodney Lodge No. 411. Besides being the regular meeting night, it was also the occasion for the annual election of officers. A goodly number of the local brethren were present, as well as many visitors from the neighboring lodges in our district, and the ad-

joining Chatham district. One of the visitors I was particularly pleased to meet was R.W. Bro. Dr. J. R. MacPherson, P.D.D.G.M. of Chatham district.

I was accorded a hearty Masonic welcome by Worshipful Master Bro. Bandeen, and all the brethren present, after which they proceeded with the lodge business. After the regular routine of business had been attended to, the W.M. and his officers exemplified the passing degree with an exceptionally bright candidate, in a very impressive maner.

They have a nicely furnished, comfortable lodge room which is a credit to Rodney Lodge. W. Bro. J. B. Stinson is their secretary, and has been so, with short intermissions for many years. His books are neatly and well kept.

Owing to the fact that several of the lodges in the District held their regular meetings on the same date, the officers of Cameron Lodge No. 232 at Dutton, offered to call an emergency meeting to receive my official visit. Their offer was accepted and my visit to them was made on the evening of Nov. 7. In spite of a heavy driving rain, the lodge room was full, a good attendance of the local lodge and many visiting brethren being present. Worshipful Master Arnold Crawford and his officers exemplified the 3rd degree in a very creditable manner.

Cameron Lodge has well furnished quarters, a good membership and a wide awake compliment of officers. The books, under the care of W. Bro. Claus, are well kept and the finances of the lodge are in a fair condition. It might be mentioned that they are taking care of a large share of benevolences.

St. David's Lodge No. 302, was visited on their regular meeting Dec. 20. There was a fair attendance when we considered that many men were busy with the pre Christmas trade in shops and stores. The D.D.G.M. was introduced to the lodge by R.W. Bro.

Geo. Hill and R.W. Bro. Geo. R. Stevenson, and was given a hearty Masonic welcome by Worshipful Master G. Whitworth and the brethren present. After the regular business had been disposed of, the W.M. and his officers assisted by several Past Masters exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner. Especial mention might be made of the lecture by the J.W. which was very well done. The Lodge books and records are well kept by the secretary, V.W. Bro. Stapleton, and the finances are in good shape. St. David's is unique in having several brethren who have been members continuously for more than 50 years, some of their memberships being almost as old as the lodge itself.

December 11th, was chosen as the date of the official visit to St. Mark's Lodge No. 94, Port Stanley. St. Mark's is a near neighbor of our Mother Lodge, Warren, and for a number of years, there has been the most cordial relationship between the two lodges. Thus our visit there was threefold, Friendly, Fraternal and Official. There was a fair attendance of the brethren of St. Mark's and many visitors were present. I was introduced to the lodge by R.W. Bro. J. Burke and accorded a real Masonic welcome. The routine business of the lodge was conducted with "neatness and despatch," which did not fail to make a very favorable impression on all the visitors present and especially on the D.D.G.M. The the Worshipful Master Bro. Harry Fraser assisted by several past masters and the officers of the lodge exemplified the 2nd degree, doing their work very well indeed. This lodge has an exceptionally good staff of officers, has commodious, well furnished quarters, and is certainly a going concern. The books, under the efficient care of the secretary W. Bro. Goodhue are well kept and the finances are satisfactory to the lodge. The lodge by-laws were recently revised a proceeding which might be undertaken in many other lodges.

March 20th, regular meeting night for Malahide Lodge No. 140 Aylmer was the date of the official visit. A large number of brethren were present,

members and also visitors from neighboring lodges. The D.D.G M was introduced by R W Bro Freeman and W Bro Richards, and was accorded a hearty welcome. After the regular business had been disposed of, the Worshipful Master Bro C L Cox and his officers exemplified the second degree, in a very creditable and impressive manner

This lodge has a wide awake compliment of officers, a friendly spirit among the members, excellent quarters, wonderfully well furnished and is in a very healthy condition. The books and records, under the capable care of V W. Bro. A. E. Richardson are well kept and the finances are in good shape.

The official visit to Talbot Lodge No. 546 St. Thomas was made on the evening of March 28th. Owing to the near date of the Easter holidays, the attendance was not large, neither of regular officers nor brethren. Though this lodge is the junior lodge of the district it is by no means behind the others in energy and general efficiency.

The Worshipful Master Andrew A. McNames, soon after his installation, brought a unique distinction to his lodge, when he initiated his four sons, two sets of twins, aged 23 years and 21 years into the mysteries of Masonry. These four young men taking their several degrees together, also add to the general interest. The D. D. G. M. had the pleasure of taking a part in the ceremonies of initiating and raising, and many brethren were present from other lodges. The lodge books and papers are under the care of V.W. Bro. W. A. McPherson, the very capable and careful secretary.

April 23rd was the date chosen for the visit to Warren Lodge 120 Fingal, my old Mother Lodge. Almost one hundred brethren members of the lodge and visitors gave me a very hearty welcome on this occasion. Several P.D.D.G.M's graced the Eastern platform, with Bro. C. C. Minor, our Worshipful

Master, and added their dignity to the scene, and wit and wisdom to the meeting. The lodge room was too well filled to permit any work, and so the lodge was closed and the company adjourned to the school room of a neighboring church, where the ladies had provided a bountiful supper, and partakers provided the entertainment. This was the last of my official visits.

On the evening of April 30th, we had the honor and privilege of entertaining the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Hon. John L. Martin, in the Masonic Temple in St. Thomas, on his official visit to the district. More than five hundred brethren of the District and many visitors gathered together to welcome him and our genial Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. Logan, who accompanied him. Our Grand Master had a word of greeting for every brother and at the banquet table gave a talk which could not fail to give us a greater hope and higher aspirations, both in Masonry and outside of it. R.W. Bro. Logan who is well known among us also contributed to the program, by a short speech full of both wisdom and hilarity. Several past Grand Lodge Officers made short witty speeches.

In closing, it might be noted that the old style heavy banquet or supper, with both expense and inconvenience has generally given way to the informal lunch with its opportunity for freely mingling and general good fellowship, a change that is timely and is generally hailed as a decided improvement.

To the many P.D.D.G.M's, Past and Ruling Masters, I wish to express my keen appreciation for their co-operation and assistance. I can assure my successor in office that he will find every lodge in the District doing its best to uphold the highest standard of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

C. P. SILCOX,

D.D.G.M. St. Thomas District.

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT

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

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to present herewith my report
on the condition of Masonry in Temiskaming District
for the past Masonic year.

Before doing so, however, I desire to express to
the brethren of the District my very great apprecia-
tion of the honour done me, and Cochrane Lodge, as
well as my Mother Lodge, Corona No. 454, Burks
Falls, Ont., in electing me to this high and important
office. I wish to thank the P.D.D.G.M's, of the
District, the Wor. Masters, Past Masters, and Breth-
ren of the various lodges for their hearty co-operation,
which has assisted me greatly in carrying out my official
duties. If any measure of success has attended me, it
is largely due to this sympathetic co-operation which
was a tower of strength and an incentive to do one's
best.

I wish particularly to express my appreciation of
the very thoughtful assistance received from R.W.
Bros. Frank K. Ebbitt, E. J. Mason, W. E. McCready
and very W. Bros. Geo. W. Lee, and L. E. Kendall,
upon my taking up the duties of the Office.

An event of special importance during the year
was the visit of the Most Worshipful the Grand Mas-
ter, the Honourable John S. Martin, to our District.
He commenced at Kapuskasing, on Sept. 24th, 1928,
when Spruce Falls Lodge was dedicated. The Grand
Master was assisted by a number of brothers from
Abitibi Lodge, as well as many other lodges through-
out the District.

Other meetings were held as follows: Luncheon at Cochrane at noon on Sept. 25th, Abitibi Lodge No. 540 at Iroquois Falls, on the evening of Sept. 25th, 1928.

A joint meeting, of Porcupine Lodge No. 506, and Golden Beaver Lodge No. 528, was held at Timmins on the evening of Sept. 26th, 1928.

Doric Lodge No. 623, Kirkland Lake on the evening of Sept. 27th.

A joint meeting of Englehart Lodge No. 534. Temiskaming No. 462, Haileybury No. 485 and Silver No. 486 at Cobalt, Sept. 28th, 1928.

All of these meetings were well attended, and thoroughly enjoyed by all who were present.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. R. R. Mitchell of Cochrane Lodge No. 530 as District Secretary, and I thank him for his support.

I visited all the lodges in the district at least once and had the pleasure of witnessing degrees exemplified in most every lodge, and am happy to report that the work throughout the District is pretty well uniform, and impressively put on.

In this connection I wish to particularly mention Abitibi Lodge No. 540. Their work is done exceptionally well, and with full musical ritual.

The work of our District's Baby Lodge, namely Spruce Falls Lodge, No. 648, is most ably put on by W. Bro. G. F. Bailey, and his officers.

When visiting Golden Beaver Lodge No. 528 I was pleased to learn that they had followed the Most Wor. the Grand Masters suggestion and have started a Masonic Library.

I am also pleased to report that all the lodges have quite good lodge rooms. Most of them own their own property, I wish to make special mention of Elk Lake No. 507, who lost their lodge room, and furniture by fire some months ago, for the second time. Yet in face of these circumstances they have built another new home, and have it well furnished. This building stands today as a symbol of constructive Masonry in this great new District.

Official Visits

Porcupine Lodge No. 506, March 7th, 1929
Spruce Falls Lodge, No. 648, March 11th, 1929.
Haileybury Lodge, No. 485, March 20th, 1929.
Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462, March 21st, 1929.
Silver Lodge, No. 486, March 22nd, 1929.
Doric Lodge, No. 623, Apr. 5th, 1929.
Golden Beaver Lodge No 528, Apr. 10th, 1929.
Englehart Lodge, No. 534, May 9th, 1929.
Elk Lake Lodge, No. 507, May 10th, 1929
Abitibi Lodge, No. 540, May 17th, 1929
Cochrane Lodge, No. 530, June 22nd, 1929.

You will note that I completed my visits on the 22nd of June, at Cochrane Lodge No. 530, at which time the officers for the ensuing year were duly installed. I was ably assisted in this work by a goodly number of Past Masters from other parts of the District.

Abitibi Lodge No. 540, and Porcupine Lodge No. 506, were well represented, and to these I extend my best thanks. The total number of visitors registered was 63.

On behalf of the District I wish to most heartily thank the members of the various Committees in charge of the Grand Lodge Memorial Fund, and desire to make special mention of R. W. Bro. Frank K. Ebbitt, who acted as Chairman of the whole District. His careful and loyal support gave inspiration to us and made giving a real pleasure.

I have endeavoured to impress the brethren with the necessity of giving every assistance, and encouragement to the growing boys and underprivileged boys of their respective communities that we may have no cause to worry about the future of our nation.

The year now closing will be a Landmark in the history of my life, the experience gathered and the friendships formed will be pleasant pictures on the walls of Memory as long as memory lasts and I bespeak for my successor the same loyalty and brotherly kindness which has made my work both pleasant and inspiring.

All of which is cordially and fraternally submitted,

E. C. WARD,

D.D.G.M. Temiskaming District.

TORONTO DISTRICT "A"

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.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in District "A" for year ending June 30th, 1929, I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the great honor which the Brethren conferred upon me in electing me as the representative of the most Worshipful the Grand Master in this district. I also wish to thank the brethren for the many kindnesses so generously extended to me during my term of office.

Worshipful Brother W. A. Ross Past Master of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 565 accepted the Office of District Secretary and has faithfully discharged the duties of that office. He has been a real source of strength to me during the year.

Accompanied by the District Secretary I inspected the following 28 Lodges which make up the above district.

October 26th, Humber Lodge, Weston.; January 9th, Patricia January 11th, General Mercer; January 18th, Kilwinning; January 23rd, Runnymede; January, 24th, Fidelity; February 1, King Hiram; February 12th Melita; February 19th, Victoria; February 21, High Park; February 26th, Temple; March 5th, Stanley; March 11th, Transportation; March 12, Mount Sinai; March 20th, Occident; March 22nd, Prince of Wales; March 26th, Maple Leaf; April 1st, Lake Shore; April 3rd, Mount Dennis; April 11th, Mississauga; April 16th, Long Branch; April 17th, Sunnyside; April 19th, Anthony Sayer; May 7th, River Park, Streetsville; May 9th, Connaught, Mimico; May 10, Parkdale; May 14th, Mimico, Lambton; May 21st, Ionic, Brampton.

I found the work to be of a very high standard and reflects great credit on the many Past Masters who are so loyally supporting the Masters of their various lodges.

Through the courtesy of Right Worshipful Bro. S. Alexander District Deputy Grand Master of District "D", I had the privilege of inspecting Zeta Lodge, while he in turn favoured me by inspecting Kilwinning Lodge. I greatly appreciated the privilege of visiting this lodge and was deeply impressed by the spirit of Masonry which prevails in the lodge and the excellency of the degree that was exemplified.

Mimico Lodge No. 369 Lambton celebrated their Jubilee on September 28th. It was a great disappointment to the brethren that M.W. Bro. John S. Martin was unavoidably absent and R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel Deputy Grand Master expressed regret at the absence of the Grand Master, and accepted on his behalf a copy of the history of the lodge which had been prepared by W. Bro. Austin Evans whose efforts received the unanimous appreciation of the many distinguished brethren present. It was a night long to be remembered by the brethren of this Grand old lodge. Wor. Bro. Swanich presided over the ceremonies in a very capable manner.

On October 2nd a Reception was tendered to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and was held in the Annette St. Temple.

The hosts of the evening were Stanley, Victoria, Temple, General Mercer, Kilwinning, King Hiram, Runnymede and The Prince of Wales Lodges who are to be congratulated on the splendid arrangements and the able manner in which the meeting was conducted.

One of the outstanding events of the evening was the investing of V.W. Bro. J. McMulkin of Stanley Lodge with the Jewel of his Office by the Grand Master who expressed his appreciation of the great

contribution which Stanley Lodge has made to Masonry in this District by shouldering the burden of erecting this beautiful Temple which has just been enlarged and completed during the past year and congratulated the Hall Board on their splendid efforts in building and maintaining this Temple dedicated to Masonry.

The lodge was closed about 9 o'clock and the brethren then adjourned to the Banquet Hall.

The principal toasts were in the capable hands of Right Wor. Bro. A. B. Rice and R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson and were responded to by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel and the Most Worshipful the Grand Master who delivered an inspiring address dealing with Masonry in the North part of the Province from which he had just returned.

The Rural Lodges of the District also tendered a Reception to the Grand Master. The meeting was held at Brampton on October 23rd. The Grand Master was received in the lodge room supported by the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and an army of Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers.

The Masters of the Rural Lodges were introduced to the Grand Master who expressed his appreciation of the welcome which they had extended to him.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the Investiture of V.W. Bro. P. F. Brown of Connaught Lodge and V.W. Bro. John Hall of Mississauga Lodge by the Grand Master who congratulated them on their well earned honours.

Adjournment was made to the Armouries which was gaily decorated for the occasion.

About 500 guests sat down to a banquet provided by the ladies of the local churches.

A stirring appeal was made by the Grand Master for an interchange of visits between rural and city lodges and so help to bring about a better and more sympathetic appreciation of the problems of the rural communities.

Splendid addresses were delivered by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro H. J. Alexander; R.W. Bro. Emerson Bull and W. Bro. Gerhart of Streetsville.

The thanks of the district are due to Ionic lodge for providing the musical talent and the splendid efforts they put forth to make this a red letter night in the history of Masonry in Brampton. Auld Lang Syne terminated what was conceded to be one of the most successful meetings ever held under the group system.

The establishing of the Memorial Fund has been a real stimulus to Masonry.

The soul of Masonry has hungered for some real service and the opportunity to practise outside of the lodge those excellent precepts that are ever inculcated within it and should be embraced by every lover of the Art.

It must be very gratifying to the Grand Master, the Benevolent Committee of Grand Lodge and the Central Committee in charge of this Fund the generous response that is being made to their appeal.

I am specially pleased with the splendid example given by the lodges of this district for it is certain that they will all exceed their allotment and in many cases it will be doubled, In a few outstanding instances it will even be trebled.

The Lodges of the District while appreciating the willingness of Grand Lodge to render assistance to brethren in distressed circumstances are not unmindful

of their own responsibilities and I am very gratified that all the lodges have now established a Benevolent Fund of their own by appropriating a percentage of their Revenue derived from Initiation and Affiliation Fees and devoting it to the greatest of all Masonic virtues.

In concluding my report I wish to again express my sincere thanks to the Past Masters, Officers and Brethren for their encouragement and loyal support and I can assure you that the year just ended as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master will ever remain in my memory as the brightest star in my Masonic experience and I bespeak for my successor the same measure of confidence and co-operation it has been my great privilege to enjoy

Fraternally submitted,

SMITH SHAW,

D.D.G.M. Toronto District "A".

TORONTO DISTRICT "B"

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 report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto "B" District, for the year 1928-1929.

At the outset, I would again express sincere thanks and appreciation to the brethren of the district for the very great honor conferred upon me, through my election as their District Deputy Grand Master; and to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in graciously ratifying their choice. I have also to thank the Ruling Masters, Past Masters, officers and brethren of the district for their very kindly and sympathetic support and co-operation during the year and which has not only been an encouragement, but an ever present help in time of need.

It was a great satisfaction to me personally, and I believe to the entire district, when W. Bro. Edward G. Jackman accepted the responsibilities of District Secretary; and he has discharged those duties with a thoroughness that has commended itself to every secretary in the district. W. Bro. Jackman was not only present at every official inspection, but accompanied the D.D.G.M. on practically all of his visits both within and without Toronto District "B", and the very constructive work accomplished, merits the thanks and approval of all.

It was my pleasure and very great privilege to officially inspect 28 of the 29 lodges comprising Toronto District "B", while I visited every lodge once, and many two or more times unofficially; and I can conscientiously report the work in general as uniform and correct, the various degrees being exemplified with

a solemnity that could not fail to impress the candidate. In two of the lodges the degree work was not given with the confidence and correctness of detail, so necessary in order to leave a favorable and lasting impression on the candidate; but in both of these lodges any suggestions were accepted in the truly Masonic spirit, and promptly put into effect, as was clearly evidenced when I subsequently had the privilege of witnessing a particularly fine degree conferred by one of the lodges whose work was not entirely satisfactory on the night of the official inspection. I am indebted, and wish to express sincere thanks to R.W. Bro. J. S. A. Whealy for having accompanied me on my official visit to St. John's Lodge, A.F. & A.M. No. 75, G.R.C., and for the very kindly comment which he made on the work of the evening; and to R.W. Bro. Smith Shaw who on very short notice, so graciously and willingly undertook the inspection of Acacia Lodge, A.F. & A.M. No. 430, G.R.C., which visit I regret exceedingly I was unable to make, owing to illness.

While there have been certain differences and difficulties during the year, believe the utmost harmony now prevails; and I wish to pay tribute to those brethren, who realizing their duty as Masons, were willing to humble self, and in true Masonic charity to forgive, and to again work with that love and harmony that should always characterize Freemasons. Many questions re Constitution, etc., have been submitted by various lodges for ruling, and I am greatly indebted to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, and R.W. Bro. J. M. Malcolm for guidance and instruction re same.

Constitution. Consecration and Dedication

On November 5th, 1928, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, assisted by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan and many present and past Grand Lodge officers, Constituted and Consecrated Todmorden

Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 647, G.R.C., and Dedicated their lodge rooms at Todmorden. This young lodge is making marked progress along truly Masonic principles, and already has a membership of 118.

Institution

By command of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and with the assistance of many Present and Past Grand Lodge officers, I had the pleasure and privilege of Instituting Scarboro Lodge, A.F. & A.M. U.D., Agincourt, on February 25th, 1929. This lodge with W. Bro. Geo. Scott as the first Ruling Master, and the other principal offices undertaken by Past Masters of wide experience, has been Instituted under most favorable conditions, and will unquestionably serve in a very high degree that portion of the township of Scarboro within a reasonable radius of Agincourt.

A real forward step has been undertaken by King Edward Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 464, G.R.C., Sunderland, through the purchase and remodelling of a church, making possible an exceedingly fine lodge room, banquet room, etc., A unique mode of financing by the very enthusiastic members of this lodge has made it possible to meet cost of building in full, the only indebtedness being a comparatively small amount as expended for alterations and repairs. It was my pleasure to officially inspect this splendid rural lodge on November 23rd, 1928, when owing to the illness of R.W. Bro. J. S. A. Wheally, I had the privilege, on behalf of the Worshipful Masters of 1923-24, of Toronto District "B", to present to King Edward Lodge through W. Bro. G. E. Bagshaw an enlarged portrait in water color of the late R.W. Bro. Richard J. Shier, together with his regalia; most beautifully and suitably glassed and framed.

I am also delighted to report that Acacia Lodge, A.F. & A.M. No. 430, G.R.C., and Mimosa Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 576, G.R.C. will also shortly undertake the building of their own Temple.

While every meeting attended brought special pleasure in the renewing of old friendships and the making of new, several are of especial interest and worthy of record.

On September 11th, 1928, I was honored by Coronati Lodge, A.F. & A.M. No. 520, G.R.C., in being asked, in the absence of M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, to present on their behalf to V.W. Bro. Thomas New the regalia of the office of Grand Steward. V.W. Bro. New has recently completed a span of fifty years in the Craft and is a real credit to his beloved Order.

The solemn and most impressive Armistice Service held by Coronati Lodge on November 13th, 1928, will long be remembered by those brethren who were fortunate enough to be present. It is gratifying to know that the brethren of Coronati Lodge annually remember their comrades who gave their lives for King and Country in a service that befits the sacrifices made.

On October 17th, 1928, it was my privilege to visit Brougham Union Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 269, G.R.C., Claremont, and to present to R.W. Bro. A. M. McLellan, on behalf of Toronto District "B" the regalia of his office. I was fortunate in following R.W. Bro. McLellan whose excellent work was evidenced by the splendid condition in which I found the district, moreover his brotherly kindness and affability have been a wonderful personal example of the essential spirit of Masonry.

On December 3rd, 1928, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master honored St. John's Lodge, A.F. & A.M. No. 75, G.R.C. with his presence, and presented W. Bro. Hugh Blain with a jewel to mark his fifty years of service as a Past Master; and also took occasion to present to the following six Past Masters of this old and respected lodge, long service medals as specially coined by M.W. Bro. John S. Martin to mark the attainment of their seventieth birthday, R.W. Bro.

Fred G. Inwood, V.W. Bro. H. Geo. Langley, W. Bro. Hugh Blain, W. Bro. W. R. Small piece, W. Bro. C. A. Matthews, and W. Bro. W. H. Woodstock.

I have to thank Georgina Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 343, G.R.C., for their courtesy in holding a "Ruling Masters' Night" in my honor on April 6th, 1929, when I had the pleasure of receiving seventeen of the Ruling Masters of city lodges in Toronto District "B". I also welcomed on behalf of W. Bro. A. R. Haviland, the Past Masters, officers and brethren of Georgina Lodge, some seventy Master Masons, summer residents of Ward's Island, Toronto, who were guests of the evening.

On June 11th, 1929, St. Andrew's Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 16, G.R.C., held a "Rural Night" when a goodly attendance from each of the ten rural lodges of Toronto District "B" were the guests of the evening; and a particularly fine meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Such gatherings are unquestionably of mutual benefit, in giving urban and city lodges a closer contact and a grater knowledge each of the other. It is suggested that other lodges might profitably follow the fine example of the Mother Lodge of Toronto.

On the morning of June 9th, 1929, a very large and representative gathering of Masons of Toronto District "B" attended Divine Worship at Rhodes Avenue United Church, under the auspices of Caledonia Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 637, G.R.C., when the minister, W. Bro. D. Wallace Christie preached a most inspiring and helpful sermon. The D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. J. M. Malcolm and W. Bro. John Ness were privileged to assist in the service; and I feel that such meetings cannot help but give strength, and to work good among the brethren present.

On March 26th, 1929, I attended a Y.M.C.A. Night arranged by W. Bro. L. A. Winter and made possible through the courtesy of W. Bro. Thomas

Wibby and the members of Ashlar Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 247, G.R.C., when I was honored in being asked to assume the gavel, and with Masonic colleagues interested in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, was permitted to confer the degree of the evening. One is impressed with the fact that the principles of Masonry are closely paralleled by the objects and teachings of the Y.M.C.A.

That Masonry makes for a strengthening of character, and the bringing out of all that is best in man, is fully realized and appreciated by all true Masons; and, therefore, one of the greatest joys of life, is the experience of a father whose son is admitted to our ancient and honorable society. It was my pleasure to have been present at the initiation of the son of R.W. Bro. A. M. Heron by Mimosa Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 576, G.R.C., I also witnessed the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason conferred by Doric Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 316, G.R.C., on the son of V.W. Bro. J. A. Montgomery, and by St. Andrew's Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 16, G.R.C., on the son of W. Bro. F. J. Conboy. All worthy sons of worthy sires. Our Order is indeed strengthened by the addition of such types of young virile Canadian manhood.

Stevenson Lodge A.F. & A.M., No. 218, G.R.C., are this year celebrating their Diamond Jubilee, and have arranged a series of most pleasant and helpful meetings to mark their sixtieth anniversary.

In report of R.W. Bro. A. L. Tinker of 1924, mention was made of the formation of a Past District Deputy Grand Masters' Association, but apparently same has ceased to function; and I would urge a re-organization, believing same would be extremely helpful to the incoming D.D.G.M's., and, therefore, of value to the various districts.

Care has continually been urged in the selection of candidates. This is an ever present need, the responsibility resting primarily on the proposers. We

should really adopt and find means to enforce the slogan of "Quality rather than Quantity". Much care should also be exercised in the selection of the junior officers; all personal feelings being submerged in the desire to appoint or elect the one best fitted for the office, and who in the years to come will be well able to undertake the management of the lodge, well skilled in the ancient charges, regulations and landmarks.

Of necessity much time has been given during the year to a presentation of the need of additional income by our Committee on Benevolence, and the proposed solution—The Memorial Benefit Fund, to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, in July of 1930. It is with pride and satisfaction that one records the enthusiasm with which the various lodges have undertaken their task, and the liberality and interest of the individual member. Already six of the lodges in Toronto District "B"—Caledonia, Coronati, Mimosa, Riverdale, Scarboro and St. Aidans have exceeded their objective, while practically every lodge in the district have intimated that they would not be content until their allotment has been subscribed in full. A most wonderful response to a most worthy and truly Masonic appeal.

May we pause a moment with reverence and in sympathy, as we remember those of our brethren who during the past year have gained their reward, and have passed on to The Grand Lodge above. Most of our lodges have the vacant chair, not easily filled; while we will particularly miss V.W. Bro. John Riley, who until the time of his passing was the honored Chaplain of John Ross Robertson Lodge, A.F. & A.M. No. 545, G.R.C.

In conclusion, and I know I speak the genuine feelings of every brother in Toronto District "B", may I say how deeply we regret the illness of our greatly esteemed and much beloved Grand Master, and to

reverently and hopefully pray that The Great Architect of the Universe may in His goodness, shortly restore him to health and strength so that he may continue to exercise those qualities of leadership and guidance so greatly valued by the entire Fraternity. Surely there is a lesson for all in the present illness of M.W. Bro. Martin. This Grand Lodge could serve its own best interests in no better or more practical way than by considering and adopting forthwith such measures as might be formulated to relieve the physical strain on its chief presiding officer. The constituent lodges, and particularly their Ruling Masters, could contribute much to that desired end by not expecting or inviting the Grand Master to attend their functions, unless the meeting should be some outstanding one, other than their annually recurring Special Nights.

Fraternally submitted,

R. READE DAVIS

D.D.G.M. Toronto District "B"

TORONTO DISTRICT "C"

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

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I herewith beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto District "C" for the Masonic year just closing.

I wish to take this opportunity to express to the brethren of this district my deep appreciation of the honor they conferred upon myself and my Mother Lodge by electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master and for the loyal support extended in the discharge of the important duties of that high office. If any measure of success has attended me it is largely due to the sympathetic co-operation and help of the Past D.D.G.M's and Worshipful Masters of this district.

I am also very grateful to Wor. Bro. Arthur Winn of Newmarket, who accepted the appointment of District Secretary and who thoroughly discharged the duties of that office to my entire satisfaction his advice and kindly comments were received with pleasure by all lodges.

During the year I have visited personally the twenty-seven lodges in the district at least once, and some of them at other times, The degree work as exemplified was beyond my expectations, the uniformity of the work throughout was remarkable and I congratulate all lodges in the district for the efficient manner their officers conduct business, exemplify their degree work, and realize the responsibility that has been placed upon them.

The secretaries of the lodges deserve particular mention for the high standard of excellence with which

they keep their records and the manner in which the routine work of the lodges between meetings is carried on, from their books I gathered the information that charitable work is being taken care of, and the attendance of members at all regular meetings good.

On the evening of October twenty-second, 1928, Rowland Lodge at Mount Albert that was added to this district under dispensation during the previous year was Constituted and Dedicated by Most Worshipful Brother John Rowland, assisted by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, and many other present and past Grand Lodge Officers. The attendance and enthusiasm of that meeting bear tribute to the foresight of R.W. Bro. Chas. S. Hamilton and those who felt that this lodge would serve and be a blessing to the older Masons of that section, and I must say that on my official inspection of their work the evening of May 10th, 1929, I found that their anticipations were fully realized.

On October twenty-ninth, 1928 a group reception for the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Hon. John S. Martin, was held in the Davenport Temple, Yonge Street, Toronto, by the ten lodges of this district that hold their meetings in that Temple. The officers and members of which are to be congratulated for the very able and successful manner in which the reception was conducted, their chief aim was to lessen the arduous duties of our Grand Master.

I find the Temples and Lodge Rooms in which the different lodges meet are exceptionally well equipped and displaying orderliness, cleanliness and ventilation that reflects credit on the caretakers.

In conclusion permit me to say that the condition of Masonry in Toronto District "C" is excellent, the spirit of true brotherhood prevails in all lodges, and I am very grateful to the present and past Grand Lodge Officers for their presence and loyal support throughout

the year also to Very Worshfipful Brother Murray of the Davenport Temple for his kindly interest and help on the numerous occasions I visited his office. And from the district I bespeak for my successor the same loyal support and goodfellowship that has made my work a pleasure.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,

W. J. PATTERSON,

D.D.G.M. Toronto Distr'ct "C" .

TORONTO DISTRICT "D"

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 a great deal of pleasure to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto District "D" which I trust will meet with your approval.

I appointed W. Bro. R. C. Griffith M.D. a Past Master of Zeta Lodge, as District Secretary, and he performed the duties of that important office to my entire satisfaction. He examined the books and records of the lodges, with minute care, in every case he reported that the books were well kept, outstanding dues very small, suspensions few, and almost every lodge had a well established Benevolent Fund. The gracious manner in which he made constructive suggestions won the hearts of all the brethren, and I feel sure he will long be remembered as a most efficient District Secretary.

Accompanied by the District Secretary I officially visited the twenty-five lodges, which comprise the District.

1928

Oct. 5th—True Blue Lodge, Bolton.

Oct. 26th—Union Lodge, Schomberg.

1929

Jan. 23rd, Victory Lodge, 888 Yonge St.

Feb. 4th, Simcoe Lodge, 888 Yonge St.

Feb. 5th, Cathedral Lodge, Eglinton Ave.

Feb. 13th, University Lodge, 888 Yonge St.

Feb. 15th, Tuscan Lodge, College St.
Feb. 22nd, Zeta Lodge, College St.
March 1st, War Veterans Lodge, 888 Yonge St.
March 4th, Ulster Lodge, College St.
March 7th, Alpha Lodge, College St.
March 18th, Huron Bruce Lodge, 888 Yonge St.
March 19th, Shamrock Lodge, College St.
March 22nd, Blackwood Lodge, Woodbridge, Ont.
March 27th, Palestine Lodge, 888 Yonge St.
Apr. 2nd, Dufferin Lodge, 888 Yonge St.
Apr. 5th, St. Georges Lodge, College St.
April 12th, Gray Lodge 888 Yonge St.
April 15th, St. Albans Lodge, 888 Yonge St.
April 23rd, Vaughan Lodge, Maple, Ont.
April 25th, Mizpah Lodge, College St.
May 15th, Antiquity Lodge, 888 Yonge St.
May 17th, Peel Lodge, Caledon East
May 20th, Robertson Lodge, King, Ont.
June 7th, Wellington Lodge, Eglinton Ave.

At the request of R.W. Bro. Smith Shaw of Toronto District "A" the District Secretary and I visited and inspected Kilwinning Lodge No. 565, West Toronto. They exemplified the third degree with great dignity and in a masterly manner. It was a pleasure to visit R.W. Bro. Smith Shaw in this way and to see his lodge at work.

With the official list of inspections the following were sent to each Master and to each Secretary.

Suggestions

The District Deputy Grand Master desires to bring the following points to the attention of Masters, Officers and Members of the various lodges throughout the District. He asks that those concerned will make careful note of them and will faithfully carry out any improvements that may possibly be suggested.

(1) Punctuality. It is the duty of the officers to set a good example in this matter and to see that the virtue of not being late is also practiced by the membership. Precision as to time is essential to the beauty and dignity of our ritual, and if we fail in this regard we are giving less than our best to something which requires all that we can give. In addition to this, let the following also be remembered by the officers especially. Do you realize that if you delay unnecessarily for even five minutes where, say, one hundred and fifty men are gathered together you have wasted a total of twelve and a half hours of your brethren's precious time.

(2) Entertainment. The time spent for the social gathering is almost invariably too long. There are generally too many numbers on the programme of music or other entertainment.

This is especially noticeable when we remember that there are a number of time honoured toasts which must be given, and to which responses must be made. The lodges which unduly prolong their social gatherings into the small hours of the morning do so at the cost of a decreasing attendance.

(3) Inspection. The D.D.G.M. while of course officially representing the authority of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, comes also as a brother. He comes as one who is anxious to assist in every way that he can, and to make the acquaintance of as many members of the lodge as possible. He expects to find himself in the midst of a gathering of cordial genial

masons, who wish to be happy and to communicate happiness, there need be therefore no feeling of embarrassment on the part of any officer on the night of inspection as long as he is giving his best to the duty on hand.

To my supreme delight and pleasure a number of the lodges exemplified the third degree on the night of inspection and on each occasion as I again experienced the beauty of its ritual I could not help feeling that masonry has a great lesson for us as we travel the way of life, a few lodges exemplified the second degree, but in most cases the first degree was presented for the inspecting officer.

The work was exceptionally well done in all the lodges, the Masters and Officers apparently set for themselves a high ideal, and worked hard to attain it.

My visits to the suburban lodges were very happy event in the work of the year. Many of the Masters, Past Masters and Members of Lodges throughout the District were present on these occasions. The meetings were overflowing with joyous fellowship, and thus the mystic cords of Masonry ever drew our hearts into closer bonds of brotherhood.

On my visits to the various lodges I was very much impressed with the spirit of Friendship and Brotherly Love which permeated the meetings. A vitally necessary thing in any lodge is the spirit of Masonry, if you ask me to define it, I would say it is that quality that makes us feel at ease in the presence of our brethren, it gives us the same feeling of freedom we would have in our own homes, the feeling that comes, when we know we can trust those round about us, this is something that must be captured and held by every lodge. We must have our Temples, the more beautiful they are the better, we must have our Rituals, the more beautifully rendered they are the better, but, after all, these can only be, as it were, the foundations of that great necessary quality, the

"Spirit of Masonry. If I might change my metaphor, just as the "Spirit of St. Louis" carried "Lindy" over the dark waters of the Atlantic, so the Spirit of Masonry will carry us over the waters of life, and the world will be a better place to live in, for our presence.

Seven of the lodge of District "D" meeting in College St. Temple tendered a joint reception to the Grand Master in the month of March. The meeting was a most successful one, the lodge room was filled to capacity with eager, enthusiastic Masons, anxious to give an outward expression of their devotion, loyalty, and good will towards the present occupant of that High Office.

Every lodge in the District has taken hold of the Campaign for the Memorial Benevolent Fund, none of them are satisfied to just merely raise the amount allotted to them, but, have gone out with the avowed, intention of raising double the amount asked for several of them have already reached, and, in some case have passed their objective, I feel reasonably sure that when the various lodges have completed their canvas, this District will not only have gone over the top, but will have subscriptions close to half the total amount apportioned to the City of Toronto.

In conclusion let me express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the wholehearted co-operation and support, meted out to me in full measure, by the Masters, officers and Members of the lodges of District "D". I feel that Masonry in District "D" is in good hands, that the ancient customs and landmarks are in safe keeping that our Ideals and principle will continue to grow and flourish in our midst.

SAMUEL ALEXANDER,

D D G.M. Toronto District "D"

VICTORIA DISTRICT

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.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Victoria District for the year 1928-29.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of the District for the honour they conferred upon me in electing me as District Deputy Grand Master, and particularly to the Past Masters and Brethren who accompanied me and so ably assisted on my official visits, making my term of office a very pleasant one and also my gratitude for the kind hospitality and courtesy shown me throughout the whole district.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Isaac Bowins as District Secretary, and W. Bro. Wm. Embury, District Chaplain. I am indeed indebted to those two brethren for their kind support and untiring efforts in assisting me in every way to make my official year both instructive and pleasant to myself and brethren throughout the district.

My first official visit was to Arcadia Lodge No. 440, Minden, where I was accorded a very hearty welcome. I found this lodge in a very thriving condition under the able leadership of W. Bro. McKay, the W. Master assisted by the very active Past Masters and officers. Much credit is due W. Bros. Hartle, Snell, Walsh and Jno. Graham, and others for their untiring effort in being able to erect a new lodge room for themselves. I tried to impress on the officers not to be over zealous in getting members, but rather to look to quality in applicants. The secretary has his books in splendid shape and I foresee a bright and prosperous future for Masonry in this northern lodge.

On Oct. 18th, I made my official visit to North Entrance Lodge No. 463 Haliburton.

I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. R. Clarke' R. W. Bro. Syd. Johnston, V.W. Bro. M. H. McCallum, W. Bro. Smith and my secretary.

This being the 25th anniversary of the lodge, the officers and brethren excelled themselves in showing true Masonic spirit. There was one initiation which was exemplified in a most able manner, by W. Bro. Baker and his officers. I requested Bro. Baker to open and close in the three degrees, which was done in a splendid manner. A very pleasing event was the presentation of a gold headed cane to R.W. Bro. Clarke, he being the first Senior Warden of this lodge and for many years the main stay of the lodge. After the presentation a most sumptuous banquet was partaken of, I feel that this meeting will be one long remembered by all, who had the privilege of attending.

On Nov. 23rd I made my official visit to Victoria Lodge, Kirkfield, accompanied by several brethren of my lodge. Owing to unforeseen circumstances there was no work for the evening. I requested W. Bro. McMillan and his officers to open and close in the three degrees, which they did in a creditable manner. I found this lodge in splendid condition and foresee a prosperous future for the lodge.

On March 1st I paid my official visit to Faithful Brethren and Gothic Lodges, Lindsay, it being a joint meeting. I was received very warmly. It was most gratifying to see so many P.D.D.GMs. as well as many Past Masters, and older brethren present. The second degree was exemplified jointly in a creditable manner after which I requested W. Bro. MacMillan and his officers to open in the third degree. I am pleased to say that Masonry in its most ample form is practised by both Lindsay Lodges and with the able aid of the Past Masters, it is a great pleasure to witness any work being done.

On April 22nd, I officially visited Harding Lodge Woodville. W. Bro. James Skuce and his officers exemplified the second degree in a very creditable manner. The Officers of Harding lodge are to be congratulated in having so many able and willing Past Masters to assist in the different work. The books of the secretary are well kept and I find the lodge in a very good condition.

On May 6th I visited King George V. Lodge, Coboconk, it being my Mother Lodge. I felt some what nervous especially on entering the lodge, to find it packed to the doors with members of the lodge and visitors from throughout the whole district; it was indeed a proud night in my Masonic life to behold such a gathering, to do honour to myself and my Mother Lodge. The lodge room being so packed and knowing how well the officers and Master can do all the different work I requested W. Bro. Embury to dispense with any work, and allow a few of the distinguished brethren to make a few remarks after which the brethren with their ladies repaired to the banquet hall to partake of a most sumptuous repast, surpassing anything ever undertaken in the village. King George V Lodge is indeed fortunate in having such fine officers and Pastmasters and I feel that as in the past this lodge will always be one of the leading ones as to proficient work and quality of members in the district.

On May 8th I visited Lorne Lodge, Omemee accompanied by a number of my Mother Lodge members. W. Bro. Lowes and his officers exemplified the 2nd degree in a creditable manner, afterwards opening in the 3rd degree. I find Lorne Lodge with the support of its worthy Past Masters in the best condition and foresee a very prosperous future for it.

On May 17th I visited Verulam Lodge, Bobcaygeon accompanied by a large number of brethren from the different lodges throughout the district. After being introduced by R.W. Bro. A. E. Bottum, I witnessed W. Bro. Moore and his officers exemplify

the 3rd degree in a most pleasing manner. I find the officers ably assisted by the Past Masters in this lodge and feel that Masonry is practised in its most ample form. After the meeting the brethren numbering about 150 were invited to partake of a most sumptuous repast to which pleasure was added a number of pleasing toasts.

On May 21st I visited Murray Lodge, Beaverton, accompanied by a number of brethren from my own and other lodges. W. Bro. King and his officers exemplified the 2nd degree in splendid form, then at my request opened in the 3rd. This lodge is fortunate in having so many faithful Past Masters who are always willing to help and I feel sure that as in the past the officers and brethren of Murray Lodge will be guided by the best of Masonic principles.

On May 22nd I visited Spry Lodge, Fenelon Falls accompanied by a large number of King George V and other brethren from the different lodges. Owing to past recollections it was with the greatest of pleasure I anticipated this visit. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Townley. After being introduced W. Bro. Northey and his officers opened the lodge in the three degrees exemplifying the third work being ably assisted by W. Bro. H. W. Johnston and other Past Masters.

This lodge is fortunate in having R. W. Bro. Townley as secretary; he keeps his books in fine order, and is an authority to whom all members may apply.

On May 23rd I visited Somerville Lodge, Kinmount. I was introduced by W. Bro. Geo. Train. W. Bro. Roy Humphrey, his officers and brethren gave me a hearty welcome. On this, as on my former visits I was accompanied by several of my own brethren, also members from the different lodges. W. Bro. Humphrey exemplified the taking of the ballot, then opened in the 2nd degree, putting a candidate

through in a very creditable manner. The Officers in this lodge do all their work in a very creditable manner to themselves and the craft in general.

On June 14th I had the privilege and great honour of being appointed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to represent him in dedicating Arcadia Lodge, Minden. It being a fine day and roads in fair condition, the brethren in Victoria District turned out in force in order to make the event a red letter day for our Minden Brethren. I think perhaps it will be many a day before so large a representation of Masons will be again gathered in Minden. On behalf of the visiting brethren, I wish to thank the Minden brethren for the real Masonic hospitality shown to all the visiting brethren and ladies. I also wish to thank the following brethren for their kindly support in assisting me in the Dedication: R.W. Bro. Townley, Spry Lodge; R.W. Bro. A. M. Fulton, Gothic; R.W. Bro. G. W. Hall, Faithful Brethren; W. Bro. H. S. Johnston W. Bro. A. Porter Faithful Brethren; R.W. Bros. A. E. Bottum, Geo. Potts, Verulam Lodge; R.W. Bro. C. R. Hart, Lorne Lodge; W. Bros. Dr. Galoway, Andy McIntyre, A. B. Mark, Harding Lodge E. Jackson, C. W. Wellstood, Somerville Lodge; W. R. Currie, North Entrance Lodge; John Welsh, Arcadia Lodge; Langdon, Arcadia Lodge; T. Bowins, W. Embury, J. G. McFarland, King George V Lodge.

Before concluding, I wish to draw to the attention of Grand Lodge the fine work being done by the members of King George V Lodge, Coboconk in promoting an annual Community picnic for the children of all races and creeds. This picnic was started some four years ago, and I can assure the brethren throughout the whole jurisdiction that it is a huge success. I would like to point out that it is largely through the untiring efforts of W. Bro. W. W. Bamlett that the picnic has attained such magnitude.

In conclusion let me say that all through my term of office, I have endeavoured to acquaint the brethren

of the District with the doings of Grand Lodge (especially the Memorial Fund) and to make them feel their responsibilities as citizens of the world and Masons.

The year has been one of exceedingly great pleasure to myself and I trust of profit to the District, which it has been my proud privilege to represent and serve.

To W. Bro. Bowins, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation of the assistance he rendered me as Dist. Secy. He has been of real service to me during my term of office.

To all the P.D.D.G.M's and P.M's I extend the same feeling of appreciation as I do to W. Bro. Bowins.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

CHARLES M. CALLAN,

D.D.G.M. Victoria District.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

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

Permit me to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Wellington District for 1928 and 1929.

My first official act was to appoint Rev. Buchanon Carey of Guelph as District Chaplain.

I also appointed Wor. Bro. Hortop as District Secretary, and to whom I owe a deep debt of gratitude for the very able way in which he performed his duties.

I visited all the Lodges in the District once officially, and a number of them several times, making in all forty visits. The reports are in numerical order as follows.

My visits were as follows. I first visited Mercer Lodge No. 347 on Oct. 5th. Wor. Bro. J. C. McDonald and his staff of officers exemplified the third degree, and gave proof that they were conversant with the work. There was a good attendance. The books of the Lodge were found in excellent order, and showed 118 members, most of whom were in good standing. P.D.D.G.M. Peter Perry is the Secretary.

After Lodge was closed, we repaired to the banqueting room, and enjoyed a social evening together. A pleasing feature of the evening, was an address by Dr. Groves, Past Master, a veteran of 84, and still hale and hearty, and practising his profession. An excellent address was also given by P.D.D.G.M. T. E. Wardley, on Canada and its possibilities, and was listened to with very much

interest. Mercer Lodge has a bright future before it, and an influence for good in the community.

My second official visit was paid to New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburg, on Oct. 5th. The night proved to be very dark and wet, but on arriving, we found a goodly number of the brethren present, and also a number of visiting brethren from Borden and Kitchener. The third degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. C. Kingold and his staff, who put on the work in a very creditable manner.

The lodge was instituted some 60 years ago, and contemplate holding their diamond jubilee next May. The membership number 60. Wor. Bro. W. H. Rutting is the efficient secretary, and the books were found in a-1 condition.

After lodge the brethren repaired to the banqueting room, where the fourth degree was enjoyed, some 55 brethren sitting down to a splendid spread. Addresses were given by the D.D.G.M. Wor. Bro. E. Wackett, master of Twin City Lodge, and Wor. Bro. Hortop District Secretary. We were also honoured with the presence of Rt. Wor. Bro. Christmas Holly, P.D.D.G.M., a veteran of some 80 years, who twice served the office of D.D.G.M. Bro. Holly is still hale and hearty, and keeps up his interest in Masonry. To such men as he, we owe a great debt of gratitude.

My third official visit was paid to Twin City Lodge, Kitchener on the 12th of Oct. This Lodge is one of the younger lodges of the District, and is making vigorous progress, having a membership of some 246 in number, and a waiting list of some 34 degrees to be conferred during the next few weeks. Wor. Brother E. Wackett, the ruling master and his staff of officers are making record for themselves in general proficiency, that will be hard to equal by any of the lodges in the District. The

first degree was conferred during our visit, and was put on in a most creditable manner. Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. DeKleinhans is the Secretary, and his books were found in perfect order.

At the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an enjoyable hour was spent. Addresses were given by the D.D.G.M., Rev. Taylor Munro, and Wor. Bro. Geo. Atkins, W. M. of Grand River Lodge, Kitchener, and other visiting brethren, after which meeting closed with the Junior Wardens Toast.

Glen Rose Lodge of Elmira was paid our official visit on Oct 16th. We started off in a pouring rain and a very dark night, but arrived safely at our destination in due time, and despite the unpleasant weather we had a fine turn out. Glen Rose Lodge is the youngest Lodge in the District, being instituted some five years ago. Wor. Bro. Ulyat being the ruling master, and Wor. Bro. Jas. B. Jarrell the secretary. The membership numbers 42 and average attendance 25; perhaps the best showing of any lodge in the District.

The first degree was conferred in a very efficient manner, and reflected great credit on the officers. This lodge is being very much handicapped by being in a community where some religious denominations are very much opposed to secret societies. But eventually the younger generation of these good, though mistaken people, will discover that Masonry, rightly understood, will prove a benefit to the community. The number of members obtained during the short time the lodge has been in existence, augurs well for the future. The usual fourth degree was then exemplified, and a very social hour was spent in song and addresses and story.

Visiting brethren from Elora, Drayton, Kitchener and Waterloo were present.

We paid our official to Galt Lodge on Oct. 23. The occasion being the Annual Past Masters' Night; the chairs being filled by Past Masters. The second degree was conferred, and done in a very creditable manner. The masters chair being filled by Wor. Bro. T. E. Hetherington, who is also secretary of the lodge.

A very pleasing feature of the evening, was the presentation of the working tools by Rt. Wor. Bro. Alford Taylor, P.D.D.G.M., who is now in his 85th year. Bro. Taylor still retains much of his former vigor, and is able to hold his own in taking part in any of the ritual of the lodge. He is a regular attendant, and has been an officer in the lodge since 1871. During the course of the evening Wor. Bro. Burnett and Hetherington were presented with a Past Master's Jewel in recognition of past services rendered the lodge. Galt Lodge No. 257 numbers 299 members; most of whom are in good standing.

Alma Lodge is the Mother Lodge in Galt, but one brother made the statement, that there really was but one lodge in Galt but two Masters, showing that the best of feeling existed between the two lodges; and a constant interchange of visits is the rule.

After the banquet, addresses were given by the D.D.G.M., and Bro. W. W. Toot of Kitchener. Bro. Toots address on Masonry was very much appreciated. He is a young man, and will be heard from again along the lines of oratory for which he has an exceptionally fine talent.

Oct. 30th was the date of our official visit to Conestogo Lodge No. 295, Drayton. Wor. Bro. Cyril W. Jack and his staff of officers put on the 2nd degree in a very creditable manner, and left little room for criticism, the Junior officers all being well up in their work. Conestogo Lodge is a

splendid type of a country lodge, and although not very large in numbers, some 130, they are a fine set of men, who take a keen interest not only in lodge work, but in the community in which they live.

Wor. Bro. Calvert Scarr is the efficient secretary, and his books were found in excellent order, by our District Secretary Wor. Bro. W. Hortop. The Lodge Room has recently been redecorated, and reflects great credit on those who had the work in hand.

But where Conestogo Lodge shines, is in their well known spread and entertainment which is always produced on the night of the official visit of the D.D.G.M. After the banquet, addresses were given by the D.D.G.M. and Rt. Wor Bro. T. C. Wardly P.D.D.G.M. Bro. Wardly's address was on Canada and its future, and was very well received. Wor. Bro. Findaly Matheson, P.M.P. of Stratford Lodge but now of Waterloo, also gave a very interesting address on man and his possibilities which was also very much appreciated.

Mr. J. H. Cameron of Toronto, the well known reader and impersonator, contributed very materially to the success of the evening, and was soundly applauded. Masonry in Drayton has a great influence for good, and has a very bright future.

Our official visit to Waterloo Lodge No. 239, was made Nov. 7th. This is one of our youngest lodges having been instituted some 12 years ago, and has a membership of 136, practically all in good standing. They are contemplating securing a property of their own for lodge purposes; and prospects toward that end are very encouraging. Wor. Bro. Jas. S. Lockie is the Wor. Master and Rt. Wor. Bro. Cyrus Hemphil, P.D.D.G.M. the very proficient secretary, under whose care Waterloo Lodge has grown, and attained to a very high reputation for general proficiency.

The second degree was exemplified and done in a very creditable manner. Wor. Bro. Levington, a veteran in Masonry for over 50 years, gave the charge in a very impressive manner.

An excellent repast was then enjoyed by the brethren and visitors, and the usual toasts were proposed and drunk, and short addresses given by the D.D.G.M. and a number of visiting brethren. Very Wor. Bro. Rev. E. A. Thompson assistant Grand Chaplin, gave a very excellent address on the aims and object of the Craft, which was much appreciated. Waterloo Lodge is doing good work and has a very bright future.

Tuesday evening Nov. 13, was the date of our official visit to our Mother Lodge, New Hope No. 279, Hespeler.

Owing to the fact that I am a regular attendant at our lodge, and well acquainted with its officers, and their general proficiency, we dispensed with any exemplification of the work of the various degrees, but proceeded with our routine work, it being the night of election of officers.

We elected our staff as follows: I.M.P. Val Entwistle W. M. Bro. J. H. Shaw, B.S.A., Senior Warden Bro. Lorne Baker; Junior Warden, Bro. Art Young. Bro. Arthur Pullman still remains our faithful and efficient secretary; whose books were in A-1 order. Our officers are all promising young men, and will give a good account of themselves during the year. A number of visitors were present from Galt, and Kitchener, and were served with a light lunch, and a short but spicy programme. Our membership is 139, a goodly number being non-resident, and an average attendance of 30. We have no liabilities, and \$900.00 in the treasury mostly in Victory Bonds, and a special fund for benevolence consisting of \$250.00. New Hope Lodge is trying to fulfil her mission, and is a power for good in the community.

I next visited Irvin Lodge Elora on Nov. 16th. Notwithstanding the dark and very wet night, the brethren gathered to the number of some 80 in the Lodge Rooms, including visiting brethren from Kitchener, Waterloo, Galt, Drayton and Fergus. The second degree was exemplified in a very excellent manner by Wor. Bro. Murray, and his staff of officers, and left no room for criticism. Wor. Bro. R. D. Carclus is the proficient secretary. The books were found in excellent order. A Masonic Library has also been started with some 20 volumes.

Irvin Lodge is the Mother Lodge of Rt. Wor. Bro. T. C. Wardly, P.D.D.G.M., to whom it owes a great deal for its reputation for general proficiency. After an excellent repast was served, a splendid programme was rendered, and addresses were given by a number of visiting brethren; But the event of the evening was an address by Very Wor. Bro. A. E. Thompson, Assistant Grand Chaplin; his subject being "The various colors of the rainbow, and how they can be applied to the teachings of Masonry". The address was listened to with great attention and very much appreciated by all present.

Dec. 21st was the date of my official visit to Alma Lodge No. 72 of Galt, it being the occasion of the annual reunion of Past Masters. This is one of the oldest lodges in the District, having a membership of 283, practically all of whom are in good standing. The Lodge's Books were found in excellent order. The Secretary being Rt. Wor. Bro. A. J. Oliver, P.D.D.G.M. The brethren turned out in goodly numbers, and exemplified the first degree in splendid style. Wor. Bro. Frank Roelfson acting as Master, the chairs all being filled by Past Masters. One of the pleasing features of the evening, was the presentation of silver long service medal by the D.D.G.M., to Wor. Bro. W. H. Lutz, he having been a Past Master for over 50 years. Wor. Bro. Leutz is in his 82nd

year, and is still hale and hearty, and actively engaged in business. Before lodge opened, Wor. Bro. Bartleman I.M.P. drove us to the home of Wor. Bro. Finley Smith, a veteran of Alma Lodge, who has been indisposed for a long time. We presented him with a bouquet of roses and carnations, which he received with great delight, his only regret being his inability to be present with his brethren at the annual reunion. Brother Smith will be 78 on Christmas Day.

We paid our official visit to Grand River Lodge No. 151 on Feb. 12, at Kitchener. This is one of the oldest lodges in the District, 385 members, and practically all in goods tanding. The first degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. E. A. Cudmore and staff, and the work was performed in a very satisfactory manner. Wor. Bro. P. Fisher is the able secretary, and his books were found in A-1 condition by the District Secretary, Wor. Bro. Hortop.

A very pleasant evening was spent in the banqueting room. After partaking of a bountiful repast, the brethren were treated to one of the finest addresses ever given in Kitchener Lodge Rooms, by Wor. Bro. Rev. Finley Mathuson of Waterloo, on the subject of "The aims and objects of Masonry". Wor. Bro. Mathuson is a very powerful speaker, and is much in demand at various assemblies of this kind. P.D.D.G.M. Martin Schiedel is a member of this Lodge, and much of the good work and general proficiency of Grand River Lodge is due to his faithful and untiring efforts in their behalf. P.D.D.G.M. T. C. Wardly was one of the distinguished, who also gave a short practical address.

The brethren in Kitchener possess one of the finest Lodge Rooms in the District, and the Craft is a living force for good in the city.

Speed Lodge No. 180, Guelph was the next lodge to which I paid my official visit. The date was March 5th.

The first degree was put on by Wor. Bro. Boutelier and staff, and was performed in splendid style, and left no room for criticism. Wor. Bro. B. Whetstone is the secretary whose books were found in A-1 order. Speed Lodge is the oldest of the three lodges who meet in Guelph, and has a membership of 330, and only a small percentage in arrears. The Guelph Lodges are fortunate in possessing one of the finest buildings in Ontario, and will in a very short time own the Temple. The purchase was financed by each lodge taking stock, and paying it off by rentals, from various lodges who meet there, and from store rents on the first floor. There are two Lodge Rooms, one Blue Lodge, and one for Scottish Rite, and Royal Arch Masons.

The usual banquet followed at the close of the lodge and was enjoyed by all.

Our next official visit was to Credit Lodge No. 219, Georgetown on Friday, March 22nd. Wor. Bro. W. T. Eavens and officers put on the 2nd degree in a very fine manner, and reflected great credit on the proficient way in which the work was done. Credit Lodge has a membership of 143, most of whom are in good standing. They also have a very fine Lodge Room for a small town. A very fine feature of the Lodge's practical work is the setting aside of \$500.00 for benevolent purposes. Wor. Bro. Geo. Torde, the efficient secretary, was not able to be present, owing to illness in the family, but his books are in A-1 condition. One of the pleasing features of the evening was being able to meet Very Wor. Bro. Major Grant, who is now in his 83rd year, and was the first master of Credit Lodge. He is still able to attend Lodge, and enjoys visiting, and fellowship with his Masonic

brethren. Rt. Wor. Bro. E. Y. Barraclough, P.D.D.G.M. was the first D.D.G.M. of Credit Lodge, and still one of its most active members and fills the office of Director of Ceremonies.

We visited Walker Lodge No. 321 of Acton on the 25th March. Roads between Hespeler and Guelph were impossible, so we were compelled to detour via Preston and Kitchener and Guelph, thence to Acton. We found a large number of brethren present, and visitors from Georgetown, and Guelph also. Wor. Bro. Dobie and staff worked the first degree in a very able manner, and criticism was not necessary. Walker Lodge has a very fine Lodge Room, and is a credit to the brethren of the lodge. Our District Secretary found the lodge's books in A-1 order, and Wor. Bro. McDonald the secretary, is to be highly complimented on the very proficient manner in which his books are kept. The membership totals 140, a very large proportion are from the rural districts.

Masonry in Acton has a bright future, and a pleasing feature is that its new officers are comparatively young men; who are showing a great interest in Masonic work. The usual fourth degree was celebrated in the Anglican Parish Hall. Rev. Bro. Sawyer was present, and gave a short address, as was also Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. Fairly of Guelph, who addressed the brethren on the subject of the Memorial Fund in a very impressive manner. Acton Lodge will no doubt do its duty and expects to go over the top.

Our official visit was paid Guelph Lodge No. 258 on the night of April 9th. Wor. Bro. Geo. S. Pringle and staff exemplified the 2nd degree in a very able manner, and left no room for fault finding; the work being done in a very precise and impressive manner.

Wor. Bro. T. T. Sweetman, the efficient secretary keeps his books in a very precise and up to date manner, and has been in office for many years. Guelph Lodge numbers 339 members, and only 18 who are over 12 mos. in arrears, which is a very good showing.

A very pleasing feature of the evening was the congratulations of the Lodge to Wor. Bro. John Mahoney, who celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his admittance to Guelph Lodge on that date. Bro. Mahoney still takes an active interest in the lodge, and is a son of the late Rt. Wor. Richard Mahoney, P.D.D.G.M. Wor. Bro. T. W. Davey Chaplin of the lodge is also one of the old veterans, and has done much for the success of Masonry in his lodge, and wears a veterans medal for fifty years duration of membership. At this meeting Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. D. Kleinhans, P.D.D.G.M. of Twin City Lodge presented the Memorial Benevolent Fund in a very able manner and Guleph Lodge will no doubt ably and cheerfully do its share along that line. The fourth degree was thus enjoyed and a number of short addresses were given by the visiting brethren.

We paid our official visit to Preston Lodge No. 297, Preston, Friday evening April 19th. Wor. Bro. M. Phent and staff exemplified the 2nd degree having two candidates to pass. The work was performed in a very able manner, and left no room for fault finding.

Very Wor. Bro. Joseph King is secretary, and does his work in a very capable and business like manner. The lodge numbers 182 all of whom are in good standing. The Lodge Room is a very up to date meeting place, and will compare very favorably with any city Lodge Room. The Banqueting Room is under renovation and remodeling, and when complete, will be quite in keeping with the Lodge Room. Masonry in Preston is a factor

for good in the community, and is in a flourishing condition. In addition to our official visit, we had Rt. Wor. Sam Kirk visit the lodge in behalf of the Memorial Fund; the claims of which he presented in a very able manner, and Preston Lodge will no doubt measure up to the allotment asked, and easily go over the top. Rt. Wor. Bro. E. Y. Barraclough, P.D.D.G.M. of Credit Lodge, Georgetown, accompanied Rt. Wor. Bro. Kirk. The usual banquet and addresses followed the close of the lodge, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

On April 22nd I paid my official visit to Waverley Lodge No. 361, Guelph. Waverley Lodge is the strongest numerically in the District, numbering some 400 members.

Wor. Bro. W. S. Simpson is the W. M. of this Lodge. He has a most excellent staff of officers, and the manner in which they exemplified the first degree was very comendable indeed. There were a goodly number of visitors present from Galt, Kitchener and Georgetown. Rt. Wor. Bro. R. S. Hamilton, P.D.D.G.M. of Galt addressed the lodge on the subject of the Memorial Benevolent Fund, in a very effective manner, and was given marked attention, and I have no doubt Waverley Lodge will respond handsomely to the appeal. After lodge meeting was over, the brethren thus adjourned to the Banqueting Room, and enjoyed a splendid repast. An address was given by the D.D.G.M. and also by a few of the visiting brethren. One of the visiting brethren was Wor. Bro. Du Nord, W. M. of Washington Lodge Buffalo, N.Y. Waverley Lodge will visit Washington Lodge May 23. Waverley Lodge will miss their very efficient secretary in the person of Lieut. Colonel W. Simpson, who was secretary of Waverly for some 14 years, and has removed.

Very Wor. Bro. W. H. Hinman has been elected to fill his place, and will no doubt prove a very efficient successor.

Our official visit was paid to Wilmot Lodge No. 318, Baden, on the 24th May. Owing to the holiday, the meeting was small but very interesting. There were a number of visitors from Kitchener present, among whom were Wor. Bro. E. Wackett, I.M.P. of Twin City Lodge. Bro. Wackett is one of our coming young men in Masonry, and much in demand as installing master in this District.

The 2nd degree was put on by Wor. Bro. Ormand and staff and was performed in a very creditable manner. Wor. Bro. E. A. Levingston's books were found in good shape and show great painstaking in his work as secretary of Wilmot Lodge. After lodge we all repaired to the basement of the Presbyterian Church, where a very fine lunch was spread. Rev. Bro. Patterson of Preston was the speaker of the evening, and gave the brethren a very practical address, enjoyed by all. Wor. Bro. Hugh Truston rendered a solo in his inimitable style which was much appreciated by the gathering, as did also Bro. J. W. Stones. I cannot pass by without noticing Wor. Bro. Dr. Glaister, who has been a practising physician in the community for the past 25 years; an enthusiastic Mason, and well beloved by all who know him and among all classes and creeds. One who knows the real meaning of Masonry, and practices its teaching in an eminent degree. To such men as he, Wilmot Lodge and Masonry in general owe very much. Wilmot Lodge is in good hands, and although smallest in numbers, it is an influence for good in the community.

Our last official visit was made to Ayr Lodge No. 172 on June 12th. Being an emergent meeting, the attendance was not very large, but very interesting nevertheless. I found Wor. Bro. Geo. Edgar and staff well up in their work, after seeing them exemplify the first degree. The lodge's books in the hands of Wor. Bro. W. H. Shaw were found in A-1 order. Ayr Lodge has the best report of

any in the District, as to financial standing. Membership numbering 89, and all in good standing, and no liabilities. A number of bright young men are filling the chairs, and all seem to take a keen interest in their several parts. For a small country villiage lodge, Ayr's is the finest equipped in the District.

The furniture and decorations are very artistic, and make the Lodge Room very attractive indeed.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Ward Woolner, P.D.D.G.M. is a member of this lodge, and to his great interest and activities, the lodge owes much of its present prosperity.

This is a summary of my work during the year.

Generally speaking, the work of all the Lodges was well up to the mark; some of course excelling others in proficiency. I found the benevolent work of the various Lodges well looked after, and always took occasion to emphasize the practical side of the Craft. The attendance of the members compare favorably with former years; but could be very much improved on. The banquets were all that could be desired as far as utility and economy are concerned, and the entertaining of a very high order; vulgarity and impropriety being noticeable by their absence. On May 21, we held a District Meeting at Georgetown. It was the 60th anniversary of Credit Lodge. Despite the cold weather, there were visitors from all parts of the District, and about 450 sat down to the banquet. Addresses were given by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Hon John S. Martin; Rt. Wor. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Deputy Grand Master, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Wm. M. Logan, Grand Secretary.

The Most Wor. the Grand Master was presented with a very handsome Grandfather's Clock, and Mrs. Martin with a beautiful basket of roses.

The presentation was made by Very Wor. Bro. A.E. Baker of the O.A.C. in a few well chosen remarks, and was replied to very feelingly by the Grand Master.

We also held a Lodge of Instruction at Kitchener, June 20. Waverley Lodge, Guelph, working the first degree, and New Hope, Hespeler the second, in the afternoon. In the evening Twin City Lodge exemplified the third degree.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Ryerson of Brantford, P.D.D. G.M. was the speaker of the evening, and gave an excellent discourse on Masonry and its objects. In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of the District for their kindness and courtesy to me during my term of office, and on my official visits; and especialy do I wish to thank my worthy predecessor Rt. Wor. Bro. T. C. Wardly for his kindly assistance and advice on my accession to the office of D.D.G.M. On the whole, the years work, while very strenuous, was a very pleasant and profitable experience to me, and I trust to the District in general also.

Fraternally submitted.

WELLINGTON KEFFER,

D.D.G.M. Wellington District.

WILSON DISTRICT

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 Wilson District for the past Masonic year.

I wish first to express my sincere appreciation to the brethren of Wilson District for the honor they have conferred on myself, and Thistle Lodge No. 250 in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and more particularly because it is the first time Thistle Lodge has had the honor of having one of their members elected to that office. I also wish to thank the brethren of the district for the kindness, hearty co-operation and cordial receptions extended to me at all times by the brethren throughout the district, during my term of office.

I visited all the lodges in the district once and some on different occasions. I found the work very uniform and in most cases exceptionally well done, and it was a great pleasure to notice the efficiency shown by the officers of the various lodges.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Wm. French, District Secretary, and W. Bro. Donald McLeod District Chaplain, who has given me invaluable assistance and accompanied me on nearly all my visits. I am also much indebted to the P.D.D.G.M's for the wise counsel and assistance whenever called upon.

Official Visits

My first official visit to my mother lodge No. 250 Embro on August 30th. W. Bro. Halkett and his

officers exemplified the third degree in a most creditable manner, several Past Masters taking part. This lodge has a large number of Past Masters who attend the regular meetings and take a keen interest in the affairs of the lodge. The dues are well paid up and Bro. D. J. McLeod has the books in fine condition. Visitors were present from Woodstock, Ingersoll, London, Innerkip, Lakeside, Princeton and Port Rowan, including a number of Past D.D.G.M's. R.W. Bro. Dr. Sutherland gave us a splendid talk at the banquet table.

Springfield Lodge No. 259 Springfield Sept. 24th. I was introduced to the brethren by R.W. Bro. W. I. Atkin and R.W. Bro. Geo. Stewart. There was a large attendance at this meeting of members and visitors including R.W. Bros. McQueen and McDonald of Tillsonburg, who, I was very glad to see present. The work of the third degree was put on in a very creditable manner by the officers. The books were in good condition and the dues well paid. This lodge purchased a church some time ago which they intend to remodel into comfortable quarters, but as yet nothing has been done.

Vienna Lodge No. 237 Vienna, Sept. 28th. I was introduced to the officers and brethren by V.W. Bro. Wm. Backhouse, Port Burwell and R. Bros. S. S. Clutton it is a real inspiration to me these two veterans of the Craft and see the real interest they take in Masonry. The first degree was exemplified in a manner which brought praise from all the visitors. The books are in excellent condition, in the hands of R.W. Bro. Clutton, and the dues fairly well paid.

Walsingham Lodge No. 174, Port Rowan, Oct. 4th. A large number of brethren accompanied me on my visit to Walsingham Lodge, and needless to say we were royally received. W. Bro. Reeves and his officers worked the first degree in an almost faultless manner. This lodge has a number of real active past masters who take a keen interest in the affairs of the

lodge. R.W. Bro. Biddle has the books in excellent condition and the dues are all paid.

Oriental Lodge No. 181, Port Burwell, Oct. 9th. There was a special meeting called to receive my visit and I am very grateful to the brethren for their kindness. The work of the second degree was put on by W. Bro. Armstrong and his officers in a very creditable manner. Here again we had the pleasure of meeting the two grand old brethren of Wilson district, R.W. Bro. Clutton and V.W. Bro. Backhouse and their presence helped to make the evening a real success. W. Bro. Diehl the Secretary has the books in first class condition.

Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe, Oct. 23rd. W. Bro. Ryerse and his officers exemplified the second degree in a very acceptable manner, all the officers doing their part real well. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and a good staff of Past Masters. They recently bought the building where the lodge is located and I am pleased to know they have made some splendid improvements in their lunch-room quarters. The books are well taken care of and the dues are also well paid.

Vittoria Lodge No. 359, Vittoria, Oct. 26th. W. Bro. Jones and his officers put on the work of the third degree in an almost perfect and very impressive manner, W. Bro. Simmons and other Past Masters taking part of the work. There was a good attendance of members and a number of visitors. The books and dues are well looked after. As this was my first visit to this lodge, and practically all strangers the fine fraternal spirit I found displayed amongst the brethren speaks well for the future.

Frederick Lodge No. 217 Delhi, Nov. 26th. I visited Frederick Lodge officially on this date. The W.M. W. Bro. Gingell and his officers tendered me a kind welcome and exemplified for my inspection the work of the third degree. The work was done in a

splendid manner. The books are in care of R.W. Bro. Max McPherson and are in excellent condition, and the dues well paid.

St. John's Lodge No. 104, Norwich, Oct. 30th. I was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by R.W. Bro. E. W. Moles and received a very kindly welcome from the officers and brethren. The work of the second degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner, with the musical ritual which added a delightful touch to the ceremony. This lodge is well supplied with active Past Masters who take a keen interest in the lodge affairs. The dues are well paid and R.W. Bro. Moles looks well to the books.

Dereham Lodge No. 624, Mt. Elgin, No. 6th I was accompanied by a large number of brethren from my own lodge on this visit and received a royal welcome. As this is the youngest lodge in the district, the quality of their work as W. Bro. McDonald and his staff of officers conferred the first degree could not help but be impressive to the candidate. This lodge has made excellent progress which I hope will continue in the future. The dues are all paid and the books in first class condition. There was a large number of visitors and a fine fraternal spirit displayed amongst the brethren.

Doric Lodge No. 569, Lakeside, Dec. 4th. This was a very wet night but however the weather conditions made very little difference in the attendance. I had the pleasure to be introduced to the brethren by R.W. Bro. R. D. Montgomery, Woodstock, who is an honorary member of this lodge. W. Bro. Duncan and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner, part of the work being taken by other Past Masters. The new Secretary, Bro. Seaton, is looking after the books well and dues well paid. I was pleased to see nearly every P.M. of this young lodge present.

Blenheim Lodge No. 108, Princeton, Dec. 13th. W. Bro. Force and his staff of officers put on the work in the first degree in a creditable manner. There was a good attendance of brethren and visitors from sur-

rounding lodges. A large number from my own lodge accompanied me, I was also glad to have the assistance of R.W. Bro. R. D. Montgomery at this meeting. I endeavoured to impress on the brethren the seriousness of delays in opening the lodge which I trust will bear fruit in the future. I also had the pleasure to visit this lodge on June 25th, being their installation and look for good work from the efficient staff of officers installed.

King Hiram Lodge No. 37, and St. John's Lodge No. 68 Ingersoll, Apr. 5th. As this was a joint meeting of these two lodges to receive my official visit, I was pleased to learn on my arrival that each lodge was going to work a degree. I received a very cordial welcome, and was introduced to the brethren by R.W. Bro. R. B. Hutt. W. Bro. Riley and officers of King Hiram exemplified the first degree and W. Bro. Smith and officers of St. John's the second degree. The work of both was done in a very efficient manner, the W. Masters being assisted by several P.Ms. I also found W. Bro. Lee and W. Bro. Bowers very efficient secretaries. I also had the honor of installing the officers of the two lodges on Jan. 18th and was well pleased with the work of the new officers.

King Hiram Lodge No. 78, Tillsonburg, April 17th. My official visit to this progressive lodge was made on this date. The work put on for my inspection was a second degree. I was delighted to see the accurate and impressive manner in which it was exemplified by W. Bro. McQueen and his officers. The lodge is in good standing and the books are well kept by R. W. Bro. McQueen who with R. W. Bro. McDonald is a tower of strength to the lodge. Before this lodge was closed I had the honor to present Immediate P.M. W. Bro. Johnson with a Past Master's Jewel.

Erie Lodge No. 149 Port Dover, April 22nd. Port Dover as you know is the home of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and on my arrival it was with much regret I learned he was unable to be present. There was a large attendance and I was

glad to learn that Erie Lodge is making good progress toward erecting a fine new Masonic Temple. W. Bro. McDonald and his officers exemplified the first degree on two excellent candidates who seemed very much impressed with the ceremony. W. Bro. J. C. King has the books in excellent condition and the dues are well paid.

King Solomon Lodge No. 43 and Oxford Lodge No. 76, Woodstock, April 29th. This was a joint meeting to receive my official visit. I was accompanied by a number of brethren and as usual received a hearty welcome from the brethren of both lodges. The work put on for my inspection was the first degree. W. Bro. Gorrie, Oxford Lodge and W. Bro. Wilson King Solomon Lodge taking part of the work assisted by other P.Ms. I pointed a few errors and omissions but however the work of all the officers was well done, and I am sure that under the close scrutiny of the P.D.D.G.Ms. and the active P.Ms. the affairs of the lodges will be well looked after. The attendance was not as large as would be expected from the two strong lodges, but I am sure the officers are putting forth every effort to make the meeting attractive. The books of the lodges are well looked after.

Oak Branch Lodge No. 261 Innerkip, May 16th. This was a special meeting called for my official visit and I am very grateful to the brethren for their kindness. The first degree was conferred on a candidate in a very creditable manner owing to the large attendance of officers were somewhat handicapped as the hall was crowded. I would like to single out the Junior Warden for the exceeding impressive manner in which he delivered the lecture. W. Bro. Stewart and other P.Ms. taking part in the work.

Plattsville Lodge No. 178, Plattsville, May 27th. W. Bro. Currah and his officers put on the work of the third degree in a satisfactory manner, a portion of the work being taken by other P.Ms. As there was a large attendance for the size of the hall the officers were somewhat crowded for floor space, but all the officers done their work well. The books are in first

class condition and very little unpaid dues. W. Bro. Bristow being a very active Secretary.

Lodge of Instruction

The twentieth annual lodge of instruction was held at Embro on May 29th. The officers of Thistle Lodge No. 250 Embro opened the lodge at 2 p.m. After the business had been transacted the officers of Blenheim Lodge No. 108 Princeton exemplified the first degree and the officers of Vienna Lodge No. 237 the second degree. In the evening the officers of Dorie Lodge No. 569 exemplified the third degree. The brethren of Oxford Lodge No. 76 and King Solomon No. 43 Woodstock exemplified a board of trial. After which the officers of Norfolk Lodge No. 10 closed the lodge. The work was well presented by all the lodges. There was a large attendance, practically every lodge in the district represented.

Past Masters' Association

This association which is still in its infancy is doing splendid service. It is a splendid opportunity to discuss matters for the advancement of Masonry. I attended all the meetings and at the spring meeting it was decided to hold a reception and presentation to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master at Port Dover his home town. Arrangements were well under way, the date being set for June 26th. Owing to the serious illness of the M.W. the Grand Master this gathering had to be postponed. But however we all sincerely hope his condition will soon be greatly improved, and it is the wish of the members to proceed with the presentation by a small committee before his term of office expires.

In conclusion, I wish to express again to the brethren of the district my appreciation of the many kindnesses and attentions shown me in every lodge in the district during my term of office, and I sincerely hope my successor will receive the same hearty support.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES KENNEDY,

D.D.G.M. Wilson District.

WINDSOR DISTRICT

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:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour and pleasure of submitting for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Windsor District for the Masonic year ending July 1929.

Let me first express my great appreciation of the high honour conferred on me by the brethren of Windsor District in electing me the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, also to thank the officers and brethren of the various lodges for their many acts of kindness and courtesy extended to me during the past year.

My first official act was to appont W. Bro. L. J. Pettypiece as District Secretary and I am greatly indebted to him for the faithful discharge of his duties and his assistance to me.

Inspections

Central Lodge No. 402, December 12, 1928;
Border Cities Lodge No. 554, February 20, 1929;
St. Andrews Lodge No. 642, February 20, 1929;
Dominion Lodge No. 598, February 20th, 1929;
Parvaim Lodge No. 395, February 22nd, 1929;
Thistle Lodge No. 24, February 26th, 1929;
Great Western Lodge No. 47, March 14th, 1929;
King Edward Lodge No. 488, March 19th, 1929;
Xenophon Lodge No. 448, March 21st, 1929;
Windsor Lodge No. 403, March 22nd, 1929;
Naphthali Lodge No. 413, March 26th, 1929;
Rose Lodge No. 500, March 27th, 1929; Palace
Lodge No. 604, March 28th, 1929; Leamington
Lodge No 290, April 2nd, 1929; St. Georges Lodge,

No. 41, April 11th, 1929; Ontario Lodge, No. 521, April 15th, 1929; Harmony Lodge No. 579, April 18th, 1929; Garden Lodge No. 641, April 19th, 1929 Pelee Lodge No. 627, May 17th, 1929.

It is a pleasure for me to report that the work of the various lodges in Windsor District is being carried on in a uniform, dignified and efficient manner. A splendid fraternal spirit was in evidence at each of my official visits and with the staff of competent officers in charge of the various lodges, the prospects of Masonry in this district are very bright indeed.

Reception to Grand Master

The outstanding event in Windsor District during the past year was the reception to the Grand Master, which was held in Windsor on November 16th, 1928.

Over eight hundred brethren were present to welcome M.W. Bro. John S. Martin who was accompanied by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Deputy Grand Master. Able addresses were given by the distinguished guests, the Grand Master speaking on Masonry in general and the Deputy Grand Master on the Memorial Benevolent Fund, which is being raised to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the formation of Grand Lodge. Both of these addresses were much enjoyed and the visit of our Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master was a great stimulus to Masonry in Windsor District.

Under the able chairmanship of R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Arnott, the lodges in the district are responding nobly to the Memorial Benevolent Fund. R.W. Bro. Arnott accompanied me on all of my official visits and explained to each lodge the purpose of this Fund and I am quite satisfied that Windsor District will be well over its quota.

On my official visits I recommended, as my predecessors have done, the paying of fraternal visits and I am happy to state that a great many of the lodges are now paying fraternal visits to the other lodges. This is not only has a tendency for better degree work and more interest in the lodge, but creates a fine fraternal spirit throughout the entire District.

In concluding allow me to once more express my appreciation for the kindness and good will extended to me during the past year. I am not unmindful of the Past D.D.G.M's, Past Masters and brethren who accompanied me on my official visits and for whose presence and assistance I am very grateful.

I trust my successor in office will receive the same loyalty, co-operation and kindness which I have enjoyed during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

F. E. WILSON,

D.D.G.M. Windsor District.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS

The report of the Committee on Warrants was presented by R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson as follows:

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

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Warrants, begs leave to report as follows:

We have examined the books and records of the lodges under dispensation and recommend:

That a warrant be granted **Temple Lodge**, Oshawa, Ontario District, as number 649, and that the dispensation by the Grand Master to **Scarboro Lodge**, Agincourt, Toronto "B" District, be continued for another year

In the case of Temple Lodge, Oshawa, we recommend that there be procured before its consecration, a Register of Membership, a Minute Book, and Cash Book, approved by the Grand Secretary, properly written up from the date of the Lodge institution to the present.

As to the request of Temple Lodge to be permitted to elect its officers in September and instal them in October of this year, your Committee recommends that it proceed to prepare and pass its by-laws, which will provide for the date of election and installation of officers, so that the same may receive the approval of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and permit of an election before the end of the year 1929.

Your Committee further suggests that District Deputy Grand Masters before recommending in favor of granting dispensations to Lodges should see that they

are instructed to procure, and do procure, proper and efficient books in which to keep Lodge records. It has happened too frequently in the past that Lodges in the early years of their career have made use of more or less improvised books, which are eventually laid aside and lost, not being considered of historical value, or of interest to future membership.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

A. J. ANDERSON,

Chairman

On motion of M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, the Report of the Board on Warrants was received and adopted.

CALLED OFF

Grand Lodge was then called from labour at one o'clock p.m. to assemble again at half-past two.

CALLED ON

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 2.30 o'clock, p.m. the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel in the Chair.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Grand Secretary read the following notices of motion, which had been received within the statutory time.

I. That the Constitution be amended by adding to section 199c the following words: "such statement upon its receipt, shall be read in open Lodge," Notice of motion given by Worshipful Brother J. M. Connor, Secretary of the Hamilton Masonic Bureau.

II. That section 16 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following words: "No nomination shall

be valid unless accompanied at the time of its delivery by the written acceptance of the nomination, signed by the Nominee." Notice given by Right Worshipful Brother J. W. Plewes.

III. 1. That section 146 of the Constitution be repealed.

2. That section 147 be amended by:

(a) deleting from the first line thereof the words "subject to the foregoing provisions."

(b) adding after the first sentence thereof the following sentence: "All other officers of every Lodge shall be appointed by the Master." Notice given by Right Worshipful Brother E. G. Dixon.

On motion of M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone and the Grand Secretary, the several notices of motion were received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

The report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws was read by M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, as follows:

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:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Constitution and Laws, begs to report as follows:

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. By W. Bro. J. M. Connor, Secretary of the Hamilton Masonic Bureau.

That the Constitution be amended by adding to section 199c the following words:

"Such statement upon its receipt shall be read in open lodge."

There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge.

2. By Rt. Wor. Bro. J. D. Plewes:

That section 16 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following words:

"No nomination shall be valid unless accompanied at the time of its delivery by the written acceptance of the nomination signed by the nominee."

There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge.

3. By Rt. Wor. E. G. Dixon.

1. That section 146 of the Constitution be repealed.

There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge.

2. That section 147 be amended by

(a) deleting from the first line thereof the words "subject to the foregoing provisions."

(b) adding after the first sentence thereof the following sentence "All other officers of every lodge shall be appointed by the Master."

There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge providing section 146 is first repealed.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. WARDROPE,

Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, the report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

The report of the Committee on Printing and Supplies was presented by R.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, as follows:

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:

It is again my privilege to present, on behalf of your committee, a detailed analysis of expenditure for Printing and Supplies for the year ending May 31st, 1929.

Proceedings, 1928.....		\$2926.35
Binding.....	\$ 20.09	
Return Forms.....	230.59	
Receipt Books.....	54.00	
Cheque Books.....	183.60	488.28
Stationery & Supplies.....		105.00
Christmas Cards.....		56.65
Circulars.....		111.14
Memorial Fund Circulars.....	260.30	
Memorial Fund Books.....	70.52	330.82
Mailing Boxes.....		46.87
Ceremonies.....	167.89	
Constitutions.....	1456.54	
	—————	\$1624.43
		—————
		\$5689.54

The printing for this year has been done at a lower cost than last year, notwithstanding the cost of circulars and other unforeseen expenditure connected with the Memorial Fund, etc., being \$1,300 less than the estimate asked for at the last communication.

Fraternally submitted,

R. F. RICHARDSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.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 FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, and, on motion of M.W. Bro. Malone, seconded by M.W. Bro. Ponton, the report was received and adopted.

The report of the Special Committee on Fraternal Relations was read by the Chairman of the Committee, M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, as follows:

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

You Committee composed of M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, R.W. Bros. Geo. Moore, W. S. Herrington, A. J. Anderson, and J. O. Herity, beg to report as follows:

(1) Applications and petitions for official recognition by this Grand Lodge and for exchange of Representatives have been received from the following (eight in all): Roumania, Vienna, Valle de Mexico, Northern Norske Polarstjernen, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia (Serbs, Croates, and Slovenes), Ecuador, Panama.

(2) Your Committee recommend that recognition be granted to and Representatives be exchanged with Roumania, Panama and Vienna.

(3) Your Committee recommend that the recognition of Valle de Mexico, and Norske Polarstjerner be declined, as we already officially recognize the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Norway.

(4) Your Committee recommend that action be deferred and further consideration be given in respect of the applications of Czechoslovakia, Jugo-Slavia and Ecuador, and that further enquiry be made and information be obtained as to these three jurisdictions.

(5) Your Committee recommend that it be continued in office with the addition of R.W. Bros. F. K. Ebbitt, and J. O. Herity, until the next meeting of Grand Lodge, with power to add further to their numbers.

(6) Your Committee desire to thank the Grand Secretary for co-operation and assistance.

Fraternally submitted,

W. N. PONTON,
Chairman.

This report was received and adopted on motion of M.W. Bros. E. T. Malone and W. N. Ponton.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE

The report of the Committee on Benevolence was presented by R.W. Bro. F. A. Copus, as follows:

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:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Benevolence, begs leave to report that during the year ending May 31, 1929, there were disbursed in our benevolent work the following amounts:

Grants from the General Fund authorized at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge	\$101,043.00
Interim grants from the General Fund by the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence	
Interim grants from the General Fund by the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence with the approval of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and President of the Board of General Purposes	1,968.00
Grants from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund	5,920.00
Total expended from Grand Lodge Funds	<u>108,931.00</u>

Plus estimated grants made by Lodges as shown by the reports of the D.D.G.M.s.....	93,000.00
Total expended for benevolent purposes.....	\$201,931.00

The sum of \$108,931.00 expended last year through your Committee on Benevolence compares with a total of \$106,920.00 expended for the preceding Grand Lodge financial year, showing an increase of \$2,011 during the year just ended.

At this Annual Communication your Committee has considered 734 applications. It is recommended that 10 of these be declined, and that grants be made subject to the Supervisor's inspection as follows:

369 granted through the local boards amounting to.....	\$56,150.00	
356 granted through the lodges amounting to.....	51,820.00	
		\$107,970.00
Less an approximate 6% reduction by inspection and death.....	6,478.00	
		101,492.00
Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge:		
Miss Mary Wilson.....	500.00	
Miss M. H. Harris.....	75.00	
		575.00
Total amount of Interim grants (estimated) from the General Fund.....		2,700.00
Grants recommended from the in- terest of the Semi-Centennial Fund at this Annual Communi- cation.....		3,930.00
Additional Interim grants from the unexpended interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund (esti- mated).....		2,100.00
Grants recommended from the in- terest of the Memorial Fund at this Annual Communication.....		3,500.00
Additional interim grants from the unexpended interest of the Memorial Fund (estimated).....		1,400.00
Total.....		\$115,697.00

It is recommended that we continue the subscription to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

Your Committee regrets that it has again been necessary to report to the Committee on Credentials that 21 Lodges are delinquent in not complying with Rule 4 (b), Respecting Grants for Benevolence, and consequently may not be permitted to vote at this Communication of Grand Lodge, as provided in Sections 2 and 160 of the Constitution. We would once more call the attention of Masters and Secretaries of Lodges to the unfortunate results that may follow neglect in making the proper returns re benevolent grants; for, if the provisions of the Constitution were rigidly enforced, the actual sufferers would be the unfortunate beneficiaries under these Grand Lodge grants, who would be prevented from receiving monies sorely needed by them. Your Committee believes that few of the omissions are deliberate. But the consequences of continued neglect of these matters are so serious that we feel that Lodges which repeatedly offend in this respect deserve to be severely reprimanded.

Your Committee would also urge a closer attention on the part of the Secretaries to the matter of notifying the Supervisor if for any reason a Grand Lodge grant is no longer required. In this connection also your Committee desires to call attention to the necessity of including in the applications for Grand Lodge relief the most complete information with respect to each individual case. Many applications are received which contain so few details that the Committee is almost completely in the dark as regards the necessities of the case. Under such circumstances we are unable to form an adequate picture of the needs, and as a result a good deal of unnecessary hardship may ensue, directly traceable to the inadequacy of the information sent to us.

While in some cases the individual Lodges do not appear to measure up to their responsibilities in the matter of extending relief to their distressed brethren or dependents, your Committee is glad to bear testimony to the fact that on the whole there appears to be a distinct improvement in this respect. Many of the Lodges—not always the largest and most wealthy—are evidencing by the generosity of their treatment in such cases their appreciation of the duty and privilege of exercising those

brightest of Masonic virtues, benevolence and charity. It should perhaps be emphasized that the best recommendation a Lodge can bring to bear in regard to any particular application is the fact that the Lodge itself has dealt generously with the case.

Owing to the fact that during the coming year we are to have the benefit of the income from the Memorial Fund, your Committee has been able to deal more adequately, although perhaps not generously, with many-deserving cases. In scores of homes throughout the jurisdiction there will be felt during the coming year the benefit of the increased funds placed at the disposal of the Committee through the kindness of the Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada in raising this splendid Memorial Fund. We look forward to the prospect of being able in the future to do much more than we have hitherto been able to accomplish in the way of easing the last years of some of our older brethren, of lightening the burden laid upon many a widow's heart, and of giving the orphaned children of departed brethren better educational equipment to enable them to become useful and self-respecting members of society. Your Committee desires to express to the fraternity as a whole our deep gratitude for the generosity of the members of the craft as evidenced in the progress so far made in the raising of so large a sum of money dedicated solely to the relief of want and suffering.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. HARCOURT,
Chair man

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. F. A. Copus, and Resolved: That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

The report of the Committee on Audit and Finance was presented by R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, as follows:

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:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance, through the Board of General Purposes beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

They have also verified the Annual Statement ending May 31st, 1929, which is certified by the Auditor of Grand Lodge and your Committee find it correct.

RECEIPTS

Balance at credit in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31 1928.....	\$24,794.61	
Less Outstanding Cheques.....	3,364.02	
	<hr/>	21,430.59
Fees, Registration of Initiations.....	13,488.00	
Fees, Registration of Affiliations.....	544.00	
Dues.....	106,959.00	
Certificates.....	94.00	
Constitutions.....	2,467.00	
Ceremonies.....	182.40	
Dispensations.....	1,132.00	
Commutation of dues..	4,848.00	
Warrants.....	40.00	
Musical Rituals.....	120.50	
Miscellaneous.....	966.90	
Refund Grand Lodge London, 1928....	90.18	
Refund Rising Sun Lodge No. 85 Athens.....	27.11	
	<hr/>	130,959.09

Interest on Investments.....	18,379.23	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	937.15	
	<u>19,316.38</u>	
		150,275.47

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Debentures Matured and Paid, City of St. Thomas.....	1,599.64	
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry.....	11,057.18	
	<u>12,656.82</u>	
		\$184,362.88

EXPENDITURE

GENERAL CHARGES

Grand Treasurer's Clerk Mch, 31, 29.....	\$ 400.00	
H. F. Vigeon, Auditor Salary Mch. 31, 29..	600.00	
W. M. Logan, Grand Secretray, May 31, 1929.....	6,000.00	
W. J. Attig, Chief Clerk, May 31.....	3,000.00	
J. Place, Stenographer May 31, 1929.....	2,000.00	
F. J. Brown, Clerk, May 31, 1929.....	1,800.00	
Incidental Grand Secretary's Office.....	1,500.00	
Office rent.....	1,000.00	
Insurance on furniture & bond premiums ..	184.00	
Safety Box rental	40.00	
Telephone Service.....	86.40	
Steel Shelving for Office	320.00	
Extra Stenographer	205.00	
Travelling Expenses		
Grand Secretary	74.25	
Cheque Protector	120.00	
	<u>17,329.65</u>	
Printing, Stationery, etc.....	1,045.02	
Proceedings, 1928	2,516.41	
Constitutions.....	1,456.54	
Ceremonies.....	167.89	
Printing for Memorial Fund.....	330.82	
	<u>5,516.68</u>	

Allowance to Grand Master, 1928-9	1,500.00		
Stenographer for Grand Master.....	300.00		
Allowance to Deputy Grand Master	500.00		
	<hr/>	2,300.00	
Postage on proceedings	198.00		
Postage Chairman of Committees.....	50.00		
	<hr/>	248.00	
Grand Lodge expenses			
London, 1928.....	3,813.07		
Grand Lodge account			
Ottawa.....	79.00		
U.S. and Canada Mas. Relief Ass'n.....	557.37		
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.....	400.00		
Honorary presentation			
Jewels.....	213.40		
Memorial Tributes	51.50		
Special Commissions ..	32.00		
	<hr/>	5,146.34	30 540.67
Supervisor of Benevolence, T. Rowe.....	3,000.00		
Inspector of Benevolence, J. B. Nixon ..	1,200.00		
Travelling expenses & Stenographer	627.58		
	<hr/>		4,827.58
Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico.....	1,000.00		
Welsh Miners Fund ..	1,000.00		
	<hr/>		2,000.00
Benevolent Grants	105,883.00		
Less: Grants Cancelled issued 1928-9.....	4,840.00		
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	101,043.00		
Less: Grants cancelled issued prior to 1928-9	1,265.00		
	<hr/>		99,778.00

INVESTMENTS

City of Windsor debenture purchased ..	11,000.00		
Dom. of Canada Victory Bonds.....	10,000.00		
Interest Accrued.....	330.37		
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		21,330.37	
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		158,476.62	

Balance in Can Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1929.....	27,126.26	
Less Outstanding ...	1,240.00	
	<hr/>	25,886.26
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		\$184,362.88

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1929

RECEIPTS

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1929.....		\$ 3,822.55
Contributions from Lodges:		
Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay.....	\$ 6.00	
Zetland Lodge No. 326 Toronto.....	25.00	
Nickel Lodge No. 427 Sudbury.....	5.00	
	<hr/>	36.00
Interest on Investments	5,187.33	
Interest on Bank De- posits.....	138.05	5,325.38

INVESTMENTS

Debentures matured:		
Town of Berlin	111.80	
Town of Owen Sound	2,000.00	
Township of York....	878.24	
Township of East York.....	251.63	
	<hr/>	\$3,241.67
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		\$ 8,603.05
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		\$12,425.60

DISBURSEMENTS

Benevolent Grants	5,920.00
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INVESTMENTS PURCHASED

City of Windsor Bonds	3,000.00	
Interest Accrued.....	20.01	
	<hr/>	3,020.01
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		8,940.01

Balance in Can. Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1929.....	4,710.59	
Less outstanding cheques.....	1,225.00	
	<u> </u>	3,485.59
		<u>\$ 12,245.60</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Year Ending May 31st, 1928

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance in Can. Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1928.....	\$24,794.61	
Less outstanding cheques.....	3,364.02	
	<u> </u>	\$ 21,430.59
Investments per schedule face value.....		338,755.45
	<u> </u>	<u>360,186.40</u>

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Balance in Can. Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1928.....	5,387.55	
Less outstanding cheques.....	1,565.00	
	<u>3,822.55</u>	
Investments per schedule face value.....	103,895.52	
	<u>107,718.07</u>	
		<u>\$467,904.11</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Year Ending May 31st, 1929

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance in Can. Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1929.....	27,126.26	
Less outstanding cheques.....	1,240.00	
	<u>25,886.26</u>	
Investments per schedule face value.....	347,098.63	
	<u>372,984.89</u>	

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Balance in Can. Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1929.....	4,710.59			
Less outstanding cheques.....	1,225.00			
			3,485.59	
Investments per schedule face value.....	103,653.85			
				107,139.44
				\$480,124.33
Capital Increase				12,220.22
Summary, 1929		1928	Inc.	Dec.
Investments, General Ac- count.....	347,098.63	338,755.45	8,343.18	
Semi-Centen- nial ac.	103,653.85	103,895.52		241.67
Bank Balances General ac- count.....	25,886.26	21,430.59	4,455.67	
Semi-Centen- nial ac.....	3,485.59	3,822.55		336.96
	\$480,124.33	467,904.11	12,798.85	578.63
	467,904.11		578.63	
Capital Increase	12,220.22		\$12,220.22	

MEMORIAL FUND

RECEIPTS

From Lodges.....	101,183.29		
Interest on Bank Deposits		18.01	
			101,201.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Province of Ontario Bonds purchased.....		11,000.00	
Interest Accrued.....		30.14	
Balance in Can. Bank of Commerce, May 31, 1929	88,771.16		
Balance deposited in Can Bank of Commerce, June 1st, 1929.....	1,400.00	90,171.16	
			101,201.30

A detailed statement of both the General and Semi-Centennial and also the Memorial Funds will be found in the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

The books are all in good order and are excellently kept.

This also applies to the new set of books required for the Memorial Fund.

Guarantee bonds for the Grand Secretary, the Assistant Grand Secretary and Miss Place for \$5,000 each; also a combination messenger, paymaster and interior robbery policy for \$5,000, all issued by The Fidelity Insurance Company of Canada, have been inspected by the Committee. The bonds are in the custody of the Grand Treasurer. Your Committee recommend that the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master be authorized to renew the same at the expiry thereof.

ESTIMATES, 1929

RECEIPTS

Registration of Initiations.....	\$ 14,000.00
Registration of Affiliations.....	600.00
Dues.....	105,000.00
Certificates.....	100.00
Constitutions and Ceremonies.....	2,600.00
Dispensations.....	1,000.00
Commutation of dues.....	5,500.00
Warrants.....	20.00
Musical Rituals.....	100.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,000.00
Interest on Investments and deposits	19,000.00
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	\$148,920.00

EXPENDITURE

Grand Treasurer's Clerk.....	400.00
Grand Secretary.....	6,000.00
Assistant to Grand Secretary.....	3,000.00
Stenographer.....	2,000.00
Clerk.....	1,800.00
Auditor.....	600.00
Incidentals.....	1,500.00
Proceedings, 1929.....	3,000.00
Printing and Stationery.....	1,800.00

Special Printing.....	2,000.00
Constitutions and Ceremonies.....	2,000.00
Telephone.....	100.00
Insurance.....	200.00
Safety Boxes.....	45.00
Office Rent.....	1,000.00
Postage on Proceedings.....	250.00
Postage Chairman of Committees.....	40.00
Fraternal Correspondence Committee.....	400.00
Grand Masters Allowance.....	1,500.00
Deputy Grand Masters Allowance.....	500.00
Grand Masters Stenographer.....	300.00
Past Grand Masters Regalia.....	500.00
Commissions.....	100.00
U.S. and Canada Relief Assn.....	280.00
Repairs to Regalia	200.00
Grand Lodge expenses, 1929.....	4,500.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,000.00
Supervisor of Benevolence.....	3,000.00
Supervisor's Stenographer.....	150.00
Inspector	1,200.00
Travelling expenses and U.S. and Can. Relief Ass'n. Meeting.....	850.00
Grand Master for emergency expenses.....	1,000.00
Benevolence Grants.....	\$104,275.00
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	\$145,490.00

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,
Chairman

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, and Resolved: That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry was presented by R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington as follows:

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:

There are three principal sources of information upon which your committee must depend for material upon which to base their annual report. These sources are firstly:—personal observation; secondly:—the data collected and compiled by the Grand Secretary in the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge; and thirdly:—the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters. The range of your committee's observation is necessarily very limited, and no matter how diligent they may be they cannot hope to recover more than a very small portion of the field. The work of the Grand Secretary is largely statistical in its character, and while it is indispensable and most useful, yet without comment and explanation it provides no conclusive ground work for a reliable report. District Deputy Grand Masters inspect every part of the jurisdiction. It is their particular duty to enquire into the standing of every lodge under their supervision. They are brought into close personal touch with the officers and members and are in a position to form a fairly accurate estimate of the condition of Masonry in their respective districts. They are selected because of their superior qualification to perform this service. They are familiar with local conditions and are clothed with authority to pry into and demand an explanation of any irregularities that may be brought to their notice. It is difficult to conceive of any serious problems affecting any of our lodges or any member of any lodge that has not, at some stage of its development, been presented to a District Deputy for solution. How often do we pause to reflect that many of the most difficult questions referred

to the Grand Master for his ruling have, before they reached him, engaged the attention of one of his District Deputies. The arduous tasks imposed upon the Committee upon Grievances and Appeals emanate, as a rule, from the District Deputy within whose jurisdiction the complaint arose. Nearly every complicated situation presented to the several committees of Grand Lodge has passed through the hands of some District Deputy, and these represent but a small percentage of the cases that are continually cropping up from one end of the province to the other. Subject to certain limitations, the jurisdiction of the District Deputy is supreme in his district, and so satisfactorily does he perform his duties that very few of the judgments pronounced by him are ever challenged. In addition to the matters summarily disposed of by him and those put in proper shape by him for presentation to Grand Lodge or some committee to which they may be referred, he should and does act in an advisory capacity along many lines in respect to which it may be optional whether his advice be acted upon or not. Many personal and delicate questions arise that are likely to cause estrangement among the brethren, questions affecting the construction and equipment of the lodge room, questions relating to the visitation of the sick the revision of by-laws, the form of entertainment to be provided at banquets, the establishment of reading rooms and libraries. Upon these and scores of other matters, his advice is frequently sought and he is able to render valuable assistance. It is but natural, therefore, that this committee should largely depend upon the District Deputy Grand Master for material for this report. We have frequently had occasion to congratulate them upon the painstaking manner in which they performed their duties. In no part of the jurisdiction is the office a sinecure. The demands upon the time of these officials is very great. A successful District Deputy among other qualifications must possess a comprehensive knowledge of the aims and objects of Freemasonry, ability to impart that knowledge to others, skill in the work, a fair understanding of human nature, firmness, patience, tact, a genuine desire to help his brother masons and some capacity for physical endurance. After a careful perusal of the reports received and from information gained from other sources, not omitting personal ap-

pearance, it is with the utmost degree of pleasure that your Committee is able to report that the high standard of District Deputy Grand Masters has in no way been impaired by the present incumbents of the office. Indeed we may go one step further and with no hesitation say that the reports this year are presented in better form than any that have been brought to the attention of your committee. There has always been a tendency to follow a stereotyped form. We are glad to observe that they are breaking away from that. If we were to pass a criticism upon the reports of former years, it would be to the effect that the District Deputies have been altogether too modest. They have encountered difficulties solved problems and given rulings upon which they have bestowed a great deal of careful study. They would be rendering a valuable service to their successors and to the Craft in general if they would embody in their reports a brief summary of the most important matters disposed of by them. We can readily understand that there may be some cases of a personal nature that it might not be prudent to touch upon, yet there must be many others that could be reported without giving offence to any one. If desirable, the identity of the Lodge or individual member need not be disclosed. It is quite probable that in the course of his visitations, the District Deputy may observe some incident or unusual mode of procedure that meets with his approval or on the other hand he may feel disposed to condemn some occurrence. These matters might well be embodied in his report unless there be some good reason for withholding them. It is in this respect that we have found a decided improvement in the reports presented this year and we are sure the Craft at large will be grateful for the change.

It is with deep satisfaction that we observe that the practice of setting apart certain regular or special meetings for some particular purpose is becoming more general. For instance, there are Grand Lodge nights, when an effort is made to secure the attendance of as many Grand Lodge officers as possible. There are Canada nights, when distinguished speakers deliver patriotic addresses, Past Masters nights, when the chairs are filled with Past

Masters, Veterans' nights, when the venerable brethren are paid the homage that is their due, and other nights with some special feature. This is a step in the right direction and has a tendency to stimulate an interest in the activities of the Lodge, and will go a long way to relieve what is sometimes considered the monotony of the regular work. We can confidently recommend this course to all lodges, no matter where situated or the number of members upon the roll. The smaller rural lodges cannot hope to rival some of the city lodges where special nights have attained a phenomenal reputation and are looked forward to as events of far-reaching importance. The practice, however, has been adopted in many small lodges with a membership of less than a hundred, and the experiment has had the effect of increasing the attendance, which may be taken as a fairly safe guide of the success of the departure from the ordinary routine.

So much depends upon the head of a Lodge; your committee feel that they cannot too strongly emphasize the oft repeated injunction that too much care cannot be exercised in the selection of a Worshipful Master. In most lodges, there is recognized a certain order of succession, that an officer having attained a certain position, very frequently one of appointment by the Master and not of election by the members, is entitled as matter of course, to be promoted one step further each year until he finally reaches the coveted throne in the East. This simply means that the Worshipful Master, in appointing a brother to the first step in this order of progression, nominates his successor of a few years hence, and the brethren if they follow the rule and promote this brother according to the recognized practice in that particular Lodge, have really nothing to say in the selection of their Master. Doubtless a great many excellent Masters have reached the Master's chair in this manner, but in the opinion of your committee, the principle is wrong and should not be slavishly followed. Personal considerations should be laid aside and the brethren should not hesitate to break through their rule, if such there be, even though by so doing they dampen the enthusiasm and aspirations of a friend. We are indebted to our first Grand Master, Most Worshipful William Mercer Wilson for a definition

of a model Master, a definition which was extensively copied and favorably commented upon seventy years ago in the reports of many of the Grand Lodges of the United States. He expressed himself as follows in his annual address in 1858:

“To become the model Master of a Lodge should be the ambition of every brother; and to discharge with efficiency and zeal the duties of that important office should be his most anxious desire.

These duties are not confined to the mere repetition of a few phrases, learned by rote, but he should be enabled to instruct the Craft, not only as to the meaning and origin of our ceremonies, but also to explain to them the philosophy which is veiled in its allegories and illustrated by its symbols. He should be able, also, to convince his brethren that all science and all art, legitimately directed, are but lines that radiate towards the great “I Am,” that sciences are the media by which we are led to contemplate the goodness, greatness, wisdom and power of the Great Architect of the Universe; and that the arts are the modes we have developed of expressing our sense and admiration of the wondrous glories of an Almighty Father which are scattered around us. The Master of a Lodge should also, in his life and in his conversation, be a model for his brethren to admire and imitate and should himself practise out of his lodge, those great moral doctrines and virtues which he inculcates within its walls. He should be punctual and methodical in all things, and both by his character and conduct, command the respect, the esteem and good will of all men; for as the Master is supreme in his Lodge, and distinguished by his position in the Craft, so should he also be distinguished as the possessor of an irreproachable character, a dignified demeanour, and expanded intellect, and a liberal education. Happy and prosperous must those Lodges be which are governed by such men! Their time of meeting is looked forward to by the brethren with the most pleasing anticipations. Prompt as the hour, every brother is at his station, and the work is carried on with pleasure and profit. The Worshipful Master who presides over his Lodge with ability, firm-

ness, and decision; (for without force of character there can be no force of impression) whose manner is cautious yet dignified, whose decisions are consonant with reason and Masonic law; and who dispenses light and information among the Craft, will ever be regarded as one who is entitled to their highest respect and their most fraternal regard."

That is a definition that might well be printed in letters large and hung upon the wall of every lodge room. Well may the brethren make an annual pilgrimage to the last resting place of him, the model Grand Master, and pay tribute to the memory of the man who founded our Grand Lodge, secured its recognition by all Sovereign Grand Lodges and left us in these well chosen words a pen-picture of himself.

It is most gratifying to observe in this year's reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, the most positive assurance that all is well throughout the entire jurisdiction. With a few exceptions the appeal for the Memorial Benevolent Fund is meeting with a far more generous response than was to be expected. Many lodges have already paid their full allotment and some have over-subscribed the sum asked for. The unmistakable affection of the brethren for our Grand Master has been demonstrated by the warmth of the reception tendered him in all parts of the Province. His inability to fulfil all his engagements, owing to his untimely illness, has caused great disappointment in some sections. His addresses have awakened a deeper interest in Freemasonry and have pointed the way to the practice of those virtues upon which the order rests.

Your committee heartily commends the course adopted by the District Deputy in Prince Edward District, in sending a schedule of his intended official visits to each member of every Lodge in his district. This can quite easily be accomplished through the assistance of the secretaries of the lodges.

The District Deputy of Victoria District followed the same course as the Right Worshipful Brother of Prince

Edward District by embodying in his official programme some timely suggestions as to what he would expect upon the occasion of his visit.

The report from Sarnia District is also worthy of special mention. It is in many respects a model which incoming Districts Deputies might safely follow. The District Deputy gives an excellent definition of the necessary qualifications of the Master of a Lodge, emphasizing the necessity for his ability "to foster a real fraternal spirit within the lodge and generally to impart light to all the brethren by example and precept."

The District Deputy of Niagara District makes the following suggestion: "In my opinion a special roster of all dual memberships should be at the disposal of the Grand Secretary, and when a brother becomes suspended in one Lodge, the other Lodge or Lodges to which he belongs should be notified to suspend forthwith."

Our attention is once more called to the well organized and systematic relief work carried on by Corinthian Lodge in Hamilton District "A" to which special reference was made in our report of 1928. We feel that the worthy example of this Lodge cannot be brought too prominently before Grand Lodge in the hope that many other lodges will adopt a similar course.

Upon a subject that is receiving a good deal of attention at the present time, the District Deputy of St. Thomas District reports as follows: "In closing it might be noted that the old style heavy banquet or supper with both expense and inconvenience has generally given way to the informal lunch with its opportunity for freely mingling and general good fellowship, a change that is timely and is generally hailed as a decided improvement."

Regarding the illness of the Grand Master, the District Deputy of Toronto District "B" makes the following timely suggestion. "This Grand Lodge could serve its own best interests and in no better or more practical way than by considering and adopting forthwith such

measures as might be formulated to relieve the physical strain on its chief presiding officer. The constituent Lodges, and particularly their Ruling Masters, could contribute much to that desired end by not expecting or inviting the Grand Master to attend their functions, unless the meeting should be some outstanding one, other than their annually recurring Special Nights."

Lincoln Lodge, No. 544 of Abingdon, Hamilton District "B" so far as we have been able to learn, may safely challenge any other Lodge in Ontario to surpass its record for attendance. With a membership of only 78, the average attendance of members and visitors for the year was 84.

From several quarters come tidings of the formation of District organizations generally styled Past Masters' Associations, which in many instances is a misnomer, as the acting wardens are as a rule, we believe, admitted to membership. This is a step in the right direction and it would be well if every District took some action along this line. These associations afford opportunities for the representatives of the different Lodges to get acquainted with each other and discuss matters of local interest and best of all to create an esprit de corps within the District.

The officers and members of Toronto District "D" are tendered the following wholesome advice by their District Deputy. "The time spent for the social gathering is most invariably too long. There are generally too many numbers on the programme of music or other entertainment. This is especially noticeable when we remember that there are a number of time honoured toasts which must be given, and to which responses must be made. The lodges which usually prolong their social gatherings into the small hours of the morning do so at the cost of a decreasing attendance."

The District Deputy of Ottawa District with justifiable pride, embodies in his report the following complimentary reference to the famous Temple Choir. "Some five years ago, a few of the brethren had gotten

together as a small choir, and the possibilities thereof being seen, a larger male choir was begun taking the name of the Temple Choir, because all members thereof were members of the Craft. This Choir has rendered very valuable service to the various Lodges of the District from time to time, and has gone on to greater triumphs until last May the choir went to New York to compete in a Musical Festival and Competition, in which very many of the best male choirs of the United States and Canada were present, and they were rewarded with the second prize, being one point behind the choir receiving first prize."

To attempt to present an intelligent view of the general condition of Freemasonry through the world might at first sight appear presumptuous upon our part, but since we have ready at hand in the Report upon Foreign Correspondence the material upon which to base a fair conclusion, we see no reason why we should shrink from the task. The practice of issuing regular reports annually or quarterly, prevails in all jurisdictions and these are exchanged among all with whom fraternal correspondence is maintained. Fortunately there are very few Grand Lodges without the pale, and those few had never been celebrated for their adherence to the accepted landmarks of the Craft. The statistical information contained in these reports is well worthy of careful study. It will not surprise anyone to learn that the numerical strength of our order has made very rapid strides during the past few years and that there are more Freemasons in the world to-day than at any other period in our history. It is pleasing also to note that the same satisfactory condition exists in respect to the assets under the control of the various Grand Lodges. The number of Masonic temples is steadily increasing and what may be regarded as a more convincing indication of Masonic advancement, there is a marked improvement in the number and character of the educational and charitable institutions maintained for the benefit of Masons and their dependents. In addition to these visible evidences of Masonic activity, the amounts expended, as in the case of our own Grand Lodge, in grants of money made direct to worthy objects and individuals, have

attained fabulous proportions never dreamed of a few years ago. If we could place no more to the credit of Freemasonry than the relief work that is being carried on under its banner in all parts of the world, the efforts that are put forward in its maintenance would be fully justified.

While we may rejoice in the increase in our membership, in the magnificent temples that are being erected in all parts of the world as monuments of the affectionate and loyal regard those members have for the Craft and in the ever increasing amounts expended for charity, yet these are not the only factors to be taken into consideration in determining whether or not the mission of Freemasonry is being successfully achieved. We may point with commendable pride to all these evidences of material prosperity but we must all realize that we should have a higher and nobler objective in view. No more comprehensive definition of Freemasonry could very well be framed than that imparted to the newly initiated candidate, and at no time in our history has greater emphasis been placed upon its claim to being "a beautiful system of morality." At no period in the history of the world, still aching and bleeding from the wounds of the most cruel of all wars, has there been so great a need for the exercise of those virtues upon which that beautiful system is founded. It is hopeful a sign when those high in authority in every jurisdiction are putting forth their greatest efforts in seeking to mould the characters of their followers and qualify them for the noblest of all missions, the betterment of mankind. We do not believe that we misinterpret the trend of Freemasonry to-day, when we assert that with the single exception of the Christian church, it is the most powerful agency on earth to-day for maintaining peace on earth and good will towards all men.

We are not all privileged to examine the reports of the various Grand Lodges and peruse the utterances of their Grand Masters and analyze the details of the work of their numerous committees, but early in the history of our Grand Lodge this important duty was assigned to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Few of us realize the amount of work involved in the condensation

and presentation in a readable form of those portions of those reports in which we are interested. Our own view of the thoroughness with which that task is performed is borne out by the frequent references to its excellence in the reviews from other jurisdictions. In it will be found many extracts from the annual addresses of the Grand Masters and summaries of the conclusions of those best informed upon all matters affecting the fraternity. One cannot fail to be struck with the impressive language used in these addresses, which mark the authors as men of refined and scholarly attainments. The subject matter is of as high an order as the eloquence employed in the presentation of it.

In this age, in which a most determined effort is being made to inject the poisonous germs of communism and anarchy, disguised in various forms, into the very roots of our civilization, strong men are needed to counteract this baneful influence. We require fearless men, men of force and character and above all men of the highest moral standing, who will inspire confidence in the rising generation, upon whom will fall the task of combatting this insidious evil. Is Freemasonry doing its part to supply this need? We believe it is. Our own reviewer, who was among the first to sound the warning, has carefully presented in his reports those portions of these addresses which he evidently regarded as a fair indication of what was uppermost in the minds of their respective authors. We believe we are not far astray in our estimate, when we venture the opinion that the keynote of every one of these is a strong plea for the creation of a higher moral standard. They all appear to be impressed with their responsibility as citizens of the world and the duty cast upon them of correcting the errors of those within the sphere of their influence. We feel safe in concluding that Freemasonry to-day is at its best and that its noblest traditions are being fully maintained. We have no need to seek any new formula for our guidance but the future of the Craft will be secured so long as we follow the ancient landmarks and pin our faith to the old foundation principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

W. S. HERRINGTON,
Chairman.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, and Resolved: That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

The report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was presented by R W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, as follows:

I beg to present the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals.

(1) **Beaches Lodges No. 473, Toronto vs. Bro. J. H. Day**

The facts in this case are set out in the 1927 proceedings at page 328 and in the 1928 proceedings at page 359.

Bro. Day is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the craft. He has not appeared.

The committee, therefore recommend that he be expelled.

(2) **Prince Edward Lodge No. 18, Picton, vs. Bro. Joseph J. Mellor**

The facts in this case are set out in the 1928 proceedings at page 361.

Bro. Mellor is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the craft. He has not appeared.

The committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(3) **Union Lodge No. 118, Schomberg, vs. Bro. George Laird**

The facts in this case are set out in the 1928 proceedings at page 361.

Bro. Laird is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the craft. He has not appeared.

The committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(4) High Park Lodge No. 531, Toronto, vs. Bro. Albert E. Weston

The facts in this case are set out in the 1928 proceedings at page 362.

Bro. Weston is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the craft. He has not appeared.

The committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(5) Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth, vs. Bro. James Bruce Thompson

The facts in this case are set out in the 1928 proceedings at page 361.

Bro. Thompson is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the craft. He has not appeared.

The committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(6) Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447, Sturgeon Falls, vs. Bro. Joseph Vincent.

The facts in this case are set out in the 1928 proceedings at page 362.

Bro. Vincent is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the craft. He has not appeared.

The committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(7) Tuscan Lodge No. 541, Toronto vs. Bro. Arthur Snedden

The facts in this case are set out in the 1928 proceedings at page 365.

Bro. Snedden is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the craft. He has not appeared.

The committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(8) **Patricia Lodge, No. 587, Toronto, vs. Bro. N. J. Bray**

The facts in this case are set out in the 1928 proceedings at page 365.

Bro. Bray is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the craft. He has not appeared.

The committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(9) **Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton, vs. Bro. George Awrey**

The facts in this case are set out in the 1928 proceedings at page 367.

Bro. Awrey is now under suspension, and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the craft. He has not appeared.

The committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(10) **Fairbank Lodge No. 592, Toronto.**

This is an application to be relieved from payment of Forty dollars to legalize the advancement of two candidates within the prescribed time, the candidates having been initiated on November 8th, 1927 and passed on December 5th, 1927.

The Secretary writes the Grand Secretary "We the members of the above lodge now realize that this was a violation of our constitution but wish to state that such act was absolutely accidental on our part and that your notice of said error was our first intimation that an error had been committed."

The Grand Secretary has no alternative but to enforce the provisions of the constitution.

The committee, however, recommend that the violation be treated as one offence and that twenty dollars be accepted in full.

(11) **Sunnyside Lodge No. 582, Toronto, vs. Bro. Earl J. Wilson**

The facts in this case are set out in the 1928 proceedings at page 367.

The Brother has since been regularly tried, found guilty and recommended for expulsion.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(12) Mimosa Lodge No. 576, Toronto vs. Bro. Ernest J. Owens

This brother was convicted on October 1st, 1928, by Thomas H. Brunton, Esquire, Police Magistrate, in and for the County of York of contributing to juvenile delinquency to which charge the brother pleaded guilty and was sentenced to be imprisoned in the common jail for six months and to pay a fine of Two hundred dollars.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was subsequently laid against him.

The M.W. the Grand Master appointed a committee consisting of R.W. Bros. T. A. Carson, H. Alexander and W. Hopkings to try the brother.

He was tried by the committee, found guilty of a public crime and also of moral turpitude and recommended for expulsion from the craft.

The committee concur in the finding of the commission and, therefore, recommend that the brother be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(13) Queen City Lodge No. 552, Toronto vs. Bro. Roy J. Masters

This Brother is charged with unmasonic conduct involving a violation of section 19 of rule 1.

At the request of the lodge th M.W. the Grand Master appointed R.W. Bros. George H. Smith, J. Malcolm and George L. Gardiner a commission to try the brother.

He was tried by the commission who find the brother guilty of the charge but make no recommendation as to the punishment and saying "in the opinion of the commission from the

evidence and also the bearing of the defendant he is quite penitent and is now endeavoring to lead an exemplary life."

The committee concur in the finding of the commission as to the guilt of the brother but are of the opinion that he should be expelled from the craft and recommend that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime he be suspended.

(14) Waterdown Lodge No. 357, Millgrove, Ont., vs. Bro. Robert R. Walker

This brother was convicted at the General Sessions of the Peace holden at the City of Toronto in the County of York, on the 11th day of September 1928, under section 303 of the Criminal Code and sentenced to serve a term of ten years in the Kingston Penitentiary.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was preferred against him by a member of his lodge. He was subsequently placed on trial, found guilty and recommended for expulsion.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(15) Prince Edward Lodge No. 18, Picton, vs. Bro. Percival Kenneth Spafford

This brother was convicted in the County Court Judges' Criminal Court of the County of Prince Edward on the 29th day of December, 1928, under section 466 of the Criminal Code and sentenced to a term of five years in the Penitentiary, said sentence to run concurrently with nine other sentences pronounced upon him on said date.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was preferred against him by a member of his lodge which charge was duly received by the lodge and a committee appointed by the W.M. to take the evidence.

He was subsequently placed on trial, found guilty and recommended for expulsion.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of

General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(16) Ulster Lodge, No. 537, Toronto, vs. Bro. Newton J. Walker

This Brother was convicted before Margaret Patterson, a Police Magistrate in and for the City of Toronto, of indecent assault and sentenced to the Toronto Municipal Farm for men for thirty days and to be whipped.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was subsequently preferred by the Sr. Warden of Mizpah Lodge and a committee composed of the Past Masters of the lodge appointed by the W.M. to take the evidence.

He was subsequently tried by the lodge, found guilty and recommended for expulsion.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(17) Cathedral Lodge No. 643, Toronto, vs. Bro. Cecil L. Laughlin

This brother was convicted before J. E. Jones, Esquire, a Police Magistrate in and for the City of Toronto, on the 27th day of March, 1928, on a charge that he did steal from the Capital Trust Corporation, while in their employ, the sum of \$29,172.00 and was sentenced to be imprisoned in the Kingston Penitentiary for a space of four years for said offence.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was preferred against him by a member of his lodge. He was subsequently placed on trial, found guilty and indefinitely suspended.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge as to the guilt of the brother, but are of the opinion that he should be expelled from the craft and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(18) Caledonia Lodge No. 637, Toronto, vs. Bro. William Johnston

This brother pleaded guilty at the General Sessions of the Peace held in the City of Toronto on October 22nd, 1928, to a charge of stealing from the Corporation of the City of Toronto, while in their service, the sum of \$4,858.70 and was sentenced by His Honour Judge Coatsworth to a term of one year in the Ontario Reformatory and an indeterminate period of one year.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was laid against him by a member of his lodge. He was subsequently placed on trial, found guilty and suspended for a period of three years.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge as to the guilt of the brother, but are of the opinion that he should be expelled from the craft, and recommend that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime he be suspended.

(19) Prince Edward Lodge No. 18 Picton vs. Bro. Ralph H. Raynor.

This brother was convicted in the County Court Judge's Criminal Court for the County of Prince Edward before His Honor Judge Evan H. McLean. Judge of the said Court, for fraudulent conversion under section 357 of the Criminal Code and sentenced to be imprisoned for a term of four years in the Kingston Penitentiary.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was preferred against him by a member of his lodge and he was subsequently placed on trial, found guilty and recommended for expulsion.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(20) Stanley Lodge No. 426, Toronto, vs. Bro. John Rait

This Brother is charged with having been convicted by His Honor J. H. Denton, at the Court of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of York, to wit: "With intent to defraud, made or concurred in making, false entries or omitted or concurred in omitting, material particulars in books of accounts, or other documents, contrary to section 418B of the Criminal Code" and sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

There is not sufficient evidence before the committee to show that this brother has been properly tried by his lodge. No certified copy of the conviction by the court is produced, no proof that the brother was served with notice of the time of the hearing of his case or proof that the rules laid down by the constitution have been complied with. The Committee recommend that the matter be referred back to Stanley Lodge for re-trial and that in the meantime he be suspended.

**(21) Copestone Lodge No. 373, Welland, vs. V.W. Bro.
David Jones**

This Brother is charged with unmasonic conduct involving a violation of section 9 of rule one.

The evidence shows that he was tried by his lodge for a similar offence in 1922 and suspended until the annual communication of Grand Lodge in 1923, when the term of his suspension expired.

He was placed on trial on October 5th, 1928, found guilty and recommended for expulsion.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

**(22) North Star Lodge No. 322, Owen Sound, vs.
Bro. Angus Munro**

This brother is charged with unmasonic conduct involving a violation of section 19 of rule 1.

The brother admitted the charges, was subsequently placed on trial, found guilty and recommended for expulsion.

The committee however are of opinion that in the conduct of the trial the rules respecting masonic trials have not been sufficiently complied with and recommend that the matter be referred back to North Star Lodge for retrial and that in the meantime the brother be suspended.

**(23) Union Lodge, No. 38 London, vs. Bro. Percy F.
Cunningham**

This brother was convicted before His Worship Police Magistrate R. W. Scandrett, K.C., at London on 16th April,

1929, on two charges under section 401 of the Criminal Code and on same date was sentenced to three years in Kingston Penitentiary.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was laid against him by the Senior Warden of his lodge.

It would appear from the material before the Committee that the charge was received and the trial held on the same date.

This is not in accordance with the practice laid down in the constitution.

The committee therefore, recommend that the matter be referred back to Union Lodge for retrial and that in the meantime the brother be suspended.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. COWAN,

Chairman.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan and Resolved: That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

The report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead was read by R.W. Bro. J. F. Reid, as follows:

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:

Let us pass in review the lives and qualities of our cherished Brethren, who will meet with us no more, let us not allow them to pass from among us without an affectionate retrospection.

Our dead demand from us more than a passing notice their services in behalf of our Craft, their fellowmen, of suffering humanity; our Country, entitle them to more than respectful mention.

Though with most of them the shadows were falling towards the East, the possibility of many years of usefulness in their spheres of activity, was accepted by us all. We have lost from our ranks of our brightest, our bravest and our best, not realizing until too late to avail us, regret that we had not while they were with us shown our appreciation of their virtues, their labours in behalf of our Order, and the example they have set before us. The black camel of death has knelt at the tents of our Brethren who were high in the civic, church and fraternal life of the various communities in which they lived. They were loved and revered by their fellow citizens and the world is left better off from their having been among us. A great many of those who have gone in the last year have rendered valuable service to our Craft, and although many have not gained Grand Lodge rank, their services were deeply appreciated.

THE JOURNEY'S END

"Today, the journey is ended;
They have worked out the mandates of fate.
Naked, alone, undefended,
They knocked at the uttermost gate—
Lo, the gate swings wide at their knocking;
Across endless reaches behold
Lost friends, with laughter, come flocking
To give them glad welcome untold.
Farewell! The maze has been threaded
This is the ending of strife
Say not that death should be dreaded
'Tis but the beginning of life."

Space will not permit us to cover all who have passed to the unseen Temple, but the following have been reported by the various District Deputies of Grand Lodge:

**Most Worshipful, Hon. Sir John Morison Gibson,
K.C.M.G.**

Born January 1842, died 3rd June, 1929. Initiated 19th November, 1867, Passed 21st January, 1868, Raised 17th March, 1868; Worshipful Master, 1872; District Deputy Grand Master, 1883; Deputy Grand Master, 1890-1891; Grand Master 1892-1893.

Death the Great Reaper, has laid a heavy hand on the foremost characters of the Masonic Fraternity since the last communication of this Grand Lodge, and claimed M.Wor. Bro. Sir John Morison Gibson, Past Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. William D. McPherson, K.C., Past Grand Master, among others who have "Crossed the Bar" that marks the boundary between the mortal and immortality. The late Sir John Gibson was distinguished in many avenues. His life's work is intricately interwoven in his unique Masonic career. In every position, from the humblest office to the highest within the power of his native Province to bestow, he wielded an influence for good that has imparted its impress deep and lasting. His energies in private, public, political, legal military, municipal, social and commercial enterprises stand as a monument to him. He was a noted jurist, and imminent among the long list of Ontario's Attorneys-General. As a Minister of the Crown charged with the oversight of law enforcement, his judgment was unerring and his sympathies full and genuine. As a soldier he will live in the memory of those it was his duty to command. When called to the high office as the King's direct representative in Ontario—that of Lieutenant-Governor—those cardinal characteristics which had been ornaments in a useful and successful life endeared him to the people. He did not complain when informed of the death of his son, who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, knowing well "that the path of glory leads but to the grave." The late Sir John Gibson was a native of Peel County, and received signal honors at the hands of three sovereigns—the late Queen Victoria, the late King Edward, and His Majesty King George V.

He was a Lieutenant in the 13th Battalion of Hamilton during the Fenian Raid of 1866, and rose to be

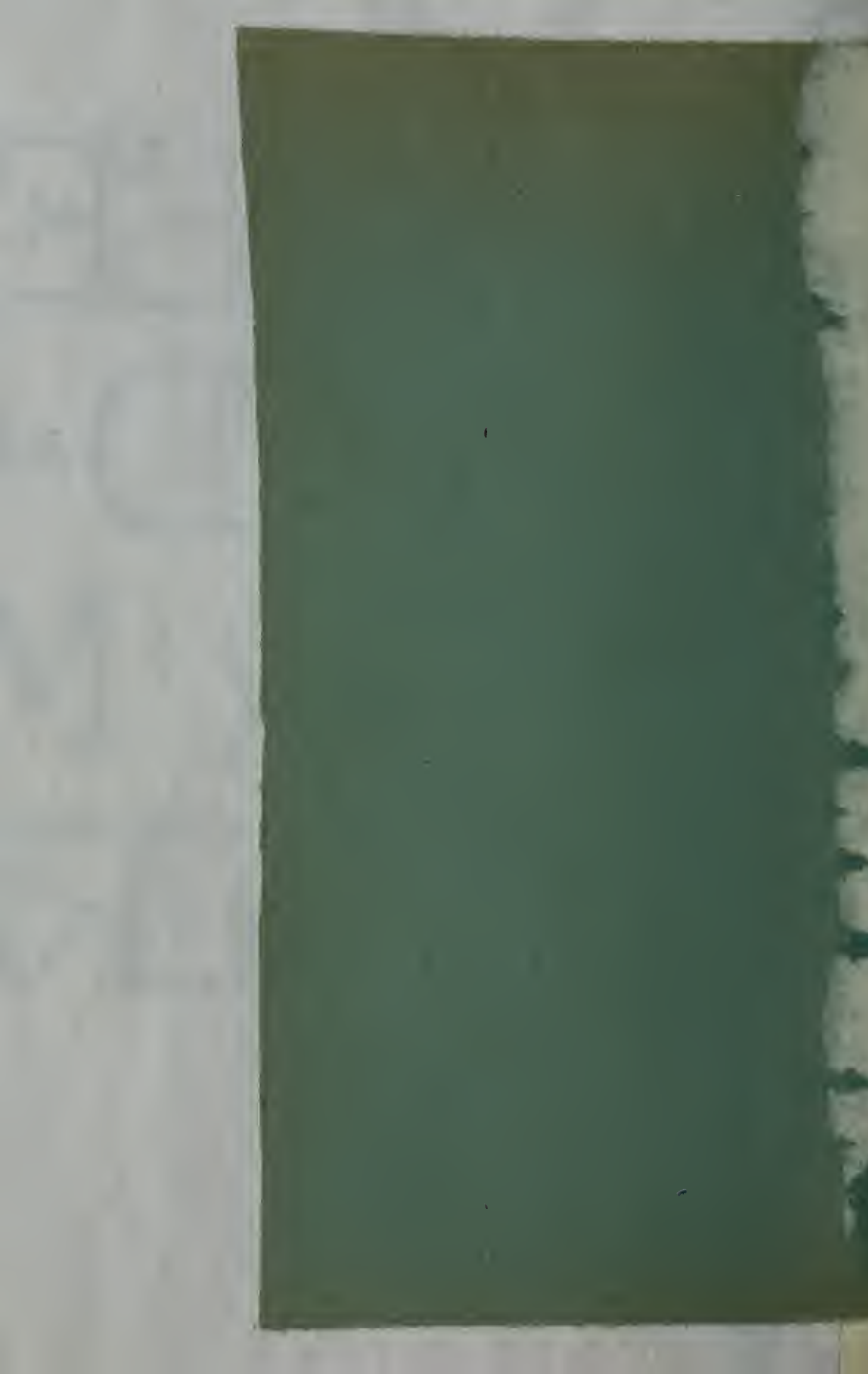
M.W. Bro the Hon. William D. McPherson, K.C.

"I am ready to go. My house is in order. My family can carry on."

This was the terse reply, full of confidence and assurance, of the late M.W. Bro. the Hon. William D. MacPherson, K.C., Past Grand Master, when, after a very critical operation his physicians advised him that his recovery was doubtful. The joy in the realization of a life well lived, and of duty well done, sustained him in his passage through the Valley of the Shadow of Death and into the light of the Eternal city, whose builder and maker is God. In the Masonic annals of the city of Toronto, in which he lived, in its universities in its educational circles, its courts and its legislative halls, the late M.W. Bro. W. D. McPherson occupied a prominent place. His record of public and social service is outstanding, in the field of statesmanship and also in the Orange Order, of which he was Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America. His ability in the Legislature inspired Sir William Hearst, when Prime Minister of Ontario, to call him to the portfolio of Provincial Secretary. In war work and in grappling with post-war problems his activities centered round the wounded veterans and their dependents in the avenue of comfort and consolation. His patriotism was a living thing, and as an Imperialist and lawyer he was known and beloved through this broad Dominion. In 1913 when he was elected Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, one of his life's ambitions was realized, and as its executive head he will be remembered as a man full of sympathy, and with reverence for all things sacred. His genial smile was always an inspiration of confidence for those who carried their troubles to him, and in his official capacity those only very closely associated with him knew anything of their extent. His name is coupled with many notable events of his native province. The late M.W. Bro. McPherson was a man of striking personality, and as a friend and as a father and husband his life was an inspiration for younger men to follow. With the fortitude of a God-fearing man and a Mason he bore not only this burden but shared as far as he could the burdens of a similar character which others less able were forced to assume.

"For though from out our bourne of Time and Place

The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."



Immortal bliss, I give to thee
Because throughout life's span,
Thou hast seen fit to honour me
By serving fellow man.

Rt. Wor. Bro. William Fawcett Montague

With sincere regret and profound sorrow we learned of the passing of our esteemed Rt. Wor. Bro. William Fawcett Montague, Secretary of Electric Lodge, No. 495 Hamilton, on the evening of January 11th, 1929.

He was born in Dunnville, Ontario, in the year 1861, and received his education in the Public and High Schools there.

He came to Hamilton in 1888, assuming the office of Grand Recorder and Treasurer of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends, and at the time of his death was serving his forty-first year in that office, showing the great confidence in which he was held by that organization.

As a citizen he served as Alderman of the City of Hamilton in 1897-1898.

In Masonry he was initiated in Amity Lodge, Dunnville, Ontario, and on moving to Hamilton, he affiliated with Doric Lodge, becoming Worshipful Master of Doric in 1899. In 1925, at the Convocation of Grand Lodge he was unanimously elected to the office of Grand Junior Warden, and honor which he esteemed very highly.

In Chapter Masonry he was a Past Principal of Hiram Chapter, R.A.M.

In the Scottish Rite bodies he was a member of Murton Lodge of Perfection Rose Croix Chapter and Moore Consistory.

At the formation of the Beach Lodge, No. 639, his counsel was solicited. He was a Charter Member, and was later honored by being made a Life Member.

He was a Charter and Life Member of Electric Lodge No. 495, and its first and only Secretary from its inception in June, 1909, occupying that position at the time of his death and looked forward to completing twenty years' service as our Secretary at our 20th Anniversary celebration in June, 1929.

During all these years as our Secretary, best friend and wise counsellor, he endeared himself to all of us, and created in our hearts a place which he alone could fill. He helped us carry our burdens, and while doing so, held our esteem, affection and admiration.

He carried the torch to the last, and in his passing he said to us:

"To you from failing hands we throw
The Torch. Be yours to hold it high."

While sorrowing at his passing, we can rejoice, that the affinities of our brother were with the good, the true, the noble. We will believe that such character outlives the centuries. The noblest workers of our world bequeath us nothing so great as the image of themselves. Their task, be it ever so glorious, is transient—but the majesty of their spirit is eternal. "He that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

Rt. Wor. Bro. H. A. Taylor

Rt. Wor. Bro. Henry A. Taylor, long a King Street tailor in the downtown district of Toronto, passed away suddenly at his home, 79 Lytton Bouvelard, on November 19th, 1929. A resident of Toronto for 55 years, he came here from Rochester, and had been continuously in business for more than half a century. The late Bro. Taylor was active in organizations identified with the custom-tailoring business. He was on the executive of the Retail Merchants' Association, and took an active part in the arrangements for the annual meeting early this year of the Tailor Designers' Association.

For 52 years he was a member of Zetland Lodge of which he was a Past Master, and for 33 years Director of Ceremonies. Two years ago on the occasion of his jubilee in the lodge, he was presented with a silver tea service. He was one of the few surviving founders of Rameses Temple of Mystic Shriners. He was also a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason. He was also a Rotarian. For several years he was a warden of Grace Church.

Rt. Wor. Bro. C. N. Spencer

Suffering a sudden heart attack, Charles Norman Spencer, a prominent resident of London for many years, a pioneer in the oil refinery business in Ontario, and a founder of the Imperial Oil Company, died unexpectedly on Friday evening, September 21st, 1928, at his home, 531 Dufferin Avenue. Although suffering from heart trouble for some time, Mr. Spencer had been about as usual. In fact on the day of his death, he had appeared in his usual health and had been up until a short time before his death, which came as a severe shock to members of his family and an extensive circle of friends. Mr. Spencer was of a retiring disposition and had never taken any active part in public affairs, but among an older generation of Londoners, he was widely known and respected. He was born in Woodstock in 1854, but early in life came to London, where he had lived continuously ever since. With his father, the late Wm. Spencer, and his brother, W. M. Spencer, he was prominent in the oil refinery business in the hey-day of oil production in this part of Ontario when refineries occupied a prominent place among London's industries. With his father and brother, Mr. Spencer was one of the founders of the Imperial Oil Company, now one of the foremost of Canadian industries. However, when the headquarters and refinery of the Imperial Oil Co. were removed to Sarnia, he relinquished active participation in the Company's affairs and since then had lived in comparative retirement. He was initiated into Corinthian Lodge No. 330, London, on May 6th, 1879, elected Master 1886, and elected D.D.G.M. in 1887.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Lorston A. Boss

Lorston A. Boss, a resident of London for the past fifty years, died suddenly on January 13th, 1929. Mr.

Boss suffered a slight attack of heart trouble two weeks before his death and was thought to be on his way to recovery, but he suffered another attack and succumbed almost immediately. Born in Nova Scotia, he came to London in his boyhood, and spent the greater part of his career in the contracting business, and of late years had been connected with the Brick Supply Co. Mr. Boss took an active interest in local fraternal organizations, especially in the Masonic Order. He was Past D.D.G.M. of London District, Past Master of St. George's 42, a member of Temple Lodge, Past Preceptor of Richard Coeur de Lion, Member of Mocha Temple and Treasurer of Mocha Temple Shrine. The late R.W. Bro. L. A. Boss was a man of quiet, unassuming and kindly disposition, beloved and respected by all who knew him. He exemplified his Masonry by his life and actions. The Masonic Fraternity will miss his presence, but we can honor his memory by striving for that kindly, generous and loving spirit which he had. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to his widow and family in their bereavement. Initiated June 5th, 1907. Worshipful Master 1917. District Deputy Grand Master 1920-21.

Rt. Wor. Bro. W. C. Dobie

Rt. Wor. Bro. W. C. Dobie, who died at Port Arthur November 13th, 1928, aged 89 years, was one of the pioneers of the head of the lakes, and was the first candidate to be initiated in the Shuniah Lodge. He was a D.D.G.M. in 1891, and, as a great many of our brethren will remember, when the Grand Lodge met in Fort William was presented with a long service medal for having served the Craft for over 50 years. He was a Police Magistrate in Port Arthur for over 32 years, and was always held in the highest esteem by members of the bar and his justice was ever tempered with mercy and consideration.

Rt. Wor. Bro. F. C. Perry

Initiated Shuniah Lodge, Port Arthur, August 6th, 51 years ago. Past Master of Fort William Lodge No. 415 three times, 1890, 1896 and 1901. Charter member of Royal Lodge, No. 453, Lodge instituted January, 1902.

occupied the Secretary's office since inception of the Lodge 1902 to the time of his death, September, 1928, without a break. Past Grand Senior Warden and a Past Master of 39 years standing.

Freemasonry in Algoma District lost one of its outstanding supporters in the death of Right Worshipful Brother Fred C. Perry, who was summoned to the Grand Lodge above on September 23rd of last year. He has been a member of the Order for over fifty-one years, having been initiated in Shuniah Lodge, Port Arthur, on August 6th, 1877, and from that time he not only dedicated himself to Masonry but he shaped all his life and actions upon the principles it inculcates. He served as Master of Fort William Lodge, No. 451, and was a past master of 39 years' standing. Unlike many past masters, Brother Perry saw in his enrolment as one of the rulers of the Craft, only further opportunity to devote himself to the cause of Masonry. He never sought to pass on to the higher branches, believing that in the Blue Lodge a man could attain all that Masonry requires him to know in order to live a Masonic life.

In 1901 he found the place in which he could give the best service to the craft and became the first secretary of Royal Lodge, No. 453, of Fort William, when it was instituted in that year, and held the position without a break until his death.

It is not derogatory from the worth of many worthy brethren who have sat in the East in that Lodge to say that Worshipful Brother Perry made the greatest contribution to its life and did more for its success than any other member of the Lodge. His well balanced judgment, his acquired wisdom and above all, his all-embracing charity, made him the counsellor of all who filled offices in the Lodge and the kindly guide and friend to all the young brethren who joined during his life time. No man was more careful in safeguarding the portals of the craft from the entry of unworthy candidates, but no man was more solicitous that those who were admitted bore themselves in a manner befitting their high obligations. Only

Fred C. Perry and those with whom he came in closest contact, knew how much many young Masons owed to the patient and loving guidance of the veteran, with whom it was a passion to see young men he met led along the paths of virtue.

It is upon the characters of such men that Freemasonry is founded and few have lived that so nearly conformed to that well-known portrayal of the "Ideal of a Freemason."

Rt. Wor. Bro. A. B. Carscallen

On April 13th R.W. Bro. A. B. Carscallen, of Tamworth, passed away, and in his passing the Masonic order lost a very conscientious and ardent brother, and the community a citizen who during his residence in Tamworth had earned for himself a very enviable reputation as a public spirited citizen, and whose very life was wrapped up in all affairs which were put forward for the welfare of the community.

Born at Newburgh, 15th July, 1866, he had conducted a general store and feed business in Tamworth for over 25 years.

He was initiated into Lorne Lodge No. 404, October 13th, 1908, and in 1910 he became Wor. Master of that Lodge. He was a member of Mount Sinai Chapter Royal Arch Masons, of Hugh de Paynes Preceptory No. 1, and a Mystic Shriner. He served faithfully as D.D.G.M. of Frontenac District for the year 1914-15.

He had served for many years on the Tamworth School Board. He was a member of Tamworth United Church and a past president of the board. At the time of his death he was serving his second term as Reeve of Sheffield Township.

The funeral, which was held on April 16th, with Masonic honors, was the largest which had been witnessed in the community.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Charles F. Whitteker

Rt. Wor. Bro Charles F. Whitteker, of Dundas County, joined the Masonic order at Morrisburg, where for a number of years he attended faithfully.

In 1908 a Lodge was organized at Williamsburg, where he became first Master. He always took a deep interest in the welfare of this Lodge, and attended its meetings when, through failing health, he was obliged to give up other social functions.

In 1924 he had the honour of being chosen District Deputy Grand Master of Eastern District, and took great pleasure in performing the duties of that office.

Besides his Lodge work he was a member of the Township Council for several years, and twice was a member of the County Council.

He passed away on October 12th, 1928, in his sixty-eighth year, after a lingering illness of four years. The funeral was under the direction of the Masons and, as a mark of esteem, the Lodge chose Past District Deputy Grand Masters for bearers.

His Masonic life and his fidelity to his Lodge work will ever be an inspiration to his brethren who knew him.

Rt. Wor. Bro. John Ridley

On August 18, 1928, there passed to his reward one of the outstanding Masons of Eastern District in the person of Rt. Wor. Bro. John Ridley.

Born in 1853, he came with his family to Cornwall a short time after and there spent the rest of his life.

As a young man he served as a Druggist's Clerk under the late Dr. Pringle, until his appointment as Deputy Collector of Customs at Cornwall. He retired from this position to become Librarian of the Law Society

of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, and acted as "Court Crier" for many years. In religion he was an Anglican, and was a member and officer of Trinity Church.

His Masonic record dates back to 1875, when he was initiated in Cornwall Lodge No. 125.

He passed through all the offices of the Lodge and in 1883 was its Master. Two years later he was elected Secretary and held the position until his death.

It was as a Secretary that he excelled, his books, records and reports were models of neatness and efficiency.

He was also active and took a deep interest in the Chapter and Preceptory of his town, being Scribe E. of the Chapter from February, 1904, and Registrar of the Preceptory from May, 1907, until his death.

In all these branches of Masonry he was considered the final authority in any part of the work.

He was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Eastern District in 1909, and filled the office in a way that was satisfactory and profitable to all the lodges of Eastern District.

His passing is a distinct loss to Eastern District, and particularly to the various branches of the Order in his home town.

Rt. Wor. Bro. George Sutherland

Initiated March 23rd, 1891; Passed April 29th, 1891; Raised May 18th, 1891; W.M., 1894; D.D.G.M. of Sarnia District 1897-98. Made an Honorary Member of Cassia Lodge December 27th, 1927. Died October 4th, 1928.

George Sutherland, one of Lambton's best-known citizens, died at his residence, concession 4, Bosanquet, three miles from Thedford, on October 4th, 1928.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Sutherland, who was in his 83rd year, had been in poor health for the last four years. He was widely known as clerk of the Township of Bosanquet, a position he held from 1887 until his retirement some four years ago. He also, for several years, was township treasurer. The deceased was born in the Parish of Rathen, near Fraserburgh, Aberdeen, Scotland, February 13, 1846. He received his schooling there, and also spent a short time in France.

In 1872 he came to Canada to Toronto, hiring out as a farm hand in the Township of Peel, near Brampton. He then went to Michigan and worked in the lumber woods, and in 1872 came to Bosanquet Township, where he has since resided.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Sutherland was a member of Cassia Lodge, No. 116, A.F. & A.M., Thedford, and was a past master of the Lodge. He was elected District Deputy Grand Master of St. Clair, No. 2, in 1897, and was a past Z. of Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill.

Rt. Wor. Bro. J. W. Dutton

Rt. Wor. Bro. J. W. Dutton died May 6th, 1929, Past District Deputy Grand Master of Wilson District and greatly esteemed Secretary of Oxford Lodge No. 76.

Masonry and this whole community suffered a great loss by the death of Rt. Wor. Bro. J. W. Dutton. He was always at his post of duty; no work was too laborious, no distance was too great to deter him from doing the work that fell to his care. His place will be hard to fill both in the Lodge he served so well and in the community at large.

“Life’s race well run
Life’s work well done.
Life’s victory won
Then cometh rest.”

Secretary Oxford Lodge No. 76; Initiated December 12th, 1898; Wor. Master Oxford Lodge 1902; D.D.G.M. Wilson District 1906; Died May 6th, 1929.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Richard Henry Spencer

One of the most prominent and best loved Masons in the Province of Ontario was removed from this earthly sphere when, on August 4, 1928, Richard Henry Spencer of Trenton passed down the sunset way and entered the gates of peace.

In every branch of Masonry, R.W. Bro. Spencer, because of his outstanding qualities of leadership, enthusiasm and Masonic skill, had risen high in office as well as in the estimation of his brethren.

He first joined the order in 1892, when he was received into membership by the brethren of Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton. He was speedily assigned to an official position and soon became Master of the Lodge. Later he was made District Deputy Grand Master for Prince Edward District and his incumbency in that office is still remembered because of his thoroughness, his insistence upon dignity and accuracy in the work of the Lodges and his spirit of kindly helpfulness and co-operation.

In Royal Arch Masonry, he became even better known, for here he attained to the highest official position, and was elected Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada. He was first made Principal of St. Mark's Chapter, Trenton, and then became Grand Superintendent of Prince Edward District. He was also made Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan and an honorary member of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. He was also elected to honorary membership in many other Chapters.

In the Knights Templar Branch he became a member of King Baldwin Preceptory, Belleville, and was elected presiding preceptor in 1910 and 1911, and again in 1928. At the annual assembly of Sovereign Great Priory held at Belleville in 1918, he was elected Grand Constable.

He was also a thirty-second degree member of the Scottish Rite with affiliations at the Valley of Kingston

and Moore Consistory, Hamilton. He was a member of the Mystic Shrine of Toronto.

He was passionately devoted to the work of Masonry and took especial delight in answering the many calls upon his services to assist in the work. He held the record in Ontario for the large number of installation ceremonies he presided over each year in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, receiving requests to perform this work from all over the Province.

In civic life he took a deep interest in municipal affairs and served for many years in the town council and on the school board. For a long period of time he held the responsible position of secretary-treasurer of the Gill and Fortune Lumber Co.

The funeral service, which was held on August 6th was attended by a great throng of Masons who came from far and near to pay tribute to the memory of one whom they had so deeply esteemed and respected in life. His remains were laid to rest in the quiet rural cemetery near his boyhood home at the Carrying Place.

Rt. Wor. Bro. A. T. Lawlor

On November 24th, 1928, Composite Lodge No. 30, Whitby laid to rest one who was highly esteemed throughout the district, in the person of Right Wor. Bro. A. T. Lawlor. He was a prominent Mason, a Past District Deputy Grand Master of Ontario District, Past Master of Composite Lodge, Past Principal of Keystone Chapter Royal Arch Masons and a member of St. John Preceptory Knights Templar, also Toronto Lodge of Perfection Scottish Rite Masonry.

The deceased was a man who had always commanded the highest respect of his fellows, the positions of trust given him in civic, church and fraternal bodies being proof of this fact. He was unassuming and sincere in his friendships, devoted to his family and loyal to his community, and his passing has naturally given cause for widespread and keen regret.

Wor. Bro. Thomas H. Brunton

Affiliated from St. George Lodge No. 42, London, Ont., December 27th, 1886. Past Master of Tuscan Lodge No. 99, Newmarket, 1895. District Deputy Grand Master in the year 1892. Honor member of Tuscan for services rendered. Police Magistrate for the County of York to time of death. A man of strong personality, a good magistrate and citizen. Died October 4th, 1928. Buried with Masonic honors October 8th, 1928, from A. W. Miles funeral parlours, Toronto, and interred at Newmarket.

Rt. Wor. Bro. W. H. Howey

The North land lost one of its pioneer citizens on Mar. 22 in the death of Rt. Wor. Bro. W. H. Howey in his 74th year. There are many tales told of miracles performed by him in services rendered to the early pioneers with the crudest of medical appliances to work with. He was held in high esteem by the North country and will be sadly missed.

Vy. Wor. Bro. Thomas Godfrey

Thomas Godfrey, the oldest member but one of Irvine Lodge No. 203, Elora, died at the home of his son, Bro. Broley T. Godfrey, Toronto, on July 16th, 1928, in his 80th year. He was a Past Master, and for ten or twelve years secretary of his mother lodge, while almost to the last an active and enthusiastic member of the fraternity, to whom the younger members owe much. A good many years ago his services were recognized by an appointment as Steward of Grand Lodge, an honor he highly appreciated. The late Bro. Godfrey was a veteran of 1866, a merchant and later for 35 years Postmaster at Elora. Mentally, morally and physically he was an upright man, also a kind parent and a good citizen. He was buried at Elora with Masonic honors on Thursday, July 19th, 1928, a very large turnout of citizens honoring his memory both at the service in Elora United Church and at the cemetery.

Vy. Wor. Bro. Samuel Hastings Guest

Born December 30, 1861; died January 3rd, 1929; initiated into Freemasonry at Kemptville, Mount Zion Lodge, June 27, 5891; passed to Fellowcraft Degree, August 12, 5891; raised to Third Degree November 11, 5891. Parchment issued by Grand Lodge February 16, 1892. Received Past Master's Jewel at Kemptville January 26th, 1923. Installed as W.M. in Mount Zion Lodge in 1895. Secretary of Mount Zion Lodge from 1902 to 1928 inclusive. Birthplace near Burritt's Rapids, Ontario, where he was buried under the usual Masonic ceremonies by the Past Masters of Mount Zion Lodge on Saturday, January 5th, 1929.

Our late Brother Guest was an ardent and well informed craftsman, who adhered to the ancient landmarks and his passing leaves a position that will be very difficult to fill.

Vy. Wor. Bro. William J. Peters

It is with deep regret your Committee report the death of Very Wor. Bro. William J. Peters, which took place at St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, on November 11th, 1928, and was buried at Ingersoll on November 13th with full Masonic honours. Very Wor. Bro Peters was initiated in St. John's Lodge No. 68, Ingersoll, on Nov. 30th, 1903, and was Worshipful Master in 1917. He was Grand Steward in 1922.

He always took a keen interest in Masonry, and was elected President of the Past Master's Association of Wilson District in 1927. He was sixty years of age.

Vy. Wor. Bro. John Riley

In the passing of Vy. Wor. Bro. John Riley on April 30, 1929, Masonry in Ontario lost a valued and greatly esteemed member; a true friend and Christian gentleman.

Initiated in Spry Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 385, G.R.C., Beeton, Ont., on December 1st, 1886, he was

severally passed and raised to the Second and Third Degrees on February 9th, and April 13th, 1887; and was elected Worshipful Master in 1894. His continued and deep interest in the welfare of Spry Lodge earned for him Honorary Life Membership, which his brethren were pleased to confer in 1901.

Coming to Toronto, his kindly interest and influence in our craft was continued, and he was one of the Charter Members of John Ross Robertson Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 545, G.R.C., and acceptably filled the office of Chaplain until the time of his death.

Because of his long and faithful service to the Craft in general, The Most Worshipful the Grand Master was pleased to appoint V.W. Bro. Riley a Grand Steward in 1925; which honor he was not long spared to adorn, for he was stricken with a severe illness in October, 1926, and confined to his home until the day of his passing, April 30th, 1929. He was tenderly and reverently borne to his last resting place, Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto, on the afternoon of May 2nd, and laid to rest with full Masonic honors by his brethren of John Ross Robertson Lodge.

Vy. Wor. Bro. Herbert Charles Simpson

On July 28th, 1928, the death occurred of Very Wor. Bro. H. C. Simpson, of London. Born in England he came to Canada as a young man and settled in Montreal. Was made a Mason in St. George's Lodge No. 6, Montreal. Affiliated with Corinthian Lodge No. 330, London, November 6th, 1877, was elected Master in 1880. Was appointed Grand Steward in 1887. He served as Secretary of the Lodge for 20 years. Was a prominent contractor in this city for several years. He also served the city as alderman. A man of sterling worth and character, he was respected by all with whom he came in contact as a gentleman of the old school, sincere and straight-forward in all he said and did.

Bro. Christopher R. G. Sutherland

Initiated into Brant Lodge October 8th, 1901, Elected Treasurer June 25, 1906. Died March 12th, 1929.

"Chris", as he was familiarly known, proved himself a worthy member, was constantly in attendance upon the sick and needy.

Soon after his election as treasurer, he was instrumental in having put to a Benevolent account 10 per cent of all moneys received; also establishing a reserve fund, the interest of which goes to benevolence.

He was laid to rest with full Masonic honors on Friday, March 15th, 1929. The large attendance of Brethren at the church and grave bore testimony to the esteem in which the Brother was held.

Vy. Wor. Bro. James H. Colden

A deplorable accident brought to an untimely close on March 7th, 1929, the life of Very Wor. Bro. James H. Colden of Picton. While assisting in the felling of some trees at Glenwood cemetery he was caught by a tree as it fell and was so severely injured that he passed away a few hours later.

The funeral, which was under Masonic auspices, was held on March 11th, and the Picton United Church was filled to capacity. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Taylor, assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. R. J. Craig, of Demorestville. Interment took place at Glenwood cemetery.

Bro Colden joined Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton, while a resident on his farm in the Township of Athol in 1883. Five years later he became master. Joining Prince Edward Chapter, R.A.M., it was not long after his entry into Capitular Masonry that he was elected First Principal. Later as representative of Prince Edward Chapter he was elected Grand Superintendent of Prince Edward District.

His Masonic career next took him to Belleville, where he joined King Baldwin Preceptory, Knights' Templar. Withdrawing from King Baldwin Preceptory, he became a charter member of St. George Preceptory No. 52, Picton, at the time of its institution. With others he became a member of Rameses Temple, A.A. O.M.M. Shrine, Toronto, and was an active member up to the time of his death. He launched his course in Scottish Rite Masonry by joining the Lodge of Perfection and the Rose Croix Chapter at Kingston and Moore Consistory at Hamilton, where he was advanced to the 32nd degree. For several years prior to his demise he had acted as secretary of Prince Edward Lodge.

By the death of Bro. Colden the Town of Picton lost one of its finest citizens and the Masonic Craft one of its most ardent and devoted members. Of him it can be most fittingly said,

“Loving and kind in all his ways,
Upright and just to the end of his days,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
A beautiful memory left behind.”

Vy. Wor. Bro. Major John Kaitting

Vy. Wor. Bro. Major John Kaitting was born on Lot 18, Dundas St., Trafalgar Township, Ontario, on May 14th, 1836.

Son of William Kaitting, Pioneer, who took active part in the Royalist Rebellion of 1837.

John Kaitting in early life began to take an active part in military affairs, rising from the ranks to the office of Major in the Halton Regiment. Major Kaitting was never married.

In 1867 he became a Mason, joining St. Clair Lodge No. 135, Milton, Ont., being initiated on April 18th, passed on May 16th, and raised on June 13th.

He resigned from St. Clair Lodge on February 6th 1868, and became a charter member of White Oak Lodge No. 198, instituted on January 11th, 1868. Major Kaitting was Worshipful Master of White Oak Lodge in 1871, 1873, and 1880. The charter of White Oak Lodge being cancelled on July 4th, 1882, he became a charter member of Oakville Lodge No. 400, in 1883, and was the first Worshipful Master. He was again Master in 1907.

In 1920 he was appointed Grand Steward by Most Worshipful Brother Fred W. Harcourt, Grand Master.

In 1925, he was presented by the Grand Lodge in Ontario with the long service medal for having been ruling Master for fifty years.

Very Worshipful Brother Kaitting passed to the great beyond on October 12th, 1928.

The following are the names of those Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers whose deaths have been noted during the past year:

M.W. Bro. Sir John Morison Gibson, K.C.M.G., P.G.M.

Hon. Wm. David McPherson, K.C., P.G.M.

R.W. Bro. H. Burgess, P.D.D.G.M.

R.W. Bro. L. A. Boss, P.D.D.G.M.

R.W. Bro. J. J. Craig, P.D.D.G.M.

R.W. Bro. W. C. Dobbie, P.D.D.G.M.

R.W. Bro. J. W. Dutton, P.D.D.G.M.

R.W. Bro. A. B. Greer, P.G.J.W.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Howey, P.D.D.G.M.

R.W. Bro. A. T. Lawler, P.D.D.G.M.

R.W. Bro. W. J. Martin, P.D.D.G.M.

R.W. Bro. H. A. Mackay, P.G.R.

R.W. Bro. W. F. Montague, P.G.J.W.
 R.W. Bro. C. McK. Morrison, P.D.D.G.M.
 R.W. Bro. F. C. Perry, P.D.S.W.
 R.W. Bro. H. T. Smith, P.G.R.
 R.W. Bro. R. H. Spencer, P.D.D.G.M.
 R.W. Bro. M. H. Steele, P.D.D.G.M.
 R.W. Bro. J. R. Stuart, P.G.J.W.
 R.W. Bro. Geo. Sutherland, P.D.D.G.M.
 R.W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, P.G.S.W.
 R.W. Bro. C. F. Whittaker, P.D.D.G.M.
 R.W. Bro. A. R. B. Williamson, P.D.D.G.M.
 V.W. Bro. A. S. Allan, P.G.Std.
 V.W. Bro. G. H. Bull, P.G.J.D.
 V.W. Bro. C. H. Corton, P.G.St.B.
 V.W. Bro. G. M. Hendry, P.G.O.
 V.W. Bro. Sir W. D. Otter, P.G.Std.
 V.W. Bro. J. P. Thompson, P.G.Std.

J. F. REID,

Chairman.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. F. Reid and Resolved: That the report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

The Acting Grand Master named as a Committee of Scrutineers, R.W. Bro. R. G. Lloyd, with power to add.

The Acting Grand Master then called for nominations for the various elective offices of Grand Lodge.

CALLED OFF

Grand Lodge was called from labour at five o'clock p.m., to meet again the following day at 9.30 a.m.

SECOND DAY

Grand Lodge was called to labour at 9.30 o'clock, a.m., the Acting Grand Master in the Chair.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The report of the Committee on Credentials was presented by R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Officer and Members of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Your Committee on Credentials begs to report:

There are on the Register of Grand Lodge 563 Warranted Lodges, of which number, one has been granted its Warrant at this Communication.

Lodges represented at this Communication:

By Regular Officers	327
By Proxies.....	119
By Past Masters	24
Total number represented.....	470
Total number of delegates registered ...	1408
With a total vote of	2216

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. WAY,

Chairman.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone seconded R. W. Bro. J. B. Way and Resolved: That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The report of the Committee on the address of the Grand Master was read by M. W. Bro. W. W. Ponton, as follows:

Your Committee to whom has been referred the consideration of the address of the Grand Master beg to report:

Your Committee in the first place associate themselves with all the members of Grand Lodge and with our worthy and welcome guests, in the expression of profound regret that the Grand Master is not able to be present in person with us at the close of his fruitful two years of splendid work for the Craft and the Province, and we join with every loyal Mason far and near, in the fervent prayer and trust that he may be long spared to carry on his public-spirited and productive service for Masonry and for Ontario. Yet he has not been wholly absent, for his mind and thought have been admirably expressed in his practical, appealing, and comprehensive address, and he has been present in the hearts of every one of us. As our thoughts go out to him on his sick bed with hope for his speedy restoration to his wonted health and virile vigour, we remember with brotherly sympathy but also with greetings of good cheer, the gentle lady who presides over his household at their beautiful home in Port Dover.

Your Committee are in admiring accord with the noble tribute paid to Ottawa, the centre and Capital of Canada's domain *a mari usque ad mare*, the Athens of her culture, her architecture and her citizenship. The gradual evolution of the City from the day of Champlain to this year of grace, is admirably traced, and wisely associated with the picturesque water courses and water powers which have been factors in her development and prosperity and contributors to her beautiful and attractive surroundings.

Your Committee congratulate the Grand Master upon the number of **visits** he has been able to make during the year over such a wide area, and the number of Brethren he has cemented in the bonds of friendship and good fellowship. His worth was warrant for his welcome. He was not merely an honoured guest of Districts and of Lodges, he identified himself with individual members, shared their hopes, their problems and their aspirations, inspired them to action, strengthened their good will. Wherever he went he was greeted on farewell with the old Scottish sentiment succinctly expressed, "Haste back quickly". He painted a graphic picture of the true North with the tang of its tonic air, and the zeal for work and zest for play displayed by the Brethren in that treasure house of wealth and manhood. His visits to other Grand Jurisdictions were fraught with friendly results, mutual understanding was established, reciprocal handclasps exchanged. Canada had a diplomatic ambassador, and where he could not go himself he chose an excellent representative. Nowhere are the capacities of a true leader more evident than in the selection of his staff and in enlisting the co-operation of others. Such a leader is our Grand Master.

The tribute paid in the address to the memory of the two outstanding and upstanding **Past Grand Masters** who have so recently been called from terrestrial to celestial labour, is in every way worthy and merited Both were:

"Tall men, sun-crowned, who stood above the fog.
In public duty and in private thinking."

M.W. Bro. Sir John Morison Gibson was truly one of the Old Guard, full of progressive and creative energy, a great administrator, a Captain of Industry. He encouraged the young, he practised philanthropy, he was a good comrade and loved to be treated in advancing years as "one of the Boys".

"And when we are done with our life lasting toys,
Dear Father, take care of Thy children, the Boys."

Of M.W. Bro. William David McPherson, the Grand Master truly says that he was wise and sagacious in counsel, and had clarity of thought and diction. We would simply add that in every capacity, official and private, he served with untiring energy, unswerving fidelity and unblemished integrity.

And many others of our dear Brethren—the Legion that never was listed—of whom these two were true types—have passed the veil, living respected—dying regretted.

Your Committee is assured that all Dispensations issued by the Grand Master were well considered, within his constitutional prerogative and in the true interests of the Fraternity.

Your Committee note the frequent appointment of Trial and Investigating Commissions by the Grand Master, and would point out that this is in accordance with the trend of the times and the practice in other large Grand Jurisdictions. It has been found that trial by independent Commission rather than by Lodges acting as juries, is conducive to harmony, and to efficiency in methods and results. The administration of Justice in Masonic Jurisprudence is second only in importance to the exercise of charity. Impartiality and even handed justice-wise laws wisely administered are essential in the Craft as in the State.

The record of the Grand Master's discriminating appointments and recommendations of Grand Representatives of and to this Grand Lodge appeals to your Committee as eminently satisfactory in personnel. These official Grand Representatives of and to other Grand Bodies do not need to be reminded that while they enjoy this honourable privilege, the office has corresponding obligations and opens up a unifying field of invaluable opportunity. Brethren, keep the touch. Fulfil your trust!

Your Committee share the Grand Master's justifiable pride in the **membership** of our 564 Lodges. What a

collective power for good, for leavening up the public opinion and civic honour of the communities of Ontario, may be wielded by us—if **we will**. We ought to be a rampart of indomitable men. The Law itself is but “The State’s collected will.” Brethren, let us determine our will, that this our Province shall be law abiding, and right living. Our numerical strength of nearly 117,000 gives us rank as tenth among the Grand Jurisdictions of the world, but our power for good depends upon the individual Brother and the life that he lives.

Our financial statistics as summarized by the Grand Master are in every way satisfying. Masonry has a body as well as a soul, and “temporalities” are not negligible factors. After all money is but a denominator of value, and it is the Great Architect who has given us the power to get wealth—to be used, **not** abused. It is a great trust—not a vaunting boast.

Your Committee would emphasize every word and admonition of the Grand Master under “**Dimits and Suspensions**”. These problems of leakage in membership have of late years affected all Grand Jurisdictions and are subjects of serious concern. The wisest minds are studying the remedy, and our own Grand Master’s contribution to this distressing question—which in some Districts is negating progress—will be welcomed by other Grand Bodies, some of whom have suffered more than we have. Again and again the warning note has been struck by Committees of this Grand Lodge against the accumulations of arrears of dues. Amiability in this regard becomes weakness and neglect of duty. In Lodge administration vigilance is a positive virtue. Too much reliance has been placed on printed or written appeals and statements rendered. Delinquent members should be personally seen, persuaded, constrained. It is the personal equation that counts. In almost every Grand Jurisdiction thoughtful and experienced Rulers of the Craft, point out that these wasting losses, are relatively and proportionately less in the smaller lodges than in those of larger Membership. The lodges of less numerical strength are often stronger in good work and exhibit the unity of Brotherhood, for all their Members **know one**

another. May not this phase of the problem be a helpful solution? In any event problems only exist in order to be solved, and challenge our best and united endeavours. Masons on paper—swelling superficial rolls—who seldom attend the duties of their Lodge are after all paper only, and builders of a house of cards. It is quality that counts—yet quantity and quality may co-exist.

Your Committee cordially endorse the proposal of the Grand Master to appoint a strong Committee for the careful consideration of the whole many-sided question of **Masonic Education**. If we are to keep abreast of the times, and in consonant progress with our sister Grand Jurisdictions, some system of specialized, almost scientific education, thought out along truly masonic lines, is vitally necessary. If we are to hold our own in that knowledge which is cohesive power, we must have an organized plan—purposeful yet flexible—intellectually devised by scholars skilled in our “noble science and Royal Art” and wrought out to practical ends— Young men are hungry for instruction, athirst for that knowledge which broadens horizons and intensifies life. Concerted guidance is necessary. The lodges will respond. Libraries will help. A strong Masonic Press will make their contribution. The Societies for Study and Research will aid. Our rhythmic Rituals ever present new truths to him who reads between the lines. The richness of our symbolism and imagery is a field of the cloth of gold for all who have the seeing eye, the hearing ear, the understanding heart. Other Jurisdictions have pioneered the way. Let us in Canada adopt, adapt and improve.

Your Committee recognizes the importance of **Fraternal Relations** especially as between English speaking Grand Lodges, and the right of visitation and privilege of affiliation, have become more valuable now that the facilities of travel, and the tides of immigration and emigration have been so much increased. Foreign Grand Bodies where there is not a single Sovereignty, and where the pedigree of independent origin is not clear, present great difficulties. Latin Masonry has not always the same basic ideals as ours. Every courteous,

careful and prompt consideration should be given to the application of other Grand Jurisdictions asking for recognition by this Grand Lodge, but pending the full report of those accredited Missions composed of Masons known the world over, who are now conducting personal investigations in Jurisdictions not universally recognized, and where the English tongue is not spoken, we must hasten slowly.

Your Committee believe that Grand Lodge will approve the two **Special Grants** recommended by the Grand Master, viz.: \$1000.00 to the Miners of Britain and \$1000.00 to the sufferers of Porto Rico, as matters of National and International emergency in which the Macedonian cry was heard. At the same time your Committee would point out that many Grand Jurisdictions hold strictly to the Rule that Masonic funds should be used for Masonic purposes only—and in the case of constituent lodges, this rule is universal. There have been however in our Jurisdiction several precedents for a broader benevolence. The question involved requires careful consideration, and possibly the establishment by Grand Lodge of a limited Emergency Fund might best satisfy all.

Your Committee heartily approve the worthy and dignified Celebration of our **Seventy-Fifth Anniversary** in 1930, and trust that many Grand Jurisdictions, especially the 3 Mother Grand Lodges may share in our rejoicing on this auspicious marking of another milestone of progress along the way of light. The Grand Master's suggestion that our Veteran Grand Treasurer be specially honoured, will be received with unanimous approbation.

Your Committee is pleased to note the fair measure of success which has attended to this date the establishment of the **Memorial Fund**. When the daughter lodges resume work in September and October, it will call for a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together—shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart. The Memorial character of the Fund should not be lost sight of, and should be emphasized, as well as its great potentiality for

practical philanthropic good. The need exists. The honour of each lodge, of each Craftsman of the household of the faithful is at stake. Let contributions be voluntary and spontaneous. He gives twice who gives quickly. Here is an outlet for **real** service. Are we never to stop this continual giving? grudgingly ask some few not irradiated with the "light that Craftsmen only know." There is but one answer "Yes, Stop when the Master stops giving to you". The most we can do is the least we can do. Let us tap all the artesian wells of benevolence. Let us crown our work so well begun. Let us put our creed into our deed. This is **Masonry in action**.

Your Committee would add but little to the fine conclusion of the Grand Master's Address, so thoughtful, appealing and convincing. He has a true conception of the sure foundations of our Empire!—our League of British Nations—imitable forces founded on indestructible principles, and to these well guarded bases, surely our wise and gentle, our stabilizing and loyal craft has contributed through the Centuries. We are Empire Builders but also Bridge Builders and we keep open and well-trodden the lines of communication, the ways of friendly human intercourse—the paths of peace. Especially with our neighbours to the South we occupy a strategic position of responsibility and opportunity. We can be if **we will** the central pivot between the great English speaking Republic—akin in law, in lineage, in aim, and our own British Commonwealth of Nations, and this is our Masonic duty and privilege. Let us pitch our tents in the planes of permanent Peace—peace with honour, each under his own free and happy flag, self-respecting and therefore respected. Hands across the Lakes as hands across the Seas. And in the spirit of the co-operative unity of our own Empire, surely we should be master Builders, and weavers of the golden thread of the web and warp and woof of our "ain countree"—and its far flung Brother line.

Noble and Royal words were those of our Sovereign Lord the King (whom may God long preserve) when addressing his liege subjects he said "community of interest, mutual confidence and sense of kinship, con-

stitute the unity and strength of our Empire". Her veins are millions, her heart but one. So in our Masonic Realm many lodges but one Craft. Blest be the tie that binds. Thus united with good will to all men of good will nothing can obscure the vision splendid of universal peace—peace at the centre—*pax Britannica*. And this is the vision of our Grand Master and of those of his official Family who have so loyally and buoyantly stood by him and taken up the burden of his great work as a labour of love for him and for the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

W. N. PONTON

E. T. MALONE

W. H. WARDROPE

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. Ponton and Resolved: That the report on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone read the report of a Special Committee upon sundry petitions addressed to Grand Lodge, as follows:

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

The members of the Committee to whom was referred the following Petitions having carefully considered same beg to report thereon as follows:

1. With reference to the Petition of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 171, to change its meeting place from Lawrence Station to Iona Station, the Committee recommend

that under the unfortunate circumstances set out in the Petition Grand Lodge grant the prayers of the Petitioners.

2. With reference to the Petition of Otter Lodge No. 504, asking permission to change its meeting place from Lombardy to Toledo, peculiar circumstances have arisen in connection therewith. The removal of the Lodge will, it is claimed, infringe on the territory of Harmony Lodge No. 370 to the extent of six miles. A letter has been received from Harmony Lodge to the effect that it will not object to the removal of the Lodge to Toledo provided that the territorial jurisdiction as it now exists with Otter Lodge as located at Lombardy is not interfered with by the removal to Toledo, otherwise Harmony Lodge claims that there will be danger of destroying the good feeling now existing between the respective lodges. The Grand Secretary has, in addition, intimated to your Committee that the majority of the members of Otter Lodge reside in Toledo and that an application for the formation of a new Lodge has been received from the Brethren in Toledo. To deal with the question of the removal of the Lodge to Toledo upon the material before us, we would be unable to recommend the granting of the request, but having ascertained that the Deputy Grand Master is conversant with all particulars and that the incoming Grand Master will in all likelihood be called upon to consider the question of granting a dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge at Toledo or the removal thereto of Otter Lodge, your Committee recommend that the request of Otter Lodge be left entirely to his, the incoming Grand Master's decision. He will no doubt give due consideration to the letter received from Harmony Lodge No. 370.

3. With reference to the third Petition which appears in the Grand Secretary's circular letter of May 15th, 1929, which reads as follows:— "From the Lodges of Kitchener and Waterloo asking that the lodges meeting within the municipal boundaries of Kitchener and Waterloo be granted Concurrent jurisdiction. The presentation of the question in above form was accepted by Bro. Wm. O. Lohead, Past Master of Grand River

Lodge No. 151 Kitchener, who had previously forwarded his views in the shape of a notice of motion intended to amend Article 186 of the constitution confining the respective jurisdiction of the Lodges in Kitchener and Waterloo within the respective boundary lines of the respective urban municipalities, thereby, as W. Bro. Lohead admits, making an exception to the general rule laid down in the Constitution. Your Committee has, therefore, to deal with the request for concurrent jurisdiction only.

The correspondence in connection with this question which has been placed before your Committee which fails to provide a copy of any recommendation from a Lodge in the District supporting this application for concurrent jurisdiction but on the contrary the Committee has received strongly worded protests from Twin City Lodge No. 509 Kitchener and from the Secretary of Waterloo Lodge against any change in the existing condition of affairs. The Committee will quote from these letters on the presentation of this report. Waterloo Lodge claims to have never been consulted on the question of concurrent jurisdiction or the amendment of the Constitution. Under the circumstances your Committee cannot recommend Grand Lodge to approve of W. Bro. Lohead's petition, with the suggestion that the preservation of harmony is of greater importance to the Craft than the convenience of a few individuals.

4. With respect to the communication forwarded by the Past Masters Association of Windsor District, accompanied by resolutions of ten lodges in what is styled the Border Cities, favouring the idea that all lodges meeting within the Municipal boundaries of Windsor, Sandwich, Ojibway, LaSalle, Walkerville, East Windsor and Riverside should possess concurrent jurisdiction, the position of affairs is somewhat peculiar. It appears that the only lodges in that portion of the District covered by the aforesaid Municipalities are the lodges whose meeting places are in the City of Windsor. It therefore appears to your Committee that according to the present situation of affairs, the ten Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction, but in an interview with brethren

who appeared before your Committee the intention is to anticipate the formation, in the future, of Lodges in particular localities within the boundaries of the so styled Border Cities. The Committee would not attempt to recommend legislation which might interfere with the prerogatives of a Grand Master in dealing with applications which may come before him for the establishment of a new lodge or lodges within the portion of the District in question and whose meeting place or places would be in a locality other than in the City of Windsor. The fact is that during the deliberations of the Committee an application was handed in from Walkerville for the establishment of a lodge to meet in Walkerville. It is therein shown that over one hundred unaffiliated Masons reside in Walkerville who are anxious to enjoy the benefits of Masonry in their own home town. It is inconceivable to imagine that when that Petition goes before the Grand Master the prayer of these one hundred brethren will not receive his very careful consideration. It appears however that the Walkerville Brethren are willing to join with the ten lodges in question in concurrent jurisdiction. As the Committee have, however, been called on to consider the question, their recommendation is that subject as hereinafter provided the ten lodges in question, as well as any lodge or lodges that may be organized in Walkerville, shall be granted concurrent jurisdiction within the boundaries of the portion of the District covered by the Petition or Application. Provided, however, that the granting of such concurrent jurisdiction shall not interfere with the powers and authorities of the Grand Master for the time being and of Grand Lodge in dealing with applications, if any, in the future, for the establishment of a Lodge or Lodges in any municipality within the aforesaid boundaries and the rights of such lodge or lodges to jurisdiction over territory as provided for in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

5. It has been brought to the attention of the Committee that there exists an absolute necessity for a re-arrangement of Lodges comprised in two or three of the existing Districts, which may necessitate the creation of two or three new Districts. The Committee recommend

that the Grand Master appoint a Special Committee to deal with the question, and if necessary, to take the authorized steps to present the result of their consideration at the next meeting of Grand Lodge for approval, but it must be clearly understood by the Brethren that there is no intention to deal generally with a re-division or re-distribution of districts. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. MALONE,

Chairman.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, and Resolved: That the report of the Special Committee be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The report of this Committee was presented by R. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, as follows:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

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:

The Committee is pleased to present its third report to the Grand Lodge.

In accordance with the previous reports Grand Lodge has decided that our Seventy-Fifth Anniversary should be celebrated by having the history of Grand Lodge extended to 1930, from 1858, to which latter date the late Most Worshipful Brother John Ross Robertson brought

the "History of Masonry in Canada"; by extending invitations to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, and those of the Canadian Provinces, and of neighbouring American States, to send representatives to the Communication of this Grand Lodge in 1930, and by establishing a Memorial Fund devoted wholly to the benevolent work of Grand Lodge of the initial amount of \$250,000.00.

These matters have all received careful attention and very considerable progress has been made in respect to each.

The compilation of the History is in charge of the sub-committee appointed by Grand Lodge, and they have been successful in associating with them R.W. Bro. Herrington, who has the literary work in hand. This choice of itself is a sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the work being done. This History will be fully completed before the Communication of 1930, when it will be presented to Grand Lodge and we feel assured that it will form a valuable addition to the archives of Grand Lodge and will meet with full approval and appreciation of the membership generally.

Your Committee recommends that authority be given to it to arrange for the compiling, publication and distribution of this History, and the necessary expenses attending the same.

Your Committee has decided in respect to the invitations that these should be dealt with during the coming year, and immediately after this communication of Grand Lodge various Grand Jurisdictions will be invited to send representatives, and we feel assured there will be a favorable response.

Your Committee recommends that authority be given it to make all arrangements for the entertainment of these visiting representatives.

After our last communication, the Most Worshipful The Grand Master appointed the Right Worshipful

Deputy Grand Master to undertake the task of organization in the Province of Ontario with respect to the establishing of the Memorial Fund. Committees were named in the thirty-two Masonic Districts to whom was assigned the duty of spreading information amongst the constituent lodges in their respective Districts, and making arrangements for the appointment of Committees in these Lodges with the view of inviting and obtaining contributions to this Fund from the Masonic membership individually. This organization work occupied the greater part of the last half of the year 1928, and the soliciting and receiving of contributions has gone on since January, 1929, to the present time, and it is gratifying to all those who have been active in this work, that on this date Right Worshipful Brother Logan, our Grand Secretary, is able to report that he has received, and there is now deposited to the credit of this Fund, the sum of \$140,000 and further contributions are being received daily. Promises and subscriptions are being received continuously. Lodges have exceeded their quota in some cases by doubling and trebling the same, and as the whole ground has not yet been fully covered, your Committee feel assured that the sum of \$250,000.00 will not only be reached by the end of May, 1930, but will be very considerably exceeded.

The benevolent work of Grand Lodge is greatly in need of increased funds, and as time goes on, with the increased membership, the demand upon the funds of Grand Lodge will undoubtedly increase. It is said that "the poor are always with us," and it might as truly be stated that the sick and distressed are also always with us. Grand Lodge has dealt with such benevolent work only as could be considered with the amount of money at its disposal for that particular work. It is fully recognized that owing to limited means all has not been done that should or could have been done, so that the needs of the future are very great and will be continuous. It has been pointed out to us by many of the members in our Jurisdictions that the benevolent work of Grand Lodge should be extended beyond the lines of past endeavour, and that work of an educational and possibly recreational nature might properly be undertaken. The Committee

is hopeful that the work which has already been done will create in our membership a strong desire and determination to carry on and enlarge our benevolent work, so that every member may be an active factor in helping our poor, sick and distressed, and that there need not be any complaint by the membership that they have not the opportunity of exercising their activities in the advancement of the ideals of Masonry in this Jurisdiction. With this in view your Committee again desire to impress upon the membership that this fund is an open fund to be increased from year to year by contributions, donations and bequests from the brethren and lodges, and that it may assume proportions in keeping with the size of this Grand Lodge and the wealth of the splendid Province which forms our territory and jurisdiction.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. J. ANDERSON,

Chairman of Committee.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, and Resolved: That the report of this Special Committee be received and adopted.

The Committee of Scrutineers were then severally pledged in due form by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and were directed to retire. The ballot for the election of officers was then declared open.

DISPOSITION OF MOTIONS

In accordance with notice of Motion duly given, the following motions were presented to Grand Lodge.

1. W. Bro. T. H. Simpson moved, seconded by W. Bro. J. R. Weekes: That the Constitution be amended by adding to section 199c the following words: "such statement upon its receipt shall be read in open lodge." The motion was carried.

2. R.W. Bro. J. W. Plewes moved, seconded by V.W. Bro. W. H. Gimblett: That section 16 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following words: "No nomination shall be valid unless accompanied at the time of its delivery by the written acceptance of the nomination signed by the nominee."

The motion was lost.

3. R.W. Bro. E. G. Dixon moved: (a) That section 146 of the Constitution be repealed.

The motion was lost and at the request of R.W. Bro. Dixon permission was given to withdraw the second part of his notice of motion.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The following brethren having been duly elected by their respective districts were confirmed in office by the Acting Grand Master and were duly obligated and invested by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone.

Algoma.....	Herbert S. Cade.....	Kenora
Brant.....	Stewart McDonald	Lynden
Bruce.....	William P. Brooks.....	Park Head
Chatham.....	Jas. A. Miller.....	Chatham
Eastern.....	Simon H. Hutt.....	Chesterville
Frontenac.....	Elgin S. Parrott.....	Odessa
Georgian.....	Leonard J. Simpson	Barrie
Grey.....	Thomas H. Carson.....	Owen Sound
Hamilton A.....	William J. Stutt.....	Dundas
Hamilton B	Geo. B. McConachie	Grimsby
London	Malcolm MacVicar.....	Belmont
Muskoka.....	Leslie G. Phillips.....	Powassan
Niagara.....	James Dakers.....	St. Catharines
Nipissing.....	Alfred J. Lomas.....	Capreol
North Huron.....	William Scrimgeour	Palmerston
Ontario.....	Geo. Meredith Linton	Orono
Ottawa.....	William H. Hooper	Carleton Place
Peterborough.....	Arthur Jemison	Millbrook
Prince Edward.....	George W. West.....	Madoc
Sarnia.....	Samuel G. Jackson	Oil Springs
South Huron	Percival L. Tye	Milverton
St. Lawrence	Wm. R. Collier.....	Mailtand
St. Thomas.....	Jas. A. Campbell.....	St. Thomas
Temiskaming.....	James M. Coghill.....	Elk Lake
Toronto A.....	Edwin A. Peaker.....	Toronto

Toronto B.....	Morley E. McKenzie	Toronto
Toronto C	William McTavish.....	Toronto
Toronto D	John O. Little.....	Newmarket
Victoria.....	Ellsworth Jackson	Ewan
Wellington	Lincoln W. H. Ingall	Galt
Wilson.....	Arthur J. Simmons.....	Vittoria
Windsor	James A. Wickens.....	Windsor

NOTICE OF MOTION

M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he would present the following motion:

That the date of holding the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge after 1930 be changed from the month of July to the month of May in each year, at such date in May as may be fixed by the Board of General Purposes, and that the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended accordingly, and that all such changes in the Constitution be made as may be incidental thereto, including the date of termination of the financial year to adopt itself thereto, in the event of this motion being carried by this Grand Lodge by the requisite Constitutional majority.

OFFICERS ELECTED

R.W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, Chairman of the Committee of Scrutineers, presented the following report of the ballot:

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Toronto
 Deputy Grand Master—R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, Napanee
 Grand Senior Warden—R.W. Bro. Jos. McCulloch, Ottawa
 Grand Junior Warden—R.W. Bro. C. R. McKeown, Orangeville
 Grand Chaplain—R.W. Bro. Rt. Rev. Chas. A. Seager, Kingston.
 Grand Treasurer—M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Toronto
 Grand Secretary—R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Hamilton
 Grand Registrar—R.W. Bro. F. A. Gibbons, Toronto.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, Barrie
 R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Hamilton

R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, Toronto
 R.W. Bro. H. J. Alexander, Weston
 R.W. Bro. J. Birnie Smith, London.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The City of Toronto.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED

M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone installed and invested the newly elected officers in due and ancient form and they were acclaimed.

APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The M.W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following brethren as members of the Board for the term of two years:

R.W. Bro. D. A. Esdale, Ottawa
 R.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, Strathroy.
 R.W. Bro. G. H. Ryerson, Brantford
 R.W. Bro. Joseph Fowler, Sudbury
 R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Smith, Toronto
 and for a term of one year:
 R.W. Bro. J. F. Reid, Windsor.

The M.W. the Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments:

Grand Senior Deacon, V.W. Bro. Hon. Wm. Finlayson,
 Midland
 Grand Junior Deacon, V.W. Bro. Roland C. Harris, Toronto
 Grand Supt. of Works, V.W. Bro. Wm. A. Ross, Toronto
 Asst. Grand Chaplain, V.W. Bro. Rev. G. W. Tebbs, Burling-
 ton.
 Asst. Grand Chaplain, V.W. Bro. Rev. J. B. Lindsell, Graven-
 hurst
 Asst. Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. L. E. Walmsley, Belleville
 Grand Dir. of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. John M. Millar, Toronto
 Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. Cecil Stilson,
 Hamilton.
 Grand Sword Bearer, V.W. Bro. Ernest G. Hart, Oshawa
 Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. J. Nelson McEwen, Weston
 Asst. Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. Edward C. Wight, Ottawa
 Grand Pursuivant, V.W. Bro. Edward G. Jackman, Toronto

GRAND STEWARDS

V.W. Bro.	E. C. Garbutt.....	Picton
"	Jas. Beatty.....	Florence
"	H. S. Berlanquet.....	Sudbury
"	R. D. Berry.....	Hamilton Beach
"	A. C. Bernath.....	Huntsville
"	I. Bowins.....	Coboconk
"	C. M. Bracken.....	Athens
"	W. A. Braddon.....	Shedden
"	W. H. H. Casement..	Lakefield
"	H. S. Chase.....	Fort William
"	Jas. Cherry.....	Toronto
"	J. A. Cumming.....	Paisley
"	John Drew.....	Toronto
"	John Ferguson.....	Camlachie
"	Wm. French.....	Embro
"	R. Galbraith.....	Mt. Forest
"	J. F. Gibson.....	Winchester
"	John Hamshaw.....	Toronto
"	J. S. Hill.....	Toronto
"	Wm. Hortop.....	Hespeler
"	W. H. Irvine.....	London
"	W. G. Johnston.....	Lansdowne
"	W. H. Martin	Stroud
"	R. R. Mitchell.....	Cochrane
"	J. D. Muir.....	Niagara Falls
"	P. Munnoch.....	St. Marys
"	E. T. MacDonald.....	Owen Sound
"	G. A. McCulloch.....	Hamilton
"	A. M. McNeill.....	Mt. Brydges
"	P. A. Nicol.....	Hamilton
"	R. E. Pate.....	Blyth
"	L. J. Pettypiece.....	Amherstburg
"	R. Peterson.....	Brantford
"	E. F. Purcell.....	Colebrook
"	R. E. Robertson.....	Collingwood
"	Wm. Short.....	Ottawa
"	S. F. Speck.....	Chippawa
"	John T. Watson.....	Toronto
"	C. C. Wilson.....	Bradford
"	W. H. Woodstock.....	Toronto
"	J. A. Yorick.....	Hamilton

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS

V.W. Bro.	R. C. Griffith.....	Toronto
"	Arthur Winn.....	Newmarket

GRAND TYLER

Bro.	Hiram J. Pritchard.....	Toronto
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TESTIMONIAL TO RETIRING GRAND MASTER

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton and Resolved: That a Committee be appointed by the Grand Master to secure and present a fitting testimonial to the retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. the Honourable John S. Martin.

VOTE OF THANKS

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone seconded by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and Resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to HisWorship the Mayor of Ottawa, to the Chairman and members of the Board of Education, and to the local Committees of Masons and their wives for generous attention and service, which assured comfort and pleasure to the officers and members of Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The Grand Chaplain invoked the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon the members of Grand Lodge during the coming year and Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at one-thirty o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday, July 18th, 1929.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. N. Logan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the title "Grand Secretary".

Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF LODGES AS

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Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on or near the Festival

The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
2	aNiagara.....	Niagara.....	W. C. Paton.....	A. J. Wood.....
3	aAnct. St. John's.....	Kingston.....	A. J. Minnes.....	A. W. Cathcart.....
5	aSussex.....	Brockville.....	Wm. Root.....	Thos. H. Guest.....
6	aBarton.....	Hamilton.....	W. J. Westaway.....	W. H. F. Whatley.....
7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	H. H. Ponton.....	Mark Frampton.....
9	aUnion.....	Napanee.....	Frank P. Smith.....	J. G. Fennell.....
10	aNorfolk.....	Simcoe.....	W. D. Stalker.....	Jas. H. Shaw.....
11	aMoira.....	Belleville.....	Alex. Kidd.....	Geo. Dulmage.....
14	aTrue Britons.....	Perth.....	Wm. Kinnlock.....	F. V. Buffam.....
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	H. W. Byrne.....	A. N. Lindsay.....
16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	Dr. F. J. Conboy.....	Wm. Lawrence.....
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	John A. Noble.....	G. W. Rothwell.....
18	aPrince Edward.....	Pictou.....	Gordon Walmsley.....	E. C. Garbutt.....
20	aSt. John's.....	London.....	James K. Ross.....	Rich Booth.....
21a	aSt. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	J. W. McRae.....	S. E. Burwash.....
22	aKing Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	Percy Adams.....	P. H. Walker.....
23	Richmond.....	Richmond Hill.....	J. H. Mills.....	J. E. Smith.....
24	aSt. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	Thos. McBurnie.....	C. G. Jones.....
25	aIonic.....	Toronto.....	W. M. Hargraft.....	M. S. Godderham.....
26	aOntario.....	Port Hope.....	Chas. H. Quick.....	F. H. Batty.....
27	aStrict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	T. H. Wingham.....	H. W. Linton.....
28	aMount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	Chas. A. Adams.....	T. A. Robinson.....
29	aUnited.....	Brighton.....	R. J. Taylor.....	B. C. H. Becker.....
30	aComposite.....	Whitby.....	E. C. Ollum.....	J. W. Bateman.....
31	aJerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	M. W. Comstock.....	Thos. Anisson.....
32	aAmity.....	Dunnville.....	John P. Brown.....	S. W. Lymburner.....
33	aMaitland.....	Goderich.....	Arthur L. Cole.....	R. J. Megaw.....
34	aThistle.....	Amherstburg.....	S. D. Egginton.....	L. J. Pettypiece.....
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	M. R. Bi.ings.....	H. J. Hoshal.....
37	aKing Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	C. W. Riley, Jr.....	H. T. Bower.....
38	aTrent.....	Trenton.....	Chas. V. Wilkins.....	W. J. Potts.....
39	aMount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	L. W. Hall.....	Thos. R. Price.....
40	aSt. John's.....	Hamilton.....	G. W. Sutcliffe.....	B. L. Simpson.....
41	aSt. George's.....	Kingsville.....	W. E. Humphreys.....	E. L. Frost.....
42	aSt. George's.....	London.....	W. R. Bowley.....	Thos. Dickson.....
43	aKing Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	E. J. Hudson.....	A. W. Massie.....
44	aSt. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	T. J. Murray.....	F. W. Judd.....
45	aBrant.....	Brantford.....	Geo. M. Glanville.....	Geo. Whitwill.....
46	aWellington.....	Chatham.....	A. T. McKellar.....	W. J. McCall.....
47	aGreat Western.....	Windsor.....	Robt. McDermand.....	Victor J. Smith.....
48	aMadoc.....	Madoc.....	Sylvester Embury.....	A. S. Cochran.....
50	aConsecon.....	Consecon.....	Lorne Crandell.....	H. J. Chase.....
52	aDalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	G. M. Taylor.....	H. W. Jackson.....
54	aVaughan.....	Maple.....	Alfred G. Jones.....	J. T. Pollock.....
55	aMerrickville.....	Merrickville.....	J. H. Errett.....	M. G. Corbett.....
56	aVictoria.....	Sarnia.....	Shirley Willoughby.....	H. W. Unsworth.....
57	aHarmony.....	Binbrook.....	Alex. Spittal.....	James D. Rose.....
58	aDoric.....	Ottawa.....	Chas. Robertson.....	J. A. Ross.....
61	aAcacia.....	Hamilton.....	Geo. T. Evans.....	C. E. Kelly.....
62	aSt. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	H. C. Howden.....	Thos. J. Hicks.....
63	aSt. John's.....	Carleton Place.....	H. Street.....	D. H. McIntosh.....
64	aKilwinning.....	London.....	Alex. Lemery.....	W. Lancaster.....
65	aRehoboam.....	Toronto.....	Howard S. Rupert.....	Geo. H. Mitchell.....
66	aDurham.....	Newcastle.....	T. F. Branton.....	J. W. Bradley.....
68	aSt. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	Fred Smith.....	John Lee.....
69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	Dr. E. A. Carleton.....	C. F. Linn.....
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	J. S. Webster.....	A. J. Oliver.....
73	aSt. James.....	St. Mary's.....	W. C. Fischer.....	N. L. Brandon.....
74	aSt. James.....	St. Augusta.....	H. M. Cowan.....	H. H. Throop.....

AT DECEMBER 31, 1928.

Special Addresses of Secretaries

of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or near that of St. John the Baptist are corrected up to July 18, 1929.

No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Suspend.	Members 31 Dec., 1927	Members 31 Dec., 1928
2	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	2	4	2	4	1	1	1		170	175
3	1st Thursday.....	5	10	13	1	1	5	3		400	399
5	1st Monday.....	13	10	12	2	1	5	4	5	414	413
6	2nd Wednesday.....	3	3	4	4		1	7	1	535	533
7	Thurs. on or bef. F.M. ..	8	8	7	1	2	1	4	9	241	238
9	2nd Friday.....	6	8	11	5		6	4		251	352
10	2nd Tuesday.....	10	10	9	13			4		217	236
11	1st Wednesday.....	11	15	11	3		2	7	6	466	465
14	1st Monday.....	5	6	8	2				14	194	187
15	2nd Tuesday.....	16	12	21	4		2	4	4	332	342
16	2nd Tuesday.....	17	16	16	3	3	10	8		686	691
17	2nd Tuesday.....	8	7	9	2	1	3	10	10	282	273
18	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.....	5	5	4	5	1	5	9	3	276	270
20	2nd Tuesday.....	11	13	14	4	1	4	5		513	520
21	aTues. on or bef. F.M. ..	5	5	5	1			1		112	117
22	2nd Thursday.....	16	14	12	1	2	4	7	16	484	476
23	3rd Wednesday.....	5	1	1	8			2		129	140
24	Fri. on or bef. F.M.....	17	12	10	4	1	1	7	1	272	285
25	1st Wednesday.....	11	10	8	6		2	12		350	353
26	3rd Friday.....	8	14	13	8		3	2		201	212
27	3rd Friday.....	12	11	9	9		3	8	8	543	545
28	Friday bef. F.M.....	4	4	4	2		3	1		108	110
29	1st Tuesday.....	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	196	193
30	Last Monday.....	6	7	7	2		5	6		161	155
31	2nd Wednesday.....	12	13	13	2	3	1	4	3	227	234
32	2nd Wednesday.....	5	3	1	3			2		228	234
33	2nd Tuesday.....	6	9	10	2	2	1	5	3	253	253
34	Tues. on or bef. F.M.....	3	2	2	1	3	1	2	5	183	182
35	3rd Thursday.....	7	3	3	2		2		3	126	129
37	1st Friday.....	7	7	7				2		202	207
38	2nd Tuesday.....	8	10	11	2	2	1	7	5	285	283
39	Tues. on or bef. F.M.....	4				1	1	1	8	88	83
40	3rd Thursday.....	13	15	13	2	2	3	11	14	625	614
41	Thurs. on or bef. F.M. ..	7	6	5			1	3		286	289
42	1st Thursday.....	11	9	9		1	5	4	4	367	366
43	1st Tuesday.....	5	8	10	3		5	5	5	436	429
44	1st Thursday.....	5	7	8		2	3	9	9	510	495
45	2nd Tuesday.....	12	11	14	2	3	6	8	15	481	469
46	1st Monday.....	17	15	14	1	2	4	5		359	370
47	1st Thursday.....	31	30	22	3	4	2	14	78	905	881
48	Tues. on or bef. F.M.....	7	6	3	1		1	5		186	188
50	Fri. on or bef. F.M.....	7	7	6			1		1	97	102
52	1st Tuesday.....	12	12	12			9	4	6	481	474
54	Tues. on or bef. F.M.....	4	4	5				2		87	89
55	Tues. on or bef. F.M.....	4	4	4			1	3		113	114
56	1st Tuesday.....	12	9	9		1	2	7	8	378	374
57	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	5	7	9	3		2	4	1	170	171
58	3rd Thursday.....	17	18	15	2		3	2		411	428
61	2nd Friday.....	41	40	29	28	2	8	8	16	894	933
62	3rd Thursday.....	5	4	3	2		5	4		142	140
63	2nd Wednesday.....	5	4	1	1			5	2	240	239
64	3rd Friday.....	9	17	17			5	7	5	478	470
65	1st Thursday.....	13	14	15	1	1	3	10	6	649	645
66	Tues. on or bef. F.M.....	4	3	3			2		2	100	100
68	3rd Friday.....	7	6	4	2			4	3	161	162
69	Thursday on or aft. F.M.	6	5	7	1		2	2	3	143	143
72	Last Tuesday.....	8	7	8	1					234	243
73	1st Monday.....	2	1	1						148	150
74	Mon. nearest F.M.....	6	7	7				2		87	91

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The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	Chas. H. Beavis Jr.....	B. E. Garrett.....
76	aOxford.....	Woodstock.....	C. M. Gorrie.....	E. E. Dougall.....
77	aFaithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.....	Wm. D. Stevens.....	Chas. L. Davidson.....
78	aKing Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	R. A. McQueen.....	H. McQueen.....
79	aSimcoe.....	Bradford.....	F. Wilkinson.....	O. M. Seim.....
81	aSt. John's.....	Mount Brydges.....	Dr. W. V. V. Pardy.....	G. E. Longfield.....
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	Frank Inksater.....	Robt. Mason.....
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy.....	Geo. M. Ireland.....	W. A. Campbell.....
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	W. J. Plumstell.....	H. E. Rorke.....
85	aRising Sun.....	Athens.....	G. D. Johnson.....	A. E. Watt.....
86	aWilson.....	Toronto.....	L. B. Campbell.....	W. L. Lawer.....
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	W. A. Robinson.....	W. F. Law.....
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	T. A. McNab.....	Jno. M. Campbell.....
90	aManito.....	Collingwood.....	G. E. Munro.....	D. M. Hughes.....
91	aColborne.....	Colborne.....	A. G. Cracknell.....	W. J. Cochrane.....
92	aCataraqui.....	Kingston.....	W. J. T. Millard.....	W. J. Dalby.....
93	aNorthern Light.....	Kingcardine.....	F. E. Schilroth.....	M. J. MacPherson.....
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley.....	Ezra Fahner.....	H. G. Goodhue.....
96	aCorinthian.....	Barrie.....	J. F. Goodfellow.....	A. H. Felt.....
97	aSharon.....	Queensville.....	F. Cunningham.....	W. B. Fairbairn.....
98	True Blne.....	Bolton.....	Dr. B. H. Harper.....	Geo. Lockwood.....
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	H. T. Moorby.....	W. Brooks.....
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	Dr. A. N. Hill.....	F. A. Latshaw.....
101	aCorinthian.....	Peterborough.....	J. C. Best.....	R. F. Downey.....
103	aMaple Leaf.....	St. Catharines.....	H. G. Horne.....	A. E. Coombs.....
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	Harold Poldon.....	E. W. Miles.....
105	aSt. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls.....	Wm. Bainsfair.....	Fred Trelford.....
106	aBurford.....	Burford.....	Harry Henderson.....	Geo. Armstrong.....
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	Nelson Belyea.....	R. A. McDougall.....
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	F. V. Force.....	C. P. Cowan.....
109	aAlbion.....	Harrowsmith.....	R. M. Manson.....	C. A. Copp.....
110	aCentral.....	Prescott.....	Dr. J. W. Ault.....	C. H. Ranson.....
113	aWilson.....	Waterford.....	John W. Kilgour.....	R. D. Gibson.....
114	aHope.....	Port Hope.....	H. J. C. Beatty.....	Arthur Mark.....
115	aIvy.....	Beamsville.....	Norman D. Miller.....	W. D. Fairbrother.....
116	aCassia.....	Thedford.....	R. P. Bass.....	Rev. C. L. Langford.....
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	H. H. Sawdon.....	R. W. Stewart.....
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	J. S. Weese.....	F. G. Young.....
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	Geo. E. Silcox.....	F. H. Hunter.....
121	aDoric.....	Brantford.....	C. C. Cariss.....	T. R. Logan.....
122	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	D. E. Stone.....	James F. Mayhew.....
123	aBelleville.....	Belleville.....	H. W. Dillnut.....	John McCarthy.....
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall.....	F. E. Eaton.....	A. W. Gammon.....
126	aGolden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	W. S. Wiggins.....	F. C. Bonnycastle.....
127	aFrank.....	Frankford.....	S. B. Moran.....	Geo. D. Wright.....
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke.....	Chas. M. Purcell.....	C. W. Fraser.....
129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	F. S. Babcock.....	S. C. Taylor.....
131	aSt. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	J. W. Burns.....	Fred Goodier.....
133	aLebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	H. S. Walter.....	R. N. Creech.....
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	M. A. Campbell.....	P. D. Shorey.....
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	A. V. Nolan.....	Harold A. Sanders.....
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	Rev. E. Baker.....	F. H. Findley.....
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	W. E. Babe.....	W. A. Hare.....
140	aMalahide.....	Aylmer.....	Cecil L. Cox.....	A. E. Richardson.....
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell.....	T. S. L. Stuart.....	Myers, J. A.....
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	M. A. Robertson.....	W. C. Davy.....
143	aFriendly Brothers.....	Iroquois.....	E. A. McInnis.....	H. Hamilton.....
144	aTecumseh.....	Stratford.....	W. H. Hurrell.....	S. W. Rust.....
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	W. C. Hall.....	Chas. Thorndyke.....

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No. of Lodges	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Suspend	Members 31 Dec., 1927	Members 31 Dec., 1928
75	1st Monday.....	11	12	12	1		5	6	1	389	389
76	2nd Monday.....	12	10	3	6			11	3	327	330
77	1st Friday.....	12	13	10	4		4	2		342	352
78	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	14	10	9	4		3	2	1	281	293
79	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	4	6	6		4		1		127	121
81	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	1	1	1	2	1				112	112
82	2nd Tuesday.....	9	9	13	3		1	3	3	215	220
83	3rd Friday.....	4	4	4			2	4	5	184	177
84	Friday on or aft. F.M.....	5	5	4	3			2	5	144	145
85	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	3	4	4	1	1	4	1		96	94
86	3rd Tuesday.....	12	15	15	4	1		8	1	482	490
87	Fri. on or bef. F.M.....	3	3	5	2	1	2	1		169	172
88	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	5	5	3	2		3	5	7	267	259
90	2nd Tuesday.....	14	13	13	2	2	1	5		268	280
91	3rd Friday.....	2	1	3			1		3	138	136
92	2nd Friday.....	11	10	9	5		3	7		449	455
93	1st Wednesday.....	3	4	3	3	1	3	2	1	196	199
94	2nd Tuesday.....	3	1	1	1	3		3		88	91
96	1st Thursday.....	12	12	10	5	2	1	6	2	350	360
97	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	3	3	5			1	1		111	112
98	Friday on or aft. F.M.....	4	5	5	2			1	2	74	78
99	2nd Wednesday.....	3	3	4	1	2	1	2		153	156
100	2nd Monday.....	13	9	10	1	1	6	3	3	320	323
101	3rd Friday.....	10	11	9				2		262	270
103	Last Thursday.....	6	9	8	4	1	4	4	16	388	375
104	Tue. on or aft. F.M.....	5	5	5			1	3	2	177	176
105	2nd Tuesday.....	10	10	10	3	1	1	4		318	320
106	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	3	1	2	1		2	2		137	136
107	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	8	8	9	3	1		1		114	125
108	2nd Tuesday.....	2	3	5		1				92	95
109	Fri. on or bef. F.M.....	5	5	3	2	1		2	1	174	177
110	1st Tuesday.....	9	8	7	1	1	2	8	4	186	183
113	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	9	7	5	1		2	1		169	175
114	1st Friday.....	7	6	5	1	1		1		266	274
115	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	4	3	4	4	1	2	1	8	220	218
116	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	1	1	1	1		3	2	5	74	65
118	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	7	7	6	1	1			3	68	74
119	Monday or bef. F.M.....	6	5	3			1	2		127	130
120	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	6	5	6		2	1	1		69	75
121	3rd Friday.....	11	10	10				7		669	673
122	1st Monday.....	6	6	6		1	3	4		179	179
123	1st Thursday.....	8	8	9	7	1	5	6	5	377	377
125	1st Wednesday.....	9	8	6	2		1	3		229	223
126	1st Tuesday.....	8	6	8	2	2	5		3	217	221
127	Monday before F.M.....	10	11	12			1	2		177	182
128	1st Thursday.....	3	4	3			2	4		214	210
129	1st Friday.....	5	4	2	1	1	4	2	9	157	149
131	Tue. on or aft. F.M.....		3	4	2		1	3	1	123	119
133	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	123	133
135	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	3	4	5	1		2	1	2	161	160
136	Fri. on or aft. F.M.....	3	2	1			1	2		88	88
137	1st Tuesday.....	7	9	7	1		2	1	6	147	146
139	2nd Tuesday.....	19	9	7	3	1	1	2	4	292	308
140	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	7	7	7	1		1	4		162	166
141	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	2	3	3	4	1	3			140	145
142	1st Friday.....	4	3	2	1			1		107	111
143	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	2	1	1						133	135
144	3rd Friday.....	9	10	9	3	3	3	5	7	382	382
145	2nd Thursday.....	3	3	2	3		2	1		98	98

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
146	aPrince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	G. M. Vandervoort.....	D. Sexsmith.....
147	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	Alfred M. Hudson.....	S. Bradley.....
148	aCivil Service.....	Ottawa.....	N. T. Allan.....	H. W. Lothrop.....
149	aErie.....	Port Dover.....	MacGan Macdonald.....	John C. King.....
151	aGrand River.....	Kitchener.....	A. E. Cudmore.....	P. Fisher.....
153	aBurns.....	Wyoming.....	W. R. Mills.....	Alex. McManus.....
154	aIrving.....	Lucan.....	W. H. Dundas.....	C. J. Murdy.....
155	aPeterborough.....	Peterborough.....	J. H. Vallery.....	F. H. Dobbin.....
156	aYork.....	Toronto.....	H. S. Alexander.....	W. E. Holland.....
157	aSimpson.....	Newboro'.....	W. B. Guthrie.....	B. F. Bolton.....
158	aAlexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	Jos. Ferguson.....	J. W. Sutherland.....
159	aGoodwood.....	Richmond.....	F. F. Kemp.....	S. B. Gordon.....
161	aPercy.....	Warkworth.....	C. H. Irish.....	A. N. Smale.....
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	Thos. Fortune.....	Thos. Brown.....
164	aStar of the East.....	Wellington.....	Elmer B. Wiltse.....	E. L. Hubbs.....
165	aBurlington.....	Burlington.....	Frank H. Sheppard.....	James S. Allen.....
166	aWentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	Jos. Piott.....	John H. Lee.....
168	aMerritt.....	Welland.....	C. R. Pascoe.....	L. R. Brennan.....
169	aMacnab.....	Port Colborne.....	J. S. Allen.....	W. A. Hicks.....
170	aBritannia.....	Seaford.....	Robt. M. Jones.....	C. Alberhart.....
171	aPrince of Wales.....	Lawrence Sta.....	J. C. Dundas.....	F. C. Coutts.....
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....	Geo. Edgar.....	W. H. Shaw.....
174	aWalsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	Frank Reeves.....	J. E. Biddle.....
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	H. R. Munroe.....	J. J. McGill.....
178	aPlattsville.....	Plattsville.....	Jno. Cuthebrtson.....	Jno. Bristow.....
180	aSpeed.....	Guelph.....	W. C. Bontillier.....	Bard Whetstone.....
181	aOriental.....	Port Burwell.....	John H. Sutherland.....	Rev. L. W. Diehl.....
184	aOld Light.....	Lucknow.....	Geo. T. Aitcheson.....	R. V. McKenzie.....
185	aEnniskillen.....	York.....	E. C. Brown.....	E. C. Bradt.....
186	aPlantagenet.....	Riceville.....	E. G. Derby.....	G. A. Ryan.....
190	aBelmont.....	Belmont.....	Byron McMurray.....	J. F. Turner.....
192	aOrillia.....	Orillia.....	R. J. Miller.....	Wm. J. Boyle.....
193	aScotland.....	Scotland.....	E. H. Corbin.....	Wilfrid Malcolm.....
194	aPetrolia.....	Petrolia.....	J. L. Williams.....	J. R. Steadman.....
195	aTuscan.....	London.....	Nelson C. Hart.....	B. H. Higgins.....
196	aMadawaska.....	Arnprior.....	A. G. Burwash.....	Arch McNab.....
197	aSangeen.....	Walkerton.....	J. F. Patton.....	C. T. Boss.....
200	St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest.....	E. E. Penwarden.....	Geo. F. S. LeWarne.....
201	aLeeds.....	Gananogue.....	A. F. Webster.....	A. L. Knight.....
203	aIrvine.....	Elora.....	E. C. Grimes.....	R. D. Cardno.....
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	C. O. Krupse.....	W. A. Ruthig.....
207	aLancaster.....	Lancaster.....	C. A. Cattanach.....	Jas. McArthur.....
209	aEvergreen.....	Lanark.....	Evan G. McIlraith.....	Robt. Wilson.....
209a	aSt. John's.....	London.....	W. K. Parkinson.....	Edwin Smith.....
215	aLake.....	Ameliasburg.....	Harold Cross.....	H. E. Redner.....
216	aHarris.....	Orangeville.....	A. E. Annis.....	John Norris.....
217	aFrederick.....	Delhi.....	John Birdsall.....	Max MacPherson.....
218	aStevenson.....	Toronto.....	B. G. Dean.....	H. C. H. Corneil.....
219	aCredit.....	Georgetown.....	W. T. Evans.....	Geo. Ford.....
220	aZeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....	Cecil W. Heard.....	V. M. Hare.....
221	aMountain.....	Thorold.....	R. W. Grenville.....	W. J. Mable.....
222	aMarmora.....	Marmora.....	M. J. Tamplin.....	D. E. Bell.....
223	aNorwood.....	Norwood.....	A. G. McDermott.....	J. F. Pearce.....
224	aZurich.....	Hensall.....	A. J. Todd.....	L. R. Coles.....
225	aBernard.....	Listowel.....	John R. Hill.....	J. H. Blackmore.....
228	aPrince Arthur.....	Odesa.....	Geo. A. B. Clark.....	E. S. Parrott.....
229	aIonic.....	Brampton.....	J. A. Carroll.....	R. V. Conover.....
230	aKerr.....	Barrie.....	J. H. Rodgers.....	D. W. Emms.....
231	Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	G. H. Rogers.....	Robt Shaw.....

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Suspend.	Members 31 Dec., 1927	Members 21 Dec., 1928
146	Wed. bef. F.M.	4	4	3			1	1		88	90
147	1st Friday	3	5	3			1	2		159	159
148	2nd Tuesday	5	6	4	3	1	5		4	352	352
149	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	9	9	10	2			4		148	155
151	2nd Tuesday	8	8	12	1	1	1	3	2	381	385
153	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	2	1	2			1	3		133	131
154	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	7	10	7	1		1	1	1	119	124
155	1st Friday	8	8	6	1		2	2	3	369	372
156	3rd Friday	17	14	15	1	3	4	9	5	429	432
157	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	3	1		1	1	2	85	86
158	Thurs. on or after F.M.	16	8	2		1	2	1	1	89	96
159	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	2				2		81	82
161	1st Wednesday	10	5	8	1	1		2	9	135	136
162	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	3		1		1		71	72
164	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	3	1		3	4		134	133
165	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	7	9	11	3		3	3	2	240	242
166	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	11	9	10	1		3	2		283	290
168	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	9	6	6	3			2		252	262
169	2nd Tuesday	9	11	8	3	2	2		1	199	211
170	1st Monday	6	4	4		1		2		144	149
171	Fri. on or bef. F.M.		1	1					1	53	52
172	2nd Monday	1	1	2				1	2	91	89
174	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	4	3		4	1	3	127	127
177	2nd Friday	11	7	5	2	2	6	6	7	421	417
178	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	6				1	1	63	68
180	1st Tuesday	10	13	14	1	1	2		11	328	327
181	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1					4	70	67
184	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	19	15	12				3		171	187
185	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3			1	1	2	68	67
186	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2		1		2		59	60
190	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3	1			2		109	111
192	1st Friday	14	11	13	4	1	3	5		428	439
193	1st Monday	4	2	2			1	5		127	125
194	2nd Wednesday	3	3	6	2			3		220	222
195	1st Monday	11	11	11	10		6	1	2	315	327
196	2nd Monday	5	6	4			1	5	2	165	162
197	2nd Tuesday	12	9	6			2	3	1	162	168
200	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	1	2	2		6	1	1	117	114
201	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	11	9	9		1	5	5	1	265	264
203	3rd Friday		2	2			3	2		128	123
205	2nd Monday	3	3	3			1	2		61	61
207	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1				5		110	106
209	1st Tuesday	6	3	3				3		93	96
209a	1st Friday	10	14	13	2		5	11	9	649	636
215	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	6	6			2	3	2	111	111
216	1st Tuesday	11	11	6	6	2	6	3		242	252
217	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	8	5	5	2			3		90	97
218	2nd Monday	10	7	5	1	2	1	6	5	372	373
219	2nd Friday	10	4	4	1	1		6	3	160	163
220	3rd Monday	7	11	8		1		3	4	213	214
221	2nd Thursday	10	6	6	1	3	2	2	4	271	277
222	3rd Monday	2	5	5	1		1			135	137
223	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	4	5		2		3	5	101	101
224	Mon. on or bef. F.M.		1		1		1	2	1	95	92
225	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	10	11	9			2	4	3	240	241
228	Mon. on or after F.M.	1	1	1			1	1	2	109	106
229	3rd Tuesday	6	7	6	2	2	4	4	12	257	248
230	3rd Friday	16	15	8			3	7	8	328	326
231	3rd Tuesday	7	8	8	1	1	4	3	4	416	416

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The names of the W.M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
232	a Cameron.....	Dutton.....	James E. Trothen.....	M. S. Claus.....
233	Doric.....	Parkhill.....	A. B. Erskine.....	J. H. Young.....
234	a Beaver.....	Clarksburg.....	Asa A. Weller.....	Thos. G. Idle.....
235	Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	J. E. Cummings.....	H. McKerracher.....
236	a Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....	S. R. Sutherland.....	T. McKnight.....
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	Emery M. Davidson.....	S. S. Clutton.....
238	Havelock.....	Watford.....	D. A. McDonald.....	Peter Garson.....
239	Tweed.....	Tweed.....	W. G. Gordon.....	G. O. D. Morton.....
242	a Macoy.....	Mallorytown.....	T. G. Andress.....	A. Votier.....
243	a St. George.....	St. George.....	H. Roseburgh.....	W. J. Scott.....
245	a Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	D. L. Stewart.....	J. M. Coutts.....
247	a Ashlar.....	Toronto.....	Thos. Wibby.....	Walter H. Lyon.....
249	a Caledonian.....	Midland.....	J. H. Park.....	W. H. Thornton.....
250	Thisle.....	Embro.....	Chas. Matheson.....	D. J. McLeod.....
253	a Minden.....	Kingston.....	H. A. Dunlop.....	R. S. Graham.....
254	a Clifton.....	Niagara Falls.....	Robt. G. Young.....	J. C. Lymburner.....
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	Albert S. Dunlop.....	M. S. Blackburn.....
256	a Farran's Point.....	Aultsville.....	Edgar Gallingier.....	Frank T. Shaver.....
257	a Galt.....	Galt.....	Walter Dryden.....	E. F. Hetherington.....
258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	Geo. S. Pringle.....	F. F. Sweetman.....
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	Roy E. Clunas.....	Stanley Simpson.....
260	a Washington.....	Petrolia.....	N. C. Hibbert.....	H. F. Winter.....
261	a Oak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	R. C. Eastman.....	J. S. Hislop.....
262	a Harrison.....	Harrison.....	Thos. A. Murray.....	H. J. Hucks.....
263	a Forest.....	Forest.....	N. R. Sparling.....	R. B. Crosbie.....
264	a Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	Robt. Henderson.....	Henry Gates.....
265	Patterson.....	Thornhill.....	Chas. P. Hills.....	J. A. Thompson.....
266	a Northern Light.....	Stayner.....	J. Riseborough.....	G. A. Clemence.....
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	Douglas Burlit.....	J. G. Martin.....
268	a Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....	Wm. Moore.....	Harry Stinson.....
269	a Brougham Union.....	Claremont.....	R. J. How.....	D. M. Morgan.....
270	a Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	Wm. Deans.....	M. L. Argall.....
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....	M. K. Sinclair.....	T. C. Foster.....
272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	J. L. Pickard.....	Ernest McCullen.....
274	a Kent.....	Blenheim.....	C. H. Mooney.....	A. R. Williams.....
276	a Teeswater.....	Teeswater.....	J. H. Brown.....	G. S. Fowler.....
277	a Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....	P. T. Atkinson.....	Thos. O. Johnson.....
279	a New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	J. H. Shaw.....	Arthur P. Pullam.....
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	W. A. Currie, Jr.....	J. A. Jones.....
283	a Eureka.....	Belleville.....	E. H. Liddle.....	W. Jeffers Diamond.....
284	St. John's.....	Brussels.....	F. M. Wilmott.....	Wm. Gillespie.....
285	Seven Star.....	Alliston.....	Norman L. Oliver.....	W. Caesar.....
286	Wingham.....	Wingham.....	Dr. G. H. Ross.....	T. M. Smith.....
287	a Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	Edmund Cocker.....	A. P. Freed.....
289	a Doric.....	Lobo.....	Gordon Hick.....	D. H. Sells.....
290	a Leamington.....	Leamington.....	I. D. Kennedy.....	G. A. Campbell.....
291	a Dufferin.....	W. Flamboro'.....	T. Wm. Gibson.....	Wesley Green.....
292	a Robertson.....	King.....	Norman D. McMurchy.....	Fred E. Boys.....
294	a Moore.....	Courtright.....	G. M. Phemister.....	C. W. Kent.....
295	a Conestogo.....	Drayton.....	James Thompson.....	Calvert Scarr.....
296	a Temple.....	St. Catharines.....	A. H. Trapnell.....	G. A. Brown.....
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	G. C. MacPhail.....	Jos. A. King.....
299	a Victoria.....	Centreville.....	Alex. Telford.....	H. A. Carscallen.....
300	a Moun ^t Olivet.....	Thorndale.....	Wm. E. McCutcheon.....	R. H. Harding.....
302	St. David's.....	St. Thomas.....	Percy R. Locke.....	W. H. Stapleton.....
303	a Blyth.....	Blyth.....	Coin Finland.....	S. A. Poplestone.....
304	a Minerva.....	Stroud.....	Wm. A. Warnica.....	G. W. Hewson.....
305	Humber.....	Weston.....	J. P. Allen.....	A. E. Scythes.....
306	a Durham.....	Durham.....	W. H. Hunter.....	John Morrison.....

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232	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	6	2		1		1	119	125
233	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	4	1		3			153	154
234	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	2	1	1	1	1		1	2	103	103
235	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	4	1					136	138
236	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	9	7	3	1		3	5	7	133	128
237	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	5	1	2	1	2	3	108	109
238	Tuesday bef. F.M.	4	4	4			2	2	2	113	111
239	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	9	6	4	1	1	3	2	2	169	173
242	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2	1			1	3	137	136
243	1st Tuesday	8	4	2	1	1	2	1		91	98
245	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	4	3		1	1	2	146	148
247	4th Tuesday	9	9	7			5	9	6	423	411
249	1st Monday	14	16	11	4	1	1	5	3	305	316
250	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	8	1			1	4	149	141
253	1st Tuesday	12	13	13	3	2	4	2	4	349	356
254	1st Thursday	7	8	10	3	2	3	8	15	506	492
255	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	9	9	9	4			1	5	156	163
256	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	2				1		117	119
257	1st Tuesday	11	10	12	4	2	1	3	2	296	307
258	2nd Tuesday	24	23	21	2	1	2	2	8	325	340
259	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	4			4	2	1	180	176
260	1st Wednesday	12	11	12	1	1		2	4	204	212
262	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	1	1	2		4			53	53
262	2nd Monday	2	2	2	1	1		1	3	123	123
263	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	1	1	1		2	1		172	175
264	4th Tuesday	8	10	10	3	2	7	5	2	415	414
265	3rd Thursday	4	4	4	4	1	1	3	5	152	152
266	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	3				2		91	93
267	1st Wednesday	14	11	11	2		2	7	4	520	523
268	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	7	6	5		1	1	1		101	107
269	Wed. on or before F.M.	4	6	3			7			114	111
270	4th Tuesday	21	21	24	2		8	3	7	324	329
271	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	3	1		2	3		111	110
272	2nd Tuesday	5	7	8			1	4	13	217	204
274	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	13	14	15	1		1	1		220	232
276	4th Thursday	6	5	6	2		2			89	95
277	2nd Wednesday	5	4	4	3			1		128	135
279	2nd Monday	3	3	3	2			2		141	144
282	2nd Tuesday	3	4	3	2			2		135	139
283	2nd Wednesday	11	11	3	1		2	5	5	304	304
284	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	5	2	4	2		3	4		129	129
285	2nd Monday	11	11	9			1	1		185	195
286	1st Tuesday	5	6	7	3		2	2	6	162	160
287	1st Tuesday	20	15	16	4	3	2	4	3	485	503
289	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	1	1		1		2	1		128	127
290	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	17	18	16	1		2	5		334	345
291	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	1			3	1	1	136	134
292	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	4			2	1		92	90
294	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	2	1	2			1	1	1	94	93
295	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4	2		2	2	2	127	120
296	3rd Wednesday	23	20	16	4	1	3	5		364	382
297	3rd Friday	11	13	13	3		1	2	3	173	181
299	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	7	6	6		1	1	1	4	82	84
300	Tues. on or bef. F.M.							1		85	84
302	3rd Thurs.	22	19	14		1	2	1	11	494	503
303	Tues. on or aft. F.M.	6	6	4		2	3	2		100	103
304	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	6		1	9		2	169	164
305	4th Friday	8	9	5	1		4	4	4	230	228
306	2nd Tuesday	4	4	2	1		2	1		154	156

RETURNS OF LODGES AS

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Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on or near the Festival

The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
307	aArkona.....	Arkona.....	Rich. E. Wilson.....	C. A. Dickison.....
309	aMorning Star	Carlow.....	Nelson Hill.....	Thos. H. Wilson.....
311	aBlackwood	Woodbridge.....	James Poole.....	S. W. Mayhew.....
312	aPnyx	Wallaceburg.....	E. E. Heath.....	D. F. Johnson.....
313	aClementi.....	Lakefield.....	R. J. Hull.....	Cbas. H. Hunter.....
314	aBlair.....	Palmerston.....	Harold Hall.....	R. G. Barton.....
315	Clifford	Clifford.....	Andrew McKenzie.....	E. Eckenswiler.....
316	aDoric.....	Toronto.....	B. J. Bradley.....	Geo. W. Wilson.....
318	aWilmot.....	Baden.....	R. W. Omand.....	A. E. Livingston.....
319	aHiram.....	Hagersville.....	A. F. Head.....	W. C. Van Loon.....
320	aChester ville.....	Chester ville.....	Perley S. Boyd.....	S. H. Hutt.....
321	aWalker.....	Acton.....	James E. Dobie.....	R. M. McDonald.....
322	aNorth Star.....	Owen Sound.....	Wilfrid F. Wright.....	A. A. Parks.....
323	aAlvinston.....	Alvinston.....	Ernest F. Showler.....	James Holme.....
324	aTemple.....	Hamilton.....	J. R. Weekes.....	H. B. Jackson.....
325	Orono.....	Orono.....	S. E. Allen.....	Dr. Neil Colville.....
326	aZetland.....	Toronto.....	John C. Greig.....	F. G. Logan.....
327	Hammond.....	Wardsville.....	F. W. B. Dejean.....	Jno. H. Miller.....
328	Ionic.....	Napier.....	E. C. Freer.....	W. T. Buchanan.....
329	aKing Solomon's.....	Jarvis.....	John H. Brown.....	R. W. Smith.....
330	aCorinthian.....	London.....	J. H. McIntosh.....	H. J. Childs.....
331	Fordwich.....	Fordwich.....	Jno. Sangster.....	A. C. Hutchison.....
332	Stratford.....	Stratford.....	F. C. Walker.....	E. Denroche.....
333	Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton.....	C. N. Richardson.....	H. A. McCauley.....
334	aPrince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	W. C. Drury.....	W. G. Gorvett.....
336	aHighgate.....	Highgate.....	I. H. Morrison.....	J. G. Montgomery.....
337	aMyrtle.....	Port Robinson.....	L. C. Stallwood.....	Chas. S. Ross.....
338	Dufferin.....	Wellandport.....	R. B. Harrington.....	Chas. Gilmore.....
339	aOrient.....	Toronto.....	C. J. Lomas.....	H. D. Ashley.....
341	aBruce.....	Tiverton.....	Albert Preston.....	D. A. McLaren.....
343	aGeorgina.....	Toronto.....	A. H. Downs.....	Geo. Thompson.....
344	Merrill.....	Dorchester.....	J. R. Hunter.....	R. A. Logan.....
345	Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	Jno. P. Yoeman.....	Jno. F. Johnson.....
346	aOccident.....	Occident.....	J. A. Graveley.....	Wm. M. Williams.....
347	aMercer.....	Fergus.....	L. I. Smith.....	Peter Perry.....
348	aGeorgian.....	Penetanguishene.....	S. R. Heslip.....	R. D. Keefe.....
352	aGranite.....	Parry Sound.....	J. W. Gillies.....	J. D. Broughton.....
354	Brock.....	Cannington.....	Jas. Wright.....	C. F. Bick.....
356	aRiver Park.....	Streetsville.....	W. G. Cook.....	R. M. Woodruff.....
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	C. M. Flatt.....	Jno. R. Nicol.....
358	aDelaware Valley.....	Delaware.....	Earl Healty.....	S. Merrill.....
359	aVittoria.....	Vittoria.....	Thos. Sinclair.....	John Pow.....
360	aMuskoka.....	Bracebridge.....	B. R. Minns.....	W. G. Gerhart.....
361	aWaverley.....	Guelph.....	W. S. Simpson.....	H. W. Hinman.....
362	aMaple Leaf.....	Tara.....	F. C. Dopfer.....	R. I. Shannon.....
364	aDufferin.....	Melbourne.....	James Gentleman.....	Geo. J. Stevenson.....
367	aSt. George.....	Toronto.....	Frank Denton.....	A. B. Hutchcroft.....
368	aSalem.....	Brockville.....	H. E. Gardiner.....	E. A. Geiger.....
369	aMimico.....	Lambton Mills.....	E. J. Culham.....	W. A. Becroft.....
370	Harmony.....	Delta.....	Lorne T. Tye.....	H. E. Johnson.....
371	aPrince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	E. B. Nelson.....	H. J. Sykes.....
372	aPalmer.....	Bridgeburg.....	W. H. Colcleugh.....	W. G. Stamp.....
373	aCopestone.....	Welland.....	E. Rowe.....	A. Tattersall.....
374	aKeene.....	Keene.....	D. D. Brown.....	D. R. Comrie.....
375	aLorne.....	Omeme.....	H. H. Lowes.....	W. J. Thorn.....
376	Unity.....	Huntsville.....	Geo. R. Booth.....	Oscar Wieler.....
377	Lorne.....	Shelburne.....	Alex. Matthews.....	Samuel Patterson.....
378	aKing Solomon's.....	London.....	D. G. Wood.....	Wm. Nicholls.....
379	aMiddlesex.....	Bryanston.....	Chas. Colbert.....	H. E. Ralph.....

AT DECEMBER 31, 1928.

Special Addresses of Secretaries

of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or near that of St. John the Baptist.
are corrected up to July 18, 1929.

No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Suspend.	Members 31 Dec., 1927	Members 31 Dec., 1928
307	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	4			2	1	1	79	80
309	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	1	3	3			1	2	1	91	88
311	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	8	5	5	1	1			3	89	97
312	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	8	8	7	1		1	1		214	221
313	1st Tuesday	5	6	5	1			1		142	147
314	2nd Friday	5	4	5	2	1		2	2	169	173
315	3rd Monday	2	4	4			1			78	78
316	3rd Thursday	12	11	11	2	1	4	10	4	485	482
318	Fri. on or after F.M.				1		1		1	36	35
319	2nd Thursday	8	4	6	1	3		1		191	201
320	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	1	1			1	2		120	118
321	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	8	5		1	1	1		136	140
322	Wed. after F.M.	7	7	5	4			2		279	288
323	Wed. on bef. F. M.	7	5	3		1		3	1	94	98
324	2nd Tuesday	17	13	13	2	2	1	9	7	595	499
325	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	3		1	1	1		82	86
326	4th Friday	14	15	15	6	2	2	13	6	662	663
327	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	1	2		1	1		67	70
328	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	1					7	69	64
329	2nd Friday	4	3	3	1		4		1	91	91
330	1st Tuesday	6	11	11			1	6		375	374
331	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	4	1				5	63	61
332	2nd Monday	12	14	14	3	1	3	1	4	352	361
333	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	8	8	9			3	2	2	135	135
334	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	4			2	2		79	81
336	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	13	11	11	1			4		111	121
337	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	5		1			1	90	96
338	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	4	1				2	80	82
339	1st Tuesday	10	10	7	3	4	1	5	5	458	464
341	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	4	5			1			77	77
343	1st Saturday	11	14	16	1		6	4	9	509	502
344	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	4	2				3		88	88
345	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	3		1	1			105	106
346	3rd Wednesday	10	16	15	2	2	6	6	13	590	579
347	1st Friday	3	2	4	2	1	2			118	120
348	1st Thursday	7	6	6	2			3	5	131	126
352	3rd Wednesday	15	16	12	2	6	5	3	3	293	305
354	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	1	3			1		93	97
356	1st Tuesday	3	3	4			1		7	135	130
357	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	9	11	1		1	4	1	200	204
358	2nd Thursday	9	10	12	2			1		73	83
359	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	4				2		84	86
360	1st Tuesday	4	6	4	1		1	7	4	142	135
361	4th Monday	11	9	9	4		9	7	3	414	410
362	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	2	1	1		1		84	84
364	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	4	1			1	3	75	75
367	1st Friday	19	15	16		1			1	486	496
368	2nd Monday	12	9	10		2	4	2		300	308
369	2nd Tuesday	10	8	10	1	2	3	4	1	269	274
370	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	2	5		1	2		105	110
371	4th Friday	4	9	7			3	6		352	347
372	1st Tuesday	8	6	6	1		3	3	7	178	174
373	1st Thursday	8	9	8	1	1	1	3	4	262	264
374	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	3				1		40	44
375	1st Thursday	3	4	4		1		1		112	114
376	2nd Wednesday	5	5	3	1	1	1	5		185	186
377	1st Friday	6	6	3		1	2	3	4	135	133
378	2nd Thursday	21	25	24		8		9	12	473	481
379	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	5	7	5	1		3	1		69	71

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The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
380	aUnion.....	London.....	W. J. Ashplant.....	Jos. Ward.....
382	aDoric.....	Hamilton.....	Norman Crawford.....	C. V. Emory.....
383	Henderson.....	Winchester.....	J. F. Gibson.....	A. H. Annable.....
384	aAlpha.....	Toronto.....	Thos. Macey.....	E. J. Voss.....
385	aSpry.....	Beeton.....	Carl Camplin.....	Thos. Knowles.....
386	aMcColl.....	West Lorne.....	Wm. Zoller.....	A. Smith.....
387	aLansdowne.....	Lansdowne.....	U. J. B. Warren.....	G. H. Landon.....
388	aHenderson.....	Ilderton.....	Geo. O'Neil.....	R. A. W. Carter.....
389	aCrystal Fountain.....	N. Augusta.....	S. Ralph.....	W. W. Bobier.....
390	aFlorence.....	Florence.....	C. E. Butler.....	James Beatty.....
391	aHoward.....	Ridgetown.....	Harry Holmes.....	T. A. Routledge.....
392	aHuron.....	Camlachie.....	Thos. Greenlees.....	John Ferguson.....
393	aForest.....	Chesley.....	Gerald Wilkins.....	Robt. J. Gillies.....
394	aKing Solomon's.....	Thamesford.....	Dr. T. M. Weir.....	W. W. Day.....
395	aParvain.....	Comber.....	R. H. Elliott.....	L. Dean.....
396	aCedar.....	Wiarton.....	John F. Currie.....	W. H. Newman.....
397	aLeopold.....	Bridgen.....	Gordon C. Taylor.....	A. D. Armstrong.....
398	aVictoria.....	Kirkfield.....	Ernest Boynton.....	Norman Gordon.....
399	aMoffat.....	Harrietsville.....	Dan Sitts.....	Jno MacVicar.....
400	aOakville.....	Oakville.....	Chas. V. Hillmer.....	E. O. Taylor.....
401	aCraig.....	Deseronto.....	A. H. Oliver.....	W. J. Bowen.....
402	aCentral.....	Essex.....	Elmer D. Whitney.....	H. W. McGill.....
403	aWindor.....	Windsor.....	W. F. Storey.....	A. N. Pettit.....
404	aLorne.....	Tamworth.....	W. N. Hinchey.....	J. R. Adair.....
405	aMattawa.....	Mattawa.....	J. H. Spec.....	A. I. Tongue.....
406	aSpry.....	Fenelon Falls.....	Alex. Northey.....	H. J. Townley.....
408	aMurray.....	Beaverton.....	Fred King.....	W. C. Latimer.....
409	aGolden Rule.....	Gravenhurst.....	F. A. Boulden.....	W. H. Butterworth.....
410	aZeta.....	Toronto.....	E. T. M. Needham.....	S. J. Boyde.....
411	aRodney.....	Rodney.....	C. Schweitzer.....	J. B. Stinson.....
412	aKeystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	H. A. Morey.....	E. M. Shaw.....
413	aNaphtali.....	Tilbury.....	Geo. Wallace.....	G. Z. Vickerman.....
414	aPequonga.....	Kenora.....	Frank J. Kelly.....	Jas. B. Davis.....
415	aFort William.....	Fort William.....	H. Middlemiss.....	C. E. Coombes.....
416	aLyn.....	Lyn.....	W. Shipman.....	F. Stafford.....
417	aKeewatin.....	Keewatin.....	John Duncan.....	P. E. Baker.....
418	aMaxville.....	Maxville.....	H. McEwen.....	M. B. Stewart.....
419	aLiberty.....	Sarnia.....	Chas. J. Roberts.....	W. J. Alcock.....
420	aNipissing.....	North Bay.....	Geo. W. Deegan.....	Dr. B. F. Nott.....
421	aScott.....	Grand Valley.....	R. J. Leach.....	W. A. Wansbrough.....
422	aStar of the East.....	Bothwell.....	D. J. Brown.....	H. B. Hankinson.....
423	aStrong.....	Sundridge.....	Roy N. Black.....	M. J. Galley.....
424	aDoric.....	Pickering.....	C. Winters.....	F. H. Westney.....
425	aSt. Clair.....	Sombra.....	W. Benedict.....	C. H. Baldson.....
426	aStanley.....	Toronto.....	W. J. Turk.....	Wm. Harris.....
427	aNickel.....	Sudbury.....	H. E. Roseborough.....	Jos. Fowler.....
428	aFidelity.....	Port Perry.....	Geo. A. McMillan.....	Geo. R. Davey.....
429	aPort Elgin.....	Port Elgin.....	H. A. McGillivray.....	H. C. Koebke.....
430	aAcacia.....	Toronto.....	W. H. Bell.....	E. Pickles.....
431	aMoravian.....	Cargill.....	J. A. Gregg.....	M. L. Ziegler.....
432	aHanover.....	Hanover.....	Norman Peppler.....	J. A. Magee.....
433	aBonnechere.....	Eganville.....	C. R. Lett.....	Jas. Reeves.....
434	aAlgonquin.....	Emsdale.....	Frank E. Whiteman.....	Jas. Metcalfe.....
435	aHavelock.....	Havelock.....	H. W. Roche.....	H. F. McNichol.....
436	aBurns.....	Hepworth.....	L. K. Fox.....	D. McBride.....
437	aTuscan.....	Sarnia.....	W. R. Struthers.....	W. J. Barrie.....
438	aHarmony.....	Toronto.....	B. Robinson.....	Thos. Robertson.....
439	aAlexandria.....	Alexandria.....	Dr. M. Markson.....	H. L. Cheney.....
440	aArcadia.....	Minden.....	W. R. Crowe.....	Wilmer Macarthur.....
441	aWestport.....	Westport.....	M. J. Hutchings.....	Jno. D. Adams.....

AT DECEMBER 31, 1928.

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of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or about that of St. John the Baptist
are corrected up to July 18, 1929.

No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Suspend.	Members 31 Dec., 1927	Members 31 Dec., 1928
380	2nd Monday	4	5	4	6			5	3	382	384
382	3rd Monday	8	15	15		2	3	5	7	556	550
383	1st Wednesday	4	6	7	2	1	2	12	3	113	113
384	1st Thursday	17	16	16		1	4	13	5	678	674
385	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	8	7	8			1	1	2	94	98
386	Friday on or bef. F.M.	4	6	6		2	1	2	14	180	169
387	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	5	1			1		92	97
388	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	3	1	1	4		4	115	114
389	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3			2	1		91	91
390	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	4	2	2		2	1		91	92
391	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	15	7	9	6			2	2	177	194
392	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4		1		2	3	106	104
393	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3			1			124	126
394	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	123	126
395	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	5			3			86	89
396	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	3		1	2	1		169	169
397	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2	1	1	1		1	2	6	127	120
398	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	5				1		102	103
399	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2						2		78	77
400	1st Tuesday	7	7	7	1	1	6	5	2	242	238
401	1st Tuesday	6	5	4			1	3	3	125	123
402	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	9	12	9	2		3	4		192	196
403	1st Friday	32	30	19	2	10	10	9	36	604	593
404	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	7	6	6		1	2	3	5	71	69
405	1st Tuesday	3	1	1		3	2	2	3	104	103
406	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	8	2	1	3	2	1	109	112
408	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	2	4	2			3			135	133
409	2nd Monday	6	5	8	1			2		147	152
410	4th Friday	10	9	11		1	4	5	7	489	484
411	Mon. on or aft. F.M.	4	3	5		1	2	1	3	121	120
412	1st Tuesday	9	8	13	2	3	2	5	3	461	465
413	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	3			3	1		110	107
414	1st Wednesday	6	5	3	1	3	2	2	6	291	291
415	2nd Wednesday	15	11	10	2	1		2	5	416	427
416	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	2				1		56	57
417	1st Friday	3	2	2	2		1			123	127
418	2nd Friday	2	1	1				2	1	114	113
419	2nd Monday	7	5	4	3	2	1	5	6	178	178
420	2nd Monday	7	8	10	9	1	2	5		322	332
421	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	6	3	4			4	1		89	90
422	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	5	7	4				1	2	104	106
423	3rd Monday	8	5	4			1			108	115
424	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	9	11	9	1		1	1	2	78	84
425	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	5	1			2		104	108
426	1st Tuesday	5	5	4	2	2	3	4	7	540	535
427	1st Wednesday	15	13	9	1	1	2	5		344	354
428	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	9	10	12		1	1	2		174	181
429	Thur. on or bef. F. M.		1	3	1	1	1	1	3	91	88
430	3rd Monday	4	5	11	2	2	5	1		375	377
431	3rd Monday	7	5	4				1		53	59
432	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	3		1	2	1		127	124
433	2nd Monday	1	3	2			1			111	111
434	Tue. on or aft. F. M.		2	3			1	1		134	132
435	3rd Monday	3	3	4		1	2	4	2	169	165
436	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	4	5	3						88	92
437	3rd Wednesday	17	22	20	4		3	6	7	466	471
438	4th Monday	15	14	15	1	1	2	4	6	499	504
439	Tue. on or aft. F. M.		1	1			1	1		88	86
440	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	9	11	10	1			1		101	111
441	1st Friday	6	5	3				1		89	94

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The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
442	aDymet.....	Thessalon.....	Fred J. Shaw.....	Jno. O. Coulter.....
443	aPowassan.....	Powassan.....	J. W. Cox.....	W. C. Porter.....
444	aNitetis.....	Creemore.....	J. M. Gabriel.....	J. C. Lennox.....
445	aLake of the Woods...	Kenora.....	Geo. R. Carmicheal.....	W. Boquist.....
446	aGranite.....	Fort Frances.....	W. G. Bartley.....	J. R. Angus.....
447	aSturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	Chas. E. Taylor.....	W. C. Pedlar.....
448	aXenophon.....	Wheatley.....	H. G. Hanson.....	James D. McGregor.....
449	aDundalk.....	Dundalk.....	H. G. Marshall.....	L. C. Champ.....
450	aHawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury.....	C. S. MacRae.....	Geo. A. Cass.....
451	aSomerville.....	Kinmount.....	J. R. Umphrey.....	C. W. Wellstood.....
452	aAvonmore.....	Avonmore.....	John D. Ferguson.....	S. E. Shaver.....
453	aRoyal.....	Fort William.....	Jas. W. Marshall.....	R. Daggar.....
454	aCorona.....	Burk's Falls.....	A. H. Gibson.....	Dr. J. J. Wilson.....
455	aDoric.....	Little Current.....	Robt. J. Currie.....	O. T. Bennett.....
456	aElma.....	Monkton.....	W. W. Smith.....	C. W. Hobbs.....
457	aCentury.....	Merlin.....	Lloyd E. Crew.....	John Holmes.....
458	aWales.....	Wales.....	Lloyd Wylie.....	G. D. Culquhoun.....
459	aCobden.....	Cobden.....	Rev. A. S. Cleland.....	H. M. Shields.....
460	aRideau.....	Seeley's Bay.....	R. J. Niblock.....	J. R. Hartley.....
461	aIonic.....	Rainy River.....	H. J. Hughes.....	H. H. Lowe.....
462	aTemiskaming.....	New Liskeard.....	W. B. Ramsay.....	J. H. Brown.....
463	aNorth Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	Wesley Baker.....	Fred Jones.....
464	aKing Edward.....	Sunderland.....	Geo. B. Wilson.....	L. M. Pinkham.....
465	aCarleton.....	Carp.....	Frank R. Poyser.....	Geo. A. Moore.....
466	aCoronation.....	Elmvale.....	C. W. Ritchie.....	F. C. Bishop.....
467	aTottenham.....	Tottenham.....	R. A. Semple.....	J. J. McKnight.....
468	aPeel.....	Caledon East.....	Thos. R. McCarteny.....	J. W. Phillips.....
469	aAlgoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	J. B. Wilson.....	J. Dudley.....
470	aVictoria.....	Victoria Harbor.....	David G. Bell.....	J. P. Schissler.....
471	aKing Edward VII.....	Chippawa.....	M. C. Bacon.....	E. G. McKenzie.....
472	aGore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	A. Campbell.....	E. F. Priddle.....
473	aThe Beaches.....	Toronto.....	Chas. H. Smart.....	S. J. Manchester.....
474	aVictoria.....	Toronto.....	G. W. Eckert.....	W. J. Wadsworth.....
475	aDundurn.....	Hamilton.....	B. B. Hodge.....	Geo. Milne.....
476	aCorinthian.....	North Gower.....	James T. Greer.....	F. L. Brownlee.....
477	aHarding.....	Woodville.....	James J. Skuce.....	J. J. Ruan.....
478	aMilverton.....	Milverton.....	W. R. Burnett.....	E. Siegner.....
479	aRussell.....	Russell.....	J. A. Mitchell.....	J. A. Gamble.....
480	aWilliamsburg.....	Williamsburg.....	R. C. Whittiker.....	J. A. Barkley.....
481	aCorinthian.....	Toronto.....	W. H. Hunter.....	Geo. M. Britton.....
482	aBancroft.....	Bancroft.....	E. F. Laundry.....	J. L. Churcher.....
483	aGranton.....	Granton.....	D. J. Westman.....	W. H. Foster.....
484	aGolden Star.....	Dryden.....	F. J. Cooper.....	A. E. Berrey.....
485	aHaileybury.....	Haileybury.....	H. A. Seymour.....	J. T. Leishman.....
486	aSilver.....	Cobalt.....	C. A. Cavin.....	C. W. Train.....
487	aPenewobikong.....	Blind River.....	T. A. Quinn.....	Geo. J. McArthur.....
488	aKing Edward.....	Harrow.....	John C. Brush.....	R. C. Flood.....
489	aOsiris.....	Smith's Falls.....	J. R. Johnston.....	J. W. Gray.....
490	aHiram.....	Markdale.....	Andrew Griffith.....	A. E. Colgan.....
491	aCardinal.....	Cardinal.....	Fred Serviss.....	W. T. Kingston.....
492	aKarnak.....	Coldwater.....	Howard Cover.....	H. Elliott.....
493	aSt. Marys.....	St. Mary's.....	John W. Stockdale.....	A. E. Parkinson.....
494	aRiverdale.....	Toronto.....	B. E. Ekblad.....	J. M. Malcolm.....
495	aElectric.....	Hamilton.....	Dr. G. E. J. Lannin.....	Leroy Holmes.....
496	aUniversity.....	Toronto.....	Wm. H. Bonus.....	Dr. Peter F. Munro.....
497	aSt. Andrew's.....	Arden.....	J. E. Hughes.....	T. J. Alexander.....
498	aKing George V.....	Cobocok.....	Wm. Embury.....	J. G. McFarland.....
499	aPort Arthur.....	Port Arthur.....	Morris Jones.....	A. Rome.....
500	aRose.....	Windsor.....	E. J. Sirrs.....	H. M. Gard.....

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Special Addresses of Secretaries

of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or near that of St. John the Baptist.

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Suspend.	Members 31 Dec., 1927	Members 31 Dec., 1928
442	2nd Thursday	6	5	6	1		2	1	4	135	135
443	2nd Friday	2	2	3	1		2		3	117	115
444	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	6	5	4	2		1	2	2	96	98
445	2nd Wednesday	6	2	4	3	1		2	1	98	105
446	1st Tuesday	8	12	17	1				1	193	201
447	2nd Thursday	2	3	2					1	94	95
448	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	3	2		1			88	91
449	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	7		1	1	4	7	106	101
450	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	3			1			100	101
451	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1						74	75
452	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	4						90	93
453	1st Wednesday	8	7	2	2		3	4	1	241	243
454	2nd Monday	6	5	4	1					139	146
455	2nd Tuesday	1	1	2	1	2	2		3	99	98
456	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	2		1	2	1		63	64
457	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	6		2	3	1	2	138	140
458	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	5	1			1		122	129
459	2nd Tuesday	11	12	12			2			128	137
460	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	5	2	1	1					70	76
461	1st Thursday	6	8	7			3			124	127
462	3rd. Thursday	6	6	6		1	2			164	169
463	3rd Thursday	10	9	8	1			2		93	102
464	2nd Friday	9	4	8			3	2	4	103	103
465	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	1		1	5			74	71
466	1st. Friday	6	7	5			3			113	116
467	Mon. on or aft. F.M.	5	4	3	1		1			73	78
468	Fri. on or aft. F.M.	3	3	2			2	2	1	122	118
469	1st Monday	13	15	15	2		6	1	1	313	320
470	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	1		1	1	2	1	127	128
471	1st Wednesday	4	8	6	1					116	121
472	1st Wednesday	3	3	3			3		6	116	110
473	2nd Friday	8	8	11	14			1		304	325
474	3rd Tuesday	9	11	9	1		4	4	14	437	425
475	3rd Saturday	20	19	20	6	7	3	3	23	588	592
476	Fri. on or bef. F.M.			1			6	1		90	83
477	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	3			3	1	3	86	83
478	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	1	1	1				95	99
479	Mon. on or aft. F.M.	2	2	2		6	3	1	11	153	146
480	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	8	8	5				1		57	64
481	4th Thursday	15	14	12		5	3	2	5	337	347
482	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	8	9	13	1		1	2		179	185
483	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2		1			1			75	76
484	2nd Tuesday	6	5	5		2				122	130
485	1st Thursday	1	5	3	1		4	2	6	211	201
486	1st Monday	9	13	9	1	1	1	3		281	288
487	2nd Monday	4	4	4			1	1	1	86	87
488	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	6	6						147	151
489	Friday aft. F.M.	10	7	6	1		3	2		162	168
490	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	4		2	2	2		69	69
491	1st Friday	1	2	1	3			2	4	93	91
492	1st Thursday	3	1	1	2	1		1		103	106
493	4th Monday	5	3	2	1		4	1		166	167
494	4th Friday	11	12	10	3	3	6	3	5	408	411
495	3rd Wednesday	13	15	15	4		3	2	41	497	567
496	2nd Wednesday	12	12	18	2		4	3		442	449
497	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	8	9				1	5	107	105
498	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	1	1		2			88	89
499	2nd Monday	17	16	15	3		2	5	8	332	336
500	2nd Wednesday	14	13	9	2	2	2	3		163	176

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
501	aConnaught.....	Mimico.....	Rich. Aymer.....	E. G. Borkett.....
502	aCoronation.....	Smithville.....	R. M. Vance.....	S. Ceaser.....
503	aInwood.....	Inwood.....	W. L. Elliott.....	W. A. Graham.....
504	aOtter.....	Lombardy.....	Clifford Eaton.....	E. W. Joynt.....
505	aLynden.....	Lynden.....	Gordon E. Cornell.....	S. MacDonald.....
506	aPorcupine.....	S. Porcupine.....	R. S. McWilliams.....	W. H. Johns.....
507	aElk Lake.....	Elk Lake.....	W. B. Deadman.....	H. M. Somerville.....
508	aOzias.....	Brantford.....	H. L. Quillie.....	James S. Rowe.....
509	aTwin City.....	Kitchener.....	W. S. Garton.....	Geo. DeKleinhaus.....
510	aParkdale.....	Toronto.....	Geo. H. Wilson.....	J. H. Mills.....
511	aConnaught.....	W. Fort William.....	A. I. McFarlane.....	Alex. Harris.....
512	aMalone.....	Sutton W.....	T. J. Hughes.....	O. J. Silver.....
513	aCorinthian.....	Hamilton.....	J. R. Crocker.....	J. R. Croft.....
514	aSt. Alban's.....	Toronto.....	R. W. Hind.....	Wm. Hughes.....
515	aReba.....	Brantford.....	H. C. Cuff.....	S. W. Seago.....
516	aEnterprise.....	Beachburg.....	S. S. Robinson.....	P. C. Greeggan.....
517	aHazeldean.....	Hazeldean.....	T. C. Wall.....	G. S. Stanley.....
518	aSioux Lookout.....	Sioux Lookout.....	Jno. G. Maxwell.....	W. T. Cameron.....
519	aOnondaga.....	Onondaga.....	Wm. Martin.....	Geo. Fearman.....
520	aCoronati.....	Toronto.....	Jos. Empringham.....	J. T. Stephenson.....
521	aOntario.....	Windsor.....	W. R. Jobb.....	A. R. Graham.....
522	aMount Sinai.....	Toronto.....	Nathan Phillips.....	C. E. Garrard.....
523	aRoyal Arthur.....	Peterborough.....	C. S. Browne.....	G. W. Haley.....
524	aMississauga.....	Port Credit.....	G. Hamilton.....	W. M. Gemmell.....
525	aTemple.....	Toronto.....	Fred G. Sawyer.....	John F. Judge.....
526	aIonic.....	Westboro'.....	J. A. Glen.....	P. E. Waters.....
527	aEspanola.....	Espanola.....	J. W. Darby.....	L. N. Houck.....
528	aGolden Beaver.....	Timmins.....	C. P. Ramsay.....	P. Dougall.....
529	aMyra.....	Komoka.....	C. B. Smith.....	S. Swales.....
530	aCochrane.....	Cochrane.....	M. A. Fingland.....	A. T. King.....
531	aHigh Park.....	Toronto.....	S. A. Marshall.....	R. B. Magill.....
532	aCanada.....	Toronto.....	A. W. Hancock.....	J. E. Baker.....
533	aShamrock.....	Toronto.....	A. Lockard.....	E. W. Leith.....
534	aEnglehart.....	Englehart.....	C. W. Wright.....	F. A. Errett.....
535	aPhoenix.....	Fonthill.....	J. A. Christie.....	F. H. Clark.....
536	aAlgonquin.....	Copper Cliff.....	J. K. Workman.....	W. J. Hambley.....
537	aUlster.....	Toronto.....	John Jordan.....	Geo. Chambers.....
538	aEarl Kitchener.....	Port McNicoll.....	W. H. Biggar.....	Wm. Stephenson.....
539	aWaterloo.....	Waterloo.....	Geo. Venton.....	C. O. Hemphill.....
540	aAbitibi.....	Iroquois Falls.....	Thos. Mills.....	A. H. Dixon.....
541	aTuscan.....	Toronto.....	G. H. Parliament.....	S. J. Jackson.....
542	aMetropolitan.....	Toronto.....	Jos. A. Troyer.....	J. O. Walliss.....
543	aImperial.....	Toronto.....	E. N. Compton.....	A. G. Corscadden.....
544	aLincoln.....	Abingdon.....	Ernest Pettigrew.....	F. F. McKinnell.....
545	aJohn Ross Robertson.....	Toronto.....	E. F. Badke.....	W. J. S. Graham.....
546	aTalbot.....	St. Thomas.....	A. A. McNames.....	W. A. McPherson.....
547	aVictory.....	Toronto.....	A. H. Macoom Jr.....	H. J. Unwin.....
548	aGeneral Mercer.....	Toronto.....	T. H. Wynn.....	C. H. Darden.....
549	aIonic.....	Hamilton.....	James Rosie.....	S. A. Wait.....
550	aBuchanan.....	Hamilton.....	Rev. G. Thompson.....	W. Davies.....
551	aTuscan.....	Hamilton.....	A. A. Numbers.....	T. W. Appleton.....
552	aQueen City.....	Toronto.....	Thos. Swain.....	Geo. Carey.....
553	aOakwood.....	Toronto.....	A. W. Campbell.....	S. H. McElwain.....
554	aBorder Cities.....	Windsor.....	W. R. Bricker.....	E. T. Howe.....
555	aWardrobe.....	Hamilton.....	Geo. A. Ireland.....	John Forth.....
556	aNation.....	Spencerville.....	W. E. Vincent.....	A. W. Keillor.....
557	aFinch.....	Finch.....	F. C. Eligh.....	Arthur MacMillan.....
558	aSidney Albert Luke.....	Ottawa.....	S. F. Smith.....	W. E. Hayes.....

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Suspend.	Members 31 Dec., 1927	Members 31 Dec., 1928
501	2nd Thursday.....	10	10	10	3		4	4	8	253	250
502	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	15	11	11	1				12	120	134
503	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....						4	1		112	107
504	Tue. on or bef. F. M.....	3	5	5						58	61
505	2nd Wednesday.....	3	3	3	1		1			98	101
506	1st Thursday.....	3	4	4			1	1	5	138	134
507	2nd Friday.....	2	2		4		1	1	15	104	93
508	3rd Tuesday.....	6	4	6						224	229
509	4th Friday.....	25	20	15	9	1	2	1		230	262
510	2nd Friday.....	18	19	19	5	1	5	5	10	313	317
511	3rd Monday.....	8	10	7			3	4	4	154	151
512	Wed. on or aft. F. M.....	5	4	3				1	5	131	130
513	4th Thursday.....	25	22	23	6	4	3	4	1	595	622
514	3rd Monday.....	8	8	7	2	2	4	6	2	379	379
515	2nd Friday.....	11	10	9	1			1		255	266
516	1st Monday.....	3	3	4		1	1	2		99	100
517	Wed. on or bef. F. M.....	2	4	1		1	1			66	67
518	1st Monday.....	3	3	3	1	1	3		2	153	153
519	Friday on or bef. F. M.....	1	1	1		1	1			77	78
520	2nd Tuesday.....	6	11	10				2		401	405
521	1st Monday.....	28	35	29	1	2	4	3	49	449	424
522	2nd Tuesday.....	17	11	14				1	1	412	418
523	1st Monday.....	7	9	8			1			178	184
524	2nd Thursday.....	7	7	9	1		2	1	2	164	166
525	4th Tuesday.....	11	7	9	2	1	6	4	12	344	336
526	2nd Wednesday.....	15	10	11	3	1	1	1	2	212	227
527	1st Wednesday.....	4	2	4	2		2			99	103
528	2nd Wednesday.....	6	6	8	1		2	1		197	201
529	Sat. on or bef. F. M.....	1	2	2						54	55
530	2nd Friday.....	13	10	8	3		6		7	161	164
531	3rd Thursday.....	21	21	17	2	1	10	7	49	597	555
532	1st Friday.....	11	11	9			5	3	9	371	365
533	3rd Tuesday.....	8	9	7	2	1	6	3	7	319	314
534	2nd Monday.....	3	3	2		3	3	1	1	123	124
535	Mon. on or aft. F. M.....	4	6	5	1			4		96	97
536	3rd Tuesday.....	3	3	2	1			1	1	126	125
537	1st Monday.....	16	29	15	3		5	2	7	701	706
538	Tue. on or bef. F. M.....	3	2	1				1		59	61
539	1st Wednesday.....	8	9	7	3		1	1	1	128	138
540	3rd Friday.....	6	8	6	2		3	2	9	132	126
541	3rd Friday.....	9	10	8			3	5	10	452	443
542	2nd Wednesday.....	5	5	4	2		5		1	189	190
543	2nd Monday.....	8	9	8	2	1	6	1	6	265	263
544	Fri. on or bef. F. M.....	4	4	3			1			74	77
545	3rd Tuesday.....	22	21	19	5	1	3		3	363	385
546	4th Thursday.....	14	11	10	1		2	1	2	271	281
547	4th Wednesday.....	6	5	5						122	128
548	2nd Friday.....	27	32	35	1	1	10	3	4	290	302
549	1st Wednesday.....	18	18	17	1	4	2	1	6	255	269
550	1st Thursday.....	16	8	9	3	1	1	1	3	270	285
551	1st Thursday.....	25	23	24	1	2	5		8	390	405
552	1st Wednesday.....	17	17	18	3	3	5			344	362
553	2nd Monday.....	13	13	12	2		2		3	210	217
554	1st Wednesday.....	15	13	10		1	2	4		168	178
555	4th Monday.....	14	13	22	3	1	3		9	346	352
556	1st Friday.....	3	2	2			1	1		78	78
557	Thur. on or bef. F. M.....	4	5	5	1		1	2		94	96
558	2nd Wednesday.....	9	9	7	2		1	2	3	163	168

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
559	aPalestine..	Toronto	L. Blumbergh.....	Harry Melvin.....
560	aSt. Andrew's..	Ottawa	J. Wilton Montgomery	J. N. Salter.....
561	aAcacia.....	Westboro	G. T. Wild.....	D. A. MacEachern
562	aHamilton.....	Hamilton	E. L. Kerr.....	D. R. Gibson.....
563	aVictory.....	Chatham	G. W. Beamer.....	W. Scurr.....
564	aAshlar.....	Ottawa	C. W. Powers.....	Geo. Powers.....
565	aKilwinning.....	Toronto	John M. Hain.....	Malcolm Strachan.....
566	aKing Hiram.....	Toronto	N. W. Devitt.....	C. V. Tottle.....
567	aSt. Aidan's.....	Toronto	John A. Macaulay.....	D. B. McCunn.....
568	aHullett.....	Londesboro'	D. D. Robertson.....	John Fingland.....
569	aDoric.....	Lakeside	Wm. King.....	F. W. Seaton.....
570	aDufferin.....	Toronto	E. S. Golden.....	J. A. Hodings.....
571	aAntiquity.....	Toronto	M. J. Cochrane.....	H. Herriot.....
572	aMizpah.....	Toronto	A. E. Tucker.....	W. A. Francis.....
573	aAdoniram.....	Niagara Falls	A. S. Robertson.....	C. H. Stringer.....
574	aCraig.....	Ailsa Craig	Fred J. McLeod.....	J. R. Brown Sr.....
575	aFidelity.....	Toronto	W. H. Tuck.....	Wm. Moull.....
576	aMimosa.....	Toronto	Fred Cilding.....	G. F. Empringham.....
577	aSt. Clair.....	Toronto	H. B. Lloyd.....	M. L. Martyn.....
578	aQueen's.....	Kingston	James L. McKee.....	J. A. McRae.....
579	aHarmony.....	Windsor	R. D. Ferguson.....	C. A. Burgess.....
580	aAcacia.....	London	Geo. Garrow.....	John W. Bradshaw.....
581	aHarcourt.....	Toronto	W. F. Smith.....	Geo. T. Clark.....
582	aSunnyside.....	Toronto	E. F. Scott.....	K. N. Carrie.....
583	aTransportation.....	Toronto	J. M. Gill.....	J. G. Dunn.....
584	aKaministiquia.....	Fort William	C. S. Clendinnen.....	J. H. P. Barnsley.....
585	aRoyal Edward.....	Kingston	J. F. McMillan.....	W. J. Saunders.....
586	aWar Veterans.....	Toronto	T. J. Johnson.....	W. H. Smith.....
587	aPatricia.....	Toronto	S. W. Wilson.....	E. J. Reddick.....
588	aNational.....	Capreol	W. B. Reid.....	L. W. Ellis.....
589	aGrey.....	Toronto	Dr. W. G. Trelford.....	J. W. Tucker.....
590	aDefenders.....	Ottawa	G. W. J. Hodgins.....	S. C. Churchward.....
591	aNorth Gate.....	Toronto	L. R. Cooper.....	A. W. Urmey.....
592	aFairbank.....	Toronto	G. Watson.....	J. A. Welch.....
593	aSt. Andrew's.....	Hamilton	Wm. Clsland.....	F. W. Davidson.....
594	aHillcrest.....	Hamilton	R. A. Wallace.....	G. A. Sweetman.....
595	aRideau.....	Ottawa	P. L. Young.....	James McConne'l.....
596	aMartintown.....	Martintown	D. S. McIntosh.....	C. J. MacDermid.....
597	aTemple.....	London	W. E. Cane.....	Alex. Wootton.....
598	aDominion.....	Windsor	Emerson Mitchell.....	J. A. Wickens.....
599	aMount Dennis.....	Weston	Robt. Lownsbrough.....	Wm. McArthur.....
600	aMaple Leaf.....	Toronto	J. W. Walker.....	Wm. Moull.....
601	aS. Paul.....	Sarnia	R. E. Strain.....	John T. Elliott.....
602	aHugh Murray.....	Hamilton	M. E. Baseman.....	A. E. Hutchinson.....
603	aCampbell.....	Campbellville	E. S. Byerman.....	E. D. Mahon.....
604	aPalace.....	Windsor	A. B. Gillan.....	J. G. Moncrieff.....
605	aMelita.....	Toronto	Malcolm Sinclair.....	Chas. H. Lord.....
606	aUnity.....	Toronto	Dr. F. R. Davis.....	E. F. Trumper.....
607	aGolden Fleece.....	Toronto	Wm. Goodwin.....	Robt. Macfarlane.....
608	aGothic.....	Lindsay	Wm. MacMillan.....	W. R. Allely.....
609	aTavistock.....	Tavistock	L. W. Apple.....	C. F. Holley.....
610	aAshlar.....	Byron	F. J. Spyer.....	B. C. Scott.....
611	aHuron-Bruce.....	Toronto	Frank M. Scott.....	Robt. Brooks.....
612	aBirch Cliff.....	Birch Cliff	J. P. Henderson.....	J. Brown.....
613	aPort Erie.....	Fort Erie	E. J. Jukes.....	Harold A. Yeo.....
614	aAdanac.....	Merritton	James Prophet.....	H. L. Savigny.....
615	aDominion.....	Ridgeway	Chas. C. Young.....	J. L. Brodie.....
616	aPerfection.....	St. Catharines	James G. Schiller.....	G. L. Sherk.....
617	aNorth Bay.....	North Bay	E. R. Herbert.....	J. H. Lowery.....

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559	4th Wednesday	18	13	7	2			2	1	243	260
560	1st Thursday	12	13	12	1	1	2		1	193	203
561	4th Tuesday	14	13	9	2					134	148
562	2nd Monday	14	12	13	2	1	4	2	13	383	381
563	2nd Tuesday	9	15	14	6	1	3	1	3	270	279
564	1st Friday	11	11	11	1		1			164	175
565	3rd Friday	32	33	44	8		4		4	514	546
566	1st Friday	8	6	6	1		8		1	188	188
567	3rd Friday	7	6	6	2		1			78	86
568	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	4	4						50	53
569	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	3	1	2					1	61	63
570	1st Tuesday	28	28	20	6	1	8	2	8	241	258
571	4th Wednesday	20	26	22		1	1	1	4	190	205
572	4th Thursday	23	25	18	6	1	1	3	7	341	360
573	3rd Monday	10	12	8			3	3	11	234	227
574	Thur. on or aft. F. M.	1	3	1	2				3	76	74
575	4th Thursday	7	7	11				1	3	223	226
576	1st Monday	12	10	13	1		4		1	184	192
577	1st Wednesday	15	14	21	2		3	4		253	263
578	2nd Monday	26	23	17	2	1	3	2	3	194	215
579	1st Thursday	24	20	25	1	5		1	3	184	210
580	2nd Saturday	17	20	22	3	3	4		9	224	234
581	3rd Wednesday	2	3	3	2		2	1		69	70
582	3rd Wednesday	25	25	26	4		2	1	2	304	328
583	2nd Monday	21	21	22	17		3	3		263	295
584	3rd Tuesday	7	6	6	4		6	2	1	95	97
585	4th Friday	8	10	9	2		2	1		99	106
586	1st Friday	14	13	11	7		2	2	4	226	239
587	2nd Wednesday	11	12	14			1		1	201	210
588	1st Tuesday	7	2	3		1	6	1		116	117
589	2nd Friday	9	7	5	2		4	1	2	169	173
590	1st Wednesday	5	4	6	3		3	1	4	116	116
591	4th Thursday	14	14	12	7		4	1	3	202	215
592	3rd Monday	8	12	16	3		1		1	133	142
593	4th Wednesday	18	16	21	10		6	4	7	412	423
594	2nd Monday	13	12	15	1				3	177	188
595	2nd Thursday	8	8	7	2		2		2	134	140
596	2nd Thursday	1							2	33	32
597	4th Friday	13	13	18	1		1	2		120	131
598	1st Wednesday	15	10	13		1	2		4	129	139
599	1st Wednesday	14	12	15						137	151
600	4th Tuesday	9	7	7	2			5	7	142	141
601	1st Saturday	6	6	6	2		1		1	158	164
602	3rd Tuesday	15	19	18		1	1	2	3	179	189
603	1st Tuesday	4	2	1			1	1	1	79	80
604	2nd Thursday	14	11	9	2		1		3	118	130
605	2nd Tuesday	8	12	12	6			2	2	125	135
606	2nd Thursday	4	3	7	2		4	4		123	121
607	3rd Thursday	6	9	10	1		2		1	99	105
608	3rd Monday	8	7	8	2		1	1	1	90	97
609	2nd Tuesday	5	2	3			1			51	56
610	4th Monday	5	5	5			3		2	105	105
611	3rd Monday	7	11	11	1		4	2	6	124	120
612	2nd Friday	11	9	13	2	1	5	1		144	152
613	3rd Tuesday	6	5	4	1		1	2		80	84
614	1st Thursday	2	1	3	1					80	83
615	1st Thursday	5	5	8						71	76
616	2nd Monday	1	2	3	5		1		1	84	88
617	2nd Friday	11	11	3	3		1			83	96

RETURNS OF LODGES AS

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Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on or near the Festival

The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where Held	W. Master	Secretary
618	aThunder Bay.....	Port Arthur.....	A. M. Frank.....	A. H. Knutson.....
619	aRunnymede.....	Toronto.....	H. C. McCullagh.....	W. McK. Hamshaw.....
620	aBay of Quinte.....	Toronto.....	A. E. Langman.....	A. E. Jewett.....
621	aFrontenac.....	Sharbot Lake.....	Wm. Meldrum.....	R. Reid.....
622	aLorne.....	Chapleau.....	H. Searle.....	Geo. J. Collinson.....
623	aDoric.....	Kirkland Lake.....	L. A. Lillico.....	G. F. Doggett.....
624	aDereham.....	Mount Elgin.....	W. L. Anscombe.....	James D. Flanders.....
625	aHatherly.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Rev. F. W. Colloton.....	E. G. Leaney.....
626	aStamford.....	Stamford Centre.....	R. F. Cooper.....	G. W. Powell.....
627	aPelee.....	Scudder.....	Wm. Stewart.....	John McLellan.....
628	aGleniose.....	Elmira.....	Dr. W. D. S. Cross.....	James B. Garrett.....
629	aGrenville.....	Toronto.....	A. C. Norton.....	W. J. Streight.....
630	aPrince of Wales.....	Toronto.....	W. A. McMaster.....	A. B. Rice.....
631	aManitou.....	Emo.....	F. C. Gill.....	E. T. McComb.....
632	aLong Branch.....	Mimico.....	D. McCullough.....	D. Carruthers.....
633	a..... Hastings.....	Hastings.....	A. L. Hill.....	C. B. Plant.....
634	aDelta.....	Toronto.....	J. F. Neild.....	M. White.....
635	aWellington.....	Toronto.....	A. E. Bryson.....	J. H. Mitchell.....
636	aHornepayne.....	Hornepayne.....	A. J. Beagley.....	N. B. Kirby.....
637	aCaledonia.....	Toronto.....	John Ness.....	John Ferguson.....
638	aBedford.....	Toronto.....	E. A. Dickinson.....	C. H. R. Davey.....
639	aBeach.....	Burlington Beach.....	H. D. Revell.....	R. D. Berry.....
640	aAnthony Sayer.....	Mimico.....	Dr. Austin Evans.....	E. J. Hutchins.....
641	aGarden.....	Windsor.....	R. B. Moore.....	John Briggs.....
642	aSt. Andrews'.....	Windsor.....	James C. Scofield.....	J. W. Adams.....
643	Cathedral.....	Toronto.....	W. J. McAndrew.....	Chas. E. Anderson.....
644	Simcoe.....	Toronto.....	R. J. Wallace.....	W. G. Mackay.....
645	Lake Shore.....	Mimico.....	G. R. Coombs.....	James Farrington.....
646	Rowland.....	Mount Albert.....	R. H. Tinsdale.....	W. S. Robertson.....
647	Todmorden.....	Todmorden.....	A. E. Powell.....	Norman McKay.....
648	Spruce Falls.....	Kapuskasing.....	Geo. F. Bailey.....	H. B. McAdam.....
649	Temple.....	Oshawa.....	C. R. McIntosh.....	W. O. Wilson.....
UD.	Sarboro.....	Agincourt.....	Geo. Scott.....	L. A. Kennedy.....

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618	1st Thursday.....	6	3	3	3	2	90	97
619	4th Wednesday.....	10	10	10	4	5	163	172
620	3rd Friday.....	7	12	11	1	1	1	206	210
621	Friday on or bef. F.M.....	4	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	48
622	2nd Wednesday.....	6	6	5	4	.....	5	2	1	84	86
623	1st Thursday.....	14	11	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	140	155
624	1st Tuesday.....	10	9	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64	74
625	3rd Friday.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	54	52
626	1st Wednesday.....	8	6	3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	69	77
627	Tuesday on or bef. F.M.....	4	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	62
628	3rd Tuesday.....	3	2	2	2	.....	1	1	.....	41	44
629	4th Saturday.....	18	21	23	4	.....	1	1	.....	141	161
630	4th Friday.....	12	11	12	7	.....	.....	1	.....	103	116
631	3rd Thursday.....	8	5	5	1	.....	.....	2	.....	64	71
632	3rd Tuesday.....	13	9	10	2	.....	.....	.....	2	70	83
633	Friday on or bef. F.M.....	4	6	3	2	.....	1	.....	1	56	60
634	2nd Tuesday.....	10	8	9	2	.....	.....	.....	1	143	154
635	1st Friday.....	17	15	14	2	.....	5	.....	1	147	160
636	2nd Wednesday.....	12	13	9	.....	.....	3	1	3	73	78
637	3rd Monday.....	36	38	40	7	.....	1	1	.....	199	228
638	3rd Tuesday.....	25	22	27	3	.....	1	.....	.....	101	128
639	2nd Tuesday.....	8	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77	85
640	3rd Friday.....	3	2	2	3	.....	2	1	1	37	39
641	1st Friday.....	10	10	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	59
642	2nd Friday.....	18	15	17	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	91
643	1st Tuesday.....	8	7	8	4	.....	8	.....	1	76	79
644	1st Monday.....	13	17	19	2	.....	7	2	.....	138	144
645	1st Monday.....	9	9	13	8	.....	.....	1	1	59	74
646	2nd Friday.....	19	14	11	30	.....	3	1	.....	.....	45
647	1st Monday.....	31	23	17	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100
648	2nd Monday.....	13	5	3	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63
649	3rd Tuesday.....	10	3	3	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
		4390	4364	4188	1095	332	1082	1251	1564	112401	114237

P.O. ADDRESSES OF SECRETARIES

Special addresses of Secretaries of Lodges in the Cities and in other places where the secretary's address is not the same as that of the Lodge.

No.	Lodge	Location	Secretary and P.O. Address
3	Ancient St. John's	Kingston	A. W. Cathcart, 570 Johnson St.
5	Sussex	Brockville	Thos. H. Guest, 374 King St. W.
6	Barton	Hamilton	W. H. F. Whateley, 1107 Main St. E.
11	Moir	Belleville	Geo. Dulmage, 36 Hillside St.
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	A. N. Lindsay, 3 Queen St.
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	Wm. Lawrence, 202 Westminister Av
20	St. John's	London	Rich Booth, 230 Wellington St.
22	King Solomon's	Toronto	P. H. Walker, 320 Beresford Ave.
25	Ionic	Toronto	M. S. Gooderham, 1166 Bay St.
27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	H. W. Linton, 62 Barnesdale Ave. S.
39	Mount Zion	Brooklin	Thos. R. Price, Myrtle Station
40	St. John's	Hamilton	B. L. Simpson, 94 Delaware Ave.
42	St. George's	London	Thos. Dickson, 243 Victoria St.
43	King Solomon's	Woods-ock	A. W. Massie, 717 Rathbourne Ave
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	F. W. Judd, 379 Talbot St.
45	Brant	Brantford	Geo. Whitwill, 149 Sheridan St.
46	Wellington	Chatham	W. J. McColi, 24 Stanley St.
47	Great Western	Windsor	V. J. Smith, 675 Victoria Rd., Walkerville
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	H. W. Jackson, 45 Rideau St.
56	Victoria	Sarnia	H. W. Unsworth, 219 Mitton St. N.
57	Harmony	Binbrook	Jas. D. Rose, Blackheath
58	Doric	Ottawa	J. A. Ross, 480 Cooper St.
61	Acacia	Hamilton	C. E. Kelly, 73 Melrose Ave.
64	Kilwinning	London	W. Lancaster, 15 Stanley St.
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	Geo. H. Mitchell, Treasury Dept., City Hall
72	Alma	Galt	A. J. Oliver, 45 James St.
74	St. James	S. Augusta	H. H. Throop, R.R. No. 2, Brock- ville
75	St. John's	Toronto	B. E. Garrett, 82 Petman Ave.
76	Oxford	Woodstock	E. E. Dougall, 122 Wilson St.
77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	C. L. Davidson, 125 Kent St. W.
86	Wilson	Toronto	W. L. Lawer, 38 Ernescliffe Apts. 195 Wellesley St.
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	J. M. Campbell, 1166 Second Ave. W
92	Catawaqui	Kingston	W. H. Dalby, 72 Nelson St.
101	Corinthian	Peterborough	R. F. Downey, 298 Boswell Ave.
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	A. E. Coombs, 197 Church St.
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	Fred Trelford, 203 Lundy's Lane
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	R. A. McDougall, R.R. No. 1, Glanworth
121	Doric	Brantford	T. R. Logan, 33 Alfred St.
123	Belleville	Belleville	J. McCarthy, 59 Everett St.
128	Pembroke	Pembroke	C. W. Fraser, 423 McKay St.
139	Lebanon	Osbawa	W. A. Hare, 23 1/2 Simcoe St. N.
144	Tecumseh	Stratford	S. W. Rust, 203 Douglas St.
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	D. Sexsmith, R.R. No. 1, Wilton
148	Civil Service	Ottawa	H. W. Lothrop, 331 James St.
151	Grand River	Kitchener	P. Fisher, 11Elgin St.
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	F. H. Dobbin, 295 Reid St.
156	York	Toronto	W. E. Hofland, 5 Eglinton Ave. E
168	Merritt	Welland	L. R. Brennan, 30 Oakland Ave.
171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Sta	F. C. Coutts, Southwold.
177	The Builders	Ottawa	J. J. McGill, 189 Holmwood Ave.
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	J. Bristow, Bright
180	Speed	Guelph	B. Whetstone, 90 Yorkshire St.
185	Enniskillen	York	E. S. Bradt, R.R. No. 5 Cayuga
195	Tuscan	London	B. H. Higgins, 496 Dundas St.
209A	St. John's	London	Edwin Smith, 582 Dufferin Ave.
218	Stevenson	Toronto	H. C. H. Corneil, 328 Seaton St.
230	Kerr	Barrie	D. W. Emms, 223 Elizabeth St.
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	R. Shaw, Apt. 1, 319 Frank St.
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	Thos. G. Idle, Thornbury
247	Ashlar	Toronto	W. H. Lyon, 9 Richmond St. E.
253	Minden	Kingston	R. S. Graham, 236 Albert St.
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	J. C. Lymburner, 1120 McRae St.

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257.	Galt	Galt	E. F. Hetherington, 50 Cedar St.
258.	Guelph	Guelph	F. F. Sweetman, 394 Woolwich St.
264.	Chaudiere	Ottawa	Henry Gates, 531 Bronson Ave.
267.	Parthenon	Chatham	J. G. Martin, 24 Lansdowne Ave.
270.	Cedar	Oshawa	M. L. Argall, 495 Simcoe St. N.
272.	Seymour	Ancaster	E. McMullen, R.R. No. 1, Hamilton
287.	Shuniah	Port Arthur	A. P. Freed, 329 Van Norman St.
296.	Temple	St. Catharines	C. A. Brown, 152 St. Paul St.
299.	Victoria	Centreville	H. A. Carscallen, Enterprise
302.	St. David's	St. Thomas	W. H. Stapleton, 12 Drake St.
309.	Morning Star	Carlow	Thos. H. Wilson, R.R. No. 5, Goderich.
316.	Doric	Toronto	G. W. Wilson, 29 Castlefield Ave.
324.	Temple	Hamilton	H. B. Jackson, 29 Mt. Royal Ave.
326.	Zetland	Toronto	F. G. Logan, 111 Kendall Ave.
328.	Ionic	Napier	W. T. Buchanan, R.R. No. 2, Kerwood
330.	Corinthian	London	H. J. Childs, 293 Dundas St.
332.	Stratford	Stratford	E. Denroche, 185 Water St.
338.	Dufferin	Wellandport	C. Gilmore, Lowbanks
339.	Orient	Toronto	H. D. Ashley, 510 Ontario St.
343.	Georgina	Toronto	G. Thompson, 419 Brunswick Ave.
345.	Nilestown	Nilestown	J. F. Johnson, R.R. No. 8, London
346.	Occident	Toronto	W. M. Williams, 44 Balntyre Ave.
357.	Waterdown	Millgrove	J. R. Nichol, R.R. No. 4, Dundas
361.	Waverley	Guelph	H. W. Hinman, 19 Liverpool St.
364.	Dufferin	Melbourne	G. J. Stevenson, R.R. No. 4, Appin
367.	St. George	Toronto	A. B. Hutchcroft, 9 Clendenan Ave.
369.	Mimico	Lambton Mills	W. A. Beecroft, 31 Palisades
371.	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	H. J. Sykes, 364 Wellington St.
373.	Copestone	Welland	A. Tattersall, 103 Plymouth Rd.
378.	King Solomon's	London	W. Nicholls, 175 Wharcliffe Rd N.
379.	Middlesex	Bryanston	H. E. Ralph, R.R. No. 1, Ettrick.
380.	Union	London	J. Ward, 9 Tecumseh Ave.
382.	Doric	Hamilton	Dr. C. V. Emory, 91 Barnesdale Bld
384.	Alpha	Toronto	E. J. Voss, 182 Galley Ave.
410.	Zeta	Toronto	S. J. Boyd, 1542 Dufferin St.
412.	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	E. M. Shaw, 124 Brock St.
415.	Fort William	Fort William	C. E. Coombes, 228 N. Syndicate Av
419.	Liberty	Sarnia	W. J. Alcock, 189 Euphemia St.
425.	St. Clair	Sombra	C. H. Balsdon, Port Lambton.
426.	Stanley	Toronto	Wm. Harris, 190 Osler Ave.
430.	Acacia	Toronto	E. Pickles, 101 Gledhill Ave.
434.	Algonquin	Emsdale	Jas. Metcalfe, Katrine Sta.
437.	Tuscan	Sarnia	W. J. Barrie, 170 N. Christina St.
438.	Harmony	Toronto	T. Robertson, 2236 Bloor St. W.
453.	Royal	Fort William	R. Daggar, 208 N. Norah St.
469.	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie	J. Dudley, 46 The Drive
473.	The Beaches	Toronto	S. J. Manchester, 70 Edgewood Ave.
474.	Victoria	Toronto	W. J. Wadsowrth, 227 Glendon- wynne Rd.
475.	Dundurn	Hamilton	G. Milne, 85 Lottridge St.
481.	Corinthian	Toronto	G. M. Britton, 58 Gilmour Ave.
494.	Riverdale	Toronto	J. M. Malcolm, 742 Logan Ave.
495.	Electric	Hamilton	L. Holmes, 21 Clare Ave., Hamilton Beach
496.	University	Toronto	P. F. Munro, 10 Bowden Ave.
499.	Port Arthur	Port Arthur	A. Rome, 105 Prospect Ave.
500.	Rose	Windsor	H. M. Gard, 336 Indian Rd. Sand wich
508.	Ozias	Brantford	J. S. Rowe, 31 Abigail Ave.
509.	Twin City	Kitchener	G. DeKleinbans, 561 Queen St. S.
510.	Parkdale	Toronto	J. H. Mills, 97 Tyndal Ave.
511.	Connaught	Fort William	A. Harris, 133 N. John St.
513.	Corinthian	Hamilton	J. R. Croft, 104 Burris St.
514.	St. Albans	Toronto	W. Hughes, 23 Silver Ave.
515.	Reba	Brantford	S. W. Seago, 182 Brant Ave.
517.	Hazeldean	Hazeldean	G. S. Stanley, Stittsville
520.	Coronati	Toronto	J. T. Stephenson, 105 Gates Ave.
521.	Ontario	Windsor	A. R. Graham, 133 Partington Ave.
522.	Mt. Sinai	Toronto	C. E. Garrard, 171 Yonge St.
523.	Royal Arthur	Peterborough	G. W. Haley, 85 Benson Ave.
525.	Temple	Toronto	J. F. Judge, 176 Marion St.

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526	Ionic	Westboro	P. E. Watters, 84 Fairmont Ave., Ottawa
531	High Park	Toronto	R. B. Magill, 178 Marion St.
532	Canada	Toronto	J. E. Baker, 106 Withrow Ave.
533	Shamrock	Toronto	E. W. Leith, 628 Indian Rd.
535	Phoenix	Fonthill	F. H. Clark, R.R. No. 2, We and
537	Ulster	Toronto	G. Chambers, 211 Browning Ave.
539	Waterloo	Waterloo	C. O. Hemphill, 56 Park Ave.
541	Tuscan	Toronto	S. J. Jackson, 897 Bloor St. W.
542	Metropolitan	Toronto	J. O. Wallis, 85 Gormey Ave.
543	Imperial	Toronto	A. G. Corscadden, 51 Highcroft Rd.
544	Lincoln	Abingdon	F. F. McKinney, R.R. No. 1, Caiston Centre.
545	John Ross Robertson	Toronto	W. J. S. Graham, 16 Herbert Ave.
546	Talbot	St. Thomas	W. A. McPherson, 38 Metcalfe St.
547	Victory	Toronto	H. J. Unwin, 58 Wellington St. E.
548	General Mercer	Toronto	C. H. Dearden, 412 Beresford Ave.
549	Ionic	Hamilton	S. A. Wait, 105 Maple Ave.
550	Buchanan	Hamilton	W. Davies, Chedoke P.O.
551	Tuscan	Hamilton	T. W. Appleton, 396 Main St. E.
552	Queen City	Toronto	G. Carey, 13 Thyra Ave.
553	Oakwood	Toronto	S. H. McElwain, 90 Cloverlawn Ave.
554	Border Cities	Windsor	E. T. Howe, 829 London St. W.
555	Wardrobe	Hamilton	J. Forth, 210 Charlton Ave. W.
558	Sidney Albert Luke	Ottawa	W. E. Hayes, 329 James St.
559	Palestine	Toronto	H. Melvin, 1403 Ossington Ave.
560	St. Andrews	Ottawa	J. N. Salter, 31 Edgar St.
562	Hamilton	Hamilton	D. R. Gibson, 87 Sanford Ave. S.
563	Victory	Chatham	W. Scurr, 41 Grand Ave. E.
564	Ashlar	Ottawa	G. Powers, 16 Rideau Terrace
565	Kilwinning	Toronto	M. Strachan, 85 Mavety St.
566	King Hiram	Toronto	C. V. Tottle, 2362a Bloor St. W.
567	St. Adians	Toronto	D. B. McCunn, 17 Baisam Rd.
570	Dufferin	Toronto	J. A. Hodgins, 95 Clinton St.
571	Antiquity	Toronto	H. Jerriot, 8 Glen Avon Rd.
572	Mizpah	Toronto	W. A. Francis, 290 Margueretta St.
573	Adoniram	Niagara Falls	C. H. Stringer, 1259 Heywood Ave.
575	Fidelity	Toronto	W. Moull, 11 Lindsay Ave.
576	Mimosa	Toronto	G. F. Empringham, 26 Enderby Rd.
577	St. Clair	Toronto	M. L. Martyn, 57 Queen St. W.
578	Queens	Kingston	J. A. McRae, 226 Frontenac St.
579	Harmony	Windsor	C. A. Burgess, 1016 Giles Blvd. E.
580	Acacia	London	J. W. Bradshaw, 707 Waterloo St.
581	Harcourt	Toronto	G. T. Clark, 81 Crescent Rd.
582	Sunnyside	Toronto	K. N. Carrie, 58 Roncesvalles Ave.
583	Transportation	Toronto	J. G. Dunn, 340 St. Clarens Ave.
584	Kaministiquia	Fort William	J. H. P. Barnsley, 217 S. Norah St.
585	Royal Edward	Kingston	W. J. Saunders, 124 Beverley St.
586	War Veterans	Toronto	W. H. Smith, 240 Wychwood Ave.
587	Patricia	Toronto	E. J. Reddick, 29 Abbott Ave.
589	Grey	Toronto	J. W. Tucker, 33 Regal Rd.
590	Defenders	Ottawa	S. G. Churchward, 83 Evelyn Ave.
591	North Gate	Toronto	A. W. Urmy, 48 Millwood Rd.
592	Fairbank	Fairbank	J. A. Welch, 275 Boon Ave., Toronto
593	St. Andrews	Hamilton	F. W. Davidson, 52 Barnesdale Ave.
594	Hillcrest	Hamilton	G. A. Sweetman, 40 Alpine Ave.
595	Rideau	Ottawa	J. McConnell, 216 Driveway
597	Temple	London	A. Woonton, 714 Maitland St.
598	Dominion	Windsor	J. A. Wickens, 538 Dougall Ave.
599	Mount Dennis	Mount Dennis	W. McArthur, 58 Greendale Ave.
600	Maple Leaf	Toronto	W. Moull, 11 Lindsay Ave.
601	St. Pauls	Sarnia	J. T. Elliott, 110 Crawford St.
602	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	A. E. Hutchinson, 15 Strachcona Av.
604	Palace	Windsor	J. G. Moncrieff, Heintzman Bldg
605	Melita	Toronto	C. H. Lord, 500 Millwood Rd.
606	Unity	Toronto	E. F. Trumper, 696 Indian Rd.
607	Golden Fleece	Toronto	R. Macfarlane, 58 Highfield Rd.
608	Gothic	Lindsay	W. R. Alley, 259 Kent St. W.
610	Tavistock	Tavistock	B. C. Scott, R.R. No. 7, London
611	Huron-Bruce	Toronto	R. Brooks, 98 Hampton Ave.
612	Birch Cliff	Birch Cliff	J. Brown, 13 Avalon Blvd.
616	Perfection	St. Catharines	G. L. Shark, 27 Queen St.
617	North Bay	North Bay	J. H. Lowery, 195 Front St.

No	Lodge	Location	Secretary and P.O. Address
618	Thunder Bay	Port Arthur	A. H. Knutson, Fitzsimmons Fruit Co.
619	Runnymede	Toronto	W. McK. Hamshaw, 76 Glendale Av.
620	Bay of Quinte	Toronto	A. E. Jewett, 466 Gladstone Ave.
625	Hatherly	Sault Ste. Marie	E. C. Leaney, 4 McGregor Ave.
629	Grenville	Toronto	W. J. Streight, 44 Fairview Blvd.
630	Prince of Wales	Toronto	A. B. Rice, 354 Clendinan Ave.
632	Long Branch	Mimico	D. Carruthers, Box. 16, Long Branch
634	Delta	Toronto	M. D. White, 61 Montgomery Ave.
635	Wellington	Toronto	J. H. Mitchell, 93 Medland Cres.
637	Caledonia	Toronto	J. Ferguson 240 Keele St.
638	Bedford	Toronto	C. H. R. Devey, 67 Yonge St. Blvd.
639	Beach	Hamilton Beach	R. D. Berry, 4 Knapman's Drive, Station 9
640	Anthony Sayer	Mimico	E. J. Hutchins, 69 Eastbourne Cres.
641	Garden	Windsor	J. Briggs, 1463 Marentette Ave.
642	St. Andrews	Windsor	J. W. Adams, 813 Dougal Ave
643	Cathedral	Toronto	C. E. Anderson, 122 Roselawn Ave.
644	Simcoe	Toronto	W. G. Mackay, 74 Oakwood Ave.
645	Lake Shore	Mimico	J. Farrington, 67 Symon St.
647	Todmorden	Todmorden	M. McKay, 84 Gowan Ave., Toronto
649	Temple	Oshawa	W. O. Wilson, 73 Young St.

LIST OF LODGES--BY DISTRICTS

ALGOMA DISTRICT--(15 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. S. Cade, Kenora

No. 287—Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	No. 461—Ionic.....	Rainy River
No. 414—Pequonga.....	Kenora	No. 484—Golden Star.....	Dryden
No. 415—Fort William.....	Fort William	No. 499—Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur
No. 417—Keewatin.....	Keewatin	No. 511—Connaught W. Fort William	
No. 445—Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora	No. 518—Sioux Lookout Sioux L'kout	
No. 446—Granite.....	Fort Frances	No. 584—Kaministiquia Fort William	
No. 453—Royal.....	Fort William	No. 618—Thunder Bay Port Arthur	
		No. 631—Manitou.....	Emo.

BRANT DISTRICT--(14 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. S. McDonald, Lynden

No. 35—St. Johns.....	Cayuga	No. 243—St. George.....	St. George
No. 45—Brant.....	Brantford	No. 319—Hiram.....	Hagersville
No. 82—St. Johns.....	Pais	No. 329—King Solomon.....	Jarvis
No. 106—Burford.....	Burford	No. 505—Lynden.....	Lynden
No. 113—Wilson.....	Waterford	No. 508—Ozias.....	Brantford
No. 121—Doric.....	Brantford	No. 515—Reba.....	Brantford
No. 193—Scotland.....	Scotland	No. 519—Onondaga.....	Onondaga

BRUCE DISTRICT--(12 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. P. Brooks, Park Head

No. 131—St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	No. 393—Forest.....	Chesley
No. 197—Saugeen.....	Walkerton	No. 396—Cedar.....	Warton
No. 235—Aldworth.....	Paisley	No. 429—Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
No. 262—Harriston.....	Harriston	No. 431—Moravian.....	Cargill
No. 315—Clifford.....	Clifford	No. 432—Hanover.....	Hanover
No. 362—Maple Leaf.....	Tara	No. 436—Burns.....	Hepworth

CHATHAM DISTRICT--(14 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. A. Miller, Chatham

No. 46—Wellington.....	Chatham	No. 327—Hammond.....	Wardsville
No. 245—Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	No. 336—Highgate.....	Highgate
No. 255—Sydenham.....	Dresden	No. 390—Florence.....	Florence
No. 267—Parthenon.....	Chatham	No. 391—Howard.....	Ridgetown
No. 274—Kent.....	Blenheim	No. 422—Star of the East.....	Bothwell
No. 282—Lorne.....	Glencoe	No. 457—Century.....	Merlin
No. 312—Phyx.....	Wallaceburg	No. 563—Victory.....	Chatham

EASTERN DISTRICT--(18 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. S. H. Hutt, Chesterville

No. 21a—St. Johns.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 418—Maxville.....	Maxville ^e
No. 125—Cornwall.....	Cornwall	No. 439—Alexandria.....	Alexandria
No. 142—Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	No. 450—Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury
No. 143—Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	No. 452—Avonmore.....	Avonmore
No. 186—Plantagenet.....	Riceville	No. 458—Wales.....	Wales
No. 207—Lancaster.....	Lancaster	No. 480—Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg
No. 256—Farran's Point.....	Aultsville	No. 491—Cardinal.....	Cardinal
No. 320—Chesterville.....	Chesterville	No. 557—Finch.....	Finch
No. 383—Henderson.....	Winchester	No. 596—Martintown.....	Martintown

FRONTENAC DISTRICT--(18 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. E. S. Parrott, Odessa

No. 3—Ancient St. Johns.....	Kingston	No. 253—Minden.....	Kingston
No. 9—Union.....	Napanee	No. 299—Victoria.....	Centreville
No. 92—Cataraqui.....	Kingston	No. 404—Lorne.....	Tamworth
No. 109—Albion.....	Harrowsmith	No. 441—Westport.....	Westport
No. 119—Maple Leaf.....	Bath	No. 460—Rideout.....	Seeley's Bay
No. 146—Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh	No. 497—St. Andrew's.....	Arden
No. 157—Simpson.....	Newboro	No. 578—Queen's.....	Kingston
No. 201—Leeds.....	Gananoque	No. 585—Royal Edward.....	Kingston
No. 228—Prince Arthur.....	Odessa	No. 621—Frontenac.....	Sharbot Lake

GEORGIAN DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. L. J. Simpson, Barrie

No. 90—Manito.....Collingwood	No. 304—Minerva.....Stroud
No. 96—Corinthian.....Barrie	No. 348—Georgian.....Penetanguishene
No. 137—Pythagoras.....Meaford	No. 385—Spry.....Beeton
No. 192—Orillia.....Orillia	No. 444—Nitetis.....Creemore
No. 230—Kerr.....Barrie	No. 466—Coronation.....Elmvale
No. 234—Beaver.....Clarksburg	No. 467—Tottenham.....Tottenham
No. 236—Manitoba.....Cookstown	No. 470—Victoria ..Victoria Harbour
No. 249—Caledonian.....Midland	No. 492—Karnak.....Coldwater
No. 266—Northern Light.....Stayner	No. 538—Earl Kitchener, Pt. McNicol
No. 285—Seven Star.....Alliston	

GREY DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. T. H. Carson, Owen Sound

No. 88—St. George's.....Owen Sound	No. 333—Prince Arthur.....Flesherton
No. 200—St. Alban's.....Mount Forest	No. 334—Prince Arthur.....Arthur
No. 216—Harris.....Orangeville	No. 377—Lorne.....Shelburne
No. 271—Wellington.....Erin	No. 421—Scott.....Grand Valley
No. 306—Durham.....Durham	No. 449—Dundalk.....Dundalk
No. 322—North Star.....Owen Sound	No. 490—Hiram.....Markdale

HAMILTON DISTRICT A—(16 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. J. Stutt, Dundas

No. 6—Barton.....Hamilton	No. 357—Waterdown.....Millgrove
No. 40—St. Johns.....Hamilton	No. 400—Oakville.....Oakville
No. 100—Valley.....Dundas	No. 475—Dundurn.....Hamilton
No. 135—St. Clair.....Milton	No. 513—Corinthian.....Hamilton
No. 165—Burlington.....Burlington	No. 551—Tuscan.....Hamilton
No. 272—Seymour.....Ancaster	No. 562—Hamilton.....Hamilton
No. 291—Dufferin.....W. Flamboro	No. 602—Hugh Murray.....Hamilton
No. 324—Temple.....Hamilton	No. 603—Campbell.....Campbellville

HAMILTON DISTRICT B—(16 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. B. McConachie, Grimsby

No. 7—Union.....Grimsby	No. 495—Electric.....Hamilton
No. 27—Strict Observance Hamilton	No. 544—Lincoln.....Abingdon
No. 57—Harmony.....Binbrook	No. 549—Ionic.....Hamilton
No. 61—Acacia.....Hamilton	No. 550—Buchanan.....Hamilton
No. 62—St. Andrews.....Caledonia	No. 555—Wardrope.....Hamilton
No. 166—Wentworth.....Stoney Creek	No. 593—St. Andrews.....Hamilton
No. 185—Enniskillen.....York	No. 594—Hillcrest.....Hamilton
No. 382—Doric.....Hamilton	No. 639—Beach.....Burlington Beach

LONDON DISTRICT—(23 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. M. MacVicar, Belmont

No. 20—St. Johns'.....London	No. 358—Delaware Valley ..Delaware
No. 42—St. George's.....London	No. 378—King Solomon's.....London
No. 64—Kilwinning.....London	No. 379—Middlesex.....Bryanston
No. 107—St. Paul's.....Lambeth	No. 380—Union.....London
No. 190—Belmont.....Belmont	No. 388—Henderson.....Ilderton
No. 195—Tuscan.....London	No. 394—King Solomon.....Thamesford
No. 209a—St. John's.....London	No. 399—Moffat.....Harrietsville
No. 289—Doric.....Lobo	No. 529—Myra.....Komoka
No. 300—Mount Olivet.....Thorndale	No. 580—Acacia.....London
No. 330—Corinthian.....London	No. 597—Temple.....London
No. 344—Merrill.....Dorchester Sta.	No. 610—Ashlar.....Byron
No. 345—Nilestown.....Nilestown	

MUSKOKA DISTRICT—(8 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. L. G. Phillips, Powassan

No. 352—Granite.....Parry Sound	No. 423—Strong.....Sundridge
No. 360—Muskoka.....Bracebridge	No. 434—Algonquin.....Elmsdale
No. 376—Unity.....Huntsville	No. 443—Powassan.....Powassan
No. 409—Golden Rule.....Gravenhurst	No. 454—Corona.....Burk's Falls

NIAGARA DISTRICT—(25 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. Dakers, St. Catharines**

No. 2—Niagara.....Niagara	No. 337—Myrtle.....Port Robinson
No. 15—St. George's St. Catharines	No. 338—Duferin.....Wellandport
No. 32—Amity.....Dunnville	No. 372—Palmer.....Bridgeburg
No. 103—Maple Leaf St. Catharines	No. 373—Copestone.....Welland
No. 105—St. Marks.....Niagara Falls	No. 471—King Edward VII Chippawa
No. 115—Ivy.....Beamsville	No. 502—Coronation.....Smithville
No. 168—Merritt.....Welland	No. 535—Phoenix.....Fonthill
No. 169—Macnab.....Pt. Colborne	No. 573—Adoniram.....Niagara Falls
No. 221—Mountain.....Thorold	No. 613—Fort Erie.....Port Erie
No. 254—Clifton.....Niagara Falls	No. 614—Adanac.....Merritt
No. 277—Seymour.....Port Dalhousie	No. 615—Dominion.....Ridgeway
No. 296—Temple.....St. Catharines	No. 616—Perfection.....St. Catharines
	No. 626—Stamford.....South End

NIPISSING DISTRICT—(17 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. J. Lomas, Capreol**

No. 405—Mattawa.....Mattawa	No. 472—Gore Bay.....Gore Bay
No. 412—Keystone Sault Ste. Marie	No. 487—Penewobikong.....Blind River
No. 420—Nipissing.....North Bay	No. 527—Espanola.....Espanola
No. 427—Nickel.....Sudbury	No. 536—Algonquin.....Copper Cliff
No. 442—Dymont.....Thessalon	No. 588—National.....Capreol
No. 447—Sturgeon Fa. Sturgeon Falls	No. 617—North Bay.....North Bay
No. 455—Doric.....Little Current	No. 622—Lorne.....Chapleau
No. 469—Algoma.....Sault Ste. Marie	No. 625—Hatherly Sault Ste. Marie
	No. 636—Hornepayne.....Hornepayne

NORTH HURON DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. Scrimgeour, Palmerston**

No. 93—Northern Light Kincardine	No. 286—Wingham.....Wingham
No. 162—Forest.....Wroxeter	No. 303—Blyth.....Blyth
No. 184—Old Light.....Lucknow	No. 314—Blair.....Palmerston
No. 225—Bernard.....Listowel	No. 331—Fordwich.....Fordwich
No. 276—Teeswater.....Teeswater	No. 341—Bruce.....Tiverton
No. 284—St. Johns.....Brussels	No. 568—Hullett.....Londeshoro

ONTARIO DISTRICT—(13 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. M. Linton, Orono**

No. 17—St. John's.....Cobourg	No. 91—Colborne.....Colborne
No. 26—Ontario.....Port Hope	No. 114—Hope.....Port Hope
No. 30—Composite.....Whitby	No. 139—Lebanon.....Oshawa
No. 31—Jerusalem.....Bowmanville	No. 270—Cedar.....Oshawa
No. 39—Mount Zion.....Brooklin	No. 325—Orono.....Orono
No. 66—Durham.....Newcastle	No. 428—Fidelity.....Port Perry
	No. 649—Temple.....Oshawa

OTTAWA DISTRICT—(27 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. H. Hooper, Carleton Place**

No. 52—Dalhousie.....Ottawa	No. 459—Cobden.....Cobden
No. 58—Doric.....Ottawa	No. 465—Carleton.....Carp
No. 63—St. John's.....Carleton Place	No. 476—Corinthian.....North Gower
No. 122—Renfrew.....Renfrew	No. 479—Russell.....Russell
No. 128—Pembroke.....Pembroke	No. 516—Enterprise.....Beachburg
No. 147—Mississippi.....Almonte	No. 517—Hazeldean.....Hazeldean
No. 148—Civil Service.....Ottawa	No. 526—Ionic.....Westboro
No. 159—Goodwood.....Richmond	No. 558—Sidney Albert Luke Ottawa
No. 177—The Builders.....Ottawa	No. 560—St. Andrew's.....Ottawa
No. 196—Madawaska.....Arnprior	No. 561—Acacia.....Westboro
No. 231—Lodge of Fidelity.....Ottawa	No. 564—Ashlar.....Ottawa
No. 264—Chaudiere.....Ottawa	No. 590—Defenders.....Ottawa
No. 371—Prince of Wales.....Ottawa	No. 595—Rideau.....Ottawa
No. 433—Bonnehcne.....Eganville	

PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT—(11 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. Jemison, Millbrook**

No. 101—Corinthian.....Peterborough	No. 223—Norwood.....Norwood
No. 126—Golden Rule.....Campbellford	No. 313—Clementi.....Lakefield
No. 145—J. B. Hall.....Millbrook	No. 374—Keene.....Keene
No. 155—Peterborough.....Peterborough	No. 435—Havelock.....Havelock
No. 161—Percy.....Warkworth	No. 523—Royal Arthur Peterborough
	No. 633—Hastings.....Hastings

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT—(16 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. W. West, Madoc**

No. 11—Moir.....Belleville	No. 127—Franck.....Frankford
No. 18—Prince Edward.....Picton	No. 164—Star in the East.....Wellington
No. 29—United.....Brighton	No. 215—Lake.....Ameliasburg
No. 38—Trent.....Trenton	No. 222—Marmora.....Marmora
No. 48—Madoc.....Madoc	No. 239—Tweed.....Tweed
No. 50—Consecon.....Consecon	No. 283—Eureka.....Belleville
No. 69—Stirling.....Stirling	No. 401—Craig.....Deseronto
No. 123—Belleville.....Belleville	No. 482—Bancroft.....Bancroft

SARNIA DISTRICT,—(21 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. S. G. Jackson, Oil Springs**

No. 56—Victoria.....Sarnia	No. 307—Arkona.....Arkona
No. 81—St. Johns.....Mount Brydges	No. 323—Alvinston.....Alvinston
No. 83—Beaver.....Strathroy	No. 328—Ionic.....Napier
No. 116—Cassia.....Thedford	No. 392—Huron.....Camlachie
No. 153—Burns.....Wyoming	No. 397—Leopold.....Brigden
No. 158—Alexandra.....Oil Springs	No. 419—Liberty.....Sarnia
No. 194—Petrolia.....Petrolia	No. 425—St. Clair.....Sarnia
No. 238—Havelock.....Watford	No. 437—Tuscan.....Sarnia
No. 260—Washington.....Petrolia	No. 503—Inwood.....Inwood
No. 263—Forest.....Forest	No. 601—St. Paul.....Sarnia
No. 294—Moore.....Courtright	

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. P. L. Tye, Milverton**

No. 33—Maitland.....Goderich	No. 233—Doric.....Parkhill
No. 73—St. James.....St. Mary's	No. 309—Morning Star.....Carlow
No. 84—Clinton.....Clinton	No. 332—Stratford.....Stratford
No. 133—Lebanon Forest.....Exeter	No. 456—Elma.....Monkton
No. 141—Tudor.....Mitchell	No. 478—Milverton.....Milverton
No. 144—Tecumseh.....Stratford	No. 483—Granton.....Granton
No. 154—Irving.....Lucan	No. 493—St. Mary's.....St. Mary's
No. 170—Britannia.....Seaforth	No. 574—Craig.....Ailsa Craig
No. 224—Zurich.....Hensall	No. 609—Tavistock.....Tavistock

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. R. Collier, Maitland**

No. 5—Sussex.....Brockville	No. 242—Macoy.....Mallorytown
No. 14—True Britons.....Perth	No. 368—Salem.....Brockville
No. 24—St. Francis.....Smith's Falls	No. 370—Harmony.....Delta
No. 28—Mount Zion.....Kemptville	No. 387—Lansdowne.....Lansdowne
No. 55—Merrickville.....Merrickville	No. 389—Crystal F'ntain N. Augusta
No. 74—St. James.....South Augusta	No. 416—Lyn.....Lyn
No. 85—Rising Sun.....Athens	No. 489—Osiris.....Smith's Falls
No. 110—Central.....Prescott	No. 504—Otter.....Lombardy
No. 209—Evergreen.....Lanark	No. 556—Nation.....Spencerville

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT—(11 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. A. Campbell, St. Thomas**

No. 44—St. Thomas.....St. Thomas	No. 302—St. Davids.....St. Thomas
No. 94—St. Marks.....Port Stanley	No. 364—Duffrin.....Melbourne
No. 120—Warren.....Fingal	No. 386—McColl.....West Lorne
No. 140—Malahide.....Aylmer	No. 411—Rodney.....Rodney
No. 171—Prince of Wales, Lawrence St.	No. 546—Talbot.....St. Thomas
No. 232—Cameron.....Dutton	

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT—(11 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. M. Coghill, Elk Lake**

No. 462—Temiskaming New Liskeard	No. 528—Golden Beaver.....Timmins
No. 485—Haileybury.....Haileybury	No. 530—Cochrane.....Cochrane
No. 486—Silver.....Cobalt	No. 534—Englehart.....Englehart
No. 506—Porcupine.....Porcupine	No. 540—Abitibi.....Iroquois Falls
No. 507—Elk Lake.....Elk Lake	No. 623—Doric.....Kirkland Lake
	No. 648—Spruce Falls Kapuskasing

TORONTO DISTRICT A—(28 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. E. A. Peaker, Toronto

No. 229—Ionic.....	Brampton	No. 565—Kilwinning.....	Toronto
No. 305—Humber.....	Weston	No. 566—King Hiram.....	Toronto
No. 346—Occident.....	Toronto	No. 575—Fidelity.....	Toronto
No. 356—River Park.....	Streetsville	No. 582—Sunnyside.....	Toronto
No. 369—Mimico.....	Lambton Mills	No. 583—Transportation.....	Toronto
No. 426—Stanley.....	Toronto	No. 587—Patricia.....	Toronto
No. 474—Victoria.....	Toronto	No. 599—Mt. Dennis.....	Weston
No. 501—Connaught.....	Mimico	No. 600—Maple Leaf.....	Toronto
No. 510—Parkdale.....	Toronto	No. 605—Melita.....	Toronto
No. 522—Mt. Sinai.....	Toronto	No. 619—Runnymede.....	Toronto
No. 524—Mississauga.....	Port Credit	No. 630—Prince of Wales.....	Toronto
No. 525—Temple.....	Toronto	No. 632—Long Branch.....	Mimico
No. 531—High Park.....	Toronto	No. 640—Anthony Sayer.....	Mimico
No. 548—General Mercer.....	Toronto	No. 645—Lake Shore.....	Mimico

TORONTO DISTRICT B—(29 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. M. E. McKenzie, Toronto

No. 16—St. Andrews.....	Toronto	No. 464—King Edward....	Sunderland
No. 25—Ionic.....	Toronto	No. 473—Beaches.....	Toronto
No. 75—St. John's.....	Toronto	No. 494—Riverdale.....	Toronto
No. 87—Markham Union.....	Markham	No. 520—Coronati.....	Toronto
No. 136—Richardson.....	Stouffville	No. 532—Canada.....	Toronto
No. 218—Stevenson.....	Toronto	No. 543—Imperial.....	Toronto
No. 220—Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge	No. 545—Jno Ross Robertson	Toronto
No. 269—Brougham Union.....	Claremont	No. 552—Queen City.....	Toronto
No. 316—Doric.....	Toronto	No. 567—St. Aidans.....	Toronto
No. 339—Orient.....	Toronto	No. 576—Mimosa.....	Toronto
No. 343—Georgina.....	Toronto	No. 612—Birch Cliff.....	Birch Cliff
No. 354—Brock.....	Cannington	No. 620—Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto
No. 424—Doric.....	Pickering	No. 637—Caledonia.....	Toronto
No. 430—Acacia.....	Toronto	No. 647—Todmorden	Todmorden
		U.D.—Scarboro.....	Agincourt

TORONTO DISTRICT C—(27 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. McTavish, Toronto

No. 22—King Solomon.....	Toronto	No. 481—Corinthian.....	Toronto
No. 23—Richmond.....	Richmond Hill	No. 512—Malone.....	Sutton
No. 65—Rehoboam.....	Toronto	No. 542—Metropolitan.....	Toronto
No. 79—Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 553—Oakwood.....	Toronto
No. 86—Wilson.....	Toronto	No. 577—St. Clair.....	Toronto
No. 97—Sharon.....	Queensville	No. 581—Harcourt.....	Toronto
No. 99—Tuscan.....	Newmarket	No. 591—North Gate.....	Toronto
No. 129—Rising Sun.....	Aurora	No. 592—Fairbank.....	Toronto
No. 156—York.....	Toronto	No. 606—Unity.....	Toronto
No. 247—Ashlar.....	Toronto	No. 607—Golden Fleece.....	Toronto
No. 265—Patterson.....	Thornhill	No. 629—Glenville.....	Toronto
No. 326—Zetland.....	Toronto	No. 634—Delta.....	Toronto
No. 438—Harmony.....	Toronto	No. 638—Bedford.....	Toronto
		No. 646—Rowland.....	Mt. Albert

TORONTO DISTRICT D—(25 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. O. Little, Newmarket

No. 54—Vaughan.....	Maple	No. 537—Ulster.....	Toronto
No. 98—True Blue.....	Bolton	No. 541—Tuscan.....	Toronto
No. 118—Union.....	Schomberg	No. 547—Victory.....	Toronto
No. 292—Robertson.....	King	No. 559—Palestine.....	Toronto
No. 311—Blackwood.....	Woodbridge	No. 570—Dufferin.....	Toronto
No. 367—St. George.....	Toronto	No. 571—Antiquity.....	Toronto
No. 384—Alpha.....	Toronto	No. 572—Mizpah.....	Toronto
No. 410—Zeta.....	Toronto	No. 586—War Veterans.....	Toronto
No. 468—Peel.....	Caledon East	No. 589—Grey.....	Toronto
No. 496—University.....	Toronto	No. 611—Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto
No. 514—St. Alban's.....	Toronto	No. 635—Wellington.....	Toronto
No. 533—Shamrock.....	Toronto	No. 643—Cathedral.....	Toronto
		No. 644—Simcoe.....	Toronto

VICTORIA DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. E. Jackson, Ewan

No. 77—Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay	No. 440—Arcadia.....	Minden
No. 268—Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon	No. 451—Somerville.....	Kinmount
No. 375—Lorne.....	Onemee	No. 463—North Entrance	Halibuton
No. 398—Victoria.....	Kirkfield	No. 477—Harding.....	Woodville
No. 406—Spry.....	Fenelon Falls	No. 498—King George V....	Coboconk
No. 408—Murray.....	Beaverton	No. 608—Gothic.....	Lindsay

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. L. W. H. Ingall, Galt**

No. 72—Alma.....	Galt	No. 279—New Hope.....	Hespeler
No. 151—Grand River.....	Kitchener	No. 295—Conestogo	Drayton
No. 172—Ayr.....	Ayr	No. 297—Preston.....	Preston
No. 180—Speed.....	Guelph	No. 318—Wilmot.....	Baden
No. 203—Irvine.....	Elora	No. 321—Walker.....	Acton
No. 205—New Dom'on, New Hamburg		No. 347—Mercer.....	Fergus
No. 219—Credit.....	Georgetown	No. 361—Waverley.....	Guelph
No. 257—Galt.....	Galt	No. 509—Twin City.....	Kitchener
No. 258—Guelph.....	Guelph	No. 539—Waterloo	Waterloo
		No. 628—Glenrose	Elmira

WILSON DISTRICT—(20 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. J. Simmons, Vittoria**

No. 10—Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 178—Plattsville.....	Plattsville
No. 37—King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	No. 181—Oriental.....	Port Burwell
No. 43—King Solomon's.....	Woodstock	No. 217—Frederick.....	Delhi
No. 68—St. John's.....	Ingersoll	No. 237—Vienna.....	Vienna
No. 76—Oxford.....	Woodstock	No. 250—Thistle.....	Embro
No. 78—King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg	No. 259—Springfield.....	Springfield
No. 104—St. John's.....	Norwich	No. 261—Oak Branch.....	Innerkip
No. 108—Blenheim.....	Princeton	No. 359—Vittoria.....	Vittoria
No. 149—Erie.....	Port Dover	No. 569—Doric.....	Lakeside
No. 174—Walsingham.....	Port Rowan	No. 624—Dereham.....	Mt. Elgin

WINDSOR DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. A. Wickens, Windsor**

No. 34—Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 488—King Edward.....	Harrow
No. 41—St. George.....	Kingsville	No. 500—Rose.....	Windsor
No. 47—Great Western.....	Windsor	No. 521—Ontario.....	Windsor
No. 290—Leamington.....	Leamington	No. 554—Border Cities.....	Windsor
No. 395—Parvaim.....	Comber	No. 579—Harmony.....	Windsor
No. 402—Central.....	Essex	No. 598—Dominion.....	Windsor
No. 403—Windsor.....	Windsor	No. 604—Palace.....	Windsor
No. 413—Naphtali.....	Tilbury	No. 627—Peele.....	Scudder
No. 448—Xenophon.....	Wheatley	No. 641—Garden.....	Windsor
		No. 642—St. Andrew's.....	Windsor

RECAPITULATION

Algoma District.....	15 Lodges
Brant District.....	14 Lodges
Bruce District.....	12 Lodges
Chatham District.....	14 Lodges
Eastern District.....	18 Lodges
Frontenac District.....	18 Lodges
Georgian District.....	19 Lodges
Grey District.....	12 Lodges
Hamilton A District.....	16 Lodges
Hamilton B District.....	16 Lodges
London.....	23 Lodges
Muskoka District.....	8 Lodges
Niagara District.....	25 Lodges
Nipissing District.....	17 Lodges
North Huron District.....	12 Lodges
Ontario District.....	13 Lodges
Ottawa District.....	27 Lodges
Peterborough District.....	11 Lodges
Prince Edward District.....	16 Lodges
Sarnia District.....	21 Lodges
South Huron District.....	18 Lodges
St. Lawrence District.....	18 Lodges
St. Thomas.....	11 Lodges
Temiskaming District.....	11 Lodges
Toronto A District.....	28 Lodges
Toronto B District.....	29 Lodges
Toronto C District.....	27 Lodges
Toronto D District.....	25 Lodges
Victoria District.....	12 Lodges
Wellington District.....	19 Lodges
Wilson District.....	20 Lodges
Windsor District.....	19 Lodges

LODGES BY LOCATION

Location	Name and No.	Location	Name and No.
Abingdon.....	Lincoln 544	Cardinal.....	Cardinal 491
Acton.....	Walker 321	Cargill.....	Moravian 431
Agincourt.....	Scarboro, U.D.	Carlow.....	Morning Star 309
Ailsa Craig.....	Craig 574	Carp.....	Carleton 465
Alexandria.....	Alexandria 439	Carleton Place.....	St. John's 63
Alliston.....	Seven Star 285	Cayuga.....	St. John's 35
Almonte.....	Mississippi 147	Centreville.....	Victoria 299
Alvinston.....	Alvinston 323	Chapleau.....	Lorne 622
Ameliasburg.....	Lake 215	Chatham.....	Parthenon 267
Amherstburg.....	Thistle 34	Chatham.....	Wellington 46
Ancaster.....	Seymour 272	Chatham.....	Victory 563
Arden.....	St. Andrew's 497	Chesley.....	Forest 393
Arkona.....	Arkona 307	Chesterville.....	Chesterville 320
Arnprior.....	Madawaska 196	Chippawa.....	King Edward VII 471
Arthur.....	Prince Arthur 334	Claremont.....	Brougham Union 269
Athens.....	Rising Sun 85	Clarksburg.....	Beaver 234
Aultsville.....	Farran's Point 256	Clifford.....	Clifford 315
Aurora.....	Rising Sun 129	Clinton.....	Clinton 84
Avonmore.....	Avonmore 452	Cobalt.....	Silver 486
Aylmer.....	Malahide 140	Cobden.....	Cobden 459
Ayr.....	Ayr 172	Cobourg.....	St. John's 17
Baden.....	Wilmot 318	Cobocouk.....	King George V 498
Bancroft.....	Bancroft 482	Cochrane.....	Cochrane 530
Barrie.....	Corinthian 96	Colborne.....	Colborne 91
Barrie.....	Kerr 230	Coldwater.....	Karnak 492
Bath.....	Maple Leaf 119	Collingwood.....	Manito 90
Beachburg.....	Enterprise 516	Comber.....	Parvaim 395
Beamsville.....	Ivy 115	Consecon.....	Consecon 50
Beaverton.....	Murray 408	Cookstown.....	Manitoba 236
Beeton.....	Spry 385	Copper Cliff.....	Algonquin 536
Belleville.....	Eureka 283	Cornwall.....	Cornwall 125
Belleville.....	Moir 11	Courtright.....	Moore 294
Belleville.....	The Belleville 123	Creemore.....	Nitets 444
Belmont.....	Belmont 190	Delaware.....	Delaware Valley 358
Binbrook.....	Harmony 57	Delhi.....	Frederick 217
Birch Cliff.....	Birch Cliff 612	Delta.....	Harmony 370
Blenheim.....	Kent 274	Deseronto.....	Craig 401
Blind River.....	Penewobikong 487	Dorchester Sta.....	Merrill 344
Blyth.....	Blyth 303	Drayton.....	Conestogo 295
Bobcaygeon.....	Verulam 268	Dresden.....	Sydenham 255
Bolton.....	True Blue 98	Dryden.....	Golden Star 484
Bothwell.....	Star of the East 422	Dundalk.....	Dundalk 449
Bowmanville.....	Jerusalem 31	Dundas.....	Valley 100
Bracebridge.....	Muskoka 360	Dunnville.....	Amity 32
Bradford.....	Simcoe 79	Durham.....	Durham 306
Brampton.....	Ionic 229	Dutton.....	Cameron 232
Brantford.....	Brant 45	Eganville.....	Bonnechere 433
Brantford.....	Doric 121	Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake 507
Brantford.....	Ozias 508	Elmira.....	Glen Rose 628
Brantford.....	Reba 515	Elmvale.....	Coronation 466
Bridgeburg.....	Palmer 372	Elora.....	Irvine 203
Brigden.....	Leopold 397	Embro.....	Thistle 250
Brighton.....	United 29	Emo.....	Manito 631
Brockville.....	Salem 368	Emsdale.....	Algonquin 434
Brockville.....	Sussex 5	Englehart.....	Englehart 534
Brooklin.....	Mount Zion 39	Erin.....	Wellington 271
Brussels.....	St. John's 284	Espanola.....	Espanola 527
Bryanston.....	Middlesex 379	Essex.....	Central 402
Burford.....	Burford 106	Exeter.....	Lebanon Forest 133
Burk's Falls.....	Corona 454	Fenelon Falls.....	The Spry 406
Burlington.....	Burlington 165	Fergus.....	Mercer 347
Burlington Beach.....	Beach 639	Finch.....	Finch 557
Byron.....	Ashlar 610	Fingal.....	Warren 120
Caledon East.....	Peel 468	Flesherton.....	Prince Arthur 333
Caledonia.....	St. Andrew's 62	Florence.....	Florence 390
Campbellford.....	Golden Rule 126	Fonthill.....	Phoenix 535
Campbellville.....	Campbell 603	Fordwich.....	Fordwich 331
Camlachie.....	Huron 392	Forest.....	Forest 263
Cannington.....	Brock 354	Fort Erie.....	Fort Erie 613
Capreol.....	National 588		

Location	Name and No.	Location	Name and No.
Fort Frances	Granite 446	Kingston	The Anct. St. John's 3
Fort William	Kaministiquia 584	Kingsville	St. George 41
Fort William	Fort William 415	Kinmount	Somerville 451
Fort William	Royal 453	Kirkfield	Victoria 398
Frankford	Franck 127	Kirkland Lake	Doric 623
Galt	Alma 72	Kitchener	Grand River 151
Galt	Galt 257	Kitchener	Twin City 509
Gananoque	Leeds 201	Komoka	Myra 529
Georgetown	Credit 219	Lakefield	Clementi 313
Glencoe	Lorne 282	Lakeside	Doric 569
Goderich	Maitland 33	Lambeth	St. Paul's 107
Gore Bay	Gore Bay 472	Lambton Mills	Mimico 369
Grand Valley	Scott 421	Lanark	Evergreen 209
Granton	Granton 483	Lancaster	Lancaster 207
Gravenhurst	Golden Rule 409	Lansdowne	Lansdowne 387
Grimsby	Union 7	Lawrence	Prince of Wales 171
Guelph	Guelph 258	Leamington	Leamington 290
Guelph	Speed 180	Lindsay	Faithful Brethren 77
Guelph	Waverley 361	Lindsay	Gothic 608
Hagersville	Hiram 319	Listowel	Bernard 225
Haileybury	Haileybury 485	Little Current	Doric 455
Haliburton	North Entrance 463	Lobo	Doric 289
Hamilton	Acacia 61	Lombardy	Otter 504
Hamilton	Barton 6	Londesboro	Hullctt 568
Hamilton	Buchanan 550	London	Acacia 580
Hamilton	Corinthian 513	London	Corinthian 330
Hamilton	Doric 382	London	King Solomon's 378
Hamilton	Dundurn 475	London	Kilwinning 64
Hamilton	Electric 495	London	St. John's 20
Hamilton	Hamilton 562	London	St. John's 209a
Hamilton	Hillcrest 594	London	St. George's 42
Hamilton	Hugh Murray 602	London	Temple 597
Hamilton	Ionic 549	London	Tuscan 195
Hamilton	St. Andrew's 593	London	Union 380
Hamilton	St. John's 40	Lucan	Irving 154
Hamilton	Strict Observance 27	Lucknow	Old Light 184
Hamilton	Temple 324	Lyn	Lyn 416
Hamilton	Tuscan 551	Lynden	Lynden 505
Hamilton	Wardrope 555	Madoc	Madoc 48
Hanover	Hanover 432	Mallorytown	Macoy 242
Harrietsville	Moffat 399	Maple	Vaughan 54
Harriston	Harriston 262	Markdale	Hiram 490
Harrow	King Edward 488	Markham	Markham Union 87
Harrowsmith	Albion 109	Marmora	Marmora 222
Hastings	Hastings 633	Martintown	Martintown 596
Havelock	Havelock 435	Mattawa	Mattawa 405
Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury 450	Maxville	Maxville 418
Hazeldean	Hazeldean 517	Meaford	Pythagoras 137
Hensall	Zurich 224	Melbourne	Dufferin 364
Hepworth	Burns 436	Merlin	Century 457
Hespeler	New Hope 279	Merrickville	Merrickville 55
Highgate	Highgate 336	Merritton	Adanac 614
Hornepayne	Hornepayne 636	Midland	Caledonian 249
Huntsville	Unity 376	Millbrook	J. B. Hall 145
Ilderton	Henderson 388	Millgrove	Waterdown 357
Ingersoll	King Hiram 37	Milton	St. Clair 135
Ingersoll	St. John's 68	Milverton	Milverton 478
Innerkip	Oak Branch 261	Mimico	Connaught 501
Inwood	Inwood 503	Mimico	Anthony Sayer 640
Iroquois	Friendly Brothers 143	Mimico	Lake Shore 645
Iroquois Falls	Abitibi 540	Mimico	Long Branch 632
Jarvis	King Solomon 329	Minden	Arcadia 440
Kapuskasing	Spruce Falls 648	Mitchell	Tudor 141
Keene	Keene 374	Monkton	Elma 456
Keewatin	Keewatin 417	Morrisburg	Excelsior 142
Kemptville	Mount Zion 28	Mount Albert	Rowland 646
Kenora	Lake of the Woods 445	Mount Brydges	St. John's 81
Kenora	Pequonga 414	Mount Elgin	Dereham 624
Kincardine	Northern Light 93	Mount Forest	St. Alban's 200
King	Robertson 292	Napanee	Union 9
Kingston	Catarqui 92	Napier	Ionic 328
Kingston	Minden 253	Newboro	Simpson 157
Kingston	Queen's 578	Newburgh	Prince of Wales 146
Kingston	Royal Edward 585	Newcastle	Durham 66
		New Hamburg	New Dominion 205

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New Liskeard.....	Temiskaming 462	Queensville.....	Sharon 97
Newmarket.....	Tuscan 99	Rainy River.....	Ionic 461
Niagara.....	Niagara 2	Renfrew.....	Renfrew 122
Niagara Falls.....	Adoniram 573	Riceville.....	Plantagenet 186
Niagara Falls.....	Clifton 254	Richmond.....	Goodwood 159
Niagara Falls.....	St. Mark's 105	Richmond Hill.....	Richmond 23
Nilestown.....	Nilestown 345	Ridgetown.....	Howard 391
North Augusta.....	Crystal Fountain 389	Ridgeway.....	Dominion 615
North Bay.....	Nipissing 420	Rodney.....	Rodney 411
North Bay.....	North Bay 617	Russell.....	Russell 479
North Gower.....	Corinthian 476	Sarnia.....	St. Paul 601
Norwich.....	St. John's 104	Sarnia.....	Liberty 419
Norwood.....	Norwood 223	Sarnia.....	Tuscan 437
Oakville.....	Oakville 400	Sarnia.....	Victoria 56
Odessa.....	Prince Arthur 228	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Algoma 469
Oil Springs.....	Alexandra 158	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Keystone 412
Omamece.....	Lorne 375	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Hatherly 625
Onondaga.....	Onondaga 519	Schomberg.....	Union 118
Orangeville.....	Harris 216	Scotland.....	Scotland 193
Orillia.....	Orillia 192	Seaforth.....	Britannia 170
Orono.....	Orono 325	Scudder.....	Pelee 627
Oshawa.....	Cedar 270	Seeley's Bay.....	Rideau 460
Oshawa.....	Lebanon 139	Sharbot Lake.....	Frontenac 621
Oshawa.....	Temple 649	Shelburne.....	Lorne 377
Ottawa.....	Ashlar 564	Simcoe.....	Norfolk 10
Ottawa.....	Civil Service 148	Sioux Lookout.....	Sioux Lookout 518
Ottawa.....	Chaudiere 264	Smith's Falls.....	Osiris 489
Ottawa.....	Dalhousie 52	Smith's Falls.....	St. Francis 24
Ottawa.....	Defenders 590	Smithville.....	Coronation 502
Ottawa.....	Doric 58	Sombra.....	St. Clair 425
Ottawa.....	Lodge of Fidelity 231	Southampton.....	St. Lawrence 131
Ottawa.....	Prince of Wales 371	South Augusta.....	St. James 74
Ottawa.....	Rideau 595	Stamford Centre.....	Stamford 626
Ottawa.....	St. Andrew's 560	Spencerville.....	Nation 556
Ottawa.....	Sydney Albert Luke 558	Springfield.....	Springfield 259
Ottawa.....	The Builders 177	Stayner.....	Northern Light 266
Owen Sound.....	North Star 322	St. Catharines.....	Maple Leaf 103
Owen Sound.....	St. George's 88	St. Catharines.....	St. George's 15
Paisley.....	Aldworth 235	St. Catharines.....	Perfection 616
Palmerston.....	Blair 314	St. Catharines.....	Temple 296
Paris.....	St. John's 82	St. George.....	St. George 243
Parkhill.....	Doric 233	Stirling.....	Stirling 69
Parry Sound.....	Granite 352	St. Mary's.....	St. James 73
Pembroke.....	Pembroke 128	St. Mary's.....	St. Mary's 493
Penetanguishene.....	Georgian 348	Stoney Creek.....	Wentworth 166
Perth.....	True Britons 14	Stouffville.....	Richardson 136
Peterborough.....	Corinthian 101	Stratford.....	Stratford 332
Peterborough.....	Peterborough 155	Stratford.....	Tecumseh 144
Peterborough.....	Royal Arthur 523	Strathroy.....	Beaver 83
Petrolia.....	Petrolia 194	Streetsville.....	River Park 356
Petrolia.....	Washington 260	Stroud.....	Minerva 304
Pickering.....	Doric 424	St. Thomas.....	St. David's 302
Picton.....	Prince Edward 18	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas 44
Plattsville.....	Plattsville 178	St. Thomas.....	Talbot 546
Porcupine.....	Porcupine 506	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls 447
Port Arthur.....	Shuniah 287	Sudbury.....	Nickel 427
Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur 499	Sunderland.....	King Edward 464
Port Arthur.....	Thunder Bay 618	Sundridge.....	Strong 423
Port Burwell.....	Oriental 181	Sutton West.....	Malone 512
Port Credit.....	Mississauga 524	Tamworth.....	Lorne 404
Port Colborne.....	Macnab 169	Tara.....	Maple Leaf 362
Port Dalhousie.....	Seymour 277	Tavistock.....	Tavistock 609
Port Dover.....	Erie 149	Teeswater.....	Teeswater 276
Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin 429	Thamesford.....	King Solomon 394
Port Hope.....	Hope 114	Thamesville.....	Tecumseh 245
Port Hope.....	Ontario 26	Thedford.....	Cassia 116
Port McNicol.....	Earl Kitchener 538	Thessalon.....	Dymont 442
Port Perry.....	Fidelity 428	Thorndale.....	Mount Olivet 300
Port Robinson.....	Myrtle 337	Thornhill.....	Patterson 265
Port Rowan.....	Walsingham 174	Thorold.....	Mountain 221
Port Stanley.....	St. Mark's 94	Tilbury.....	Naphtali 413
Powassan.....	Powassan 443	Tillsonburg.....	King Hiram 78
Prescott.....	Central 110	Timmins.....	Golden Beaver 528
Preston.....	Preston 297	Tiverton.....	Bruce 341
Princeton.....	Blenheim 108	Todmorden.....	Todmorden 647

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Toronto.....	Acacia 430	Toronto.....	Tuscan 541
Toronto.....	Alpha 384	Toronto.....	Ulster 537
Toronto.....	Antiquity 571	Toronto.....	Unity 606
Toronto.....	Ashlar 247	Toronto.....	University 496
Toronto.....	Bay-of-Quinte 620	Toronto.....	Victoria 474
Toronto.....	Bedford 638	Toronto.....	Victory 547
Toronto.....	Caledonia 637	Toronto.....	War Veterans 586
Toronto.....	Canada 532	Toronto.....	Wellington 635
Toronto.....	Cathedral 643	Toronto.....	Wilson 36
Toronto.....	Corinthian 481	Toronto.....	York 156
Toronto.....	Coronati 520	Toronto.....	Zeta 410
Toronto.....	Delta 634	Toronto.....	Zetland 326
Toronto.....	Doric 316	Tottenham.....	Tottenham 467
Toronto.....	Dufferin 570	Trenton.....	Trent 33
Toronto.....	Fairbank 592	Tweed.....	Tweed 239
Toronto.....	Fidelity 575	Uxbridge.....	Zeredatha 220
Toronto.....	Georgina 343	Vankleek Hill.....	St. John's 21
Toronto.....	General Mercer 548	Victoria Harbor.....	Victoria 470
Toronto.....	Golden Fleece 607	Vienna.....	Vienna 237
Toronto.....	Grenville 629	Vittoria.....	Vittoria 359
Toronto.....	Grey 589	Wales.....	Wales 458
Toronto.....	Harcourt 581	Walkerton.....	Saugeen 197
Toronto.....	Harmony 438	Wallaceburg.....	Pnyx 312
Toronto.....	High Park 531	Wardsville.....	Hammond 327
Toronto.....	Huron-Bruce 611	Warkworth.....	Wilson 113
Toronto.....	Imperial 543	Waterford.....	Waterloo 539
Toronto.....	Ionic 25	Waterloo.....	Havelock 238
Toronto.....	King Solomon's 22	Welland.....	Copestone 373
Toronto.....	Kilwinning 565	Welland.....	Merritt 168
Toronto.....	King Hiram 566	Wellandport.....	Dufferin 338
Toronto.....	John Ross Robertson 545	Wellington.....	Star in the East 164
Toronto.....	Maple Leaf 600	Westboro.....	Acacia 561
Toronto.....	Melita 605	Westboro.....	Ionic 526
Toronto.....	Metropolitan 542	West Flamboro.....	Dufferin 291
Toronto.....	Mizpah 572	W. Fort William.....	Connaught 511
Toronto.....	Mimosa 576	West Lorne.....	McColl 386
Toronto.....	Mt. Sinai 522	Weston.....	Humber 305
Toronto.....	North Gate 591	Weston.....	Mount Dennis 599
Toronto.....	Oakwood 553	Westport.....	Westport 441
Toronto.....	Occident 346	Wheatley.....	Xenophon 448
Toronto.....	Orient 339	Whitby.....	Composite 30
Toronto.....	Palestine 559	Warton.....	Cedar 396
Toronto.....	Parkdale 510	Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg 480
Toronto.....	Patricia 587	Winchester.....	Henderson 383
Toronto.....	Prince of Wales 630	Windsor.....	Border Cities 554
Toronto.....	Queen City 552	Windsor.....	Dominion 598
Toronto.....	Rehoboam 65	Windsor.....	Garden 641
Toronto.....	Riverdale 494	Windsor.....	Great Western 47
Toronto.....	Runnymede 619	Windsor.....	Harmony 579
Toronto.....	Shamrock 533	Windsor.....	Ontario 521
Toronto.....	Simcoe 644	Windsor.....	Palace 604
Toronto.....	Stanley 426	Windsor.....	Rose 500
Toronto.....	Stevenson 218	Windsor.....	St. Andrew's 642
Toronto.....	Sunnyside 582	Windsor.....	Windsor 403
Toronto.....	St. Aidan's 567	Wingham.....	Wingham 286
Toronto.....	St. Albans 514	Woodbridge.....	Blackwood 311
Toronto.....	St. Andrew's 16	Woodville.....	Harding 477
Toronto.....	St. Clair 577	Woodstock.....	King Solomon's 43
Toronto.....	St. George 367	Woodstock.....	Oxford 76
Toronto.....	St. John's 75	Wroxeter.....	Forest 162
Toronto.....	Temple 525	Wyoming.....	Burns 153
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18—R. H. Raynor, K. Spafford. 322—Angus Munro. 357—R. R. Walker, 373—David Jones. 380—P. F. Cunningham. 426—John Rait. 537—N. J. Walker. 552—R. J. Masters. 576—E. J. Owens. 582—E. J. Wilson. 637—Wm. Johnston. 643—C. L. Laughlin.

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2—W. Burnett, Feb. 9. 3—A. W. Winnett, Oct. 27; G. J. Clarke, Nov. 18; A. R. B. Williamson, Dec. 24. 5—R. R. Kilpatrick, Feb. 23; D. W. Booth, May 26; J. A. Newell, June 7; W. Nevens, Oct. 13. 6—M. R. Hill, Jan. 12; S. Walling, Jan. 14; T. Jones, Jan. 23; F. W. Passmore, Feb. 17; A. C. McLaughlin, June 15; C. Blackman, Mar. 13; C. G. Prosser, Aug. 27. 7—R. M. Hazzlewood, Mar. 2; E. W. Aldridge, Oct. 16; A. H. Phipps, Nov. 29; N. J. Teeter, Aug. 31. 9—W. N. R. Grooms, Dec. 30; 1927; C. S. Grange, Sep. 3; J. McMurrin, Sep. 13; A. E. Paul, Dec. 20. 10—G. Doughty, Mar. —; O. Hendry, April —; J. Sutton, Oct. 17; S. E. Windabury, Dec. 26. 11—A. G. Angell, Feb. 22; G. Cornish Sr., May 16; J. A. Davies, May 26; W. W. Anderson, May 28; L. W. Marsh, June 4; S. S. Lazier, July 4; W. C. Hitchen, July 5. 15—J. E. Ruddle, Mar. 22; D. C. Caldwell, Mar. 4; B. Chapnell, Feb. 14; G. M. Elson, July 14. 16—M. W. Rutherford, June 20; H. A. Hall, Jan. 23; W. E. Struthers, Apr. 20; R. A. Savigny, Apr. 25; J. Glanville, May 17; A. T. Wilkinson, Aug. 18; A. E. Leeder, Oct. 27; N. A. Grierson, Nov. 6. 17—H. R. Sanders,

May 16; J. Green, Nov. 3. 18—P. C. Nacnee, Jan. 3; W. J. Porter, Feb. 2; J. H. Colden, Mar. 8; J. A. Rundell, May 26; W. C. Killip, June 12; F. E. Ruttan, July 12; W. H. Lusk, Sep. 28; W. Scott, Oct. 27; C. Atkin, Dec. 12. 20—S. Murray, Feb. 9; J. Agnew, June 12; A. R. Dann, Oct. 26; J. B. Walden, Nov. 6; C. Fink, Nov. 26. 21A—W. R. Alleson, Sep. 25. 22—W. Fawcett, Jan. 17; N. Whitesides, Jan. 24; T. P. Hartley, March 5; E. T. Waighorn, May 31; W. Stinson, Sep. 9; T. Watson, Sep. 15; W. H. Painter, Sep. 30. 23—H. A. Nicholls, Jan. 4; H. Arnold, Jan. 14. 24—W. L. Drummond, May 17; H. Robinson, May 25; J. A. McMillan, Jan. 28; J. Drinkwater, Apr. 7; F. W. Waterhouse, Aug. 9; L. G. Warren, Oct. 14; J. Finley, Nov. 7. 25—R. G. W. Conolly, June 16; W. L. B. Smart, Mar. 11; Viscount G. Cave, Mar. 29; H. M. Mowatt, Apr. 24; A. W. Ballantyne, May 8; J. R. Bone, June 7; R. N. Northcote, June 25; R. G. Smythe, June 29; H. S. H. Sykes, Sep. 29; W. N. Farguson, Nov. 9; A. K. Macdougall, Dec. 9; W. Mulock, Jr., Dec. 16. 26—G. W. Runnals, Apr. 4; G. A. Dickinson, Apr. 18. 27—R. L. Johnston, Jan. 23; N. Stewart, Mar. 4; R. Morton, Mar. 10; K. McKenzie, June 3; D. J. Peace, June 5; A. E. Taylor, Sep. 25; J. H. Herring, Dec. 17; J. C. MacGregor, Dec. 20. 28—P. T. Smith, Jan. 10. 29—R. J. Wade, Feb. 14. 30—F. L. Farewell, Jan. 28; T. G. Whitfield, Jan. 2; A. G. Henderson, Jan. 29; T. G. Deverell, Sep. 19; E. G. Gale, Oct. 10; A. T. Lawler, Nov. 24. 31—F. Burden, Jan. 26; W. Edger, June 27; A. S. Tilley, July 7; A. Tait, Dec. 23. 32—J. A. McIndoe, Feb. 13; J. E. Oldfield, Nov. 11. 33—F. F. Lawrence, Dec. 19; 1927; R. H. Cutt, Feb. 12; J. McLeod, Mar. 2; J. A. Ferguson, Aug. 9; A. Saunders, Oct. 10. 34—F. J. Foster, Feb. 24; W. G. H. Pettypiece, June 10. 37—R. T. Agar, Nov. 25; A. F. Mathison, Nov. 12. 38—R. Whyte, Apr. 27; W. H. Gill, June 5; A. F. Campbell, July 3; R. H. Spencer, Aug. 4; R. Robertson, Oct. 8; G. R. Roberson, Oct. 29; W. E. Smith, Dec. 19. 39—B. L. Fitzgerald, Aug. 10. S. Walling, Jan. 14; W. Rowley, Feb. 13; G. H. Davis, Feb. 18; F. McKerlie, Mar. 9; T. Patterson, May 30; W. G. McAndrew, July 3; J. T. Crawford, July 17; A. M. Souther, Aug. 26; E. Boose, Aug. 29; W. M. Brandon, Sept. 11; P. J. Dunnigan, Oct. 22. 41—J. Skerritt, Apr. 19; C. Elliott, May 1; W. T. Holdaway, Feb. 16. 42—G. W. Powe, Mar. 28; D. J. Freedy, Apr. 23; G. Angus, June 3; P. F. Fitzgerald, June 11. 43—W. G. Blackman, June 19; W. Waters, Sep. 25; J. W. McGill, Sep. 19; S. M. McLay, Nov. 2; W. A. Donaghue, Dec. 5. 44—H. Baldwin, Feb. 13; F. Bond, Mar. 14; C. W. A. Martin, Mar. 14; C. E. Dale, May 2; R. C. Robson, May 8; V. L. Gamble, No date; G. W. Bond, Sep. 9; J. McGregor, Oct. 10; E. W. Ramey, Dec. 21. 45—J. T. Hunt, Feb. 10; J. C. Montgomery, Feb. 23; J. W. Tomlinson, June 5; J. Dugdale, June 7; H. Howarth, Sep. 28; C. L. Evans, Nov. 4; E. Lennox, Nov. 22; M. McPherson, Nov. 25. 46—C. D. Smith, Feb. 27; C. H. Squarebriggs, Mar. 24; D. K. McNaughton, Oct. 31; H. E. Hall, July 25; B. S. Fitzgerald, Aug. 10. 47—W. W. Allen, Feb. 12; R. Peacock, Mar. 1; T. Dickson, Mar. 23; W. H. Durfey, June 17; C. L. Chilver, Aug. 2; J. M. Lord, July 1; D. F. Prentice, Sep. 22; H. McAlpine, Oct. 12; J. Walters, Nov. 19; G. A. Woltz, Sep. 3; P. J. Pollard, July 5; J. B. McCreery, July 28; F. W. Graham, Aug. 23; C. B. Chapin, Dec. 26. 48—J. Burns, Jan. 21; F. J. Thompson, Jan. 23; W. B. Gunter, Apr. 21; T. A. Bird, July 8; C. O'Hara, Dec. 27. 52—A. J. Barr, Feb. 6; J. T. Blyth, Nov. 28; J. Kilpatrick, Aug. 28; H. W. R. Humphreys, Dec. 10. 54—S. R. Robinson, Mar. 7; J. J. Kaiser, Dec. 7. 55—J. Kerr, Aug. 8; J. O. Hyndman, Aug. 7; C. W. Postlethwaite, Sep. 27. 56—W. T. McKee, Apr. 15; L. H. MacAdam, May 20; E. H. G. Longley, June 15; A. Campbell, Aug. 5; J. Wood, Oct. 30; W. T. Goddison, Dec. 3; A. Nash, Dec. 15. 57—S. Long, Feb. 3; G. B. Stephenson, May 15; A. Etherington, July 5; G. C. Barrett, Sep. 5. 58—C. S. Smith, Aug. 22; C. H. Lewis, Sep. 1. 61—T. Lyons, Jan. 18; P. Lowry, Jan. 19; W. O. Johnston, Feb. 11; J. Acheson, Feb. 21; A. B. Earl, July 25; W. Carson, July 26; G. Hutton, Nov. 17; W. W. Cole, Nov. 28. 62—G. Moore, June 3; J. Old, May 9; E. M. Gawley, Nov. —; G. H. Thompson, Dec. 11. 63—J. J. Monds, July 1; M. H. Steele, July 21; W. Douglas, Sep. 16; D. B. Oliver, Oct. 27; R. Morgan, Nov. 27. 64—J. P. Whitehead, Jan. 4; C. M. Steele, Feb. 25; W. F. Maylard, May 2; S. Stevely, May 3; A. O. Jeffrey, June 6; C. F. Nev. Oct. 10; A. Dotglass, Nov. 20. 65—C. L. Rosevar, Jan. 3; T. Clayton, Apr. 1; C. H. Likens, Apr. 14; J. Thompson, Apr. 18; W. H. Tustin, June 20; T. S. Dudley, Feb. 8; G. Sinclair, Aug. 1; W. F. Brown, Nov. 11; F. D. Leyden, Dec. 2; J. H. Copp, Dec. 16. 68—R. Gemmell, Apr. 22; J. Cornfoot, Aug. 7; G. Duncan, Nov. 2; W. J. Peters, Nov. 11. 69—J. M. Fargey, Feb. 11; W. Allen, May 22. 74—G. S. Wood, Mar. 20; W. R. Easton, May 2. 75—A. G. Henderson, Jan. 29; T. M. Maguire, Mar. 23; A. A. Daniel, Apr. 3; T. Armstrong, Oct. 19; W. J. Charles, Oct. 3; W. Rogers, July 15. 76—J. C. McCracken, Feb. 26; H. E. Karn, May 2; C. Matthews, July 9; J. M. Whitelaw, July 17; A. F. LaFay, July 18; J. C. Campbell, Oct. 2; F. J. Ure, Oct. 10; W. H. Jenkins, Dec. 2; R. E. Butler, Dec. 6; H. E. Karn, Dec. 9; H. McIntosh, Dec. 21. 77—J. L. Venters, Mar. 11; R. A. Grills, Mar. 28. 78—J. E. Weston, June 12; R. Stafford, Dec. 26; 79—G. Bannerman, Sep. 5; 82—S. Y. Taylor, Mar. 28; C. M. Wells, Apr. 5; P. Buckley, Sep. 24. 83—T. E. Gough, Aug. 1; G. E. Brothers, Aug. 4; W. F. Hill, Sep. 15; A. E. Wilson, Oct. 11

- 84—W. Paisley, July 7; J. Copp, Sep. 9. 85—W. M. Webster, Aug. 26.
 86—J. Hewlett, Jan. 7; F. W. Adams, Apr. 10; J. W. Johnson, Apr. 25; C. D. Hepler, May 21; W. A. Hertell, Oct. 19; T. N. Miller, Nov. 4; E. W. J. Owens, Nov. 11; F. J. Steward, Nov. 26. 87—W. Ferguson, Apr. 3. 88—J. McIntyre, Mar. 3; S. Chalmers, Apr. 24; E. W. Waites, Oct. 20; W. J. Creighton, Sep. 29; G. Waugh, Sep. 23. 90—C. H. Cameron, Mar. 5; T. E. McKim, May 24; T. C. Begg, July 26; W. J. Swain, Aug. 23; W. T. Allan, Nov. 29. 92—C. Turner, Jan. 21; H. Esford, Feb. 17; W. H. Montgomery, Apr. 29; W. Cockburn, June 30; W. W. Niles, July 4; W. G. Elliott, Nov. 5; A. Fowler, Nov. 29. 93—J. Quirk, Feb. 12; H. Innis, Feb. 14. 96—J. Ambrose, Feb. 3; H. H. Otton, Feb. 8; J. Paterson, Mar. 15; H. Bunker, Apr. 13; D. W. Leroy, June 11; W. A. Anderton, Sep. 16; 97—J. A. Milne, Mar. 28. 98—C. E. Chambers, May 29. 99—J. E. Hollingshead, Sep. 24; T. H. Brunton, Oct. 4. 100—C. Hetherington, May 8; W. H. Knowles, Nov. 24; T. Nicholson, Sep. 30; 101—W. G. Ferguson, Feb. 29; R. P. Watt, Sep. 30. 103—J. A. Grobb, May 25; C. O. Hardy, Apr. 24; A. M. Stobie, Mar. 7; A. Bennett, Aug. 26. 104—H. E. Hilliken, Sep. 11; H. W. Eggman, Oct. 4; R. Elliott, Oct. 19. 105—H. Garner, Feb. 29; J. Pickard, Apr. 26; F. Vokes, Aug. 4; F. Cope, Dec. 12. 106—G. Muter, Feb. 1; W. J. Meredith, Sep. 18. 107—A. Scott, June 16. 109—L. Cranston, Jan. 7; C. G. McKnight, Apr. 22. 110—E. C. Rosebrook, Dec. 28; T. Smail, Jan. 31; W. C. Brown, Apr. 8; W. H. Plumb, Apr. 19; R. M. Keeler, Apr. 23; J. Tyner, Apr. 26; J. A. Lane, May 9; R. M. Anderson, Aug. 3. 113—I. Waldeck, June 23. 114—T. H. Bell, Feb. 22. 115—W. T. Zimmerman, Sep. 1. 116—G. Sutherland, Oct. 4; J. D. Neilson, Nov. 1. 119—O. J. Amey, July 6; J. Holt, Sept. 14. 120—F. A. Henderson, Apr. 13. 121—M. Wilbee, Mar. 10; G. Bickell, May 3; W. S. McFarlane, June 6; R. A. Rastall, July 28; W. R. Turnbull, July 1; F. J. Mathews, Oct. 1; J. Irwin, Oct. 21. 122—H. J. Airth, May 7; W. F. Ritchie, June 13; J. Bailey, Oct. 13; H. N. Moss, Nov. 6. 123—W. McKeown, Jan. 8; H. A. Elvins, Jan. 14; M. R. Gilbert, Feb. 8; A. H. Mills, Sep. 17; G. H. Gulliver, Sept. 23; J. A. Hunter, Dec. 20. 125—J. Ridley, Aug. 18; H. Black, Nov. 18; T. Sharples, July 13. 127—J. W. Preston, Mar. 13; G. G. MacFarland, June 5. 128—O. C. F. Schroeder, Feb. 19; J. W. Smith, June 23; J. G. Beggs, Aug. 20; W. H. Gass, Sep. 27. 129—W. J. Fennell, Mar. 28; G. A. Caswell, Dec. 12. 131—J. Quirk, Feb. 12; G. McIvor, Feb. 26; J. McIntyre, Aug. 26. 133—P. H. McKewen, Feb. 25. 135—J. C. Blacklock, Mar. 27; 136—A. Pugh, Oct. 2; W. Todd, Nov. 17. 137—R. A. Hall, Oct. 18. 139—G. L. Lander, Feb. 13; H. S. Smith, Nov. 1. 140—H. V. Paterson, May 25; O. O. Gunn, July 28; W. H. Barnum, July 29; W. C. Bingham, Sept. 6. 142—D. C. Bush, Mar. 24. 144—T. H. Robinson, May 29; G. F. Longfoot, Aug. 30; A. L. Lye, Nov. 2; G. R. Pearce, July 10; J. M. Smith, Dec. 20. 145—H. R. Armstrong, Aug. 19; 146—J. F. Nicholls, Sep. 23. 147—R. M. Patterson, Feb. 3; M. H. Steele, July —. 149—C. A. Toole, Feb. 11; W. Fasken, Aug. 9; W. L. Sovereign, Nov. 16; A. L. Cronk, Dec. 22. 151—G. E. DeKleinbans, Apr. 8; J. Cochrane, Oct. 17; E. J. Payson, Dec. 4. 153—J. A. Lamont, Jan. 19; A. E. Mark, Oct. 15; T. Coleman, Nov. 20. 154—B. W. Stanley, Jan. 21. 155—J. Trussler, June 3; A. C. Herridge, Aug. 28. 156—H. R. Mackenzie, Dec. 15; C. Lines, Jan. 26; J. F. Ellis, Feb. 19; C. Sutherland, Mar. 22; J. Moxon, Apr. 22; E. Jackson, May 8; A. Clement, Aug. 17; J. Francis, Sep. 1; H. F. Hunter, Dec. 27. 157—W. G. Dargavel, Dec. 14. 158—G. Lambert, Sept. 15. 159—W. I. H. Birtch, Sept. 2; R. C. Channonhouse, Feb. 17. 161—G. McCleary, Jan. 19; C. A. Tomlinson, Oct. 4. 162—T. Gibson, July 22. 164—W. W. Fitzgerald, Apr. 5; J. E. Noxon, Apr. 30; S. Bull, Apr. 10; A. A. Ferguson, May 15. 165—A. C. Peart, Jan. 7; J. Parsons, July 14; C. Cox, Aug. 18. 166—J. H. Swayzie, Feb. 26; J. A. Jackson, Nov. 21. 168—J. W. Glennie, May 1; A. E. Douglass, Aug. 11. 170—W. Ballantyne, Mar. 1; W. Hays, Apr. 15. 172—C. McKinnon, May 15. 174—J. P. Pierce, Mar. 31. 177—R. Richardson, Jan. 16; G. McNeill, Feb. 16; J. T. Lester, Mar. 2; J. Hillas, Mar. 25; E. B. Butterworth, Apr. 28; A. T. Berry, May 21. 178—C. F. Veitch, Jan. 20. 184—J. Bryan, Jan. 23; A. Barbour, Apr. 18; A. E. Durnen, Sep. 22; 185—A. Spittal, Aug. 20. 186—W. McLean, July 3; N. G. Ross, Oct. 19. 190—W. F. Luton, June 21; J. Moore, Dec. 11. 192—H. Trinier, Mar. 22; T. W. Robbins, Apr. 24; N. H. McGillivray, May 9; W. B. Strathearn, July 28; B. F. Stewart, Dec. 3. 193—W. Ball, Jan. 2; J. R. Smith, Jan. 5; J. N. Moore, Jan. 27; T. Howson, Dec. 15; C. Stuart, Oct. 31. 194—J. Fraser, Feb. 12; P. Yager, Apr. 28; T. H. Freer, June 14. 195—C. E. Fisher, June 17. 196—J. E. Murphy, Apr. 12; A. Riddell, Apr. 22; R. G. Smith, May 7; H. Newham, Nov. 5; E. J. Niblett, Dec. 13. 197—N. Huck, Apr. 11; A. McCarter, June 16; A. S. Casson, Dec. 23. 200—W. G. Lowry, Jan. 26. 201—J. W. Hall, Jan. 17; T. E. Meggs, Mar. 10; J. A. Johnston, June 23; S. Angrove, July 19; D. W. Bews, Sept. 10. 203—A. H. Paget, Mar. 8; D. R. Campbell, May 22. 205—J. Willfred, May 13; J. Marty, Sept. 28. 207—W. Holdsworth, Feb. 8; J. A. McArthur, Apr. 30; A. Gibson, Mar. 20; A. A. McLennan, Feb. 23; W. H. Carr, June 5. 209A—O. W. Smith, Oct. 31; T. M. Shobottom, Jan. 27; G. Prodders, Feb. 19; H. H. Humeston, Mar. 6; C. R. Furness, Mar. 19; T. P. Hartley, Mar. 6; S. W. Chadwick, Apr. 13; W. R. Grant,

June 18; J. A. Ardiel, Aug. 8; J. W. Humpbridge, Aug. 17; J. A. Taylor, Nov. 13. 209—K. W. Cameron, Mar. 11; J. C. Luteman, June 16; T. B. Young, Oct. 30. 215—P. W. Alyea, Mar. 9; H. G. Stafford, May 14; J. E. Anderson, July 10. 216—J. J. Henry, Feb. 15; J. R. Bell, Apr. 12; J. L. Island, Apr. 26. 217—E. Morgan, Mar. 5; A. R. Hargrave, May 18; A. E. Steele, Dec. 26. 218—C. Stuart, Oct. 28; J. Douglas, Feb. 2; W. Joel, Feb. 19; C. Claridge, Apr. 9; A. Smith, Oct. 17; J. R. Caldwell, Sept. 15. 219—A. A. Brigg, Jan. 1; A. M. Grandy, Mar. 14; R. C. McCullough, Oct. 6; D. T. Marcellus, Nov. 20; S. Dilts, Dec. 14; G. Henderson, Dec. 23. 220—J. E. Hillson, Jan. 16; D. A. Clark, June 14; H. J. Gould, Dec. 6. 221—W. Hansel, Aug. 2; E. A. Jenne, Dec. 17. 223—R. F. Pakenham, May 9; H. Sloan, July 13; J. Gardner, Oct. 22. 224—R. Cudmore, Mar. 16; A. Murdock, Dec. 25. 225—G. P. Cobean, Mar. 27; J. Watson, Apr. 1; W. E. Binning, June 20; G. S. Ruttan, Oct. 1. 228—L. H. Hartman, Oct. 22. 229—J. S. Patterson, June —; W. H. Randle, May 5; W. W. Harpe, Dec. 22; T. Fraser, Nov. 30. 230—L. I. Vair, Feb. 10; R. Harrison, Apr. —; W. N. Liscumb, July 17; W. J. Martin, Nov. 26; E. Minniken, July 4; W. G. McBride, Oct. 16; C. Robertson, Oct. 23. 231—L. E. Stanley, Dec. 29; A. MacFarlane, Feb. 24; R. R. Farrow, Oct. 3. 234—W. J. Corley, Nov. 19. 236—W. J. Cunningham, June 2; W. A. Dinwoody, July 28; J. A. Patton, Aug. 16; J. Robinson, Oct. 21; G. Nixon, Nov. 24. 237—L. Ball, Mar. 11; G. W. Garrett, Nov. 4. 238—A. Rumford, Jan. 24; R. P. Brown, July 25. 239—A. A. Dafoe, Apr. 5; H. C. Kindred, Feb. 10. 242—A. H. Duttie, Mar. 26. 243—C. J. Hilliard, May 29. 245—J. Moubray, Jan. 30. 247—G. A. MacPherson, Mar. 22; Viscount G. Cave, Mar. 29; H. S. Cowan, 1926; W. Booth, Feb. 20; A. S. Wigmore, June 23; L. A. Howard, Aug. 22; J. Crang, October 25; J. G. Bain, Oct. 3; W. T. Allen, Nov. 29; 249—G. E. Wilson, Sept. —; J. Silverthorne, May 27; M. S. Killer, Nov. 16; J. Spiers, June 24; M. McCarthy, Nov. 14. 250—C. Ross, Feb. 28. 253—H. K. Filson, May —; M. McGillivray, May 24. 254—P. Foster, Dec. 29; E. E. Smith, Jan. 11; T. J. Whiteside, Feb. 17; W. S. Duck, Apr. 25; J. R. Bonner, Aug. 10; A. G. Neale, Aug. 25; G. S. Phemister, Sept. 3; J. Barber, Oct. 11. 255—J. E. Meredith, Dec. 7. 256—H. R. Hanes, May 28. 257—W. A. Hunter, July 11; T. Bennett, Oct. 10; J. N. Sipes, Nov. 13. 258—R. C. Palmer, Aug. 3; G. Williams, Oct. 29. 259—A. Barons, Feb. 4; J. Grinstead, Nov. 20. 260—G. C. English, May 10; C. Richmond, Aug. 3. 262—A. Spotton, Oct. 7. 263—R. E. O'Neil, May 29. 264—C. W. Baxter, June 9; G. B. Peterkin, May 5; E. T. Ellis, Aug. 7; W. Sales, Oct. 22; J. C. Finley, Dec. 10. 265—B. D. Cohn, Jan. 29; A. R. Hall, Jan. 30; G. H. Hooper, Oct. 11. 267—W. H. G. Colles, Feb. 14; G. L. Ford, Feb. 29; E. W. Shine, Apr. 6; R. Hazleton, May 10; J. E. Watson, July 25; W. J. Owens, Sept. 1; D. Steen, Dec. 12. 268—J. H. Stinson, Mar. 29. 270—C. A. Laube, Feb. —; A. N. Ellis, July 26; G. E. Pratt, Sept. 19. 271—A. Nodwell, Mar. 20; J. P. Bush, July 1; T. McMurchy, Aug. 11. 272—J. Symons, Apr. 7; G. D. Farmer, May 7; L. R. Smith, Aug. 24; W. M. Brandon, Sept. 11. 274—E. J. Toll, Aug. 6. 277—J. A. M. Waugh, Jan. 23. 279—J. Limpert, Mar. 25; W. J. Mitchell, Oct. 2. 282—J. Walker, May 14; C. E. Lewitt, Aug. 30. 283—J. A. Borbridge, Feb. 12; A. E. Bailey, May 19; Col. E. D. O'Flynn, May 16; G. E. Wilson, Apr. 25; B. A. Fox, Nov. 20. 284—J. Fox, Mar. 19; W. G. Neal, Sept. 6; J. H. Hewitt, Sept. 30; J. Ferguson, Dec. 26. 285—J. Downey, Jan. 23. 286—V. R. VanNorman, Apr. 28; W. J. Boyce, Sept. 28. 287—H. D. Rourke, June 3; J. Ritchie, July 14; W. H. Cowley, Aug. 2; W. C. Dobie, Nov. 13. 289—P. L. Graham, Nov. 4. 290—J. H. Griffith, Feb. 21; J. Tillson, May 13; T. L. Shenton, June 5; E. M. Sharpe, Aug. 6; G. A. Evans, Oct. 4. 291—R. Nicol, Nov. 20. 292—A. McCallum, Sept. 21. 294—J. Stockdale, May 24. 295—G. C. Green, June 22; R. E. Zimmerman, Oct. 27. 296—T. Schwankes, Jan. 30; J. C. Haight, Apr. 6; J. C. McArthur, July 25; A. Longley, Nov. 7; J. G. Flood, Dec. 14. 297—G. Wurster, Jan. 12; M. H. Hagey, Feb. 22. 299—E. Fenwick, June 1. 300—W. H. Salmon, Sep. 19. 302—F. T. Roberts, Oct. 2. 303—W. R. Phillips, Feb. 27; J. Montgomery, Sept. 24. 305—J. Bull, Jan. 31; J. Glanville, May 17; W. J. McFarlane, June 6; W. A. McEwen, Dec. 12. 306—G. Furneaux, Oct. 30. 307—W. H. Evans, Nov. 20. 309—R. J. Huston, Mar. 12; E. Mallowh, Dec. 10. 312—H. A. Stonehouse, Oct. 10. 313—R. H. Little, Nov. 13. 314—W. Frost, Mar. —; W. J. Manson, Sept. 30; 316—A. O. Elliott, Oct. 14; F. Barker, Jan. 1; J. M. Woodland, Jan. 1; T. Law, Feb. 21; J. I. Ball, Mar. 28; T. Menzie, Mar. 21; J. J. Taylor, Mar. 19; J. J. Thorley, May 15; W. H. Argles, Sept. 16; W. H. Ashfield, Sept. 30. 319—J. Cowan, Oct. 17. 320—T. Wholehan, Mar. 30; J. Bogart, Dec. 14. 321—I. Francis, Dec. 5. 322—J. S. Wilson, Jan. 19; J. Shaw, Apr. 11. 323—S. D. Gilroy, Feb. 18; J. A. Piper, Nov. 15; J. Russel, Dec. 18. 324—J. Duncan, Jan. 6; A. B. Daly, Jan. 30; O. Penny, Feb. 16; C. W. Tinsling, Mar. 16; C. P. McManus, Mar. 28; G. J. Tuckett, May 24; F. C. Bruce, July 9; J. Nanthan, Sept. 19; J. Reid, Oct. 23. 325—W. G. Rundle, Jan. 2. 326—A. W. Blachford, Jan. 23; H. C. Barker, Jan. 25; R. B. McBurney, Jan. 26; H. R. Tilley, Feb. 6; J. F. Ellis, Feb. 19; G. Bennett, Apr. 27; W. C. Meredith, May 2; A. Blight, Sept. 2; T. Runciman, Sept. 3; G. V. Holmes, Oct. 13; H. A. Taylor.

Nov. 19; W. F. Foster, Nov. 22; R. Tew, Nov. 26; 327—C. Mimna, Feb. 27, 330—E. O. Hill, Jan. 10; J. Bedgood, Dec. 25; A. Borland, Nov. 22; H. C. Simpson, July 28; C. N. Spencer, Sept. 24; E. S. Stone, July 22. 332—F. Branston, Dec. 25. 333—D. K. MacMillan, Feb. 3; R. S. McGirr, Oct. 25. 334—J. Kennedy, May 28; J. B. McCormack, Sept. 24; 336—W. Koehler, July 18; S. C. Attridge, Sept. 23; F. Littlejohns, Nov. 13; D. P. McPhail, Dec. 7. 339—A. Black, Dec. 19; F. A. Morrison, Jan. 17; W. Tafts, Mar. 16; E. A. Tomlin, Mar. 19; R. Durston, June 17. 343—J. Billinghamurst, Jan. 31; R. D. Bell, Dec. 28; W. J. Wilson, Oct. 2; J. Percy, May 21. 344—E. Smith, Oct. 4; J. L. Williamson, Oct. 15; A. Small, Oct. 10. 345—A. Gormish, Feb. 15. 346—J. H. Conlan, Apr. 10; W. Hutchinson, May 2; A. L. Spacey, May 31; J. Widgery, Sept. 5; W. Wallace, Oct. 25; A. W. Reeves, Nov. 3. 347—T. N. Wansbrough, Feb. 18; D. Hodge, Oct. 27. 348—W. McMaster Thompson, Apr. 22; E. E. J. Hewson, June 7; W. J. Martin, Nov. 26. 352—A. Wood, July 29; W. Went, July 31; H. W. Young, Dec. 25. 354—J. McLachlan, Nov. 20. 357—A. Atkinson, Dec. 27; T. Radford, Jan. 9; J. A. McGregor, Apr. 23; H. H. McCartney, May 3. 358—W. Harker, Feb. 10. 359—L. Bowden, Feb. 18; F. A. Saul, Feb. 20. 360—D. H. Colquhoun, Feb. 5; W. Fraser, May 10; R. Leishman, June 16; R. T. Sadler, July 26; M. McMillan, June —; A. Hamilton Sept. 5; H. Corrigan, Nov. 29. 361—W. Toole, Jan. 11; J. Hutcheon, Jan. 18; W. R. Curzon, Mar. 11; J. W. Charlesworth, May 4; H. L. Anderson, May 30; G. H. Unwin, Dec. 6; A. S. Allan, Feb. 1. 362—J. E. Swinburne, Jan. 28. 364—G. Morris, Feb. 13. 367—A. Noden, Nov. 25; A. G. Horwood, Dec. 24; J. Marshall, Jan. 19; R. C. Gallaher, Feb. 13; T. J. Clementson, Apr. 20; R. B. Rupert, May 3; J. Paul, May 24; W. Trumbley, June 3; G. J. Cottenden, Sep. 17; 368—F. P. Pocock, Apr. 14; H. E. Jackson, Dec. 24. 369—A. R. Linton, Mar. 3; F. H. Norris, May 5; R. Waddington, July 20; T. Mould, Dec. 7. 370—R. Kelly, June 1; J. H. Tye, Oct. 29. 371—T. A. Armstrong, Jan. 1; W. Northwood, Mar. 1; J. W. M. Wilson, May 16; J. E. Banning, May 24; R. W. Stewart, Aug. 20; A. E. Revell, Nov. 12. 372—W. H. Johns, Jan. 6; A. S. Jackson, Feb. 12; E. Hawkins, Sept. 14. 373—W. Muir, Mar. 8; R. Corsar, Dec. 11; C. Awrey, Dec. 20. 374—R. A. Nelson, Dec. 20. 375—W. C. Tully, Jan. 16. 376—J. J. Dawkins, Feb. 2; S. Waters, Mar. 4; W. Lumsden, Mar. 22; W. B. Thompson, Apr. 6; H. McGrandle, July 14. 377—W. Winters, Jan. 24; J. Doney, Feb. 27; G. B. Keys, Aug. 13. 378—J. Stevenson, Mar. 26; R. M. Simmie, Apr. 30; E. T. Cole, May 21; M. McRae, May 22; H. F. Burgess, Apr. 25; J. F. Millett, Feb. 14; G. Boyce, Jan. 17; J. G. Pritchett, June 23; H. McPherson, Oct. 4. 379—E. Roberts, July 13. 380—W. Scarlett, Feb. 16; G. Willis, Mar. 29; W. J. Armes, June 18; W. S. Davidson, June 21; J. Armour, July 31. 382—H. Kartzmark, Jan. 6; S. Walling, Jan. 14; A. McKenzie, Feb. 15; J. Bicknell, May 2; J. W. Maddick, Aug. 29. 383—J. C. Campbell, Feb. 28; A. E. Scott, May 5. 384—J. Skilton, Feb. 10; G. R. Chapman, Apr. 23; F. W. Lear, Mar. 18; S. H. Bradford, Apr. 27; G. G. MacKenzie, July 23; H. J. Brown, Nov. 10; I. Jefferies, June 28; J. B. Newton, Aug. 13; J. A. Greech, Nov. 30; W. Wright, Nov. 9; W. N. Simpson, Dec. 23; J. Walker, July 13; T. McVittie, Nov. 16. 385—C. N. Clarke, May 30. 386—B. Partridge, May 21; A. Zimmerla, Sept. 25. 387—J. M. Phillips, Oct. 10. 389—S. Botham, June 22. 390—W. Drew, Feb. 16. 391—N. McNabb, Apr. 5; G. Allen, Oct. 2. 392—J. K. Cairns, Jan. 12; F. D. Shea, July 3. 394—J. S. Robinson, April —. 396—R. M. Fisher, Feb. 6; 397—J. Ford, July 7; R. Moffatt, Oct. 30. 398—A. E. Staback, Dec. 28, 1917. 399—J. McNiven, May —; J. E. Clement, Oct. 11; A. D. Coleman, Oct. 22. 400—C. G. Marlatt, Jan. 19; L. B. Joyce, Apr. 18. O. B. Smith, May 18; J. Kaiteing, Oct. 12; W. W. Bray, Oct. 19. 401—J. Kitchen, Feb. 8; E. A. Rixen, June 10; W. H. Thomas, May 9. 402—L. H. Ferguson, June 19; J. C. Bailey, Nov. 12; J. S. Laird, Nov. 21; G. Laing, Dec. 5. 403—J. Calvert, Mar. 16; A. M. Stewart, Mar. 16; E. K. Vary, Mar. 22; P. A. Dewar, Apr. 7; J. Lawson, July 4; F. Oliver, July 30; T. C. Ray, Oct. 18; C. Smith, Nov. 29; J. Lewis, Dec. 26. 404—J. W. Shier, June 20; W. Brown, Sept. 29; J. W. Hayes, June 21. 405—J. Lindsay, Oct. 5; A. C. Sherwood, Nov. 19. 406—A. Menzies, May 2; J. L. Arnold, Aug. 16. 408—I. Hamilton, June 28. 409—J. C. Davidson, Mar. 8; H. M. DeLong, Apr. 13. 410—J. C. Heyd, Apr. 2; J. E. Curran, July 12; A. H. Gardiner, July 12; F. W. Burke, Sept. 12; N. G. Reynolds, Oct. 9. 411—W. J. Mead, Nov. 9. 412—F. J. Stevenson, Jan. 5; D. Jannison, Mar. 3; J. D. Kendall, Mar. 30; J. R. McLean, Apr. 1; M. J. Burk, Nov. 25. 413—H. J. Cartier, May 10. 414—S. S. Scovil, Dec. 26, 1927. H. C. Vipond, May 24. 415—A. H. Chase, Apr. 9; F. Johnson, Apr. 24. 416—F. Burns, Dec. 15. 418—A. J. McEwen, Feb. 29; A. E. Sproul, Apr. 22. 419—J. C. McNaughton, Apr. 28; W. McCleister, May 15; T. Pearson, Apr. 14; J. F. Cox, Dec. 8; J. Spencer, Oct. 13. 420—T. Reynolds, Mar. 6; J. Mocre, Dec. 21, 1927; J. Shotten, July 11; R. S. Fulcher, Aug. 21; H. E. Herbert, Nov. 2. 421—G. M. Lawson, July 8; 422—W. Shelley, Jan. 28. 424—J. R. Winter, Dec. 9. 425—J. Kennedy, Mar. 12; G. H. Stover, Apr. 17. 426—J. A. Shaw, Nov. 30; O. W. Colbeck, Dec. 18; J. Robinson, July 30; F. B. Goodman, Sep. 16. 427—E. B. Ireland, May 5; G. A. Montgomery, June 27; A. A. Russell, Aug. 5.

H. G. Cartwright, July 4; J. E. Lord, July 27. 428—H. D. Munro, Mar. 4; E. Kilpatrick, Dec. 11. 429—J. C. Baker, Feb. 26. 430—A. P. Allan, Sep. 13. 431—J. Shaw, May 23. 432—C. Weidendorf, Oct. 13. 434—W. J. Fowler, Apr. 9. 435—D. H. Greenley, Jan. 26; M. I. MacKenzie, Apr. 29; A. Nicholson, Aug. 6; W. H. Rose, Dec. 25. 437—A. McDougal, Feb. 2; G. W. Barge, Feb. 26; W. Jones, Apr. 21; L. N. Phippen, Oct. 14; J. Woods, Oct. 30; A. G. Reid, July 11. 438—W. T. Martin, Oct. 27; T. M. Kinsman, Oct. 25; T. H. Wark, Aug. 1; G. J. Bennett, Sep. 14. 439—G. B. Gross, Sept. 12. 440—R. Oliver, June 3. 441—N. Shillington, Nov. 13. 442—H. McDonald, May, 1928. 444—H. Magill, May 22; H. Heitman, Nov. 8. 445—W. G. Brammall, Feb. 3; J. Stout, Aug. 3. 449—S. McCullough, Mar. 28; W. J. Fry, June 15; J. W. Clarey, Aug. 8. A. C. Champ, Dec. 24. 453—J. E. Swinburne, Jan. 28; D. Corbett, Mar. 19; F. C. Perry, Sep. 23; T. S. Smith, Aug. 15. 456—J. Ilman, Feb. 22. 457—A. Houston, Oct. 29. 458—C. U. Thompson, Aug. 6. 463—S. R. Watt, Apr. 1; W. LeLong, Oct. 4. 464—R. J. Shier, Feb. 6; S. M. McClellan, Aug. 13. 468—C. H. Lindsay, June 2; A. Spratt, Dec. 25. 469—C. H. Williams, Mar. 28. 470—T. W. Brown, Apr. 13; A. Boorman, June 19. 473—W. J. McWaters, June 15. 474—B. Devins, Mar. 14; F. Burton, Jan. 22; C. A. Powers, Feb. 24; C. S. Kerr, Dec. 4. 475—F. Poulton, Feb. 13; R. Scott, Apr. 30; W. L. Irvine, Nov. 10; 476—J. W. Brown, Nov. 8. 477—B. Stacey, Oct. 19. 479—M. McMartin, May 24. 480—C. J. Whittaker, Oct. 12. 481—J. J. Kennersley, June 7; W. Tregwin, Dec. 9. 482—J. W. Brooks, Apr. 14; A. E. Gurnsey, Sept. 14. 485—J. F. Gillies, Jan. 31; J. H. Shibley, Sept. 20. 486—L. McEwen, Sept. 23; W. McAllister, Oct. 29; H. Burnett, Dec. 19. 487—N. K. McCrimmon, Dec. 3. 489—A. T. Martin, Jan. 5; M. G. Caterine, Apr. 29. 490—B. Bradey, June 26; J. Murray, Dec. 6. 491—J. Tyner, Apr. 26; J. Tripp, July 4. 492—W. H. Barrans, Sept. 13. 493—J. M. Adam, Apr. 25. 494—E. W. Nicholson, Apr. 3; B. Kerr, Jan. 21; H. F. Hunter, Mar. 8. 495—P. J. Culhane, Jan. 26; C. H. Pilgrim, Aug. 18. 496—A. G. Horwood, Dec. 24; J. W. Chester, Feb. 22; D. A. Clark, June 14; 497—A. E. Smith, May. 499—G. T. Leslie, Feb. 1; J. H. Cook, May 20; W. D. Clark, Aug. 25; W. F. Hughes, July 20; R. H. Lister, Nov. 1. 500—R. E. Bennett, Feb. 15; P. A. Dewar, Apr. 7; C. R. Bennet, June 23. 501—F. G. Edwards, Mar. 7; B. J. Devine, Mar. 14; T. E. Harrison, Apr. 18; G. S. Brown, June 13. 503—R. Melton, May 7. 506—J. J. Rutherford, Sept. 24. 507—J. Dick, Feb. 13. 508—M. Wilbee, Mar. 10. 509—F. H. Boehmer, Feb. 25. 510—W. Bromby, Apr; W. L. Amiraux, Apr. 24; E. T. Alexander, June 16; H. J. Brown, Nov. 15; J. M. Palmer, Dec. 7. 511—S. W. T. Hawkins, Feb. 16; R. M. Boyd, Dec. 2; A. J. Smart, Nov. 3; A. Spalding, July 5. 512—J. Percy, May 22. 513—A. Jennings, Feb. 11; J. J. Neeley, Apr. 18; J. Morrell, June 23; J. S. Jacques, Nov. 26. 514—J. M. Woodland, Jan. 1; E. F. Brown, Mar. 8; H. J. Hoare, May 13; H. W. Tyndall, June 6; R. C. McRoberts, July 28; F. W. Davies, Nov. 3; 515—W. G. Book, Nov. 24. 516—W. B. Burns, Apr. 4; J. Barr, Nov. 27. 520—R. J. Thompson, Jan. 29; A. S. Strachan, June 30. 521—G. C. Smith, Mar. 15; T. C. Ray, Oct. 18; S. A. Crabtree Nov. 13. 522—P. James, Apr. 5. 524—C. G. Hamilton, Sept. 6. 525—S. Drury, Apr. 4; W. T. Lloyd, May 19; R. W. Butter, Oct. 23; D. Edgar, July 3. 526—P. Daniels, May 26. 528—W. A. Boyd, Nov. 23. 531—C. J. Sloan, Apr. 27; W. D. Shriner, July 7; T. White, Aug. 1; B. S. Fitzgerald, Aug. 10; W. H. Bennett, Nov. 26; C. E. Wilson, Dec. 28; G. W. Wilson, Aug. 13. 532—A. H. Paull, Jan. 24; R. E. Eccles, May 23; A. J. Cox, July 26; 533—W. R. Corneil, Mar. 18; I. Francis, Dec. 5; A. E. Ross, Nov. 16. 534—T. J. Campbell, Oct. 3. 535—B. Seeber, Jan. 30; A. Hyatt, Mar. 9; R. E. Zimmerman, Jan. 5; I. Cook, Sept. 1. 536—R. J. R. J. Moorehouse, May 6. 537—J. W. Brown, Mar. 10; J. W. Ingraham, June 1. 538—A. A. Boorman, June 19. 539—R. S. Bateman, Aug. 17. 540—K. M. Foy, Feb. 8; T. Robertson, July 30. 541—H. Lyons, June 2; R. L. Parr, Aug. 2; F. A. R. Raine, Oct. 2; A. Jefferys, Nov. 13; R. Bennett, Dec. 18. 543—E. A. Bain, May 1. 546—D. Wilkinson, Jan. 30. 548—R. F. Mosley, Apr. 18; A. R. Steeper, May 1; S. H. Bradford, Apr. 27. 549—W. W. Millward, Sept. 21. 550—T. H. Smith, July 8. 556—W. E. Casselman, Aug. 4. 557—W. E. Shaver, July 15; D. M. Monro, Dec. 19. 558—H. C. Breggenshaw, Jan. 4; J. Peters, Dec. 3. 559—J. Perkins, May 6; S. Messinger, Dec. 23. 562—A. Knowles, Jan. 19; W. Hobbs, Oct. 17. 563—A. T. Arnold, Apt. 17. 570—G. E. Peavoy, Jan. 20; J. R. Stevenson, June 29. 571—J. B. MacGregor, Aug. 17. 572—A. C. MacLean, Apr. 5; F. Batten, May 25; T. Taylor, Nov. 28. 573—F. W. Dickson, Jan. 26; M. Stowe, Mar. 10; G. S. Phemister, Sept. 575—H. J. Brown, Jan. 27. 577—W. Rae, Apr. 26; F. H. Davis, May 3; F. E. Law, Oct. 6; H. C. Cusaik, Dec. 14. 578—T. R. Ferguson, July 20; A. R. B. Williamson, Dec. 24. 579—P. D. Hendershot, Apr. 22. 581—E. L. Kingsley, May 18. 582—G. B. Reid, Oct. 6; 583—G. E. Horning, Jan. 19; I. H. Wilson, Feb. 27; H. Ross, Oct. 31. 584—J. E. Swinburne, Jan. 28; A. J. Smart, Dec. 5. 585—A. W. Winnett, Oct. 27. 586—J. Robb, Jan. 16; R. Prentice, Dec. 10. 588—J. Browley, Aug. 12. 589—W. E. Simmons, June 18. 590—R. P. Watt, Sept. 30. 591—W. A. Bradford, Aug. 17. 593—W. T.

McLaren, Jan. 21; L. S. Hodge, Mar. 19; J. J. M. Woods, July 12; J. D. Liles, Oct. 2. 597—H. G. L. Roberts, Feb. 5; G. C. English, May 10. 600—L. B. Hurst, Jan. 29; J. Ferris, Apr. 26; A. R. Steeper, May 10; G. E. Tutton, Sept. 27; W. J. Charles, Oct. 3. 602—S. Walling, Jan. 14; H. Farnworth, Oct. 15. 603—J. C. Blacklock, Mar. 27. 605—A. J. Bottrell, Feb. 16; J. H. Cascaden, May 6. 606—M. Wilbee, Mar. 10; W. E. Balsdon, June 9; R. A. Rastall, July 27; A. E. Baggs, Dec. 10. 608—S. W. Clarke, Nov. 22. 611—W. E. Struthers, Apr. 20; J. Robertson, Dec. 16. 612—G. Kirwin, Dec. 13. 613—E. Hawkins, Sept. 14; D. Ellsworth, Sept. 20. 620—C. L. Rosevear, Jan. 3. 622—J. E. Lord, July 28; J. Davidson, Sept. 18. 625—J. R. McLean, Apr. 1; G. A. Montgomery, June 27. 628—G. Cohean, Mar. 26. 629—P. A. Duck, Oct. 6. 630—F. R. Pakenham, May 9. 631—J. L. Locking, Nov. 9; A. Lang, Nov. 14. 636—C. E. Warding, Oct. 19. 637—J. Mellor, Sept. 23. 640—G. S. Brown, June 13. 644—W. A. Anderton, Sept. 16; W. N. Ferguson, Nov. 9. 645—A. J. Beynon, Nov. 16. 646—W. J. Kester, Dec. 29.

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Sykes. 419—J. McKenzie, D. Patterson. 420—H. A. Garlough. 426—G. Ellis, W. R. Glockling. 427—V. L. Morgan. 428—J. A. Mathers.. 429—J. C. Baker. 430—G. Cummings, W. E. Wilson. 432—E. Jasper. 435—H. J. Clarke. 438—G. F. McGowan. 445—J. McKenzie. 449—A. B. Agnew. 455—G. E. Hornebrook, C. T. Nelder. 456—R. A. F. Siddel. 457—G. F. Bagley, H. A. Snyder. 462—S. S. Ballantyne. 465—W. S. Bunting. 470—C. H. Eberts. 475—F. T. Yeo, G. Forstner, W. S. Bauer, W. Cameron, J. Hope, R. H. Mellon, T. McBlain. 478—E. C. A. Crawford. 479—H. S. Latimer, L. Baker, A. McKerracher, H. Kenny, R. B. Stearns, H. C. Latimer. 481—B. B. Wilmot, W. A. Knox, A. T. Harper, A. McNair, H. J. White. 484—W. L. Alexander, F. N. Beveridge. 486—A. E. Adrian. 492—A. D. Caswell. 494—W. Lawless, G. N. Vipond, W. J. Pearl. 500—R. E. Bennett, W. E. Hamilton. 509—G. Grant. 510—E. E. Jackson. 513—F. Cosan, A. M. Jackson, W. Miller, W. J. Briggs. 514—O. L. Keely, R. R. Cooper. 516—R. Dougherty. 518—G. J. Young. 519—A. J. Thomson. 521—R. A. Ballantyne., H. Davey. 525—W. H. James. 526—C. R. Elliott. 531—J. E. Brown. 533—F. L. Bass. 534—T. Henderson, J. J. MacDonald, H. N. Atkinson. 543—H. T. Taylor. 545—F. L. Barchard. 548—P. E. Cleal. 549—H. R. Sykes, C. H. Lumsden, W. R. Rees, C. H. Thomas. 550—C. S. Bird. 551—A. C. Whitcombe, George Stewart. 552—W. F. McFerran, C. R. Hammond, D. W. Logan. 554—H. R. Brown. 555—L. S. Cust. 560—H. R. Olmstead. 562—W. Digby. 563—W. E. Finnegan. 570—J. M. Barraclough. 571—F. A. Brown. 572—D. F. McGregor. 578—C. H. McCuaig. 579—N. Brody, T. F. Sartain, E. E. Winegarden, E. L. Wendover, P. A. McKee. 580—P. S. Farquhar, G. W. Taylor, J. F. Jackson. 588—G. M. Flowers. 598—G. T. Jarvis, 602—A. L. Campbell. 612—J. W. T. Ward.

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Frontenac.....	Elgin S. Parrott.....	Odessa
Georgian.....	Leonard J. Simpson.....	Barrie
Grey.....	Thomas H. Carson.....	Owen Sound
Hamilton A.....	William J. Stutt.....	Dundas
Hamilton B.....	George B. McConachie.....	Grimsby
London.....	Malcolm MacVicar.....	Belmont
Muskoka.....	Leslie G. Phillips.....	Powassen
Niagara.....	James Dakers.....	St. Catharines
Nipissing.....	Alfred J. Lomas.....	Capreol
North Huron.....	William Scrimgeour.....	Palmerston
Ontario.....	George Meredith Linton.....	Orono
Ottawa.....	William H. Hooper.....	Carleton Place
Peterborough.....	Arthur Jemison.....	Millbrook
Prince Edward.....	George W. West.....	Madoc
Sarnia.....	Samuel G. Jackson.....	Oil Springs
South Huron.....	Percival L. Tye.....	Milverton
St. Lawrence.....	William R. Collier.....	Maitland
St. Thomas.....	James A. Campbell.....	St. Thomas
Temiskaming.....	James M. Coghill.....	Elk Lake..
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Windsor.....	James A. Wickens.....	Windsor

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Asst. Grand Organist.....	" Edward C. Wight.....	Ottawa
Grand Pursuivant.....	" Edward G. Jackman.....	Toronto

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" I. Bowins.....	Coboconk
" C. M. Bracken.....	Athens
" W. A. Braddon.....	Shedden
" W. H. H. Casement.....	Lakefield
" H. S. Chase.....	Fort William
" Jas. Cherry.....	Toronto
" J. A. Cumming.....	Paisley
" John Drew.....	Toronto
" John Ferguson.....	Camlachie
" Wm. French.....	Embro
" R. Galbraith.....	Mt. Forest
" J. F. Gibson.....	Winchester
" John Hamshaw.....	Toronto
" J. S. Hill.....	Toronto
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" W. H. Irvine.....	London
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" W. H. Martin.....	Stroud
" R. R. Mitchell.....	Cochrane
" J. D. Muir.....	Niagara Falls
" P. Munnoch.....	St. Marys
" E. T. MacDonald.....	Owen Sound
" G. A. McCulloch.....	Hamilton
" A. M. McNeill.....	Mt. Brydges
" P. A. Nicol.....	Hamilton
" R. E. Pate.....	Blyth
" L. J. Pettypiece.....	Amherstburg
" R. Pierson.....	Brantford
" E. F. Purcell.....	Colebrook
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" S. F. Speck.....	Chippawa
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"	Geo. Moore.....	Hamilton
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"	J. B. Smith.....	London
"	F. A. Copus.....	Stratford

"	J. D. Spence.....	Toronto
"	C. E. Kelly.....	Hamilton
"	E. W. Barber.....	Toronto
"	J. F. Reid.....	Windsor

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"	F. R. Richardson.....	Strathroy
"	G. H. Ryerson.....	Brantford
"	Jos. Fowler.....	Sudbury
"	G. H. Smith.....	Toronto
"	R. Williamson.....	Watford
"	C. E. Clements.....	Chatham
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	Roumania.....		Geo. Boncescu.....	Bucarest
	Vienna.....		Otto Fuchs.....	Vienna

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REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

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ALABAMA

James M. Pearson, M.W. Grand Master.

The One hundred and eighth Annual Communication was held in Montgomery, December 4, 1928.

A special Communication had been held on May 3rd to pay the last tribute to the late Past Grand Master Morrow.

Nine working Past Grand Masters were present at the annual Communication.

Canada was represented by Ethridge J. Garrison.

We are struck by the odd names of Lodges in Alabama and yet they are not more unique and foreign sounding than perhaps are the names of Lodges in Ireland, or for that matter in some parts of Canada. Here however are a few out of the lodges, the last number of which is 864:

Autauga, Wetumpka, Demopolis, Erophotoic, Loza-hatchee, Eastaboga, Chattahoochee, Sylacauga, Sepulga, Coosa, Talladega, Weogufka, Attalla, Andalusia, Hardy Howle, Hokes Bluff, Burnt Corn, Sulligent, Gordo, Dolceto, Hacoda, Celestia, Conecuh, Toxey, Perdido, Verbena, Eva, Daphne, Shade's Valley.

From the Grand Master's address we take these paragraphs:

It seems to me that the most desirable of all the aims of Masonry is that of fitting the brethren so to conduct themselves and their affairs that self-restraint and friendly helpfulness will mark all of their contacts with their fellowmen. This year has seen progress toward that end.

At any proper time and for any proper purpose the floor of this Grand Lodge will be given any member.

He discourages the use of Masonic Halls for non-Masonic purposes saying:

A Masonic lodge is not a church, but it should be a strong right arm of it. Your Grand Master has always thought that Masonic Lodges and school houses should be ranked next to the church.

Of the mixed reception accorded to the official District Lecturers he says:

The lodges that can do good work without the help of Lecturers are usually glad to have the Lecturers visit them. The Lodges that cannot do Grand Lodge work do not want to be disturbed by any one.

Referring to the startling fact of more than 3,000 suspensions he says:

I call upon all of you to help us rid ourselves of our indifference. This has been a hard year on fraternal institutions. Shall we allow the automobile, the radio, the

picture-show and other entertainments and luxuries deprive us of the real joy that comes as a result of duty faithfully done!

Brethren, if you want a large attendance at your communications, you must prepare something for the non-working members when they come. I believe a lively interest can be aroused.

He refused dispensations to confer degrees on a blind man and also to receive a report and ballot on petition at a special communication.

Among his decisions are the following:

When a candidate pays the fees for the three degrees and is stopped by objection after he takes the E.A. degree, the lodge should return the fees for the other degrees. Masonry does not want something for nothing.

As to the lengthy questionnaire proposed he expresses this opinion:

I think some of the questions in the questionnaire are unnecessary, yet I cannot condemn them because I know a lodge cannot be too careful in passing on the fitness of an applicant for the degrees in Masonry.

He praises the Order of the Eastern Star for their proper work in connection with the Hospital and Home. In a magazine this building had the distinction of being termed "the Home beautiful". He records the gift of many fine cows to the Home in order that the children may have abundance of milk. The improvements altogether were no less than \$168,000.

Under the heading of the Emergency Fund he says:

It is better to do something that will enable the needy to help themselves than it is to do all for them while they have no responsibility at all. It is well to require the subordinate lodges to pay one-third of the amount that is necessary for the support of the beneficiaries. This plan places a responsibility on the local Masons that is essential to their own best interests. Masons with nothing to keep them alive to the just claims others may have upon them are likely to grow more and more selfish.

Frank O. Hart, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council R. and S.M., delivered an instructive and eloquent address.

Again and again Bro. Oliver Day Street's book on the "Symbolism of Freemasonry" is recommended to the brethren, as we recommend it to the brethren of our own jurisdiction.

The Committee did not approve of blanket Official Bonds and recommended the withdrawal of membership from the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. Both were adopted.

The Grand Master of Florida recited a well known poem, adding the last verse:

Brethren banded together hand in hand for good,
Join for mankind's uplift united in Brotherhood,
And each of the band a builder,
With faces turned from the sod,
Some folks call it Masonry,
And others call it God.

The Principal of the Masonic Home School reported that every child in the senior class was promoted to High School. The Home is giving its best attention towards educating and equipping its children for their life work.

The Committee report as to the admission free of Ministers of the Gospel the following limitation:

A minister in this sense is any person ordained or set apart for the ministry, and who pursues that profession as his chief vocation. It does not apply to one whose chief business is something else, or who only preaches occasionally.

Owing to the illness of Bro. Stillwell there is no Foreign Correspondence.

This memorial verse is underwritten below the picture of the late M.W. Bro. Morrow:

"Death is another life; we bow our heads
At going out; we think to enter straight
Another golden chamber of the King,
Larger than this we leave, and lovelier;
The will of God is in all."

Membership 53,293. Net loss 973. The reason for the loss is perhaps partly accounted for by the large number of lodges reported as delinquent for not making returns and the still larger number delinquent for not paying dues.

Frederick J. Skinner of Gananogue, represents Alabama.

ALBERTA

George E. Cruickshank, M.W. Grand Master.

No less than seven corner-stones of lodges, churches of several denominations and collegiate institutes were laid during the year. This is good and true work.

The Twenty-third annual communication was opened in Palliser Hotel, Calgary, June 13, 1928, eleven Past Grand Masters giving light in the East.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer the roll call. Not more than one-third of our Grand Representatives are recorded as present in all the Jurisdictions with which we are identified.

Of course the first item in the Grand Master's address is a tribute to the late Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, who had been Principal of Schools in Ontario for

many years before going to Alberta. Of him the G.M. well says:

His long experience in the practice of matters Masonic as well as his wide knowledge of the lore, history and philosophy of our Craft peculiarly fitted him for the discharge of the duties of his high office to the general acceptance of the Craft.

R.W. Bro. Ireland, Grand Registrar, was appointed to carry on temporarily.

Grand Lodge premises were destroyed by fire with serious loss and inconvenience resulting.

The fire loss was adjusted at \$4,611.

Of the making of new members he says:

I am more concerned in quality than quantity and I would strongly urge every lodge to exercise the utmost care and discrimination in the recommendation and selection of new material. In case of doubt, have no hesitation in giving the Order the benefit of it.

With this we will cordially agree:

I have on more than one occasion been asked if it would be in order for a lodge to institute a raffle or lottery and invite the public generally to participate therein for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of lodge premises. My answer was emphatically in the negative.

As to granting dispensations to modify clauses of the constitution he lays down as undoubted law:

We are a democratic institution; every member of the Order has a share, directly or indirectly, in the compilation of our Constitution and once that Constitution has been adopted by Grand Lodge its provisions and requirements should be rigidly adhered to.

M.W. Bro. Leon M. Abbott of Boston, was convalescing at Banff and friendly telegrams were interchanged.

Brief condensed reports of D.D.G.M's of 15 Districts were presented.

Membership 13,301. Net increase 274.

The Grand Librarian asked for \$1500 for replacing copies damaged in the fire. This was referred to the Masonic Research Committee.

The Report on the Condition of Masonry is brief but interesting:

The reports show indisputably that numerically small lodges are in the best position in finance and attendance.

Grand Lodge, requiring D.D.G.M's and lodge secretaries to distinguish between resident and non-resident members in reports, was not put into effect.

Eighty-six lodges report net gains, forty-one lodges net losses and eighteen remain at the figures shown in the last report.

The Committee on Benevolence say poignantly:

We are still feeling the effects of the war. Several of our beneficiaries are in Sanitoriums as the result of gas poisoning and exposure and while they are being taken care of by the Government, their dependents need our help. We could tell you stories of heroic wives working hard to keep the home fire burning, some of them too independent to apply for assistance until some brother finds out their need.

Grand Lodge adjourned for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the new Calgary Masonic Temple.

Then followed an address by Bro. John MacKay, D.D., Principal of Manitoba College, from which we cannot resist making these extracts:

Some sections of the World, for almost a thousand years, have been practically static. Other sections have been moving forward with great rapidity. But we have now come into a day in which every section of the World, without a single exception, seems to be touched with a spirit of unrest, with a new sense of the greater potentialities of life and a new eagerness to discover other reaches to which life can be lifted, and it is our task as thoughtful men, members of this great World Brotherhood of ours, to face up to what is occurring throughout the whole World and to ask ourselves what its meaning is for each of us. We pass this way but once.

The giant of the whole world to-day, the nation which we must all keep our eyes on, is China. One hundred years ago Napoleon Bonaparte said, "When China moves she will move the World," and whether you like it or not.

Then across the Strait from China is what I think the most marvellous people on the whole face of the earth, not excepting our own, in the achievements which they have made in a short space of fifty-eight years.

We are in a state of flux. The whole world is flitting hither and thither.

One of the things which must have impressed us all in our ancient Order is the sense of antiquity, of stability and beauty it conveys.

We are moving so rapidly in these days that we like to think that only the new can be good. Let us remember that we are debtors to all the ages, and that we only capture what is great and good in this new age as we make our own what is the finest and best in the past.

No-where in the civilized world is there a country with a climate which makes for courageous and sturdy men and

women where there are so many capital resources yet unexploited under the control of one people. The eyes of all the crowded East are turned longingly upon this Golden West.

The Committee on research have organized a lecture staff of volunteers and their enthusiasm does them credit:

Your committee recommends that the subordinate lodge be required to report in their semi-annual returns to Grand Lodge the particulars concerning addresses which have been delivered in the lodge during the period covered by the report giving the name of the speaker and his subjects.

J. H. W. S. Kemmis was elected Grand Secretary

A beautiful tribute to the worth of the late M.W. Bro. Stephen Y. Taylor was presented. To him life's paramount issues were "the glory of God and the good of mankind". He established and maintained contact through district meetings and in other ways. He taught in the Calgary Schools as he had in Ontario, before being elected Grand Secretary. His life of usefulness had been directed along three main avenues—educational, humanitarian and religious.

R.W. Bro. A. J. Young represents Alberta, and Canada is represented by M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson of Lethbridge.

The rulings of Grand Masters occupied three pages We quote two:

A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members.

An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge.

F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., is Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence and enlisted the co-operation of several members. He gratefully acknowledges the kindly references that appear in the reviews of the Proceedings of Alberta.

Canada is not included in the list this year.

We quote this from the Review of California by Bro. Selwood:

Its mission is to make men friends, to refine and exalt their lives, to uphold every noble and redeeming ideal of humanity, "teaching the Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, the moral law, the Golden Rule, and the hope of a life everlasting".

And this from the District of Columbia by Bro. Kemmis:

It is well that occasionally a Grand Master reminds us of this truth, that Grand Lodge and the Grand Master rule the Craft, the whole body of Masonry within the boundaries of their jurisdiction.

Missouri gives us something to which all Grand Jurisdictions should attain:

He tells us that the Grand Secretary's office is now complete and all the priceless records are now contained in a fire-proof building.

ARIZONA

George Emet McMillan, M.W. Grand Master.

The 46th Annual Communication was held in Tucson on the 14th, 15th and 16th February, 1928.

We find in the address of Grand Master McMillan the statement that, in spite of certain handicaps, he managed to visit during his year of office every lodge in the State. The area being vast, and the 36 lodges scattered over it, the Most Worshipful's achievement was a notable one. He takes occasion to compliment the State on its excellent roads which enabled him to make his journeys by motor car.

The Grand Master speaks of his attendance at the 17th Annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, held in Alexandria, Virginia, on the 21st and 22nd February, 1927. There were more representatives present than at any previous convention. He does not say how the work of the association is progressing, but that is perhaps common knowledge. He also attended on the 23rd February a conference of Grand Masters of Masons in the United States, held in Washington, at which 36 Grand Jurisdictions were represented.

The following paragraph in the address is interesting:

There are several clandestine lodges operating within our jurisdiction, and they are preaching the gospel of Masonry. I do not think they are interfering with us any more than the negro clandestine lodges, or the Chinese lodges. I feel that something should be done for these people who are hungry for Masonry. Let us put ourselves in their places, if a large per cent of the population were Americans and we were in a district in Mexico, we would be tempted to practice and preach Masonry at any price. Let us endeavor to do something for these down-trodden people that are trying to see light, and I recommend that a committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to take this question up with the Committee on Jurisprudence and if necessary with the Grand Lodge, Pacific de Mexico, and try to outline some plan whereby we can correct this evil.

There is as yet no Masonic Home in Arizona, but the Grand Master is of opinion that the time has come to take some definite steps for providing one. This matter was referred to the Board of Trustees—apparently no action was taken at this meeting. But the Grand Lodge has two

Masonic Home Funds—general and endowment, aggregating about \$25,000.

The Grand Secretary's report shows 36 active lodges, a total membership of 6,264, and an increase of 187 for the year 1927.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, after careful consideration of the several communications from Foreign Grand Jurisdictions asking for recognition, recommended at this time this Grand lodge take no definite action in these matters; and as no funds had been set apart by Grand Lodge for the printing of a review of the activities of Sister Grand Jurisdictions this Committee had not made up any report for presentation at this session.

Canada is still represented in Arizona by Bro. Louis G. M. Myers, of Globe, and our R.W. Bro Fred Symes of Fort William represents Arizona here.—E.B.B.

ARKANSAS

Hunter D. Bowers, M.W. Grand Master.

Emergent Communications of Grand Lodge were held, each for laying the corner-stones of a County Court House, three in all, a coincidence in Legislative foundation building not often experienced. The Bible quotation engraved on one stone never grows old:

"Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain who build it." "Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

The Eighty-seventh Communication met in Albert Pike Memorial Temple, Little Rock, 20th November, 1928, twelve Past Grand Masters adding weight and grace to the Grand East.

Canada was faithfully represented by Bro. M. E. Bradford.

Here are two ceremonies worthy of imitation:

The Grand Officers and Committees were one by one called up and presented by the Grand Master.

The Past Grand Masters present were introduced and welcomed by the Grand Master.

Bro. Fay Hempstead, Poet Laureate, was also specially introduced.

In his address the Grand Master reminded his audience that he was addressing men from every walk of life—a cosmopolitan gathering indeed.

We regret to say that he turned down 41 requests for dispensations to confer degrees upon candidates "physically disqualified". We hope soon to welcome Arkansas among the States who get away from physical technicality and come out into the broad spirit of the speculative Craft.

Of dispensations generally refused he says:

I have refused a number of special dispensations when the request and subsequent correspondence reflected that the dispensation was requested only as a matter of convenience either to the lodge or to the candidate, or both.

In no case has a dispensation been issued to any lodge for any cause, where there was a question of law involved, or where there was any element of doubt as to the authority of the Grand Master to act in the premises.

Of lack of courtesy in replying to many of 3,000 letters written by him, he adds this admonition:

I hope the time is not in the far distant future when a Masonic communication will receive plain, every day business courtesy at the hands of all our lodges.

He does not believe, nor do we believe in too cheap Masonry:

Every worth while thing which you and I enjoy costs something. In all too many lodges our fees are too low, our per capita tax is too small and our dues are inadequate. Too many lodges are satisfied to educate their members as far as the first few pages of the Masonic Primer.

We take these two decisions from his list:

In the trial of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, the lodge shall first be opened on the Master's Degree; labor shall then be dispensed with in the Master's Degree and resumed in the higher degree to which the accused brother has attained.

It is not permissible for any brother to occupy two offices in a constituent lodge at one and the same time; e.g., there is no such officer as "Secretary-Treasurer".

The D.D.G.M.'s are not always appreciated, it would appear, and the G.M. says:

The lodges in some measure feeling that such officer wanted to visit them—not to help, but to criticize—and heretofore these officers have not been as active as they might have been.

The Home and School flourish apace:

It has been my privilege to visit our Masonic Home and School at Batesville several times during the past year and see the Genius of Masonry as it is working there and earning the "wages of a Master Mason".

Again he returns to lodge Finances:

I feel that if our lodges would increase their fees and dues to an adequate figure, there would be fewer of these appeals, lodges being in position to carry their own financial burdens rather than requesting that such burden be passed on to other lodges who are really making an effort to make their own way.

He issued an edict regarding some offending members who had allied themselves to so called Masonry and who had not remembered their obligations to the Craft.

A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the Moral Law and therefore membership in NO Fraternity or Organization can give him license to appear ANYWHERE in a drunken condition, with or without the insignia of that other Order to which he may belong.

The edict adds that a lodge failing to take immediately proper action against such offending member shall immediately forfeit its charter.

W. A. Thomas, the new Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, asks for the decision of Grand Lodge as to following the example of other Jurisdictions and presenting a Correspondence Report. He asks for further time in deciding upon the application of Czechoslovakia for recognition. He gives an impulse to Masonic Education in these words:

This is the proposed Educational Program.

When proposals of this nature come up the safest way is to take up a comparison of the same or similar programs that have been in force in other jurisdictions and see just how they work out there.

I am confident that a study of the figures and statements following herein will convince any one that in those Grand Jurisdictions where a definite and progressive Educational Program is in force Masonry is on the advance and steady progress is being made; but in those States that are still in the old rut and making no provisions for the teaching of those who come into our Fraternity the real meaning of Freemasonry, is not wholly understood, we let the brother depend upon the statement, that "you are to converse with well informed brethren who you will find as ready to give as you are to receive instructions". Such States are lagging behind in the Masonic procession.

This comparison can be carried further and show that in the States having a system of Masonic education the number of Master Masons that seek additional Light in Masonry in the so-called "higher degrees" is greater than in States with no educational plan. The Royal Arch, Council, Commandery and Consistory get a greater number of members from those lodges who have trained their membership in the teaching and principles of the Fraternity.

A general standard was afterwards adopted for the recognition of Foreign Grand Bodies.

The Home Committee report favourably. Let us catch their spirit:

Our compensation comes as we see the fruitage of our work—the product of the Masonic Home, in the lives and character and conduct of the fine young men and young

women who have reached the age limit and have gone out to take their places in the ranks of those who are carrying on the world's affairs.

Grand Orator R.W. Bro. Bunn delivered an inspiring address on the broad theme of "The Craft" Its Higher Thoughts—Nobler Deeds—and Greater Achievements", and the Brotherhood of man finds a worthy exposition in its pages:

All the great religions of the world teach the Brotherhood of Man as a basic tenet of faith, yet the basis upon which they set it forth differs in every case.

Buddhism, for example, bases the doctrine on the belief that all men are so entangled in the sufferings of life that they must be brothers out of sympathy—a Brotherhood of Pity.

Zoroastrianism held that all men are brothers because all are summoned to soldiery in the great cosmic war of light against darkness—a Brotherhood of Battle.

Confucianism based the doctrine on the sense of a common task in developing mankind—a Brotherhood of Service.

Masonry bases the truth of brotherhood upon the larger, profounder truth of the Fatherhood of God—a Brotherhood of Love. It is possible to arrive at a synthesis, in which all these deep and beautiful truths are gathered up into a more inclusive vision—as the different instruments of an orchestra blend—if we remember the word of the Seer in the sacred book of China: "Humanity is the heart of man, and justice is the path of man. The broad-minded see the truth in different religions; the narrow-minded see only the differences."

This under "immortality of the soul" is new:

We work together, but we die in unshared solitude. Soldiers march into battle shoulder to shoulder, but each dies by himself, no one shares that last, ineffable, homeward sign of the soul. The soldier dies, but the army marches on, drums throbbing and banners flying, to victory or defeat. The workman falls, but the Temple rises.

"Kind hearts are the garden.
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the blossoms,
Kind deeds are the fruit."

The following incident could not possibly occur in Canada:

After the conclusion of the exhibition of the slides the Rainbow girls of Little Rock and North Little Rock conferred a degree of their order in picturesque and effective manner.

The new Grand Master, Hamp Williams at his home-coming banquet gave an eloquent address.

I believe that we should be so true to each other that the world would observe and recognize it, and when we reach that point the best men in this country will seek admission and the bad will beware—an added reason why we should be extremely careful as to whom we take into our lodges.

They will not interfere with any of our rights or privileges. No Mason is expected to do the impossible, but he can be honest. If he cannot pay his debts, he can always show a willingness to do so. We are entirely too lax along these lines. One of our outstanding obligations is to be honest, true and faithful.

Now, in the words of our Brother Fay Hempstead, "God make me equal to my tasks."

Arkansas is represented in Canada by Bro. J. C. Hegler.
Membership 39.265

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Frank S. McKee elected Grand Master in 1927, presided at the 57th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, which was held in Vancouver on the 21st June, 1928.

The Grand Master, himself, "an enthusiastic Vancouverite," as he said in the course of his address, and as shown by his portrait in the forefront of the volume of proceedings, a man of intellect, welcomed a large assemblage of delegates and with pardonable pride dwelt on the many attractions of that city and the prosperity and natural advantages of the Province. He spoke with satisfaction of the intercourse of his Grand Lodge with that of the neighbouring State of Washington and the established cordial relations, extending to the constituent lodges on both sides of the imaginary line.

This practical statement in the address may be applicable in many jurisdictions:

Having due regard for the best interests of the Craft, I found it necessary in several instances to discourage the efforts of Brethren in certain districts for the formation of a lodge. Unfortunately in some instances the brethren in their zeal go to considerable trouble and expense before attempting to find out if their application will be received with approval, then when the Grand Master exercises his prerogative, it results in heart burnings and misunderstandings which might be avoided if the brethren had proper regard for procedure.

The address may well be commended for its conciseness and brevity, as well as for its practical commonsense—amply illustrated by the following passage:

Freemasonry, like all other institutions in this progressive age, is in danger of being caught in the trend of modern

times. Due to our great increase in membership in the last few years, we have in our midst men who are disappointed in Freemasonry. Possibly we have been to some extent at fault. Too much haste in making members, not enough care in selection, and too little attention paid to qualifications before advancement, have not been in the best interests of the Fraternity. Craftsmen have a tendency to forget that our Fraternity was founded and built in the past, and has been carried down through succeeding generations by certain well-defined usages, customs, regulations, and landmarks. Its principles and tenets, so wisely perfected in the dim past, are just as applicable to-day, as in the years gone by, and any attempt to modernize our institution, to allow it to take an active part in community work, or in affairs of religion or State, must necessarily weaken our whole structure. We are training men, men of character and intelligence, who must of necessity influence public and private affairs. If our Craftsmen carried our tenets and principles into their daily lives, there would be no difficulty in determining our stand in any matters or problems that confronted us. As an institution, Freemasonry is judged by the outside world by the character of its individual members, by their conduct as men, as members of a community, and as citizens of the State. The danger we have to guard against is that of lowering the bars of our Fraternal standards and allowing a large penetration of individuals with neither the training nor inclination along the lines of our ancient landmarks—men who are not first “made Masons in their hearts”. Our duty to-day is to perpetuate the traditions and ideals of the Craft, and hand on our institution to succeeding generations with a greater conception of Brotherhood, and a more profound veneration for the Great Architect of the Universe.

The volume reporting the proceedings of Grand Lodge is of considerable size. From the Grand Secretary's figures we deduce an increase in membership of 383 and a total of 14,900. We deplore the absence of an index.

The Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, writes the report on foreign correspondence—an excellent review. Writing of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, which he calls, perhaps for brevity, “Ontario” tout court, he states that a sort of tentative standard of comity has been set up by the correspondence committee in “Ontario”, the first article of which is, that a Grand Lodge seeking recognition shall have been regularly and validly constituted as an independent and sovereign Grand Lodge.

“It all depends,” says Dr. De Wolf Smith, “on what one means by regularly constituted. The clause as it stands like a similar clause in the platform of some Grand Lodges in the United States, is strong on independence and sov-

ereignty, but weak on descent, so that Grand Lodges composed of lodges formed by the A. & A. Rite—or by the American Masonic Federation for that matter—may, by a declaration of independence and sovereignty, by their own ipse dixit, become “regularly and validly constituted.”

The interesting inquiry of the British Columbia reviewer —“Why should British Columbia recognize ‘Ontario’ as Mother?” must be left to M.W. Bro. Ponton to answer. (This brief review, is the work of another, deputised by him.)

W. J. R. Seymour of Vancouver, represents our Grand Lodge in British Columbia, and E. B. Brown of Toronto, is the representative of British Columbia in our Grand Lodge.—E.B.B.

CALIFORNIA

William Howard Fischer, M.W. Grand Master.

John Whicher, V.W. Grand Secretary.

The biography of the G.M. shows that for twenty years he was a journalist and is now Assistant to the President of the California Edison Company—“small in stature but in intellect a peer”.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Communication was held in San Francisco October 9, 1928. Twenty-one Past Grand Masters added stability and dignity to the Grand East.

The invocation by the Grand Chaplain was somewhat unusual.

Save us from the spirit of lawlessness and dishonesty, and grant that under Thy protection we may dwell in righteousness and peace. Bless our Courts of Justice and those who administer the laws. May they discern the truth.

Twenty-five special Communications of Grand Lodge were held for dedications and cornerstones.

Of the 572 Lodges the Grand Master visited by the group plan 471, a good record.

Advocating a fitting meeting place, the Grand Master says that the dignity of this body, the solemnity of our proceedings, the high station to which our Institution has attained in the opinion of the world, and the amplitude of our financial resources, all demand surroundings in an atmosphere comporting with its character.

Of the Conference of Grand Masters he speaks highly.

He discounts entirely the ultimate formation of a National Grand Lodge. We in Canada cannot see what there is to fear from such an organization in any event.

The 9th annual observance of Public Schools Week was a general success, and was made a community affair.

\$10,000 have been granted for an educational programme annually for the past three years. The system is still in a developmental stage. The programme embraced such varied subjects as The Lambskin Apron, Masonic Courtesy and Etiquette, The Marvels of the Heavens, The Wonders of Chemistry. 12,292 members participated in general discussion of the subjects, and the intellectual life of lodges was stimulated.

Historical dramas were presented throughout the State and are reported to have been wonderful functions.

Among his decisions are the following:

I have held it to be in bad taste, although not directly prohibited, for a lodge to advertise a public dance under its auspices "to raise funds for building a hall".

I have held that the wife, child or other dependent of an expelled Mason is not entitled to Masonic relief.

The Grand Master thinks a petitioner should be allowed to withdraw his petition if he chooses and says "our law invades legitimate personal rights. "

Courtesy degrees are discouraged in California.

He thinks the funeral ritual too gloomy and perhaps happily suggests:

In conformity with that belief, should we not, in paying our respects to the memory of our departed brethren, subdue the note of woe, and sound, if we can, the harmonic of a greater and finer faith?"

He thinks we admit too many who are personally unfit to appreciate Masonry. A brother was recently initiated who had five children and who was receiving aid from county charities. Within a year the lodge had to help to care for his family.

DeMolay is not to be sponsored in California. The Grand Master disapproves entirely of the Second Degree of DeMolay and says it should be abolished, adding this truth "the adolescent mind is an impressionable mind."

He urges that the bars be taken down on physical qualifications, especially those who suffered in the Army and Navy and there are many men of moral and intellectual qualifications who should be admitted.

A new four storey building has been erected at the Masonic Home at Decoto, and that as well as the one at Covina has been giving good results.

The Masonic Club in connection with the University of California at Los Angeles has made good strides.

Four Masonic Temple projects have caused embarrassment and apprehension. Too ambitious.

The Grand Master while a firm believer in Life Insurance says:

But the adoption of such a policy by an insurance organization does not and cannot give it even the slightest claim to Masonic recognition or a preferred position among Masons.

He particularly stressed reprehensibility of improper approaches by solicitors to new candidates and calls it "trafficking".

Objectionable matter has been eliminated from advertising.

"Problems" the G.M. courageously says "exist only for the purposes of being solved."

This on Lodge Clubs and Internal Organizations is rich in imagery and language:

Americans have a genius for organization. It has been said that whenever three or more of them meet, they organize, elect a chairman, adopt by-laws and assess dues. As a people we indulge a peculiar passion for joining. American men also seem to possess another outstanding idiosyncrasy. At one time or another each of us passes through a silly season, the duration of which is controlled by the shape of the individual head. Some men never recover from it, while others emerge in time and are restored to normalcy. It is during this silly season that we develop a fondness for horse-play. We follow the rule of "monkey see, monkey do" and become imbued with the idea that the submission of our persons to slap-stick indignities so inflicted as to tickle the risibilities of beholding multitudes will promote our standing as good fellows and thus contribute to a blissful success in life. Many men, eminent even in Masonry, have at one time or another found a drooling delight in subjecting themselves to the manhandling of horse-play organizations, and subsequently in perpetrating hilarious outrages upon their "less informed" brethren. There is scarcely a male intellect, no matter how brilliant or how Stygian, that escapes either a temporary or a prolonged attack by this mysterious malady.

I believed them then, as I now believe them, to be calculated to produce cliques, endanger harmony, and lower the tone of Maonic Lodge life.

These "playgrounds" should be, as they are, independent Orders and ample opportunity for relaxation in sportive antics is afforded in the ceremonials of the several Arabic, Egyptian and Persian organizations, any one of which stands ready and willing to "take a Mason for a ride" providing he has the price."

Of the Grand Secretary he well says:

Unselfishly and indefatigably, and with the intelligence modesty and tact which are his characteristics, he has labored for me and with me in bearing the burdens of my office.

He leaves a clear desk for his successor.

Many edicts and bulletins were issued during the year.

Membership 134,302. Net gain 4,993.

The responsibilities of the Grand Master are appreciated by the Committee "we put upon him a tremendous task, one to test to the utmost his physical and mental capacity." We realize this so well in Canada.

Relief must be discriminating for relief has been granted to applicants who have imposed upon or attempted to impose upon both lodges and Boards of Relief.

With practical philanthropy, a state-wide Masonic Employment Service is emphasized and appreciated in California:

Notwithstanding the fact that the jurisdiction is prosperous, as evidenced by bank deposits, the absorption by the communities of stock and bonds issues, the multitude of automobiles, the vast amounts of money that are spent for amusements and luxuries, it is understood that there is an increasing amount of unemployment.

The duty of each member of an investigating Committee on candidates is to make enquiry as to character, home life, business life and if he can afford to join. He should also be asked why he desires to join and what he expects to get out of it.

"Visit your School" is used as a slogan in California.

The Masonic rights of sons and daughters of Masons are limited to those under 21. "The poor shall never cease out of the land".

Here is a new angle on love, relief and truth:

The three principal tenets of Freemasonry are Brotherly love, Relief and Truth, and these virtues have been defined by likening Brotherly Love as the column of Strength, which binds our members as one family in the bonds of fraternal affection. Truth is called the column of Wisdom, and Relief the column of Beauty, "whose ornaments, more precious than the lilies and pomegranates that adorned the pillars of the porch of King Solomon's temple, are the widow's tear of joy and the orphan's prayer of gratitude.

Impartiality and even handed justice is demanded of all trial tribunals and every trial must be conducted decently and in order. The Committee reversed several convictions.

We get here a wonderful insight into Scandinavian Masonry:

From our information, the ritualism of the Swedish degrees, particularly those above the third, must present an attractive and illuminating field of research. These degrees are compounded of the mysticism of Swedenberg, the vagaries of the Illuminati, the speculations of Rosicrucianism, the Templarism of the "Strict Observance," and the basic

qualities of the Ancient Craft Masonry of England. Other distinguishing features of the Swedish Masonry are that it requires a belief in Christ and the inspiration of the New Testament, and that the King of Sweden is hereditary Grand Master.

Masters of Lodges are elected for life. Sweden, Norway and Denmark received recognition.

In Germany there were at the time of the war no less than eight Grand Lodges and California has kept touch with the Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes at Berlin with a membership of 22,700.

Closer relationship with the Mother Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union is recommended.

California pays fair salaries to those who make the responsible offices of Grand Lodge their life work. The Grand Secretary gets \$8,400, the Grand Lecturer \$6,000, and the assistant Grand Secretary \$3,000.

A wonderful musical programme was enjoyed throughout the meeting.

A fine ceremony of dedication of the vault of Western Star Lodge is given in full and is a model.

R.W. Bro. Frank K. Ebbitt of Iroquois Falls, represents California.

Then comes the outstanding feature of the Proceedings, the Correspondence Report of Jesse M. Whited in super-topical form. We make the following extracts from his introduction:

There can, of course, naturally be no unanimity of opinion as to the best method of solving the various questions, each Jurisdiction being a law unto itself, depending upon the viewpoint of the individual Jurisdiction. Some view "with alarm" while others "point with pride".

There is not a trade, calling or profession that the ladies have not invaded. Barber shops have become Beauty Parlors, with a similar change in other industries and activities.

The bugaboo of a General Grand Lodge does not affect the relations of the Grand Lodge of England, Ireland and Scotland.

"as it showed that the Mother Grand Lodges of the World could be in the most absolute and perfect accord."

An applicant for insurance, a Fidelity bond, a bank loan, etc. to be accommodated must often furnish in writing intimate details of his personal business affairs. We believe that a life requirement by the Craft is also as proper.

William F. Kuhn, divided Masonry into three classes. First, the signs, grips and words class, who hold that if a man can perform the gymnastics and has a phonographic record in his mind of certain words to be recited

on occasion, he is a well-posted Mason, Second, the King Solomon class who believe that King Solomon was a member of the Craft, wrote its ritual and that all his wives were members of the Eastern Star. Third, the philosophical class, whose heads are so encompassed by a fog bank of mysticism that they cannot see cases of suffering and distress immediately at their feet.

The saying that "that which is easily gained is lightly prized" is vital to the very existence of Masonry. This is evidenced by lack of attendance, suspension for non-payment of dues, and the reports of Committees on Grievances and Appeals.

Space will only permit an occasional reference to the many pivot subjects of Masonic interest of which he so thoughtfully writes. For instance under advertising we read:

We believe the only way to make the prohibition effective will be to absolutely forbid the use of words or emblems by individual Masons or associations of such, for any purpose, commercial, political or otherwise.

Under Attendance:

The rush of modern business life, change in living conditions brought about by the automobile, movies and the radio, are all contributing factors. A comfortable room, an interesting book or magazine, and touch with the entire world through the radio, has a stronger appeal for the average person than attendance at a lodge meeting, marked only by the constant repetition of Ritual, a handful of brethren with no interest in common other than mere attendance.

Automobile advertising is sternly reprehended.

Under Candidates we read:

The most practical one we believe is the appearance of the petitioner, together with those who recommend him, before a Committee composed of the Officers of the lodge and Past Masters or others competent to judge, for a personal investigation before the presentation of the application to the lodge itself, and the reference to a Committee. This is particularly true in large cities, and if made mandatory on every lodge it would work for the ultimate good of our Institution. Too often the average investigation Committee resolves questions of doubt in favor of the individual rather than for the general good of Masonry itself.

Correspondence Reports we quote in full:

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodges, and particularly the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, is a liberal Masonic education for those who have the privilege or inclination to avail themselves of these storehouses of knowledge. As we have often stated, it is to be regretted that some plan cannot be developed whereby a Report on Correspondence can be available to Masons who do not

receive the advance copy at Grand Lodge or the Proceedings itself. One Masonic thinker has advocated that they could profitably be used as text books of instruction to present to the Members at Lodge meetings, the ideals, aspirations and achievements of the Masonic world in general.

Four delicious pages are given us under Humor, cheering messages to merry, merry Masons in the summer solstice.

He discriminates as to what are politics Masonically:

The consideration of questions of Civic interest, affecting the Nation, the State, the Country or the Municipality we do not believe to be "politics" within the scope of that "Landmark".

Religion to him means toleration and something more.

As to our ultra-long Rituals hear him:

Masonry, if it is going to survive and function as a worth while Fraternity and Institution, will have to get in step with the changed order and the development of the present day and age. Non-attendance at lodge meetings, decrease in membership and other straws show which way the wind is blowing.

He has several pages of "Bouquets and Brickbats", cheers and contumely for his form of Reviews, but all recognize its merits:

As stated by the Grand Secretary of Nevada: "A wise borrower hath more wisdom than a poor composer, and whosoever has not made this discovery is not wise.

Canada and New South Wales are the only two Grand Jurisdictions which meet in July. Should we not mend our ways and not break our whole summer in the way we do?

COLORADO

John Andrew, M.W. Grand Master.

Several Special Communications were held, including the laying of the cornerstones of public school buildings throughout the State and also of Court Houses. This in the United States Jurisdictions is a recognized public function of the Craft. We wish that it were more so in Ontario.

The biography of the new Grand Master Newsom shows that he has occupied for many years the chair of Pathology in the Colorado Agricultural College and the summary of his virile virtues would indicate that Colorado has the right man in the right place.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication was held in Denver, September 18th and 19th, 1928. Past Grand Masters honoured and being honoured by Grand Lodge.

Distinguished visitors from Wyoming were welcomed.

Canada's Grand Representative, Stanley C. Warner (an Ontario man) was present as usual.

The response of Grand Representative Burns has some striking passages:

Our assemblage here is but the visible sign of an inward principle which in a large part is the spirit of Masonry. It is a symbol of harmony and peace and universality.

The institution does not depend on its antiquity for its value in the world to-day.

The intelligent Mason regards the order as the custodian of great and sublime truths, and he loves it for what it is, not for what it may have been in the past.

The address of Grand Master Andrew, whose portrait also adorns the Proceedings, is replete with information and suggestion. He says:

I have noted, at the last several Grand Communications, that the same unfinished matters were repeatedly brought before this Grand Body. Some of these appeared to me as very important, and I often wondered why they were not more expeditiously finished.

He consistently refused to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree by way of courtesy.

We regret indeed that Colorado still retains the physical limitations of membership in a Craft which is of the spirit and not of the flesh. We venture to suggest that to be consistent with these rulings the absence of a tooth or teeth and the gold filling of teeth in a candidate's mouth would debar him from the privileges of brotherhood. However Colorado is a sovereign Jurisdiction.

Charitable work of the Lodges is co-ordinated.

Grand Lodge was the recipient of the gift of "The University Ranch" a fine tract which will be available for future use.

The Grand Master was an assiduous visitor and his list of visitations is a challenge to any successor.

Of the Lodge Study Club he says:

The Lodge Study Club Committee is composed of five very able men, who should be competent to submit some plan, whereby the newly-made Master Mason, and those who desire, may be directed to the proper references on any Masonic subject, that may be in existence. Some plan that will enable us to add to our meagre knowledge of the ritual, which reveals Masonic customs and practices, and which should polish and adorn our minds, that we may inculcate the moral virtues and construct a noble life; some plan that will assist us, through inspiration, to translate our Masonic teachings into actions;

Membership 33,264. Net gain 535.

The Soldier Masons' Relief Fund amounts to over \$45,000.

The oration was given by Grand Orator Desch who took as his text the following:

"To teach you an important lesson, namely, that of charity, which, next to a belief in Deity, lies at the foundation of Freemasonry."

He developed his subject in the following manner:

"Let me be a little kinder;
Let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me;
Let me praise a little more."

Charity of mind is one of the best methods of getting rid of egoism. Think, Brethren!—Whose steps can I help? Whose journey can I enliven? Whose weariness can I solace? Whose burden can I now and then bear or lessen for a little while?

This verse was quoted by the Committee on the Dead:

Let us do our work as well,
Both the unseen and the seen;
Make the house where Gods may dwell
Beautiful, entire, and clean."

6099 Masons were present in all at the meetings held by the Grand Lecturer, who closed his report with the following admonition which all Lodges should take to heart:

"No one should be appointed the Junior Steward of a Lodge, who has not inherent ability to make a good Grand Master of the State."

Of the philanthropic Jacobson Scholarship the Committee truly say:

A few students may derive benefit from having to work their way through college, but the vast majority pay only too dearly for their education. The most plastic period of the student's life is clouded with financial worries.

This from the report of the Lodge Student Club Committee shows what a vital factor their work is in the Craft of Colorado:

"Private interests would have us develop our beloved Fraternity into a reading organization whose sole purpose would be to purchase the latest Masonic books. Outside organizations would use us as a means of advancing the interests of anti-Catholicism, national universities, or Bible-in-the-school movements. In fact Masonry has reached a point where the barnacles of affiliated organizations and the heavy load of various 'isms' which are being carried, is almost sufficient to sink the good ship.

Masonic books and magazines are indispensable to the Fraternity but the whole matter is overdone.

To have prepared addresses and lectures suitable to be read and discussed in Lodges, but permitting no one to circulate any dogma or propaganda which the Fraternity as a whole, through its Grand Lodge or its constituted authorities has not endorsed.

Andrew H. Dalziel of Windsor, represents Colorado.

The Committee of which Stanley C. Warner, Representative of Canada, is Chairman, present a brief and able review of Proceedings of Grand Lodges. From the introduction we take the following paragraphs:

It is long, perhaps too long, but it is encumbered with no criticisms, commendations, or opinions of its writer.

The Masonic Student may learn from it the history of the Order for the year 1927-1928. He may gather the opinions of Grand Lodges and the present leaders of the Craft, upon questions that have been considered by them. He may learn what the Fraternity has done in the erection and maintenance of Temples for our active membership, and Homes for our dependents, and compare the different systems of such relief in the various Jurisdictions, with their cost.

He may learn from the excerpts from the speeches of our present leaders (many eloquent, all instructive) somewhat of the past history and more of the present aims, purposes, and achievements of our Order. What? Why? and Whether? He may form his opinion as to the condition and the prospects of the Craft.

If our Masters and Senior Wardens read this review, it will have paid this Grand Lodge for its outlay and the writer for his effort. Meantime it can be found by such, or any other member, for a most interesting hour's lecture to his Lodge.

Under Alabama we read:

"No lodge shall be named for any person still living.

"Resolved, That in selecting names for lodges those as a rule be chosen having an ethical, moral, poetical, historical or Masonic signification.'"

The Arkansas Flood Relief was carefully managed:

"I adopted the view expressed by Secretary Herbert Hoover, that relief should be made according to NEEDS, not LOSSES, and explained to the officers of all Lodges at points of congestion that the flood fund was not for general distribution, but only to those whom they might certify to be in ACTUAL NEED of assistance.

In the British Columbia Review we find the following paragraph:

The Committee on Grand Master's Address, while it felt the custom of Freemasons attending Divine Services was to be commended, agreed with the sentiments of the

Grand Master regarding "idle parade and unprofitable display":

Grand Master Rowland's address is largely quoted from to the extent of three pages and more especially the paragraphs referring to the Order of the Eastern Star. The augmentation of the Benevolent Fund is spoken of with approval, and our standards for recognition are reprinted.

Under England the visit of Sir Alfred Robbins to Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil is referred to and the following will also be found interesting:

Recognition was accorded the Grand Lodge of Finland, after investigations had been made and Finland had agreed to the condition that in the event of English Brethren desiring to establish a Lodge under that Jurisdiction, to work in the English language their own ritual and By-laws, according to the Masonic usage and practice to which they have been accustomed, every facility would be accorded them so to do.

Sir Stanley Machin, P. G. Treasurer, reported that the total assets of the three Constitutional Funds of Grand Lodge had increased during the year over £33,000.

This paragraph we quote from Montana found also expression in the great debate in the Grand Lodge of England upon the readmission of former "enemy" members:

The Committee on Correspondence reported that some pressure had been brought to bear to extend recognition to German Grand Bodies, but the Committee had found no effort made by such bodies themselves to seek recognition and recommended until that was done no action be taken in the matter, which was approved by the Grand Lodge.

The responsibility of Shriners as Masons is emphasized under So. Carolina.

As to life membership in the United States it is pointed out that 29 Jurisdictions approve and 10 disapprove.

CONNECTICUT

Theodore Foster, M.W., Grand Master.

The 140th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was held in the Masonic Temple, Hartford, on the 1st and 2nd days of February, 1928.

We confess to some qualified disappointment from one point of view of the Grand Master's address. His portrait is in the forefront of the volume of proceedings and, looking on the counterfeit presentment of his strong, kindly, and humorous face, we expected to find something more or less pungent in his deliverance. Not so; he confined himself strictly to business; and as a business document his address

is rated A1. He gives an account of all his official doings with particular care and in well-framed paragraphs and sentences. One thing that forced itself upon our attention when we read of his year's work was the fact that he had attended the meetings of three different bodies, not being Grand Lodges or private lodges. And this is, no doubt, the lot of many Grand Masters—the George Washington National Memorial Association, the Grand Masters' Conference, the Masonic Service Association. We do not seek to underrate the importance of these bodies. But we recall the remark of an old-fashioned churchman, in the latter half of the 19th century, that the modern Church had "too many side-shows"—referring perhaps to the Young Men's Club, the Boys' Club, the Girls' Club, the Women's Auxiliary, et hoc genus omne. It may be that Masonry has "too many side-shows".

The address is not without vigour, as the following paragraphs will show:

The last few years have seen the erection of many beautiful imposing Temples. In some cases the need for new and larger halls was real but in others a lack of perspective has led to extravagance. Vast sums expended, heavy debts incurred, burdening this and succeeding generations too heavily, lead me to say that the time may come when there will be need of some supervision by the Grand Lodge.

Brethren when there is so much want and real need in the world, Masonry teaches us that our first duty—our happiness—lies in relief; let us think well before investing too heavily in material things.

One of the weaknesses of our Blue Lodge is the great number of Masonic bodies based thereon. If the members who are active in these would use the same thought, time and energy in the fundamental Masonic Lodge, Masonry would be a greater power, attendance improve and a general raising of the morale result.

We have many lodges with too large a membership. As a result the members are not in close personal touch with their fellows—are strangers to many.

We need more lodges in Connecticut! Our average membership is the third largest in the United States. More lodges give more opportunity to the ambitious student of Masonry to hold office. We are deprived of the use of these latent talents because of numbers. Moreover, an active officer is an interested worker. We have much to learn from other and some foreign jurisdictions in this respect.

The Masonic Home of Connecticut was much in the thoughts of the Grand Master. Among other things he said:

How small a percentage of our members have a personal knowledge of the Masonic Home at Wallingford, and how ready many of us are to let the Board of Managers assume our moral as well as business responsibility.

This Home is the tangible evidence of Masonic Brotherly Love and Relief in Connecticut and should be the mecca toward which every Mason's steps lead at some time each year.

The Grand Secretary, our old friend George A. Kies, of Hartford, reported 120 chartered lodges on the roll, with a total membership of 45,241, and a net gain in membership of 411.

The finances also are in a healthy state as shown by the report of the Grand Treasurer,

Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Kies is again the Correspondence Reviewer. This review is his 15th annual—a hardy annual. He begins with some wise words:

These reviews are written solely for the information of Connecticut brethren. Whatever comments are made in exposition or criticism have in view the possible further information of our own brethren and nothing more. We have never flattered ourself that our adverse criticism of acts of other Grand Lodges would influence them in the least. But when, as once occurred, an unduly sensitive reviewer makes the naive postulate that the acts of his Grand Lodge are not properly subject to adverse criticism by other reviewers, he is assuming a ludicrously impossible position.

This statement lacks neither vigour nor pungency.

Under "Canada, 1927" Bro. Kies is kind in his references to Grand Master Rowland's address and to the Correspondence Review.

Reviewing "Wisconsin, 1927" he speaks of the veteran Reviewer Aldro Jenks, P.G.M., and says, "He confesses to 72 years. We beat him by a year."

Our belief is that the Reviewers of the many Grand Lodges of North America would "average high" in point of years.

Canada's Representative near Connecticut is Bro. Clarence R. Austin, of Richmond Hill, New York—which State, it will be remembered is very close to Connecticut. He was not, however, present at this meeting.

George H. Smith of Toronto, is Connecticut's Representative chez nous.

The Grand Master elected in 1928, who has at this writing served out his term, was M.W. Bro. Robert S. Walker.—E.B.B.

DELAWARE

Weldon C. Waples, M. W. Grand Master.

Grand Lodge met in several emergent Meetings for attending the funeral of Grand Lodge Officers, laying corner-stones of Public School buildings and unveiling tablets.

The One hundred and twenty-third Annual Communication was held in Wilmington 3rd October, 1928. No less than 17 Past Grand Masters added dignity and experience to the Grand East.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond to roll call.

A large delegation of visitors from New Jersey were saluted with grand honours.

The Grand Master opened modestly:

I gave you the best I had to give, realizing always that this Fraternity is bigger than any individual and if we are to stay on that high plane set up by our Founders, we should at least forget self.

In this report of my Official Acts, I say in all sincerity, if you find anything in your judgment not good for the Fraternity, you should express your disapproval, for I am interested in the Masonic Fraternity of Tomorrow.

He visited each of the 22 Lodges in his Jurisdiction during the year.

He recommended that membership in the Masonic Service Association of the United States be discontinued and that Delaware buy one of the Amphitheater Memorial Windows in the George Washington Monument.

Of the Home he has nothing but good to say:

It will amply repay any Mason in this Jurisdiction to pay a visit to our Home; for no one can visit the Home and come away without feeling that they did well their part in making life worth while for those who are our Guests.

This poem concludes his brief but full address:

The elders of our ancient art
Built Temples, high and fair,
And never stone was laid in place
And never column rose in grace,
Untested by the Square.

Our elders left a heritage,
Upreared in wood and stone,
That we, who follow, might behold
The craft of these, the men of old,
Thus through their works, made known.

Oh, let us do our work as well,
 Though never dome we raise,
 With brain untutored, hand unskilled,
 A square-set Temple may we build,
 Of simple nights and days.

Membership 6,058. Net gain 51.

Four dispensations were issued for new constituent Lodges.

Eight scholarships were awarded by the Committee on Education.

The report of the George Washington Memorial Association has these two sentences:

Ancient nations eulogized their heroes in enduring materials and imperishable art. These still speak eloquently to us, though their words may long since have been forgotten.

Our Republic is a monument to Washington's unflinching determination. He always finished, and as speedily as possible, whatever he began.

The Committee on Necrology preface their report thus:

The ceaseless cycle of life and growth and death continues the joy at the birth, satisfaction at the increase, and sorrow at the passing of all living things.

The Library is well supplied with essential books.

J. Bayard Hearn was elected Grand Master.

Charles A. Ritchie of Wilmington, represents Canada, and Delaware is represented with us by R.W. Bro. Rev. R. C. Blagrove, D.D., of Peterboro, Past Grand Chaplain.

Thomas J. Day, exhibits under his review a masterpiece of concentration.

Under British Columbia we read:

However, like all growing and healthy families, we are not without our trying periods. Possibly due to the activities of modern times, with their many organizations, our Craftsmen sometimes forget that our Fraternity is an Institution whose very strength lies in the fact that our regulations must remain unadulterated.

Freemasonry, like all other Institutions in this progressive age, is in danger of being caught in the trend of modern times.

Under Canada he says that M.W. Bro. Rowland gives a fine account of the activities of the office during the year, which he then summarizes. This is quoted with approval:

To make us upright in act and true in thought and word, is the aim of all instruction which deserves the name. Duty changes truth expands, one age cannot teach another either the details of its obligations or the matter of its knowledge, but the principle of obligation is everlasting.

The Condition of Masonry Report is also cited:

We note a paragraph in the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry that we think it would be wise to be considered by other Grand Jurisdictions:

"Should a numerical limit be placed upon the membership of a lodge? While the statistics are by no means complete it appears that the larger the membership the smaller is the percentage of the average attendance.

Our colleague, we are glad to say, finds our report on Fraternal Correspondence interesting.

Missouri adopted a report on recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges corresponding almost identically with that of Canada.

This pregnant paragraph from Wisconsin's review makes a fitting closing:

"Too many Lodges have been more concerned with adding to their membership, enriching their treasury, or in building new Temples than in inquiring whether or not a petitioner has the right kind of heart and is potential Masonic timber. Our requirements have been unconsciously lowered and too many initiates give scant heed to the three Constitutional questions that should be fundamental.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

James T. Gibbs, M. W. Grand Master.

J. Claude Keiper, M. W. Grand Secretary.

Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held for conducting the funerals of three Past Grand Masters.

The first stated Communication was held May 19, 1928.

The Committee rather favours trial commissions instead of the old fashioned way of trial by Lodges.

Among the memorials we read:

"We may say of him what few vain marbles can,
We record this minute in memory of an honest man,"
An epitaph borrowed from Pope:
"Calmly he looked at the other life and here
Saw nothing to regret, or there to fear;
From nature's temperate feast rose satisfied,
Thanked Heaven that he had lived, and that he died."

D. of C. submits a petition for Degrees which is to be read and assented to (before signing petition) by every person applying for admission to the Craft. Among them the following unique questions and instructions:

Are you living with your wife?

Are you a citizen of the United States?

What is the present state of your health?

Visit the applicant at an early date and form an opinion from actual view and conversation.

Ascertain his motive for petitioning for the degrees of Freemasonry.

From the information you can obtain, decide whether the applicant is one with whom you are willing to associate and would recommend to others for like relations. Remember that your report is to be based on your own investigation, and made independently of the action of anyone else.

At the Annual Communication held December 19, 1928, 14 Past Grand Masters exemplified their fidelity by their productive work. Grand Master Gibbs made an able address, from the introduction of which we quote:

Long ago the admonition was given that the privilege of boasting should be reserved for the warrior who lays aside his armour and not for him who is only assuming it. In the present day so little attention is paid to the individual who boasts of what he has done that the efforts of anyone to achieve lasting fame by indulging in such a practice would be regarded with ill-concealed amusement.

The year has been a busy one. The constant demand made by our membership for outlets for its enthusiasm and energy make this a necessary and a continuing condition.

Under the condition of the Fraternity he says:

Our jurisdiction, small geographically, still holds the distinction of being the most densely populated Masonically of any in the country.

Among his decisions we find the following:

It has long been our policy, not to permit a change of membership unless the Brother desiring the change is clear of all indebtedness to the Lodge to which he belongs. Our law specifically requires that a dimit shall not be granted unless the Brother applying for it is "clear of the books."

I have simply insisted that it was not the practice of Masonry to swell processions, and that we never turned out except when called upon to perform an official duty.

The Masonic Service Association receives unstinted praise:

If properly handled and organized, it can coordinate the work of our several Grand Jurisdictions in extending relief to our distressed brethren, thus making for greater efficiency in the collection of funds and in their proper and judicious disbursement.

The Masonic Home is their "outstanding beneficence."

I believe it is desirable that we should keep ever prominently before our brethren the outstanding character of our Home and the opportunities which it affords for ameliorating the distress which is necessarily attendant

upon the loss of the breadwinner of the family or the loss of earning capacity due to age.

The Acacia Mutual Life Association while not recognized as Masonic, yet its members are limited by its charter to Master Masons for whose sole benefit it is conducted, and the Grand Master says of its work:

Most appropriately, its new home has been called a "Temple of Service," and it is a matter of congratulation and rejoicing that the splendid fraternal visions of those charged with its management are becoming a realization. I am informed that the close of the present calendar year will find the Association with more than \$300,000,000 of insurance in force.

With this reference to education and permanence the Grand Master concludes:

May I suggest that the first objective toward which our efforts should be directed is the education of those who are to be the leaders in it. The idea which I wish to convey is that this work is of too great importance to be conducted in a haphazard fashion. The tendency of the present day seems to be iconoclastic,—whatever is, is wrong. Masonry feels this in the constantly recurring demands for change either in its methods, its purposes or its activities. Our Fraternity, through the centuries of its existence, has met an undoubted need of mankind. It has done this in its own peculiar way and has done it effectively.

Membership 23,281. Net gain 17.

Open air religious services were held as usual, on Sunday afternoons at Temple Heights and the Grand Chaplain reports:

The Ministers of the Craft in the City, of all creeds, responded cordially to our invitations and brought us messages that were not only eloquent and interesting; but that were conceived in the best spirit of fraternal tolerance.

A kindly Providence gave us sunshine for every service save two.

Recognition was denied to Santo Domingo but was granted to Czechoslovakia.

A Charter was granted to Barristers Lodge No. 48.

It is not often that the Grand Lodge lays the foundation stone of a commercial building but the new Executive offices of the Southern Railway received that honour, the Grand Master, saying:

The corporation whose offices will be housed therein is truly a public servant. Its contacts with many communities scattered throughout the territory which it serves bring it into intimate relations with the millions of people who are dependent upon its activities for the necessities and comforts of life.

The railroads of the present day occupy a large place and perform a great work in advancing the civilization of a country.

A very full and satisfying report on the Home was presented to Grand Lodge with every detail and from every angle.

William T. Ballard represents Canada, and John Wilson of Toronto, represents the District of Columbia.

We turn to the 28th annual Correspondence Report by George W. Baird, P.G.M., with the expectation always justified, that we will find something worth while and original. For instance we read his review of Alabama:

The Grand Master addressed the Order of the De Molay, and expressed himself as much pleased with the members. (The writer thinks the De Molay offers the best field for Masonic education. It is hard to educate men who do not want to be educated, but the mind of a child is more plastic and receptive. Any parochial school boy can tell you Benedict Arnold was a Mason and a Protestant, but not many pupils in the graded schools have any knowledge of Martin Luther or the Spanish Inquisition).

The Home report is very complete, and leaves no room for questions. Masonic Homes are the best Masonic assets. They yield results always creditable, while in the personnel of the Craft we so often find reason for embarrassment.

The advantage to the Craft in having educated, studious men in the East is exemplified here.

This is new from Brazil:

Though the writer believes los Braziliaros are as good well meaning Masons as we are, yet they do not understand it as we do. In fact it is not understood outside of English-speaking countries. They are more tolerant than we are.

When two such minds as De-Wolf-Smith and Baird get together there is sure to be something doing. Read British Columbia:

The Doctor, like many of the rest of us, does not like to see Columbus discredited. But it is a fact that the exhaustive history of a French Society on Columbus shows that he discovered the Bahamas and the Antilles, but indicates that Vespucci was the first white man to land on the Continent of North America. More than that, the Spaniards have always claimed that Columbus was a Spaniard and have never denied that he was a Jew.

Under Canada we find many bright thoughts:

The address of the Grand Master, glowing with enthusiasm and pleasure, was happy. He seemed to see everything in a rose colored light.

He reported his visitations, which in so large a territory means much travel and much fatigue.

The report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, like most of them, tells too much. Correct, legally and Masonically, but as our enemies read our reports, they will find evidence against Masons.

Have we really many enemies?

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Ponton. His reviews are all courteous and fraternal and he is evidently a close reviewer. He agrees with us that it is better to go slow in making changes in by-laws. He is in accord with us on the subject of Masonic burials. In Great Britain, where there are not so many religions, they think it is well to accept the church service. But in the United States there are many creeds and many unbaptized but vaccinated subjects who are Masons. A French Doctor after two years' rest in the United States was asked what he thought of the people here and replied: "Mon Dieu, 176 religious and only one soup." He is right about our Scotch heredity, but we are more English than Scotch, and more Mason than either.

There is one portrait, that of the Grand Master, and it affords a pleasure to look at so handsome a picture.

He gives a brief picture of Chile in the following words:

The erection of additional lodges is evidence of progress and no reference to the enemy is an evidence of peace.

When the writer was in Chile the laws forbade Masonic ownership of property, but in Valparaiso lodges were held in el club ceitra.

And of Ecuador he says:

The contrast between rising Ecuador and waning Italy is great. Signor Mussolini, in the Napoleonic poses, is crucifying Masons, while in Ecuador they are unmolested.

England receives this meed of praise:

The report on Benevolence is, as usual, a model. This benevolent fund is disbursed by the Grand Lodge, while with us it is done by the lodges. (It is one of the things we do better.)

There is a report on the Masonic Deputation to India, the progress, receptions, exemplifications, etc. It is an admirable method of inspecting and correcting their lodges.

Florida gives this thought:

He refused to restore the charter of a lodge "for the best interest of the Fraternity." (There could be no better reason.) He laid the corner stone in the Kindergarten building at Key West, the alpha of education. If Americanism be planted in the little hearts of the kindergarten Cherubs, more education will be accomplished than by chesty orations.

And we read under France:

The Grand Master submitted a petition for a charter for a lodge to be called "Le Bon Vouloir," which lodge was instituted last year.

At the communication of 1928, attention is invited to Bulletin No. 49 on the subject of Disarmament, which reads in part: "One can not exaggerate the importance of the question of disarmament. It is truly the touch-stone of the organization of peace." Following this there are logical arguments to prove the hypothesis, but we think entirely out of place in any Masonic debate or discourse, being political. We should by all means avoid all politics, and not forget that neither politicians nor Government would keep faith. Bismark said a treaty is a "scrap of paper," but yet it is the best we can do. Advantage is the purpose of every Nation in this disarmament game and not a single one would keep faith any more than France is keeping faith in her debt to us.

At the communication of December 27, they had the feast of the Royal Order of Scotland, at which the Grand Master was the principal speaker. The French (still permitted to enjoy the inherent rights of man), have wine at their banquets.

With regular and irregular Grand Lodges his conclusion deals.

To be recognizable a Grand Lodge must be instituted by at least three lodges, and those lodges must be of good standing.

This irregular Grand Lodge, which has already been recognized by three American grand lodges, conforms to our ritual and its lodges work in English. The membership is largely of English speaking men, which makes it attractive to English speaking tourists, particularly those who do not speak French. That substanceless something which we call "want to" often preponderates every other force.

All through his review he is bright and aggressive:

ENGLAND

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, M.W. Grand Master

The Right Hon. Lord Ampthill, M.W. Pro Grand Master.

V.W. Bro. Sir Colville Smith, C.V.O., Grand Secretary.

The Annual Grand Festival was holden at Central Hall, Westminster, on Wednesday, the 25th April, the Pro Grand Master on the Throne.

His Royal Highness and Lord Ampthill, having been duly installed, were proclaimed Grand Master and Pro Grand Master for the ensuing year.

In response to a fraternal welcome by the Pro Grand Master to Lord Cornwallis, Colonel Monckton-Arundell, Sir John Ferguson, Sir Kymaston Studd, and Colonel Pleydell-Bowverie, and hearty congratulations on the accomplishment of their mission to India, which had been a brilliant success, the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Cornwallis, who was loudly cheered, said:

M.W. Pro Grand Master, on my own behalf and on that of all my colleagues, I thank you most warmly for the very handsome manner in which you have given us this fraternal welcome back home this afternoon. I can assure you, M.W. Pro Grand Master, that throughout the whole of our tour we always had in mind the great personal interest that you were taking in that tour and the high hopes that you held of its success. We cannot, of course, say for many years to come whether any permanent result will issue from it, but this we can say to-day, that no deputation has ever had a more hospitable welcome than we had from the Brethren of India—and, of course, when I speak of India I include Burma and Ceylon. We were entertained from one end of our trip to the other with a hospitality that could not have been exceeded, by the various Governors of the different Provinces, by the Residents and Commissioners in their own States, by Maharajahs and by private individuals and members of our Craft; and, had it not been for the extreme care and enormous pains that had been taken by the various District Grand Lodges, we could not possibly have withstood the fatigue of the tour. We cannot be too grateful, and certainly our first words should be expressive of our great gratitude, to one and all of those who entertained us. I must just say this—that Grand Lodge may feel assured that in the lodges of India there are brethren as keen, as devoted and as zealous for the Craft, and as loyal not only to the Grand Master personally but to the Grand Lodge of England, as any brethren under the English constitution (Applause) Wherever we went the message always was "Please take back with you a message of our loyal devotion to His Royal Highness, the Grand Master and assure the Grand Lodge of England that we will do every thing in our power to uphold the dignity and honour of the Craft." (Applause).

M.W. Pro Grand Master, anyone who knows India as you do will know that the opportunities for Freemasonry in that great Continent are very great indeed, and if, as I believe, will ever be the case, the Masons of those countries are true to their obligations, there is no limit to the beneficent effect that Freemasonry may have in those countries. I would only say one personal thing in conclusion, that I am quite sure that W. Bro. Col. Pleydell-Bouverie, with his wand of office will be a landmark—I did not say an ancient one (laughter)—in India for many years to come; and I only hope, and I am sure, that everyone of my

colleagues has brought home with him the same pleasant recollections of our visit as I shall ever retain. (Applause).

At the Quarterly Communication holden on Wednesday the 6th June, 1928, the Grand Master himself was on the Throne.

The quarterly report of the special committee of Grand Lodge on the Masonic Peace Memorial was presented by R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, P.G.W. The progress has been slow, unavoidable delays having occurred. Plans have now been prepared and tenders invited—a tender for the foundations was accepted at this Communication.

The Grand Master made the following brief address:

Brethren, it is to me a very great pleasure to find myself once more with you in Grand Lodge. I am very pleased to think that we have now arrived at a decision which enables us to start work on the foundations of our great War Memorial, so as to be able to carry out the scheme as soon as possible. A great event has happened—at least I think all the Brethren will agree with me that it is a great event. I refer to the very successful manner in which the mission of Grand Lodge to India, Burma, and Ceylon has been carried out by the Deputy Grand Master and those who were chosen to accompany him. We welcome them back most warmly, and we are sure that the whole Craft will recognize that Grand Lodge has been represented in those far-off countries in a manner which it has never been before. I thank them from the bottom of my heart for the admirable manner in which they have carried out this arduous, most important, and most difficult visit to lodges over the seas. I look forward to most admirable results. When you read the record of what they really did, you will be proud of the manner in which they have represented us in those distant portions of the Empire. I feel certain that nothing will do more to increase the loyalty of our lodges to the Sovereign, to the Empire, and to the Craft than visits like the one which has just been completed. We thank them again for what they have done. We know it will long live in the annals of the Craft. I would also refer to my great pleasure that another member of my family has just been initiated into the Craft. (Applause). Prince George is young in years but full of anxiety to do honour to the Craft, and to carry out whatever duties may be entrusted to him. I hope that I may be able to attend when he is raised very shortly in the lodge to which he belongs. It is now many years since I first took over the very important and very onerous duties of Grand Master of English Freemasonry; and I can assure the Brethren that I do appreciate most warmly and most cordially the manner in which you support me on every occasion, and for the generous reception you give me whenever I come among you. (Applause).

Another Quarterly was holden on the 5th September, 1928, this time at the town-hall, Birmingham, with the Pro Grand Master on the Throne.

Among the visitors was the Rev. C. H. Rich, P.G. Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Right Hon. Sir Charles Batho, Lord Mayor of London, was nominated and acclaimed as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Sir Alfred Robbins, President of the Board of General Purposes, moved the adoption of a report of the Board. The first paragraph related to the place of meeting: "For the second time in the history of English organized Freemasonry, the Quarterly Communication is held, by direction of the M.W. the Grand Master, outside London; and the Board ventures to congratulate the Province of Warwickshire, which so recently celebrated the bi-centenary of the Provincial Grand Mastership, on the distinction thus achieved."

The report contained a warning against impostors, and in moving the adoption, Sir Alfred said:

I have had more correspondence on this question, since the Business Paper was issued, than on any other; and every letter that has come—some from distinguished and experienced Masonic authorities in various parts of the country—has testified to the constant nuisance, to put it mildly, of the practice of wandering beggars posing, and with some reason to pose, as Masons in search of work, which probably might be the last thing that most of them would care diligently to face. It might be said that we are challenging an imaginary danger. How real the matter is, is shown by correspondence which has been received from the Provincial Grand Secretary of an important Province near London. He had to report that one of these impostors had been convicted in a local police court of fraud in connection with his begging, and had received six months' imprisonment—six months which will expire at no distant date when he is likely to renew his wanderings unless severely checked. In his possession when arrested, showing the particular and careful man he was, was a pocket book containing exact details of the results of his visits to lodges in most parts of the country. I may mention that, among the several lodges to which he claimed to belong he was specially fond—at a distance from it—of the Staffordshire Knot. (Laughter). His list included lodges in most of the Provinces from north to south, with a particular liking for seaside places on the east and south coasts of England. This record is so marvellous that, were I gifted with the faculty of the novelist, I should love to write a travel story of this man's adventures, telling the various names under which, according to his own account, he begged at these various places, and the different lodges he quoted as being

either a member of or as being his Mother Lodge. The record reveals a career of successful beggary which I have never seen equalled. He has passed, according to his own showing, under at least seven different names. Happily as yet, as far as I can trace, he has not used the name of any leading Grand Officer. (Laughter). He has a method of approach which is subtle and effective; and while particularly fond of giving the Staffordshire Knot as the lodge to which he belongs, he gives also the names of lodges at Kew, and in different parts of England, but never of one very close to the town in which he begs.

It shows his absolute impartiality, and his desire to do justice to all, that this Mason—for there is no reason to doubt that at some time he has been admitted a Mason—has been pursuing his campaign in nearly every province. I am informed by the Chief Constable of a great city in the north that he is only one of those who are systematically extracting from Almoners and Secretaries of Lodges money to carry them forward. This Chief Constable, who is a distinguished Provincial Mason, mentions that the Lodges of his city have unanimously agreed to ask him to act as honorary Almoner to their lodges, and they refer to him every case for assistance. He adds that the applicants are gradually disappearing from his city, because there seems to be a reluctance on their part to appear at the police station. That is only an example of what is being done. The Board has several times given this warning; and it wishes Grand Lodge to approve its suggestion that the warning on this subject shall be read at the next regular meeting of every lodge, in the hope that we shall thus call effective attention to what is, something more than a scandal—a disgrace—to Freemasonry. (Applause).

The report was adopted.

The Pro Grand Master, voicing the sentiments of Grand Lodge, expressed grateful thanks to the brethren of the Province of Warwickshire for the trouble taken in preparing for the reception and accommodation of Grand Lodge.

The first occasion of a Quarterly Communication in the Provinces was at Liverpool in 1923, when the innovation so earnestly demanded by representatives of the larger Provinces was carried out with unquestionable success and general approval. It is at the invitation of the Province of Warwickshire that we have met here in Birmingham to-day and the arrangements for our reception and entertainment have been made by the brethren of the Province.

Quarterly Communication 5th December, 1928, the Pro Grand Master on the throne and a record attendance with many names well known beyond the bounds of the Craft and identified with everything thoroughly British, such as Lascelles, Folkestone, Chitty, Robbins, Colville, Smith,

Neville, Songhurst Manville, Lumley-Smith, Cartwright, Coleridge, Wedderburn, Carpenter, Obed Smith, Warren Hastings, Montague, Kitchener and many other "household words."

A message was sent to the Grand Master that "the thoughts and prayers of everyone of us are with him and the Royal Family at the present time."

Fraternal greetings of the warmest character were sent from the Grande Loge Nationale of France by the Pro. Grand Master, who had visited them and who thus reports the fine friendly relations:

I assure you that no more whole-hearted assurances of friendship and good will could have been pronounced; that they had the enthusiastic approbation of all those present at a great assembly; and that they left me deeply moved and earnestly desirous that this Grand Lodge should respond to the friendship which had thus been expressed to me as your representative. The occasion was the installation meeting of the Fidelity Lodge of Paris.

I had the advantage and pleasure of being accompanied by V.W. Bro. Sir John Ferguson, formerly your Grand Treasurer, and W. Bro. A. E. Carlyle, both of whom are members of the Fidelity Lodge, and in constant touch with the brethren in France. Nothing could have exceeded the courtesy accorded to me as the representative of Grand Lodge of England. I have every reason to believe that this little visit has been useful to our Brethren in France as well as to the Craft in this country. I am more than ever convinced that we need the powerful aid of Masonry to cement the relations between Frenchmen and Englishmen, and the friendship between our two countries. I am well satisfied that the Grande Loge Nationale is steadily progressing towards the fulfilment of the particular object with which it was founded under our auspices.

Further property near by was reported as acquired "contributing to the amenities of the Masonic Peace Memorial."

The Supreme Grand Chapter contribution to the joint administration of affairs was reduced to one-fifth thereof.

These greetings worthily bestowed, will no doubt have been welcomed by the Lord Mayor:

The Board extends cordial congratulations to W. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Kynaston Studd, O.B.E., P.G.D., Chairman of the Procedure Committee, on the distinction of becoming Lord Mayor of the City of London, the first instance of one of its members being accorded the honour, while thus serving. Bro. Studd's colleagues are assured that the Craft as a whole will join in wishing him a most happy and successful year in the chief civic chair.

Warrants were issued to no less than 22 new lodges in Britain and all over the world.

The debate upon the vital question of restoring the rights of visitation and of membership of "Masons of enemy Country birth," is reported in full, waves of sympathy and sentiment sometimes conflicting with waves of prudence, caution and dignified pride. Finally the amendment taking down the bars altogether was defeated by a large majority and the resolution proposed by the Board, giving constituent lodges a voice in the matter, was then carried with a few dissentients.

This Reviewer advises all who can find access to the English Proceedings, still published in unbound pamphlet form, to read this wonderful discussion to which some of the best minds and most eloquent voices in England contributed.

FLORIDA

Benjamin E. Dyson, M. W. Grand Master, elected in 1927, presided over the Grand Lodge of Florida at its 99th Annual Communication, held in Jacksonville, on the 17th April, 1928.

He began his address by regretting that ill-health and other untoward circumstances had prevented him from doing his full duty during the year. The most notable Masonic event of his year was the laying of the corner-stone of the new Masonic Home building in St. Petersburg (Florida) on the 8th October, 1927.

The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Leroy Brandon, of Jacksonville, also presented a report, having taken on the Grand Master's duties "during the temporary absence of our beloved Grand Master from the State and during the long period of time he was confined to the hospital and to his room by reason of his long-continued illness." Bro. Brandon gave rulings, laid corner-stones, and did many other things which he faithfully records.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance of more than \$30,000.

The Grand Secretary's statistics shewed a large net increase in membership—1,995. "Six new lodges were chartered during the year, and there are now 260 active lodges on the roll, with a total membership of 32,404.

Ely P. Hubbell, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, gratefully acknowledges assistance from other Brethren in the preparation of the report. "Canada, 1927," is favourably reviewed. The reviews are all excellent.

Our representative in Florida is Bro. Silas B. Wright of Jacksonville, and Florida's representative here is George W. Clendenan.

We find nothing to comment on or criticise in Florida's volume. It is a record of success and prosperity.

Leroy Brandon, the Deputy Grand Master, elected in 1927, was naturally elected Grand Master in 1928. His experience as shewn above will doubtless have contributed to making his year a notable one.—E.B.B.

IDAHO

Richard F. Curtis, M.W. Grand Master.

Curtis F. Pike, R.W. Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication convened at Boise, 11th September, 1928.

Bro. Baldridge, Governor of the State of Idaho, attended throughout the Proceedings.

18 Past Grand Masters strengthened the Grand East. Canada's Grand Representative was not present. He is not alone in his absence.

We clip the following from the Grand Master's able address:

At times the work has been heavy and the responsibility great enough to make one new to his task take sober thought and slower action, but thanks to the aid of willing hands and the advice of experienced brethren, all tasks have been duly discharged and all responsibility cheerfully assumed.

Of all the thoughts of God that are
Borne in words to souls afar

Along the Psalmist's music deep,
Now tell me if there is

For gift or grace surpassing this,
He giveth His beloved sleep.

In groping in that darkness and in desire to find for themselves some solid foundation, some rock upon which to build again an organized and practical spiritual life, many instinctively turned to Masonry, that oldest of all systems of Philosophy of Living and of the life that is to come.

But it is a problem which must be met and both Brother Pike and myself have felt that no greater activity could be undertaken than the inaugurating of a plan of study for the Constituent Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction. Also the proven fact that no set plan can be given, that each lodge must for itself work out a plan which is best adapted to local conditions.

Trials are held by commission in Idaho.

These two decisions may be of interest:

Can a Masonic Lodge legally sponsor a troupe of Boy Scouts?

No. No lodge shall stand sponsor for and in any way assume control or responsibility for any other organization whatever.

Can a member of the Masonic Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Idaho legally visit a lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Chile?

No. The Grand Lodge of Idaho does not enjoy Fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Chile.

Membership 10,302. Net gain 184.

These general statistics are striking:

The largest Grand Lodge in the world is New York, with a membership of 329,295. This is followed by the Grand Lodge of England, with 310,000 members.

The average number of members per lodge in the United States is 196. The District of Columbia has the largest average membership, it being 528 per lodge. Arkansas, with an average membership of 62 per lodge, is the smallest.

The Foreign Correspondence Report makes some interesting references:

Masonic employment bureaus in many of our larger states, such as Pennsylvania, New York, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Oregon, California have become institutions of real practical efficiency, and are rendering a splendid service.

We find that the education of the children in Masonic Homes is receiving greater attention. Masonic Educational Funds in many Grand Jurisdictions are making it possible for thousands of students to receive a university or college education.

The English Peace Memorial will be a monument and a home—a monument to the memory of the thousands of Masons who died for their principles in the World War, and a home for the Grand Lodge of England, with accommodations for its officers, its committees, its library and museum.

Grand Orator Wood spoke on "The Responsibilities of the Masonic Lodge" saying among other good things:

To-day I want to speak of some of the duties the lodge owes to the individual Mason.

Indeed, the mighty forces that impel the destinies of this world are rarely, if ever, apparent to the eye. What are some of these forces? The greatest is love. Others are fear, hate, courage, ambition, pride, morality, temperance, fortitude. Yet did any of you ever see these things? You have seen their results, but have you ever seen these

forces themselves? Of course you have not. They are not apparent in a world of forms.

So we conclude there is more to this world of mankind than form.

There is not a Mason within the sound of my voice who does not remember at least one occasion when, shipwreck of a possibly fine Masonic character might have been averted.

It is the duty of the lodge to see that its sick and afflicted are regularly visited. Good taste will prescribe the proper time and method of doing this.

The lodge owes to its members sojourning under foreign jurisdictions prompt recognition of requests for dimits, identification data.

A lodge owes something, though I don't know what, to the brother who has apparently lost interest in Masonry.

Masonic lodges owe a large debt to the returned veterans, members of Masonic Lodges, which has never been adequately paid.

The pioneers were honoured and this verse was quoted:

Just a plain old Master Mason, thanking God that he
could see

Jacob's ladder reaching upward even from the First
Degree—

A lesson to us all of Faith, Hope and Charity.

R. F. Richardson, Strathroy, represents Idaho, and Canada is represented by George N. Cochran, of Coeur d'Alene.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee has for its accomplished chairman, Bro. Percy Jones, who says under Arkansas:

The Grand Secretary had charge as disbursing officer of the large flood relief fund for Grand Lodge, and said he adopted the view expressed by Secretary Hoover, that relief should be made according to Needs, not Losses, and explained to the officers of all lodges at points of congestion that the flood fund was not for general distribution, but to only those whom they might certify to be in Actual Need of assistance.

Colorado is growing more strict:

Notice has been given by the Grand Master that future requests to hold Special Communications in Auditoriums will not be granted.

Canada 1927 is briefly reviewed. Of the Grand Master's address he says:

The address of Grand Master Rowland is exceptionally praiseworthy, and the Committee on Grand Master's Address speaks in words of appreciation..

He comments on our year's work as constituting a good record, and he is kind enough to speak of our Review as excellent.

He praises Georgia for providing through Grand Lodge, funds for making grants so that 26 worthy and properly vouched for Georgian young men and women had one more year of college training.

This under Kentucky:

The Grand Lodge Committee on Homes made a splendid report. "After years of dreaming, planning, and, as we believe, praying, brains and brawn, real Masons and money have brought to a tangible realization the new Masonic Home, pride and property of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Under York Grand Lodge of Mexico we mark and read:

The most successful W.M. is he who can draw out and set to work the greatest number of the members of his lodge. In every lodge, however small it may be, there is talent to be found. It may be latent and even unsuspected. Let all be encouraged to take a part in our great and good work. "A something to do" in the lodge is an incentive to regular attendance.

ILLINOIS

Louis L. Emmerson, M. W. Grand Master.

Owen Scott, R. W. Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-ninth Annual meeting was held in Chicago, 9th October, 1928. Previous to opening, Grand Lodge was delightfully entertained by the Orchestra and quartette from the Masonic Orphans' Home at LaGrange. Eight Past Grand Masters were present.

Grand Master Wright of Iowa was welcomed.

Six Schools of Instruction were held by the Grand Examiners during the year and this is the Grand Master's wise comment:

A man's interest in Masonry is in exact ratio to what he really knows about its history, legends, traditions and symbolism.

He is in favor of eradicating the practice of using printed keys to the Ritual.

During the Olympic games the Masonic Hall of the Amsterdam Lodges was opened every evening.

He calls the using of monies received for candidates' fees for current expenses, a dangerous practice.

Of their two Masonic Homes he can speak with nothing but commendation from personal experience. There are 45 of the children in High School and 192 in Grammar School:

The affairs of both the Sullivan and La Grange Homes are in excellent condition, reflecting the efficient and praiseworthy manner in which they are conducted by the Boards of Managers. The world can never know how often the outpourings of fraternal sympathy have caused the orphan to smile and the heart of the aged to rejoice.

He administered discipline with a firm hand. He believes in practical Masonry as to Masonic Temples saying: Co-operation, conservatism, and a carefully considered plan of financing, are in keeping with sound business ideals applicable to Masonry.

The treasurer of a lodge can disburse the funds only upon the written order of the master and consent of the lodge, and for masonic purposes. Lodge funds could not be used to reimburse the secretary of the low twelve club.

His conclusion is brief and to the point:

I repeat the thought that Masonry has given to me abundantly in friends, fellowship, and the finer attributes of life. The duties are pleasantly offset by the joy of new contacts, a better understanding of men, and the happy ripening of human friendships.

Ten cornerstones were laid during the year, and pictures are given of the buildings.

Bro. Darrah for the Committee on Correspondence, asked that action be deferred till next annual meeting on request for recognition from Jugo Slavjia, Costa Rica, Chile, Santo Domingo, Vienna, Norway and York Mexico.

Membership 293,110. Net gain 2,492. Number of members residing outside of Illinois 34,533. Number of Lodges 1008.

The Committee on Obituaries give an original report in which are the following striking passages:

"Memory is the treasury and guardian of all things." Memory has her servant recollection.

Our work of today is the foundation of tomorrow.

All soldiers cannot be generals and a general without an army will never win a battle; and on the other hand the soldier, no matter how courageous, without intelligent direction will likewise never win a battle or a war. There is a place for all.

In the democracy of the dead, all men at last are equal. There is neither rank nor station nor prerogative in the republic of the grave.

Here at last is nature's final decree in equity.

Help me so to live that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow and unhaunted by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain. Make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple—"Here Lies a Man."

62% of the total assets of the Lodges has been put into Masonic Temples stock.

The Committee on Financial Research bring in a wonderful actuarial report from the many pages of which we have taken the following:

Because of the traditional custom of considering the Master the supreme dictator of his lodge, there is no continuity of program or policy in the individual lodges.

Grand Lodge should take the leadership and endeavor to bring the extravagantly operated lodges to a realization of such a policy, while Masters should be awakened.

The District Deputies should cooperate with the lodges in the preparation of budgets and give their counsel in using them. In addition the Grand Lodge could well afford to employ several accountants.

All temple projects should be approved by a committee of the Grand Lodge not only as to financial set-up and as to plan and construction, but also as to the real necessity for the development.

Grand Orator Kropf delivered a striking address on "The Flag and the Trowel" from which space only permits the following excerpts, with all of which we may not agree:

Masonry has been variously defined but I like to look upon it as the science of correct conduct. Its practice is the art of right living. Chronologically life is half hopes and half memories. Kinetically it is half the performance of duties and half the enjoyment of privileges.

Today the flag of our country waves from every rostrum in Illinois where a Masonic Lodge is in session, and no man can be a Mason in this State unless he is first a loyal American citizen.

The tones of Independence Bell proclaimed the birth of a new nation and with it the subjects of an English king were transformed into citizens of the new Republic. This did not do away with the necessity of government, of some one doing the work of the king. It transferred the king's function from one man in England and distributed it to the many on this side. It bestowed upon each American citizen a fraction of that kingship which before was confined to a supposedly anointed few.

We are no better than the Pharisees of old, when we assume a "holier than thou" attitude and say that politics is dirty. Politics in place of being dirty is the highest, noblest and most powerful function of the American citizen. It only becomes putrid and a menace when clean citizens neglect it. We are only fit to be serfs if we let our kingly sword-arm atrophy.

We owe much to the past but we owe more to the future. The American melting pot has been presented in poetry and in song, but to me it often seems more of a

mixing bowl than a melting pot. The contents, in place of a chemical mixture, are more of a mechanical mixture.

"What is excellent,
As God lives, is permanent."

We are allowing the meaning to be taken out of the word home. Youth long on jazz and automobiles, and femininity short on dress, is not the stuff of which desirable parents are made.

"L-etat: c'est moi! The State—it is I" is the expression ascribed to Louis XIV of France. I would inscribe in the heart and on the mind of every American citizen "The State—it is I"

The Junior Warden of a Lodge appealed against the action of a Lodge in finding the accused not guilty. The Committee reversed the decision and suspended the erring Brother.

In the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital there are 85 members. Medinah Temple gave \$500 to the Home.

Grand Masters from Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and Missouri gave brief but eloquent addresses, the last speaker asking the pregnant question "what came you here to do"?

Sylvester O. Spring duly represented Canada. F. W. Harcourt, K.C., honoured Past Grand Master, represents Illinois with us.

The Committee on Correspondence is Delmar D. Darrah, Past Grand Master, and he evidently loves his subject, giving us the longest introduction of any Reviewer. From the prelude to his oratorio we take the following passages as typical:

The real growth of the fraternity lies in the development and expansion of the principles for which it stands. The chief cause for diversion of Masonic interests is chargeable by a great many to the automobile. A large percentage of cars sold are bought on the deferred payment plan. By the time they pay the family expenses and keep the car going they have exhausted their income. Financiers agree that people are heavily in debt for radios, ice machines, electric washers, and what not, all of which have been bought on the installment plan. As a result the average man has a place for every dollar of his income. As a consequence he has very little money for investment in Masonic degrees.

It is apparent that a good many lodges throughout the United States are having a hard time to recover from the extravagance which was indulged in by the construction of Masonic temples.

If New Mexico are dauntless and do not become discouraged and will keep up their fight they will win in the end, and another great monument will be established to the honor and glory of Freemasonry. Somebody reported an

affair with a goat; the grand master decided that a very serious affront had been made to the institution of Freemasonry. The result was that the master who was largely responsible for the affair was deposed from office, and because the brethren took an undue interest in the goat episode, the functions of the lodge were suspended.

Masonic orators are still telling Masons that all the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons and that all the generals in Washington's army were Freemasons, and that the entire government of the United States was conceived in the brain of Freemasons; and a whole lot more things that are absolutely untrue and which claims do not stand to the credit of the fraternity.

Freemasonry was never intended for the crowd, a fact which becomes more and more apparent each day.

The entire future of the Masonic fraternity depends entirely upon a better selection of men.

No grand master should be satisfied to sit in his office and issue dispensations and lay an occasional cornerstone. His greatest work lies in trying to reach the individual member of the craft.

He does not like large Lodges, quoting under British Columbia:

Where personal touch and comradeship is becoming lost and "We are then faced with the paradox that a lodge may weaken itself by becoming too strong."

Canada 1927 is reviewed in friendly fashion. He speaks of the historical reminiscences of Grand Master Rowland and of the double privilege given in Canada under his ruling to the University student, and adds "he concluded his admirable address with some very excellent suggestions to his Grand Lodge."

The Condition of Masonry Report is described as very interesting with very valuable deductions. He quotes our comments on Illinois on physical disability as of interest to their Brethren.

These truths from Iowa:

Years ago Iowa conceived the idea of a great Masonic library and the dreams of the promoters have been realized. The founders of Masonry in Pennsylvania looked to the financial future of their Grand Lodge and the result is numerous trust funds. No doubt every grand lodge has some ideal, or at least it should have. Iowa and Pennsylvania have proved the splendid value of having something to work toward.

About lodges putting up magnificent buildings without knowing how to pay for them, he says:

"It is the old story of the 'Champagne appetite and the beer income'."

This from Massachusetts:

As said in our last—suspension is exclusion from the institution; and reformation, not time, must govern the restoration. This is the only correct rule, as it is the only safe one.

New York produces this firm Declaration of Right:

These claims were to the effect that the Three Degrees of symbolic Masonry belonged originally to one or another of the higher bodies; that they are now in the custody of the symbolic lodges and grand lodges only by sufferance; and that the final courts of power and authority in the whole body of Masonry are vested in the councils of those so-called higher bodies. That crisis passed because the great majority of Masons knew such claims to be false to history, unfounded in fact, and fallacious in reasoning.

INDIANA

Obie J. Smith, M. W. Grand Master.

The volume of proceedings before us is chiefly a record for 1927. This Grand Lodge was organised as long ago as the 12th January, 1818, and the Annual Communication held on the 22nd and 23rd May, 1928, at Indianapolis was therefore the 111th.

There are in the volume portraits of Grand Master Smith, who presided and delivered an able address, Charles C. La Follette, Grand Master elect, William H. Swinty, Grand Secretary, Ivory C. Tolle, Grand Lecturer, and Elmer F. Gay, reviewer, all men of intellect if we may judge by their physiognomy. There would have been a real portrait gallery had the 18 Past Grand Masters whose names are recorded as present, been also presented by the apparatus which cannot lie, but we are well assured of their quality as men and Masons.

In his address M. W. Bro. Smith said that at the beginning of 1928, there was a membership of 129,071, belonging to 559 Lodges. We learn from the Grand Secretary's statistics that the net increase in 1927 was 1,156.

A large part of the address of the Grand Master was taken up with an account of the Indiana Masonic Home, which is in Indianapolis, and was visited during the session of Grand Lodge by a large number of the delegates. During 1927, 48 rooms were added to the Home, and there is now accommodation for 400 guests. A good work, we can see, but also a considerable financial burden, which is cheerfully met.

The death of William Leake, who was Grand Master in 1899-1900, is sympathetically recorded. He was born in

Bristol, England, in 1849, and lived until June, 1927. He was originally an operative Mason, but became a contractor and builder in a large way at Fort Wayne. In both operative and speculative Masonry he was a real master workman.

Canada's representative, Bro. Elias J. Jacoby, answered the roll call. Indiana's representative near our Grand Lodge is M. W. Bro. John S. Martin, our Grand Master.

There was a good deal of domestic legislation at this meeting, but we do not attempt to say more than that it appeared to be useful and commendable.

At the laying of the corner-stone of the new Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis, by the Grand Master—said to have been an unusually dignified and impressive ceremony—an eloquent and scholarly address on "The Meaning of this Stone" was delivered by the Rev'd Dr. Owen W. Fifer, Grand Chaplain, from which we quote:—

"We have laid here only a stone, apparently a fragment from some quarry perhaps removed by rude or thoughtless men. It has a history of ages, of changes, of toil. The story of this stone in science would be fascinating. Wonderful events and processes are knitted into its fibre. Here is the history of earth, and, considering the toil and machinery which moved it here and the purpose for which it has been brought, here also is the the history of man and God. We lay it here, but we lay here more. Our true corner-stone ceremonies consist in laying here the ideals, the covenants, the consecrations of godly manhood. We lay here honesty, truthfulness, reverence, fidelity, courage, cleanness of speech and deed, faith, hope, love. Here we dedicate ourselves as corner-stones beneath our government, our religion, our citizenship, our families, to sustain them in righteousness and justice. The passers-by will see here not this stone, but the embodied principles of thousands of men whose higher ideals in life are to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before their God. It is a dignified, reverent occasion, worthy of this throng, graced and honoured by those high in position and honor in Order and State. But even more impressive should be the placing by inner consecration beneath this building all that Masonry represents in ourselves. Except we place here our higher selves, our devotion to truth, our loyal fellowship and service, our integrity and honour, virtue, truth, and our religious faith in our God-aided and God-transformed manhood, we make these ceremonies sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. Let the people know, the people of this city and commonwealth, that here stand, and support, represented in the corner-stone, the best of Masonic manhood—that here every principle of just government is supported to the last full measure of devotion; that every ideal of worship and religious faith is cherished through adversity

and temptation to victory; that here every jewel of justice is guarded: that every flower of respect for woman is kept in the inner sanctuary of our hearts; that the precious hope of immortality is preserved undimmed; that everlasting Right and everlasting Faith and everlasting Love are enthroned here, as our ideals, as our altars, as our temples."

The reviewer, Past Grand Master Gay, already mentioned, deals, in his 15th Annual Review, in a truly admirable way, with the proceedings of 47 Grand Lodges; Canada (In the Province of Ontario) appears as "Grand Lodge of Ontario) but we do not think that error of much importance—"Grand Lodge of Ontario" may even be regarded as a convenient designation by many as the reviewer has before him the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of the other Provinces of Canada.

The review of our proceedings in 1927 is excellent.

—E.B.B.

IOWA

David R. Tripp, M. W. Grand Master, 1927-1928.

Prefacing the volume of proceedings is the portrait of Grand Master Tripp, shewing a man of 73, of hale and hearty appearance, described in an accompanying biography as a faithful Masonic worker and a great instructor in Masonry. He was born on an Iowa farm—the farm is a fruitful source of good Masons—and apparently is still a farmer, though he has served with distinction in several public capacities. "As an instructor," his biographer says, "he has a record which has seldom been equalled and never excelled."

He it was who presided at the 85th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, opened on the 12th June, 1928, with 14 Past Grand Masters present.

We find no mention of Grand Representatives in the large volume before us. The volume is huge indeed; it contains very full reports of all Masonic activities; the speeches made are printed in full; and there are biographies of all the elected Grand Officers.

In the report on Chartered lodges a slight decrease in the aggregate membership is noted as follows:—

The net membership at the end of the year, 86,486, shows that Masonry in Iowa has decreased by fifty-five members during the year. While we desire an increase in the number of members from year to year, we firmly believe that with 86,486 members in good standing, Masonry in Iowa will not be greatly affected by this small decrease in membership.

There are 557 working chartered lodges, all of which made full returns.

The Grand Master in his address spoke thus of dormant lodges:

There are a few of our lodges that are not holding regular meetings for some cause or other and there seems to be a sentiment among some that the only thing to do is to take up their charter. I believe we should first try to stimulate them, giving them a chance, but while this is being done these lodges should assist themselves. We want to make sure that there is not a spark left to fan into a flame before we take their home. I have in mind one lodge that a few years ago our Grand Master thought was a hopeless case. About three of us, at different intervals, visited it, and now the brethren have a good working lodge with two members who hold proficiency certificates.

Charles Edward Wright was elected and installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master for 1928-29.

He is by profession a physician, as we learn from a sketch of his life, "but one who has had time in the midst of a busy career to give more than ordinary attention to Freemasonry." He also was born on a farm—an Ohio farm—in 1861, and 4 years later accompanied his parents in a "covered wagon" to Oskaloosa, Iowa, where he received his early education.

"The extensive experience of M. W. Bro. Wright in the affairs of men, and the educational qualifications which he brings to his office both in a general and in a Masonic capacity, are assurance that the guidance of the Iowa Craft has been placed in competent hands for the ensuing year."

"The Challenge of the Century" was the subject of an address delivered by the Rev. Naboth Osborne before Grand Lodge. Its purport may be gathered from this comprehensive paragraph:

Here and there the march of time is signalized by some century which, because of its scientific or humanitarian contribution to the welfare of humanity, stands out like a mountain peak above the rest of the range of life. The first Christian century initiated the greatest moral movement our world has known. The thirteenth introduced the Renaissance with its many-sided interests in art, and thought, and scholarship. The fifteenth resulted in a remarkable geographical expansion of the world, due to its far-reaching discoveries on land and sea. The sixteenth brought us the Reformation with its unmeasured influence in all the world, accomplished and yet to come. In the seventeenth century the work of Galileo and Newton revealed to humanity how the unity of the universe is maintained by the universality of natural law. By the discovery of steam the eighteenth century created for us an industrial age, and through its investigations into human nature introduced into the minds of freedom-loving people the theory and practice of government by the people. In the nineteenth century Pasteur

taught us the germ theory of disease, and made it possible for mankind to prevent the pestilential scourges which had hitherto decimated the race. What lies in the lap of the twentieth century is still unknown, but, if man is awake to his task and alive to his responsibilities, there is no doubt that as his commerce has practically eliminated the scourge of famine, and his science has wiped out pestilence, his sense of brotherhood may also accomplish its task of abolishing the scourge of war.

Louis Block, P.G.M., again writes the Report on Fraternal Correspondence. His foreword deals with "The Great Moment in Masonry." Stressing the significance of "Jacob's Ladder" as a Masonic symbol, he describes the impressions of the candidate kneeling at the altar, and concludes:

Nor did the candidate, poor and penniless, blind and naked, dependent upon the sovereign will of our Supreme Grand Master, kneel there at the altar alone. On the face of the thing it may have seemed so. But you and I, my Brother full well know that there was not a soul in that room that figuratively at least, did not kneel there at the altar with him, join with him in his earnest petition, and offer up the incense of an humble and a contrite heart to the great God and Father of us all.

For, that, my Brethren, is the great moment in Masonry!

The "afterword" is upon "The Real Temple," which is "a house not made with hands—the one real and abiding thing in our whole institution."

Bro. Block's reviews of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges are, needless to say, full of interest and thought.

Canada (1927) is appreciatively treated. The address of our Grand Master Rowland calls forth unstinted praise.

—E.B.B.

IRELAND

Rt. Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P., M. W. Grand Master.

Henry C. Shellard, Dublin, Grand Secretary.

Stated communication was held in Dublin on St. John's Day, 27th December, 1928, when the Grand Master delivered a thoughtful and encouraging address. In the first place he reproduced the acknowledgment received from the Queen:

"The Queen sincerely thanks you and Freemasons of Ireland assembled in Grand Lodge, and Her Majesty deeply appreciates kind message of sympathy and of good wishes for the King's speedy recovery."

The frontispiece of the Proceedings has—as is most fitting—a picture of the late R. W. Bro. James Heron Stirling, Provincial Grand Master of Antrim, well known in Canada. To his memory the Grand Master pays this worthy tribute:

He was a splendid man, who did splendid work for Freemasonry. A strong minded man. I dare say many of us had the experience that I had. I found when we began to discuss things we sometimes differed, and he was never weak in expressing his opinion, but he was always ready to see the other point of view. I never failed, after full discussion, to come to an agreement with him. Just as I have had occasion to sometimes go to him to say "You were right in the beginning and I was wrong," he was a man who never failed, and I have known him to do it several times, to come along and say "You have converted me; you were right." I like straight men that you can deal with that way.

Of Bro. McClelland he says:

He was a man who suffered in health and in heart by the recent troubles in Ireland, all which were borne with splendid courage and fortitude.

He refers to the successful visit Grand Lodge had in Derry and to the eloquent sermon preached by the Bishop in the Cathedral. The collection alone amounted to over £300 for Masonic charities.

The Duke of Connaught accepted the office of Past Grand Master, and the Grand Master of Ireland was made an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Master Mason of Scotland received a similar honour in Ireland.

With fulfillment in his words the Irish Grand Master thus speaks of his visit to Edinburgh:

We never disagree. Finding myself as the youngest member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland I took advantage of my position to this extent, that I introduced the Irish working into the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and made the Grand Lodge of Scotland salute their Grand Master with the Irish salute. I taught those Masonic brethren how those things are done as we do them over here.

He notes in passing that Mr. Kellogg, the originator of the Pact with the United States, is a Freemason.

He says that he would have voted in the minority in connection with the decision of Grand Lodge as to proposed Lodge of Instruction and thus illustrates his position and the reasons for his support:

I would have voted with the minority. Being an Irishman who has been busy all his life in English politics, that is a position to which I am not unaccustomed.

The Problem is this, that valuable as is the work of Grand Lodge of Instruction, the brethren of our lodges thousands of miles away do find a difficulty in preserving the purity of our ritual.

You cannot expect our brethren 5,000 miles away, and in many cases more, to preserve the purity of the Irish working. I have seen other workings, but I always come back to my first love, the Irish working.

Of the official charities of Grand Lodge, which are numerous, he says:

"The Charities remain in a satisfactory condition. As you all know, during this year building has started on the War Memorial at the Boys' School. It is to cost £7,000."

We must not forget that our friends in Belfast in addition to their generous support of our Funds here subscribe about £15,000 a year to their charities.

I remain, as ever, happy and confident in my membership of the Irish Constitution. I realise that Freemasonry here, having got through all its difficulties, is as healthy, if not healthier than ever it was.

The Grand Secretary reports fully and clearly.

Among those who were present at Londonderry in addition to the Grand Master and Colonel Claude Cane, were the Hon. Mr. Justice FitzGibbon as Junior Grand Warden, who is the Grand Representative of Canada, and R. W. Bro. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, P.G.M. of Donegal, and other distinguished Masons.

Ten new warrants during the year were granted and among them some in Rhodesia and Natal. One warrant of the West African Regiment was returned owing to the disbandment of the Regiment.

Sir Reginald Spence, Worshipful Master of Tara Lodge, Bombay India, was installed in Dublin at their request.

Grand Lodge decreed that no candidate whose domicile is in England or Scotland shall be initiated in Ireland without first making all enquiries and obtaining special permission of the Grand Lodge except that:

This Law shall not apply to members of H.M. Navy or Army on the Active List, or to members of any University where there is a Lodge confined to members of that University.

This definition is interesting and concise:

The Board was asked as to the exact meaning of the phrase "In good Masonic standing" and it was ruled that the words mean, "Under no Masonic disability whatsoever."

"Collars" of the Grand Lodge of Alabama and of the Grand Lodge of Mexico were conferred upon two distinguished Irish Brethren.

A Celtic loving cup was presented to a P.G.M. as a token of brotherly affection and good will.

The museum at Downpatrick is reported as having been recently increased in value and interest.

In the report of the District of Tyrone and Fermanagh we read an admirable example of good report:

"I have appointed as my Deputy R. W. Bro. Sir Charles Falls. Bro. Falls brings to the discharge of his responsible duties an extensive experience of Masonry in this Province, a sound and mature judgment, proved zeal for the maintenance of the honour and dignity of the Order, and has in fullest measure, the esteem, affection and confidence of every Brother amongst us.

Meath records the election of R. W. Bro. Lord Farnham as Provincial Grand Master and R. W. Bro. Lieut. Col. W. A. King Harman, D.S.O., (well known in Canada,) as Deputy.

In the report of the District of India we read:

It is hoped that with the help of the Assistant Inspectors recently sanctioned by Grand Lodge that all Lodges may be regularly visited and the ties uniting them with Grand Lodge be thus drawn closer to the great advantage of our jurisdiction in India."

Five bequests of generous remembrance are reported.

We wish we had more of them in Ontario.

The Female Orphans' School finds one of its expressions in music:

A number of pupils competed in different grades for the Royal Irish Academy Local Centre Examinations. There were no failures, nine first class and three second class Honours in Pianoforte were obtained, and three first Honours in Violin.

This to the credit of the Orphan Boys' School: Note the latest eccentricity or tyranny of the so called free state.

Four pupils were entered for the Intermediate Examinations who obtained many Honours in the Examination Subjects but did not obtain pass Certificates owing to failure to qualify in the Irish Language.

Many donations to the Grand Lodge Library and museum filling six pages are recorded.

Ireland is well and worthily represented by M. W. Bro. Elias T. Malone, K.C.

In the list of Grand Representatives the Provinces are grouped under Canada with the exception of Alberta, which finds a place among the Jurisdictions of the United States. There is no latitude nor longitude in Freemasonry, nevertheless we cannot part willingly with Alberta.

£9849 were received by the Grand Treasurer during the year, a goodly and generous sum.

KENTUCKY

Hanson Peterson, M. W. Grand Master.

The One hundred and twenty-eighth Annual Communication was held at Louisville, October 16, 1928. The transactions are all printed by the boys and girls of the Masonic Home from the Press of the Masonic Home Journal and certainly in typography and artistic engravings do credit to the Craft preservative.

The biographical sketch of M. W. Bro. Peterson says that he is a lawyer of distinction and a citizen of high standing and thus sums up his virtues:

"Whether at the bar, in his civic relations in his home city, in his closest associations in church and fraternal matters, or in the consideration of public affairs and public duties, he is highly regarded and his judgment always respected."

Kentucky easily wears the laurel crown of the long loyal line of Past Grand Masters, no less than 24 reporting for duty and honour.

The Grand Master in his business-like address gives a long list of fruitful visitations which he made. Among many interesting decisions of this lawyer Grand Master one is rather striking—On January 8, 1928, before 1 P.M. a United States Postal Money Order payable to Valley Lodge was mailed to said Lodge. The amount was that for which Bro. White had been suspended. Between 2.45 and 3 P.M. on the same day Bro. White died in his motor car. The Grand Master held that he died a member of Valley Lodge in good standing.

After several confusing votes succeeding each other, a ballot was spread upon petition of a candidate for initiation and two black balls were found. Immediately two Brethren who had not given attention to the business in hand arose and stated that they had by mistake cast the unfavourable ballots and asked that another ballot be taken. The Master ruled that he could not do this, and with regret as to the position in which it placed the innocent candidate, the G. M. concurred in this decision, saying "secrecy of the ballot is one of the Landmarks of the Order."

He discountenanced the publication of a resolution endorsing a member of a Lodge for the office of Grand Junior Warden and upheld the Masonic Home Journal in refusing to publish it.

Electioneering is a violation of Masonic Law.

From his general Masonic survey we take the following:

"Many Lodges, although without candidates, meet regularly, attend to business and enjoy social intercourse.

The problem that has confronted the Craft for the last ten years has been to care for those to whom we are under binding obligations. That problem has been solved. The problem that now confronts the Craft is to instill new interest and create higher ideals."

With regard to Lodges "unloading" on the Home he says:

"However, it is not right that the Craft be imposed upon by those who for selfish reasons would place in our Home those that are ineligible."

He advocates plural membership saying:

"Single and exclusive membership is largely an American custom and is not, therefore, a Landmark of the Craft. There are many advantages to be gained by plural membership and no one has ever been able to point out any disadvantage that is not merely mechanical and easily overcome."

He urges Craftsmen to go to Church on the two St. Johns Days for he says:

"By doing this we would strengthen our faith, ennoble our minds and attune our hearts to the service of humanity and the love of God."

A long controversy with Indiana is set out in full and from a perusal of the letters we think Indiana was rather hasty in breaking home ties for Kentucky was the mother of Indiana Masonry. Still there are two points of view but we cannot realize why the old conflict with England should be dragged in by Indiana to buttress their position. It does not quite ring true and savours of exaggeration in our opinion. What do our readers think?

"There are times in the affairs of men when even patience ceases to be a virtue!

But while we remember these things, there are other things of which we must take heed. The mother must be just to her child! Shall we forget that through our ancestors we fought our Mother England for seven sanguinary years and conquered the boon of Independence? That afterwards the succeeding generation of our ancestors fought that same Mother for three years for the freedom of the seas? Shall we forget that we as a nation fought our Mother for ten years before we established a place in the sun?

A right to the integrity of their sovereignty was the life blood of our ancestors. We trust a right to our Masonic territorial integrity is correspondingly dear to us."

Kentucky finally and finely recognized the claims of Indiana and all is peaceful and concordant again.

Total cash receipts for the year \$558,445. Membership 63,267. Apparent loss 1,968. Suspensions 3,723.

The Necrology Committee report a long list of deaths, with here and there interspersed a poetic quotation such as:

"Sometime at eve, when the water is low,
I shall slip my moorings and sail away
Through purple shadows that darkly trail
O'er the ebbing tide of the unknown sea
O'er the unknown sea to the unknown shore."
"The grave itself is but a covered bridge
Leading from light to light, thro' a brief darkness."

A full and interesting programme was given by the children of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, both drama and music. \$100,000 was paid over for the purpose of the building Committee.

Poland, The Netherlands and Chili were recognized.

The permanent address of the Grand Secretary will now be in the Schubert Theatre Building, Louisville, and not at the Home.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky appears to be incorporated in Jefferson County. Does not this cripple creative Craftsmanship?

Charles J. Hamilton of Cornwall, represents Kentucky, and Fred. Acker represents Canada.

The Doings of other Grand Lodges are again in the virile and capable hands of P.G.M. William W. Clarke, Grand Correspondent.

He says under Alabama that the Grand Master granted 11 requests to confer Degrees out of time. Kentucky prohibits such dispensations.

Under Arizona he highly commends Grand Orator Malott's magnificent oration adding:

"Starting with the landmark that our common belief is the fatherhood of God, which carries with it as a necessary sequence a belief in the brotherhood of man, he developed his argument."

Under Canada 1927 he says that Grand Master Rowland's address is both able and interesting and his literature is of high order. He cites several extracts to justify his praise. He quotes with approval our standards of recognition and also the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address. He generously calls our review "able, exhaustive and scholarly."

This from Connecticut strikes him and us forcibly:

"Masonry cannot be modernized! The basic truths must be adhered to if we are to be the power for self and civic betterment which should characterize us."

Referring to Sunday picnics and their bad influence on the "profane" he says the reason is a good one but that he could have given a much better one, namely, that they violate one of the Ten Commandments."

This is interesting under California:

"It seems that the Grand Lodge of California sets aside a week, during which some phase of the questions affecting the Public Schools is brought to the attention of the members. This work he stresses.

From Manitoba review we quote this old but ever new gem of truth:

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfills Himself in many ways."

With praise well given, he quotes from the Grand Master of Nova Scotia "Brethren, we have in Masonry, a lever of power, which might reach out to every corner."

Virginia's Masonic Home (as all Homes do) receives unstinted praise and we quote:

"This magnificent Masonic undertaking," said he, "is growing from year to year and the dividends paid to our country, in the way of trained citizens who are the children of our deceased Brethren, is beyond computation in dollars."

More than 150 pages are devoted to an analysis of the affairs and of the inmates of the Widows' and Orphans' Home and Infirmary and the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky—the shrines of Kentucky's devotion.

LOUISIANA

Edwin F. Gayle, M. W. Grand Master.

The place was the Masonic Temple, New Orleans; the time was the 6th day of February 1928, and the Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Louisiana was the 117th in its history.

Of Past Grand Masters there were present 13—only one, who was advanced in years, was not in his place.

The Grand Representative of Canada, M. W. Bro. Prentiss B. Carter of Franklinton, was of course present. Louisiana's representative chez nous is our well-known brother H. C. Tugwell of Toronto.

The Grand Secretary, John A. Davilla—Masonic veteran—reported a total membership of all the Lodges of 35,191 with a net gain of 40 during 1927.

Grand Master Gayle made a very able and comprehensive address, in large part taken up with the work of the Board of Masonic Flood Relief and the Masonic Home for Children at Alexandria, but not neglecting other matters of importance in and out of the jurisdiction.

At the request of the Masons of New Orleans, the Grand Master attended a banquet given in that city in honour of Charles A. Lindbergh—a world-figure—on the 8th October, 1927, and presented to him a token of friend-

ship and regard from the Masons of New Orleans. It was a gold and platinum case suitable for enclosing membership cards, and bore a noble inscription:

"To Brother Charles Lindbergh, who exalted in purpose, fearless in execution, and modest in accomplishment, has in every detail of his well-ordered life exemplified Masonic ideals."

Grand Lodge was in session for three days. The number of Lodges represented was 219. One of the features of the first day was of course the presentation of distinguished visitors, one of whom was James H. Johnson, Grand Master of Mississippi, who, as his introducer, our representative, P.G.M. Prentiss B. Carter, said, "came with his big heart and his open hand to the relief of the stricken" by the great flood which devastated "our State and his State."

Grand Master H. D. Bowers of Arkansas was also introduced and in responding to an enthusiastic welcome said, among other notable things:

"Nineteen hundred years ago . . . there was enunciated all that is Masonry . . . 'All things whatsoever that men shall do unto you, do ye even so unto them.' This brethren, it seems to me, is all of Masonry."

The bearer of the dual office of Grand Chaplain and Grand Orator, Bro. Robert H. Harper, made an eloquent "oration," taking as his subject "The Murder of the Builder." "Does the drama of the ritual," he asks, "come nearer present reality than we suspect?"

Fullerton Lodge surrendered its charter and Grand Lodge accepted the surrender. The reason was succinctly given thus: "This being a milltown, and the mills having exhausted their supply of timber, the members have all moved away." This seems unanswerable.

The Grand Secretary is also the Correspondence Reviewer. He begins with a few thoughtful remarks:

"Summarizing this, our eighth review, we are constrained to express our appreciation of the privilege of examining these different proceedings and of noting the presented panorama of world-wide Masonic activities.

"As a whole, they present a record of general activity in the educational field. It is apparent that every effort is being made to bring about a better knowledge of the principles and customs of the Craft, so that the membership may know that we are really more interested in making better men than in gaining accessions to our rolls.

"In addition, it is evident that Masonry is fulfilling its mission of service, the majority of the Grand Lodges maintaining splendidly equipped and efficiently managed Homes for the aged and for orphans, others achieving the same purpose through the medium of Funds of Benevolence, the most recent display of the Masonic spirit being in the

funds contributed for the relief of Masonic sufferers from the Florida hurricane and the Mississippi floods, both of which were in addition to large amounts contributed to the Red Cross.

"In the present marvelous age, distances are eliminated and far away countries are brought into almost instant touch with each other. The news of the world is at our breakfast-table and we are informed of happenings that not many years since could not have reached us for weeks and months, and still many are wondering if general conditions are not worse than better in consequence.

"An altogether different conclusion is reached by perusal of the proceedings of our different Grand Bodies, and we are led to believe that we are being knitted together and that present-day achievements are tending to bring men and Nations closer and binding them into a group of universal brotherhood."

He then examines the proceedings of 67 Grand bodies with an accustomed pen and the reviewer's skill.

Canada, 1927, receives favourable notice.

We had almost overlooked a matter of some importance—the laying of the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple at Alexandria, Louisiana. It is to cost more than \$200,000. A notable feature was the presence of the Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, "who delivered an address, beautiful in composition and well-received".

The same lady, we read, spoke at an "open meeting" held in the Temple during the session of Grand Lodge. What she said may be a revelation to many old-fashioned Masons and there are many. We make a few extracts:

"In this marvellous Temple, on such a wonderful occasion as this, the Grand Master of Louisiana, recognizes our Order in this way, and asks your Worthy Grand Matron to say a few words. I first wish to thank him for this recognition,—as it is the first time in the history of our State that such an honour has been conferred upon our Order—and I am most happy that it has been my privilege to—at this time—have the pleasure to represent our Order before your Grand Lodge.

"The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest woman's fraternal organisation in the world, and the third largest of all fraternal organisations, with a membership of over two million, extending from the far North, where the scintillating rays of the Aurora Borealis send forth their mysterious light, to the South, all around the world, even into darkest Africa."

"We are co-workers with Freemasonry, and they are a great patriotic fraternity, not political, non-sectarian. Masonry throughout the world and the ages has stood for

the liberty of man, woman, and child. Masonry rocks the cradle, out of which stepped the leading men of the world and will ever continue to do so."

What is "recognition"—is this it?

We are always glad to know something of the lives of the Grand Rulers of the Craft, and in Louisiana the excellent plan of sketching the life of the in-coming Grand Master is adhered to.

James H. Rowland, who was elected to the highest office in Grand Lodge and duly installed at this meeting, was born and got his schooling in Missouri in 1866. He began his Masonic career in Shrewport, Louisiana, where he lives, and is apparently prosperous and highly regarded in the business-world, for we are told that he is on the directorate of financial institutions and a member of the School Board. His Masonic activities extend to nearly all branches—he is even a member and Past Patron of a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, which may perhaps be regarded in Louisiana (and elsewhere) as in some sense a "branch". The photograph accompanying the sketch presents a man of powerful physique and intellectual vigour.—E.B.B.

MAINE

M.W. Bro. David L. Wilson, Grand Master.

The 109th Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, Portland, on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd days of May, 1928.

The Grand Master had completed his second year of office, and delivered an excellent address.

Again our worthy Brother J. B. Way, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Canada, sent a letter of greeting. We note with pleasure that Canada's representative, Bro. James Abernethy was one of the 47 representatives of the Grand Lodges present. Six Past Grand Masters were present doing duty.

The total membership was stated to be 43,897, and the net gain for the year 146.

The Grand Master in his address said:

What we do as Masons out in our every day contacts with life, must be the final judgment of our worth. And it is so that humanity will judge us. To make ourselves feel, with increasing measure, the necessity of a practical demonstration of our ideals before all the world—this is our greatest problem.

This gives us a taste of the quality of the Grand Master.

The Committee on Returns, in making their annual report, gave credit to St. Andrew's Lodge, Bangor, for a remarkable growth:

The largest net gain by any lodge during the past year was St. Andrew's of Bangor, which has also shown the largest gain for six successive years. With a membership of 530 in 1923, this lodge reported 601 in 1924; 632 in 1925; 673 in 1926; 708 in 1927; and 735 this year. During the six years the lodge entertained 453 applications, of which 130, or more than 25 per cent., were rejected, showing well that with all its activity the lodge has carefully selected its candidates.

Bro. Ashley A. Smith is again the Correspondence Reviewer. He gives—a thing which we like and value—a “Foreword” to his report. The theme is “Masonic Institutionalism,” and the treatment is vigorous. We should like to quote the whole of it, but this will perhaps suffice:

For nearly twenty years we have read the enthusiastic accounts of the opening of these Masonic Institutions of various kinds, and somewhat carefully followed their development and growth through the years. Our observation has been something after this fashion: The corner stone is officially laid with great enthusiasm and most eloquent orations by eminent brethren, the next morning, in session of the Grand Lodge, the Finance or Ways and Means Committee, brings in its recommendation for a large per capita tax to support the Institution, and each initiate is mulcted a fixed sum for the same purpose. Under this process enthusiasm wanes a little but the burden is borne on the whole rather cheerfully. Next year the New Home is formally opened, enthusiasm waxes again, only to wane somewhat the next day when it is discovered that last year's per capita is not sufficient and that increased taxation must be endured. In a few years more comes the crying need for expansion, a hospital or at least an infirmary annex must be supplied, taxation per capita again. By-and-By some earnest and eloquent brother advocates a Children's or Orphans' Home—enthusiasm again, but rather chastened from the former years' increased per capita of course, and so the accelerated and too often staggering process goes forward. Whether such Institutionalized Masonry was ever contemplated by the original plan of Masonry may be seriously questioned, and it may well be that in the onward years this may be the rock upon which the Order may founder in these engulfing and well-nigh suffocating seas of taxation and accelerated financial burdens. The Idea creates the institution but in the end the Institution smothers (suffocates) the Idea.

Maine, on the whole remains satisfied with its own way of providing for its own and will read again the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 30-37).

Our Grand Lodge is in the same boat with Maine; and a majority of our members may possibly agree with Bro. Smith of Maine.

Another Bro. Smith, with a prefix and a hyphen, receives unstinted praise from his co-reviewer. Under "British Columbia, 1927" we find these words:

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is over the familiar and honoured signature of W. Brother W. A. DeWolfe-Smith, who has written this excellent report for many years. It is always read the first of anything in these annual proceedings. We see almost eye to eye with him in Masonic matters, and never read it without gaining some vital Masonic information and getting a new angle of vision on some disputed Masonic problem or issue. Conservative in the best sense and a bit satirical and ironic about many things that pass for Masonry in many Jurisdictions, we like Brother DeWolf-Smith's style both of Masonic thought and expression.

Coming to Canada, the reviewer has nothing but praise for us and our thoughts, words, and action. With fervour he writes: "To sit into the long midnight with Brother Ponton's report is a kind of hallowing communion.

Brother Ponton would not himself be guilty of quoting these words. This report on "Maine" is the work of another hand.—E.B.B.

MANITOBA

M. W. Bro. Jabez Miller, of Winnipeg, Grand Master.

The 53rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in the Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, on the 13th June, 1928, and the Brethren continued in session upon that and the following day.

The Deputy Grand Master, Murdo A. Whimster, of Hamiota, was, at the conclusion of the session, elected and installed as Grand Master for 1928-29.

Among the distinguished visitors was M. W. Bro. John S. Martin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario). At the second day's session, it is recorded, he "delivered an interesting and inspiring address."

Grand Master Miller's deliverance was notable and inspiring also. From it we quote:

I would remind you, my brethren, that we are here not merely for the purpose of review, not to congratulate ourselves on the accomplishments of the past. It is our business to ascertain whether Masonry, by our individual and united efforts, has made as fine a contribution to the moral and spiritual betterment of our time as we all appreciate it is eminently capable of making. It is our duty to study and formulate plans for the future, to gain and to give instruction, to endeavour to know and understand each other better, and to endeavour to reach fair and wise decisions on the questions of serious import which will be

presented for our consideration. I ask for your thoughtful, serious, and kindly consideration to the entire business of the session, to the end that Masonry in this Jurisdiction may maintain the high ideals and traditions of the past and go forward to greater accomplishments in the future.

The death of M. W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre, P.G.M., on the 15th February, 1928, was deeply felt by his successor and by Grand Lodge. "Masonry in Manitoba", it was said, "has lost one of its most distinguished leaders, one of its best beloved members. He was a man of rare charm of manner, of magnetic personality, a devout Christian gentleman."

As to the "Condition of the Craft" the Grand Master said:

From personal observations at the district meetings; from visits to more than thirty of the constituent Lodges; from interviews and correspondence had with individual members from various sections of the Province—I feel fully justified in assuring Grand Lodge that Masonry, on what I may term its physical or business side, is in a healthy and satisfactory condition. It is true that we have not been showing the marked numerical increase in our membership, so noticeable for two or three years after the close of the great war; but this is, I think, mainly due to the gradual waning of the very keen desire for comradeship engendered by war experiences, and also very largely to the financial stringency which our Province, in common with all of Canada, has experienced in our period of readjustment. However, many good men and true are constantly seeking admission, and I cannot but feel that we are on the eve of much greater expansion.

The Committee on Benevolence adopted a wise policy. In their report they say:

Your committee, in all its dispensations, has been moved to consider the worthiness of all those requiring help, rather than the cost: and, in addition to helping financially, has endeavoured to help the beneficiary to reconstruct his or her worldly affairs, so that in time, material help would be unnecessary.

Grand Secretary Ovas (Manitoba's G.O.M.) reported the total membership of the 103 chartered Lodges on the 31st December, 1927, as 11,875—a gain of 128 during 1927.

The Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. George W. Findlay, delivered an exceedingly good address—we are glad that it is not called an "oration."

Bro. Frederick Cook, of Ottawa, is Manitoba's representative near our Grand Lodge, and our representative in Manitoba is Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. C. Walker Reid.

A motion to amend the constitution by abolishing dual membership in the constituent lodges was declared lost.

Bro. James S. MacEwing presented his Fifth review of Fraternal Correspondence. He prefaces the report with what he terms "A Melange," in which he explains that he asked the representatives in Manitoba of other Grand Lodges to write the reviews. Some of them did, but most of them did not. It is probable that many are not "literary gents," even in an ordinary way, and their modesty would prevent them from setting pen to paper in this responsible way.

Bro. MacEwing shrewdly observes:

It may be accepted as a truism that while Freemasonry preaches democracy it practices autocracy. We claim to meet upon the level; yet did you ever hear of one of those Grand Masters which occasionally 'make a Mason at sight, "conferring this presumable honour upon a mere working-man? The only recollections I have were from worldly rank to financial rating."

The reviews are excellent. That of our Grand Lodge, written by the aforesaid Past Grand Master Walker Reid, reflects credit upon him and does full justice to our body. Greetings!—E.B.B.

MARYLAND

Warren S. Seipp, M. W. Grand Master.

The Trustees of the Masonic Home occupy the whole front page of the Proceedings and give a form for bequests and devises, asking to be remembered by generous Brethren for this worthy cause.

The semi-annual Communication was held in Baltimore, May 8, 1928.

Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Grand Master and the dignified introduction of the Grand Master is thus described:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Warren S. Seipp, accompanied by the Right Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer, was escorted into the Grand Lodge. His entrance was proclaimed by the Right Worshipful Grand Marshal, the Grand Honours were given, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master was conducted to the East.

Membership 33,590. Net gain 355.

Maryland is trying out a new experiment requiring all Masons to present their receipt for payment of dues before entering the Lodges but they proceeded, the Grand Master says, slowly but surely:

We personally asked the Masters not to be too severe in enforcing the showing of dues cards by the members of

his own Lodge. This will in a very short while work out satisfactorily.

\$22,000 for the Home has been turned into the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master thinks that some change and additional information is to be desired regarding applicants for initiation.

The Committee on Foreign Relations report:

From the Grand Orient of Portugal.

From the Grand Lodge of Chili.

From the National Grand Lodge of Santa Domingo.

Your Committee is convinced that none of these organizations meet the standards of regularity expected by this Grand Lodge in organizations professing to be independent and supreme Grand Lodges of recognized Masonic lineage and your Committee therefore recommends that these requests be declined.

As it is impossible to decide upon the merits of the controversy, your Committee recommends that recognition be withdrawn from the National Grand Lodge of Egypt and its name dropped from the list of Correspondents.

This from the Grand Lecturer's report is interesting:

There is a marked improvement in the Catechism, as is now being taught, and the lodges are striving to bring this work up to the standard.

The Annual Communication was held in Baltimore, November 20, 1928.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.

Delaware and New Jersey sent distinguished guests, who were duly honoured.

The Grand Lecturer's report was again full of interest:

Some Senior Wardens still lag in preparing themselves for the East, this applies to the County lodges. We are trying to show them the necessity and importance of being prepared.

The Schools of Instruction in Baltimore City continue their valuable work in preparing Wardens for the East and helpfulness to all members who attend these Schools. More than 1400 officers and members have attended these Schools the last twelve months, an average of 21 at each meeting.

The Library Committee submitted a suggestive and encouraging review of their work:

To the series of Masoniscope lectures that are available for the use of the lodges, has recently been added the lecture on "The Cathedrals". Lodges are urged to make use of these illustrated lectures.

Attention is called to the fact that upon request, the Library Committee will gladly furnish to Lodges without

cost, copies of Newton's Vest Pocket History of Masonry, for presentation to the newly raised brethren.

For those Masters or Lodge members who from time to time talk to Lodges on Masonic subjects we are preparing a clipping folder which is available in the Library for those interested. Clippings are taken from magazines and filed under the subjects to which they refer, so as to provide a ready reference in the preparation of a Masonic talk.

Grand Master Seipp touches on his Craft stewardship with an experienced hand:

Information has been frequently requested, and those in charge of the government of the Craft have been putting their best efforts into their work. This cannot help but result in increased efficiency and a better understanding of our purposes and ideals.

We cannot resist reproducing in full his buoyant and graphic account of the husking bee called and conducted on behalf of the Home:

On November 12, 1928 we had a Husking Party, and while this may not be of general interest, I mention it here to show our friends what co-operation will do. We had 70 acres of corn that needed husking and we thought it would be a wonderful thing if we could get at least one hundred men to go into the field and give us a day's work for the cause. Our plans were made; the idea met with such favor that it passed very rapidly our conception of a husking party and developed into a real gathering of fraternal spirits; the husking was a secondary consideration. Twelve hundred and twenty men were in the field that day and in three hours the husking was over. Not having a crib large enough to hold the quantity of corn we expected, the preceding week we built a double crib to hold 400 barrels, and this with the space at our disposal housed the crop of 600 barrels. Notwithstanding the snow in the early morning, the men worked with a will; made their own fun, chased the rabbits, enjoyed the barbecue, secured their prizes, were paid their penny, which was especially struck for the occasion, movies were made, and they went home in the early afternoon, having had one of the happiest days of their experience. The Lodge that won the prize for being first on the grounds in the morning had 21 men in the field at 1:30 A.M. They husked by lantern and flash-light.

It may also be of interest to know that quite a number of ears of corn were sold for \$1.00 a piece as souvenirs; one red ear brought \$10.00, was resold for \$5.00 and then one grain from this same ear brought another \$10.00.

Of the due cards and Secretaries he says:

"The legislation enacted by the Grand Lodge concerning dues cards has proved a most effective instrument

in clearing our ledgers and we are of the firm opinion that within the next two years there will not be a man in the State of Maryland who will be in arrears for dues.

A Secretary is a most efficient instrument for good. He can also be a very lax official and do a great deal of harm, and many times arrearages may be traced to him and his laxity rather than any wilful neglect on the part of the membership."

There is no report on Correspondence owing to the feeble health condition of Rev. Bro. Henry Branch, Grand Chaplain, now 85 years of age. We regret indeed to hear of the illness of our venerable colleague.

M. W. Bro. Seipp was re-elected Grand Master.

John Hiltz represents Canada and "Maryland, my Maryland" is worthily represented by M. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K. C., P.G.M.

MASSACHUSETTS

Frank L. Simpsyn, M.W. Grand Master.

Frederick W. Hamilton, R.W. Grand Secretary.

Many special Communications were held for dedications and laying cornerstones and at several of these addresses were made from which we make larger excerpts than from those which were delivered during the regular Communication on account of their being out of the usual course and of their merit in reference to subject matters in which all Masons are interested and on which there has not been much literature published.

Here is a dedication of a Masonic Temple at Dedham, at which the Deputy Grand Master, Otis C. White delivered an address. The following paragraphs will illustrate his instructive and deductive style:

It is eminently fitting and proper that these ceremonies should take this ancient form of expression, for the purposes to which we have so solemnly consecrated this edifice are as old as the records of civilized man.

Masonry illustrates its teachings by symbols and "The Temple" is the all-embracing symbol of our faith. "There's nothing ill can dwell in such a temple; if the spirit have so fair a house good things will dwell within it."

The degree of success which will be attained by your enterprise will be measured by your future conduct.

Masonry rests upon Divine law.

Emphasize the virtue of "Toleration." There is no room for bigotry in Masonry. To quote the wise philosophers—"There is only one religion, though a hundred versions of it. " "The humble, meek, merciful, just, pious, and devout souls are everywhere of one religion;

and when death has taken off the mask they will know one another, though the diverse liveries they wore here made them strangers.

For of such fibre are patriots made.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held March, 14, 1928. The Grand Masters of New York, of New Jersey and Randell of Texas, were distinguished guests.

The Grand Master spoke enthusiastically of his visit to the Canal Zone:

Words are inadequate to express either my appreciation or my admiration of the Masonry and of the courtesy of the brethren of the Canal Zone District.

He does not approve of a penalty to suspend for a definite period of time, and recommended that a brother suspended for two years be expelled.

Massachusetts has adopted the principle of exchanging representatives.

Several legacies to the Home are acknowledged. One devise was of attractive land which was found not suitable for the new Home yet very valuable, and on an application to the Supreme Judicial Court judgment was given decreeing that the particular purpose specified in the will was subordinate to the dominant purpose, and that the devise was good, and was referred by the Court to a Commissioner and to Grand Lodge for the purpose of recommending a means of carrying out the evident intention. Such a plan was subsequently submitted to the Court and approved.

M.W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson proposed this resolution and supported it in his usual thorough manner. We give the resolution and one of his comments:

The Grand Master may appoint and commission representatives of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges, and may receive representatives appointed by other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge.

In human affairs the conventions of courtesy are established by the polite usages of the many.

A study of the records reveals a very curious situation which is thus spoken of by the Committee:

There is no record of formal exchange of recognition with England, Scotland, Ireland, or several other Grand Lodges with which it has for many years been in most cordial fraternal relations.

Canada is not included and a special paragraph is given:

In the case of Ontario, to which recognition was refused in 1883, the conditions leading to refusal have long since ceased to exist and we have for years been in close fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Canada for Ontario.

The resolution passed now includes all Jurisdictions not heretofore formally recognized.

Then follows a learned and interesting discussion on the so-called Chinese Grand Lodge by W. Bro. Pettus who long resided in China.

The following paragraphs will be found interesting:

A closer study, of the organization has shown that it has no historic connections with the Free and Accepted Order of Masons of Europe and America, but that it originated in China in the seventeenth century with a group of militant Buddhist priests who aided the Manchu Imperial House. It has begun charitable and relief work for the benefit of members.

But all well-informed Masons know that in many parts of the world the freedom of to-day is the fruit of the work of Masonic Lodges in the past.

The Legend of the Third Degree is lacking, though their legend tells of Faithfulness unto Death on the part of both men and women.

Two Henry Price medals were presented. This Reviewer is very proud to be the possessor of this distinguished honour.

Prouty Lodge at Auburn was constituted and the Grand Master devoted himself to a searching study of the very vital topic of many small lodges as against few and large ones. Nowhere have we read such an exhaustive treatise and so worthy of consideration by all our readers. We therefore make the following copious extracts:

Especially am I impelled to this course by the conviction which I have long entertained that ideas and attitudes touching the size of lodges have been developing within our jurisdiction during recent years which are not only inconsistent with our traditions, and incompatible with the purposes of our Fraternity, but menacing to its future prosperity and effectiveness. A careful survey not only of recent conditions but of customs and ideas which prevailed among our ancestors, has satisfied me that we have experienced during the last few decades a condition of growth which is unhealthy and which, if not restrained, threatens not only to change the foundations of our Craft but to divert it from its proper purposes and objectives. The condition to which I refer is that the number of our lodges has not increased in the proper ratio to the increase in our membership, and that we have experienced a growth in size of some of our lodges which has rendered it practically impossible for them properly to perform the true functions of a Masonic lodge.

The fundamental purpose of our Institution is to train its members; its main objective is to teach.

Our law requires regular attendance upon our Stated Communications in order that through contact with our ceremonies the idealism of the Craft may become the habitual thinking of its adherents. It is not the function of Freemasonry to gather within its folds great numbers nor to accomplish objects of benevolence through institutional enterprise administering huge foundations.

Initiation may entitle a brother to the privileges of the Institution; but it does not make the Mason. The possession of the telescope does not make the astronomer. He must study his science. Obviously this cannot be done in lodges whose membership is so large that only a fraction of the members can attend.

I am aware that there are those who clamor that Masonry should get "up-to-date". The cry is an old one, and I feel constrained to say that it is generally the cry of those who have given little thought and less study to what Freemasonry is and what its objects and purposes are. The cry really means that Freemasonry should cease to be Freemasonry and become something else.

The ideals and philosophy of Freemasonry are up-to-date. The truths it seeks to inculcate are not and never can be out of date. It may be admitted that they are old; so is the law of gravitation;—so is the Bible.

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." When this truth becomes out of date, it will be time to revise and recast the ancient and traditional customs and practices of our Fraternity—and not until that time.

In the light of these facts and of the further facts that there are lodges with a membership of less than 200 in some of the largest cities of the Commonwealth, that there are lodges of such membership in large cities which did not in 1927 initiate six candidates, and that these lodges are apparently flourishing both Masonically and financially, there appears to be no basis for the contention that a lodge needs to have a large number of members or a large number of candidates in order to be a successful Masonic lodge. Indeed, the reverse is the truth.

Success as a Masonic Lodge cannot be gauged by the length of its membership roll nor by the size of its accumulated funds. "The beauty of our ritual, and the good fellowship among the members of our lodges, cannot be conserved when the chief aim is to make Masons and money; "for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth."

These statistics which show the greatest research are valuable. In 1920 the average size of lodges in Massachusetts was 317. In 1916, 412.

In 1920 there were 58 lodges with membership of over 500, in 1926 there were 94 lodges of over 500. In 1926 in

England the average was 70 members per lodge, in Scotland 79 members per lodge, in Ireland 100 members per lodge, in the Dominion of Canada, 142 members per lodge. In all the United States 190 per lodge.

At the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Mechanics Lodge the G.M. said:

After reading over what I have written, I believe that the fact which impresses me most and should be an inspiration to all members old and new, is that the founders of our lodge and the Masters who have presided over the meetings for fifty years, have been the leading men of the community—men who occupied important positions in their every day life, yet found time to devote to their duties in the lodge.

The ceremony of the dedication of a Masonic Hospital at Shrewsbury (the gift of a lady) was a most striking one. Part of the function is thus described:

At the libation of corn the Grand Master said:

"In the name of the Great Jeovah, to whom be all honor and glory, I do solemnly dedicate this building, Juniper Hall, to Freemasonry. "

At the libation of wine the Grand Master said:

"In the name of the holy Saints John, I do solemnly dedicate this building to the relief of suffering."

At the libation of oil the Grand Master said:

"In the name of the whole Fraternity, I do solemnly dedicate this building to universal benevolence."

For those who shall here be cheered and heartened by beautiful surroundings, we tender to her, sincere gratitude. For ourselves who shall be inspired by her example of benevolent liberality and stimulated to a renewed expression and interpretation of our profession of charity, we thank her with full hearts.

Ah! nothing than this is more knightly or noble;
To help and to heal the sad spirit in trouble;
Clean hearted within and kind hearted to others
Is this not the seal of true knighthood my brothers!

To soothe the unhappy, to compassionate their misery, to sympathize with their misfortunes and to restore peace to troubled minds, has been the grand aim it has had in view.

During the whole mediaeval period, the church was the only channel of charity on a large scale. The State assumed no responsibility, nor was there any general conception of obligation on the part of the individual member of society.

The trade guilds of the Middle Ages, from which undoubtedly sprang our early Operative Masonry, always cared for their members and made regular collections for that purpose.

Quarterly Communication was held June 13, 1928. Another legacy of \$3000 and one of \$1000 for the Masonic Home were reported.

Egypt and Roumania asked for recognition but it was decided to wait for the return of R.W. Ossian Lang of New York, who was making investigations in Europe.

At the laying of the cornerstone of the new Temple at Newburyport, Deputy Grand Master Otis C. White delivered another striking address from which we quote:

Just how remote in the mists of antiquity rests the origin of the custom of laying cornerstones with attendant ceremonies no man knows. There is evidence from which we may conjecture that it is almost, if not quite as old as recorded history itself. We have reason to surmise that the custom may have originated when man first began to erect his shelters and edifices on firm and enduring foundations. There is an existing record of such a ceremony participated in by King Thotmes III. about 1600 years before Christ. An excavation in 1853 disclosed a cornerstone, enclosing a box and contents with an inscription showing it to have been laid by King Sargon of Assyria, some 800 years before Christ. We thus have actual proof of the great antiquity of the custom of laying cornerstones.

Precedent for the ceremonials goes back to the time of King Henry the Seventh, who presided as Grand Master, on June 24, 1502, in the laying of the foundation stone of the Chapel bearing his name at the east end of Westminster Abbey.

Masonry has no room for the bigot. So high, indeed, are its ideals, that their full attainment is beyond the hope of any man. Yet, what manner of man is he who has no ideals, no concept of righteousness towards which he can, at least, endeavor to shape his course through life? Even though the man with ideals, through the frailty of human kind, does frequently err and stray, the urge towards better things still remains. God help the man who has no ideals!

You are building upon a public thoroughfare, in the heart of a busy community, an edifice to be dedicated to instruction in Masonic ideals, and you are proclaiming thereby your devotion to those ideals. Be you, therefore, diligent in your thoughts, words, and actions.

Quarterly Communication was held September 12, 1928

Masonic conditions in China are unsettled as will appear from the following reference by the Grand Master.

At the time of the capture of Nanking by the Nationalist forces in the latter part of March, 1927, Chin Ling Lodge was dispersed, the meeting place of the lodge was seized and looted of its contents, and the lodge lost all its property.

The District Grand Master states: "The brethren composing the lodge are scattered in all directions; some are no longer in China, and very few of them will go back to Nanking even if Chin Ling Lodge resumed its activities there. Moreover, the Lodge has no Charter, records, regalia, or property of any kind—all has been destroyed."

I recommend that the Charter of Chin Ling Lodge be vacated and recalled, and that, if it shall appear that the Charter is not destroyed, it be returned to Grand Lodge if and when recovered.

Essex Lodge having dropped its old Charter for ten years, was restored to its precedence as of March 10, 1779. This makes us realize what Masonry in Massachusetts meant in the formative days, and really an injustice is done to our own Canada in the matter of age as outside Jurisdictions do not credit us with organization and work long before the technical formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Roumania and Egypt were at this meeting finally declined recognition owing to the "complicated and turbid situation".

At the dedication of a Temple at old Plymouth, Deputy Grand Master White said among other good things:

We do not lose sight of the importance to our institution of the "operative". Indeed the two kinds are still closely related and inter-dependent. In fact they ever will be, for Speculative Masonry owes its inception to the Guilds of the operative Masons. The tools and implements of architecture to which we, as Speculative Masons, have given symbolic meanings to imprint on the memory-wise and serious truths, are still in use by the operative masons of to-day.

The "practical" Mason—do not confuse the term with "operative"—is the brother who seriously endeavors to put into actual practice in his daily life the great moral teachings he has received in the lodge room, whereas the "indifferent" Mason is the brother who—unfortunately for himself—hears but does not comprehend, sees but does not perceive.

The cornerstone of Juniper Hall at Shrewsbury was a fine function and is well illustrated. Of the benefactor Bro. Whittall born at Kidderminster, England, who provided the funds, it is said that he was:

A public spirited citizen;
A servant of God and a lover of his fellow men:
A true man and Mason;
Beloved and respected by all who knew him;
A man for whose life the world is richer.

An original poem was composed for the occasion of which one verse reads:

Rest for the weary from their ill,
Rest for the hopeless one,
Courage and strength and love and skill
To stay their setting sun.

The cornerstone of a Temple at Hingham was laid, D.G.M. White again presiding and furnishing food for thought in the following:

Its aims and purposes are simple and straightforward. It simply seeks to do good upon this earth, to train men that they may be broader in their conceptions of the rights of others, that they may be more tolerant of those who may not always be in agreement. It strives to make better neighbors, better citizens.

"Good beginnings make good endings" and "the reward of a thing well done is to have done it."

Build to-day, then, strong and sure,
With a firm and ample base;
And ascending and secure
Shall to-morrow find its place.

Quarterly Communication was held December 12, 1928. The Executive heads of collateral Masonic Bodies were present, each rising and bowing his acknowledgment as his name was called. Leon M. Abbott, Scottish Rite, Clarence E. Burleigh, Knights Templar, Olin D. Dickerman, R. and S. Masons, Winthrop J. Cushing, Grand Chapter and F. W. Hamilton, Scottish Rite.

Membership 124,361. Gain 940.

The Masonic Service Association was highly praised and its good work has amply justified its existence.

Of Chile it is said:

The business conditions in Chile, especially the adverse rates of exchange, have made it difficult for our lodges to do more than hold their own, but they have been carrying on with their usual loyalty and persistency.

China's distressing political conditions are reported to have continued, but the lodges in Shanghai have now a Temple of their own which is illustrated.

\$10,000 was set aside for emergency relief.

Again taking up the subject of the downward trend of attendance, and his advocacy of small lodges, the Grand Master utters this pronouncement which will appeal to all:

This does not mean that I desire to exclude any good man who seeks Freemasonry on the terms which he is required to declare outside the door. It means simply that if he is accepted he should be received into a lodge in which he can find that fellowship, that opportunity to acquire knowledge and to be of service to his fellow men, which he must aver as the compelling motive of his application. That he is entitled to be thus received seems to me

to be his simple right and that he shall thus be received is demanded of our Institution by the plainest dictates of good faith.

These objectives cannot be accomplished by men acting en masse.

The problems of our modern times have not lessened the need for brotherliness, charity, truth, justice, and forbearance. They have but intensified the need of them.

Sentences heretofore passed by Grand Lodge and subsequently found to have been incorrect, were annulled and five brethren were relieved thereby.

The newly installed Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Dean was saluted with the private Grand Honours of Masonry after installation.

He then rose and reverently made the ancient response:

May the Grand Architect of the Universe pour down his blessings on this Society, and enable us to discharge the great trust reposed in us to the honor of His name and of the Royal Art, and may there never be wanting such to fill the Chair who shall promote Masonry and the good of mankind so long as the world endureth. Amen.

After the proclamation by the Grand Marshall, Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment to attend the Grand Feast, the introduction of which is thus described:

The Menu of the Feast bore a reproduction of the architect's drawing of Juniper Hall as it will appear when the addition now under construction shall have been completed.

After the first course had been served the Grand Master called the Craft to order and proceeded with the four regular toasts as follows:

To the Memory of the Holy Saints John.

To the Memory of our Illustrious Brother George Washington.

To the Memory of our Departed Brethren

To all the Fraternity Wheresoever Dispersed upon the Face of the Earth.

The toasts were duly honored by the brethren, all standing.

After a selection by the quartette, the after-dinner exercises were opened by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Herbert W. Dean.

We have already devoted to Massachusetts far more than the usual space but this volume of Proceedings is a compendium of Masonry, a cornucopia running over.

Speeches at the banquet are in every way satisfying the Grand Master said:

The greatest waste in life is the opportunity for service that we missed; the sympathy that we did not give; the words of commendation that we withheld.

He then introduced his son in the following words in a dramatic scene:

There is one guest whom we have here tonight whom I think perhaps you would like to see. He may not be as distinguished as some who sit at the head table, but he occupies a position of honor in my heart. He is just as good a son as he was a Candle Bearer this afternoon, and I want to present to you the Worshipful Master of my own lodge, my son, Worshipful James B. Dean. (Applause).

The Past Grand Masters of Massachusetts were all then gracefully called upon and thus introduced.

Each Grand Master has added something constructive. Each has paved the way for the next step, for the man who followed him.

And first the veteran Dana J. Flanders, the last of the Old Guard, then the able lawyer and experienced Mason, Melvin M. Johnson, from whose closely reasoned speech we note that in his opinion, as in the opinion of others, Roscoe Pound of the Law School of Harvard University, is probably the most erudite Masonic scholar in the world. Brother Johnson's conclusion is in every way worthy:

So the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge unitedly pledge to the Grand Master of today their unselfish, altruistic, devoted service. He may count on them in every way in which they may be of service. They will be as much of a stay and support to him as he cares to have them be. They wish him well. They say, "Do not look to the past, except so far as you find information and inspiration in it. Look to to-day". Indeed, as the ancient Arab said, we now say, "Let us look to this day for its life, the very life of life. Within its brief span lie all the verities and realities of our existence; the bliss of growth, the glory of action, the splendor of beauty. For yesterday is already a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision. But each to-day well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every to-morrow a vision of hope."

In that spirit, let us join with the Grand Master of now and look well to to-day. Such, to him, is our salutation.

Then followed Leon M. Abbott known the world over, who thus finishes his address:

Just one serious word and about the only one I shall speak. Past Grand Masters look back upon their service with gratitude and pleasure. We treasure the friends we have made in these contacts. It brings a flood of pleasant memories to clasp hands again with those with whom we worked in active days. As the years go by, these experiences grow more precious as they diminish in number. What we need, what we ask for is

The touch of human hands:
 That is the boon we ask
 For, groping day by day
 Along the stony way,
 We need the comrade heart
 That understands,
 And the warmth, the living warmth
 Of human hands.

Then our own personal friend who visited us twice in Canada, Dudley H. Ferrell, who gave a fine and characteristic address.

M.W. Bro. Simpson, the scholarly retiring Grand Master ably introduced M.W. Bro. Cruse of New Jersey, whose address was a gem:

I do not intend to tell stories—that is, many of them. I doubt the wisdom. It is a dangerous thing. You remember the old saw to the effect that when you tell a story to an Englishman, out of politeness he laughs thrice; first, when you tell it to him; second when you explain it to him, and then he laughs a third time when he understands it. When you tell a story to a German he laughs twice, out of politeness; first when you tell it to him and again when you explain it to him, but he never understands it. When you tell a story to an American, he laughs not at all, because he has heard the old chestnut six or seven times before. (Laughter.)

I believe that St. John the Baptist is a patron saint of Freemasonry, because in a time when the light of faith had died out, he came clad in camel's hair, like the voice of one crying in the wilderness. "Level down the mountains; fill up the valleys; make the crooked ways straight, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand." He was the grandest martyr to a deathless faith.

I believe that St. John the Evangelist is a Patron Saint of Freemasonry, because in a day of darkness and cruelty, when the law was "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" and every man's hand seemed to be against the other man, he set the silver trumpet to his lips, and proclaimed to the world the gospel of an infinite love—and the first principal tenet of Freemasonry is brotherly love.

The whole Proceedings of Massachusetts are intellectually and spiritually a great feast.

MICHIGAN

George W. Graves, M. W. Grand Master, 1927-1928.

The 84th Annual Communication was held in Detroit on the 22nd and 23rd May, 1928.

The volume of proceedings is a thick one. Dominie Sampson would have called it "prodeegious," had he lived to

see it. The arrangement of its contents is excellent, and there is an index in its proper place at the end of the volume. Many of the addresses are reported verbatim and printed in the book, and there are some special features.

The total number of chartered lodges on the 1st January, 1928, was 497, the total membership on that date 150,650, and the net gain was 1,432.

Canada's representative, P.G.M. Robert P. Anderson was present, and appropriately introduced our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John S. Martin. Bro. William N. Gatfield, of Sandwich, represents Michigan, near our Grand Lodge.

A speaking portrait of Grand Master Graves prefaces his address—called a “message”—a most comprehensive and businesslike deliverance. The key-note may be found in these words:

You will find no eloquence in this message to you, my brethren, rather would I wish that you find a devotion to you as my friends and brothers, whom I love as one man loves another, and whom I admire as Master Masons. I should like these thoughts to possess the sincerity and the deep satisfying glow of undemonstrative affection that seems to be peculiar to enduring friendship between men.

It is my intention to bring to you such matters as I feel should receive your consideration. The purpose of this meeting is principally for the conducting of such business as may come before it, where no trivial matter should conserve the time, for the hours are precious and there is much to do and say.

The Grand Secretary's, Grand Treasurer's and Grand Lecturer's Reports are also strictly business documents.

The Michigan Masonic Home is at Alma and is a flourishing institution. It houses 43 women and 75 men.

One of the special features was “a State-wide Masonic oratorical contest” and the presentation to the two winners of prizes, the subject of one oration being “The Apron” and of the other “Masonry in the Church”. Both the winners were clergymen.

The Grand Secretary, Lou B. Winsor, P.G.M., was presented at this meeting with a memento upon the celebration of the “25th Anniversary of his birthday of service as Grand Secretary.” He made a feeling reply, confessing that he has “a vast amount of sentiment” in his “old heart,” and that his greatest ambition was so to live that he might continue in the respect and esteem of his brethren.

William H. Gallagher, R. W. Grand Chaplain and Committee on Correspondence, submits his fifth annual report, dealing with the sayings and doings of 69 Grand Lodges. In his opening he says that to review the proceedings of the

Grand Lodges of the world is a delightful task (so say we all) and he is glad that "the duties of our highly esteemed and wonderfully efficient Grand Secretary compelled him to relinquish this pleasant duty and that the duty was assigned to me."

He is greatly distressed at the large number of members suspended for non-payment of dues—a computation made by him shews upwards of 45,000 suspensions in one year! In the same period, however, 12,943 were re-instated. Speaking of the suspended he says:

Upwards of 45,000! When these Brethren were admitted to the portals of Masonry, would it not have been easy to ascertain their financial resources and liabilities, in the light of their duty to their families and the commercial world? Would they have been admitted, if investigating committees had done their work thoroughly? Are the secretaries of Lodges, to a large or small degree, responsible for these delinquencies?

He also discourses wisely of the value of these correspondence reports. "A careful perusal or diligent study of the correspondence report is a splendid method of becoming a well-informed Mason. Try it!"

Accusing himself of being somewhat prolix in his reports, he excuses himself by pleading that he must not doubt the veracity of some of his fellow-correspondents who say that they derive pleasure from reading them. That pleasure is shared by us. He is a most competent Masonic writer, and was editor of "The Mosaic" for 9 years.

In his review of "Canada, 1927," Bro. Gallagher lets himself go—his enthusiasm is unbounded and he expresses fervent admiration for our reports and indeed all our proceedings. He was present himself at our meeting in Guelph in 1927.

The Grand Master of Michigan for 1928-1929 is M. W. Bro. F. Homer Newton. He is brought before our eyes by a portrait and an illuminating biography, which opens with these words:

The purple mantle of the Masonic Fraternity descends to the seventy-eighth Grand Master of Masons in Michigan and rests upon the shoulders of a vigorous Masonic executive; a man—able—kind—forceful and successful; a Mason rich in the honors conferred upon him, yet Masonry richer by far for the more than a quarter of a century of service he has bestowed upon it: a Brother who has risen to the top rung of the ladder with the graciousness of a simple philosophy and the happy desire to be "a friend of man."

He was born in 1878 in Oakland county, Michigan, near Pontiac. He spent his early youth upon his father's

farm. He is engaged in the manufacture of fine lettering pens, ink, etc., at Pontiac, which has always been his home.

For more than a quarter of a century he has been identified actively with Pontiac Masonry, and his rise to the office of Grand Master brings to the head of the order in Michigan a Mason, seasoned in service—a Grand Master with well-defined ideas of practical plans and programmes for Masonic Service, Education, and Advancement.—E.B.B.

MINNESOTA

William R. Smith (Benson), M. W. Grand Master.

The proceedings of the 75th Annual Communication held at Saint Paul on the 18th and 19th January, 1928, were of an interesting character, largely because of the stage reached in the establishment of a Masonic Home. The Grand Master in his address said that the buildings had been completed and opened for the reception and care of those who were entitled to admission. The Home had been equipped to care for over 100 guests, and the foundation laid for expansion in the future as necessity may require. And in the report of the President of the Home we find this passage:

We now have 316 acres of land; the new Guest Lodge, completed and furnished, with accommodations for 116 residents; a service dining room and kitchen equipped to care for double that number; a power-house and heating plant capable of serving yet other buildings; a commodious and well equipped farmstead, but lacking in barn facilities; 70 head of stock; 200 units of poultry; an ample supply of feed and vegetables; farm machinery and equipment in good repairs; a permanently adequate sewer system and deep well, with a plentiful supply of cold water of excellent quality piped throughout both the new and the farm buildings; roads laid out and the grounds partly graded—all in addition to the valuable old building which is available for some useful purpose. All of these departments are so organised and co-ordinated as to be effectively, economically and efficiently operated under the direction of a single head—the Superintendent, who keeps a record of what each unit accomplishes every day in every year, thus providing records for comparisons of value and rounding out a completely organised and highly efficient 'Going Concern,' thus giving the Home an actual operating value far above the monetary value. The total monetary value of this property is more than \$1,250,000, and it all belongs to the Masons of Minnesota. Surely, my brethren, this is an achievement that should bring the tingle of pride to every Mason in Minnesota and we hope every brother present, who has not already done so, will go out to the

Home and see for himself whether we have in any measure over-painted the picture he will see there in the reality.

The policy of Grand Lodge with regard to the method of maintaining the Home was expressed in the defeat of a resolution providing for a regular assessment to be levied upon all Masons throughout the jurisdiction.

We learn from the Grand Master's address that work upon the George Washington National Memorial is progressing rapidly. The day set for the opening is the 22nd February, 1932.

In the official publication of a certain Lodge, a statement regarding the conferring of the Third Degree was made in which the complete cast of characters, including the names of the Three R x x x , were published in full.

This was reprehensible in the Grand Master's opinion. The address is a practical, not a sentimental document; there is little rhetoric, but much sound sense, in it.

We turn to the report of the Grand Secretary, whom we must regard as an old friend. Bro. John Fishel is a veteran in the service, and evidently a great worker in the Masonic field. He tells us that there are 307 chartered Lodges on the roll, with a membership of 61,496 and a net gain of 727. Large increases are not now common.

On the second day's session an eloquent address, called an "oration," was delivered by Bishop Frank A. McElwain, Grand Orator. His subject was the attitude of the Masonic fraternity towards the duties of citizenship. We cull a considerable portion of the address, which is printed in full in the volume of proceedings:

We who have taken our solemn obligations remember that these obligations, like those of our citizenship, are based upon the fundamental principle of liberty under law. Every struggle which has marked our growth as a nation, every appeal which we have made to the world beyond our borders, has had liberty as its goal or its subject.

Now, doubtless, if one is seeking for efficiency in government and nothing more, a benevolent, absolute monarchy would be the ideal government.

But surely the Masonic fraternity would never be guilty of trading liberty for national efficiency. Not because Mussolini's hands are stained with blood of our brothers in Italy (although that would be sufficient to condemn his purpose in our eyes) but because he is guilty of murdering liberty in the name of national prosperity do we reject his methods.

But remember what leads up to this and the like dictatorships. A selfish forgetting of the duties and the ideals of citizenship on the part of the rank and file of the nation. We may not listen to the siren voice of material prosperity, but we are so apt to grow careless. Every

successive national election of these last years has been marked by the outstanding fact that fully one-half of our electorate has failed to go to the polls. When one has made every allowance for absentees and illness, etc., there still stares us in the face the unpleasant truth that a tremendously large proportion of our fellow citizens fail to do the simplest duty. Beyond that there is the unwillingness to serve the community or state on the part of the abler section of our people and the consequent handing over of much of our country's business to the mediocre or worse. People who do not dare even that much for their country pretty nearly deserve slavery to a grinding tyranny.

I am no pessimist. I am confident that the United States will ultimately awake to the danger that lies ahead. We must not trust to ideals, or talk, or Anglo-Saxon heritage. We must be willing to pay the price of unfaltering devotion and constant watchfulness.

In the retention of this wondrous inheritance, I crave the foremost place for the Masonic brotherhood. Let us see to it that as long as we live and work in this our beloved country, we give her the full measure of our devotion so that she may never falter in the fulfillment of her glorious mission to mankind.

Bro E. A. Montgomery, correspondence Reviewer, presents an able report of the proceedings of 60 Grand Chapters, including our own, which is pleasantly and appreciatively dealt with.

Minnesota is represented in our Grand Lodge by Bro. C. W. Haentschel and we are represented in Minnesota by Bro. Herman Held, of New Ulm.

MISSISSIPPI

James Henry Johnson, M. W. Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Communication was held in Jackson, February 14th, 1928. The Grand Representative of Canada, T. Q. Ellis, P.G.M. was present.

The affluent and bountiful features of the Grand Master precede his address. The new Grand Master, Thomas E. Pegram is a Judge of the State.

From the address of the Grand Master we realize that the year was one full of events, responsibilities and activities.

He reports the death of Bro. Whitfield, Past Superintendent of the Home at Columbus, and also Governor of the State of Mississippi.

A marker or emblem is to be placed by Grand Lodge at the grave of each Past Grand Master.

These two decisions may be found of interest:

In my opinion it is not only the right, but the duty of your Lodge to exercise control over the use of your Lodge room and to pass such reasonable resolutions concerning its use as to the Lodge may seem meet and proper, not in violation of the true principle of Freemasonry.

I do not believe that the gentlemen connected with the _____ Transportation Company would be eligible for membership in your Masonic Lodge for the reason that their families are in other towns. You would not have the proper means of making the necessary investigations.

He refused dispensations to confer Degrees on two University students considering that an actual emergency had not arisen.

He was much impressed by his visit to Texas and the number of former Mississippi Masons who were controlling the destinies of that great State.

He thinks the services of the Masonic Service Association invaluable. With regard to the flood disaster he tendered aid, and adds:

These brethren had responded so promptly to our appeal for relief at the time of our great flood that we felt an especial bond of sympathy with them in their great distress.

Within less than forty-eight hours more than 861,000 acres of the richest farming lands in Mississippi were inundated from ten to twenty feet deep and from every section of the State and Nation came aid.

The flood situation is thus clearly summarized. Perhaps we in Canada scarcely realize the extent of the disaster:

They gave them money and helped them take care of their families and to some degree get back to a normal basis. This has been the task undertaken by the Grand Masters of Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and has been a labor of love. A deaf ear has never been turned to a Masonic call for relief, and this has kept want away from many families. One brother wrote the writer, acknowledging receipt of his relief check for a few hundred dollars stating that it looked like a million dollars to him because he was in sore distress, and his wife joined in the letter by saying that she would always love the Masons.

The Masonic brethren in Louisiana lost almost twice as much as the brethren of Arkansas and Mississippi combined. On one plantation near the break, there is a deposit of sand from four to twenty feet deep, covering about five thousand acres. This land, of course, is lost to cultivation for the next twenty-five or thirty years.

Eighteen young ladies from the Home at Meridian, now doing work of the highest type in Columbus, will graduate at an early date.

Fraternal relations are resumed with New Jersey.

Membership 36,554. Net gain 152.

Grand Master Cruse of New Jersey made an eloquent address saying among other good things:

Now the moral of that is that if after you have failed in almost everything else and if you are beginning to consider yourself a failure, don't get discouraged, but study law, and if you will just devote yourself to it for a few weeks, give it a six-weeks trial, I can assure you of a brilliant future. (Applause.)

I have been a lawyer for twenty-six or twenty-seven years myself, and I am allowed to take some liberty with the profession.

These are the things, service and sacrifice and sympathy, and I hope that these avenues of expression will knit these jurisdictions of ours together through the years a Gibraltar to all time.

The following is a fine summary of the virtues of the late Paul H. Murphy to which we might all aspire:

In the loss of this faithful, modest, sweet-spirited brother, the fraternity has sustained a distinct and irreparable loss; his wife has been deprived of the protection and love of a faithful husband, his son the counsel and comradeship of a father, his community an exemplary neighbor, and his state one of its best citizens.

Grand Master Gale of Louisiana, uttered these far reaching thoughts:

That is the tendency we have now going through the nation to break down our institutions; the tendency to destroy ideals, and to take away from us the beautiful happiness of the home; and when the fanatic attempts to hold sway in this country it is that which will stand as a bulwark, sustaining the great hopes and ambitions we have for this wonderful country of ours, and it will continue to exert its influence on through the present time until such tendencies are vanished.

The flood overwhelmed him:

We knew they would down here, but we did not think those damn Yankees up there would respond like they did. (Long and continued applause).

And they literally poured money into our laps, and they did it freely, as a symptom of love of the brotherhood of this great fraternity. There is no east, no west, no north, no south.

Grand Master Bowers of Arkansas, addressed Grand Lodge his speech teeming with humorous illustrations:

A man, a collector of curios, moved out of a home and left in this home and scattered around the premises some of the things that he had there, some of the relics of his folly,

and among other things he left there an ostrich egg. The new-comer moving around the house was a fancier of poultry, and it so happened that a little rooster moving around the place saw the ostrich egg. He eyed it for a moment, and then he called his lady friends around him. He said, "Now, I don't expect you girls to do this well, but I just want you to know what they are doing in other places."

Grand Secretary Davilla of Louisiana got in a never negligible crack at our profession:

I would like to get up here and make a speech for you, but I could not if I wanted to, for I am no lawyer. I work for a living.

Mississippi is represented by a veteran and honored Brother F. M. Morson of Toronto.

Foreign Correspondence is again in the capable and cosmopolitan hands of Henry C. Yawn, P.G.M., who presents his ninth report.

In his introduction we read:

In my quest for material to bring to your attention, I have, as usual, left many nuggets of gold untouched.

More drastic laws as to payment of dues, and a more rigid enforcement of same, are ridding our rosters of dead timber.

Many are of the opinion that now is the opportune time for Masonry to step in and use her vast influence in counteracting the great wave of crime that seems to be sweeping over our country.

Alberta receives a fine review:

Notwithstanding Alberta is a young man's country, the Grand Master realizes that the time is rapidly approaching when a Home for the aged will be a necessity. He therefore recommends that arrangements be put on foot for a foundation of such an institution.

This from Arizona:

This leads this scribe to venture the observation that, after all, the solution of the disturbed conditions in Mexico may be largely in the hands of Masons.

Canada for 1927 gives our colleague many opportunities of quoting from the Grand Master, of which he takes advantage largely:

"Life is largely a process of forgetting the things we once believed. 'I know,' said an old man, 'that I was very wise when I was young for I knew so many things that aren't true.'"

The Grand Master gives, not so much a detailed account of his activities during the year, as a general resume of conditions, and an interesting discourse on the aims and purposes of Masonry. He closes with these prophetic lines on the future achievements of the fraternity.

"These things shall be, a loftier race,
 Than e'er the world hath known shall rise;
 With flame of freedom in their souls
 And light of knowledge in their eyes."

This under England, which is receiving more notice from United States Jurisdictions in recent years:

Sir Alfred Robbins makes an extended report of his Mission to the Masonic Grand Lodges of South America, among whom he spent sixteen weeks. His itinerary took him almost to all of the Grand Jurisdictions of this continent. Those visitations were not only fraternal in spirit, but, mutually beneficial. A detailed account of his various visits shows the object to have been the fostering of closer ties nationally, and an effort to strengthen those Masonic ties which bind the nations of earth.

Montana gives us this verse:

"Some ships go east, and some go west,
 Whilst the self-same wind doth blow,
 For it's rudder and sail, and not the gale,
 Decide where the ship shall go.

Virginia is always fertile in what really matters. From a long review we take this happy paragraph:

"The children are happy; the building spic and span from cellar to garret; the farm land in the highest state of cultivation, producing maximum crops. In fact, the whole layout is enough to swell a Mason's heart with pride when he visits the Home."

DeMolay does not receive unconditional praise and we read under Washington:

While recognizing the wonderful work being done by DeMolay Chapters, the Grand Master is fearful that too much mixing of its work and activities with Masonry may, in after years, cause Masonry's recruits, which come from this Order, to urge a closer union of the two, and that such an alliance may not be best for Masonry.

Of public grand honours he records under Wyoming:

In his foreword he gives a symposium of Public Grand Honors. 3 times 3 is given as the Public Grand Honors in about one half the Grand Jurisdictions, and the Funeral Grand Honors in the balance.

MISSOURI

Anthony F. Ittner, M. W. Grand Master.

Arthur Mather, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Three pages of interesting biography open the Proceedings in which the Grand Master is thus characterized as an ensample to us all:

He brought to bear the finest characteristics of his personality, combined with a rare poise and sound judgment, which leave their impress upon the whole Grand Jurisdiction. Immediately after his installation, in spite of arduous duties connected with the Circuit Bench of St. Louis, Judge Ittner plunged into his work as Grand Master with an earnestness which has won the admiration of all his brethren.

Prior to the opening of Grand Lodge the children from the Masonic Home were assembled, special songs rendered, and orchestral music delighted the Brethren.

The One hundred and eighth Annual Communication was held in St. Louis, September 25, 1928.

The Grand Master in his address truly says there is something to be done every minute of the day and the G. M.'s work is never finished. He adds "I have taken my work very seriously but have endeavored not to take myself too seriously."

The Committee on Survey of Lodges fulfill a useful purpose and their observations are analyzed each year and revised up-to-date. (See below)

Of the office of Grand Secretary he truly says:

The office of Grand Secretary is perhaps the most important office in the gift of the Craft, and it would be difficult to conceive a man better qualified to discharge the duties of the office ably, efficiently, and sympathetically than is Brother Arthur Mather.

Of the Grand Masters' Conference he says what is applicable to all human equations:

When questions of interjurisdictional rights arise by letter, it is far easier to solve them satisfactorily when we have met and learned by personal contact to love and respect our correspondents.

The Grand Master made 161 visits to Lodges in Missouri.

He conceives it the greatest pleasure to confer the beautiful Degrees on worthy and eager candidates. What a difference the atmosphere makes!

Of broadcasting programmes he urges prudence in preparation:

I believe that the field for broadcasting in connection with Freemasonry is very limited, and all Masonic Addresses, or messages, sought to be "put upon the air" should be carefully prepared and strictly scrutinized before being released. It is possible to do great harm by the broadcasting of irresponsible and ill-advised Masonic messages which penetrate to the uttermost corners of the land.

Voluminous correspondence has characterized his reign; he having written upwards of 4,000 letters as G. M.

He describes the Masonic Home as the highest exemplification of our tenets and as a great and important undertaking.

He introduces his decisions which are many and clear, by the following rule which is not always observed:

The Grand Lodge has a standing resolution that a question of law "shall first be submitted to the D. D. G. M. of the District, who shall forward it to the Grand Master, together with his opinion and suggestions thereon in writing."

A Brother convicted and in Penitentiary wrote his Lodge asking to be expelled without charges and without notice. Held: that before a Lodge can expel a Brother upon his plea of guilty, charges must have been preferred against him.

If a Brother refuses to stand examination in Lodge in the proficiency lecture of the first section of the M. M. Degree continued failure or refusal constitutes a new offence and subjects the Brother in Missouri to further Masonic discipline.

Thus he trustfully concludes:

That "beautiful system of morals" which is "veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," has to a few remained completely hidden behind the veil. To many the veil has been but a thin one which like the mists of morning has yielded to the sunlight of intellectual and spiritual aspiration.

In the years to come whether the outlook be dark or bright let us at least deserve to prosper, by putting our Trust in God.

Of S. Y. Taylor of Alberta, Missouri well says:

"He bore without abuse the grand old name of gentleman."

Membership 113,705. Net loss 85.

The new Chapel of the Eastern Star at the Masonic Home was formally dedicated, Grand Lodge attending in a body. Iowa and Nebraska brought greetings.

Bro. Byrne E. Bigger was elected Grand Master.

Grand Lecturer McLachlan made a long and searching report.

The oldest Secretary is serving his 46th year in Anchor Lodge.

Honour him while he lives is the note struck:

"A little more flowers on the pathway of life
And fewer on graves at the end of the strife."

The Committee on Survey report at length and with wisdom:

Freemasonry deals primarily in human values, and in attempting to discuss the question of financial policy, it must be remembered that a cold-blooded consideration of financial policies cannot begin to approximate all of the activities and efforts of the individual members of the Fraternity or the constituent Lodges; and while you may urge and argue that dollars and cents do not tell the whole story, yet in this age it must be borne in mind that financial ability and financial responsibility are playing a greater part in the activities and conduct of life than in any time previous.

It is further shown by an analysis of the figures that these Lodges are expending as much, in dollars and cents, for Masonic charity, as the larger Lodges and, in addition thereto, are probably rendering a greater personal service of helpfulness to their membership than are the larger Lodges.

All Lodges, big and little, show the same tendency to neglect the collection of dues; and this year, for the first time in many years, the Grand Lodge shows a net loss in membership and this net loss in a great measure comes from suspension for non-payment of dues in the big Lodges and not from the little Lodges.

A Brother who was cashier of a Bank in Missouri was charged with receiving a deposit from a Brother while the Bank was in a failing condition, which was well known to the accused. He was expelled. This is something new in Masonic moral turpitude, and "wronging a brother".

Several judgments of not guilty were changed by the Committee on Appeals and the accused was found guilty. They seem to have more backbone—or is it severity—than the Lodges.

Missouri's Grand Master will receive in future \$1,000 annually and in addition expenses up to \$1500 payable monthly.

Each questionnaire and application is to be in the handwriting of the applicant and he signs this declaration:

The applicant represents hereby that he has read all of the questions contained in the foregoing petition, that all of his answers thereto are in his own handwriting, and that upon his honor he declares his foregoing statements to be true.

Each of the sponsors certify that:

He is PERSONALLY well acquainted withwho has signed the above petition, and believes him to be of regular and upright conduct, fair fame, sober life and well qualified to be Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

The Correspondence Report is again in the worthy hands of Rev. C. H. Briggs, D.D., P.G.M., who strikes a brief but fine note in his introduction:

The oneness of English speaking Freemasonry the world over is very evident to him who scans these reports from our Biethren beyond the seas. A healthy growth is noted almost everywhere.

Canada, we regret to say, is not included in his Reviews.

Throughout the importance of regular Cornerstones is emphasized.

Arkansas furnishes this quotation and comment:

The Grand Master seemed to favor greater liberality in the matter of physical qualifications, and the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution which says:

"So-called physical defects shall not be a bar or inhibition for membership in our Fraternity, merely because an applicant cannot by reason of some physical defect give all the signs, steps and grips."

We fear that some of our Grand Lodges are getting too broad on this subject. Someone has described the Platte as a river "One mile wide and one inch deep."

The flag ceremony is becoming a subject of discussion between the Grand Jurisdictions and under California our colleague contributes this final word:

The Committee on Ritual reported that a ceremony for the reception and retirement of the flag would be prepared by the Grand Lecturer and presented to the Lodges. In Missouri we say to each entered apprentice:

"In the States you are to be a quiet and peaceful citizen, true to your government and just to your country; you are not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority; and conform with cheerfulness to the government of the country in which you live."

To add anything to this looks like a work of supererogation. (See below)

The extraordinary decision of Illinois not to lay the cornerstone of a Church because a predecessor had held that a Church is not a public building, is commented upon as follows—and this distinction is definitely drawn "there is a difference between the cornerstone and a Copestone."

In Missouri, a church is a public building and we never decline to lay the cornerstone of one with Masonic ceremonies whenever we are invited.

We commend our example to the Craft in Illinois. Possibly a closer relationship with the churches might help to correct the radicalism to which the Grand Master refers in his address.

Iowa as usual, contributes something to current topics and events:

"A distinguished surgeon said to me one day, 'They need not tell me there is no such thing as a 'personal devil'. I know there is and his last name is Insomnia.' Now if all that is true, all we have to say is that Mr. P. D. Insomnia has a twin brother and his name is 'Enforced Idleness' for if there is a pitiable tragedy on earth, it is a human being who is willing to work, wants work, needs work and can't get it."

Speaking of the action of our Grand Lodge in declining to make saluting the flag a part of our opening ceremony he says: 'There is such a thing as making this flag flaunting business all too cheap by making it too common'."

Ireland is thus happily introduced:

While most of these Lodges are in the Emerald Isle, others are in various parts of the British Dominions where the sons of Erin have found prosperity.

Texas having resumed fraternal relations with York Grand Lodge of Mexico, our colleague says:

We congratulate our Texas Brethren on their manliness in correcting the mistake they made a few years ago.

He has something original to say under Wisconsin:

If advertising Freemasonry by calling public attention to its principles is a sin, the writer has been a transgressor for more than forty years. He has delivered more than a hundred addresses at cornerstone layings and has always taken advantage of such occasions to set forth the principles of Freemasonry in a way that he hoped would incline good men, who were not Masons, to think favorably of our Order.

Referring to the veiled attack on George Washington this sums up the matter laconically:

When some one mentioned the matter to President Coolidge he looked out the window and then remarked, "The monument is still there."

William S. Campbell of St. Louis, represents Canada, Donald Sutherland represents Missouri.

MONTANA

Dr. William J. Marshall, M. W. Grand Master.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Communication was held at Billings, August 15, 1928.

A fine monument marks the site of the building where in 1866 was formed the Grand Lodge of Montana with a suitable inscription, and the Grand Master speaks in his opening address upon memorial cubes of rock in the great

Pyramid of Gizeh rising massively cube on cube for 455 feet, and he draws this lesson:

Were it not for this monument alone, all traces of a most interesting, unique, ancient civilization would have been gone forever. It stands as a fitting testimony of the prolongation of human work and effort as compared to the brevity of life itself. Thus, men die, but their work lives on and on.

We are the connecting link which unites the past with the future. We receive the heritage of the past, enrich it and pass it on to those who shall come after us. We have our own particular work to do.

The veteran P.G.M. Bro. H. S. Hepner delivered an address full of poetry, feeling and devotion from which we take this extract:

In the dim shadows of the light of Masonry's days gone by, and viewed in its radiant light of today, memories untold in number assail us at this moment as we stand at this hallowed spot, in this historic city, the mecca of our pioneer days, which has withstood the assaults of time, of the eager seeker of the yellow metal, the adventurer, the desperado, the captains of industry, of the years of prosperity and of those of adversity, and surviving all these, nestles within her bosom a splendid population, glorifying in the achievements of their forefathers in the process of the evolution of the uncouth and rough ashlar, the symbol of the territory into the perfect ashlar typifying the state of Montana.

The Grand Master reports having issued a commission to R. W. Bro. J. Birmie Smith of London, to represent Montana, and also one to Mohamed Bey at Cairo.

The G. M. recommends that further activities at Fort William Henry Harrison near Helena, be discontinued.

He gives us something to think about in the following:

Masonry should be the soul and backbone of our government; but it is only through an intelligent, sober, sincere, unselfish application of the principles of Masonry by you and by me, today and tomorrow, that we will be able to maintain a government of the people, for the people and by the people in this land of ours.

Over the large pipeorgan in the old University Hall at the University of Michigan, printed in large gold letters, is the following quotation:

**"RELIGION, MORALITY AND KNOWLEDGE
BEING NECESSARY TO GOOD GOVERNMENT
AND THE HAPPINESS OF MANKIND, SCHOOLS
AND THE MEANS OF EDUCATION SHALL FOR-
EVER BE ENCOURAGED."**

He rules:

A suspended brother may be reinstated after death provided that the suspended brother shall have fulfilled all the requirements of the law for reinstatement previous to his death.

No member of the lodge present and entitled to vote shall be excused from that duty save by the unanimous consent of all the members of that lodge then present and no member shall be permitted to leave the lodge room to avoid balloting after the Master has made the announcement.

As to limited tolerance he says:

Do not misunderstand me, however, brethren. I believe in tolerance for the individual, but I know of no tolerance to be extended to any set of men or organizations inimical to our form of government and of our institutions, upon the building up of which untold wealth of substance has been expended and thousands of lives sacrificed by our forefathers and by ourselves.

Theodore Roosevelt said, "What counts in a man or in a nation is not what the man or the nation can do, but what he or it actually does."

Real Masroney not only involves the search after truth but it includes the act of putting into operation the great principles which make for right.

He closes with this verse:

If some burden I have lightened,
If some life I have brightened,
As I have traveled along the way;
If some footpath I have rightened,
Or some hungry soul enlightened,
Then I am happy alway.

Membership 20,631. Net gain 162.

As to Foreign Correspondence Bro. Hepner says:

Most of the non-English speaking Grand Lodges are still in their formative stages and of very slow growth, and there is no need of haste in according recognition.

A generous gift is acknowledged from Mrs Elizabeth Winn with \$10,000 more promised for furnishing the Women's Building.

A presentation was made to M. W. Bro. Morris, Senior Past Grand Master, with an address by M. W. Bro. Charteris, full of literary lore and allusion:

The legends of old have brought down to us many beautiful pictures and have painted for us many of those beautiful thoughts of the future state; but none more, beautiful, more assuring or more stimulating to good deeds or acts of kindness, altruism and brotherly love than the vision of Merza.

The Genie said, "Are not those, oh Merza, pleasing

habitations? The enduring of this life's labors and misfortunes but give one the opportunity of earning such a reward. Is death to be feared, that it should bring one such happy existence? Think not that man was made, save for such an eternity."

The Grand Master of North Dakota made a happy speech.

In each Lodge we have a man appointed as the Director of Masonic Service and Education. I believe you call him an instructor. Our plan in North Dakota is that we have an Executive Secretary in charge of this program of Masonic education, and we also have District Secretaries. The Executive Secretary, working with those District Secretaries, holds group meetings, or sometimes individual lodge meetings, and he tries to inspire the men.

I hope in my year as Grand Master of North Dakota, to, in a constructive way, bring the men's hearts into their Masonry, as well as their minds. I believe that we need the perfect balance between the knowing and the feeling element in men's consciousness in Masonry.

15 Past Grand Masters continued their good deeds and good words.

An address on Masonic Education by Bro. Scott Leavit is well worth citation did space permit. He calls Masonry the School of citizenship:

George P. Porter of Helena, represents Canada. M. W. Bro. H. S. Hepner ably presents the Foreign Correspondence Report. The inexorable printer prevents the extended reference we would like to make.

He reviews Canada in friendly spirit.

Grand Master Rowland opened his Annual Address with a suggestion that Scotchmen discovered America, and not Christopher Columbus; that Guelph was founded by a Scotchman; and later remarks lead us to believe that he thinks that Paradise itself is inhabited mostly by the Scotch; some "Scotch" goes to our head easily and we must be having "Scotch auto-intoxication."

From his address he makes discriminating quotation. The further references in our colleague's review are appreciated:

A standard of basic requirements essential to recognition of other Grand Lodges was adopted; its features are very similar to those adopted by Montana; Brother Ponton, like ourselves, is very cautious in indiscriminate recognitions, even though the cry may be heard that we claim Masonry to be universal.

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry has a very interesting report; they bemoan the loss of their Chairman Thomas Shanks, who was the guiding spirit of

the committee; his successor, Bro Herrington, gives promise of filling the place. The committee urged freer mingling of those who sat in the East, with those who have not attained the honor.

Bro. Ponton has 332 pages of Correspondence Report. The scribe is still an admirer of this gifted brother; his reviews, views and quotations are well written and taken. He stands high in the personnel of the Round Table.

Under Colorado he defines Masonic loyalty:

Loyalty is to be faithful to a government, or to be true to plighted faith or duty, or love.

Throughout we feel that the different Jurisdictions have personal and experienced contact with a man among men in Bro. Hepner.

This from his conclusion, and the whole Masonic world will sympathize with him, as we do, in his irreparable loss.

The writer planned as a conclusion of his year's labors an article on non-English speaking Masonic Jurisdictions and for that purpose gathered data and statistics.

During the night of July 16th a terrific storm broke loose over the Reviewer's home city (Helena) and lightning set on fire one of the large buildings of the city and before being checked put to ashes the business block, wherein his offices were located. He was unable to save anything; his library, gathered during the last forty years; many Masonic books and periodicals, complete sets of badges since the beginning of their use, medallions and other articles of interest to Masonry, including old Masonic books, rituals, monitors, etc., has become a horrid dream and disappointment.

NEBRASKA

Albert R. Davis, M.W. Grand Master.

The Seventy-first Communication was held in Omaha, June 5th, 1928. 17 Past Grand Masters received a special welcome, being introduced individually according to seniority, the G.M. saying:

You and those among you from the pioneer days of this commonwealth have assisted in framing and promoting the high destiny of our Ancient Order.

Past Grand Master Wemple in his reply showed an admirable familiarity with the V.S.L. quoting:

When St. Paul was arraigned for trial, he prefaced his defense with these words:

"I think myself happy, King Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews."

"As the hart panteth after the waterbrooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, oh God."

Grand Lodge had attended the funerals of several distinguished Brethren, of one of whom the G.M. said:

I have realized, at least to some extent, how the life and the work of this man entered into and was an inspiration for the members of our Craft throughout the state.

Aside from his Masonic record, he has had a very distinguished career in the state as a Minister of the Gospel, and a Patriot unexcelled.

He must have studied knighthood at its best.

The G.M. attended many Central Schools conducted by the Grand Custodian.

He reports the number of donors and the amounts of their gifts as constantly increasing. We hope to report the same in Canada before many years have elapsed.

The Masonic Homes at Plattsmouth and Fremont were both visited and the G.M. says:

It does not require the vision of a far-sighted Mason to realize that we must keep these institutions constantly in mind, concentrating our energies to the goal of enlarging the scope and facilities at each of these places so that we can at least in a substantial degree care for those who are entitled to ask such care and ministrations.

The visit to the Home by Grand Lodge is thus described:

Those of the Brethren who had not heretofore been privileged to visit the Home and the Infirmary, went away with the sense of a new pride, believing that the Freemasons in this Grand Jurisdiction are endeavoring in a small way to carry out the principles of the Fraternity.

In connection with a Courtesy Degree requested by a neighbouring Grand Jurisdiction, the G.M. held:

That the physical qualifications of the candidate were not a matter to be considered by this Grand Jurisdiction, but were a matter exclusively for the Grand Jurisdiction having jurisdiction of the candidate.

Another decision limiting contribution to Craft objects is as follows:

I decided that a lodge could not use lodge funds to maintain a room in a hospital in a city where the lodge was situated.

Membership 41,948. Net gain 362.

Several pages are devoted to the names of brethren who have been presented with the 50 year Long Service Badge, numbering in all the splendid total of 233. Verily Nebraska's climate conduces to longevity in the Craft at least.

P.G.M. Wilson delivered a glowing tribute to the memory of P.G.M. King. The following paragraphs will show what manner of men they have in Nebraska:

Now, science, under the name of conservation of energy teaches us that millions of years ago the sun's rays built up a forest in the carboniferous age, that forest fell, and was covered over by sediment and in a hundred million of years compressed into a bed of coal. Last month some miner delved into the bowels of the earth and brought forth the coal representing the energy of the sun a million years ago. This morning down at the power house some fireman took that coal and put it under the boiler that turned the water into steam that turned the dynamo that produces at this moment these electric lights. These lights are in fact the energy that came from the sun and the sun beams billions of years ago, haven't lost a particle of their energy and power in all that time, and in all the transmutations that have followed.

I like to think there is something in the moral, the intellectual and the spiritual world akin to the conservation of energy in the physical world and that a noble thought once expressed, a noble deed once accomplished, has its effect in the moral world and the intellectual world and goes on and on and on through all eternity, and this old world of ours will never be exactly the same as it would have been if that heroic act had not been performed or that noble sentiment expressed.

Grand Orator Redmond delivered the oration, quoting:

You may fill it with splendors of quarry and mine,

With the glories of brush and of pen—

But it's only a building if ever so fine.

If it hasn't the spirit of men.

He referred eloquently to Joseph Fort Newton's reference to Saint Francis of Assisi in the spirit of self-abnegation, of whom it was said:

Purse and prestige he flung to the winds, and went along the highways of Umbria calling men back from the rot of luxury to the ways of purity, pity and gladness, his life at once a poem and a power, his faith a vision of the world as love and comradeship.

Among the rulings of Grand Masters published is the following:

The testimony of witnesses who are Masons in good standing may be taken in open lodge, or by a special committee appointed by the Master. Other witnesses shall be examined by such committee. In either case the accused and the accuser, in person or by attorney, who must be a Master Mason in good standing, shall be entitled to be present and propound such relevant questions as they may desire.

John R. Webster of Omaha, represents Canada, and Nebraska is represented by Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E of the Grand Chapter of Canada, to whom Masonry is as the salt of life.

The Report on Correspondence is by P.G.M. Edwin D. Crites, who boasts a uniquely hieroglyphic signature. His introduction is full of interest and therefore we quote liberally the following paragraphs:

Relief is an ever present problem, the burdens of which increase from year to year. It is administered as domiciliary relief, for the most part abroad, and as institutional relief, for the most part in the United States; but jurisdictions combining both domiciliary and institutional relief as we do in Nebraska, seem to have arrived at the solution.

Masonic education is capable of subdivision into two classes, the first of which might be called general Masonic education, which is promoted by the Grand Lodge libraries, traveling libraries, and libraries in subordinate lodges, which have become numerous; also by study clubs, the efforts of historians, Masonic writers, lecturers, and publications, and the second of which is ritualistic or technical in the hands of the custodians of the work, Grand lecturers or equivalent officers.

Trading on the fraternity is a troublesome question and has resulted in considerable restrictive legislation. Clubs are forbidden to use the word, "Masonic", or words of similar import in their names, or Masonic emblems and devices in their insignia. Membership in such clubs is sometimes a Masonic offense, unless previous approval has been had. Co-ordinate bodies having as a qualification for membership, membership in Masonic lodges, multiply themselves indefinitely which has resulted in restrictive legislation extending in some instances to the point of suppression.

Political advertising in Masonic periodicals is a form of pernicious activity that calls for frequent censure.

Trials by commission become more and more the practice. A general effort is made to limit undesirable and non-permanent membership by the adoption of new forms of petitions, the aid of questionnaires, and like devices, none of which are an adequate substitute for diligence on the part of the investigating committee and personal acquaintance-ship with the petitioner.

Masonry is no more a substitute for politics or place for propaganda, than it is for the practice of any of the one hundred and seventy-six religions, sects and denominations, which claim infallibility and inspiration, pure and undefiled in themselves alone.

Under Arizona we find the following:

The Grand Master thought that more imagination could be used in naming lodges.

This under District of Columbia showing the trend of the times:

The trial commission system is under advisement. The Masonic clubs are endeavoring to establish a course of study for those who desire to enter the foreign service of the Government, in the George Washington University.

This from the Georgia review:

Many other organizations, the world membership of which is not equal to Masonic membership in many individual states, are outstripping Grand Lodge in the achievement of humanitarian projects, "for more than a hundred years within the narrow channel of tradition and meagre charity we have passed."

The opinion expressed in Oregon of Low Twelve Clubs presents a new point of view:

These clubs encroach upon the insurance business with attendant liabilities to members, and may become subject to governmental regulations and from the possibilities of such complications the Grand Lodges and constituent lodges should keep themselves aloof.

Canada is reviewed as Ontario with full statistics. He quotes largely from Grand Master Rowland's "extensive" address, emphasizing the following:

One wonders why it is that an order strong enough and old enough to stand and walk alone, should deny the dignity and independence that properly belong to it, and lean upon the "patrimonial support" of men, whose mere connection with it renders their Masonic standing a matter of doubt.

He is kind enough also to speak of our "extensive" Review, which he generously says is one of the best written that has come to his hands and is lightened by numerous comments.

In the course of the Alabama review we note:

Twice during the session, Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment of a different kind from that of satisfying the inner man. The first "Refreshment" was a delegation from the "Order of the Rainbow for girls," which seems to be the complementary kindergarten to the "Order of DeMolay for Boys". The second "Refreshment" was the inevitable visit of the Order of the Eastern Star", and on each occasion, we are gravely told that, the ladies having retired, Grand Lodge was called from "Refreshment" to labor. And that's that.

Our colleague says under Northern China which met at Shanghai January 21, 1928, that they have initiated a Masonic Charity Fund at Tieutsin, also a fund for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and Boys and for aged Freemasons. Under this Grand Jurisdiction of England, the visit of the Commission to India is emphasized as to its importance to us all.

NEVADA

V. M. Henderson, M. W. Grand Master.

Frank D. King, V. W. Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Communication was held at Reno, 14th June, 1928. There was a splendid attendance of the loyal Past Grand Masters, 17 in all.

Judge Moran of the State Court welcomed Grand Lodge:

A wise man once said, "We are distinguished by our speech, or betrayed by it."

Fraternalism is the child of history, and was born into the world to remain with us.

It sends a thought of good-fellowship through the civic life of every community, in which it exists. It upholds that which is right and condemns that which is wrong.

The Grand Master modestly began his address:

I have found how small and insignificant one man is as compared to our great Fraternity.

It gave me a great deal of pleasure to visit every Lodge in the State. In doing so I travelled 2460 miles by automobile.

He approves De Molay:

This shows that a good many well meaning boys are becoming interested along fraternal lines. Do all we can to see that they reach their majority thru the channels of right living.

He thus concludes with the "personal touch":

But as "Spike" Henderson I pray that you will let me take my old place in your ranks, your hearts and in your esteem.

\$1359 were loaned to students.

Past Grand Masters' graves will be located, properly marked and cared for.

Grand Orator Parker delivered a stirring address:

Such is the study of Masonry. You can always see something new; each one sees something different, and, in a great measure, therein lies its attraction.

Again these hills of ours are symbolical of Masonry. What treasures are there, if one only searches for them. To many they might seem barren ground, until one day, one who has taken the time and is persevering, unearths a treasure and starts us all in a treasure hunt.

There is rather a homely saying "It takes a heap of living in a house to call it home." So with Masonry, it takes a heap of work for your fellow man to entitle you "honestly" to the title of a Free and Accepted Mason.

In closing I make one appeal to you. Whatever your interest is in Masonry, WORK AT IT. We must all join in the fight against the greatest enemy that Masonry has today, and that is "INDIFFERENCE."

A special Committee reported on the legitimacy of Grand Lodges and recommended fraternal recognition of Egypt and Vienna.

Query—which Grand Lodge of Egypt to they recognize? Canada's Grand Representative did not appear.

The Historic Committee reported at great and interesting length upon the origins and history of this Grand Jurisdiction, a masterpiece of detail and research and well worthy of imitation by others.

Many tributes are paid to those who have been "gathered to the quiet West" and have reached the end of the trail, a special page being devoted to Past Grand Masters who have gone into the life of the Eternal Beyond.

Membership 2,954. Net gain 64.

At the time of this Review there was not a representative from the Grand Lodge of Canada but our old friend, W. R. Ledger well represents Nevada with us.

Frank D. King is again the Grand Commissioner of Review and his foreword rings true:

Whether you agree or do not agree with any of the remarks or comments offered by the writer makes no difference. Read it anyway, and growl afterward.

One gets a feeling of world-fellowship with the many thousands of Master Masons scattered all over the globe after he reads and studies the Reports that come from every corner of the earth and from all these United States. May you too, get this same feeling from perusing our humble lines. If you think the job of Reading is hard work just Smile and read any way. Maybe the following little poem by Harry Parrot will help.

To smile and work, and work and smile,
To smile twelve times a day,
Will take you o'er the stubborn mile
As you journey on your way.
To live, to love, to be sincere,
To strive, yet feel at peace,
Will drive away all kinds of fear,
Your troubles soon will cease.

We have all hoped that the Masonic Service Association would devote, at least a part of its work, to preparing for National Emergencies, whether they be war, floods, earthquakes, or epidemics, and by such preparation be enabled to go to the front at once with any work of assistance or rehabilitation that may be needed.

We read under Alabama:

The confusion that would arise, because of the conflict that would naturally come, and because tradition has ruled that only Master Masons are entitled to Masonic privileges and the right to wear Masonic insignia, would be very great should all Entered Apprentices be allowed even one of the privileges of a Brother who has worked his way through the Master Mason Degree.

California enables him to make this general European comment:

California granted fraternal recognition of the "Grossloge von Wien"—Grand Lodge of Vienna, a Grand Body reported by the Austrian lodges with a membership of 1600 Masons. The granting of such recognition shows that Masonry in Europe is again coming into its own, for which we are sincerely grateful.

Our colleague loves a good bit of poetry and he finds one under Connecticut:

Who cares for the burden, the night, and the rain,
And the steep long lonesome road,
When at last, thro the darkness a light shines plain,
When a voice cries Hail, and a friend draws rein,
With an arm for the stubborn load.

This striking summary is found by him under Kansas:

The Bible, as understood in Masonry, is that book, or writings, which reveal to Masons, universally, the will of God. By this symbol is expressed Divine Truth. And, as was observed in a former address, whatever book or writings reveal to a particular people the will of God; gives the Divine Light; is, to the Craft of that people, a Great Light, to have place as indispensable on the Masonic altar. If, for example, a lodge is made up exclusively of Jews, the Old Testament is to be that Light. For the adherents of Mohammed, the Koran is that Light, as is the Vedas to the Brahman, the Book of Kings to the Chinese, the Old and New Testament to Christians. By such a symbol, sacredly kept, reverently believed in, do Masons, everywhere, attest faith in the One God, Grand Architect of the Universe.

British Columbia suggests this thoughtful comment:

A motion to establish a uniform receipt for dues, to be used by all lodges in the Jurisdiction, was lost. Why each lodge should differ from its neighbors with respect to lodge cards, especially, within the territory of one parent Grand Body, is more than we can understand.

He is very kindly indeed to Canada and especially to Grand Master Rowland, from whom he largely quotes:

We wish that all Masons could read and thrill as we have read and thrilled over the reading of the splendid address of Grand Master John A. Rowland. It is so clearly written and in such beautiful English that we are

going to preserve it in our own files for future reference and study.

He concludes:

We note, with pleasure, the fine, steady growth of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

What a splendid power this Grand Body must be for all that is good and Canadian in the Province of Ontario. The members are, indeed, in the words of the Committee on Grand Master's Address, "trustees of a nation, endowed with a noble birthright, gifted with a promise of a glorious future."

This from Saskatchewan:

The call of the Grand Master to the members to look to their spiritual development is a call that could well be given by Grand Masters in jurisdictions all over the globe.

Grand Secretary W. B. Tate shows that he is, in reality, "the business manager of a large and growing concern."

We get a glimpse of France which is rarely recorded in these reviews:

Brother George Joy was election president of the convention. The convention decided to put to sleep (*mise en sommeil*) six lodges, which were named. Brother Antebi asked that the facts in possession of the Federal Council concerning the Sacco and Venzetti case be given. It is evident that garbled stories of these two Italian murderers are aired in Europe. They were executed because they murdered and robbed a paymaster in Massachusetts.

When the by-law does not agree with our "want to" we change the by-law. Brother Busson presented an able report of the study of Masonic orphanages, which deserve success.

Panama also is a rare bird:

The little Bulletin that comes annually from the Grand Lodge of Panama is certainly the most concise and highly condensed volume to appear on our desk.

We note that their Tyler has the colorful title of "Gran Guarda Templo Exterior."

As his foreword is good, so his conclusion:

We absolutely love all our confreres in this department; we love them for the work they have done for Masonry, and for the spirit in which it has been done. To all of them we sent a Brother's greeting, wishing them each a long, prosperous, happy and healthy life.

None but those who have wrought in the same field can fully appreciate the amount of persistent labor required to bring out a full, faithful report of the interesting and important matters annually transpiring in the Masonic world.

NEW BRUNSWICK

James Vroom, M.W. Grand Master.

A special Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Woodstock, 19th June, for the purpose of attending Divine Service, which is thus recorded:

A procession of the Craft was formed in the Drill Hall there being a large attendance of brethren of the local lodges and from the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Maine.

The procession moved to Connell Park where a special service was conducted by the Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain, assisted by other clergy.

There is a Masonic Grand Lodge Corporation as well as the Masonic Grand Lodge, in which the "temporalities" appear to be administered by a Board of Directors who invest the fund of benevolence, etc. In our Jurisdiction we do not approve of incorporations.

The 60th Communication was held in Saint John, 25th August, 1927.

Canada's Grand Representative is not reported present.

Grand Historian Harris of Nova Scotia was welcomed.

The Grand Master gives special thanks to R.W. P.G. M's Wilson and Ellis. Note that apparently they do not continue their title of "Most Worshipful".

He also speaks of the Grand Chaplain and the Grand Secretary as "Very Worshipful".

These from his introduction:

I believe there is a growing appreciation of the worth and influence of our Antient Fraternity as a universal Brotherhood, both here and abroad, for which we must be duly thankful to the Giver of all Good.

Their work has been tried by fire, and only that which is good remains. Let us, therefore, forget their faults, if any faults we found in them, and be glad that they have lived.

Grand Lodge met and attended the funeral of Past Grand Master Whitlock.

The open air service was attended by many Masons from Maine and the Grand Master of Maine conducted the Masonic Service on St. John's Day in June. These friendly interchanges tend to unity of understanding.

As to physical perfections the Grand Master follows our lead:

The present tendency is to ignore them. We do far worse when we ignore mental defects in an applicant which render him incapable of learning the Art, or when in choosing an officer we overlook a serious lack of education or training that will keep him from being an honour to the

Fraternity. In the admission of a candidate, or in the choice of an officer, we are apt to think of his good qualities, though the best interest of the lodge might often require us to think of his defects.

The Order of the Eastern Star, which originated in Mississippi about seventy-five years ago, has spread so rapidly that it is now said to be the largest organization of women in the world. I share the conviction of my immediate predecessor that it should be and remain an organization exclusively for women. This is no strange or ill-considered opinion. As we were told two years ago, it has been adopted by the Grand Lodges of England. It went far enough to show the feeling of Grand Lodge that the Order, whether as an organization of women or as a mixed organization should be self-supporting, and not in any way connected with Masonry. It would help to unite us more closely with Masonry in the mother country if all Grand Lodges in Canada that have not already done so would take a similar stand.

Of the Peace Memorial in London he thus well speaks with loyal heart and eloquent words:

The great building there to be erected at a cost of about five million dollars in our money, will be a centre of all that is good in Freemasonry, not for England only, but for all the world.

As charity begins at home, but does not end there, so universal brotherhood begins at home. We are first New Brunswick Masons, then Canadian Masons, then British Masons, with our own traditions and associations. This is not placing our nationality above international good will, but raising nationality to the plane of brotherhood. The Brotherhood of Nations is the Brotherhood of Man.

Can Masonry help to strengthen the tie that binds together the English speaking nations? Can English Masonry and English speech carry the message of Brotherly Love to all the nations of the earth? There is only one answer for us to give; and if I had the gift of exhortation I would call upon each one of you to give it, on every possible occasion, and with all the power and influence at his command.

An English dreamer sings to us of the triumphs of the English tongue, foretelling a time when all the world shall have learned the meaning of those English words, Faith, Freedom, Heaven and Home. Alas for England and her scattered brood, and alas for the civilization of the world, if upon the page of the future the word Freedom be writ so large as to leave no room for the other three. There is no freedom in Freemasonry other than freedom within the strict lines of the Master's Square; no liberty but in obedience to Him whose service is perfect freedom. In nature, Light and Life and Law are inseparable. In our material

building, and in our moral and spiritual edifice as well, the lines that are to give strength and beauty must be true.

R.W. Bro. Harris of Nova Scotia, addressed Grand Lodge:

He suggested the appointment of an official historian in the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and that provision be made for a library and museum in which material could be made readily accessible to students.

Membership 6,012. Increase 22.

Grand Secretary Hart reports practically:

A few lodges make it a practice to present a Manual to each Member when he signs the By-Laws; together with, of course, a copy of the Constitutions.

The statement may well be repeated that the English Aprons are superior in every particular, and Brethren are certainly repaid for the slightly higher price which, let it be remembered, is the cost price to Grand Lodge.

Many accounts of the Grand Treasurer were accepted without consideration, having been submitted to the "Masonic Grand Lodge Corporation" earlier in the afternoon.

As to recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges the Committee say:

The rule which has always been tacitly accepted in this jurisdiction is that where but one Grand Lodge exists in a country, such Grand Lodge be considered as recognized by us unless our Grand Lodge has definitely refused recognition. Where there are two or more Grand Lodges with conflicting claims, we do not feel called upon to decide between them.

An emergent communication for laying a cornerstone was held November 10th, 1927, at which P.G.M. Ellis made the following declaration:

"Men and Brethren here assembled today to behold this ceremony. Know all of you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, professing to fear God and to be serviceable to the brethren.

Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honoured with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shewn themselves ready to promote our interests, and to defend us against all adversaries.

Six District Deputy Grand Masters reported their year's work at length, rather after our own manner though somewhat shorter. In most Jurisdictions the reports of these Representatives of the Grand Master are brief and concentrated.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Prime Minister, of Saint John, represents Canada. New Brunswick is represented by J. A. C. Anderson, of Toronto.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

J. Melvin Dresser, M.W. Grand Master.

The semi-Annual Communication was held in Manchester, December 27th, 1927.

Canada was represented by Halsey C. Edgerton, one of the few Grand Representatives of Canada, who is faithful in attendance.

The Annual Communication was held in Concord, May 16, 1928.

Eight Past Grand Masters reported for honourable duty.

From the address of the Grand Master we make the following excerpts:

While we should keep our faces ever toward the east, whither we are travelling, it is fitting and necessary that we pause for a space to review the past, and to draw our designs upon the Trestle Board; that, through our carefully laid plans, the future may, if possible, be as rich in Masonic achievement as has been our glorious past.

But we are weaker than before who still must live and labor on.

We miss the smiling helpful friends on whom we leaned long years ago.

This ceremony reminds us of the annual pilgrimage to the grave of our first Grand Master, Mercer Wilson:

June 17th I granted a dispensation to Rising Star Lodge, to appear in Masonic clothing for the purpose of decorating the grave of our first Grand Master, Gen. John Sullivan, at Durham.

The November Flood which devastated so large a part of the New England States, is dramatically recorded and the work of the Relief Committee is lauded.

With pride the G.M. records that Grand Sezretary Harry M. Cheney was unanimously elected to preside over the meeting of the Masonic Service Association, which he did with grace and ability.

He records interestingly the Grand Masters' Conference at Washington saying:

No vote is taken and no legislation attempted. There is in process of compilation, by a committee selected from the members of this conference, a report, in which will be catalogued a list of such documentary evidence as is required.

Of the Masonic Home he speaks with justifiable pride:

As you approach, notice its exterior, solid, substantial, dignified and beautiful; its well kept lawns, We of New Hampshire, may justly feel proud of our Masonic Home and

of the fact that, through our connection with the Masonic fraternity, we each have had an individual part in its erection and maintenance.

A warning against clandestine lodges is emphatically given.

Grand Secretary Cheney is thus characterized:

He has been a tower of strength, a mine of wisdom, and an inexhaustible source of Masonic information. In no sense has he been, nor will he ever permit himself to be, "a power behind the throne."

And this is his concluding sentence:

Then indeed, am I amply repaid for all the weary hours of travel, for all the hours of labor, for all the hours of thought I have devoted to my tasks in the year that is past.

Membership 15,560. Increase 120.

A roll call of lodges represented was held at the close of Grand Lodge meeting and only one lodge was found missing.

The late lamented Brother John A Cowan of Toronto, represented New Hampshire.

Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary, presents his 22nd consecutive review. All honour to this genial veteran who says in his introduction:

I am not yet the senior writer of Correspondence, but I am nearer the top than I wish I were. Time ever works that way.

And yet, I hope that something will interest you, here and there, may be discovered, as unusual things are narrated. A microscope discloses matters of huge importance, even though they be small. If I could only know that you read these pages, for information or out of mere curiosity, that would be a large compensation to the one who has labored for so many days in the preparation of what follows:

We read under Alberta the following, catching the view point of New Hampshire:

The Grand Master characterizes Alberta as having been a young man's country, but he cautions them that prudence calls for the beginning of a foundation that will make a Home possible when its real need arises.

Church parades are deprecated in the address. This is a permitted thing in New Hampshire. Lodges are not required to get permission to go to church, Masonically clothed. It has always appealed to us as an attempt to get publicity, rather than to get a bit of religion. But the members like it, apparently.

British Columbia gets this greeting:

The Grand Master speaks a cordial welcome, and then touches upon patriotism. Rightly does he tell his brethren that they should, as Freemasons, strive to show a deeper appreciation of the Canadian domain. We could have heartily applauded that.

From California we take this sentence of weight:

Some thoughtless ones attempted to hold a meeting, in a Masonic Hall, to organize a Masonic Club, for the purpose of participating in the political election of a city. The way the Grand Master got after them delights us. They know now what they should have known before.

Canada is well reviewed and we make the following extracts from his kindly comments:

The Grand Master, beginning his address, spends much time in a presentation of their historical background. They are not good Canadians if they are not proud of it. We in the States are proud of it, too. A most glorious heritage is ours of great North America. What a privilege it is to maintain the traditions, to reap where our forbears did the sowing.

We are glad to note, in the address, the suggestion that honorary rank be bestowed upon Sir Alfred Robbins, of England. Too much cannot come his way.

The address was truly a great one. Having finished its reading we find that we have been lifted up. Fortunate Ontario in his possession.

300 pages are used for the Correspondence. It is a wonderful document, prepared by a very wonderful man and Mason. We wish that New Hampshire had one just like him. We would not ask that he be changed or modified in any particular.

"We covet no honor more choice, in our Masonic line of endeavor, than that given to us by Brother Ponton. We wish that we were his nearest neighbor, with no fences. Possibly he would wish otherwise."

This under Connecticut regarding Grand Secretary Kies, who our colleague says "perpetrates the Correspondence":

Possibly, if we tried, we might at times be as positive as he is, but we are utterly lacking in his type of personality, that so delightfully colors whatever he does.

In this space he expressed his disapproval of a public installation held jointly with a Chapter of the Eastern Star. We serve notice on him, here and now, that on that thing he can start no debate with Cheney. It all was the gratification of a desire just to be queer.

We are always glad when we find a fair and full report of England, as we do here:

The return of Sir Alfred Robbins from a mission to

South America and the brilliant report which he submitted to the Grand Lodge, covering what he found and what he did.

Most of the time of this session was taken up with the report of the Board of General Purposes, which, under their system, seems to us to be very near being the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Finland was given recognition.

Under Iowa we get two fine definitions of Freemasonry—that elusive subject which is so hard to crystallize into words:

That year we gave him our definition of Freemasonry, which he retorts: "is good enough for anybody, but because we asked him to do so he gives us one that is very much to his liking: "Trying to be a brother with the love of God in our hearts." That, too, is good enough, but we still cling to our own: "Freemasonry is an organization of men, teaching God in Fraternity."

We are glad to hear that co-Masonry is a vanishing quantity:

Something called "Co-Masonry" got a foothold in Kentucky. We confess ignorance as to what it was, but the Grand Master got after it and it seems to have vanished from Kentucky soil.

North Dakota is always fertile in ideas and in producing ideas:

The study of the ritual is said by the Grand Master to have become a lost art. We sometimes wonder whether or not that is a more menacing disease than thinking that the ritual is all there is to Freemasonry.

Somehow he has learned that we dislike the expression "wheels of time." Probably we said so, somewhere, and he detected it. That leads him to compliment Grand Master Kingman, in avoiding its use. It is intimated that possibly we blue penciled the expression. We do such things so often that we keep no record—simply buy another pencil.

This summing up of two live topics under Washington is as follows:

The greatest need of that particular Lodge is a new Secretary.

A healthy discussion was presented concerning the appropriation of Masonic money. He could come to no other conclusion than that Masonic money must be used for Masonic purposes.

Wyoming gives an opportunity for comment on our job:

Their Grand Secretary writes the Correspondence. He does it so well that he is kept on the job year after year. As a matter of fact, it is a job that few men want to tackle.

NEW JERSEY

Howard R. Cruse, M. W. Grand Master.

Isaac Cherry, R. W. Grand Secretary.

The One hundred and forty-first Annual Communication was held at Trenton, April 18, 1928, 16 Past Grand Masters bringing their mellow maturity to the Grand East.

Canada was as usual, represented by M. W. Bro. Ernest A. Reed.

Grand Chaplain Rev. A. Boylan FitzGerald gave the opening invocation in which he prayed:

Grant that this great institution may daily prove to be an organization of Master Builders, erecting an edifice that shall be respected and admired by all, and that may bring to the workmen the welcome plaudit "Well done."

Many distinguished visitors enjoyed the salt of New Jersey.

The Secretaries of the Lodges presented to R. W. Bro. Cherry a watch, a Hamilton masterpiece.

Grand Master Cruse's address opened auspiciously thus:

My Brethren—"No stay has time, nor stopping, behold how swift its flight." It seems but yesterday.

The Scottish Rite presented a memorial entrance to the grounds of the Masonic Home at Burlington and a fine picture of the structure in loving memory to Bro. Shirrefs, adorns the Proceedings.

"Unity of action is essential" said the Grand Master:

My judgment is that without some kind of union of forces such as the Masonic Service Association the Freemasonry of this country will never make the contribution to the common good of which it is capable.

Of the Home he thus speaks:

The Masonic Home and Charity Foundation furnish a theme to inspire the Craft with generous impulses and constitute an object of charity which is gripping in its appeal.

Investigation shows that there are 1300 Lawyer members of Lodges in New Jersey.

This is the Grand Master's worthy and poetic conclusion:

"The play is done; the curtain drops,
Slow falling to the prompter's bell:
A moment yet the actor stops,
And looks around, to say farewell.
✓ "Others shall sing the song,
Others shall right the wrong,
Finish what I begin,
And all I fail to win,
What matter, I or they,

Mine or another's day,
So the right word be said,
And life the sweeter made?"

Membership 92,565. Net gain 2,968, a fine record.

M. W. Bro. Walker addressed the distinguished visitors saying:

One thing that we should remember is that there is no greater object for a Mason's bounty than the Masonic Home of his own State and that nowhere will his money do more good in the future than under that kindly fraternal care of those brethren whom you elect from time to time to take care of the poor and distressed brother and orphan.

Rhode Island responded:

"It is our duty—yours and mine—to use our gifts, our talents, our ability, to help our brother and our neighbor along the road to happiness."

As did our old friend Ferrell of Massachusetts:

I never sat in a Grand Lodge session where there was so much unanimity in the development of practical Masonry as we have here this afternoon. There has not, as the matter impresses itself upon my mind, been a non-essential brought forward for your consideration; and, brethren, as long as we keep practical Freemasonry the golden object of our striving, the future of Freemasonry is safe.

In presenting the Price Medal (this Reviewer proudly wears one) he said:

It is only a bit of bronze, but the sentimental and symbolic value of it are far beyond gold or silver or precious stones. When the Masons of our Commonwealth desire to honor, in particular fashion, a man who has rendered distinguished service to the Craft, there is only one way in which that appreciation can be shown, and that is by the conferment of the Henry Price medal.

Grand Master Richardson of New York was—as always—eloquent:

We need Masonic leaders more today than ever before. It is my experience that the forcefulness of a lodge—its standing in the community—is measured by those men who direct its affairs.

During the elction of Officers Past Grand Chaplain Morgan addressed Grand Lodge:

The old poet looked at him and said: "I am very much interested in what you say about California, but the thing that I would like to know is, 'What kind of men do you raise in California?'" Now, brethren, that goes to the very heart of the philosophy of life.

The service had just begun. The professor was listening to the katy-dids at the roadside and the wife was listening to the choir in the church. A sweet voice was heard to

say, "Dearie, doesn't that music sound heavenly on the summer breeze," to which he replied, "Yes, my darling, and the funny part of it is they make that music by rubbing their hind legs together." Now, one was thinking of the katy-dids and the other was thinking of the choir. And it is just as silly for you and me to stand up and judge one another; judge one another's motives.

The installation ode begins to the universal tune:

God bless our native land,
Firm may she ever stand,
Through storm and night.

The new Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Vanderlipp spoke:

Masonry will live for the good which it can do. It will accomplish much and as a result turn over this wonderful fraternity to those who come after us, not only unsullied, but a living, vital force in the affairs of men and of nations.

New Jersey is represented by R. W. Bro. William H. Day of Guelph.

The Correspondence Reviews are divided by the Chairman, Ernest A. Reed; W. S. Hunt reviewing fourteen, F. W. De Camp four and W. VanEedre one (Holland).

We wish we could see some evidence of the following in Canada.

Fortunately and properly, Masonic pins are going out of fashion.

The Grand Master of British Columbia secures high praise:

Brother Sutherland's address is a model of terseness and contains some sound philosophy for the Craft. On attendance he has this to say:

"You will note that the average attendance decreases when the membership exceeds the point where personal touch and comradeship are becoming lost. We are then faced with the paradox that a lodge may weaken itself by becoming too strong."

This sound Masonic principle, so easily forgotten, has been voiced often but never better.

Canada for 1927 receives favoured-nation treatment. Under our colleague's review initial E. A. R. we read:

The Grand Lodge session was crowded with interest and inspiration. A number of distinguished brethren, guests of Grand Lodge, were present and were graciously and courteously received.

Grand Master Rowland's address is a remarkable document. It is earnest, searching and comprehensive. There is no attempt to instruct, or to dispense a superior knowledge, but a sincere effort to impart to the Craft a wisdom begotten of wide experience. The most austere

intellectual could not fail to be moved by its very human quality and charmed by the excellence of its style.

Brother Thomas Shanks, for the past five years chairman of the Committee has passed on. "His reports were storehouses of wisdom, and models of literary excellence."

The Fraternal Correspondence section is by Bro. Ponton. It is an exceptional review of the facts and trends of Masonic thought and action as revealed through the proceedings of the Craft.

Promiscuous letter writing is discouraged. We read under Colorado:

The Grand Master let it be known in no uncertain tones that gaining new members by solicitation either in letter or spirit would not be countenanced.

This came about through the action of a brother who apparently thought the strength of Masonry depended on its members, and whose zeal in this direction was not tempered with discretion in the matter of letter writing.

This has a new (and to many) a true ring under District of Columbia:

We question if fear of adverse publicity will, or should be, the means of holding our lodge memberships. We are inclined to believe that a Craftsman will stick to his lodge if he finds there congenial surroundings, fine fellowships and an opportunity to serve in worthwhile endeavors. This does not mean watching degree work or listening to oratory.

Quebec always interests our colleagues of Review. The Grand Master declining to grant a Dispensation to a Lodge of colored members exclusively.

We read:

These are words of wisdom and apply to the United States as well as Canada. Intolerance, in race, in color, or creed is not only foreign to Masonic principles, but loaded with catastrophic consequences.

Victoria (Australia) gives us something to think about:

His address delivered on this occasion will interest the brethren of the U. S. A., since it contains a warning to the Craft at large to have nothing to do with "bodies who masquerade under Masonic titles such as Co-Masonry and The Order of Eastern Star." Grand Master Brice urges Support of the Big Brother movement and the Boy Scouts.

As does our colleague under Washington:

Correspondence is prefaced again by an excellent essay dealing with a predicted excision of the parasitic organizations so widely fastening themselves on the body of the Craft. This is a topic that stirs interest in many Grand Jurisdictions, if the repeated discussions in their Proceedings reflect correctly.

NEW MEXICO

John S. Mactavish, M.W. Grand Master.

The Fiftieth Annual Communication was held at Magdalena, February 20, 1928.

In the address of welcome Bro. Argall spoke of "our little hamlet and our little lodge entertaining this august and distinguished body. Verily the mountain has come to Mohammed."

The Grand Master urges the Brethren to live up to the spirit of Masonry.

15 D.D.G.M's reported.

Permission was given to confer the M.M. Degree out of time, the brother being called to join the Navy.

Dispensations for joint occupancy were granted to Temples, chiefly apparently to share them with Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, yet in his decisions the Grand Master holds:

Query: Is there a law forbidding entertainments, such as card parties, in the Masonic lodge room?

Held: A lodge cannot permit anyone to use the consecrated and dedicated lodge room for purposes outside of its legitimate uses, nor can a Grand Master grant this by dispensation.

New Mexico led in Masonic relief in Tuberculosis cases but the result has not been satisfactory, we regret to say:

We in New Mexico and the Southwest feel rather discouraged at their turning a cold shoulder and deaf ear to our appeal for aid, to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, and while we realize that the conditions confronting us are not so graphic, and do not appeal to outside and distant Jurisdictions, as do National Disasters, yet we know that the sick and the needy sufferers from tuberculosis we have, and always will have with us.

The Revolving Students Loan Fund is being freely made use of.

The Sojourners' Club at Fort Bayard is being ably administered, as is the Trowel Club at Fort Stanton.

Membership 6,692. Net gain 115.

The Grand Master concludes as follows:

My outstanding impression of our Fraternity in the State is the high type of manhood which composes it and regardless of what their business, profession or line of endeavor may be, they are in the lead.

There has been I firmly believe, a broadening conception of the purpose of our Order, of our responsibility extending beyond the confines of the lodges.

Nine Past Grand Masters reported for duty.

Herbert Holt, President of the Sanatoria Association reported:

New Mexico is one of the few States of the West and Southwest, upon which is imposed a great and increasing burden incident to the relief and care of tuberculars, who come from every part of the United States seeking climatic advantages.

Surely no other part of the country bears a similar burden for the care of sick who are non-residents, non-taxpayers and who have not previously contributed to the upbuilding of the community which now cares for them.

Is it fair or just to the communities of the Southwest to impose this burden upon them without aid from other States, or the Federal Government?

If the leaders of Masonic thought and action in the various Grand Jurisdictions would forget Jurisdictional lines, if the scales would fall from before their eyes and enable them to envision the project, and if they would permit the rank and file of Masonry to be circularized in their respective Jurisdictions, the financial aspects of the problem would speedily be solved.

It has fallen to our lot to speak for these brethren of our "Grand Lodge of Sorrow". They are a great inarticulate mass, scattered in thousands of homes.

Then came this final and touching appeal:

The complete abandonment of the movement would be tantamount to admitting that Freemasonry cannot function outside of Jurisdictional lines, or upon a national scale; that its protestations are as "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal;" that it does not practice what it preaches; that it has been "weighed in the balances" and found wanting, and that it is incapable of that degree of cohesion and co-ordination essential efficiently and effectively to deal with the existing situation. American Freemasonry is on trial, and will stand or fall according to the final answer to our sick brethren, standing in the "Northeast Corner", pleading for help, which has been so long with held and failure to render which has resulted in the death of so large a number while we have debated among ourselves.

The graves of Past Grand Masters have been marked.

Under the memorial tablets we read:

To live in hearts we leave behind,
Is not to die.

All that tread

The Globe are but a handful to the tribes
That slumber in its bosom.

There was a fine historical report of the Sojourners' Club of Fort Bayard which shows a splendid growth, its purpose being:

Our organization is daily helping someone and it gives our brothers and other patients of the institution a feeling of security, even though they are thousands of miles from home and loved ones, to know there is someone who will take a personal interest in their welfare and, if need be, look after their every want.

John Milne presides over Foreign Correspondence but "Canada" as in the case of six other Grand Jurisdictions this year, did not apparently reach him.

Under Arizona we read:

The Grand Master said, "I firmly believe that Masonry in Mexico will be the dominant power that will lead the masses of the people to a better understanding of the people of the United States and cement a closer friendship among them."

For "clear thinking" our colleague refers us to Alabama.

This comment under California shows that all do not agree:

The Grand Lodge of California continues to sponsor "Public School Week." Many will see only dire disaster in such work! More strength to you, California!

This is interesting under erudite Iowa:

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented their report. Our dictionary fails to reveal the fact that "sub-ordinate" and "constituent" mean specifically the same. Since the Committee used "their judgment" and the members were agreed as to the meaning, perhaps Webster is wrong.

We are not so sure that "the idea that one must go south to be cured of consumption has been exploded as an outworn medical superstition," if by "south" is meant the arid southwest. After one has seen hundreds of tuberculars who have been kept in the damp northern sections until they have to be brought to the southwest on stretchers—when one has seen these stretcher cases regain strength and become well and useful citizens of our country in spite of what "the expert from Johns Hopkins has to say," we have our doubts. This we do know, that thousands of tuberculars who came to the southwest and were cured will refuse to agree with any expert, however expert he may be in the eyes of the people who have not had the experience that they have had.

A most interesting report on Alaska Lodges is to be found under "Washington".

NEW YORK

Harold J. Richardson, M.W. Grand Master.

Robert Judson Kenworthy, M.W. Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and forty-seventh Annual Committee was opened in Masonic Hall, New York, May 1st, 1928.

Seven Past Grand Masters lent dignity and honour to the Grand East. Among them was M.W. Bro. Thomas Penney, Grand Representative of Canada, who is faithful in attendance.

Grand Chaplain Hamilton Nesbitt opened the proceedings with an earnest invocation from which we take the following:

We thank Thee for the labors and joys of these mortal years. We thank Thee for the deep sense of the mysteries that lie beyond our dust and for the eye of faith which Thou hast opened for all who believe in Thee to outlook that mark.

Vistiors from Connecticut, New Jersey Washington, and Alaska were welcomed and also an ordinary, yet not ordinary Master Mason in the person of Bernt Balchen, who was received in the Grand East as the Companion of Byrd and of Floyd Bennett in the Arctic and Antarctic.

The Grand Master's address teems with good things and indeed all through the transactions of New York we find so many nuggets of precious metal that we feel we do best service to our Canadian Companions by making of this Grand Jurisdiction a specially long review.

He opens well:

May He give us strength for our tasks, wisdom for our deliberations, guidance in the dark places, and an enlarged vision of our possibilities.

We miss from our circle a big personality, our Junior Past Grand Master, William A. Rowan. Stricken in the prime of life and at the very peak of his service to the Craft, it is not our wonder to miss him but how his place will be filled.

We do not remember ever reading a more glowing tribute than that paid to R.W. Bro. George A. Stebbins, who was a man among men. As a model of outspoken friendship it stands supreme in the memorial records:

He will live for us in the sun's clear shining, in the breath of fresh winds, in the sight of hills carved of living rock, in the clasp of friendly hands, in moments of insight and faith, in the presence and spirit and appeal of all clean, wholesome, healthful, natural things.

Cleanliness and wholesomeness were the notes of his character. He was less touched than any man I have ever

known or expect to know with morbidity in any of its forms. There was no drag or drowsiness, or depression in his nature. Each morning he came suddenly and complete awake, the whole of him at once, alert and alive, quick with ideas, flowing over with jokes, filled with plans and activities. That stream of life poured through him at the flood until sleep took him at night, and so was it every day.

His generosity was not a something added on, a merely supererogatory grace, but belonged integrally and normally to his life; like his work and his play.

Such a man was by nature a Mason, and would have been had he never received initiation in all our fraternal rites.

And now that he has gone it is as if the fire had died down on the hearth. When George was always somewhere about, a center of throbbing, radiating, human activity, making things happen as they ought to happen, it gave one's life a feeling of enlargement and warmth. His inner boyishness, his puck-like humor, his gay banter, his flashes of cleansing anger, his kindling impatience with meanness, his contempt for the repressed, the under-par, the wishy-washy, his impatience with mere Venetian glass saints, and plaster holiness, and small moralities—what shall atone to us for the loss of these! Was not such manhood itself a kind of genius!

His voice comes clear and strong across the hills of death. It is we who are dead, who by comparison live such half lives, and meagre days, and faint hopes, and little faiths.

Gracious God keep him and God grant to me
By miracle to see
That unforgetably most gracious friend,
In the never-ending end.

Of the Home at Utica he is enthusiastic:

The great Home, Hospital and Summer Camp at Utica comprises a Grand Lodge institution which continues to grow in grace and power, in security and comfort to its occupants, as well as in its influence throughout the Craft.

It was as if the living soul and beating heart of Freemasonry had become visible before our eyes.

85 per cent. of the New York lodges now present a copy of the Holy Bible prepared for Masonic use to their candidates.

Of the emblems and symbols in common use he well says:

During the past two years, I have many times observed a tendency among our lodges to become increasingly careless of our symbols and emblems. The Great Pillars are crowded into a corner, and they are often in a sadly

dilapidated state; the Ashlars are laid on the floor behind a chair.

It is all-important that we keep the symbols and emblems in their ancient places, where they may exercise their silent and continuous influence, lest Masons themselves forget the meaning and ministry of Masonry, and the Craft in these thoughtless, hasty times, degenerate into a mere playground, emptied of its great ideals and robbed of its soul.

He speaks strongly for dual membership, which was afterwards adopted.

Financial reconstruction receives practical treatment both as to needs and methods and is appropriate to our own present benevolent campaign.

First, the creation of an emergency fund of one hundred thousand dollars made available out of the permanent fund, the same to be used at the discretion of the Grand Master for emergencies, disasters, charities, and deficits caused by unforeseen items not included in the budget.

Brethren, I most heartily endorse and approve the recommendation to increase the initiate's tax, and for many reasons. It is no more than fair and right that the newly-made Mason should bear his share of the burden; in other words, should not receive the protection provided by the Home for a greatly smaller amount than those who preceded him and who have paid dues for many years.

Let us not fail in our time, as our Masonic fathers did not fail in theirs, to measure up to this call of duty that now sounds out so clearly to us. That call comes to us out of no imaginary realm; it comes from the indigent, the infirm, the aged, the orphan, all of them wards of the Craft whom we cannot fail. May our faith and our loyalty take expression in definite action that will many years hence command the thanks and the gratitude of those who come after us.

The Board of General Activities of New York is an organization of vital improvement, as is the library.

It is a dynamic and useful department of Grand Lodge life, and I predict that as the years pass, it will tend to become the very corner stone of our educational work. You will be doing a real kindness to them if you acquaint your members, especially the more active ones, with the various services that they may receive from our Library by merely making known their wants.

The New York official paper "The Outlook" has achieved results.

He denounces the making of Masons with great rapidity almost at sight, as a growing evil.

Masonic Clubs and Masters are thus firmly admonished:

As to Clubs which operate within or under the direct supervision of your Lodge, you must remember, Brother Worshipful Master, that you are responsible for them. By a word, by a stroke of the pen, you can cause any Club within your lodge to cease to exist. Don't be afraid to use your authority. Don't permit a Club to become a secondary lodge, a wheel within a wheel, trying to manage your lodge for you; that way lies the disruption of the harmony which it is the first duty of Masons to uphold.

As to the basic Masonic Degrees claimed by some (but very few) Grand Councils, he reaffirms the great truth:

At the same time I believe it is well for this Grand Lodge to affirm and reaffirm the fact, established now for two centuries, that Grand Lodges and Grand Lodges alone have complete, and final, and exclusive sovereignty over the Three Degrees, with all the rights, prerogatives, and privileges appertaining thereto; and that we stand always ready to assert and exercise that sovereignty within our own boundaries and to lend our influence and support to other recognized Grand Lodges within whose Jurisdictions the contrary claim may be set forth by any individual or group of individuals, here or abroad.

Of New York Mission Overseas he says that the results have been wonderful. Incidentally we clip the following:

By reading the reports of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the past few years you will derive from them not only knowledge of the work undertaken and accomplished by England and Massachusetts in this direction for the good of Masonry, but you will gain also an inspiring and accurate idea of the governing conception of the principles involved and the possibilities that may be realized.

Proceeding only as we were invited, we, as a Grand Lodge, were permitted to assist in restoring Masonry where it had been blotted out, in resuscitating it where it was groping aimlessly, and in introducing it where it was wanted.

It is heartening to know that there is a promising development under way in Spain and that the Grand Lodge of Barcelona represents a substantial organization which works in full harmony with the principles which we uphold as essential to Masonic regularity.

England warmly welcomed the Grand Master and his colleagues and it does us all good to read his tribute to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught:

It is unnecessary for me to state that our reception there was marked by a cordiality which has grown out of a long period of friendliness and is characteristic of the relationship that should exist between parent and child. We must never forget that the Mother Grand Lodge is England.

This beloved Grand Master, who has served the Craft for twenty-seven years and who has rendered gallant service

to his country throughout his life, sought to demonstrate before the world the steadfast attachment to the principles which have governed life and to which all Freemasons are devoted.

Of the great ceremony of the cornerstone at which Bro. Richardson spoke, he says:

It was serious business performed by serious-minded men whose perceptions of the motif that underlay the undertaking at hand could not be mistaken. Royalty, Nobility, Army, Navy, the Clergy, and the Laity, all banded together as equals sponsoring a great cause, functioning under the banner of Freemasonry as Brothers in a common cause.

The ceremony was unique in that it was not actual but symbolical.

In Berlin he got a warm reception and adds these comments:

We received from them much light upon the conditions, and problems they have to contend with in a period of mendacious anti-Masonic propaganda and political unrest.

To sum up briefly, German Masonry has been threatened seriously by dangerous influences of the post-war period. Efforts were made to impute to Masons the responsibility for the war. This propaganda was too ridiculous to find general acceptance. But anti-Masonic agitation resorted to other insinuations and accusations, equally mendacious but less easy to combat by reason of organized propaganda to discredit the Craft by the spreading of prejudices of many sorts.

He says that their relations with the Grand Lodge of Vienna have become most cordial, and as to Rumanian experience he reports that their reception in Bucharest was delightful beyond expectation. From there they went to their own Jurisdiction Syria and thence to Egypt.

Of a Syrian experience he thus speaks and quotes from the address of W. Bro. Mardini:

The function was conducted in English and translated into Arabic. We were delighted to find among the membership several Brethren who are equally capable in Arabic and English and often are at home in French, too.

The address was delivered in Arabic and then translated into English. It was eminently appropriate.

The strongest ties which join groups and nations in the world are the ties of common feeling which join the individuals forming these groups.

He thus sums up this part of his journeying:

Masonic customs and practices, even unto the ritual itself, are interesting by reason of their variation. Without reference to fundamental principles, however, there is one common characteristic recognized anywhere and everywhere

in operation, and that is the social element. While this element enters into every department of human society, it has been particularly outstanding in all that has to do with Freemasonry. You will recall that the early meetings in England were held in inns of famous memory. The same was true in America from the moment fraternalism reached our shores. The names Goose and Gridiron, Appletree Tavern, Crown Ale House, Rummer and Grapes, etc., will call up associations to convey my thought.

In far-off Damascus, the oldest existing city in the world, which had achieved renown long before Abraham chose Eliezer from there to be his steward, hospitality was most genuine and bountiful.

They declined to establish Lodges in Palestine for the following courteous international reasons:

The Government of Palestine is under English direction, and the United Grand Lodge of England already has two lodges at work there under its auspices. The Grand Lodge of Scotland and the National Grand Lodge of Egypt also are strongly intrenched. Any of these three Grand Jurisdictions may be applied to for dispensations.

Last year's overseas work, in the success of which Bro. Ossian Lang was a factor, is thus summarized:

It has revealed to me what wonderful and still only partly developed potency there is in the Masonic idea of the Brotherhood of Men, the thought that all men are children of one Father and therefore brothers all. The world is hungering for peace and harmony and the working together of all with all. Freemasonry has the true solution. The results of our work overseas prove it. They justify the sacrifices we have made. They make us thankful that we have been privileged to offer them. It is a work we should never abandon. There is too much at stake.

He thus wisely and eloquently concludes:

It long ago became impossible for any Grand Master of this, the largest of all Masonic Jurisdictions, to go it alone. Personal leadership is one of the most precious things in the traditions of our Craft, but personal leadership alone cannot but fall far short of the requirements.

Consider this picture! On the one hand, is the new member. He is an individual. He comes to the door of the lodge. He brings nothing with him but his own head and his two hands, and he is perhaps a little timid and somewhat embarrassed.

On the other hand stands the great Fraternity, with all its complexity. Behind it is the vast sweep of its history. How shall he learn to perform his duties? How can he become a Mason in fact as well as in name?

Everything that can help to close the gap between the individual and the Craft should be used by us, I believe,

should be encouraged and supported, not as a fad or as a luxury but as a necessity under the new conditions our extraordinary growth have imposed upon us.

Grand Master Vanderlipp of New Jersey delivered a humorous address, of which the following is a sample:

I was very much interested in the things that your Grand Master had to say. You know, being a young fellow, I have really no business in this party—at least, it doesn't seem so to me, and I sat here somewhat in fear, like the schoolboy who had failed and had sent a message home to his brother, "I have failed in all five; prepare father"; and he got a telegram back, "Father is prepared; prepare yourself."

Membership 337,558. Net gain 8268, a wonderful record.

A beautiful set of chimes in the Chapel of the Home were presented and dedicated to the glory of God. A musicale was given by the children of the Home with a programme. the fullness and richness of which left nothing to be desired.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address were impressed, as we all must be, by its depth and breadth. They say of it:

Your Committee has been profoundly impressed with the broad, humanitarian sweep of this memorable document.

We have had a feeling that our Grand Master has ascended into high places and looked upon far horizons without ever losing a proper perspective of those nearer and more intimate vistas which lie in the breast of every earnest Mason.

With words he has drawn a stirring picture. Against the background of the Fraternity's glorious Past he has outlined its vivid Present. In that we share with him his sublime confidence that our altar fires will never wane? The torch he has received from his predecessors he is ready to hand to his successors with its flame undiminished. Be it ours to consecrate ourselves to the service of keeping that sacred fire alight.

Bro. Ossian Lang presents the report on Foreign Correspondence, which was adopted. He recommended fraternal recognition of the National Grand Lodge of France and the French Colonies and the National Grand Lodge of Czecho-Slovakia and the Grand Lodge of Spain. Dominica stands over for fuller recognition.

Then follows the greatest effort of Grand Historian Lang, which covers about 25 close pages and treats of Freemasonry in France, in Spain and in Czecho-Slovakia at length.

Action having been brought by Max Scheuer of the Thirty-third and Last Degree, an unincorporated association,

against the Grand Master and other Officers of the New York Grand Lodge for declaring this and some other Scottish Rites to be spurious and clandestine and praying for judgment, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master be, and he hereby is, authorized to take such action as in his judgment is necessary and proper to defend the said action in behalf of this Grand Lodge and its Officers, and to employ counsel for that purpose, and to incur such expense as may be necessary in the conduct of the defense of said suit.

Judge Advocate Jerome L. Cheney made a satisfying report.

Of the late Grand Master Rowan the Committee wrote:

If we were asked to write his epitaph we should do so in two simple Latin words "Semper Fidelis," for this man was always faithful to every trust reposed in him.

R.W. Bro. John A. Dutton was elected Grand Master by acclamation and his address of acceptance shows him to be the right man in the right place. He said:

Now, the cynic may say that this is merely idealism, and that what we want in this age of progression, this age the like of which no man ever saw before, is Action. Well, that is true, my Brethren, I agree with all that, but the man of action, the man who does something, the man who accomplishes anything of which he and others are proud, is the man of ideals.

Our actions are only the outward expressions of the inner man; and unless we are right at heart, unless our ideals are what they ought to be, then our actions and whatever we do will be upon a comparatively low and ignoble plane.

Our own Grand Secretary, William M. Logan faithfully represents New York, our nearest neighbor.

Foreign Correspondence by Arthur S. Tompkins, S. Nelson Sawyer and Arthur K. Kuhu is a joy to read. From the brief introduction we clip these paragraphs:

This report is more voluminous than any which have preceded it.

Knowing from personal experience the inspiration and the broadening of the understanding which are derived from a study of the many aspects of Freemasonry as illustrated by what is being done under its auspices in the several States of our Nation, and in other countries, we submit that the survey herein supplied, may well engage the interest of our lodges and such study clubs as have been formed to know and understand how the Fraternity operates and what it accomplishes year by year in the pursuit of its great mission.

We recommend the thoughtful reading of the report

submitted herewith to all Brethren who take their Masonry seriously. They will find that the principles upon which the Craft is builded, though applied in varying forms according to national and racial characteristics, are the same wherever civilized, God-fearing men, of whatever race or creed, gather in Masonic lodges and strive to exemplify in spirit and in conduct the thought of true Brotherhood.

Everywhere we find abundance. Our first from Alabama:

One other outstanding mark of the Grand Master's Address is his firm stand taken with regard to the Alabama Kluxers and their perpetration of lawless procedure. We all know how the good name of Alabama has suffered from outrages committed there by self-constituted representatives of Nemesis.

Under Arkansas and Michigan our M.W. Bro. Rowland is quoted. Rash building projects with more local fervor than calm reflection are discouraged. Toleration is everywhere emphasized.

A new line is developed under District of Columbia in pointing out that extravagance which is apt to recoil like a boomerang in joining and paying dues to Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, Shrine, Grotto, Arab Patrols, Clubs and Tall Cedars, enough to tax a magnificent salary and to deprive the homes of the necessities of life.

This is worthy of quotation under Rhode Island's review:

The Mason must be a gentleman everywhere and at all times. It is not enough that he meet in his behavior "the conscious and historic demand of duty"; his conduct must be be "the instinctive reaction of a gentleman."

Virginia and the late M.W. Bro. Eggleston give this material to our colleague:

When and where did the Scottish Rite ever get the right to entrust the "first three degrees" or anything else to anybody? In the first place they are not simply the first three degrees, but are the degrees of Masonry. They, together with the "Holy Royal Arch".

Canada in Ontario received full, generous and fraternal treatment. Space will only permit the following extracts from this admirable review:

For practical Masonic helpfulness at home and abroad, for excellency of diction and for noble inspirational appeal, we have seen nothing better than this great message by M.W. Bro. Rowland:

Reports of committees "on Grand Master's Address" are not usually a reliable index as to the true worth of the documents submitted to their judgment, but in this particular instance we subscribe unhesitatingly to the tribute paid to the Grand Master. The committee was composed of

three Past Grand Masters. Its report was presented by Bro. Ponton.

1927 being the year in which the Dominion of Canada celebrates the sixtieth year of her Confederation, the Grand Master reviews briefly the glorious history of the country, the wonderful progress made, and how all this "reflects the people's character" and "throws a light along the pathway of its future development". Again the appeal is so compelling that we want our readers to share with us the inspiration of his words, for we are brothers all and Canada is our next-door neighbor.

In another connection we run across a sentence which may well be placed as a motto on the walls of lodge rooms everywhere:

"Experience has shown that within the limits set by the ancient landmarks there is safety and ample opportunity for service, while without there is difficulty and danger and usually Masonic disaster."

Bro. Ponton again presents an excellent report, sane, informative, virile, comprehensive and interesting. Many quotations are drawn from the various correspondence reports, which add illuminating side-lights and help to bring out more clearly the spirit reigning in the several Grand Lodges under review.

Rear Admiral Baird's "ultra Protestant" spleen annoys him as it does others who like that good brother personally, because "the correspondent of the District of Columbia is a little too vigorous in attack or perhaps lacks catholicity of outlook.

Then follow full reviews of the Latin Americas from which we make the following brief extracts:

CHILE, 56 Lodges, 4,000 members, 320 gain. The Feast of Easter was celebrated by Grand Lodge.

CUBA, 173 Lodges, 13,320 members. It is noted that the Grand Lodge of England has appointed a Representative to Cuba. One Lodge proposed to substitute the Book of Constitutions for the Bible. The order was rescinded by the Grand Master.

The prompt and firm decision was published for the information of the craft with wholesome disciplinary effect.

ECUADOR, 7 Lodges, 431 members, a finely illustrated review. Pacific Lodge working in the English language was constituted.

GUATEMALA, 18 Lodges, 598 members. This is of interest:

At the session held in celebration of St. John's Day in June, the announcement was made of the desirability of establishing a Free Bureau of Advice for Children. Here pupils of the schools and other youngsters can go and re-

ceive information as to what life work they appear to be best fitted for and how they can prepare for it, where they can have reading and study plans mapped out for themselves, where they can get material help in case of need, etc. The new Grand Master, M.W. Alvarado, is the Dean of the University of Guatemala, and with his backing, the departure will make available the best that educational advice can give to parents and children through the new Bureau of Grand Lodge.

HAITI, 19 Lodges, 2,000 members, and this will give an idea of the Proceedings:

The moral reform was pushed with the same determination as the improvement of the material conditions. "We proceeded with kindness," says the Grand Master, "but when the case required it we did not hesitate to take disciplinary measures, even the most severe." That this was needed is evident from the general change of atmosphere in Masonic life of the jurisdiction.

Panama, 485 members, and the following good note is struck at the opening:

Masonry is not looking for men, the Grand Master said in his address, "neither can its honors and privileges be bought."

Peru, 15 Lodges, 630 members.

San Salvador, 4 Lodges, 141 members.

Venezuela, 24 Lodges, 1600 members, and these interesting comments:

It was a severe test as to its loyalty to regular procedure and strict adherence to the fundamental landmarks of the Craft. That it came out of the test stronger and with a greater determination not to be swerved from the right course is all the more gratifying.

There are two paragraphs in the address which are particularly striking.

"Freemasonry in the different countries is the thermometer by which the progress and civilization of those countries may be measured; the degree is equal to the ratio between the number of inhabitants and the resident Freemasons among them.

The review of ENGLAND reads like a romance, page after page of most interesting matter being devoted to the Mother Grand Jurisdiction.

VIENNA, 25 Lodges, 1,652 members, and the following comments:

The zeal which the Vienna Brethren have shown in fostering a better mutual understanding between the Brethren of Austria and those of other nationalities has brought many distinguished visitors to the lodges.

He closed his address by saying that all Freemasons

should work together to show by example that, in this time of political upheaval, there is one plane, one island, on which all can give free expression to their thoughts and ideals, fully persuaded that they will not be misunderstood, but that the hearts of the Brethren will respond with understanding and sympathy.

Czecho-Slovakia, 20 Lodges, 923 members, with this notable sentence:

In the union of understanding and faith, he believes, man attains to a hopeful outlook upon life. Freemasonry is striving to help men upward to the heights where faith and understanding become one:

Denmark, 7,000 members. King Christian X himself presided as M.W. Grand Master. He is King of Denmark and Iceland.

Germany answers the Ludendorff attack in the following strong words:

German Masonic periodicals have been filled with all sorts of comments on Ludendorff's maniacal stultiloquence. Pamphlets have been issued to enlighten the general public concerning the true character of German Freemasonry.

With everything else in Germany, Freemasonry is coming back into its own, but they ask to be let alone until such time as they can work out their own salvation, and once more stand in the world as self-respecting men.

THE NETHERLANDS have 123 Lodges of which 59 are in Holland, 21 in the Dutch East Indies, 4 in the Dutch West Indies and 39 in South Africa, with a total of 7,475 members. From the review we take this interesting extract:

Upon the spotlessly white solid-marble altar, forming a perfect cube, rested the Bible. All was darkened after the Brethren were seated, when above the altar, hidden in the ceiling, suddenly appeared a light whose rays fell on the Book of Books. The Grand Master himself opened the Book on the first chapter of the Gospel of St. John, and in the light from above he read how "the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

A brief history of NORWAY is given under their review, and this is added:

The three Scandinavian Grand Lodges follow what is known as the Swedish System of Masonry. But while in Sweden and Denmark the Grandmastership is vested, by election, in the King of the respective nations, Norway, from the beginning, always has had a commoner at the head of its Grand Lodge.

SWITZERLAND has 39 Lodges and 4,960 members. The Grand Master spoke out in meeting:

Personally I am of the opinion that Grand Lodge, as such, has neither the right nor the duty to mix in foreign affairs. Our constitution prohibits such doings.

The review ends with most interesting statistics, and with this "good night" which we can all take to heart:

Just one more general word: Correspondence, no matter how skilfully conducted, could not have accomplished in many years what personal contact and discussions brought about often in a single day or but a few hours. "Personal contact" which the far-sighted business man has long come to recognize as the best investment for his purposes, has proved of exceeding effectiveness in the promotion of the Brotherhood of Man.

Hats off to the Empire State.

NEW ZEALAND

M. W. Bro. General Sir Charles Fergusson, Bart., G.C.M.G., D.S.O. etc., Grand Master, Government House Wellington.

R. W. Bro. Colonel George Barclay, Grand Secretary, Dunedin.

New Zealand comprises 293 active Lodges with a membership of 26,227.

The Thirty-ninth Communication was held in Dunedin, November 28, 1928.

M. W. Bro. Thompson in proposing the re-election of His Excellency said:

That in the three years during which His Excellency had held the office he had shown himself to possess an outstanding personality, to be a man of very wide knowledge and experience, and a man of deep learning, refinement, and culture, and very wide sympathies.

If the following did not appeal to Grand Lodge nothing would. It appeals to us:

The Widows and Orphans and Aged Masons Fund, which stood out with surpassing sweetness in its relief to the indigent and distressed, did not possess that inward flow of revenue and degree of stability which he considered necessary to provide for the ever-increasing calls upon its resources. Until the capital value of the fund was stabilised at £130,000, difficulty and uncertainty in its administration would be experienced.

Of the Grand Secretary it is worthily said:

Wisdom, tact, and discretion, combined with urbanity of disposition, had distinguished that worthy brother throughout the whole course of their association.

Here is some practical and good business advice by way of foresight:

In the interests of the Masonic charities, every lodge in the territory should be particularly careful as to the circum-

stances of the candidates it admitted, and should see to it that its members, and particularly younger members, protected themselves against want in their old age. That could be done by seeing that their lives were insured, or that other provision was made in the same direction. In the last two years the Board had had to meet many cases of bitter distress that had been brought about through the want of provision that could have been made in the early part of the life of the brethren concerned.

Six new Lodges were consecrated during the year.

6 acres have been procured for the purpose of establishing Masonic Homes.

The Committee report a busy year by the Grand Master who added to the cares of State, the visiting of no less than 40 Lodges as well as presiding as Master over one.

The Proceedings are adorned by splendid photogravures.

The Grand Master appealed to the Brethren for high standards:

I do not think that the fixing of a standard of knowledge would excite much opposition, or present much difficulty, for it would only affect future candidates, who will accept any conditions without question, but the main thing is to get Wor. Masters and Lodges generally to appreciate the fact that unless some trouble is taken to train our younger Brethren in the traditions and meaning of Freemasonry, the standard of Masonic knowledge and the vitality of Freemasonry are bound to suffer.

The Grand Lodges of Porto Rico and Sweden were recognized.

A most interesting debate took place upon the proposed initiation in United Forces Lodge, Christchurch of a blinded soldier candidate. This subject has come up in the Grand Lodge of England, a blinded soldier having made application to Canada Lodge. The discussion waved backwards and forward between the tides of sympathy of the spirit and of the law. W. Bro. Curtis of the Lodge strongly advocated the admission of the candidate saying with his supporters in the course of an appealing speech:

In other respects he would be an acquisition to the Craft. It was admitted that he could not comply with the requirements of certain parts of the initiation ceremony, but in the opinion of eminent brethren it would be possible to adapt the ceremony to his case without detracting from its seriousness. The light of Freemasonry would appeal to him, through the extra brightness of his remaining faculties just as strongly as it would to a candidate who had his full sight. In a military lodge there would be no difficulty in the matter of signs, as these were given in a military way, and any man who had served as a soldier would be able to visualise them as well as a man who had his sight.

The W. M. The Service Lodge, seconded the motion. It seemed, he said, a hardship that a man who had lost his sight in fighting for his King and country should be penalised by being refused admission to Freemasonry.

W. Bro. Clayton thought that, provided the candidate conscientiously and honestly believed when he went into the lodgeroom that the V.S.L. was unfolded to view and conscientiously answered the question as to the basis of his trust, there was nothing to debar him from becoming a Freemason.

R. W. Bro. Clark however opposed, as did R. W. Bro Seaton and the Grand Registrar:

He had looked up all the authorities he could get on the question, and had found it laid down in 30 or 40 decisions of different Grand Lodges that it was not possible to admit a candidate who had lost one of his five senses. WHAT ABOUT TASTE AND SMELL?

The Grand Master however felt compelled to rule, as he did, thus:

Having now heard the arguments restated, he was sorry to have to rule that the question could not be put to the vote of Grand Lodge. Having received the opinion of the Grand Registrar, that it was contrary to the Book of Constitution, he was required by his obligation to admit no innovation during his term of office. He must, therefore, rule that the motion was out of order.

With regard to the manner of appointment of a Juridical Board to assist the Grand Registrar in whom heretofore have been vested Jurisprudence matters, Grand Lodge was divided but finally an amendment in the following terms (somewhat modified) was carried:

The Grand Master shall annually appoint from each of the principal divisions, other than the division in which the Grand Registrar for the time being shall reside, a brother being a master or past master, of reputed learning in Masonic Law and Custom, and the brethren so appointed shall constitute a Juridical Committee.

Incidentally one proposal was deemed by a Brother as anaemic; another Brother claimed that it would supersede the Registrar; another object of the motion was declared to be a compilation of a set of model By-laws; another P.G.M. said the idea of Juridical Boards emanated from the United States and personally he preferred the English precedents. It was however pointed out that the Grand Lodge of England appointed Committees with the same objects.

Another interesting debate was precipitated by a motion urging the discontinuance of the recognition of civil titles in our Lodges. The motion failed, partly perhaps

because of the rather violent language used by some of its supporters. The following is part of what an advocate said:

We are told in a certain charge that even monarchs had not thought it derogatory to their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the gavel . . . Those words would not be in the ritual if brethren were allowed to use in lodge the titles they possessed outside it. A brother who wished to use his outside titles in lodge must, he thought, be a traitor to the oath he took at the altar.

If one brother was to be known in lodge as "R. W. Bro. Colonel So-and-so," then there should be the same right extended to "Bro. Corporal So-and-so," and to reverend gentlemen.

And this was said before the motion was negatived:

W. Bro. Clayton (The Service Lodge,) opposed the motion on the ground that Freemasonry did not take from a man that which he had honourably obtained. Our institution looked up to a brother who had been honoured by his king and country.

The panoply of ceremonial of installation and investiture then following, first with a trumpet call and a march, then the opening ode:

"Elect from Every Nation"

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Freemasons claim relation
With men of every birth;
The monarch and the peasant,
In equal labour meet,
To make the path more pleasant
For torn and weary feet.

The Installing Master made a welcoming speech. Then after the first proclamation in the East and Grand Honours this verse was sung:

And let Thy presence shine
Still by his side
May clearest heavenly light
Make all his voyage bright
O'er life's rough tide!
May sweet prosperity,
Peace, joy and harmony,
In faith, hope, and charity
With him abide.
So mote it be.

The response twice repeated by the Brethren was:

"Let not honour and truth forsake thee,
So shalt thou find favour in the sight of God and man."
Another verse always used is:

That God his hands may strengthen
Let every Craftsman pray.
In wishes true and hearty
Let every Craftsman share,
And greet him still, "God bless him,"
Our Brother in the chair.

His Excellency responded as a good soldier and a good Administrator should, saying among other appealing thoughts

One learns a great deal in three years; but of all the lessons which are forced on one's mind one main point emerges, and that is that only after a long period of probation and study—in fact, after a lifetime of Freemasonry—can anyone be in any sense fitted to lead and guide and influence so great an institution.

"The price of attainment in the moral and intellectual spheres, as well as in other departments of life, is unceasing vigilance."

"Constant vigilance is the price of progress."

It is pointed out how in the animal kingdom certain of the lower animals are in their early stages biologically better and nobler creatures than they are at maturity.

"Evolution, in fact, does not always mean progress upwards. There is sometimes a beginning upwards, but then a halt, and finally a retrogression.

As in the animal kingdom, so it is sometimes in the life story of human beings. There are some who fail to keep up the promise of early youth. As years go on, they seem to think less of the noble ideals which they once possessed.

Neglect them, and at once we lose those powers. First comes stagnation; then retrogression and degeneration.

I am convinced from my own personal experience that, without teaching and guidance, without study of Masonic literature, without appreciation of the spiritual aspect of Freemasonry, the mere recital of ritual, however beautiful, or the carrying out of ceremonies, however impressive, can never really hold us together or advance our ideals. Interest is bound to wane, and there will be no incentive.

I would like to see a practice introduced that, either at the beginning or at the end of the working of each degree, a short address should be given conveying in simple language the inner meaning of the teaching of the particular degree, showing its connection. Yours is the responsibility. It was King Solomon who said: "I went by the field of the slothful and by the vineyard of the man void of instruction, and lo! it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw and considered it well, and received instruction."

David was not allowed to see the completion of his Temple, but he prayed earnestly that the people might keep the dream of it in their hearts. "Keep this," he prayed, "for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the hearts of thy people." Keep that hope before your imagination. Think of it, dream of it. Build the Temple in your prayers, and some day it will come true. And it did.

The man who looks at the silver lining in the cloud is a public benefactor, and draws weaker men with himself towards the sunrising. With all your heart and with all your strength believe in God's sunrise, and day by day persuade your feet in that way and you will arrive at last. Or, as John Bunyan puts it:—"Then," said Evangelist, pointing with his hand over a very wide field, "do you see yonder wicket gate?" The man said "No." "Then," said the other, "do you see yonder shining light?" He said "I think I do." "Then," said Evangelist, "keep that light in your eye, and go up directly thereto, so shalt thou see the gate."

Many Grand Representatives tendered greetings to the Most Worshipful, but Canada was not among them.

The Brethren parted with this song ringing in their ears:

Dominion over palm and pine,
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget! Lest we forget!

Among the social functions this note is made:

Amongst those present were a number of brethren associated with the Byrd Antarctic Expedition, which was on the eve of leaving for the South Pole.

R. W. Bro. John Boyd of Toronto, represents New Zealand, R. W. Bro. Charles Rhodes represents Canada.

The volume closes with some very practical instructions and decisions given by the Board of General Purposes, all specially emphasized. Space only permits us the following:

That no brother holding a degree under that of Master Mason is entitled to vote.

The Ritual provided for the Ceremony of Laying a Foundation Stone must be used only for a Foundation Stone in the strict sense of the word, i.e., an integral part of the foundation of a building.

A "Lewis," must have been born after his father became a Master Mason, and both father and son must comply with other requirements of the Rule.

After the ceremony of Raising, the closing of the lodge in the Third Degree should, for the education of the candidate, be carried out in full, instead of the lodge being closed summarily.

NORTH CAROLINA

M. W. J. H. Anderson, Grand Master.

W. W. Willson, Grand Secretary.

The One hundred and forty-first Annual Communication was held in Raleigh, January 17, 1928. No less than 19 Past Grand Masters were present.

Canada's Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. H. M. Poteat was duly present, as is his wonted custom.

Grand Master Durant of South Carolina, voiced his appreciation of his enthusiastic reception:

Some time ago a man asked me if I was not from North Carolina. I said, "No, I have a bad cold, that is the trouble." I asked him why he thought so and he said, "Well your brogue, the way you talk."

I want you to go on with a steady growth but not too fast. It doesn't do every time to go too fast. Like the fellow who was with his sweetheart and said: "Mary, every time I kiss you it makes me a better man." She said: "You don't want to get good enough for Heaven in one evening."

Many lodges seemed to feel that they were a law unto themselves and any action of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master was an unnecessary and unwarranted interference with their rights. Several times I made occasion to visit such lodges and in the "slang" of the day tell them "where they got off."

In some cases where changes were made it was necessary to use the heavy hand of authority but generally the suggestions of the Grand Master met with a ready response."

Lodges that were not represented at Grand Lodge were given one more year to repent and reform. 81 in all have not been represented for three years.

Five charters were arrested and five charters surrendered.

Four Lodges were consolidated.

These decisions may be of interest to our readers:

A man was initiated in Canada and suspended as an Entered Apprentice for the non-payment of dues. May he apply for the degrees in North Carolina?

An Entered Apprentice is a Mason (qualified) and Masons of any degree can only be affiliated by the deposit of a dimit. The brother is under the jurisdiction of the Canadian lodge until he secures a dimit from that lodge.

In another case he rules:

We cannot recognize any interference of our laws by any other Grand Lodge and as the candidate had resided

in the jurisdiction of the North Carolina lodge the required time they were justified in entertaining his petition.

The Grand Lodge cannot restore membership in any particular lodge.

A dispensation was refused to act on petition "out of time" of man leaving to join the Navy, the G. M. saying "if he was worthy it is a pity he had not started sooner." A Minister leaving for Brazil, Lodge petitioned to confer Degrees out of time, declined:—"there was time for him to receive the Degrees if he applied himself and the Lodge met regularly. Brazil not being recognized by North Carolina, Masonry would not do him much good there."

Of the Conference of Grand Masters he says:

When we find some other Grand Lodge has a better method than we have we should be glad to adopt it.

The Oxford Orphanage is described as the bright jewel of Masonry and the pride of every Mason's heart. He says a visit to the Masonic Home would stir the heart strings of the most hardened stoic.

The Red Cross Society show that \$16,000,000 was contributed by the United States for the Flood sufferers, and the Masons' Special Fund amounted to \$600,000.

"Acts of charity bring their own reward."

Membership 41,439. Net loss 119. Number of Lodges 429.

To show the possibilities of well directed energies and talents of the children and the co-operation of the whole Craft throughout the State, the striking report is given that the class tours this year took the children through 83 counties of the State where they gave 192 concerts in the three trips they took. Then let us realize that the net receipts of these concerts were \$23,342 and let us open our eyes to what has been rendered possible by harmonious co-operation. All the Consolidated School centres responded. Well done boys and girls of North Carolina!

From the memorial to M. W. Bro. Webb we take this worthy verse:

"I fashioned each pillar and built each arch,
As the Master taught me to,
And the walls I made with the taut plumbline
Are steady, and strong, and true.

Grand Secretary Keiper of the District of Columbia, made an eloquent address:

The unity and power of Freemasonry will be more than a dream. It will be an accomplished force.

The Educational Field Secretary reported:

New interest has been awakened, new insight as to the meaning and purpose of Masonic Education has been gained, and new enthusiasm and devotion.

The Oxford boys and girls printed the Reviews and Proceedings.

The National Grand Lodge of France received fraternal recognition.

Raymond C. Dunn was elected Grand Master and in his acceptance he said:

If I have any hobby during the year; it is going to be that every Grand Lodge Officer, both elective and appointive, shall be more than a member of a Committee, that they shall be line officers in deed and in truth; that they shall be active in the cause of Masonry.

Grand Lodge convened in the Orphans' grounds at Oxford and made the great work being conducted there part of the life of the Craft.

Again J. Edward Allen more than edits, he creates, the Masonic Reviews. In his introductory notes we find the following:

We have deliberately omitted mention of the greater part of what was read, believing that discriminating selection is to be preferred to any attempt at inclusiveness. Our comment is for the stimulation which it may afford to the reader's thought, but is not intended to serve for him as any pre-formed opinion. We are happy when the reader thinks carefully and disagrees with us.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP appears to be claiming much space.

THE PROBLEM OF THE MASONIC TUBERCULAR is receiving much attention. What can Masonry do?

He feels also that Masonic trials by commission rather than by the Lodge as a jury are found more satisfactory, and that restrictions upon Masonic Temple Building may be necessary.

William C. Ryan in New York Masonic Outlook published a wonderful paper on "The Covered Wagon of Freemasonry" which Bro. Allen reprints for instruction of the Brethren. It closes thus:

It may be that the Covered Wagon of Freemasonry has come to the end of its journey. From here on they can travel by air! Radio takes the place of the Pony Express!

Some light on Orphan education is thrown under Indiana:

We note finally, that the local Public School District furnishes teachers for the Masonic Home school of Indiana, at public expense. No orphanage ought to have to maintain its wards and in addition, to do at the expense of its private supporters what the state does for all other children at public expense.

In describing the Ritual as an acme of excellence it is said under Michigan that it is utterly devoid of vapid sentimentality.

We find an interesting review of Mississippi and clip the following:

The writer of these lines is an educational administrative. Every year he assembles these teachers and gives them their preliminary directions, and suggestions. Every year this piece of advice is included: "Your superintendent does not tell you what you must do or must abstain from as to personal conduct, bearing or deportment. He only charges you that you are not to do violence to the best traditions of the community in which you work; for if you do, your work, however meritorious, will be unacceptable." This is the substance of Grand Master Tally's direction.

Of exemptions from taxes, we read under South Carolina:

It is stated that the taxes on the Masonic Temple in Columbia will amount to some \$2,500 per year. Is North Carolina the only state in which such property is exempt from taxes? We had thought that the property of churches and benevolent societies was tax-exempt in South Carolina as here, but it seems that this is not true.

One more worthy tribute to Dr. Eggleston under Virginia. He will not be forgotten in Canada:

One thing that we enjoyed most about Doctor Eggleston was the fact that, while he and this writer did not see eye to eye in all points, neither of us was unwilling or afraid to voice our opinions, and to support them. Hence life was never colorless, vanilla-flavored or void of stimulating elements.

"Widows' certificate" comes up for discussion in several Jurisdictions and we read Bro. Allen's comments under Wisconsin:

Here again the "widow's certificate" is frowned upon, as in another state mentioned in this book. The objection raised here is that "such certificates in the hands of unscrupulous persons" might cause trouble; and "the widow of a Master Mason should have little difficulty in proving her claim."

It is entirely proper to protect Masonry against the unscrupulous; but we are a bit inclined to think that when this protection takes precedence over facilitating the case of the widow in distress, Masonry will have become somewhat near hardboiled.

The British Empire receives a special review, Saskatchewan being largely quoted from.

Canada in Ontario is referred to as a live organization.

He is not enthusiastic about England and Scotland as

to the format of their Proceedings, but he cannot resist the praise which the world gives them for their deeds:

Let it be said right here that England and Scotland never send us anything that we can review—it's all dead and dreary figures, names, uncut sheets, and a hopeless task.

It is not difficult for British Masonry to raise money; these Masons are perhaps the most generous in the world.

Of the Australasian and climates, Bro. Allen says:

But things are sometimes antipodal in the Australian practice, which is like the weather—for there Christmas comes in summer and what would be the Fourth of July if they observed it, comes in midwinter. We find in the New South Wales book that a lodge petitions to be permitted to take a twelve months' recess. This is granted. After sleeping a year, this lodge hopes to "carry on" again. We wonder whether the plan will succeed.

A new symbolism of salt is given in the prayer—"And may Thy presence, Lord, keep this our temple from decay."

Then follow most interesting reviews of The Masonry of Languages other than English and some present-day persecutions of Masonry, which will well repay perusal by those privileged to do so. This is emphasized:

Prejudice is the twin-sister of hatred, and both are deaf to reason.

He says that the movement in Germany against Freemasonry has back of it more than political objects, and he concludes his review with the following:

It would be foolish to seek to maintain that the Masonry of Continental Europe has not sinned in this political particular. Where there is persecution, it is caused by some form of extremism both among the persecutors and among the persecuted; and one breeds the other, oftentimes

R. W. Bro. Walter S. Herrington, K. C., of Napanee well represents the fertile Jurisdiction of North Carolina.

NORTH DAKOTA

Walter H. Murfin, M. W. Grand Master.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Communication was held at Fargo, June 19, 1928. In the address of greeting on behalf of Shiloh Lodge the speaker touched on interesting ground:

We aim to practice the Golden Rule. The Masonic Order is the first and oldest service club. If its teachings and traditions were followed there would be no need for Service Clubs.

Greetings and regrets from the Grand Masters of Canada (Ontario), Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta were read.

In the preliminary sentences of the Grand Master's address we read:

Lodges have discovered that "Work" does not necessarily imply merely the conferring of degrees, but that labor for others and service in making our community, our state and nation better places in which to live are as additions to the ritual for making ourselves as well as our candidates, better men, better citizens and better Masons. At the same time, and partly because of this broader vision, many lodges are experiencing a very considerable increase in the number of candidates.

At the district meetings this lesson was inculcated:

Especial stress was placed upon our duties, as well as our rights and privileges as citizens, not only as regards obedience to law and respect to constituted authority, but more particularly to our duty as individual citizens and Masons to participate in our government by never failing to exercise our right of franchise and by preparing ourselves by studious interest so that our ballots might be cast intelligently.

William W. Shaw was appointed Grand Representative of Canada.

Among the decisions we read the following of possible interest to our readers:

Can a lodge hold a communication at any town within its jurisdiction other than that designated in its charter?

A.—No.

What part can another organization, such as the American Legion, take in a funeral in charge of a Masonic lodge and can a color guard of the Legion precede the lodge in the procession?

A.—The flag of our country, supported by a guard, may precede the lodge in marching. If a lodge participates in the burial of a deceased brother, it must be in complete charge and control of same.

Under the heading of Clouds on the Horizon and with special reference to "chronic black-ballers" the Grand Master uttered this pronouncement:

I have nothing but contempt for anyone who misuses his privileges of the ballot, either with unwarranted black-balling or undue leniency in failing to reject at the proper time, but the secrecy of the ballot must above all things be kept inviolate.

Grand Secretary Stockwell, a veteran Mason of world-wide experience, opened his report with the following:

Many another Grand Lodge reports losses in membership. We have been interested in the life and progress of this Grand Lodge considerably over thirty years and it is our well considered judgment that we could not have met

the difficult and adverse conditions through which this State has passed during the last decade, had we not maintained a close organization and presented to the Craft a real program of Masonic Service and Education. We have some knowledge of what is going on in other grand jurisdictions and we are firmly convinced it is only as we adapt our Masonry to the needs of the present day and adjust our program to changed and constantly changing conditions, will Masonry continue to be the factor in the lives of its votaries that it has been in the past. We cannot live on or in our glorious past.

Membership 15,459. Net gain 52.

As to the education of newly made Masons, Secretary Stockwell well says:

We called to your attention last year the failure of secretaries to send in the names of the newly made Masons promptly in order that certain pamphlets of great value to the young Mason might be sent to them. We are quite convinced that not half of the secretaries are sending in these names. How can we expect these young Masons to know what Masonry is all about if we do nothing to inform them.

He concludes thus appealingly:

Each year sees us growing older. Each year the calls for Masonic relief are more insistent, each year the requests from aged brethren for a home, a Masonic home, are more frequent. What are we doing about it? We are asking newly raised Master Masons to contribute \$5.00. Most jurisdictions ask \$10.00, some \$20.00.

We must organize now for the future. We must challenge the attention and interest of our brethren now. This is the only day we have, there isn't any to-morrow. Who will be the first one here to-day to respond. Will you? Will you?

The Trustees Relief Fund Committee made a convincing report containing the following:

Do you know what it means to be losing the fight,
When a lift just in time might set every thing right?
Were you a brother of his when the time came to be?
Did you offer to help him or didn't you see?

The number of books borrowed from the library during the year amounted to the splendid total of 3,198.

An educational fund of over \$27,000 is being administered.

The Committee on Necrology quote:

It's lovin' sky and earth, an' sun,
An' birds, an' flowers, and trees,
But lovin' human beings
More than any one of these.

From the Fraternal Correspondence Report in the body of the Proceedings, we take the following:

The appeal of our New Mexico brethren very largely got no response and while we do not know positively that they have abandoned the plan entirely, we fear that American Freemasonry is not prepared to respond unitedly to the call of relief unless it be in time of great and sudden calamity. We keenly regret that Freemasonry could not hear this cry from New Mexico and the southwest.

Grand Lecturer Falkenstein made a report which we would expect from so distinguished a Mason.

A proposed ceremony for the institution of a Lodge is set out in full with the various charges, showing careful preparation.

The P.G.M. of South Dakota said:

It is something more than a social organization, but our membership must not be permitted to drift away because of lack of fellowship. Freemasonry must ever be young in its sympathy.

The report on Masonic Service and education has this pregnant paragraph:

Three things are imperative. FIRST a vision, SECOND a program and THIRD a consecration to the tasks presented by the program. Columbus had a vision, a program and a consecration. Consequently America was discovered. Colonel Lindbergh had a vision, a program and a consecration. Consequently the distance from coast to coast was spanned by an airship. Our fathers had a vision, a program and a consecration. Consequently a new land with a new government of the people, by the people and for the people was established. Not without sacrifice.

An informal discussion took place on Masonic funerals.

Brother Stockwell adds this note:

It is our opinion that the dignity of Freemasonry and proper regard for the impression made upon the Public requires that the Active Pall Bearers at a Masonic funeral be Master Masons and clothed as such. If it is desired to recognize those outside the fraternity this can be done by designating them as Honorary Pall Bearers.

Judge H. D. Leask of North Bay, represents North Dakota and does it well.

The Fraternal Correspondence is by the late George H. Phelps of Bowbells, who we regret to record died on February 29, 1928. It is his final contribution to Freemasonry, and his Brethren mourn.

In his comments on New Jersey he says:

I believe that the levying of a tax, to be paid with the dues, under penalty of suspension for N. P. D. is a matter

to be handled with extreme care and only made in cases of necessity.

We read the following under New York:

So far as Symbolic Masonry is concerned, he reports, that clandestinism is no longer a menace, but information had come to him that members of the "Cerneau Scottish Rite" were soliciting members. He held that this body was spurious and clandestine and suggested a resolution granting recognition to the Supreme Council 33rd Degree A. A. S. R.

This old and ever new bit of poetry is addressed to the Brethren of North Carolina:

"Oh wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as others see us,
It wad frae maney a blunder free us
and foolish notion."

He closes Wisconsin with these words:

He comments so clearly that his readers know his views on the matter, but there is an air of fraternal courtesy that convinces everybody of his sincerity and good intentions.

NOVA SCOTIA

John C. MacKay, M.W. Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. J. C. Jones, Grand Secretary.

R.W. Bro. R. V. Harris, Grand Historian.

The Sixty-third Annual Communication was held in Halifax, 13th June, 1928.

Like Canada, they are not rich in Past Grand Masters, only four attending Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary represents Canada.

The Grand Master and other officers of New Brunswick were heartily welcomed.

The Grand Master placed Grand Lodge in the hands of the Grand Chaplain, when a service was held and an excellent sermon delivered to the brethren:

For see saith He, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed thee on the Mount—Heb. 8: 5.

The temple therefore must reflect something of the nature and character of Him in whose honour it is built and whose presence it represents "Strength and beauty are in His Sanctuary." It must be chaste, proportional, beautiful. It must be in such a form, as will tend in the fullest possible measure, to create in the minds of all who worship in it, a respect and reverence for Him whose creation it is and whose presence it represents.

In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice.
For ever singing as they shine,
The hand that made us is divine."

The man who limits his thought of himself to six feet of flesh and blood; will live a six feet life, and be put in the end in a six feet grave. Man was made in the image of God and everything is microscopically small in comparison with Him.

The Grand Master commenced his address happily:

Let these be continued and ended in the true spirit of Brotherly Love, and with the dignity befitting our traditions and our high professions.

He stresses the importance of District meetings which he had attended.

This is interesting and impressive and revives old and good memories:

Each Brother voting should approach the Altar on the Square, stand before it on the step of a Master Mason, impressively salute with the M. M. due guard, and sign, deposit his ballot, then give the sign of Fidelity and retire in the same orderly manner.

The salutation before balloting implies that the voter is sensible of the solemnity and responsibility of the act in which he is engaged, and of his obligation to deal justly between the Craft and the Applicant.

The sign of Fidelity given immediately after balloting is to signify that the duty has been performed faithfully and conscientiously.

Lotteries are discountenanced everywhere:

I was asked to officially sanction a scheme to raise a large sum of money, by means of a Canada-wide lottery, for the purpose of erecting a Masonic building.

It is worthy of note, only because it reveals and illustrates an unwholesome trend of thought, inspired and fostered I believe by the knowledge that heretofore lesser infractions of our Country's laws covering such procedure, have been overlooked by the civil authorities, and that our own fraternity has not been wholly without blame in this connection.

This thoughtful remark is timely:

This lack of serious thought and interest is manifest in many of our lodges where the average attendance at meetings is woefully small in proportion to the resident membership.

To talk with crowds and keep our virtue, or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch.

The membership by a strange coincidence broke even, 9820 or 1927, 9820 for 1928.

The Grand Historian (a great asset to Grand Lodge) reports:

A questionnaire was sent to the Secretaries of the various lodges asking for information as to the correct name of the lodge as shown by the Charter, the date of the charter and other information necessary for the completion of this report. Only twenty-seven out of eighty-two lodges replied.

He thus recounts his active official work through which he has inspired members of other Grand Jurisdictions:

During the year I have delivered more than 40 Masonic addresses, in most instances to meetings both of Lodge and Chapter Masons. I also addressed the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick on our common Masonic history, and co-operation in things Masonic.

My Masonic correspondence at present goes to every part of the world in search of information and in answer to enquiries.

This year, I have again ventured into the dramatic field. On this occasion the play is entitled "A Widow's Son", and the story of the drama is based on incidents connected with the first siege of Louisburg in 1745. All the characters are historic personages actually present at the capture of the City by the New England forces. The costumes, ritual, and music of the period are reproduced as far as possible.

The teaching of Masonic history by the dramatic method is I believe unique with this jurisdiction and as the history of the Craft generally and particularly the history of the Craft in Nova Scotia affords many opportunities for the presentation of lessons in Masonic history, symbolism and moral teaching, it is my hope that we shall be able to present other plays from time to time.

10 D.D.G.M's reported briefly and satisfyingly.

We note the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of a Lodge denominated Tyrian Youth.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported:

These different applications have received careful consideration by your Board and just here, without expressing any opinion as to whether recognition should be granted or withheld, the Board is opposed to recommending recognition to any Grand Body without the fullest consideration and obtaining all possible information. In some Grand Lodges recognition has been granted evidently without much consideration or information with the unfortunate result that after a few years, it was withdrawn.

Recently it has come to the notice of your board that some of our lodges advertise, or allow to be advertised, apparently as a matter of news, such matters as the names of Candidates who have been initiated into our Order.

Sky Blue is substituted for Royal Union Blue and where deep Royal Blue occurs, Garter Blue is to be substituted therefor.

Thomas Forsyth, a bra' Highlander of Toronto, represents Nova Scotia, as is most fitting.

The Grand Secretary writes the review of Correspondence and of course does it well and says in his introduction that the call for Masonic education appears to be the greatest desire of the Craft universal at present.

In speaking of our own Grand Lodge and of the well executed picture of M.W. Bro. Martin, this appropriate comment is made, to which our Grand Master and all of us will respond:

With us, once a Brother becomes a member of the Government or is appointed to the Bench, for some reason, he considers it his duty to withdraw from any active interest in Masonry, frequently any interest at all. Evidently and very fortunately, this is not the case in the Grand Lodges of Ontario and Quebec, and probably some other Grand Bodies and we have often wondered why it is in Nova Scotia. Certainly, this is the class of men we require and it is regrettable they don't view it that way.

Our colleague speaks of the great Pact of Confederation which finds a place in the address of Grand Master Rowland and he says that it is eloquently and historically dealt with.

With regard to the dual domicile decision as to University students either at home or at their University, Nova Scotia differs:

Our Grand Lodge has decided differently holding that the "settlement" of the applicant is what counts and that by attending the University he does not lose his original "settlement" or gain a new one, hence is the property of his home town or village lodge.

The Committee's report on the address of the Grand Master is called a splendid effort. This is not usually recognized.

Of our benevolence this commendatory word is given:

Certainly, considering that over \$100,000.00 were expended for benevolence, this is an excellent showing and one of which any Grand Lodge might feel justly proud.

As to our standard of requirements for Grand Lodge recognition the seven basic essentials are found to be in accordance with those of Nova Scotia. Our own review is generously appreciated:

The Proceedings of 66 Sister Grand Lodges are reviewed in not only an excellent but a most instructive and interesting manner. Nova Scotia receives lengthy and favourable notice and very little of interest which transpired at our

Grand Lodge, escaped the attention of the learned and worthy Reviewer.

We do not often find Ecuador reviewed and we excerpt the following from our colleague's report:

"Ecuadorian Masonry during this period (1926-1927) has been very active" but he adds "that he cannot say the same in regard to those who work in the interior of the Republic where actually there is not a single lodge in activity."

The report of the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Miguel A. Jijon, is more lengthy and in it he says that during the year Diplomas have been issued to 48 Apprentices, 41 Fellow Crafts and 26 Master Masons.

Masonry was in existence here in the Eighteenth Century, and it is traced with a great deal of care, from that time to the present.

Then followed the Grand Lodge Nationale d'Egypte from which we gain this interesting information:

They have 67 lodges with approximately 6,000 members, four new lodges were constituted during the year, and 342 added to their membership. Forty-three lodges work in the Arabic language, fourteen in Greek and four in English.

At the same time it cannot be truly said that Matters Masonic are still absolutely settled in this Jurisdiction for while it appears that Prince Mohamed Aly reigns, his opponent, Idris Bey Ragheb, is still a claimant to the throne.

However, while it cannot be said that these troubles are altogether adjusted, for evidently the ousted Grand Master is a formidable antagonist, still things are looking better and brighter and may we express the hope that e'er long, peace and harmony will prevail in this old and historic Jurisdiction.

Under England (4295 Lodges) we find this about Italy:

In view of the recent reports concerning criticisms of the Masonic Lodges of Italy, it is gratifying that official statements have been received from Rome that the Rule for Fascists regarding Masonry as set forth by the Italian Government, is not to be applied to those who are members of Lodges under the British Jurisdictions. This decision of the supreme authority of the National Fascist Party can be accepted.

The excellent English review is by J. Obed Smith, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia.

As to large Lodges and as to another important responsibility for blood brethren to recognize, we read under Connecticut:

We have many lodges with too large a membership. As a result the members are not in close personal touch with their fellows—are strangers to many.

I recommend that the following law be enacted:—
A Master Mason who refuses to support his natural brother or sister, he having ample means, is guilty of a Masonic offence.

The visit of M.W. Bro. Rowland to Michigan is favourably noted and the reply of Bro. Donaldson is thus quoted:

I wish that all the Brethren might, as they visit Detroit, after the construction of the great bridge between our shores and Windsor, go across and catch the wonderful Masonic spirit of brotherly love and friendship that predominate in our Sister Grand Jurisdiction. It is that spirit that has brought your Country and our Country closer and closer together.

Tennessee of course always produces something original under the graphic pen of Bro. Smart:

A member of the Masonic Fraternity could not be a Mason and a Ku Klux and in support of his position quotes at length from a circular issued by Grand Master Oliver D. Street in which he very plainly, but most emphatically lays down the duty of every Mason to submit to legal authority and patiently to recognize and be bound by the decisions of the law and the constituted authorities. There is no doubt whatever about the well expressed opinions of both these well informed Masons as to the Ku Klux.

OHIO

B. Frank Thomas, M.W. Grand Master.

Harry S. Johnson, R.W. Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication was held in Columbus, October 17, 1928. Ohio so far takes the palm and record for Past Grand Masters present doing duty, no less than 23 gracing the Grand East.

After the invocation the chorus of Humboldt Lodge sang "Open the Gates of the Temple".

Mayor Thomas, himself a Mason, gave a most interesting address of welcome:

Columbus is a wholesome stable, conservative city, a little more than a Capital City. It has many historical spots in and about it, located as it is on the Old National Trail, over which all of the pioneers of the covered-wagon days passed into the great West.

Men, we need to-day a bigger and a larger expression of our citizenship and its responsibility. We need to-day more real expressions of common sense and the spirit of fraternalism. We need more results and less theory, fewer fads. We need more action and less oratory.

He told some good "howlers" of the boys.

I looked at an examination paper, and one of the questions asked was: "How would you detect tuberculosis in a herd of cattle?" His answer was, "By a faraway look in their face."

One of the questions asked was: "What is a vacuum?" And he said "A vacuum is a large empty space where the Pope lives."

"Mr. Mayor, can I ask you a fair question.?" I said, "Why, sure. Every citizen has a right to ask me a question." He said, "Mr. Mayor; how do you propose?" Well, he had me stumped. I said, "Brother, you don't want to see me. You want to see the Director of Public Safety."

This welcome was seconded by M.W. Bro. Pretzman:

Brothers, we are reminded in these days that we must not touch politics, that we must be careful, but I am going far enough to say that the administration we have here is largely officered by Masons, and it is the cleanest, the freest from vice, and the squarest that this city has ever enjoyed.

And we are glad to reflect that in this time of flux, this great institution is standing by the wisdom of our fathers;

The Grand Master quoted in his address in mentioning the deaths of no less than 2,260 of the Brethren of Ohio during the year:

Let Fate do her worst; there are relics of joy,
Bright dreams of the past, which she cannot destroy;
Long, long be my heart with such memories filled!
Like the vase in which roses have once been distilled,
You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still."

Grand Lodge visited in a body the Masonic Home and a song (of which the following is one verse), was sung by "our family":

When you return to your home town,
Just tell your waiting Brothers
How happy they have made us feel,
As well as many others.

29 Cornerstones were laid during the year by Grand Lodge.

50% of the subordinate lodges of Ohio are now presenting Bibles to candidates when raised.

269 lodges are enjoying educational advantages.

These practical recommendations are made by the Grand Master:

That all lodges keep a record of the widows of the deceased Brethren, purchase a safe for the protection of their records, and take a physical inventory of their properties.

We have among us men who are disappointed in Freemasonry. This, to some extent, may be our fault.

We are training men of character and intelligence who of necessity must discharge their responsibilities in public and private affairs.

There are at the present time 383 guests of the Home, a fine family:

You will find our boys and girls active in every profession and business and interested in the community life in their homes.

This answer was given by the Grand Master to an application from the office of the United Mine Workers of America:

The Grand Lodge of Ohio is a Fraternal Institution and as such does not assume any responsibilities in industrial activities or differences.

A lodge having on behalf of the First Christian Church sent out through its Master a circular in support, was stopped on the threshold by this wire from the Grand Master:

Do not permit any more circular letters, soliciting funds mailed signed by you as Worshipful Master, and recall those that have been sent out.

And all sums collected from Masons were returned to the donors.

The Grand Master does not approve of organization to confer Degrees under the caption of police teams, telephone teams, Acacia Clubs, Blue Lodge cast etc.

A "Masonic" tour through Europe signed by a Representative of an Ohio Lodge with title, was organized and Europe was circularized. The Grand Lodge of England protested and gave its reason, of which Ohio immediately approved and stopped the publicity business.

He ended his long address with the following verses:

We have but tried to do the part assigned,
So no discordant note be left behind
To mar the pleasure of the task, near done.
Or cast a shadow on our low'ring sun.
We have but tried to find and smooth the way
So, he who seeks "More Light" and "Knowledge" may,
In finding, practice principles of love
As taught us by "The Worshipful Supreme" above.

Membership 204,638. Net gain 2,513. Fine!

Like Illinois, each session of Grand Lodge began with an invocation.

The Committee recommended that Organization for Masonic welfare work in time to war, has merit and should receive careful and earnest attention and thus embodies its views:

Your Committee has conferred with many Masons who have special knowledge of matters relating to such work in the army, and the opinion of all these Masons is that it is greatly to be desired that the Masonic Fraternity take, as Grand Master Minor said, "its rightful place in the time of national emergency."

In this connection the Committee believes, if these recommendations are approved, and the call is issued to the other three Grand Lodges in this Corps Area, that news of this will carry to other Grand Jurisdictions, and that similar action by all Grand Jurisdictions in the United States will ensue.

The Committee on Necrology make a striking report:

We are thus reminded that life has a remarkable way of calling us up for examinations. The examinations are always fair.

He who lives up daily to the level of his ability, and only he, will be ready. To-day is ours. If we make it ours in very truth, to-morrow also will be ours.

The Committee on Jurisprudence spoke out in Lodge regarding some organizations requiring Masonic membership:

If the responsible officers of any organization fail to set their house in order, the Grand Lodge of Ohio will take such steps as it deems necessary to force all Masons within its Jurisdiction to conduct themselves consistently with their Masonic obligations, and it will never permit a few Masons to reflect discredit upon the Body of Freemasonry and go unpunished.

Your Committee is of the opinion that as the Grand Lodge has the power, it is its duty to see that a very small and irresponsible group of men shall not bring discredit upon our Organization.

In the survey of Masonic Libraries in Ohio we read:

The intelligence of a people is largely measured by the literature which they publish. Through books and periodicals we have placed at our disposal the priceless contributions of scholars in the many fields of literature, science, art, and the applied industries.

If but two or three Brethren in a lodge would make a serious effort to accumulate some Masonic books, and place them at the disposal of the Craft, it would certainly stimulate interest, if the brethren were shown the way.

A beautiful picture of the Masonic Home and grounds is given.

The Veterans' Association of Ohio quoted:

Build it strong, whate'er we do,
Build it straight and high and true,
Build it firm and fair and broad,
Build it for the eye of God.

O. P. Sperra, P.G.M., presents his ninth able annual review under Foreign Correspondence.

Under Canada 1928 he reports the presence of the ever faithful Grand Representative of Ohio, R.W. Bro. George Moore of Hamilton. He says that the Grand Master delivered a very able and interesting address and is struck by his picture of Western Ontario as a beautiful garden. 125 years ago it was practically a forest wilderness and he is filled with admiration and respect for the men and women who brought this change about. Other comments were:

He was certainly an able Grand Master, and the Committee on his Address appeared to conclude likewise. He was continued on the Throne.

Reports of the D.D.G.M's were filled with interesting facts concerning their visitations to the constituent lodges.

This is a very important Grand Jurisdiction, and we can hardly do it justice in a brief review.

Bro. Ponton who was too ill to attend Grand Lodge has prepared and submits an excellent Report on Correspondence, of a high character.

England received a very happy review:

There was a total attendance at this Quarterly of two thousand one hundred and twenty-nine and the attendance at Grand Lodge for the year 1927 was five thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

Our colleague quotes this under Manitoba:

Fair is our lot, O goodly is our heritage,
Humble ye my people and be fearful in your mirth,
For the Lord our God, Most High,
He hath made the deep as dry,
He hath smote for us a pathway to the ends of all the earth.

We get another definition of Masonry under Mississippi:

Freemasonry is called a society of Brothers joined together for the general uplift of all.

New Jersey always furnishes something of Whittier's poetry:

Others shall sing the song,
Others shall right the wrong,
Finish what I begin,
And all I fail to win,
What matter, I or they,
Mine or another's day,
So the right word be said,
And life the sweeter made?

F. S. Harmon of Cleveland represents Canada.

OREGON

Robert S. Eakin, M. W. Grand Master.

In the biography of the Grand Master he is stated to have brought to Grand Lodge a well trained legal mind, sincerity and the desire to accomplish something, all good qualifications.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Communication was opened in Portland, June 13, 1928. 16 Past Grand Masters staunch supporters of the Grand East, and Percy R. Kelly duly representing Canada.

Representatives of California and of Washington were welcomed.

The address of the Grand Master, though he is a lawyer, teems with poetry.

Of District Deputies as links of connection he says:

The craft generally are not familiar with the workings of the Grand Lodge, nor its relation to the constituent lodges. This unfortunate condition is easy to account for when we realize that a large number of the lodges are represented at Grand Lodge by a brother who has never been present before. While every lodge receives a copy of the printed Proceedings, it is evident that very few of the delegates ever study them before coming here.

We take the following from his decisions:

One who is totally blind can not comply with the requirements for admission (see New Zealand Review)

A lodge can not by vote confer the title of "Honorary Past Master" upon one of its members.

Masonic burial can not be given to one who has requested, and been granted, a dimit more than a year prior to his death, where the dimit has never been presented to any lodge and the holder has not paid dues to any lodge after receiving the dimit.

A lodge can not accept the report of a member of an investigating committee unless the questionnaire has been answered in full.

He emphasizes the fact that the duty to help a worthy Brother and those dependent upon him is primarily the duty of the constituent Lodge of which he is a member.

Oregon has its troubles through the misuse of the ballot and the Grand Master sternly says:

It is a matter of deep regret that any brother should so lightly regard his obligations that he will stoop to the act of rejecting without cause, one whom all others agree is proper Masonic material.

Justice is the standard of right which enables us to render unto every man his just due, without distinction. This virtue is not only consistent with Divine and human

law, but is the very cement and support of civil society, and, justice in a great measure constitutes the really good man.

Oregon strictly requires a Master Mason to pass an examination on the lecture of the Third Degree so that the question has arisen as to "When is a man a Mason?" As to this the Grand Master gives his personal view, and an amendment giving six months time for qualification after receiving the Master's Degree was subsequently passed by Grand Lodge:

It has been and now is my opinion that it is a man's obligation which makes him a Master Mason; that as soon as he has taken this obligation and received the usual lecture and charge he is a Master Mason, and is entitled to wear the emblem of the order, so long as he does nothing to forfeit that right.

However, by reason of the action of this Grand Lodge, which I consider binding upon me, I was compelled to hold, against my wishes and contrary to my honest opinion, that a man should not wear the square and compasses until after he had passed the examination on the candidate's lecture.

Under Education the G.M. quotes:

Why build these cities glorious,
If man unbuilded goes?
In vain we build the world unless
The builder also grows.

He urges that the Secretary of each lodge should be a member of the Grand Lodge and should have his expenses paid.

While he had been a Scout master himself and could speak of the excellent work of the Scouts, he ruled that the funds of a lodge whether from dues or other sources should be considered as trust funds dedicated to the furtherance of Masonic activities only.

It appears that the Grand Lodge of Oregon is older than the State itself, having been incorporated by the Territorial Legislature, and he closes by reminding members that the Working Tools laid down by the pioneer brethren are now in our hands.

Grand Orator Jennings made a beautiful address on "When is a man a Mason?" and we make the following rich and ripe quotations:

The heritage of Masonry with its noble principles, its dramatic ritual, its inspiring ceremonial, its beautiful and instructive symbolism and its glorious opportunities for active service toward all mankind is reason enough for any man.'

A man may be raised a Master Mason and yet not be a

Mason in what I desire to term the real sense, because he himself has not risen.

The true Mason is the one who does not merely "see" but more deeply "perceives" the idealism in the pageant of Masonic initiation and realizes further that he must answer its responsibilities by the judgment of the plumb, the level and the square and prove by them that having been raised, he himself has risen responsive to its duties and demands.

No man can see or work in the darkness.

Among the Orientals light became the representative of the highest human good and by natural transition from earthly to heavenly, from corporeal to spiritual things, it came to typify true religion and the felicity which it imparts.

Like tides on a crescent sea-beach,
When the moon is new and thin,
Into our hearts high yearnings,
Come welling and surging in;
Come from the mystic ocean,
Whose rim no foot has trod—
Some of us call it Longing,
And others call it God.

In the Prestonian system of Masonic lectures the question is asked, "What induces you to leave the West to travel to the East?" And the answer is, "In search of a master and from him to gain instruction."

Forward, marching Eastward,
In Masonic might!
Brethren, craftsmen, onward,
Forward into LIGHT!

In the eulogy on Past Grand Master Burnett we read:

We call that person who has lost his father an orphan,
and a widower that man who has lost his wife
And that man who has known the immense unhappiness
of losing his friend, by what name do we call him?

A sage of olden time said:

There are three friendships which are advantageous:
Friendship with the sincere, friendship with the wise, and
friendship with the man of much observation.

Grand Lodge Trustees report a common trouble experienced by all Grand Lodges including Canada:

When requests for relief have been refused, it has been done after complete investigation and with the feeling that the lodge making the request did not have our viewpoint but rather felt that the Grand Lodge funds were a reservoir from which it was privileged to draw whenever an extra demand was made upon it.

A wonderful programme of music and literature at the Home on October 29th was enjoyed, the Home being packed to over-flowing with Masonic friends and the programme having to be relayed to several parts of the house by amplifiers. "Geniality reigned supreme."

Membership 30,286. Net gain 526.

\$3,000 were contributed to the Mississippi Relief and \$3,200 were placed in a special emergency relief fund. Well done Oregon

The Dominican Republic Grand Lodge applied for recognition and the Correspondence Committee report:

The Grand Lodge of the Dominican Republic has absolute jurisdiction over the first three degrees of Masonry, is sovereign in its own territory and is organized along the lines of the various Grand Lodges of the United States.

The Committee on Necrology have this verse:

But to every man there openeth a highway and a low;
And every man decideth which way his soul shall go.

The Masonic Employment Bureau succeeded in filling no less than 2,477 positions during the year, 210 new employers patronizing the Bureau. This is good practical philanthropy to help men to help themselves.

"Sister" Jennie Rinehart made an able address to Grand Lodge closing by saying "all extend to you our fraternal greetings." "Sister" Leonora Kerr also addressed Grand Lodge and the Grand Master waxed eloquent in his reply:

Sister Rinehart, Sister Kerr, Brother Charters (descending to the floor of Grand Lodge to welcome visitors), I think it was Lord Byron who once said that a beautiful woman was always a welcome guest and I can assure you that those words were never more true than at this moment

We are not unmindful of the fact that it was your order that took the initiative in the movement to establish a home for our elderly members and for our children.

Sister Rinehart, it is indeed a pleasure to see you as chairman of this committee. Brethren, I can not remember the time when I did not know and admire and love Sister Rinehart when I was a very small boy. I assure you that that feeling still continues and will always.

The Traveling Trowel is making progress and this message is delivered with it as it passes on in its course, reminding us of our Traveling Triangle in the Royal Craft:

The history of the forming of our country and the part of Masonry in the cause of liberty and democracy formed the subjects around which the various programs are built.

This resolution was passed and \$900 was granted to the Craftsmen Club:

That the Craftsmen Club be authorized to extend to DeMolays the same type of membership and the same privileges that are now accorded to sons of Master Masons.

The Jurisprudence Committee gave this decision:

That in the event of the death of the Senior Warden the law does not contemplate election of a successor but the Master fills the vacancy by pro tempore appointment, and, of course, without installation.

The appointment of officers in Oregon beginning with the Senior Grand Deacon and including the Grand Chaplain and the Grand Orator is not devoid of delicate difficulty as to which the new Grand Master-elect, Rex. W. Davis thus alludes:

Brethren, we also feel that the appointive line is a matter of courtesy and gift within the power of the Grand Master of the time, and we feel that in no way should the appointive line bind the craft in their elective line.

Oregon holds Grand Lodge funerals on the occasion of the death of a Past Grand Master.

Kenneth J. Dunstan of Toronto, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, represents Oregon.

The Foreign Fraternal Correspondence is by David P. Mason, P.G.M. who in his thoughtful introduction said with reference to the Masonic Service Association, that its merits have been recognized especially since the disasters in the South:

While we in the new world are erecting a memorial to George Washington, the Father of his Country, in the old world, there is being builded the King Edward VII Peace Memorial, designed to commemorate the life and noble efforts of Edward, the Peacemaker, for so many years the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

The fact that the erection of these two magnificent structures is proceeding simultaneously and the ideal of peace they represent should serve to cement the ties of friendship which unite the Empire and Republic, Masonically and generally.

A man's reach should exceed his grasp else what's heaven for?

These verses are quoted under Arkansas:

Men whom the lust of office cannot kill;
Men whom the spoils of office can not buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor, men who will not lie.

And this under District of Columbia regarding their great outdoor gatherings for worship:

The groves were God's first temples. Ere man learned
To hew the shaft, or lay the architrave,

And spread the roof above them—ere he framed
 The lofty vault, to gather and roll back
 The sound of anthems; in the darkling wood
 Amidst the cool and silence, he knelt down,
 And offered to the Mightiest solemn thanks and
 supplications.

Before the hills in order stood,
 Or earth received her frame,
 From everlasting Thou art God,
 To endless years the same.

Kentucky has its trouble but also its honour:

It must be remembered that Kentucky had the first
 Masonic Home in the United States and in the world.

New Mexico gives opportunity for a splendid review
 with the following quotations:

Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
 Where wealth accumulates, and men decay.

Not the amount of money you have put away in sav-
 ings banks or securities, not the house which you are buy-
 ing or the new car—these are not the measure of your
 money value as a man. But you are worth a definite,
 stated sum to you, your family, and your community.
 A sum that runs into thousands of dollars, even though
 you may not have a cent to your name at this moment.

North Carolina is always fertile in ideas:

One can do an amazing amount of what is com-
 monly called work if there be with it no admixture of worry.
 Worry being absent, drudgery is not such.

From West Virginia's review we clip:

I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear,
 I will waste no moment whining and my heart shall
 know no fear.

I will try to find contentment in the path that I must
 tread;

I will cease to have resentment when another moves
 ahead.

Under Canada in Ontario he says:

It is interesting to read a roll of the constituent lodges
 and notice their names. English, Scotch and French, with
 many names of saints and attributes as Hope, Unity,
 Harmony, Amity.

Among the distinguished guests introduced we find the
 name of Kenneth J. Dunstan, Grand First Principal of the
 Grand Chapter and Grand Representative of the Grand
 Lodge of Oregon.

The address of the Grand Master, M.W. Brother John
 A. Rowland, is eloquent, patriotic and loyal to the tenets of
 Masonry.

He is greatly interested in the scroll which is usually

deposited in the cavity of each cornerstone laid and reprints one in full. He thinks our review thorough and he returns the compliment paid by us to Oregon, adding as a fine conclusion "we do enjoy the writings of our Canadian Brethren."

This from England:

Knowing Sir Alfred's personality and ability as a speaker through his visits to Grand Lodges in the United States, we feel sure he was "an ambassador of good will" for his country and the Masonic order.

Nova Scotia gives him gems of selection:

He builds too low
Who builds beneath the skies.
Give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

Mexico has a new messenger of peace in the person of Lindbergh, now "benedict, the married man."

PENNSYLVANIA

J. Willison Smith, R.W. Grand Master.

John A. Perry, R.W. Grand Secretary.

The Proceedings are of "The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging." Note that even the Grand Master is not honoured with the title of Most Worshipful.

A special Communication was held at Philadelphia, March 7, 1928, for the purpose of making John S. Fisher, Governor of the State, a Mason at sight, the Grand Lodge Officers assuming the titles and stations of a subordinate lodge during the ceremony. The First, Second and Third Degrees were then successively conferred.

Quarterly Communication March 7th, 1928, Brother Fisher, the Governor of Pennsylvania, the newly made Mason "at sight" delivered an interesting address. Several permissions were granted by Grand Lodge to receive applications for a fourth petition for initiation and membership.

Although proceedings in the case of an expulsion were found to be irregular, yet the guilt having been admitted, Grand Lodge confirmed the sentence.

Membership 210,555. Net increase 3,187.

Quarterly Communication June 6, 1928, five Past Grand Masters present in the Grand East.

Many bequests of large amounts for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown were reported and gratefully welcomed.

A new site for the new Temple in Philadelphia has been purchased for what appears to us the enormous sum of \$1,303,233, and all has not yet been told, as an adjoining property is also sought. The site chosen has not yet been made known. A building Committee of 11 members were appointed to engage an architect, inspect plans, decide on location and arrangements of the new building, and they are to continue to function until its completion and dedication. The Grand Master is Chairman and he thus accepted the responsibility:

It is a large task, it is a big work, and it has a vision that will look well into the future, and which will not be accomplished in a month, a year, or possibly many years. It is going to take some time in preparation. I do not want the members of the Fraternity to feel that this work is started tonight, as indicated in the terms of the resolution, as it represents something that cannot be done at once. It does not mean that we can start putting in steam shovels tomorrow, and seeing the dirt fly and the steel columns rise in a moment. There are many steps to climb, and it will require patience on your part, as well as diligence and energy on the part of the Committee.

Quarterly Communication September 5th, 1928. More bequests to the Masonic Homes are acknowledged. Pennsylvania has cultivated testamentary philanthropy.

Quarterly Communication December 5, 1928, when Grand Officers were elected, most of them including the Grand Master being reappointed, and the Committees on Masonic Homes were also chosen.

One of the bequests was for the purchase of objects and works of art, and also for a Banquet Fund.

The assets of the Patton Masonic Institute for Boys total \$1,656,498. The total amount in hands of Trustees is reported as \$631,699 in respect of other Institutions. Pennsylvania leads, their Emergency Relief Fund alone totalling nearly \$18,000.

A Master Mason having been expelled in 1922, his lodge having petitioned for the removal of the sentence, Grand Lodge found:

That, although his fault was grave, he has given clear proof of repentance, that he is a man of good moral character, and that it would be wise to remove the expulsion.

The Committee on the Temple reported that they have paid in salaries and wages alone last year nearly \$42,000 for electric light and power over \$6,000 and for insurance nearly \$8000 and still a new Temple is required.

This tribute to Bro. Yerkes, long officially connected with Craft library work, is a worthy one:

As a judge he was remembered for his fairness and fearlessness in his judgment. As a young soldier in the

Civil War, as a member of the Legislature of his State and as a public-spirited citizen, his many valuable services and fine Christian character will not be forgotten by the community and State.

A great meeting of Masonic librarians and research workers was held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 10th. Visitors to the library were over 2,900, total books 19,250.

200 applications were made for admission to the various Homes and Hospitals of the Craft during the year.

This from the report is interesting:

The fifth annual alumni day and reunion of the graduates of the Masonic Homes was held on June 15th.

The former boys and girls gathered in their respective Homes of past days, held their reunions and afterwards entered sports, games and swimming. These reunions are gaining in popularity each year and receive every encouragement from the management.

A new addition to the Eisenlohr Girls' Home has been completed.

Of the late Bro. William M. Donaldson this is well said:

He had a passion for things Masonic. If there was anything that made him indignant it was an act on the part of a Mason intended to bring about a pecuniary profit out of Masonry. His very nature rebelled against this.

He was a charming companion, having a high sense of humor and a kindness of manner which endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

A deed was accepted from John Smith of securities totalling \$186,000 for an additional wing to and extension of the "John Smith Home for Boys." Other Jurisdictions can scarcely realize what Pennsylvania is so splendidly doing.

The Annual Grand Communication was held December 27, 1928. Five Past Grand Masters supported the Grand East.

Those who distribute the Charity Fund are known officially as the Almoners.

The Grand Master in his address deals fully with clandestine Masonry, against which we all have to beware, and says of the 1927 law:

Immediately after approval of the Act your Grand Lodge, with Masonic bodies recognized by it, registered all of their emblems.

Shortly after a clandestine body made application to register the same emblems which was refused. The clandestine body then instituted mandamus proceedings against the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and Grand Lodge with its affiliated Grand Bodies, intervened. A verdict was rendered against the clandestine body, who however have appealed.

We reprint this admonitory message from the Grand Master on the admission of visitors, it being applicable everywhere:

The activity of the clandestine body referred to above has been so pronounced that its existence should be generally known, particularly to the officers and active workers of our subordinate lodges.

Attempts on the part of the clandestine Masons, to visit our regular lodges in various parts of the State, have been reported.

The admission of visitors to Lodges within our Jurisdiction should therefore be most carefully guarded through proper vouching, wherein the identity of the visitor should be clearly established by the Brother who may vouch for the visitor. This identity should include a personal knowledge of the visitor's Masonic standing, and the Secretary of each lodge should be careful to verify the regularity of the lodge of which the visitor claims to be a member.

Particular care should be given an intended visitor who asks for an examination to see if the lodge he gives is shown in the List of Regular Lodges, a copy of which is furnished by Grand Lodge and must be on the Secretary's desk at every meeting.

The Worshipful Masters are to admonish the members of their lodges that they are not to discuss Masonic affairs with clandestine Masons.

The Employment Bureau at Philadelphia located 7,783 positions at an average salary of over \$1,100 a year, while the Bureau at Pittsburgh placed 571 in employment at an average salary of \$735.

Then followed a wonderful paper by Bro. David McGregor, Grand Lodge Historian of New Jersey, which embraced the Masonic History of Pennsylvania as well. He thus disposes of a much published but now discredited identification of the Craft with the Declaration of Independence and he ought to know:

Too often have wild, unfounded claims been made that eventually react to the detriment of the organization as a whole, leaving us open to damaging attacks from those not in sympathy with us. Such claims as that fifty-two of the fifty-six Signers of the Declaration were Masons, still going the rounds, although it has been shown that only six are actually known to have been members of lodges, and another six as having visited lodges, a bare dozen in all.

Scotland was interested at an early date:

Several years of research into the settlement of the Scots in New Jersey in the latter part of the seventeenth century made me quite familiar with many names of those settlers, and to some extent, their biographies. Upon later turning my attention to early Masonic history in Britain

and here, I readily recognized some of the early members of Old Aberdeen Lodge, No 1ter, as having been identified with the early settlement of New Jersey. These names are recorded in the Book of Marks of that lodge dated 1670, said to be the oldest roll of members of a lodge in existence.

While he does not discredit, he is apt to doubt the title claimed for Henry Price by Massachusetts, quoting however this paragraph from an old record:

It was not until February 21, 1735, that "Henry Price Grand Master of His Majesty's Dominions in North America, appointed Mr. Benjamin Franklin Grand Master for the Province of Pennsylvania."

The claims of Nova Scotia to the antiquity claimed by them are also doubted especially as to the old stone found.

A graceful message was sent to England on motion of M.W. Bro. Beitler expressing their "sincere and earnest hope for the King's speedy recovery."

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Joseph H. Schmidt, M. W. Grand Master.

The sixteenth Annual Communication opened at Manila January 24, 1928. The new Grand Master elected at this meeting is M. W. Bro. Teodoro M. Kalaw.

Lodges 101, membership 6,683. Loss 159.

9 Past Grand Masters and other Past Grand Officers graced the Grand East.

276 members were present. Two Past Masters were appointed to act as interpreters during the session.

M. W. Bro. Trinidad delivered an address of welcome to the Provincial Brethren in which he said:

We, who by chance of fate, reside in this busy center of activities, require your help. Here the struggle for existence becomes each day more keen and arduous, the march of materialism continues onward.

Canada was represented by Quintin Paredes and a larger roll call of Grand Representatives than most other Jurisdictions was responded to. Their spokesman eloquently replied:

"For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

Grand Master Schmidt said in his address:

Masonry is Friendship and Service, and it has been my constant endeavor, during the year just past, to give you, my Brethren, full measure of both.

My military and business experience have both taught me the value of brevity and clearness.

It now consists of 101 Lodges scattered throughout the Archipelago from Aparri to Jolo. Composed of the best

elements of the population, the 7,000 regular Masons of the Philippines are doing splendid work. Funds for a Masonic Home, School, and Dormitory are accumulating and have already reached a respectable figure, and the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children is also raising a large building fund, and is in the meantime operating a ward for little cripples in the Memorial Hospital. Masonic Lodges have free clinics for children and other local charities in several places in the Islands.

As evidence of the activity and prosperity of Masonry we can also cite the Masonic temple and cemeteries in many towns of these Islands and the existence of two widely-read masonic reviews, *The Cabletow* and *The Far Eastern Freemason*, published monthly in this city.

Courtesy Degrees were conferred upon a young Physician from a German Lodge at Darmstadt.

The Philippine Craft generously contributed \$2236 to the Mississippi Flood Relief.

He expresses his pleasure in co-operating with the Scottish Rite and the York Rite.

As to the standard of Provincial Membership he says:

Wherever I went, I found the outer door securely guarded. Petitioners for the degrees were submitted to a very careful investigation before election. The elements most numerously represented are the educated class and public officials. In one province, for instance, the governor of the province is a Past Master and present Secretary of the Lodge. In another, the chief executive of the Province and of the Lodge are the same person.

He contributes this regarding Masonic contentions:

We find our Brethren less inclined than ever to stand on their dignity and allow vanity and self-love to get the best of their fraternal feelings. After an exchange of opinions, the hand of good fellowship is extended by one of the contending parties to the other much more readily than used to be the case.

As to the dual language problem of Spanish and English he says:

The publication of our Grand Lodge Proceedings, including the fraternal reviews, in Spanish as well as in English, involves much work and considerable expense for translation and printing. I do not consider it justified by the benefits derived therefrom. The number of Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction who are not able to read and understand English to some extent, is very small, and in view of the great necessity for retrenchment, I feel confident that there will be no objection to the discontinuance of the publication of our Proceedings in Spanish.

Their relief has not been merely financial:

As in the past, this year we have done our best to find work for the unemployed and have extended relief where necessary.

Politics are eschewed:

If you are willing to have strife and discord in your Lodge; if you desire to see its charter taken away and its name blotted out on the rolls of our Grand Lodge, all you have to do is to introduce politics into the Lodge.

Grand Secretary Comfort quotes from Swinburne:

Unto each man his handiwork,
To each his crown
The just Fate gives;
Whoso takes the world's life on him
And his own lays down
He, dying, so gives.

Grand Lecturer Larkin thus well winds up his report:

Sometimes the "Right Hand of Fellowship" is remarkably cold when extended to a visiting brother. Every visiting brother should be given the cordial greeting he deserves, and made free of our Masonic home. Masons are entitled to enter our tiled doors, and cordiality, courtesy, and hospitality are due to every brother. He may come with a mind harassed with business worries, but when he meets with a group of genial and sympathetic men, it gives him a breathing spell and rest and he goes away feeling glad that he came.

This from the memorial resolution of Bro. Leonard Wood:

That we shall ever cherish a remembrance of the sterling qualities of our deceased brother Governor General Leonard Wood who as a Man and a Mason was second to none, and do hereby attest our admiration and appreciation of the life and labors which were brought to a close by his untimely death.

M. W. Bro. T. M. Kalaw delivered the grand oration, which was ordered printed in the "Cabletow". Some extracts will be interesting to our readers:

Prior to 1890, Masonry in this country was for the foreigner, the Lodges being formed exclusively by Spaniards and foreigners, with very little participation by local elements. From 1890 till the arrival of the Americans, it was for the natives, the Lodges being monopolized by Filipinos, with a very small proportion of Spaniards. Since the advent of the Americans, it has become cosmopolitan, and that is its present character here.

My Brethren, I have used the words "happiness" and "human happiness," and I believe this should be the fundamental message which Masonry is obliged to carry to all those who are suffering. This is the largest immediate

objective of our Institution. There is no greater satisfaction in life, no greater glory for the man who loves his fellow-man, no more meritorious act for the true Mason, than to dry the tears of those who are weeping, cure the ills of those who are suffering, and break the shackles of those who are victims of injustice.

The Philippines are an ideal country for humanitarian campaigns of this nature. In the first place, as our land did not in the past enjoy the blessings of a general public school system and is, moreover, an eminently agricultural country, a majority of the inhabitants are not sufficiently familiar with the exercise of their individual rights.

In order to maintain closer and secret relations with the patriots in the Philippines, the local Masonry was organized, subject to that of Madrid. The idea was that Freemasonry must be the brain to direct the Filipinos and think for them. There was no liberty to assemble and speak freely.

But later, when the Filipinos, for a brief space, enjoyed self-government, whom did they place at the head of their civil and military government? The president of the republic was Emilio Aguinaldo, a member of Magdalo Lodge. The prime minister was Apolinario Mabini, orator of Balagtas Lodge.

When the government in Washington appointed the first commission to investigate conditions in this country, Dr. Schurman, its chairman, said that he was astonished to find a perfect resemblance between the familiar American principles and the aspirations of the Filipinos. How could it be different, seeing that the two people, the Americans and the Filipinos, were welded by the fire of one ideal, and by men belonging to the same Institution?

The Committee on Grievances on appeal from a judgment of expulsion say:

It is apparent that the judgment of expulsion was proper. This case vividly brings to our attention the regrettable fact that in some cases our Lodges do not make or cause to be made sufficient investigation into the character of the applicant for the degrees before their petitions are accepted.

As L'envoy the Grand Secretary conveys this message to his Brethren:

"Labor with what zeal you will
Something yet remains undone,
Something uncompleted still
Awaits the setting sun."

Walter M. Rose represents the Philippine Islands.

The Review of Proceedings was made by Leo Fischer and N. C. Comfort who in their introduction make these interesting comments in generalizing on the Craft universal

"What inspiration is, must be learned from what it does." "Inspiration does not lift the inspired person out of all his limitations, but uses him as he is, and all his faculties as they are for the fulfillment of a Divine purpose."

These writings which we call the Holy Scriptures have proven their power to create character, to lead men into fellowship with God, to inspire to sacrificial service, to impart inner peace and tranquility of spirit, to give courage and comfort, in danger and in death.

Canada, we regret to say, did not come within the orbit of their view.

This from Alabama:

Masonry is not a religion or sect or denomination; it is neither Catholic nor Protestant in the narrow sense of those terms. Its spirit is distinctly religious but it is not sectarian nor dogmatic.

Alberta attracted much attention:

In places where general antagonism to the Fraternity exists in the minds of the majority of the people, the opportunity to allow a certain number of invited guests to view the installation ceremony is of greater good to the fraternity as a whole than most people would normally imagine.

Under Argentine we find that their membership is 1450. They publish a Year Book and then occurs this significant paragraph:

He reports that the Central Temple was used for propaganda purposes during the year and several lectures on liberty, equality before the law, and liberty of conscience were delivered in it before mixed audiences.

The Craft maintains a Masonic Library and an Orphanage at Buenos Aires. All honour to them!

The British Dominions attract much attention and while they think DeWolf-Smith, the Grand Secretary of B.C., to be always seemingly antagonistic to them, they charitably say:

However, Masonry has some charity in it and conditions at a long distance sometimes even through the telescope are not as clear as they would be at close range. He does not say so, but I believe he thinks as the writer does that the amendment was not proper and that one cannot be made good by legislation.

CHILE teaches us this lesson:

The Institution must not become the bulwark of any determined political party nor must its members allow themselves to be swayed by their passions; but Masonry must more than ever be a severe school of morality, altruism, and discipline.

Egypt has 78 Lodges and a membership of 4680.

Germany is fully reviewed and we make these extracts from our colleagues' report:

The following declaration appears in the Proceedings, "The Freemason is obligated ever to fulfil with zeal and care all duties which are imposed upon him by religion and reason, fatherland, calling and profession.

There was a debate on the so-called Higher Degrees, as a result of which the Federation resolved that Freemasonry is contained completely in the three Symbolic Degrees and that for this reason the introduction of additional higher degrees is rejected.

If this verse under Indiana is good for the Philippines, it should be good for us:

A mightier church shall come—whose covenant word
Shall be the Deeds of Love; not 'Credo' then,
'Amo' shall be the password through the gates;
And Man shall not ask his brother any more—
"Believest Thou?" but "Lovest Thou", and Man
Shall answer at His Altar—"Lord, I Love."
For Hope may anchor, Faith may steer—but Love,
Great Love alone is captain of the soul."

The Netherlands have 123 Lodges with a membership of 7,317 and the Reviewer says approvingly:

From the proceedings it appears plainly that our Dutch Brethren are zealous studious Masons who adhere strictly to the Ancient Landmarks and do a great deal of relief and charitable work. They have been and are the balance-wheel of the International Masonic Association which their influence seems to have prevented from going on the rocks completely under the guidance of the Grand Orient of France.

Membership of Panama is 418 with 8 lodges. A lance is wielded for peace:

Peru has 637 members with 14 lodges. Peru has its troubles with the Supreme Council and has the sympathy of the Philippines:

And so the matter stands at present. We, (and every regular Grand Lodge is with us), applaud the Grand Lodge of Peru for defending its sovereignty.

Venezuela has 24 Lodges and they report that the Grand Master had a stormy term of office. One Lodge thwarted in its attempts to run the Grand Lodge seceded and the end is not yet.

The conclusion consists of three pages of very worthy poetry entitled "Musings at Eventide" the last verses of which are:

But through it all I ever felt
That Life with me had kindly dealt;
And that, however, sore my need,
The gift was greater than my meed.

And as I near the sunset hour,
I bless the more that wondrous power,
Which, ever tender, ever kind,
Has led me; till at last resigned,
I, watching, wait to hear the call
Which soon or later comes to all;
And know that while in faith I pray,
His Hand will lead me all the way.

We are indebted to the Correspondence Report of the Philippine Islands for information regarding Jurisdictions to whose transactions we have not direct access.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

M. W. Brother William J. Drake, Grand Master.

A special Communication was held 14th October, 1927, at Hunter River at which a new Lodge-room was dedicated, also one at Montague for the same purpose.

Grand Lodge attended in a body the funeral of the late M. W. Bro. Messervey, P. G. M.

During June, Grand Master Drake was confined to the Prince Edward Island Hospital through illness.

The Fifty-third Annual Communication was held at Port Hill, June 27th, 1928, the D.G.M., Peter Sinclair, acted as Grand Master.

Canada's Grand Representative is not recorded as having been present.

Ten Past Grand Masters amply filled the chairs in the Grand East.

The Grand Master's address was read for him. He had visited every Lodge in the Jurisdiction once, with several unofficial visits.

A candidate having been accepted, he having only one arm, the Grand Master refused under their Constitution to ignore this physical incompleteness and would not allow Zetland Lodge to confer the Degree. We hope that Prince Edward Island will soon emancipate itself from this operative anatomical narrowness.

The Deputy Grand Master said in his comprehensive report:

Many matters of importance will come before this Grand Lodge for consideration and determination and we must expect differences of opinion, remembering however, that we are brethren, working together in a common cause, and striving for the accomplishment of the same great purpose. Let us banish from our midst all personal feeling.

Membership 1,224. Net gain 27. In 1875 the membership was 526.

The Grand Lecturer well said in his report:

Having made a fairly successful effort to memorize the minimum portion of the Ritual that is necessary to work the degrees, we tend to forget about such things as expression and interpretation. The chief end of the Ritual is not the mere monotonous repetition of it; rather is the Ritual a vehicle whereby we may convey to those who seek, the vital truths that have rewarded our own search.

The Committee approved the small number of dispensations, which in all Jurisdictions is the course of action recommended:

We are glad to note from the report the limited number of dispensations granted, not one of which was to confer degrees in less time than specified in our constitution. We congratulate our Grand Master on this excellent record.

A brass memorial tablet in the Lodgeroom was unveiled to the memory of the late Senator John Yeo, first Grand Master.

Roy C. McLean is the Grand Representative of Canada, and Thomas Rowe, formerly of London, now of Hamilton, represents Prince Edward Island.

QUEBEC

Henry Willis, Quebec, Grand Master.

W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Secretary.

At the funeral service of the late M.W. Bro. Hagar, which was held at St. George's Anglican Church and was conducted by R.W. Bro. Rev. J. E. Fee, the services at Mount Royal Cemetery by M.W. Bro. Dr. Allan P. Shatford, there were present seven Past Grand Masters with M.W. Bro. Rowland and Bro. A. F. Webster representing us.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication was held in Montreal, 8th February, 1928, with nine Past Grand Masters present.

Deputy Grand Master Willis called on all to pay a silent tribute to the memory of the late Grand Master who, like his distinguished father, died while in office.

To two veteran Masons he paid this tribute:

M.W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers was initiated into Masonry in St. Andrew's Lodge in the City of Quebec, in 1878. His half century of service to Masonry will be completed next month, and may he long be spared to wield his gifted pen which has gained him an enviable reputation throughout the Masonic world.

I regret the absence from this meeting of M.W. Bro. J. Alex. Cameron who is in Europe. I am sure that you all

join with me in the wish, that he will soon return to us renewed in health and strength.

A Lodge at Rouyn was duly instituted with 25 members on the roll, thus keeping pace with the development of the treasures of wealth found in the Mines of Northern Quebec and Ontario.

Four new lodges in all were instituted during the year.

The Grand Master was present at the entertainment of St. Francis Lodge of Ontario.

Grand Chaplain Barnes' address upon "The Situation of Freemasonry in the World To-day" is a stimulating call to arms and hearts. Among other good things he said:

It is necessary to test all things that come before us for acceptance and let them find a place in our life if they are good. If they do not measure up to the standard, then pass them by.

So with the things of time "As a vesture shalt Thou change them". It is the putting off and changing of things that disturbs men's minds.

In the Volume of the Sacred Law, especially the Old Testament history, nothing is remaining to us but the Book itself. The nation itself has been in obscurity for centuries and once when rebuked for their failure they boasted of their father Abraham. They were told that if God merely wanted men He could raise them of the stones.

The last great World Empire before our own, the Roman, which gave to the world democracy, finally failed and became a small insignificant nation because they were found wanting in "social and moral virtue."

Membership 15,158. Net increase 469, very creditable progress indeed.

The Grand Secretary reported:

An interesting addition was made to our collection of relics of the past by the recovery of the Commission granted to R.W. Bro. Claude Denechau as Provincial Grand Master of Lower Canada 108 years ago. It is personally signed by Frederick Augustus, Duke of Sussex.

Here is a vital point from the Quebec and Three Rivers District:

I am of the opinion that there is a lack of sufficient care and thought given to the selection of junior officers who eventually supply the material for senior officers.

The D.D.G.:M. of Ottawa Districts thanks R.W. Bro Haentschel for having deputized for him in the North.

The Committee on Jurisprudence with regard to an accused member, put his exclusion in this suggestive form:

Your Committee can but recommend Grand Lodge to place it beyond the power of the accused to consort further with our Craft.

The Committee on the state of Masonry report:

All the lodges have been visited by the District Deputy Grand Masters, except Kipawa and Osisko which are in the Ottawa District, and these were visited by Worshipful Brother Haentschel. In this connection your committee considers it very undesirable for a member of Grand Lodge to accept the office of District Deputy Grand Master, unless he is willing and able to give his time to the office so that each lodge will be visited by him at least once during the year.

Our attention has been drawn to the practice of two lodges which are opening and closing on all occasions in short form. This should be stopped at once, and we look to the District Deputy Grand Masters to notify these lodges that they must follow the ritual as laid down.

Praise is given to the Past Masters who are still doing Degree work.

The Finance Committee report firmly and prudently:

In the opinion of your Committee it seems desirable in order to avoid any misunderstanding in the future that Grand Lodge should record definitely the fact that it does not recognize any responsibility for expense incurred by petitioners in connection with a dispensation to form a new lodge. The petitioners should understand that until the dispensation has actually been granted there is always a possibility of its being refused and they must be prepared to assume this risk.

The Grand Master appointed a nominating Committee, which is not the procedure in many Jurisdictions. It has much to recommend it.

Our Deputy Grand Master, R. B. Dargavel represents Quebec.

Again the veteran dean of Correspondence, E. T. D. Chambers, P.G.M., who is in the golden Indian summer of life, presents his report and for the forty-first consecutive year. He says that during the whole of that period Masonic prosperity has abounded both at home and abroad.

Under Alabama we catch his view point:

In reference to those who have been called from labor to rest he makes the rather unusual though perfectly natural statement that "it was not in spite of their faults that we loved them; it was because of their weakness, their shortcomings and their foibles that we loved them. Who could love a perfect man or woman? And so it is with those who have departed from us and so it is with those who remain and so it will be with us when we shall have passed on. Let us then cherish them even for their weaknesses.

British Columbia gives him an opportunity for comparison and a rally:

At another lodge many of the Brethren had motored over 100 miles to attend, and in one instance the distance travelled was 195 miles. How these good Brethren put to shame many of us whose lodge is located in our own city!

He thus introduces his kindly review of Canada:

The presiding Grand Master, John A. Rowland addressed Grand Lodge in a patriotic and scholarly speech and having paid a tribute to the historical background of his jurisdiction and of the vast Dominion of which it forms so important a province, he dealt with the activities of the Craft.

In his much appreciated reference to our dear lamented Past Grand Master Walter C. Hagar, he has touched a sympathetic chord in the hearts of all who knew him, for to know him was to love him.

Such an expression of sympathy from our neighboring sister jurisdiction is particularly welcome and is warmly appreciated.

As to recognition by other Grand Jurisdictions he summarizes our results and quotes our standards:

In brief, the outcome of this enquiry was the recommendation that for the purpose of establishing a standard, the basic requirements essential to recognition of any foreign Grand Lodge be declared which are practically the requirements for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Colorado calls for this caution:

Temple building is a praiseworthy, but if not properly financed, a hazardous undertaking. No lodge is justified in assuming a burden of debt that cannot be safely borne, merely for the sake of owning a new Temple.

In his review of England we read:

We were much impressed by the harmony and fraternal spirit which existed between the four Constitutions, English, Irish, Scottish, and Netherlandic, in South Africa, and the English, Irish, and Scottish in Rhodesia and Kenya. I have every confidence that the tour has been of the greatest advantage in linking our Districts and Brethren in Africa more closely to Grand Lodge, and making them feel that they are as near and dear to that Body as are the Provinces and Brethren in the Homeland.

Florida reaffirms this truth:

The Mason does not ask, "Is there a God?" But affirms, "There is a God. He is my refuge and my strength."

The Mason does not ask, "Is the Bible divine?" But affirms, "It is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Massachusetts always fertile in ideas, gave to him, as it now gives to us, this illustrative thought:

The Grand Master referred to the portrait of the late

Grand Master on the front of the menu card, saying "As I have contemplated it during the evening, I have had in mind something that was written before the beginning of the Christian Era, something which expresses our hope and our confidence, and which seems to me to make it peculiarly fitting that we should recall our beloved Brother in a fashion in which he would have us do on such an occasion as this. I refer to what Cicero put into the mouth of one of his characters, Gaius Laelius, on the death of his friend Scipio Africanus. He said: "I can find my own consolation, and it consists chiefly in this: that I have escaped the mistaken notion which so frequently causes us grief at the departure of our friends. To Scipio, I am convinced no evil has befallen. Mine is the disaster, if disaster there be, and to be particularly distressed over one's own misfortunes does not show that you love your friend, but that you love yourself.

No disaster has befallen our beloved friend and Brother. Such grief as we have is at our own loss. No evil has befallen him."

QUEENSLAND

M. W. Bro. C. Stumm, K.C., Grand Master.

M. W. Brother C. H. Harley, Grand Secretary.

A special communication was held at Brisbane, July 6, 1927, at which the Grand Master was installed, a solo being rendered at the opening "Be Thou Faithful Unto Death."

M. W. Bro. Hertzberg in addressing the Grand Master said:

We gladly and loyally hail you as our Chief; but behind the glamour and formality which surrounds yours, as every other high position in life, there lies something else which is not quite so apparent, but which is felt by every conscientious man, and I am convinced by no one more than by yourself—the obligation to serve. You are at one and the same time our Master and our first and hardest worked servant, giving freely and voluntarily of your means, of your time which is valuable, of your talent, which is great, and of your energy, which is prodigious; without fee and without hope or expectation of reward beyond the fraternal regard and love of your brethren, and the satisfaction which comes from duty well and faithfully done.

Metropolitan Lodges should come together and arrange among themselves to spread their Installations over at least seven months of the year, say from April to October, during which the weather conditions are ideal, and offer no obstacles.

Three anthems then followed. Our Queensland friends emphasize musical harmony and rhythmic unity.

The Grand Master in his address well said:

I think I can safely claim that there has been true, genuine progress during the past year. The number of members has increased by over 800; 10 new Lodges have been Consecrated; there has never been a keener scrutiny of the character of the Candidates for Initiation, quality has always been the essential.

The symbolic meaning of every part of each ceremony (what I regard as the soul of the ceremonies) is being studied more closely, and is being placed as it should be, on a higher platform than the actual correct work itself,—important as that always must be, Freemasonry is altruistic.

He reported the charitable Institutions as flourishing.

There are three working Lodges holding under the English Constitution.

Another solo was rendered "Within these Hallowed Walls."

The Hallstone Jewels were explained and awarded:

It marks the fact that the Masons of Queensland who are still working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and who are the only Masonic body other than our United Grand Lodge which has any interest in this Temple in Alice Street, are taking part with us in building a Temple which is to take its place. We welcome this help and more still the fraternal spirit which is the fountain spring of their having become a Hall Stone Jewel Lodge.

The Board of Benevolence say:

The members of the Board continue very keen in carefully weighing and considering each individual request.

The daughter Lodges were directed as to the necessity for supplying to members of Enquiry Committees true and unbiassed information concerning the character of candidates and it is pointed out that the supplying of any incorrect information is a Masonic offence.

Quarterly Communication held at Brisbane, December 7, 1927.

The most frequent condemnation of those who have been tried and found guilty appears to be suspension indefinitely.

One Brother appeared before Grand Lodge and spoke on his own behalf. Nevertheless in his presence, the sentence was confirmed, and the Brother then retired.

Another Brother having violated hospitality and his obligation as a Master Mason and therefore "a breach of everything worth considering at all", was expelled.

The report of the Temple Committee recommended that a foot path be closed in, the Brethren congregating behind

and the ceremony carried on in privacy on the ground. This is not our custom.

The Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Institutions and Freemasons Home were consolidated.

Quarterly Communication March 7, 1928, Grand Master Stumm on the Throne.

A letter from Porto Rico was read saying:

The Island of Porto Rico as an integral part of the United States of America, has been recognised as an independent masonic unit. Our Grand Lodge was founded in 1885, and since it has been in fraternal relations with all the world over.

A new Temple is proposed and "The Queensland Freemason" gives a full account of the project which is being carried out by Grand Lodge.

The "Quinn" Grand Chapter was presented with a Hallstone Jewel.

The Royal Arch Masons practically took the lead and set an example to the daughter Chapters.

The foundation stone of the Brisbane Masonic Temple was laid with due ceremony 25th April, 1928.

Montgomerie Hamilton and others of New South Wales represented their Grand Lodge.

This is part of the ceremony:

The Grand Director of Ceremonies assembled the Grand Lodge officers about the Consecration Table, and handed to them respectively the Masonic Implements and Consecration Vessels to be used in the ceremony.

The Grand Master's address is full of interest. Incidentally he said:

In the Great World's War of a total enlistment of 329,883 in the A.I. Forces, Queensland contributed 57,705, of which number 12,421 sacrificed their lives and 28,123 were wounded.

General Sir Ian Hamilton in his first despatch wrote:—

"The moment the boats touched land the Australians' turn had come. Like lightning they leapt ashore, and each man as he did so went straight as his bayonet at the enemy. So vigorous was the onslaught that the Turks made no attempt to withstand it, and fled from ridge to ridge pursued by the Australian infantry."

Deeds of this glorious standard should be an inspiration for deeds during peace of an equally exalted character.

Freemasonry in Queensland and in all the States of the Commonwealth, has four great corner stones.

In the first place it is essential that the man who wishes to become a Mason should believe in a Supreme Being, and therefore necessarily in a hereafter.

The second stone stands for Loyalty, the third stone is represented by a declaration by the candidate that in seeking to enter Freemasonry he is not influenced by any unworthy motives, the fourth stone is a declaration that he desires to enter Freemasonry from a sincere wish to render himself serviceable to his fellow creatures.

It is upon these four stones that Masonic character is built.

The salt savours hospitality and friendship.

A golden trowel, the beauty of which will hardly be surpassed, was presented.

At a special meeting the Working Tools with which the foundation stone was laid on the evening of Anzac Day, were presented to the Grand Master.

That the new Temple is a handsome structure may be gauged from the fact that the lowest tender was over £101,000.

Chile requested recognition, which was recommended.

The Grand Lodge of Burma has become a Hallstone District under England, each of 17 Lodges subscribing 500 guineas, a wonderfully generous and voluntary gift.

The care in weighing in the balance of candidates is impressed by "the Permission to Ballot" Committee:

It is again found necessary to remind Lodge Enquiry Committees that all references favourable or otherwise received concerning Candidates must not be divulged or discussed with other Lodge members, but are to be attached to Application forms and sent to the Grand Secretary. Freemasonry as an institution naturally comes before individual Lodges whenever a doubt exists.

M. W. Bro. Stumm was re-elected.

RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Winfield S. Solomon, M.W. Grand Master.

A fine sepia portrait of the Grand Master adorns the Proceedings as a frontispiece. His hospitality is well remembered by this Reviewer.

At a special Communication to lay the corner-stone of a lodge this ode was sung:

Make this O Lord Thine own abode;
Thy presence in these courts be given;
Be this indeed "the house of God,"
And this in truth, "the gate of heaven".

A semi-annual Communication was held November 21, 1927, when P.G.M. Wilbur A. Scott introduced distinguished visitors.

The Committee on Jurisprudence Report said:

It is clear, therefore, that refusal to release jurisdiction does not give exclusive jurisdiction to the lodge so refusing. The jurisdiction given to a lodge exclusively for five years after a rejection is a penal or punitive jurisdiction, and is based on the presumption that the petitioner is unworthy. No such presumption can be predicated upon a refusal to release jurisdiction; in fact, it is common knowledge that releases are often refused for reasons which in no way involve the worth or character of the applicant.

Bro. Wilbur A. Scott made a fine address. He touches nothing that he does not adorn:

We shall have lost the real spirit of the hour if we fail to test again the corner-stone upon which our individual Masonic structure rests and re-dedicate ourselves to real Masonic service—service to God and to our fellow men.

We need to-day the adventure, the courage and the piety of William Blackstone. We need, still more, the service and sacrifice, the altruism and tolerance of Roger Williams. The pioneer of religious freedom may not have been a Mason, but he preached and practiced three hundred years ago the greatest ideals of Freemasonry.

The One-hundred and thirty-eighth Annual Communication was held in Providence, May 21, 1928. Grand Officers from Connecticut, New Jersey and New York were heartily welcomed.

In his address the Grand Master said:

I am very happy in the thought that there has grown out of this fellowship a great desire for constructive service, and the longing to bring happiness to others.

In regard to Masonic Clubs, of the legitimate functions of which he does not entirely disapprove, he says:

The objectionable advertisement was in the nature of a transparency attached to a wagon, which was being driven through our streets, the wording of which was "Dance with the Masonic Club—50c."

While there was no serious objection to the dance or to the price of admission, the nature of the advertisement seemed to rather cheapen our order.

This makes interesting reading:

It is an interesting fact that Massachusetts and Rhode Island have the largest average membership per lodge in the entire world. It is my opinion that when a lodge attains a membership of over five hundred no longer does the same fraternal, Masonic spirit exist as in the small Lodge. The members no longer know one another.

More lodges and smaller lodges has been my theme.

He thus closes his comprehensive address:

Let us never become so engrossed in our daily activities as to forget the obligations which made such an impression upon our minds when we first saw light in Freemasonry, remembering always the practical application of a Mason's profession: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Membership 18,852. Net increase 561. Past Grand Masters present 9.

The Standing Committee on Finance report:

All of these funds with the exception of the checking account of the General Fund may be withdrawn from the banks by one signature. It is not felt that this is good business judgment.

The Masonic Service Board led by M.W. Bro. Joseph Lawton, also well known to this Reviewer, are outspoken:

Spasmodic efforts of contribution to meet a case as it may arise has proven to be antiquated, slow and ineffectual to such extent that this Board has at times been handicapped and its efforts curtailed by the lack of funds.

The Education Committee are doing a great work as will be seen from the following extract from the Committee's report:

It will be noted that sixty-six scholarships were awarded involving a total of \$19,775, on which the sum of \$19,021.55 has already been paid.

It is a pleasure to note that none of the holders of scholarships failed to maintain the required standing and it is confidently expected that all will be found to have completed the year's work in a creditable manner.

The net increase to the fund for the Masonic Home during the past year was nearly \$15,000.

The delegate to the Masonic Service Association reported favourably:

To me it was an extreme pleasure and honor to again attend an annual meeting of this Association, one so useful and founded on strong principles for relief and enlightenment and so constituted as to be of untold value to every Jurisdiction which will avail itself of associated service.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Ecuador and to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, they having fulfilled the requirements.

Nearly all the lodges obeyed the Grand Lodge order to dissolve their Civil Charters but two filed the annual report on behalf of their civil corporations and will be disciplined.

Clarence P. Bearce represents Canada, and J. F. Reid, M.P.P., of Windsor (not Winsor) as in the list) represents Rhode Island.

There is no Correspondence Report.

SASKATCHEWAN

M.W. Brother the Hon. Mr. Justice W. M. Martin,
Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary.

The Proceedings open with an instruction that a defined portion thereof should be read at the first regular meeting of each lodge.

The frontispiece is a fine picture of the new Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon J. K. Irwin.

The Twenty-second Annual Communication convened in the Baptist Church in Saskatoon, June 20th, 1928.

Canada's Grand Representative did not report for duty at roll call. How many do?

The two Martins made a fine team and our own John S. received the following hearty welcome:

The Grand Master cordially welcomed our distinguished guest and in doing so referred briefly to the prominent part that M.W. Bro. Martin had taken in the public life of his province as well as in Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada in Ontario. Bro. Martin was given the Grand Honors and made fitting response to the welcome extended him, expressing his pleasure at being present, and stating that he hoped that his visit would encourage visits of a similar nature in the future and tend toward the building up of a better acquaintance between our respective Grand Jurisdictions.

R.W. Bro. J. Obed Smith, Grand Representative in England, reported fully on the activities of the Mother Grand Lodge.

In the Grand Master's address we read:

I am sure that the spirit of Masonic brotherhood is exercising an ever-increasing benign influence upon the conduct of our members.

Of those whom we have lost awhile, he says:

Weep not that their trials are over,
Weep not that their race is run.
God grant we may rest as calmly
When our race, like theirs, is done.

The Grand Master attended all the District meetings. He reports the Benevolent Fund as in a healthy condition, now amounting to \$220,000.

Among his rulings are the following:

I could readily understand a member of a Character Committee being in possession of information which he would not be justified in disclosing to anyone, not even to other members of the Committee, and that when a member of a Character Committee refuses to sign a favorable report

on his honour as a member of the Committee and as a Mason, this should be sufficient.

Evergreen Lodge asked whether or not it is permissible to rent a Masonic Lodge Room to the Ku Klux Klan.

The best interests of the Craft should, be carefully considered and no action should be taken which might lead to the conclusion that the Masonic Order is entangled with any other society or organization.

Notice of Motion: "That each Brother who has not contributed up to the present to the Benevolent Fund be charged up with the sum of \$10.00 and that no Brother be granted his demit until he has paid this sum." I ruled as follows: The Constitution sets out the conditions upon which a demit is granted. The main condition is that the applicant's dues be paid in full to date. The word "dues" has a well-understood meaning and I do not think that a lodge is warranted in adding payment of other sums and thereby creating new conditions for the granting of a demit."

No residence qualifications are required by the Constitution for applications for affiliations.

Under Fraternal Relations he says:

It is not only a privilege but it is the duty of Grand Lodge to foster and maintain a spirit of friendship and goodwill towards our neighbouring Grand Jurisdictions and every opportunity should be embraced to extend our good wishes to the Fraternity outside our own province.

He speaks of the honour and pleasure of a visit from the Earl of Cassillis during the year.

As to Masonic Temples he well says:

It is a great advantage to a lodge to be possessed of its own home where work can be promoted with dignity.

Under Masonry and citizenship the Grand Master well says:

We have several very active educational clubs among our lodges; there is still room for further activity in this respect.

Let me ask you all to make yourselves familiar with at least the modern history of the Craft and of the great principles upon which the structure has been built.

The most important of the ancient charges are those concerning God and Religion and the Civil Magistrate and when these charges are read along with the charge to the newly initiated candidate there is found a most comprehensive code of human ethics—a guide for man's conduct throughout life.

Every Mason who understands the principles of the Craft is interested in citizenship and is desirous of being a good citizen of the country in which he resides.

Citizenship is nothing more or less than public service. Every man should free himself from the narrowing influence of purely selfish pursuits and discover a wider freedom and larger joy in making his work a means of service to others. What the home is to the town and village in a civic life, the town and village are to the country in national affairs.

Have you ever considered how great is the responsibility implied in being a citizen of Canada? You may shut your eyes to the responsibility but you cannot escape it.

Patriotism in its highest form means the measure of our possible service—the doing of what is best in order to serve our own country, the empire and the family of nations of which the League of Nations is the organized expression to-day.

Masonry is not opposed to any religion. The history and the principles upon which the institution is founded prevents it from being so; the ancient charges say so. Avoid, therefore, association with any organization which has for its object opposition to or the persecution of the adherents of any religion.

Let us see to it that no harm is done the ancient institution in this province by allowing its fair name to be injured by association with any other organization.

Why is it that very frequently a man offers himself for public office who up to that time has been considered honorable and upright in all his dealings and has been trusted in all the transactions of every day business life, but from the time he attempts to obtain public office any mistake which he has ever made and for which probably he has made full amends, is dragged into the public view and he is frequently painted as a most accomplished scoundrel. There is a tendency to make light of the efforts of public men, to misconstrue their motives.

It frequently has the effect of making good men reach the conclusion that public service is a thankless task and the result is that very often competent, capable men cannot be prevailed upon to enter public office.

The creation of the great Dominion of Canada was the result of an ideal looked forward to for many years as an end to be desired to bring about a better condition of affairs in old Canada. All our institutions for the care of the sick and afflicted and for the relief of distress in any form are the result of someone having a desire to improve conditions.

The D.D.G.M's of 16 Districts reported concisely.

The Grand Secretary kept in close touch with the lodges.

The monthly circulars issued by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Study and Research were mimeographed and mailed from the office in due course to Lodge

Secretaries, Chairmen of Research Committees, D.D.G.M's and others.

Dispensations issued for five new lodges, a very creditable showing.

Membership 13,843. Net gain 347.

Much energy was devoted during the year to bringing the Grand Lodge Library up to date.

Special thanks are recorded to the Toronto Society for Masonic Research, for missing copies, and appreciation is expressed for the thoughtfulness of Bro. N. W. J. Haydon.

The Grand Secretary visited his boyhood home in Ireland.

He closes his splendid report as follows:

I have endeavoured during the weeks and months that have gone to do my part in making Masonry what, by our profession, we have caused the world to expect it to be, and have endeavoured to apply to my own life these beautiful words that I give you as my final word to-day:

We are brothers who travel a great common road,
And the journey is easy for none.
We must succor the weary and lift on the load
Of the pilgrim whose courage is done.
Let me deal with them each on my way to the West
With a mercy that never shall fail,
And lie down to my dreams with a conscience at rest
When I come to the end of the trail.

The Committee on Jurisprudence refer to the clarion call of the Grand Master to do their duty as citizens, and add:

Masonry through periods of ignorance, strife, superstition and fanaticism can claim the right at this time as at all times to raise its voice in protest against any influence that tends to inject into the lives of our Canadian men and women the spirit of malice, envy, bitterness and discord.

Recognition was accorded to the Grand Lodge of Chili.

Rev. W. L. Armitage, Grand Chaplain, made a striking address on "Where Masons Stand" from which we take the following extracts:

We all love Light. We are helpless in the dark. No wonder the orbs of light were worshipped by primitive man. To him light was love and life; dark was evil and death. Light was the mother of beauty, the revealer of the wonders of creation.

He stands—a man, a Mason, and a citizen. Not a member of some political party but as a man and a Mason pledged to loyalty.

"Said Tom McCann to a foreign man who worked at the self-same bench,

'Let me tell you this," and for emphasis, he flourished a Stilson wrench,

"Don't talk to me of your bourgeoisie, don't open your mouth to speak.

Of your Communist and your Anarchist, don't mention your Bolshevich,

For I've had enough of your foreign stuff, I'm sick as a man can be

Of this speech of hate, and I'm telling you straight, that this is the land for me!

If you want to brag, just take that flag and boast of its field of blue,

And praise the dead and the blood they shed for the peace of the likes of you."

Our own Grand Master spoke well and is thus reported:

M.W. Bro. Martin drew attention to the fact that although the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario was some seventy-three years old he was its first former Grand Master and as such he felt particularly at home in our Grand Lodge which is made up largely of brethren who are interested in agricultural pursuits. He referred briefly to matters which the brethren of his Grand Lodge were interesting themselves in, especially with reference to a united endeavor to assist in the Canadianizing of newly arrived peoples from other countries and the undertaking of his brethren to take an interest and assist in establishing British farm boys who were being brought out to the province of Ontario by the government. He pointed out that in a new country we must realize that it is impossible to get all British stock but that we should as Masons extend every effort to welcome all newcomers to our country and as Masons not only build Masonry but Canada.

A questionnaire was sent to every lodge to gather information and to guide them in their future work and 70 lodges reported a local committee on Masonic Education and Research, a splendid showing.

The Credential Committee under R.W Bro. Reilly as usual, indulged in poetry:

You are as welcome as the sunshine that drives the clouds away,

You are welcome as the restful night that ends the restless day.

You are welcome as the dewdrops that kiss the flowers to life,

You are as welcome as the kindly words that end the bitter strife,

You are as welcome as the wife's deep sleep, when the lodge don't close till late,

The good old, nice old clock that stops at half past eight. They just called up all the welcomes that memory's thought will lend.

The Grand Representative of England reports 4,295 Lodges.

Then follow many interesting pages on Masonic Education and research, full of good suggestions and with brief extracts from the informative pamphlets furnished on subjects of vital interest, a library in itself. Saskatchewan leads in this.

A. S. Gorrell of Regina, represents Canada, and Dr. Goggin of Toronto, represents Saskatchewan with us.

SCOTLAND

Rt. Hon. The Lord Blythwood, K.C., V.O., M. W. Grand Master Mason,

Rt. Hon. The Earl of Stair, P.G.M.,

Rt. Hon. Lord Belhaven, Senior Grand Warden,

Rt. Hon. The Earl of Haddington, M.C., Grand Junior Warden.

T. G. Winning, R. W. Grand Secretary.

We note among the officers these that we have not among our list in Canada, Grand Jeweller, Grand Bible-bearer, Grand Bard and Grand Director of Music. There are also many honorary Grand Office Bearers who hold office in Nicaragua, Gibraltar, Natal, Cairo, North China and many out-posts of Empire the world over. A full list is also given of the Provincial and District Grand Masters including Ayrshire, which is presided over by the Master of Mother Kilwinning.

In 1928 Proceedings Hugh Alexander Mackay of Hamilton is given as the Grand Representative of Scotland. This fine old Mason has since then passed to his reward.

Canada is represented by James Grierson of Strathaven. Quebec is represented by George S. Begg of Edinburgh.

Old Kilwinning St. John, Inverness is number six on the roll of Lodges. The last number on the list is No. 1359.

Quarterly Communication was held in Edinburgh, 2nd February, 1928, the Grand Master Mason on the Throne.

The brethren being upstanding, the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason said:—"Brethren, Scotland and the whole Empire are to-day mourning the loss of our greatest soldier, who has been suddenly called to the Grand Lodge above. Field-Marshal Earl Haig of Bemersyde led our Armies to a glorious victory in the Great War. He was a true soldier, with indomitable courage and iron nerve, who

never swerved in his duty to his King and Country. He was indeed beloved by all ranks who served under him. To-day we think of Douglas Haig as we knew him in Grand Lodge. A man of delightful personality, with a wonderful charm of manner, he endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. After his warfare was over, he made his life-work the interests of those who had served under him and who, through the effects of the War, were unable to help and support themselves, and the care of the dependents of those who had made the supreme sacrifice. What higher aim could any hero have had, and for this noble work he will always be revered and remembered. It is indeed characteristic of Douglas Haig that he had no desire to be laid to rest where England's heroes sleep, but should wish to sleep his last sleep among his own people at his beloved home in Scotland at Bemersyde, on the banks of the Tweed.

A charter was granted to new Lodge St. Andrew, Tanganyika.

We take these extracts from the Proceedings of the Grand Committee:

The District Grand Superintendent of Egypt, Palestine, and Syria, desired a ruling under the following circumstances: He had been informed of the suspension by Grand Lodge of one of the Daughter Lodges under his jurisdiction, and he wished to know whether any of the Office-bearers or members of the suspended Lodge could be received as visitors or affiliates by the other Daughter Lodges.

The ruling recommended is: Provided the brother is not under individual suspension, he may be received as a visitor or an affiliate on his expressing in writing his disapprobation of the conduct which led to suspension. An appeal was heard against the appropriation of the General Funds of District Grand Lodge for the purpose of paying a brother who was asked to give his legal advice in connection with the affairs of the District. Your Committee recommend that the appeal be dismissed on the ground that the District Grand Lodge is entitled to apply its funds for such a purpose.

The Grand Committee met again 19th April, 1928, when the Vidimus of Income and Expenditure was submitted.

Many gifts were acknowledged to museum and library. This will interest sportsmen:

Grand Secretary stated that he had received intimation from Brother N. Simonsz, Harlingen, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland near the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, that during the Olympian Games at Amsterdam, the Masonic Hall of the United Amsterdam Lodges, would be open every evening for the reception of Free-

masons from Sister Constitutions, and that brethren of the Netherlands Constitution would be in attendance to converse with them and give every assistance.

The Annuity Board authorized the generous expenditure of liberal grants.

To show how far the wide spread brother-line extends this extract will be of interest:

The annuity of £45 granted to Contranig, Dzovag, and Harontune Manougian, Lodge No. 1078, Turkey-in-Asia, was withdrawn, and an annuity of £30 granted to Dzovag and Harontune Manougian.

Total receipts for the Quarter are given as £4765.

Quarterly Communication held 3rd May, 1928. Among those present was The Earl of Cassillis, Past Grand Master of Ayrshire, well known in Canada as the head of Grand Chapter.

The design for a book-plate for Grand Lodge Library was approved.

In one of the complaints and appeals this is noted:

There is evidence of certain irregularities dealing with the funds of the Lodge. It would appear to your Committee that these irregularities are not new, and have been sanctioned more or less by use and wont.

On no account can Lodge funds be advanced on loan to members of the Lodge.

An admonitory warning is given in the following:

Grand Secretary called the attention of Grand Committee to the notice in a recent issue of the "Glasgow Evening News" of undiscussed business before Grand Committee. Grand Secretary was instructed to write to the Members of Grand Committee pointing out the irregularity which has occurred, and intimating that on no account must information be given to the Press of undiscussed business.

Quarterly Communication was called for 1st November, 1928, with the following special notice:

The Grand Master Mason orders that at this Meeting Grand Lodge be in mourning for the late Brother Denholm, Right Worshipful Substitute Grand Master. Members should accordingly note that jewels, tassels and rosettes on aprons should be covered with black crape.

The late R. W. Bro. Denholm was spoken of as possessing delightful personality and wise counsel. "He died as he would have wished—in harness."

We note the presence of Lord Blythswood at every meeting of Committees as well as of Grand Lodge.

The flourishing and stable state of the finances of Scotland is illustrated by the following:

After consideration of the investments, the Committee

are of opinion that the Sinking Funds are more than sufficient to meet any depreciation on the investments, and recommend that no increase be made at the present time to the Sinking Funds of Grand Lodge.

Recognition was accorded to the Grand Lodge of Finland.

Annuities granted total £5010.

The Grand Master Mason on re-election said:

I can assure you I shall relax no efforts in trying to carry on the good work and uphold the dignity of Grand Lodge of Scotland as I have done in the past."

This motion is of interest to all showing unity as well as uniformity:

No Lodge shall initiate any candidate whose usual place of residence is in England or Ireland, or in any place where the United Grand Lodge of England or the Grand Lodge of Ireland has exclusive Masonic jurisdiction, without first communicating with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland that he may make such enquiries as may be necessary of the Grand Secretary of the Jurisdiction from which the candidate comes before a ballot is taken for his election. This rule shall not apply to members of His Majesty's Forces on the active list, or to applicants for admission to any University, College, or School Lodge."

The Earl of Donoughmore, Grand Master of Ireland, was elected an honorary member, the Grand Master saying:

We have watched with the greatest interest and admiration the way you have steered the Grand Lodge of Ireland through all the troublous times through which she has passed—and which have deservedly merited the good wishes and admiration both of the Craft and your opponents.

To which the Irish Grand Master gave a happy reply:

I think I am in a unique position—I am certainly unique in Ireland—I am a member of three Grand Lodges. I can assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, that I have no qualms; I have no fear that the loyalty I owe to any one of these three can possibly conflict with my loyalty to any other two. As you have said, we are all friends. We have been friends long enough in Masonry to know that our objects are almost the same and our methods are nearly almost the same. If anyone sees anything new in Masonry in the other he benefits by it.

As in Australasian Jurisdictions, proclamation was made by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, a fanfare being sounded by the Trumpeters.

The Brethren then proceeded to the Grand Hall for the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew.

After the toast to the King:

"Brethren, let me give you the next toast, 'The Queen, The Duke of Rothsay, and the other members of the Royal Family.'"

Bro. Speirs, G. M. Depute, proposed the toast to the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland saying:

The first is only our nearest neighbour because they are absolutely in touch with us, whereas there is water between us and Ireland, although she is a blood connection.

Grand Lodge of Ireland has been truly tried in the fire, and has come out stronger and better perhaps, if possible, than they were when they went into it. We admire them enormously.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then asked silence for Bro. Hely-Hutchinson, 6th Earl of Donoughmore, who made a felicitous reply from which we make a few extracts:

I hope—I am sure I am representing my colleague's thoughts as well as my own—that, when next you are going over that ample volume that must contain the list of the names of those you desire to entertain again, you will find that our conduct this evening has been such that you will not draw your pencil through their names. First of all, I notice that the wine of your country has not been absent from these proceedings—that wonderful drink which no one can ever mistake for anything else and which is always in a Scotsman's right hand to enable him to greet a friend or to make a new one. I am reminded by this thought of a story which is well known in Dublin, but which is perhaps worth repeating. One of our great merchant princes, anxious to extend his business, sent a representative to Scotland—his particular duty was to push the sale of Irish whisky,—and they lost him. They did not hear anything of him for weeks. Finally they did get into touch with him. They were able to telegraph to him and sent a wire, 'For goodness sake send us some news of yourself.' He replied by telegram referring them to a certain line in a certain play in Shakespeare. Well, they looked up that line and it was as follows: brethren, you will remember I am not using my own words, I am quoting the immortal Bard of Avon,—the line was, 'This is a bloody business.' I draw the moral that you on your own soil welcome your friends in your own way with a profound belief for your immediate purposes and a trust, I think, that we will not ask for it to be otherwise. I am glad that you have welcomed us this evening with your national food, the haggis. It is a tribute to the power of Scottish people to keep their secrets about this. No foreigner has ever found out what a haggis is made of, but I have a strong belief on the point, and I hope you will not shatter that belief. I believe that every Scottish housewife in making up that delightful mixture adds a small sprig of white heather for

luck, and, if that is so, brethren, we have no reason to fear ill until we eat the haggis again next year.

I am not boasting too much when I say that we are trusted by our Government.

Even outside Aberdeen, I have heard Scotsmen chaffed because they are thrifty. Of course we chaff you about it, but we know in our heart of hearts that you are thrifty because you desire to be generous, and no Freemason will admit that any other person is his rival in generosity. The generosity of the Grand Lodge of Scotland has been its charitable work, and its charitable work has been proverbial, and, after all, that is the cardinal fact when we come into Freemasonry, not to get good out of it but to do good in it. Without that cardinal fact, Freemasonry would be of no value. Brethren, I am going to ask you to do something in coupling this toast with the name of the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, for this I believe is a very naughty thing for the youngest Scottish Freemason to do. I am going to ask you to carry out a little bit of Irish work in Freemasonry. I am going to ask you to give the Irish salute that is given by us. (Here Brother Donoughmore gave an explanation of the salute.) That is the salute which is given to the Grand Master of Ireland or the salute to any Grand Master of the World. It will be a pleasure to me, as Grand Master of Ireland and as your brother, if you will rise and give that salute to your Grand Master in the Chair. (Taking the time from Brother Lord Donoughmore and following his example, the brethren gave the Irish salute.) I have never heard that better given in Dublin."

The Grand Master Mason said in his reply:

I am so pleased and delighted that a deputation will start for South Africa in January. Brother Sir Robert Gordon Gilmour has most kindly and pleasantly consented to head that deputation. He will be accompanied by Grand Secretary and by several other members of Grand Lodge. I firmly believe that that deputation will do an enormous amount of good for Freemasonry in South Africa.

The toast to Daughter Lodges was then given:

It is the life in their veins that keeps her going. If the Grand Lodge is strong, they are strong. If the Grand Lodge is weak, they are weak. Her health is bound up inextricably with theirs.

I thank them for the splendid work which, whether they are in the quiet country places or in our big towns, they are doing. I wish them with my whole heart God-speed for the future.

Who says that Scottish men have not the sense of humor who read Rev. Bro. Brownlie's toast to Grand Office Bearers:

It is also perhaps a good thing to have their criticism. A friend of mine is a chaplain in what used to be called a Lunatic Asylum. It is now a Mental Hospital, bless your heart! He is the chaplain there, and one morning after the service he was addressed by one of the female patients. She came up to him and she said, 'I see you preach here.' 'Yes.' 'Are ye pyed fur it?' 'Yes.' 'Weel, it's a great peety, because it's an awfu' waste o' public money.' (Laughter.) It is a good thing sometimes to 'see oorsels as ithers see us.' Let me give you another illustration of it. There was a famous Archbishop in Dublin called Trench. He was one day playing with his dog on the lawn in front of his Episcopal Palace in Dublin. Two women were passing, and one of them said, 'Now, just look at the dear owld gentleman playing with his dog; the dear, good, owld man.' 'Ach, Mary,' said her neighbour, 'that's not our Archbishop, that's the Protestant Archbishop.' 'Oh, the bloody owld fool!' Once two women in Dundee went to hear what they thought was the great Dr. Caird of Glasgow University. When they came out one of them said to her neighbour, 'And that's the great Dr. Caird, is it?' 'Oh, no,' said her neighbour, 'that's only Mr. Brownlie from Glasgow.' 'Oh,' said her neighbour, 'dae ye tell me that, an' me sae attentive?'

On one occasion, in 1851, when he was an old man, Wellington was trying to cross Hyde Park Corner, in the year of the Great Exhibition. He was a tottering old man, and a gentleman helped him over the crossing. The Duke said in his own gruff way, 'Thank you, thank you.' 'Oh!' said the gentleman, 'it has been the proudest moment in my life to have helped the great Duke.' 'Go away,' said the Duke, 'and don't make a damned ass of yourself.'

The Earl of Stair responded:

On a certain occasion in the Forum one of the Christians was sitting waiting to take part in the festival, and a very fierce hungry lion was introduced into the Forum, also to take part in the event. Well, Rome stood by to watch what would happen. The Christian walked up to the lion and when he met the lion he leant forward and whispered something in his ear. The lion immediately bolted to the other end of the arena. They brought in another lion. The same thing happened, the Christian whispered again in the lion's ear, and the lion yelled and turned tail also. Then they brought in a third lion, fully even more fierce and more hungry looking than the other two. The folks thought it would be all right this time, but the Christian again whispered in the lion's ear. This time the lion absolutely gave a loud yell and cleared out of the arena altogether. Then the Roman Emperor called up the Christian and said to him, 'I will let you off if you tell me this, what did you whisper to these lions?' The Christian replied: 'All I said was, "You are expected to say a few words after dinner."' (Laughter.)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

M.W. Bro. Hon. Mr. Justice John Mellis Napier, LL.B., Grand Master.

The Proceedings are introduced by three excellent photographs of three principal Grand Officers.

We gather from the returns that the membership is 13,658, showing a net increase of 565. When inaugurated in 1884 the membership was 2,241.

A half yearly Communication was held in Freemasons' Hall, North Terrace, 19th October, 1927, Deputy Grand Master Wendt presiding.

Canada's Grand Representative was not present. Many apologies were received, a courtesy always observed in Australasian Jurisdictions.

The address of the Deputy Grand Master is full of interest.

In reporting the gross loss in membership of 803, thus bringing down the net gain, he goes carefully into the question as follows. Let us ponder what he says:

Now, why are we losing so many? Are we admitting the wrong class of man? Are too many joining for ulterior purposes, and, finding that we are not a benefit society, drop out again? Or is there something lacking in our Order? There must be a reason, and it behoves us to try and find out what it is. I sometimes wonder whether our lodges are growing too large. Would smaller lodges hold their members better? I am a strong advocate for small lodges. I am inclined to think that 75 members is an ideal number, and that 100 should be the limit. Small lodges tend to brotherly fellowship; the members know one another and tend to grow into a happy family, and the ambitious ones have a chance of getting into office, and of taking an active part in the work. In large lodges it is much more difficult to do any of these things. Again, do we, in our lodges, neglect the educational side?

The Big Brotherhood Movement finds great favor:

On Friday last the Grand Secretary and I attended a meeting convened by the Government to discuss the Big Brother Movement in connection with the migration of British Boys to this country. The idea is that a man who undertakes to accept the role of Big Brother should look after a boy when he arrives, keep in touch with him, and, without taking any actual responsibility, do all he can to make the boy feel at home, and keep in the straight path.

If we will accept a boy, or Little Brother, as he is called, to work for him, we will as a Masonic body be able to help our State materially in securing a splendid type of educated boys of our own kith and kin, and at the same

time unite our Metropolitan and Country Brethren in the common bond of service.

Mrs. Poole, widow of the late Grand Master, presented to Grand Lodge the trowel with which he laid the foundation-stone of the new Temple.

At the annual Communication held in Adelaide, April 18, 1928, two new bequests of £1000. and £1403 respectively were gratefully reported.

Canada's Grand Representative is not reported as present although nearly all the Provinces other than Ontario were represented.

The installation ceremony of M.W. Bro. Napier is given in full and as usual, is full of harmony.

We've met the mystic bond to own,
And hallowed rites to goodness pay;
Father of light, before Thy Throne,
O may our prayers ascend this day.

By the bond we hold so dear,
By the honoured name we bear,
By our friendship, love, and truth,
Guiding us in age and youth,
Let our songs of praise be heard,
Formed and joined in sweet accord.

Brethren of the mystic tie,
Kindly hand and watchful eye,
Let us now our voices raise
In a song of cheerful praise,
To the good, the free, and kind;
True in heart and rich in mind.

No less than 530 brethren formed the very large and inspiring gathering. A grant was made to the widow of the late Assistant Grand Secretary. The new Grand Master was assured of the whole-hearted support of the order. The Grand Lodge of Scotland presented the greetings of sister constitutions.

The Grand Master's address of acceptance on installation is an able effort and we reproduce with pleasure some of his pregnant sentences. All honour to him as Judge and Ruler.

It has been said that "it is easy to rule over the good", but a much wiser and more expert craftsman, than I can claim to be, might well shrink from this test of comparison with the Grand Masters, whose names we remember with respect and affection.

About the time when I was asked to allow my name to be submitted to the Grand Lodge two anonymous letters were published in the press. The first letter questioned the propriety of a judge accepting this office, and the

second supported that view by the statement that there was no precedent for such a thing anywhere but in South Australia.

There is no necessity and I do not propose, to refer in detail to the precedents, which might be cited. It is sufficient to say that, in the Grand Lodge of England, precedents could be referred to, where office has been held, or rank conferred, by or upon, judges, from the rank of Lord Chancellor, and Lord Chief Justice downwards, sitting in the House of Lords, and in the Courts of Justice, exercising every class of jurisdiction, both in England and in the dominions. In the self-governing dominions my attention has been called to a precedent which might be cited from New Zealand. This is not the result of any exhaustive investigation but it is sufficient for its purpose.

For my part I can only say that it seems to me that Freemasonry is an attempt to express and realize the whole duty of men, as it has been summarized in the admonition "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before the Lord thy God" and that no man, whatever be his rank or condition, is debarred from offering his services, such as they are, to this cause. On the contrary I am convinced that no man can become a better Freemason, without becoming a better servant of the State; and that this fellowship, founded as it is upon the principles of brotherly love, relief and rectitude, is serving the real and permanent as opposed to the material and transitory interests of civilization and humanity. If this civilization of ours is to endure, as other civilizations have not endured, it is, above all, necessary that men should strive to find some common ground, where all may meet irrespective of creed or condition, and there to learn "neither to ridicule nor to condemn but to endeavour to understand." It is this common meeting ground that Freemasonry offers; and this knowledge that it seeks to impart.

It is to give the best that he can bring to the service of Freemasonry and through Freemasonry to the service of humanity.

I trust that I shall be granted grace and strength to follow not unworthily in the footsteps of those who have gone before.

The announcement of the re-election of R.W. Bro. Wendt was followed by a fanfare of trumpets, as is the custom under the Southern Cross.

The late Frank Hills of Hamilton, represented South Australia, and our own Grand Representative is R.W. Bro. Rev. M. Williams, P.G.M.

The review of Correspondence by different Brethren is very interesting. This from Ireland by Bro. Rowley:

Reassuring optimism is shown in the following para-

graphs: "Our beloved country is slowly emerging from the dark chaos which threatened to overwhelm it not very long ago. It is a slow process.

We have here a government which has been sympathetic to us, and has recognized that we are a force of law and order if we are anything at all.

A general review of the year's work indicates that whatever ideas may be conceived by cable news reaching Australia at times, Freemasonry is still a vital force in the communal life of that far away little island who has had its fair share of tribulation and strife.

From the review of Victoria by Bro. Fox we learn of the presence of V.W. Bro. the Diwan Bahadur Rangachariyar of Madras, who said in his address:

India is not behindhand in Freemasonry, and we are determined to go along further. Sometimes the people there are friendly, and sometimes undriendly; but that cannot be said when they meet in Masonic Lodges. I take part in the Ceremonies as well as those who call themselves Christians. Here there is a one-color platform, but do not forget what ever, that, when we meet together in lodges, we leave aside our nationalities and our pride of race or caste, and we feel ourselves on the most intimate friendly terms as brethren.

The Proceedings of Canada are fully summarized with a quotation from the report on the Condition of Masonry. Apparently this receives their approval:

The larger the membership of a lodge the smaller is the percentage of the average attendance.

A special reference is made to the Order of the Eastern Star with the comment that Freemasonry does not lend itself to co-operation.

The value of Masonry will always be its value to the individual man. This review is by Bro. M. Williams, our Grand Representative, who acknowledges what he kindly calls the admirable and extensive review of South Australia in our Proceedings.

We read the following under Pennsylvania regarding the late P.G.M. Orlady:

He was big in stature, big in human kindness, forcible and generous, with all that goes to make up a useful and honourable citizen. A man, a Freemason.

A Lodge of Sorrow was held for the late V.W. Bro. J. R. Robertson, from which we take the following ceremonial:

The Grand Chaplain chanted the canticles prepared for the service, the responses being given by those present.

Grand honours by the brethren followed, after which the hymn "O God, our help in ages past" was sung.

The Grand Chaplain recited the impressive address.

Grand Officers encircled the catafalque, marched in slow procession round it, and each as he passed the foot of the symbolic grave, deposited upon it the emblem of immortality.

The oration was given by R.W. Bro. Bayly, who said:

As his body, so his mind possessed vigour above the average. Rich mental gifts were his; knowledge came to him easily and stayed with unusual constancy.

Teaching was his chosen career. Here also his companionable nature, strength and sincerity found impression. He was eminently successful, but rather as the companion of the young than as the purveyor of instruction. A childless man himself he yet won the confidence of children to an exceptional degree.

Bro. Robertson had gifts which exemplified, with peculiar effectiveness, the charms of Masonry.

Recently Ontario welcomed W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Seymour from Adelaide. He is the honoured Minister of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Belleville, and has already addressed two Craft lodges and Chapters.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charlton DuRant, M.W. Grand Master.

The One Hundred and ninety-first Annual Communication convened in Charleston, March 14th, 1928, with seven Past Grand Masters adorning the Grand East.

A. A. Lemon worthily represented Canada.

Special Communications for laying cornerstones of high schools etc. had been held during the year.

The Proceedings opened with the singing of the ode, one verse of which is as follows:

Glad hearts to Thee we bring
With joy Thy name we sing
Father above.
Creation praises Thee
Thy bounty's full and free
In all around we see
Embers of love.

Membership 29,847. Net increase 93.

The Grand Master began his address with these words:

This marks another milestone in the life of Masonry from an unknown past to a time beyond our imagination in the future—a brief period in the countless centuries. To the individual it should have a still greater meaning. Our births were yesterday, and our passing is near. I mention this not as a cause for sadness, but as an incentive for

us to profit by and review our mistakes and shortcomings and be thereby moved to efforts to improve the future so that we may not be unprofitable servants.

South Carolina contributed over \$4,000 to the New Orleans floods and a large extra sum also through the Red Cross. The total contributions acknowledged by the Grand Masters of the States affected totalled over \$600,000.

The Conference of Grand Masters held in Washington is thus described by the Grand Master who attended:

The program was interesting, but usefulness was reduced by the care taken not to offend the sensibilities of some who think that the Grand Masters may become contaminated by association with others, or may, in some mysterious way, set up some super-government. An absurd fear, but there are some absurd people in the world.

As in many other Jurisdictions, the consolidation of lodges is favoured.

There are quite a number of weak lodges that should be consolidated with others. With good roads and the great use of automobiles, the small lodge in the country is finding that its members prefer to attend the larger lodge where there is more work and where there is so much more social intercourse.

With regard to recognition the G.M. says:

I recommend that a Committee be appointed to frame standards or rules for recognition of other Grand Lodges and report.

These words of admonition to the Shrine are outspoken:

To Masons, to Masonry, therefore, does the fez-topped Shriner owe it to live, act, walk and conduct himself as Masonry teaches. * * Every time a Shriner strays from the path, a Mason strays. Every time a Shriner brings reproach upon his fez-covered head, he spots his apron."

The responsibility of the subordinate lodges extends to every Mason of whatever degree.

Mob law is denounced:

Masonry in all its teachings and principles stands for obedience to law and especially condemns the lawlessness of the angry mob led by evil men attaining its ends in cowardly disguise.

A Brother in arrears having paid up by cheque, which was dishonoured, the G.M. ruled:

I advised that a check is not payment until actually paid, the receipt amounted to nothing and Summons should be served and the Brother suspended.

We quote also these two decisions:

Each time the ballot was cloudy. A search of the

records disclosed that every regular attendant of the lodge had been placed on the Committee at some time on this candidate's petition. They wanted to know what to do about it. I advised that there was evidently some one in the lodge who thought the applicant should not be admitted. That, after a majority clearly appeared against a proposition, the minority would not have the right to continuously and harassingly present it to the exclusion of other matters. That, if the Master acted arbitrarily and unreasonably in a matter of this kind, an appeal could be taken to Grand Lodge, so that his authority, while great, should be very carefully exercised.

The D.D.G.M's of 25 Districts briefly and succinctly reported.

The Education Committee asked for \$8000 and said:

The multiplication of schools, their more efficient organization and administration, the extension and enrichment of curricula, and compulsory attendance—these are some of the objective evidences of the extreme importance we are attaching to public education.

It is proposed to continue to search for available men in other Districts in the hope and expectation of assembling a corps of able men, willing to labor.

The Jurisprudence Committee commend the courage of a lodge in preferring charges against two Past Masters.

\$10,000 was appropriated for the erection of a building or unit for Tubercular patients at Columbia.

R.W. Bro. Blackwood in presenting a silver pitcher to the Grand Master happily said.

It may be rather insignificant in intrinsic value, but yet capable of perpetuating memory. We feel that the token that is now about to be presented to you by the brethren is something that you can retain through the future years; that it will be imperishable in your home, and whether it be a palace or some rugged abode, whenas your eyes fall upon it, it will carry you back to that limitless realm known as memory. Without it mortals would be but little. Upon the future we have but a small claim.

J. C. Bartram of Ottawa, represents South Carolina.

Our veteran colleague, J. L. Michie reviews the Proceedings of the year and as usual prefaces his report with some excellent poetry, probably his own, one verse of which reads well:

If you start out in the morning,
And the world seems all awry—
When the things you have expected
In a hurry, pass you by,
Throw your shoulders out a little,
Take an independent pose,
You will not make much advancement
If you're looking down your nose.

We read under Alabama as to the Star in its proper sphere:

The Committee heartily approve the untiring and splendid efforts of the Order of the Eastern Star in all their good work, and especially in the splendid efforts they continually put forward for the benefit of the Masonic Home.

British Columbia receives these comments:

The number of meetings held ran from eleven to fifty-four, while the average attendance ran from 8.5 to 74, which is certainly a high average, and that lodge has 327 Resident Members. He issued nineteen Dispensations to attend Divine Service in Masonic Clothing. We can do that in South Carolina without a Dispensation.

The United States, my Brother, is quite big enough to make its own color line.

DeMolay under California produces this:

Grand Lodge resolved that Masons be encouraged to assist in the DeMolay movement, but that "Lodges should not sponsor such or any organization not Masonic."

Canada is reviewed with friendly understanding:

He ruled that a lodge room could not be used for a Shrine concert, and that a member of an English lodge under suspension for N.P.D. could not affiliate in Canada until the suspension was removed. He is not in favor of allowing the Eastern Star to meet in lodge rooms.

The Grand Secretary does not mention the net loss or gain. It takes 193 pages to record the Reports of the District Deputies, they show duty well performed.

He thus concludes his review in the course of which he sets out our striking statistics:

Canada certainly looks well after her less fortunate brethren.

A Special Committee on celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of Grand Lodge reported that an especial effort should be made to have as guests of Grand Lodge at the 1930 session, "Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Great Britain and Ireland." This is the first time we have heard of such a Grand Lodge, where does it meet, Brother Ponton, and who are its officers?

On his installation the new Grand Master appointed no less than 42 Grand Stewards.

We've spent a delightful forenoon over the Report on Correspondence

We read under Connecticut:

A Grand Lodge By-law was amended to read:

A lodge may strike from the roll without notice the name of a member who has not been heard from for the three preceding years.

As far as we can remember this is the first time we have met such a By-law.

Six full pages are devoted to England, from which we extract one query:

We are sorry that we can give no explanation as to what the "exceptional and traditional circumstances" are at the opening and closing in extenso of a Board of Installed Masters.

As to "conflict of laws" we find under Manitoba:

He thinks it "peculiar" that an installed officer cannot resign. That is our Law, Brother. From the reference of Grand Master Chreitzberg to the term "Masonic" as applied to Clubs, composed of Masons and members of the Eastern Star, he thinks one might infer that in South Carolina members of the Eastern Star are recognized as Masons. Pretty far fetched, my Brother, pretty far fetched.

Comp. Michie could not resist this verse from New York sung at the closing of Grand Lodge:

Lord, at this closing hour,
Establish every heart
Upon Thy word of truth and power,
To keep us when we part.

Nor this from New York:

You are not Brother just with these,
Your friends and neighbors; you are kin
With Masons down the centuries;
This room that now you enter in
Has felt the tread of many feet,
For here all Masonry you meet.

Due credit is given to the Phillipine Islands for their excellent Proceedings and this comment is made:

At this distance it looks like as if Brother Delgado had all the right on his side, and it was certainly a breach of Masonic etiquette—to say the least—to hold a Ceremonial Session of the Shrine against the protest of the Grand Master.

Saskatchewan's thought is reproduced in the following:

In the world of research many men are actuated by mental curiosity, some by the thrill and satisfaction obtained by accomplishment, and others by sublime passion for the truth. These motives have animated the great geniuses of science.

Victoria offers him an ideal:

To live as gently as I can;
To be, no matter where, a man,
To take what comes of good or ill
And cling to faith and honor still.

SOUTH DAKOTA

George Oscar Goodman, M.W. Grand Master.

After several occasional Grand Lodges, the Fifty-fourth Annual Communication convened at Sioux Falls, June 12, 1928. The invocation by the Grand Chaplain contained the following:

May the principles of our Divine Art be so reflected in our lives for the benefit of State and Nation.

Grant to all in authority such wisdom, as will enable them to lead the people into the paths of peace.

The Flag was then stationed in the East where it remained during the session, after which the members of the Grand Lodge joined the Sunshine Club in singing "America the Beautiful."

The Grand Master of North Dakota and a Past Grand Master of Nebraska were welcomed.

In the local address of welcome we read:

Among the Brothers that you see in the Temple, you will notice that many of them are wearing a little white ribbon with the words "ASK ME" printed on them. These men have one duty, and one duty only for the next two days. We will appreciate having you put us to test on this matter.

And the response is thus recorded:

These feelings are strengthened because we are sure of your sincerity. You are such masters of the gentle art of hospitality—we have basked in the sunshine of your courtesies on so many occasions—so much that is dear and permanent with us, is deposited here.

At the conclusion of the response, E. I. Riad Sunshine Club sang "The Rose of Sharon" and "Holy, Holy, Holy".

The Grand Master's address opens well:

Historians tell us that four great civilizations have faltered and perished on this grade within the limits of recorded history; but a new civilization has always arisen to carry the banner of progress to hitherto inaccessible heights. Even as it is with the human race so it is with us.

This is something new in Dispensations:

One dispensation was granted to install a Brother who had not previously served as a Warden and who was not a Past Master.

Among his rulings we find one that will strike a responsive chord in all Grand Masters:

The Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction over cases growing out of business differences existing between a Constituent lodge and a co-ordinate body of Masonry.

Of the Grand Lodge Bulletin and the line of communication he says:

I feel that a determined effort should be made to establish a more intimate relationship between the Grand Lodge and our Constituent Lodges.

Of the traditional past he has his own opinion and within limitations it rings true:

What has been the destiny of those organizations who have been content to dwell upon past glories and past achievements? We know it has been decay and ruin. Let us profit by the experiences of the past. Let us labor diligently in the present, but ever having before us a vision of the future.

Of Co-ordinate Bodies his opinion coincides with those of Canada:

No less an authority than Sir Alfred Robbins on his return to England after his Masonic visit to this country declared that the one great danger to American Masonry was the existence of extraneous organizations or the so-called side degrees.

It does not countenance side degrees, nor will it permit organizations not Masonic, to use titles having a Masonic reference.

These organizations derive their inspiration from Masonry, their sustenance from the Craft, and credit before the world as factors of Masonry. They appeal to the imagination of our members and bid for their thought, their attention, their time and their service, thereby tending to divert them from their original allegiance.

This Grand Lodge is big enough, is powerful enough, is influential enough to direct that a man's standing in Masonry is dependent upon his loyalty to the Institution; is dependent upon his obedience to its laws and its regulations.

Of cheap Masonry he says:

I firmly believe that as far as our finances are concerned we have been thinking in too small figures. There is no question but that our Masonry is too cheap, if we are to keep up with these times.

Membership 19,707. Net gain 24.

The Jurisprudence Committee strike a comprehensive and definite note:

With reference to what are sometimes called Co-ordinate Bodies of Masonry, your Committee holds that there are no Co-ordinate Bodies other than the constituent lodges.

A difficulty sometimes experienced in this Jurisdiction, is thus met:

No lodge, individual or organization shall make or circulate any Masonic appeal for financial aid for any purpose unless such appeal be authorized by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

Canada's Grand Representative is not reported present. He is not alone.

The Committee on Necrology thus paid farewell:

Until the shadow from the earth is cast,
Until He gathers in his sheaves at last,
Until the twilight gloom is overpast—
Good Night!

The Library receives a liberal grant.

The memorial to the late Grand Treasurer Snow opens with this verse:

A soul sincere—
In action faithful and in honor clean—
Who broke no promise, served no selfish end,
Won the esteem of men, and lost no friend.

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, K.C., represents South Dakota, and Canada is represented by William E. Milligan.

The Review Committee is under the chairmanship of Bro. A. H. Tufts, who makes his fourth report, saying:

For assistance in reviewing Proceedings printed in foreign languages I am indebted to my good friend and brother Max F. Martini, an accomplished linguist.

One who reviews the Proceedings of Masonic Grand Lodges from all over the world cannot help being impressed with the character and calibre of the brothers who fill the chairs of Grand Secretaries.

A good secretary of a constituent lodge should be, and usually is, the back bone of his lodge.

A good Grand Secretary is the back bone of his Grand Lodge.

Of the presentation of Bibles to Master Masons on receiving the Third Degree, he has nothing but words of commendation and we take the following from his account of the ceremonies and the inscription in the V.S.L.:

The Bible is presented by the Worshipful Master or some brother who has a good delivery, just after the Charge at the end of conferring the Master Masons degree. We give it here in full.

You will find this blessed Book an unerring guide in the path of life; an unfailing protection against the corroding currents and corrupting influences of the world, inspiring in you the spiritual growth and development which shall fit you to be received as one of that glorified throng around the throne of our Father in the haven of peace "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

Search its sacred pages and you will be enabled to walk uprightly before God and man.

It is the golden casket
Where gems of truth are stored;
Also the heaven drawn picture
Of Him the living word.

Here is something to think of under Arizona:

We wonder if it is possible that when some brother too poor to pay his dues and too proud to ask to have them remitted and is suspended, must have dues accumulate against him during the time he is suspended? What would be the use of suspending him if his dues go on. It simply deprives him of lodge rights and benefits which the lodge is continuing to charge him for.

Under Arkansas we find this Masonic Mizpah:

God be with you till we meet again,
With His triple cord He'll bind you;
Labor and refreshment find you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Canada is favourably reviewed.

Of one of Grand Master Rowland's rulings he says:

He ruled that a student who had been in attendance at a University for more than a year, might be considered material for a lodge there or at his home town. It is something new to us to find a man can have two places of legal residence, though we can see no harm in such a construction.

He refers to the presentation of Long Service Medals, and speaks of one D.D.G.M. who had travelled approximately 3,000 miles. For his appreciation of our review we thank him:

This under Connecticut is of expectant interest:

Of the meeting of the Masonic Service Association, here is one piece worth while of work promulgated:

The Association also by resolution of three member Grand Lodges is engaged in a complete survey of Symbolic Freemasonry throughout the world, for the purpose of finding the facts about all Masonic Grand Lodges, with especial reference to genealogy, history, ritual, government, autonomy, and all other matters properly to be considered in relation to the question of extending fraternal recognition.

A work of this kind will undoubtedly be of incalculable benefit to every Grand Lodge as well as to every Masonic Student, and the high literary standard of the men engaged will stamp it as authoritative.

We read under Ecuador:

The year of its foundation, was 1921. Pacific No. 4 is an English speaking lodge, meeting in Guayaquil twice a month, but with only 36 active members.

The Annual reports of the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are given in English.

Items of interest under France are:

In a brief review of "The Masonic Year", 1926, there is found, a correction by the reviewer, which places the number of Masons in France at 13,200, and in France and the Colonies at 30,000.

The Grand Master in his report stresses the rapprochement of French and Anglo-Saxon Masonic bodies and the necessity for a like rapprochement of French and German Lodges.

The Guatemala review thus concludes:

Besides matters of routine the pamphlet contains several articles of interest to Masons, one of them entitled "The symbols as the universal language of morality and religion."

The eloquence that Massachusetts produces and inspires, is thus referred to:

This Grand Jurisdiction takes the blue ribbon for the number of speeches recorded. They leave no room for a Correspondence Report.

Among the rulings under Saskatchewan:

"The Tylers Oath is to be given after the examination by the B. of T. and the production of documentary evidence which must be demanded in every case. The absence of documentary evidence shall not necessarily exclude the visitor."

He closes Wyoming with a bit of poetry:

Ah, the asking, receiving and giving
Is the soul of the life that we live,
All the beauty and sweetness of living
Is to ask, to receive and to give."

TASMANIA 1927

Claude E. W. James, M.H.A., M. W. Grand Master.

A Special Meeting was held to dedicate the Masonic Lodge at Devonport, 24th September, 1927.

The Annual Communication was held at Ulverstone, 25th February, 1928.

In commenting on the death of Assistant Grand Secretary Robertson of South Australia, the speaker said that the Craft had lost a very gentle personality, a fine Freemason and a capable officer.

The Board of General Purposes ruled a By-law to prevent canvassing for office, and that if a candidate canvassed and he was elected, that he be not permitted to hold office, *ultra vires*.

The Tasmanian Freemasons' Centenary Fund is being prepared for 1935.

In special matters that come before Grand Lodge the G. M. assured the Brethren that each Lodge would have an opportunity of considering them before being finally adopted.

Special benevolent grants to the extent of £1237.

Tasmania is a generous giver.

One Grand Inspector of Workings reported disorganization thus:

There were instances when Wardens vacated their chairs to give charges, Inner Guards left their posts, and Deacons left the Lodge without authority, and on no occasion did it appear that a Brother was detailed to temporarily fill the office.

Another from the North West Coast gets to the root of the matter:

To-day more than ever, Brethren seek information. Degree Work only does not satisfy. It is necessary to get down to the deeper things underlying the whole structure.

Brethren appear to have a warped impression of what Freemasonry means.

Are they disappointed? Do they join from wrong motives? I would stress the necessity of admitting only first-class candidates. It would be wise if younger members left the introduction of new faces to Rulers in the Craft.

As in other British Jurisdictions Brethren are not expelled but are excluded.

The Proceedings of Canada are acknowledged.

M. W. Bro. James was re-elected.

Pro Grand Master Bowden was proclaimed and saluted with sound of trumpet. They do these things with a flourish under the Southern Cross.

Total membership 3,814. Net increase for year 163.

Grand Lodge was to be represented at the Installation of His Excellency Lord Somers in Victoria.

We make these excerpts from the Grand Master's address:

"English Freemasonry was exemplified by English-speaking Brethren all over the world. He never realised the power of Emulation until this year when in the great South American Republics, and entering Lodges there, he found himself quite at home, because they practised the same Ritual. It was in the Ritual that their truths were embodied, and by it they were expounded. Therefore, it was that the Ritual should be studied, not only in the syllable but in the spirit.

That the Committee for inquiry when investigating proposals for membership in the Craft take into considera-

tion the financial position of the candidate with respect to life insurance or other provision for himself or his dependents." I cannot too strongly urge upon Brethren the necessity for the exercise of the utmost secrecy regarding statements made in Masonic confidence as to the fitness of candidates. Failure to observe discretion in this matter may lead to much trouble, and may make Brethren reluctant to reveal what they know about applicants. This will undoubtedly be detrimental to the Craft, making easier admission of those who are not fit and proper persons to be made Masons.

I thank you, Brethren, one and all, and in the words of Abraham Lincoln, "I do the best I know, the very best I can, and I mean to keep on doing so until the end."

H. J. Wise represents Canada and A. F. Webster represents Tasmania.

TASMANIA 1928

M.W. Brother Hon. Claude James, M.H.A., Grand Master.

A special meeting was held by Grand Lodge 11th August, 1928, to lay the foundation stone of a new Temple at Sheffield, at which excellent addresses were made.

A half yearly Communication was held in Hobart, 25th August, 1928, the Grand Master on the throne, R.W. Bro. W. H. Strutt being the efficient Grand Secretary.

The minutes of the annual Communication held at Ulverstone 25th February, 1928, were taken as read.

A good account is given of the Third Australian Masonic Conference held at Sydney.

\$1500 were invested by the Board and by the Benevolent Committee in Commonwealth War Loans at $5\frac{1}{4}\%$.

It was resolved that the election for Grand Lodge Officers in future should be conducted under the system of the present State Electoral Act.

The Centenary of Freemasonry in Tasmania is to be celebrated in 1935 and a Centenary Fund will be established. The Tasmanian Operative Lodge has been asked to act on the Committee.

In the discussion on the appointment of a Committee with full powers to finally prepare a Ritual it was pointed out by M.W. Bro. Bowden that throughout Australia nearly all the Rituals used are largely based on Emulation.

The Proceedings of Canada are acknowledged.

The Grand Lodge of Chile was given recognition.

Membership 3,832. Net increase 17.

The death of the Marquess of Lincolnshire, who as Lord Carrington, Governor of N.S.W. was Past Grand Master of that State, is recorded with great regret.

The Grand Master installed the officers of eight constituent lodges and welcomed two new lodges to the roll.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was represented at the installation of Lord Stonehaven, Governor General as G.M. of N.S.W.

The United Grand Lodge of England was unanimously invited to send a fraternal delegation to Australia and Tasmania in the near future, Pro. G. M. Bowden saying:

As far as Australia is concerned, it is quite impossible for one invitation to go forward, on behalf of all Grand Lodges, as each State has its own Sovereign Grand Lodge, hence it is necessary for the present action to be taken to send a separate invitation from each Grand Lodge.

A special meeting was held at Kingston, 15th September, 1928, to lay the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall.

All the special Lecturers appointed in connection with Interpretative work reported that the pressure of Degree Work left little opportunity for instruction. The formation of Study Circles and establishment of libraries are recounted.

Several splendid orations were delivered by V.W. Bro. Rev. W. George Thomas, Grand Chaplain, and these form the outstanding feature of the Proceedings. We quote from the oration given at the Consecration of St. Andrew Lewis Lodge at Launceston, and surely this will appeal to all:

Our Fraternity has its fundamental origin in a basic fact of human nature, namely, that man is a social being, and that from the beginning of life to the end he cannot enter into the fulness of his heritage, nor realize his highest possibilities, unless in association with his fellows. Beginning at the centre of his own blood relationship with kith and kin and widening out into the spheres of community, tribal, religious, and national relationships, he comes finally to the sphere of the universal brotherhood of humanity, so that in countless ways known and unknown to himself, definable and indefinable, he is inevitably linked up in bonds of brotherhood from the cradle to the grave—and beyond. But upon this foundation of natural fraternity man has ever built other fraternities, impelled in doing so by motives varying in nature from the crudest self-interest to the most exalted altruism. Affinities of type, of occupation, of interest, and of aspiration have led men to unite in fraternal bonds, and not unaccompanied there has come from the initial motive of the union a progression to other and higher purposes of association almost or entirely unforeseen at the commencement.

It is undoubtedly thus with our revered Order.

This then, Brethren, stands as the very esse of our corporate existence, and as it is the common note of our origins, so must it be the dominant note of the developed life of the Order, both within and without the borders of its peculiar organization.

May I quote to you a fine passage from Haywood's "Great Teachings of Masonry"—"It is a great thing for the world that at a time when everywhere the spirit of strife and division is so rampant there should be in existence a powerful international body of men who preach and emphasise the need for unity, harmony, and international comity. I like to think that the Fraternity is a great school in which men learn Brotherhood by practising it towards fellow Masons, because he who begins by practising it towards fellow Masons will come sooner or later to practise it everywhere.

"There is a lad here which hath five barley loaves and two small fishes." You know how the provision of that lad was used to satisfy the people's need that day. So do you, like St. Andrew, be ever on the watch for that good which all men possess in some measure whether within or without our fraternal band, and be ever eager to make the very best of it. Thus by Brotherhood within, and service without, will you make this new lodge a power for good, and most truly realize our Order's noblest ideals.

At the consecration of Army and Navy Lodge he was equally eloquent and instructive.

Surely to none more than to us should the religious organizations of the community look more hopefully for support and co-operation in every good work. Similarly, no political topic may be introduced amongst us, but who should be better able to serve the community in the civic or political sphere than he who has learned the value of those Masonic virtues of Prudence and Justice? May I say that we in this Jurisdiction have a splendid example in our M.W.G.M., whose fine service to the community and the State has brought honour not only to himself, but also credit to the Order whose chief office he so truly adorns.

And now a word to you who are the foundation Members of this "Army and Navy" Lodge. I understand that you are all men who have served or are serving in His Majesty's forces on sea or land. May I remind you that you are thus members of what is in common parlance "The Service" par excellence.

Finally, may I read to you a few verses from the V.S.L. which seem to me to describe beautifully a truly Masonic character? They are from the 29th Chapter of the Book of Job.

When the ear heard me then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me it gave witness to me: because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had

none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem. I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor, and the cause which I knew not I searched out.

We make the following excerpts from the oration delivered by Bro. Thomas at the laying of the foundation stone of Roland Lodge:

I trust that the simple dignity and symbolical import of our service may not be without its appeal to you..

As a matter of fact, every community should be, and generally is, enriched and benefited by the service of those who in Freemasonry have learnt the happiness of serving others and of using their gifts for the general good.

Rightly we claim that "Masonry is a progressive Science, and its dominant ideas and symbolism are of progress from ignorance to knowledge, from darkness to light, from death to life.

When any Freemason becomes easily content with a minimum of knowledge or advancement, and, as it were, rests on his oars, or, rather, lays down his working tools, he has ceased to manifest the true Masonic spirit.

It helps to place the community of this place among the progressive communities of the Stare and by the addition of a seemly and dignified edifice among the handsome public buildings of this town it makes for its general improvement.

His fellow Grand Chaplain, V. Wor. Bro. Williams vied with him in inspirational oratory, saying at Kingston:

It will mark another milestone on the highway of progress and achievement. But more than that, it will be a reminder to those that pass by of the existence of a great Institution in their midst that is the enemy only of what is evil and the friend and ally of all that is good.

By peaceful penetration, Masonry brings men of every rank and every walk of life together, that each may know the point of view of his fellow. Once this spirit has its way with men it will dispel all discord and turn human life into a grand triumphant Co-operaton all round the world.

There is a great saying in the Sacred Law—"We, then, that are strong, ought to bear the infirmities of the weak."

Freemasonry makes no claim to be the final repository of Truth. No human Institution holds that monopoly.

A. F. Webster (head of the Scottish Rite in Canada) represents Tasmania with us, and H. H. Wise, P.D.G.M. represents Canada.

TEXAS

G. R. M. Montgomery, M. W. Grand Master.

W. B. Pearson, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge held burial service over the remains of the late R. W. Bro. William Clark, the last sad rites being performed by the Grand Officers.

The Master Masons of Waco entertained Grand Lodge before the opening with speech and song.

Texas is meritoriously strong on prayer and each session even including the entertainment, was opened by an invocation, from the first of which we take this portion:

Our Father, we give Thee sincere thanks for the history made thus far, for the possibilities of the present, and for the outlook in the future, and in the very beginning of this meeting together, men coming from all over the country, men who stand for the high, fine, big things in life, wilt Thou bless this assembly, guide the minds who shall lead, and approve every decision that shall be made.

The Ninety-third Annual Communication was held in Waco, December 5, 1928. 15 Past Grand Masters strengthened and assisted the Grand East. Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.

Past Grand Master John Watson was by the magic carpet of a resolution of Grand Lodge declared to be present, he having been confined to his bed at his home in Waco for a year and communicated, we presume, by telephone.

Past Grand Master W. S. Fly apparently the most active and certainly well qualified member of the long loyal line of Past Grand Masters of Texas, responded to the address of welcome to the Grand Representatives saying:

You can take a rose, and no matter how little you may know, you can get all of the sweetness from it that the greatest botanist on earth can get, and the difference between the religion that we profess is the difference between you and the botanist with that rose. We may not understand it all.

The Grand Master said that he had leaned rather heavily upon the arms of the Past Grand Masters during the year.

Porto Rico and Florida having sent forth the "Macedonian cry," Texas responded nobly forwarding \$13,692 to M. W. Bro. Andrew Randell for relief.

Many dispensations were granted to mortgage, sell or otherwise convey real property; in each case this prudent clause was added:

It is expressly agreed and understood by all parties to this instrument that, by reason of the Grand Master giving

his consent to the execution thereof, that Grand Lodge of Texas, assumes no liability whatever from any cause, by reason of such consent.

We realize we are in Texas when we record that the Grand Master executed a mineral, oil and gas lease for five years of certain property in which Grand Lodge was interested.

Texas is very strict on corner-stones and rightly so in their insisting upon the building being constructed of brick, stone or concrete and upon the stone being cubical in shape, "slabs" not being authorized, and as to bearing the proper inscription.

"Under no circumstances, shall the name of the architect, engineer, contractor or builder, as such, be shown on the stone."

The Grand Master held that when a Lodge waived jurisdiction it surrendered all rights including fees.

A demit having been ante-dated, was declared to have been falsified, the law violated and two charters were arrested.

A Lodge having asked permission to circularize other Lodges, the subject matter of the resolution being the appointment of D.D.G.M'S, the Grand Master pointed out that they were proposing by a motion to take from the Grand Master the prerogative given him by the constitution. He therefore refused permission. Nevertheless the Master and Brethren of the Lodge sent out the circulars, apparently defying the Grand Master and the result is thus recorded. They will not do it again:

Upon investigating the matter, I found that my letter was read and discussed by the Lodge, but, inasmuch as it did not say "Thou shalt not," it was decided to send out the circular.

Deeming it clearly an act of insubordination, I arrested the Charter.

"Extraordinary circumstances" were interpreted to be applicable to a Brother about to leave for China and another about to leave for Venezuela, (of necessity) permitting Degrees to be conferred out of time.

Permission to form a Masonic Temple Association under peculiar circumstances at Fort Worth was refused by the Grand Master for these reasons:

Under the plan outlined I was unable to see where the reversionary rights of the Grand Lodge were properly protected and, believing it inadvisable for Lodges to enter into any building proposition that they did not control.

A Lodge of co-Masonry having been established it was nipped in the bud as follows:

I immediately instructed him to notify the Lodges in

his District that this was a piratical, outlaw organization and that no Mason should have anything to do with it. This apparently had a very salutary effect, as there has been no further evidence of activity on the part of this organization.

A Low Twelve Club was thus dealt with:

Not by any stretch of imagination can Masonry be considered as an insurance society, and it would be contrary to our established law and customs for a constituent Lodge to be connected with an insurance project nor would it be permissible for an individual Mason to connect the Fraternity in any way.

Texas discontinues its roster of members as they found it was being used for various purposes by outsiders.

Merger of Lodges is approved.

The Masonic Home and School is a real institution in Texas, the Grand Master says:

Our Home and School needs no words of commendation from me. It stands forth as an enduring, material manifestation of the very foundation stone of our beloved Fraternity, Charity, in its fullest and broadest sense. "By their fruits ye shall know them," is as true of an organization as it is of the vegetable kingdom, and we point with pardonable pride to the character of the young men and women who have gone forth from this Home equipped intelligently, morally and spiritually to cope with the problems of life.

He praises M. W. Bro. Street's Symbolism of the Three Degrees, the newly initiate being entitled to more "light" than that contained in the Ritual.

He speaks of the Grand Secretary's co-operation as "a rock in a weary land" and closes thus:

The aims, the ideals, the philosophy of Freemasonry are up to date.

There must be no compromise with innovation.

"Grand birthright of our sires,
Our altars and our fires
Keep we still pure."

Membership 137,836. Net increase 1096.

Lincoln said, when asked that question: "I have an abiding faith in the sober second thought of the American people."

All who have been Master Masons for 40 years and longer were individually introduced, P.G.M. Jones giving this appropriate eulogy:

You have lived Masonry; you have loved Masonry, and you have kept up your membership, and so we find here not the shirkers of Masonry, but the workers of Masonry, and I

want to say to you that you have been and will be each succeeding year, as you come here, an example and inspiration to your brethren.

It is the anchor to our lives, it is the thing that endears men to each other, that makes those friendships that last, and that reach beyond them to their loved ones.

The Grand Chaplain prayed that the Lord would rekindle in the hearthstones of our hearts burning desires for the higher things.

Then followed the address of Grand Orator Crooker and it certainly had both substance and form. We make a few extracts:

The world actually hungers for service. And when we say "service," we mean good intentions translated into action.

We are willing to commend a wise plan carefully thought out, but to have full value it must also be earnestly worked out.

First of all, if you would draw me up, you must be on higher ground. If you would liberate others, you must first be free. The necessary upward movement must start from some place in our social strata other than at the bottom.

Time and tide wait for no man.

We speak lightly of "squaring our actions by the square of virtue," but how very few of us are really "on the square," even with ourselves, our families and our friends, much less with mankind generally.

Rather should we tackle the idea with enthusiasm born of intense conviction that the happiness of each is the good of all.

By length of a life, we do not refer to its duration.

As Paul said, "I press toward the mark for the prize of my high calling."

And the height of a life is its upward reach toward God; "Happiness is the legal tender of the soul; joy is wealth; and liberty is joy."

Character is not made in a crisis—it is only revealed there.

Every great leader in every profession and every capacity for the next thirty years has already been born. He is here, he has arrived, he is in your community and in mine.

It is not necessary to be rich to be generous. Nor does one have to be great to be happy. It should be easy to be just without being powerful.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report:

The Grand Lodge of Texas has never fixed hard and fast requirements in order to the recognition of other Grand

Lodges and in her sovereignty has never taken the necessary steps to really know the history of Masonry outside that of America.

At present the Masonic Service Association of the United States is anxiously and confidently expecting a report from one of its committees composed of three of the most outstanding and thoroughly competent Freemasons of America whose duty, imposed and assumed more than two years ago, is to make a complete and comprehensive survey of Masonry throughout the world and all to the end that proper standards may be intelligently fixed and applied by Grand Lodges, of course, according to their own judgment and preferences as to competent and acceptable Freemasonry.

The Directors of the Home and School make this fervent appeal:

We have been torn by conflicting emotions in our desire to do what is right between the Masons of Texas whose servants we are, and the MASS OF NEEDY HUMANITY, some of whom we MUST SUCCOR and many of whom we CAN NOT, and we submit that it is unfair to us whom you hold responsible, and who know the conditions and necessities so well, to bring a specific case before the Grand Lodge and ask several hundred Masons to determine, in ONE CASE of dire necessity where there are THOUSANDS of SUCH CASES, what it is our province and DUTY to decide.

The total Home receipts for the year amount to the handsome sum of \$438,542.

The Grand Master refused to consecrate a Lodge because it was not owned exclusively by the Lodge.

The Jurisprudence Committee give a qualified approval in view of the changes in economic, financial and commercial relationships and activities in the passing years, to Insurance Companies confining their work to Masons only. This however will come up for further consideration but a resolution moved by M. W. Bro. Randell along the same line showed that Grand Lodge also approved. The reasons set forth are most interesting.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported on Bro. Randell's resolution as follows:

The use of Masonry or use of the faith and credit of Masonry by individuals, associations or corporations for business or political purposes is strictly prohibited, and the ostentatious display of Masonic emblems is contrary to the spirit of Freemasonry. Provided that nothing herein shall prohibit a corporation, association, firm, or individual from engaging in activities intended for the service, protection, education, or relief of Master Masons or their dependents. Provided further, that before engaging in such activities in Texas such corporation, association, firm or individual shall first submit its plans and purposes to the Grand Master and obtain his consent thereto.

The Grand Lodge of Texas prohibits the use of the word "Masonic," and all like terms, as well as Masonic emblems, on signboards, business cards, or stationery, or in any other way for the purpose of advancing the secular interest or business or political fortunes of individual Masons."

M. W. Bro. Frank Hartgraves was elected Grand Master.

Canada's Grand Representative in Texas is Elmer Renfro of Fort Worth, and this Reviewer has the honour and pleasure of representing Texas "near" Canada.

The memorial page of 1543 Master Masons true and loyal, who died during the year, has this verse:

"They taught us how to shape life unto noble ends,
They wrought to make men Builders, Brothers, Friends."

M. W. Bro. W. Fly is the skilled and enthusiastic Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We regret exceedingly that Canada does not find a place in his review.

From his introduction we quote:

Our purpose has been to refrain as far as possible from the repetition of comments of our own on a given subject, hence the absolute need for the reading of the entire report by those who may care to note the points of variance as between our own and other Grand Jurisdictions, according to our humble interpretation.

A correspondent has said, "It is as laborious to compile a good report on the foreign affairs of the Ancient Craft, as to write a "book"; and as seldom accomplished with satisfaction." But it is not like a book-maker, a self-imposed task, and therefore there is extenuation. The time, labor and care required of us in the production, induces the hope that these Reviews will be read by the Craft, and to the end that the onward and upward stride of Masonry in the world may be noted and become an inspiration to those who would properly and fully appraise and appreciate his Masonic engagement.

And this additional comment under Alabama:

As we convey it, if these reviews are worth the space provided, their value must be found in the leading of the Craft to a knowledge of the thought and doings of other Grand Jurisdictions along lines of Masonic conception and activities.

Of cornerstones he quotes the following approvingly:

It is an anachronism to lay the "first" stone after the last one has been laid. In such case instead of lowering the stone with dignity and solemnity into its proper position, it must with much tugging and puffing be slid into a crack that has been left in the wall.

Written speech is sometimes best in his opinion:

Writing out one's thoughts and then adhering closely to what is written conduces greatly both to brevity and accuracy.

Bro. Malott's address on "Masonry and Government" under Arizona is frequently quoted. Bro. Fly citing these extracts:

To me, government and education are not subjects which are taboo by Masonry, but on the contrary are of vital interest to every Mason.

Moreover, Masonry realizes that since the dawn of history the acquisition of power by any institution—no matter how noble its purpose is—leads sooner or later to intolerance and abuses, so that Masonry, through its organizations, stands aside from any action which would lead to power.

This under California:

On "Flag Day" he "formally dedicated the base and pole" for the flag in one of the parks of San Diego.

Under "Co-ordinate Bodies" he quotes Grand Master Bryan on "side organizations or foster children."

England's cornestone of the Peace Memorial receives extended notice and these verses are appropriately quoted:

When once of old in Israel,

Our early Brethren wrought with toil,

Jehovah's blessings on them fell,

In showers of Corn and Wine and Oil.

When there a Shrine to Him alone,

They built with worship sin to foil,

On threshold and on Corner stone,

They poured out Corn and Wine and Oil.

Now o'er our work this Salt we shower,

Emblem of Thy conservant power;

And may Thy presence, Lord, we pray,

Keep this, our Temple, from decay.

Nebraska gives these poetic thoughts:

Not myself, but the truth that in life I have spoken,

Not myself, but the seed that in life I have sown,

Shall pass on to ages—all about me forgotten

Save the truths I have spoken, the things I have done.

You may fill it with splendors of quarry and mine,

With the glories of brush and of pen—

But it's only a building if ever so fine,

If it hasn't the spirit of men.

Nevada's Grand Master having recorded the receipt of honours from other Bodies, our Reviewer adds by way of comment:

All mighty nice, but what has Grand Lodge to do with such acts of "other Bodies'?"

Pennsylvania stirs to action:

Oh! do not pray for easy lives,

Pray to be stronger men.

Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers,

Pray for powers equal to your tasks.

And with this from Saskatchewan we must close:

He addressed himself to the subject, which we find named in other parts as "the Big Brother" movement, to-wit: "Canadianizing of newly arrived peoples from other countries."

UTAH

Dana Tyrrell Smith, M. W. Grand Master.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication convened at the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City January 17th, 1928. No less than 17 Past Grand Masters lent dignity and stability to the Grand East.

Canada's Grand Representative did not appear at the meeting.

This year's reviews show that he is not by any means the only absentee.

The Grand Master welcomed the Brethren to the new Masonic Temple.

As to Lodges he says encouragingly and commendingly:

Some of these are doing a splendid work under adverse conditions, and in a few others there are courageous members who are determined to carry on, and we can only commend their sturdy character and lend them every encouragement.

Masonic education looms large in Utah and their Proceedings are an education in themselves:

To interest a new member is essential and I know of no better way than by bringing to his attention the history, literature, philosophy and symbolism of Masonry.

The Masonic Service Association has published three additional pamphlets, "Swaddling Clothes," to be given a candidate after he has received his Entered Apprentice Degree; "3-5-7," after the Fellow Craft Degree, and "What Is Masonry," after the Master Mason Degree.

With most of us the little knowledge which we may have of Masonry is generally acquired by absorption from what we may hear, and not by study, consequently it is apt to be evanescent, whereas, that knowledge we acquire by our own study and labor is retained.

The Christian Science Monitor published a series of articles daily for a period of six weeks from October to November, 1927, entitled "What Masons Are Doing Today."

These articles constitute quite a complete survey of present-day Masonry.

Utah even with its relatively small membership, sent \$3,776 to the Relief Committee headed by Randell of the Masonic Service Association, a generous gift for the floods sufferers.

The annual meeting surrounded by the romance of nature inaugurated by the Kaibab Caravan to Arizona, is thus described:

On the night of July 12th, we held our meeting in the forest. The lodge was opened on the Third Degree in form. The Grand Lodge officers and Brother Belt were received by the Masons of Kaibab Lodge with the usual formalities.

I have not the ability to depict the beauty of the setting of the lodge in that sylvan glade in the forest, lighted by a huge bonfire and the soft glow of the full moon. Because of the novelty and beauty of the surroundings, and the good fellowship which prevailed, the meeting proved for me, and I think for all present, a most thrilling and inspiring experience. I have never met a brother who has made the trip to the forest with the Caravan, and attended the meeting of the lodge, who was not most enthusiastic, and I am sure that these meetings have resulted in much good to the lodge, and to those attending, and have created a most favorable impression of Utah Masonry among the many brethren of other Jurisdictions who have been present.

The Grand Master encourages divine service ceremonials and urges all Lodges to set an example.

Utah, like some other Jurisdictions, urges newly initiated Brethren to hasten slowly:

A resolution was adopted prohibiting any Master Mason from applying for or receiving any of the higher degrees until one year had elapsed from the taking of the Master's Degree, and also until he should have qualified in the catechism, and Master Masons are by such resolution prohibited from soliciting such members for the "higher degrees" so called.

This resolution was violated and the Officers were rebuked and the body into which he was received issued a circular commanding all to follow the regulations of Grand Lodge in the future. in other words Grand Lodge is supreme in every Jurisdiction over all Master Masons.

A candidate having applied for initiation under the special circumstances prevailing in Utah and he having formerly been a member of an organization the requirements of which are incompatible with membership in the Masonic Fraternity, the G.M. ruled liberally:

If you are satisfied that he had made every reasonable effort to terminate his connection with the organization, the fact that the authorities refuse to recognize his withdrawal

does not render him ineligible to receive the degrees in Masonry."

The Deputy Grand Master made a long and full report. He thus characterizes in a word painting M. W. Bro. Cheney of New Hampshire, who presided over the Masonic Service Association:

Bro. Cheney has a jovial, be-whiskered countenance, a rather high-keyed Yankee voice, a ready wit and invariably wears a RED necktie, by which he has been distinguished for years and which has been the subject of many original poems and communications from brethren throughout the country. In spite of these peculiarities, or perhaps even assisted by them, he proved a first-class presiding officer

Of the Master Mason he says commendingly:

It is my own personal opinion that the regular reading of a good Masonic magazine, such as *The Master Mason*, is indispensably necessary in the personal program of every individual Mason.

Many returns of Lodges were late and Grand Secretary Goodwin says that Secretaries are pretty well the same the world over it seems.

Membership 5,107. Gain 170.

From the address of Governor Dern at the laying of a corner-stone, space only permits this one paragraph:

Its teachings are not inconsistent with those of any church that permits its members freedom from mental and spiritual bondage. Its members prefer the title Freemason rather than merely Mason, because they agree with the poet that:

"He is the freeman whom the truth makes free,
And all are slaves besides."

The true Mason believes that "the cause of freedom is the cause of God," and so he is enlisted in the fight to strike the shackles of ignorance, superstition, bigotry and intolerance from his fellow man.

The Governor, a Past Grand Master, delivered another address on "Retrospections" in which he quoted:

"The hand that rounded Peter's dome
And groined the aisles of Christian Rome
Wrought in a sad sincerity;
Himself from God he could not free;
He builded better than he knew;—
The conscious stone to beauty grew."

E. S. McPhail of Hamilton, represents Utah and R. J. Turner represents Canada.

However interesting may have been the transactions of Grand Lodge, Fraternal Correspondence by Grand Secretary Sam Henry Goodwin must always be the feature of the volume. He humorously describes why his Foreword

and Afterword do not consist of many pages owing to the high cost of the Printers' living as follows:

"Though an angel should write, still 'tis devils must print." Without having in mind anyone in particular, as being responsible.

"The bearings of this observation lays in the application on it." The writer of Utah's Correspondence Report prepared a "Foreword" of several pages under the caption: "Observations on Landmarks." He also secured some exceedingly interesting and valuable material on German and French Masonry, which he planned to print as the conclusion of the reviews which follow, but prices were prohibitory.

"A wise man never refuses anything to necessity."

He agrees with the Grand Master of Alabama that:

"The increasing clamor for shorter hours and fewer days work is not for the purpose of self improvement, but to have more time for idleness, etc., and in many instances for vice and dissipation-conditions all too manifest and to be deplored and feared."

He cites as a point on which all are not in accord, the Committee's statement with regard to prayers as follows:

"A Mason offering prayer in the lodge, may pray to his God—observing his own conception of the Deity. It is therefore proper and in accordance with Masonic Law and tenets for a Mason who believes in Christ or Jesus to offer prayer in the lodge in His name."

Alberta gives and receives particular illumination.

We rather like the response of the Grand Representative who spoke for his Colleagues. Some of his words challenge thought. In our opinion he rightly apprehends the main objectives of Craft Masonry of today—"service and education."

Holland says:

" . . . we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.
Only in dreams is a ladder thrown
From the weary earth to the sapphire walls:
But the dreams depart and the vision falls,
And the sleeper wakes on his pillar of stone."

This means nothing less than a struggle and a forgetting of that which is behind, and a stretching forward to that which is before.

"From old to new,
From vain to real,
From mistakes to fact,
From what once seemed good
To what now proves best,"

as Browning expresses it.

Yes, we feel that Brother Mitchell said infinitely more in a few words than many another has done in pages.

As to Administration of Criminal Justice:

We have often expressed our conviction on this subject, and have commended English expedition in which there is no savor of injustice. Speed the day when cases of the sort referred to will be tried in the courts, in a sensible and expeditious manner, and punishment for crime shall follow with promptness.

This from British Columbia is illustrative of the style of Bro. Goodwin which is all his own:

It is most heartening to meet with a Grand Master who is not a mere echo, but who like Joshua of old declares, in effect, "we can go up and take the land."

Why condemn as ignoramuses, the entire Craft because many of them do not at once, or maybe never will take to Masonic Education—to them it makes no appeal. To us it seems puerile that the whole movement to bring to the attention and interest of the fraternity its History, Symbolism, etc., should be condemned because the entire body is not swept into the movement at once. As well condemn our public school system out of hand because so many of our children are not and never will be scholars.

From the copious and friendly review of Canada we make these extracts:

"We learn from the Mayor's address of welcome that the beginnings of Guelph reached back one hundred years to one John Galt. Did he name the place, and if so, was the selection due to his loyalty to the Pope—and he a Scotchman at that? Guelph is a Hanover name of the Royal Family—now Windsor.

Said the Grand Master, "Life is largely a process of forgetting the things we once believed." The Apostle Paul adds somewhat to a not dissimilar statement when he says: "Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward unto the things which are before . . ." In that we have the conditions of progress.

We have greatly enjoyed reading this address, and have particularly enjoyed those portions toward the end in which the Grand Master sets out in clear, beautiful language his conception of Masonry, and of its place in the world and in the life of man. His faith in what shall be in the future and his optimism are infectious, and, "spite of fears," he brings us to his side.

As to history:

This interest has been fostered by the Society of Masonic Research, the committee informed the brethren—a worthy and highly valuable work is this.

Bro. Ponton prepared the report on Correspondence,

which means that it is comprehensive, thoughtful, kindly, and of course well-written.

He devotes special attention in his reviews to landmarks and has this under Colorado:

The Grand Orator delivered an address on "Loyalty." We note that the speaker makes loyalty one of the "Landmarks."

He is getting perilously near the debatable ground when he says after reading Bro. Baird's Review in the District of Columbia:

It may be that we are prejudiced in the matter of those who see in the Pope the mouthpiece of the Almighty, but when we read such statements as are to be found in Chapter 6 of "The Contrast," by Hilaire Belloc, or Chapter 43-50 in "The Three Ages of Progress," by Julius E. Davos, or the several passages on Freemasonry in the "Catholic's Ready Answers," by M. P. Hill, to name but three of the many authors that could be named, or such a pamphlet as, "Dubuque Public Schools" it may very well be that we lose judicial spirit and perspective.

It may be that one could escape responsibility for membership in the I. W. W. by declaring that one does not believe in the use of dynamite and not for the world would use it, while all the time one holds membership in the organization that does believe in that sort of thing, and contributes to its support—it may be!

He brings us down to earth and practical facts in his Review of Idaho as follows, by way of set-off to his declaration against infallibility in our former citation:

The Orator finds that all other organizations and institutions fail—Masonry stands for the perfect! The ordinary, practical, every-day sort of a man—such as the present writer—is not accustomed to some fanciful Utopia; he, perforce, must judge institutions and organizations by what they disclose themselves to be in the very practical conditions and environment of this old world in which we live. Theoretically Masonry may be "the one organization which cares nothing for the name by which you invoke your Deity."

The foregoing are only a few illustrations of what we meant when we intimated above that Idaho's Grand Orator had slipped over the line into an Utopia of which Masons and Masonry have no knowledge! This fact is emphasized by other affirmations which certainly give forth a strange sound in the ears of a Mason whose feet touch the ground most of the time.

Again as to land marks and physical qualifications hear him under Illinois:

We note that the Committee on Legislation names "physical qualifications" as one of the ancient "Land-

marks." This reminds us of certain words by the late W. J. Hughan on this subject.

"The ancient usages as to physical qualifications might have been desirable under the operative regime, but surely they have been, or should have been, long obsolete, and for many years have been a dead letter in England.

Again his favorite topic of land-marks is treated comprehensively under Kansas and as many in our own Jurisdiction are also interested, we once for all reprint at length:

The fact must be apparent that universality and antiquity are essential, basic requirements which must be met by any proposition which purports to be a "Landmark."

"Space does not permit of going into the position taken by leading Masonic students with reference to the Landmarks of the Craft, or even to suggest the attitude of a formidable array of Masonic scholars with reference to Mackey's list."

Now in the words of Browning's immortal Rabbi,

"Now, who shall arbitrate?
Ten men love what I hate,
Shun what I follow, slight what I receive;
Ten, who in ears and eyes
Match me: we all surmise,
They this thing, and I that . . .!"

Now, let it be clearly understood, that the present writer does not for a moment question the absolute right of any Grand Lodge to specify what, within its own Jurisdiction, shall be accounted the "Landmarks"—whether it shall be Mackey's twenty-five, or Grant's fifty-four, or Roscoe Pound's seven, or Albert Pike's five, or Findel's four, or Christopher Diehl's five, or the list of any venturesome Brother, or Grand Lodge. That is the business of the particular Grand Lodge, not ours.

What we do object to, and shall continue to protest against, and occasionally may venture to point out what appears to us to be the absurdity of, any person referring to Mackey's list, or to any other list of so-called Landmarks, as being the only simon-pure Landmarks of Free-Masonry in which there is, and can be no variation, neither shadow cast by turning, and by which the correctness and quality of one's Masonry, or of that of any other Jurisdiction, is to be judged.

Sam Goodwin loves Browning and again effectively quotes him under Nova Scotia:

Browning in those stirring words put into the mouth of the Spanish Rabbi:

"Then welcome each rebuff
That turns Earth's smoothness rough,
Each sting that bids nor sit nor stand but go!

Be our joys three-parts pain!
Strive, and hold cheap the strain;
Learn, nor account the pang;
Dare, never grudge the throe."

Those words thrill, like a clarion call to battle!

Commenting on the Eastern Star he says under Western Australia:

We have become accustomed to the situation and possibly are too tolerant of it.

VERMONT

M. W. Brother Frederick H. Babbitt, Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Communication was held in Burlington, June 15th, 1928. Eight Past Grand Masters received the grand honours at the altar.

Among the visitors were General Grand High Priest Davis and Representatives from New Jersey and Connecticut.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond to roll call.

The address of the Grand Master was virile prose interspersed with poetry. This is one verse:

For this I swear, because believing;
Time breaks no circle such as this,
However hurt, however grieving,
However much a friend we miss,
Between the worlds is no abyss.

A D.D.G.M. having resigned, Bro. Floyd Jenks, Professor of the University of Vermont, was appointed and did excellent work.

The G.M. attended the Grand Masters' Conference which is now to be an annual affair at Washington.

Despite the severity of the Vermont floods, which worked tragic havoc, Vermont Lodges contributed \$2,000 to the Mississippi Flood sufferers and nearly \$5,000 to their own victims.

This from his conclusion is worth while:

There is no more imperative duty resting upon every member of our Fraternity, as exemplars of the highest ideals of human brotherhood, than to take a rather frequent "Inventory" of our own thoughts and actions and aspirations, to see how, day by day, they accord with our professions, and our vows, to see where we stand on questions of vital import to the peace of the world, the advancement of civilization, the salvation of mankind, and our own "destined end, or way."

"The high soul climbs the high way,
And the low soul gropes the low.

And in between, on misty flats,
The rest, drift to and fro.

Membership 19,438. Net gain 175.

The Committee on Grievances are outspoken with regard to white-washing derelicts:

We freely and forcibly criticize those Brothers of White River Lodge who, by their vote, extended an entirely undeserved leniency to one who had admittedly brought disgrace upon the fair name of our ancient and honorable Order.

The D.D.G.M's of thirteen Masonic Districts reported fully but briefly.

The Committee on Necrology contain a boy's tribute entitled "Scout of the Past." We prophesy a great future for little Johnny Stickney.

The Masonic veterans are still going strong.

Foreign Correspondence is by our well known confrère, Archie S. Harriman, P.G.M. whose Foreword has no conditions or apologies:

We cannot agree with those who feel that disagreement with the law as interpreted by Congress in the Volstead act is even quasi-sedition. We sincerely believe that reason will sometime prevail and Mr. Volstead and his like will be relegated to the nation's attic with other discarded furniture.

We rise also to express our personal disapproval of the propaganda which would have Masonry undertake the general reformation of society. First let each brother attend to his own purification. Having extracted the beam from his own eye, he will see clearly to free others of their motes.

The question of what constitutes valid Masonry worthy to be recognized as such by Grand Lodges is well treated under Canada.

Equally plain spoken are his words under Arizona and we think they will strike a responsive chord in the hearts of many Canadian Masons:

We agree with him in his attitude toward the eighteenth amendment. But we do not anticipate any ready acquiescence to its enforcement on the part of all Masons. Masons in their Lodges have learned a love of liberty and a hatred of oppression. The fact that this oppression is under the guise of law does not make it more attractive. Nor even if it is for the best of all the people, do liberty-loving persons care to be told what they shall eat or drink by a paternalistic government. In America since the days of the Boston Tea Party, Masons have been against such oppressive methods. They have even rebelled against law, iniquitous or not, more than once. If people obey the law

supinely, how shall our lawmakers know the people's will? "Nullification" is no new word in American history.

Grand Master Rowland's address of 1927 is described as witty and as most interesting, and a page of quotations is given, as in many Jurisdictions. Our basic requirements for recognition of Foreign Grand Jurisdictions are copied.

We thank him for his generous use of the praise word "gifted" in connection with our Review. We cannot altogether agree with the single membership restriction imposed by Vermont. Masonry should be free and in universal contact with the best, in contact with the most. Let each enlarge his sphere of influence. Nevertheless Bro. Harriman does not agree and says:

We can't agree. When our Brother in Massachusetts transgressed our law by joining a second Lodge, be it anywhere, while retaining membership in our Lodge, he laid himself open to discipline and should be tried and properly punished. We can't prevent him from joining in the foreign Jurisdiction, but we can end his membership in Vermont.

Six pages are given to England, concluding as follows:

Even in England, men have discovered that the word "Masonic" conveys prestige:

"The Board's attention has been called from many quarters to the increasing number of private organisations, with which the names of individual Masons are announced, professing a Masonic object, mainly in the direction of foreign travel, which have been put before the Craft without the authorisation of the Grand Master. The Board feels it necessary, to state that it is considered most undesirable that the word "Masonic" should be used in regard to any private enterprise, the responsibility for which rests upon the promoters alone.

The D.G.M. of Ireland, Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, wisely refused, our colleague says to entertain a motion which he deemed entirely of a political nature.

George B. Wheeler is the Grand Representative of Canada, and William H. Tudhope represents Vermont.

VIRGINIA

James Bowman, M. W. Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Fiftieth Annual Communication was held in Richmond, February 14, 1928.

The Proceedings are admirably printed by the boys of the Home at the Masonic Home Press, Highland Springs.

Grand Master Gibbs of District of Columbia spoke in most friendly fashion:

I am happy to be again on the sacred soil of the Old Dominion, for this is the State of my nativity and I feel almost as if I am coming home.

There are other ties. As you know the District of Columbia was carved out of the States of Maryland and Virginia, and, before our Grand Lodge was organized in 1811, we had a lodge that was chartered under this Jurisdiction.

And he was followed by Past Grand Master Dunkum who added:

150 years in actual Masonic service, planting the seeds of truth all over this great Jurisdiction of Virginia, into the fertile soil of the heart! None but the Grand Master of the Universe can possibly know of the value to the citizens of this State, and to the country at large the splendid influence of such work.

In the Grand Master's address we read:

I can conceive of no stronger tie that can bind men than that of the Mystic Cabletow, which seeks to lead us along the paths of rectitude and love.

But the tears from their eyes are kissed away,
Where the heart shall ache and the feet shall roam—
No more, no more. They are safe at home."

He pays a worthy tribute to the late Dr. Eggleston, whose kindness, courtesy and erudition are well remembered by this Reviewer:

For many years he was our Foreign Correspondent, and, as such, brought distinction to the Craft of this Grand Jurisdiction. As a result of his death, we will not this year have our usual report on Foreign Correspondence.

The new Tubercular Pavilion was dedicated at Charlottesville and an Old Folks' Home is in process of construction.

Of the main Masonic Home the Grand Master well says:

This magnificent Masonic undertaking is growing from year to year and the dividends paid to our country, in the way of trained citizens who are the children of our deceased brethren, is beyond all computation in dollars.

It will do your hearts good, as it has mine, to see the constructive work being done for those who have a just and proper claim upon your good offices.

He vividly describes the District Deputy Grand Masters as "his eyes, feet and hands" in carrying on our work.

Many cornerstones were laid by Grand Lodge.

The 1927 Methodical Digest is announced.

In the conclusion of his address he sums up what, let us hope, are our virile virtues as follows:

To be good men and true, is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry and if that lesson has been properly impressed upon the apprentice's mind, the tide of time and the changes of fortune will matter not.

To be a MASON is a great honor; to be appointed to serve the Craft, in any capacity, a privilege; but, to be called to the exalted position of GRAND MASTER of more than Fifty Thousand, true and loyal Brethren of the Mystic Tie, is above the price of rubies and an heritage of which even the fourth generation may indeed be proud.

Ten Past Grand Masters honoured and were honoured in the Grand East.

The circulation of the Masonic Herald printed at the Masonic Home is increased.

The special memorial to M. W. Bro. Eggleston speaks of his literary ability and delightful sense of humour. He had been a gallant soldier of the Confederate Army as this writer well knows for he lived again with him under his personal guidance the Battle of the Crater and the fully revealed to this Reviewer the strategy and chivalry of Lee and Grant.

These verses are appropriate:

"Far to the Southward the banners are dimming,

And faint comes the tap of the drummers before,

Low o'er the tree-tops the swallows are skimming,

The fight shall enthral thee, the bugle shall call thee

No more.

"Far to the westward the day is at vespers,

And bows its head, like a priest to adore,

Soldier, the twilight for thee has no whispers,

The night shall forsake thee, the morn shall awake thee

No more.

"When the commander tomorrow proclaimeth

A list of the brave for the Southland to store

Thou shalt be known with the heroes he nameth.

Who wake from their slumber, who answer their numbers

No more."

With reference to the offer of the Eastern Star Home the Board of Trustees recommended that the tender of the Order of Eastern Star be not accepted and that the Home be built at Lynchburg as originally intended.

The Reports of the D.D.G.M. are nearly all brief and concentrated documents, quite a contrast to our own in Canada.

The whole personnel of Virginia Masons is detailed in full, each Lodge separately with its membership.

Total membership 48,558, a gain of over 400.

The late T. H. Brunton of Newmarket represented

Virginia here. He was a strong factor in the administration of justice. William S. Pettit of Richmond, represents Canada.

The Board of Governors present a complete analysis of the great work of the Home, pointing out that 35 new children have been admitted and that the out-fitting of each new child costs about \$30. This is an interesting clause of the report showing the possibilities of Harmony:

The Band and Glee Club we believe speaks for itself. The children and the Craft both have benefited by their trips.

VICTORIA

M. W. Brother W. P. Bice, Grand Master.

M. W. Brother His Excellency Lord Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Grand Master-elect.

Quarterly Communication was held at St. Kilda.

Wor. Brother Lord Stonehaven, Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, was present with other honoured guests. Many apologies for non-attendance were read, a fine courtesy observed in most British Jurisdictions.

Two scholarships were awarded to wards of the Craft, daughters of Masons.

W. Bro. Phelan was reported by the Board as having been suspended for twelve months for having held up to ridicule certain portions of the Ritual, such conduct being concluded to undermine respect for and lessen the sense of solemnity of the obligations contained therein. This Brother appears to have been a stormy petrel of Grand Lodge and his case was a source of recurrent discord. Afterwards the Grand Registrar said in reply to a question:

Has it been submitted to this Grand Lodge?

The Grand Registrar: This Grand Lodge should know that the Board is quite within its rights in suspending a Brother, and suspension does not require confirmation by Grand Lodge; it is different from expulsion which does require such confirmation.

An address of welcome was presented to H.R.H. the Duke of York.

The receipts show the handsome total of upwards of £60,000 with a balance of over £31,000. They do things well in Victoria.

The Grand Master said with practical emphasis:

I want to express myself concerning closer enquiry as to the character and financial condition of men seeking to come into the Lodges.

Grand Master Bice in his address said in welcoming Lord Somers:

To-night my successor will be installed, and my sincere wish is that Lord Somers may be as greatly beloved and successful as my predecessor the Earl of Stradbroke. They have each come to us as Brethren with a deep love of Freemasonry, representing their King in this distant portion of his dominions, and helping to bind us more closely together as loyal citizens of the British Empire. We may confidently look forward to continued success for our Grand Lodge, while we have such distinguished Brethren to preside over us, Brethren who show us such a splendid example of service and sacrifice for King and country.

Of the Home he is enthusiastic:

Our only charity, the Freemasons Homes of Victoria, will this year celebrate its Diamond Jubilee; during the past sixty years it has sheltered many estimable brethren and widows who have found there a comfortable home in their declining years.

Of membership he again speaks earnestly:

"Many of those admitted during recent years are below the standard we desire and will not stand the test of time: "the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry" has not been sufficiently stressed, and I do plead for a closer examination of our Lodges."

At the installation these odes were sung:

God, our Grand Master bless
With health and happiness.
So mote it be.
May he our laws defend,
Our power for good extend.
Our Master, Guide and Friend.
So mote it be.
May harmony and peace
His happiness increase,
And friendship never cease.
So mote it be.

Lord Somers made a very graceful address:

There are many representative Masons here from all parts of the State, and their presence is very heartening to me, because they are here to give me God speed on the adventurous voyage I am setting forth on as helmsman of this noble craft.

Although numbers are an obvious indication of progress, yet you and I would prefer to see progress in Masonic virtues and Masonic knowledge come first. There are close on 45,000 financial members in Victoria, a very large percentage of the male adult population of the State, and if every member made brotherly love the basis of all his actions outside the Lodge, it surely would bring that state of genuine prosperity that we all desire, nearer to every person in this territory.

If I can be a good Mason and a good Grand Master who meets with your approval, I shall also be a more satisfactory and a truer representative of the King in your midst.

You are very well aware of what the Boy Scout training can do towards the future good citizenship of our lads, also for the need for that brotherly welcome and help which is extended to the Little Brother on his arrival here, some 12,000 miles from his home.

I merely wish to remind those who may have forgotten that both these two movements are, in their own sphere, putting certain Masonic virtues into practice, and are truly worthy.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland through R. W. Bro. Kirkwood, sent fraternal greetings.

Quarterly Communication was held at Melbourne, 15th June, 1927, Pro Grand Master Bice in the chair.

Canada was represented by R. W. Bro. W. Kemp.

A fine address was delivered by V. Wor. Brother Diwan T. Bahadur Rangachariyar, Past Grand Registrar of Madras who said among many other interesting things:

He came to Australia as the official representative of the Government of India, in connection with the opening of the Federal Parliament at Canberra.

I may inform you, Brethren, that India is not behind hand in Freemasonry, and we are determined to go along further. Sometimes the people there are friendly, and sometimes unfriendly; but that cannot be said when they meet in Masonic Lodges. I take part in the Ceremonies as well as those who call themselves Christians. Here there is a one-color platform, but do not forget whatever, that, when we meet together in Lodges, we leave aside our nationalities and our pride of race or caste, and we feel ourselves on the most intimate friendly terms as Brethren.

I have learned much of this country, and I hope that I have been the medium through which Australia will learn more of India. I have been asked one question since my sojourn in Australia, and that was whether India will remain part of the Empire. I have been surprised and much pained at this enquiry. India will remain loyal to the Empire so long as the Empire is loyal to its ideals. Years ago the Great Queen, with a few simple words, had done more to gain the goodwill of India than many statesmen. She said in reference to her Indian subjects: "Their happiness is our concern; all our people, whether white, brown, or black, are equally our subjects."

This tribute was paid to Sir Thomas Halsey:

"Though old, he still retained
His manly sense and energy of mind.
Virtuous and wise he was, but not severe:

He still remember'd that he once was young:
His easy presence check'd no decent joy."

The country Brethren were as usual accorded a hearty welcome and an invitation to dine.

Quarterly Communication was held in Melbourne, His Excellency Lord Somers on the throne.

Two members of a Country Lodge reported to the Board that on the taking of a ballot, although they had each cast a black ball against a Candidate for Initiation, the Master and two Past Masters who viewed the ballot material had declared the Candidate duly elected.

The two Brethren charged were found guilty; but the Board was of opinion that they were inexperienced Freemasons, acting under the influence of an older and more experienced Freemason, and accordingly decided to censure them and defer further action.

As the evidence given at the hearing also disclosed that the Brother under whose influence these Brethren had acted, had by his conduct in relation to the affairs of the Lodge, tended to disturb its peace and harmony, and as he had been guilty of contumacy in connection with the enquiry, the Board decided to suspend him from all Masonic rights and privileges for twelve months and thereafter during the pleasure of the Board.

Note the last clause of the sentence imposed.

The Pro Grand Master said as to suspensions:

It must appeal to you all very strongly that this list of exclusions is far too large, and it clearly shows us that some of the Lodges have not taken proper care in the acceptance of candidates, or else, after having admitted them as members, have not done their duty towards them.

Quarterly Communication in Melbourne, 21st December, 1927.

On nomination for re-election of Lord Somers, W. Bro. Phelan who had protested his previous suspension, threw a wrench into the machinery by proposing the name of another Brother and actually got a seconder despite the almost unanimous expressions of the Brethren present in the negative. The Pro Grand Master cut the Gordian knot by ruling:

I will take the responsibility of ruling that the qualifications of W. Bro. March and his experience in Freemasonry are not of such a nature as to give him the necessary requirements to fill the office of Grand Master, and I declare Lord Somers to have the only qualified nomination. I now declare him duly elected.

Lord Somers modestly said:

I am willing to accept the nomination, provided that I am not standing in the way of another Brother whom

some Brethren have put forward as a possible Grand Master. If your verdict is in my favour I will accept it with honour.

Later on the nomination of Bro. Phelan was dropped.

25 acres were purchased for a Hospital and Hostel.

111 candidates had entered for the memorial scholarship.

Foreign Correspondence is by R. W. Bro. William Stewart but the Reviews themselves are by the Representative of sister Grand Lodges.

Under Canada R. W. Kemp notices the absence of their Grand Representative and quotes statistics, saying also:

A list of about 1,400 Brethren suspended for non-payment of dues is given and one wonders what our Pro Grand Master would say to a proportionate number in Victoria.

One of the troubles of the Craft in Canada is that of invasion of Jurisdiction as between Lodges in the matter of Initiations. This difficulty appears strange to Freemasons in Victoria where the Lodges have perfect freedom of inclination in this respect, and no complaints are made. A Candidate may join a Lodge to which his inclination leads him without reference to artificial territorial boundaries.

But their other difficulties bear always a striking resemblance to our own.

For instance the Grand Master is moved to say: "The Lodge summons is for a specific purpose, and to use it for the diffusion of local news or as Masonic pamphlet is entirely apart from the purpose for which it was intended." To which the vast majority of our Brethren will respond, "Hear! Hear!"

And again, "It is unlawful and improper for any member of this Grand Lodge to become a member of any society which made Masonry a pre-requisite, unless such society had been expressly recognised by ourselves."

This trouble appears to have become acute, and the Grand Master is to be commended for the stand taken by him is a matter which affects the whole Craft.

England receives these quotations:

The ceremony followed the traditional order. Vessels of Corn, Wine, Oil and Salt being carried round the stone in stately procession.

The stone was the gift of the three very ancient Lodges, still in existence, who with a fourth constituted the original Grand Lodge in 1717.

This from Manitoba:

Freemasonry has done much, just how much it is impossible to say, in making this country what it is. It trains men to be good citizens and loyal to constituted authority.

Nova Scotia furnishes interesting material:

"What of the future, dim and unknown in the years that lie ahead of us? One thing is certain, no matter what chances and changes the coming years may bring, the Temple of Masonry will stand for the reality and love of God; for the dignity and worth of man; for old time-tried truths, which were true ages ago and will be true ages hence, giving wise direction to popular enthusiasm, for order in the streets and order in secret places of the soul; for a finer public taste, and a purer national life; for national liberty, disciplined obedience, practical service, and the deepening of the spiritual life.

WASHINGTON

Robert A. Wilson, M.W. Grand Master.

Horace W. Tyler, R.W. Grand Secretary.

The Seventy-first Communication convened in Tacoma, 19th June, 1928. The Masonic Orpheus Club opened the Proceedings with music. 22 Past Grand Masters, only one behind the leader in the world's Jurisdictions for loyal attendance, added the experience of the past to the work of the present.

Walter F. Meier faithfully represented Canada.

Cheney of Oregon with Grand Master Davis, represented that Jurisdiction.

A very pleasant welcome, was given by the Tacoma Masons:

What ripe experiences and pleasant memories surround the passing of these years, the friendships formed, the close associations with noble souls, some of whom have passed on but left a monument in their life-work.

Learn by precept and example that Masonry stands for civic righteousness and enlightened conscience and an unwavering patriotism.

Our pride in your coming may be seen in every expression of the face, and felt by you in the warm handshake commonly known as "The Tacoma Grip"—and by the way, we reserve the right to explain its meaning.

May you find Tacoma's hospitality as broad and extensive as the mighty waves of this great Pacific, her friendship as deep and as fathomless as the waters of Puget Sound.

In his response Junior Grand Warden Taylor happily said:

As the little canim passed over the waters of Puyallup bay, Winthrop noticed a white shadow in the water. He looked eastward and he saw that magnificent elevation with her top skyward and white mantel covering her bosom, and he asked his crew what he would call this mountain, and they answered in their own tongue "Nourishing Mother"—"Tuk-o-ma."

Then and there Theodore Winthrop christened that grand old mountain "Tacoma."

We come from the length and breadth of this great Commonwealth. We come from the Arctic circle and far away Nome, to the southern confines of the great Northland, Alaska. We come from Walla Walla, the garden city, set in the valley of many waters, and we come from Puerto de los Angeles, the haven of the angels.

We come from the beautiful cedars of the Coeur d'Alenes and the gigantic firs and spruce of Ilwaco; from the mountains and from the plains; from the hills and from the valleys; from every hamlet and every village. We come home to our "Nourishing mother—Tacoma."

It having been asked whether a lodge might reimburse a brother for his loss in endorsing a bank draft of a member of the lodge, which developed to be a forgery, the G.M. ruled that lodge funds could not be used for that purpose.

Where a lodge was found to be in a chaotic state, the secretary was found incompetent.

The new Masonic Home at Zenith was opened during the year.

The G.M. gave his praise to "getting to know your fellows, brother Masons, better, and knowing some of each other's problems.

His conclusion has the right spirit:

In the growth of our Fraternity, we encounter difficulties, but many of us are still striving to be entitled to work and receive Master's wages.

With the mistaken idea in some places to modernize Freemasonry, it becomes our duty, as Sons of the Light, to point the way, for what we need are students and not reformers.

Love's labor is never lost, if in the right direction.

Membership 49,040. Net gain 1,222.

More music was given twice before the close of the meeting.

Our Western Brethren are developing "harmony" perhaps faster than we are in this respect.

The Grand Lecturer reports:

The intent of this Grand Lodge can be arrived at vastly better by making it a Masonic offense for a Mason to

solicit a new brother for such additional degrees within a specified time. Within the past ten days I have learned of one instance where a brother was soliciting a candidate while he was waiting for the stewards to prepare him for the first degree.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee prepared a list of Standards for recognition. Their fundamental principles are nearly the same as ours.

Grand Orator Steinert was heard to advantage in an able address:

With its streams of tradition reaching far back into the mysteries of Egypt, the legends of Judea, the antiquities of the Orient, and the romance of mediaeval Europe; with its history touching the soil of every country upon the globe and the current of its influence flowing through all great movements of humanity, even before its existence as an institution was recognized; with its progress shadowed forth in the lives of those who have truly learned her doctrine and her teaching; and whose revelation unfolds with the march of civilization itself, it is indeed an inviting field for the student or orator to intrude upon.

Our deepest desire is for comradeship, warmth and blessedness, a sense of harmony both with ourselves and with the universe. With the dropping away of human association, we turn by instinct to a superhuman companionship.

One of the In Memoriam pages has this thought:

While Life is indeed a mystery which we can not fathom, yet we, as Masons, have an abiding hope that beyond the veil which separates us from the future life, there is work and a home for those whom we love and venerate.

A resolution was passed asking for an accounting by the Knights Templar for the amount of G. L. contribution of \$10,000 made in connection with the National Celebration there.

This situation is unusual and interesting:

We claim the right to discipline sojourning Masons, but we do not contend that our judgments have extra-territorial effect. It is the privilege of other jurisdictions to observe them or to refuse to follow them as they may see fit. Nor can we maintain that Oregon is bound to give force and effect to our judgments. The doctrine of comity does not go that far.

Hence it is that; the accused is under sentence of indefinite suspension in this jurisdiction. Being a sojourner this can mean no more than that he is without the right to visit, or to apply for Masonic relief, while under that sentence.

The Masonic Home has a great Community Hall in which the talents of the children are developed:

The spacious and well lighted auditorium affords adequate facilities for the production of splendid programs and stage plays, of which there have been many.

It is made a Masonic offence in Washington to engage in the handling of intoxicating liquors either by way of selling or manufacturing as a beverage anywhere.

Frank A. Copus of Stratford, represents Washington.

E. A. Van Patten again ably edits the Correspondence Report and has a most informative introduction from which we quote:

The one outstanding effort which is now being made to educate the young Mason along lines of Masonic ideals is occupying the attention of most of the Grand Bodies.

Some are either dropping out of the Fraternity or are merely hanging on through inertia.

This fact, coupled with the lack of knowledge of Masonic ideals among our rank and file, makes it imperative for us to do something about a wider dissemination of the real meaning of Masonry.

We can do this without dabbling in religion, politics or general affairs.

The stately dignity and sincerity of the language appeals to the neophyte who has understanding as nothing else can, and directs his mind to the hidden truths of our symbolism with a solemnity that needs not the florid expressions of modern ritualism to enhance its value.

However, we must not forget that some minds do not grasp the ultimate meaning of our rites, and do not care to be informed about them. They are satisfied with the form and do not care for the essence, until the shades of the afternoon of life are well along.

We must not be in a hurry to see results, for mental and moral growth come slowly and only after a struggle with the weeds of the senses will good fruitage be found.

This is a spectacular age and our youth are absorbed in the physical and material side of life.

Under Alabama he develops an idea that is emphasized in many Jurisdictions:

He feels that it is the human equation that causes the difficulty, which includes thoughtlessness on the part of the members and carelessness on the part of the secretary.

He advocates a going to each member personally and feels that under such a condition, only those who are determined to be dropped will attain that end.

This we read with pleasure under British Columbia:

His optimism is contagious, and we are trying mightily to see the beautiful picture which he suggests is arising out of the seeming chaos of disrupted beliefs and forsaken cus-

toms which strew the fields of yesterday's battle. But our vision is limited and we feel prone to say, with Uncle Peter Cartwright, an old pioneer preacher of central Illinois, that "if our foresight was as good as our hindsight, we could make a better guess as to the future."

California always gives interesting matter, including the following:

It is illegal for a lodge to authorize, even by unanimous vote, the secretary to cast a ballot for the restoration of a brother who has been dropped for non-payment of dues, and that a brother who had been raised less than six months previously, could not make application to join the Eastern Star, without violating his promise not to do so, and presumably thus making him subject to discipline.

Our colleague is struck with the fine picture of Grand Master Martin and says that the address of Grand Master Rowland was masterly and that he has not read a better one this year. This is another comment:

From the above and what follows we readily see the influence of America in widening the view point of the Grand Master, and loosening the fibers of his tongue.

As to conservatism he quotes with approval:

Conservatism is sometimes the indifference of an indolent mind; it is sometimes the wisdom born of experience, and this conservatism is of the latter kind.

He comments upon the good work of our Committees and upon the claim that there is no better school for good citizenship than the lodge.

We appreciate his reference to what he is kind enough to call our fine review.

Some of these florid lines from Florida may please our poetic brethren:

We will venture to quote a passage from the Old Puritan, Quarles, which represents a search for God.

I searched the glorious City,
He is not here,
I searched the court,
She stands empty handed.
I asked the land, "He's shipped",
The sea, "He's landed".
I asked a scholar, his advice was free,
But he scored me out too intricate a way.
I asked the watchman, best of all the four,
With the extremes of grief and fear,
Till, looking down into my anxious breast,
That magazine of woes, I found Him there.

The Old Land gives occasion for this comment:

The Masons of England are much more dignified and ceremonious in their programs than are we of America, and

we feel that it would be wise for us to try to understand their attitude and to emulate it.

Much is gathered under New York including the following:

All teaching is by symbols, when we come down to the ultimate factors which enable us to communicate thought. Even the letters of the alphabet are but symbols of arbitrary sounds, which sounds are again symbols of ideas, and it is through this medium that we communicate with one another successfully.

His experience with other concordant Masonic bodies has not been wholly satisfactory as he says under Oregon:

He bordered upon the ideas which underlie the Ku Klux Klan, and left a bad impression upon many older Masons.

He evidently belonged to that class of Masons who hastened through the first three degrees in order to get to the Shrine, and took the Scottish Rite route. He had learned so little about the real history and philosophy of the Craft that he became a dupe of cunning propagandists very easily.

This quotation under Victoria and with this we must close this Review of his Reviews:

It was well said by the great Roman Emperor, Marcus Aurelius, that "Every man is worth just as much as the things are worth about which he busies himself."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Bro. the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., LL.D., O.B.E., V.D., (Archbishop of Perth) M.W. Grand Master.

A portrait of R.W. Bro. Humble, who was initiated in 1866, and who has been Secretary of Freemantle Lodge since 1909, venerably adorns the Proceedings.

The absence of the Grand Master from the first Quarterly meeting is thus explained:

You all know the anxiety he is suffering owing to the lack of news of his son who was sent to China on duty, and who mysteriously disappeared some weeks ago.

The Deputy Grand Master well said:

At this stage of the world's history, surely it should be possible to "come and reason together", to freely discuss our differences, and endeavour to arrive at a friendly and just solution.

In the second of the old Charges, we are told "a Mason must uphold on every occasion the interest of the Community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country." It is well that we should remind ourselves of this obligation..

The Board of General Purposes delivered this admonition:

Admonish the Master and Secretary of the first lodge for having failed to record in the minutes both the nomination and the withdrawal, and the more serious omission to advise the Grand Secretary, because had that been done the whole of the trouble would have been obviated.

The Grand Master in his address recommended recognition of the National Grand Lodge of France and of the French Colonies.

As to the festive board and the conduct thereof, we select the following from his remarks:

As the Master is responsible for the conduct of the Festive Board, just as he is responsible for the affairs of the lodge in the lodge room, he should be particularly careful to see that nothing occurs which might be considered derogatory to the dignity of the institution or unworthy of its glorious traditions. There is no place at the Festive Board of the Craft for any suggestive song or story or anything that is calculated to lower the dignity of Freemasonry, so I trust Masters will be watchful and do everything in their power to elevate the proceedings of the Social Board.

The Board of General Purposes have this to say on Masonic funerals:

As a summary of the position it may safely be stated that the practice of Masonic funerals in regalia has almost died out in Australia, as it has in England.

At the Quarterly Communication held 23rd February 1928, the Grand Master presided.

Authority was given to a new lodge at Yarloop to borrow £300 by issue of debentures to members for erecting a new lodgeroom.

In the nomination of the Grand Master for re-election it was said:

His loved Fraternity may be endowed with the dignity of his high position, and with the sweetness and strength of his personality.

In his acknowledgment the venerable Archbishop of Perth made these appreciative remarks:

We have adhered to Freemasonry all these years, and I believe—I may be egotistical—that we have done a good deal towards softening some of the harshness which there is in life, and certainly we have done a good deal privately and officially to relieve a very large amount of distress amongst worthy brethren.

I see, I hope, the accomplishment of a great dream which I have had for years; and the other dream—that Masonry would bind us all together here in this State of ours, and in Australia, and the people with whom we differ,

politically, socially and religiously might still respect and learn to love each other, and that in the days to come that regard might extend from one nation to another, to help to bind the nations of the world together.

The Annual Communication was held at Perth, 24th May, 1928.

The Grand Master emphasized many important matters in his address:

I desire to emphasize the fact that the appointment to Grand Office is a personal one and is not intended as a recognition of the claims of some particular lodge or some particular town or district, although sometimes these matters are taken into consideration.

No Brother should accept office in Grand Lodge unless he can clearly see his way to give both the time and the service necessary to the proper discharge of his duties.

It appears that the annual report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is sold to the brethren and the sales are reported as increasing yearly. The Chairman of the Committee says:

I believe it to be one of the best known means for educating the present and future rulers of the Craft. I have, therefore, pleasure in again recommending the volume to the brethren generally.

Canada's Grand Representative, R.W. Bro. Collett was not present but sent an apology for absence.

At the conclusion of the Proceedings the Grand Anniversary Festival was celebrated in the Town Hall.

Membership 8,117. Net gain 450.

The present Grand Master presided over Grand Lodge from 1904 to 1917, and enjoys the love, confidence and respect of his brethren during his present regime, which has extended from 1920 continuously.

W. J. Mooney represents Western Australia.

James W. E. Archdeacon is the very careful and erudite Reviewer and the introduction to his report is full of most interesting matter, some pages of which we reproduce:

It is gratifying to notice that, speaking generally, lodges temper their desire for larger membership with the proper determination to secure the best material. This conservative attitude is of course entirely commendable, and as the new brethren progress in Masonry, it should enable their respective lodges to maintain a high standard of officership in the Craft. Apropos of new members, the attitude which many Jurisdictions are developing towards the matter of physical defectives is quite in keeping with modern Masonic liberalism. A too rigid adherence to the older requirements of almost Levitical freedom from blemish does not invariably secure the most desirable members.

This spirit is also directing its attention in some quarters to the penalties of the obligations. Where this occurs, it is contended that the form of those penalties is really archaic, wholly incapable of literal execution, and scarcely calculated to impress the candidate, and for these reasons it is claimed that the form should be modernized. While, at first sight, there may appear some ground for this contention, it is well to remember that those penalties form part of our organic Masonry, and that so far from importing the possible termination of physical existence, they only symbolize the end of Masonic life where an obligation has been violated. To me it seems that any attempt at improvement should be in the direction of informative explanation of this view, rather than the substitution of modern expressions.

Relief funds were established, and these were administered in the same liberal spirit as inspired the contributions. It was truly "the mission of those who love in the service of those who suffer."

In each community its best minds are found taking an active interest in the Craft, and the personnel of the Grand Lodges is a striking testimony to the value set upon Masonry by men in high places. The value of visitation is increasingly recognized. Of the Peace Memorial, he says:

The stately and superb edifice, when completed, will be a Mecca for the brethren who dwell in the King's Dominions. However, it possesses for all of us a significance that cannot be held lightly. It symbolises the thought that has always premeated the Craft, and, since the World War has almost crystallized into a principle of the Order—the wider appreciation of the fact that our First Grand Principle can only justify itself by its professors recognising that the world's peace is our truest goal on earth.

Alberta is well reviewed:

This writer fears that only too often the neglect of Masonic duties is caused by a feeling of weariness engendered by the stereotyped proceedings of lodges that devote themselves, year in and year out, to ceremonial work. The system of district meetings, which is such a prominent feature in American Jurisdictions, is doing much to dispel this weariness, but the absentee habit—which only too often causes slackness—is a difficult one to eradicate.

We read under Arkansas:

Too often Masonic odes, whether entirely original, or merely adaptations, leave a feeling that Masonic poets have not yet risen to the sublime heights attained in the world's great hymnaries where so much of the dignity, sublimity, and feeling of Hebrew poetry are to be found.

Canada for 1927 receives not merely friendly but ample notice extending over many pages. M.W. Bro. Rowland's remarks are in part thus summarized:

He favoured buildings, modest in proportions, sufficiently commodious and properly equipped, in preference to costly and extravagant temples which placed a serious financial burden on the Craft. Just our sentiments in Western Australia. The buildings which so many of our lodges have erected, or are erecting, would delight M.W. Bro. Rowland's heart, as they conform so thoroughly to his ideas.

As to foreign Jurisprudence and exchange of representatives he says complimentarily:

There is something more than the mere utilitarian purpose of facilitating lodge recognition of visitors in a movement of this kind. It possesses that pleasant flavour of Masonic courtesy and goodwill which is so marked a quality of the Craft in Canada.

Another portion of the Grand Master's address is thus spoken of:

In his view there is no finer piece of Masonic literature than the Final Charge in the First Degree. To this the Western Australian reviewer gladly assents, with the saving clause that its diction is susceptible of profitable editing. And with the following observations of his M.W. brother the writer is in hearty accord:

I would not have you believe, and no true friend of Masonry will pretend, that alone it can suffice, for our moral and spiritual needs.

He finds the corps of D.D.G.M's faithful and interesting in their reports and pays them and us the compliment of analyzing some of them, which is not often done:

The Canadian staff is, of course, the District Deputy Grand Masters. In the volume before me there is quite a number of good things to which brief reference may be made: They are given, in most cases, verbatim. "At the request of the Wor. Master, I instructed the brethren in the the wording of the penalty of each degree". ;There are brethren in Western Australia who could profit by similar instruction.)

The reviewer has some knowledge of the Canadian musical ritual, and, to his mind, both the odes and music are vastly superior to much that is used in lodges outside Canada. But in both British America and the United States, much greater attention is paid to this matter than in Australia, one regrets to say. And yet, Australia, generally and our State, in particular, is regarded as highly musical, and some of the best musicians are found in the Craft in this State. But the musical ritual has yet to "arrive" despite this fact.

Of our review he is kind and generous enough to say:

In that report there are both quantity and quality, and the latter is as evident as the former. The Canadian review ranks easily among the foremost each Masonic year

and Bro. Ponton's predilection for much quotation, though generously indulged, is never tedious, and together with his comments, makes "excellent good" reading, as the Bard of Avon would say.

This from North Carolina will interest many of our readers:

My view is that ;1) the wearing of a Masonic emblem is no sure indication of Masonic membership. Such emblems are purchaseable at all American jewellery stores by Masons and non-Masons alike; as a matter of business, a jeweller I met in Los Angeles, who was a Roman Catholic, sold them. Thus, they are unnecessary as an indication of membership. ;2) As articles of personal adornment they should possess no value for the man of good taste; it is considered "bad form" in a man to wear jewellery other than a ring and a scarf-pin. ;3) It smacks of advertising one's membership, and Masonry, being a secret organization existing for Masonic purposes only, there is not and should not be any need for such publicity, either for prideful or some politic reason. It is quite true that practically throughout the British Empire the practice is prohibited by our Grand Lodges; it is equally true that in the United States, with a larger Masonic population, it is not prohibited, although it is no more general than is the custom of wearing regalia in public processions.

As regards "the decision of the great majority" I am reminded of a well-authenticated story of an argument between John Wesley and his sister. Wesley strongly maintained the righteousness of majority decision; Miss Wesley denied it with equal emphasis. At last, Wesley, out of patience, exclaimed, "I tell you, sister, vox populi vox Dei!" "Yes," replied Miss Wesley, dryly: "they cried 'Crucify Him! Crucify Him!'"

Texas suggests the following. It is most interesting to consider the different meanings given to the word "precincts" in different jurisdictions:

It is not permissible to play dominoes, etc., in a "lodge hall proper", but it is for the lodge to decide whether the play might take place in the lobby. (Somehow or other, one does not wonder so much at the tolerance exhibited by some brethren to bootlegging Craftsmen, when one finds that "dominoes, etc.", may be of such absorbing interest that it is possible to play them within the precincts of the temple.)

WEST VIRGINIA

M.W. Bro. F. W. Van Horn, Grand Master.

Several special Communications for laying the cornerstones of High Schools, State Schools and other buildings were held by Grand Lodge during the year. In the United

States this is recognized as a special function of the Masonic Craft and no one objects.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Communication was held in Charleston, 3rd October, 1928. 16 Past Grand Masters supported and graced the Grand East.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Gravatt opened Grand Lodge with prayer.

Canada's Grand Representative, George W. McClintic was duly present.

Bishop Gravatt in welcoming the Representatives:

Referred to the rivalries and jealousies existing between certain communities in former days; saying that these feelings had now happily given place to friendliness and hospitality, because the good roads have brought these communities into closer intercourse.

In the Grand Master's official visitations he himself personally conferred seven Third Degrees.

A dispensation was refused under the following circumstances:

To Mannington Lodge to hold its installation of officers on the two weeks prior to the time fixed by its by-laws, because the officers would be in attendance upon the Grand Lodge at the last named date. The Grand Master deemed it inexpedient to grant such request on the eve of the meeting of the Grand Lodge, lest his action should be regarded as an infringement of the prerogatives of his successor.

Of questions and decisions generally the Grand Master wisely says:

The questions submitted had been answered by the Grand Lodge many times through its approved decisions, and the Grand Master contented himself with referring the writers thereto. It might not be amiss to suggest that the officers of subordinate lodges acquaint themselves with these decisions (which may be found in our Laws of Masonry), and thereby relieve the Grand Master of much of the burden of correspondence incident to the discharge of his duties.

The Home has his unstinted praise and the devotion of the whole Craft:

Too much stress can not be laid upon the duty of the Craft to give sympathetic support to the Masonic Home. This is the one outstanding accomplishment of the Order in this state, the outward evidence of inward benevolence.

\$1050 was sent to Porto Rico and \$1000 to Florida.

Under Education we read these encouraging words and he adds that "We are financially able to do what we will to do."

We can not be too liberal in this work, "neither piety, virtue, nor liberty can long flourish in a community where the education of youth is neglected."

The Committee on Land Marks in recommending eight outstanding ones for recognition say in their able report:

The "landmarks" of Masonry are the immemorial usages and fundamental principles of the Craft, which no Masonic authority can alter or repeal. They have existed from a time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary.

Masonic Common Law, as distinguished from landmarks is comprehended in the ancient usages of the Craft as developed and interpreted from and after the year 1721.

It is our deliberate judgment and finding that any so-called land-mark which cannot be established to have been the rule or settled belief among Freemasons in the year 1721 and prior thereto, cannot be held to be a "landmark."

This summary of virile Craft virtues exemplified by Grand Master Van Horn is conspicuous in its merits:

Of him we may say that he is a true gentleman, a candid soul through toil and hardship, a refined and gallant soul, in stern control, watchful of honor as well as of right. The influence of such a life is impressed upon the Craft, and upon the world; it goes into the days which are to come.

A member having applied through his lodge for reinstatement, the Committee felt that sufficient time to register repentance for his offence had not elapsed but they charitably added:

Your Committee does not believe that any offense can be so great that repentance and subsequent good life may not justify Masonry in extending a helping hand to a fallen brother.

Membership 34,414. Net gain 322.

Joseph Fowler of Sudbury, in the rich nickel belt of Ontario, represents West Virginia.

Lewis N. Tavenner again submits an able analysis of the Proceedings of sister Grand Jurisdictions. He gives us this interesting information as to West Virginia with a population of 1,321,119. The area is 240,170 square miles and he gives some of the areas of other Jurisdictions for purposes of comparison with their own 166 lodges.

This is spicy under Alabama:

Grand Lodge approved Bro. Street's circular letter to the lodges urging obedience to law and condemning the denial by self constituted bodies of trial by legally constituted tribunals, as to which he remarked that "protests have emanated from only two individuals, one from a defendant in the Oneota kidnapping case and the other from the senior United States Senator from Alabama."

British Columbia furnishes a nugget in the following:

Concerning Masonic Clubs, by some regarded with such favor, he remarks "One may be permitted to ask whether these are not properly the functions of a Masonic lodge? Where, if not in a Masonic lodge, may brethren "meet together" on a common ground to fraternize and indulge in Masonic fellowship? From what we can learn a Masonic Club is simply an excuse for not attending lodge."

We surely enjoy reading such reviews.

Canada does not find a place in the Review, which we regret.

Bro. Baird, the vigorous Reviewer of the District of Columbia, always gives opportunity for comment:

In many cases Masonic burial rites are denied a de-mitted Mason, even though he may have deposited his plea for affiliation. Grand Lodges have made hard and fast rules on this subject which sometimes work hardships." * *

Throughout we find such interesting comments that are so enjoyable whether we altogether agree or not, bespeaking the strength of character and fealty as well as zeal.

Bro. Tavenner describes England as having membership in lodges of such diversified location that on its territory the sun never sets.

This respecting Italy and England is most interesting:

He has received official assurance from Rome that the rule for Fascists regarding Masonry set forth by the Italian Government, is not to be applied to those who are members of lodges under the British Jurisdictions. This decision of the supreme authority of the National Fascist Party can be accepted, the President is assured, as intended to recognize in especial the philanthropic and non-political aims of the United Grand Lodge of England, working in close association with the Royal House, and is hoped to strengthen the traditional bonds of friendship between Italy and Great Britain.

Kansas treated its veteran Grand Secretary Wilson in generous spirit and West Virginia and other Jurisdictions have commented most favourably:

Good work and square work.

New Zealand, our sister Dominion, gives the Reviewer this informative matter:

In this Grand Jurisdiction the Deputy Grand Master is appointed instead of being elected and the Grand Master is elected by the lodges.

We have furnished us definition of a Lewis, that he must have been born after his father became a Master Mason and both father and son must comply with other requirements. The Board suggests that candidates, if they have not already done so, should either be asked to make

satisfactory provision for their dependence, either by life insurance or through some Provident Society.

Here is some poetic prose from Washington:

When God in His infinite wisdom conceived the thought of the creation of human kind He called to Him the three who waited continually upon the throne, Justice, Truth, and Mercy, and said "Shall I make Man?" Then answered Justice, "Oh God, make him not for he will transgress Thy laws." And Truth answered likewise, "Oh God, make him not for he will pollute the sanctuary." But Mercy, falling upon her knees, said, "Oh God, make him and I will watch over him with my care and guide his footsteps through all the dark paths through which he must pass."

Then God made man and said, "Thou art the birth of Mercy, go and deal with thy Brother."

WISCONSIN

Herbert W. Dixon, M.W. Grand Master.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Communication opened in Milwaukee, June 12, 1928.

From the address of the Grand Master, which is called his report, we take the following preliminary sentences:

In this friendly atmosphere may you renew old friendships with quiet satisfaction and form new connections.

Let me remind you that you are here as the trusted representatives of your several lodge memberships, for whom in all things that come before us you will think.

Let us think clearly and act firmly.

Assimilate the members already within our ranks. Our duty to them is more compelling than any obligation resting upon us to make new Masons.

We should be concerned in removing from among us the causes creating the necessity for Masonic charity quite as much as we are in actually relieving destitution. We ought to recognize that a Brother may require a sympathetic word, spoken in Masonic friendship, as well as financial aid.

His decisions are interesting. Possibly all Grand Lodges may not agree with the last two quoted:

If it be determined that a petitioner is unable to speak or understand the language of the degrees and because of this disability incapable of conforming to our regulations, his petition should be returned without a ballot on the grounds of no jurisdiction.

A lodge may not sponsor other organizations.

It is neither proper nor permissible for a lodge to assemble and attend Divine worship wearing Masonic clothing.

Question: Does an unfavorable committee report act as a rejection without a ballot being had?

Answer: No.

The Eastern Star is again insistently not merely knocking at the portals but endeavouring to establish itself within. The Grand Master rules:

The Eastern Star Chapter has bought an electric star and want to hang it in the lodge room. The only good place is directly over our letter "G". Is there any objection to placing it in that place?

Answer: The Order of the Eastern Star is occupying your Lodge Room by permission of the lodge. They cannot be permitted to place anything on the walls or floor of the lodge room that is of a permanent nature.

It is highly improper to place any emblem in the lodge room over the letter "G" and your lodge cannot permit the same to be done.

We also learn that in Wisconsin as probably in most Grand Jurisdictions, a trial commission need not meet and hold the trial in the lodge, and that if the trial lodge is dissatisfied with the findings of the commission, the lodge may appeal to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master made 59 visitations. In a number of lodges visited the oldest members could not recall a previous visit from a G.L. officer.

Masonic Education and Research is at a high point of vantage in Wisconsin:

The average Mason wishes to know something about the organization to which he belongs but not many of them to the extent of doing intensive research work for themselves.

Very few of us have the time or inclination to become Masonic scholars.

The Committee on Masonic Research is doing good work, for they are supplying authentic, reliable information to those who wish to avail themselves of it.

As to dual and plural membership which prevails with us, he says:-

Much good timber would unite in forming new lodges but for this dislike of breaking home ties.

Dual or plural membership would allow these Brethren to form new connections, at the same time retaining old affiliations. It is not an innovation. The Mother Grand Lodge of England has always permitted it.

Of new Societies seeking Masonic recognition he speaks firmly, though gently:

They spring into being over night in limitless numbers. Many of them are worthy in themselves and are organized by noble men and women for laudable purposes, yet all of

them claiming Masonic affiliation in any form are potentially dangerous to Freemasonry.

With those organizations who do not make Masonic standing or relationship a prerequisite of membership we can have no concern. All others should be discountenanced by this Grand Lodge and discouraged by the Craft. If we pursue any other course we shall be faced sooner or later with the need for drastic action.

He has nothing but praise for Foreign Correspondence:

As a fountain head of information on the doings of the Craft throughout the world, skillfully and interestingly written:

He thus gracefully concludes:

The great lesson this year brings to me is that any man, however noble his intentions, can accomplish but little.

The priceless gift of the year is the true friendship of a host of upright, loyal, honorable gentlemen; the Masonic membership of Wisconsin.

17 Past Grand Masters strengthened the Grand East. Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.

A wonderful address was delivered by Bro. Robert I. Clegg, noted national and international historian, writer, traveller and student, on the subject of "Freemasonry in Action" in which he cites many eminent men living and dead (but immortal) who have professed and practised Masonry, its beauties and its ideals. He thus refers to Goethe for instance:

Freemasonry adds her gracious service to mankind. Lowly or high of place, cottage-housed or palace-homed, the Freemason serves. The more Masonic his instinct, the more it gives lustre to his labors.

Thus at the climax of a great career the impulse of the dying Craftsman as the shadows of earth darkened around him, was to turn back the pages of the book of life and read aloud the old, old answer familiar to us all.

One poignant phrase of his gives much food for reflection:

A useless life is an early death.

Burns, Kipling, Arthur Sullivan, Lindberg and Paul Jones all form part of his more than sermon. He thus concludes:

Around the altar of our Masonic faith we are renewing the ancient pledge of the young men of Athens: we will never bring disgrace by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our comrades; we will fight for the ideals and the sacred things both alone and with many.

Membership 60,305. Net gain 1,497. Well done!

The retiring Grand Secretary William Watson Perry,

was made G. S. Emeritus, his salary being continued and a glowing tribute was paid to his merits.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries is wholly out of the ordinary and we quote:

The Jew of old would bid farewell in a phrase which denotes "Live in peace," or "May your going out and your coming be in peace." The Greek would say "Chairete," which signifies, "May you rejoice." The Roman said "Vale", "Mayest thou be strong." People who speak the Romance languages, Italian and French, for example, use the term "Addio", or "Adieu", which means, "I commend you to God." The German "Lebewohl" signifies, "May you live blessedly". The English "Farewell" suggests, "May you journey pleasantly," while the "Goodbye" is a contraction of the phrase "God be with you."

Parting and leave-taking were associated with the blessed hope of final reunion.

Many circular letters were addressed by the Grand Master to the constituent lodges. He kept in constant contact and had them answer questionnaires of searching import.

Wallace M. Comstock represents Canada and Gerald M. Malone, son of our ever young Grand Treasurer, represents Wisconsin.

A new feature is given in the Proceedings, namely, a list with their addresses of the Chairmen of Committees on Foreign Correspondence in Grand Jurisdictions.

M.W. Bro. Aldro Jenks presents his thirty-first Annual Review:

In the hope that it may enlarge the vision of some of its readers and give them a more intimate knowledge of the views and aspirations of other Grand Lodges.

If one would seek out the great central thought in Freemasonry—the great truth underlying the whole structure, it can be found in the first question propounded to the initiate on entering the door of a lodge and his response thereto.

This question has been propounded to many millions of novitiates the world over, and, spontaneously from all has come the same reply—from Jew and Gentile, Christian, Mohammedan, Hindoo and those of every religious belief; from peasant and king; from the illiterate savage to the most learned scientist; all find that they can come together in this expression of a common faith.

Alberta receives much notice.

It is commendable for Masons to attend public worship; Freemasonry is founded upon a belief in and reverence of God; but to make a display of Masonry on such occasions is unmasonic.

It is not charity to those who carry the load to compel them to carry also the burden of the Masonic "slacker".

This from British Columbia:

A full-blooded Indian was held to be eligible to petition for the degrees. We wonder why this should have been doubted.

Under Canada 1927 apparently our colleague is not interested in Agriculture and Canadian Confederation for he says of our G.M.:

Having thus wandered somewhat far afield he comes^s down to brass tacks and details the affairs Masonic of the year.

He quotes his decisions saying:

He held that a student in attendance for more than a year at the university may be considered the material either of the lodge at his university or of the lodge where his home is situated.

The Order of the Eastern Star are demanding our lodge rooms and clamoring for our men. Verily the old Order changeth—and things are not as they were when Adam was the lordliest thing in the Garden and Eve his modest and retiring mate.

The time when you rely upon a system is the time when it is most likely to prove a broken reed.

He acknowledges receiving in our Review due attention and fraternal regard.

District of Columbia gave him these opportunities for comments but surely the learned Reviewer of the District of Columbia or our colleague of Wisconsin must have misinterpreted France. On France's behalf we venture to challenge proof:

We have no doubt that the Grand Lodge decided wisely in the matter, but are of the opinion that the project is more worthy of support than the George Washington National Memorial in which they are greatly interested. That will never administer to a single case of suffering or distress and will cost several times as much money.

He tells us that in Great Britain there are no Masonic funeral services, the brethren simply passing around the grave and depositing an evergreen.

He mentions the activity of one Grand Lodge in looking after "the fatherless children of France" and gives the information that he has himself been much in France and that only a few years ago statistics showed that sixty per cent of the births there are illegitimate. This should leave abundant scope for the Masons of the United States to assist in the support of "fatherless children" in that republic.

He says under Iowa:

A subordinate lodge presented a hypothetical case to the Grand Master and requested an opinion concerning it, which the Grand Master very properly refused to consider.

Strong words these under New Hampshire and right ones:

It is unfortunate for Masonry that in some sections of the state there are brethren who think they must try to be funny and attempt jokes at the expense of candidates. They delight to tease candidates with remarks which are thought to be humorous.

The conduct thus criticized is all too frequently indulged in and cannot be too severely condemned.

He does not wholly agree with the Grand Master of Quebec refusing dispensation for a coloured lodge. This is something unusual in the United States.

If the petitioners were all regular Masons why refuse to act simply because all were of one race?

Then comes his worthy conclusion:

A large proportion of our brethren are not at all interested in Masonic literature. This is to be deplored, but it is a fact.

Surely to furnish relief to a brother who is up against the world, by furnishing him a job by which he can support himself and family is as much Masonic charity as contributing to his wants in cash would be, and at the same time saves for him his self-respect.

There's a comforting thought at the close of day—

When we're weary and lonely and sad,

That sort of grips hold of our crusty old hearts,

And bids them be merry and glad;

It gets in our souls and drives out the blues,

And finally, thrills through and through—

It is just a sweet memory that chants the refrain,

We're glad we touched shoulders with you.

WYOMING

Marion A. Kline, M.W., Grand Master.

Wyoming Grand Lodge was instituted by four constituent lodges in 1874 and has made fine progress.

The Fifty-fourth Communication was held in Cheyenne, August 15th, 1928. For a relatively small Jurisdiction the record of 17 Past Grand Masters present speaks volumes for the long loyal line.

The list of deceased Past Grand Masters was read as usual, Grand Lodge standing.

The Stars and Stripes were saluted.

Grand Master Kline speaking pathetically of those who had gone, said and quoted:

They conceived the idea of a union or fraternity which should recognize the fact that there is working back of and through this universe "a divinity that shapes our ends" and that all men are equal in His Sight."

So when grown weary with the care and strife,
Our loved ones find in sleep the peace they crave,
We should not weep, but learn to count this life
A prelude to the one beyond the grave.

He praises as one of the wisest actions ever taken by Grand Lodge the establishment of the large Masonic Home Fund which guarantees security.

Grand Secretary Lowndes receives merited praise from the Grand Master:

Tactful, kindly, considerate, his criticisms have left no sting, but on the contrary have incited the brethren to greater efforts to do the work in the Wyoming way.

He approves of Masonic Clubs—as conducted in Wyoming—and says they have been of inestimable value in securing uniformity of work and in promoting Masonic spirit.

Among his decisions we find:

Each Grand Lodge is supreme in its own jurisdiction, and while the Grand Lodge of Nebraska claims perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material, the Grand Lodge of Wyoming refuses to recognize perpetual jurisdiction, except as between lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Of other so-called Masonic bodies he speaks out in meeting:

Personally I have nothing against any of these organizations; in fact, I belong to many of them, but it does seem to me that the time has come when as a Grand Lodge we should impress upon our membership that here in the Blue Lodge in the three degrees is found all the substance of Masonry, and that the so-called higher Masonic bodies only add the frills—and sometimes the thrills—thereto.

I am impelled to make these remarks because it seems to me that many of our brethren have a very erroneous conception of Masonic values. They seem to think that there is some magic in the wearing of a Knight Templar uniform or a Shrine button or in being a thirty-third degree Mason that at once raises such brother far above the common level, irrespective of what his life and character may be or what his services to Masonry may have been. In fact, many of the brethren seem to think that a thirty-third degree Mason is higher in rank than a Grand Master of this Grand Lodge.

Here are some wise tolerant generous words:

In the Masonic lodge the Mohammedan, the Hebrew, the Parsee and the Christian can meet as brethren, each believing in and worshiping in his own way the one ever-living God, and I have faith to believe that that God whom we as Masons reverence and serve, will hear and answer the prayer of his children whether they be rich or poor in worldly goods, or whether such prayer be uttered in a Protestant church, a Hebrew synagogue, a Mohammedan Mosque or a Catholic cathedral.

Our own particular religious and political beliefs are generally the result of the accident of birth, early education and environment. For these reasons, as Masons, we should be tolerant and charitable toward all men, whatever may be their political or religious creed, and should condemn no man because of his political affiliations or his religious faith.

As has been well said, "Neither pedigree nor ancestry can make any institution or individual great". The past of Masonry has its value, but only as it sheds light upon the present. What Masonry is now and what it stands for to-day and what its future shall be, is what is really vital.

We are brothers who travel a great common road,

And the journey is easy for none,

We must succor the weary and lift on the load

Of the pilgrim whose courage is done.

Membership 8.145. Increase 220.

A good picture of Grand Librarian Repath adorns the pages occupied by his progressive report. He resembles his brother of Toronto.

Grand Historian Mokler says in his review of the year:

No institution anywhere has such a blending, wielding, elevating and uplifting influence as the Grand Institution known as Masonry, working all over this broad continent, spreading its influences through the membership, removing the barnacles of selfishness elevating and bringing men of all classes together, as it should.

We take this striking thought from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

The real secrets of Masonry are never told, not even to its members, and Masons are not the only ones who receive them. They come to him who is fit to receive them. Masonry may point out the way, but it is up to the individual to lead the life according to the dictates of his own conscience.

The Grand Secretary is of the virile type:

Care should be used in giving the signs. I noticed many of the brethren giving them in a slipshod manner. They are given in three distinct movements. Masters should be careful in their instruction to the candidate.

Interest in the regular lodge business, including degree work, seems to be on the wane. Perhaps the Master and

other officers should pay more attention to the esoteric side of Masonry, and have addresses on some enlightening subjects. Maybe education is the essential thing.

The Fraternal Correspondence by Grand Secretary Lowndes is satisfying. Throughout various Jurisdictions the shortening of the lecture and of other parts of the Ritual have been approved and welcomed.

Under the Grand Lodge of Arkansas this verse is quoted

God be with you till we meet again,
With His triple cord He'll bind you;
Labor and refreshment find you;
God be with you till we meet again.

California furnishes these comments:

The Grand Master's admonition to the members was to so act wherever they may be that no discredit be brought upon the fraternity. Keep Masonry clean.

Rules, regulations and edicts seem powerless to prevent designing persons from "grafting" upon the fraternity. Experience is an expensive teacher and more so when a person purchases it at the cost of an ideal. Perhaps experience plus education may in time assist in curbing this evil.

Under Canada 1927 we find a favourable review with extracts from Grand Master Rowland's address and from the Committees, one of which will bear repetition:

It may be that John Galt is able to-day to look down upon the scene that unfolds itself before our eyes; and if he is, his Scottish soul must thrill with pride—if souls in Paradise are allowed to be Scottish, and to enjoy the pleasures of human weakness.

He says the Condition of Masonry Report discloses a close fellowship among the lodges of the several districts. He gives a word of praise to our own Correspondence Review.

Under Delaware we read this of universal application:

Overcome that inertia and apathy which paralyzes Masonic thought and action.

The future of Freemasonry lies in the bringing of the wisdom of the past to the service of the present, in teaching the truth which makes men free "with malice toward none, with charity for all."

From the English review we take the following:

We are here assembled to-day, in the presence of you all, to assist in laying in ancient form, the foundation stone of our building as a house for Masonry, which we pray God may deserve to prosper by becoming a place of Concord for good men, and for the promotion of Harmony and Brotherly Love throughout the world, until time shall be no more."

Illinois gives an interesting paragraph:

"Parlor Socialists". These extremists seek many disguises to conceal their cunning purpose of weakening the supporting pillars of American principles. An illustration of this is found in the recent effort to disturb the peace and harmony of the entire citizenship of this country.

And this from the fertile Iowa:

But the trouble, nine times out of ten, is to find the job, the sort of job you can work at, the job that will keep the wolf from the door, clothes on the back of "the Missus" and shoes on the feet of the kids—the job that will enable a man to pay his lawful debts, to

—look the whole world in the face,

For he owes not any man.

Now, that's just where the Masonic Employment Bureau steps in—that noblest form of all Masonic charity—that helps a brother to help himself, that shields, saves, and secures his self-respect, promotes and protects his personal pride, and helps him hold up his head among men.

A verse from New South Wales appeals to our colleague:

I find when I smile on other folks,

In a kindly sort of way,

It makes them smile in a friendly smile,

An' I just feel good all day.

While the folks that smile at that smile o' mine,

May smile on somebody, too,

Who will spread the style of a friendly smile,

An' that somebody may be you.

To those interested in Government generally this will be interesting:

Verily, mankind have been under delusion for many a day! Govern a great nation as you would cook a small fish
—DON'T OVERDO IT.

Bro. Lowndes closes with an appealing verse

Out where the world is in the making,

Where fewer hearts with despair are aching;

That's where WYOMING begins;

Where there is more of singing and less of crying;

Where there is more of giving and less of guying;

And a man makes friends without half trying,

That's where WYOMING begins.

YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO

James F. Berry, M. W. Grand Master.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication opened in the Masonic Hall, City of Mexico, April 5, 1928.

46 Master Masons were present with 9 Lodges represented and 4 Past Grand Masters.

24 Grand Representatives were saluted at the altar. Canada's was not among them.

In silent homage to the illustrious dead the Brethren rose to their feet.

Ten Degrees were reported as having been conferred by courtesy.

Eleven candidates were by dispensations permitted to take the F.C. Degree at Tampico in one evening.

Praise is given to the monthly journal "The Trestle Board."

The hard and unselfish work done by P.G.M. Loevy as Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee is commended.

Under membership the Grand Master says:

While loyalty to one's own Lodge is commendable, too much importance should not be attached to mere Lodge membership. When men are made Masons they are inducted into a kingdom of itself, and only incidentally become members of a particular lodge. No man should prize his lodge membership above his Masonry or attach more importance to it. I am fully persuaded that all Masons should be members of some lodge in the locality in which they have anything like a permanent abode.

Membership 934. Net gain 14.

The Grand Lecturer in his able report said:

He who persecutes true masonry, thrusts aside the great ideals of tolerance and the rights of man, and ignores the great message of a still vivid past, "Peace on earth, goodwill to all mankind." I refer to the rapid and unhealthy growth of the parasitic vines which are strangling and sapping the vitality of the Parent Tree. I mean the so called higher bodies in their relation to the blue Lodges.

It seems to me we are getting too many side organizations or foster children attached to our Masonry: Too many sidelines to attract the attention of our members from the real object and purpose of Masonry.

One of the D.D.G.M's reported:

A record attendance of 73 brethren was noted at the Communication when nine of these brethren took their Oath of Allegiance to Toltec Lodge and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and the warmest enthusiasm prevailed at the meeting.

John I. Newell of Tampico, represents Canada, Frederick J. Howell of Hamilton represents Mexico.

The Correspondence Report by, M. W. Bro. Loevy is carefully prepared and full of fraternal good feeling. In his introduction he says:

Limited space again compels short concise reviewing. Only the most important matters are included, merely serving as reporters or interpreters, not critics or judges, of Foreign Masonic News.

In the words of the great Philosopher Seneca:

'Sometimes I ramble through my neighbor's fields,
"To know his Skill,—mark what his Labour yields."

Greater care is taken to teach the present membership than to secure more members,—because as happens many times in physical life, the Masonic Body was being overfed and undernourished.

Other Societies however we find are also actively at work.

It was gratifying to note the immediate unanimous response to the appeals for aid for the Florida and Mississippi Valley Sufferers. For the last named over \$600,000 was collected.

Freemasonry in Italy is annihilated. Masonry in Germany is not the democratic institution of the United States. The Grand Lodge of Prussia receives applications exclusively from those who can prove themselves Christians—men in so-called ordinary life are not admitted.

Wherever you are be an upright man and Mason,—just, temperate, prudent, circumspect.

We read under Alberta:

The success or failure of a lodge depends on the opportunity offered the individual brother for service to his lodge and would therefore urge each W. Master apportion the work for his lodge in all its branches so that every brother, as far as possible, will have some opportunity for direct service."

And under Arizona:

I condemn the practice of members of this Grand Lodge hurrying away from its meetings to attend some Eastern Star gathering where there is some controversy going on. "Tend to your own knitting" and we will do extremely well.

Why permit the members to attend Eastern Star meetings, when it is the Law that not even a Blue Lodge can meet while the Grand Lodge is in session?

Canada does not find a place in the review.

Chile gives our colleague an interesting subject:

The results have not been entirely sterile, as experience was gained which will aid in the future,—to secure one of the fundamental reasons for the existence of our Order,—its activities in securing a separation of Church and State.

We have been invited to attend a Latin American

Masonic Congress to be held at Panama, by the Grand Lodge of Panama.

This is wise under Colorado:

You can never start a newly raised M. M. too early in learning part of the work. It develops character and speech, improves grammar and rhetoric,—teaches law and justice.

The Brethren will be interested in reading the following under Columbia:

Altho' English is our official language we have two Lodges working in the Spanish language. Official language means correspondence and reports only and not ritualistic work. Our present Grand Master was born in the United States. The Deputy Grand Master in Germany. The Senior Grand Warden in Sweden and the Junior Grand Warden in Scotland. The Grand Treasurer was born in England and the Grand Secretary in South Africa. Our Masonry is Universal. We have few members but we really are striving to make Masons out of our membership. We have to work quietly and inconspicuously,—more so now than ever before.

A fine tribute to England is read under that review:

We are in receipt of the Masonic Year Book for 1928. It is "rumored" the British are "slow." Yet we have this book in our hands the first week of the year. Thus are "rumors" disposed of by actual facts. We have a calendar showing the days and dates of the New Moon and the Full Moon. That's not so slow either.

Florida—the land of no income tax—always gives something interesting:

The Committee on Dispensations among other items made mention of a Dispensation granted to Luz de America Lodge to work in Spanish.

Perhaps this method will in the future be a precedent for other Grand Lodges especially on the border line between Mexico and the United States, to grant charters for Lodges or dispensations, to work in the Spanish language and it may be even in another Rite.

Read this of the Craft:

It takes from Greece the best "Be moderate, know thyself; from Rome, Be strong, order thyself; from Confucius, Be Superior correct thyself; from Buddha Be disillusioned, forget thyself; from Islam, Be submissive, bend thyself; from Judaism, Be Holy conform thyself; from Materialism, Be efficient, cultivate thyself; from Dilletantism, Be broad, enjoy thyself; from Christianity, Be God-like, Give thyself."

Michigan's correspondence closes with this verse:

God will not seek thy race,
 Nor will he ask thy birth;
 Alone will he demand of thee.
 What hast Thou done on Earth?

Our Mexican friends are struck by North Dakota's poetry:

If those who know me best have seen
 In me some strength on which to lean;
 If smile of mine, or word, or deed,
 Has served another's hour of need;
 And lacking brilliance or success.
 One praises me for gentleness;
 Or stops to say, when life shall end.
 That he had loved me as a friend;
 Though far behind the great I trailed,
 God will not say that I have failed.

And yet again under Oklahoma they seize on two very human and fraternal verses:

One glory still awaits for you,
 One honor that is fair,
 To have men say, as you pass by,
 "That fellow's on the square."
 "Ah, here's a phrase that stands for much,
 'Tis good old English, too;
 It means that men have confidence,
 In everything you do.
 It means that what you have, you've earned
 And that you've done your best;
 And when you go to sleep at night,
 Untroubled you may rest.
 It means that conscience is your guide,
 And honor is your care;
 There is no greater praise than this
 "That fellow's on the square."

A poem of which the refrain is "God make me worthy of my Friends" is also quoted under Utah.

We trust the stabilizing effect of the Craft will be one of the quieting influences in this emotional land.

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P.G.M.

Belleville, July, 1929.

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