

1898.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

A. F. & A. M.











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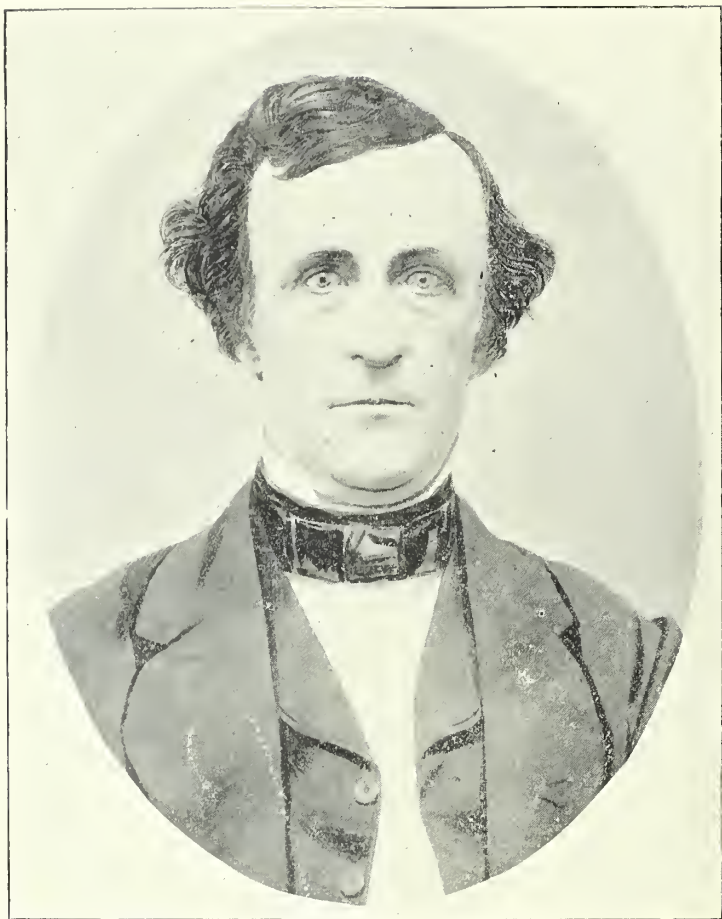












ALFRED MARTIN, GRAND MASTER, 1858-'59.



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The picture which illustrates the front page of this issue of the Grand Lodge proceedings is of our venerable brother, Alfred Martin, of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, at Wilmington.

Bro. Martin has been for over fifty years a member of that Lodge, and is, perhaps, one of the oldest Masons in the State. He has been actively identified with our Order for a half century, as this brief sketch will show.

He was born in Guilford county, N. C., on January 4, 1812. He spent his youth and early manhood in that county and in Newbern, N. C. He removed to Wilmington in 1835; where he entered into the post-office as clerk of Christopher Dudley, Jr., then Postmaster, and continued in that capacity until the middle of the year 1837, when he resigned his position and became book-keeper for the firm of Dickerson & Morris, which firm, it is said, then did the largest business in this State, and perhaps in the South. He remained with this firm until its failure in 1843, when he commenced business for himself as a naval store and commission merchant in Wilmington, which he continued until seized with paralysis in September, 1887, since which time he retired from business, and, enfeebled by advancing years, he spent his life quietly within his home circle, seldom ever going out or taking part in public affairs.

Over a period of well-nigh half a century, up to the time of his serious sickness, Bro. Martin was prominently identified with the commercial interest of Wilmington, holding many prominent positions and entrusted with many great responsibilities, and in all relations of life he has enjoyed the unqualified respect of his fellow-citizens. He was

President of the Chamber of Commerce both before and after the war, a Director of the bank of Wilmington, of the Dawson Bank, First National Bank of Wilmington, and of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, at different periods of his life. He was Alderman of the City of Wilmington and its acting Mayor during most of the time the yellow fever prevailed there in 1862, where he remained at his post of duty, contributing his time and abilities, to the alleviation of the suffering of that gloomy epoch in the history of the city. He himself had the disease. He was Coroner of the county in early life, a Justice of the Peace, and sat on the bench for several terms of the old County Court.

In October, 1837, he married Christian Caroline, a daughter of Christopher Dudley, Jr., who is still living. This union was blessed by six children; of whom two sons and two daughters are living. Mr. William A. Martin, of Wilmington, a merchant, and Bro. Eugene S. Martin, an attorney at law, also residing in Wilmington, are his two surviving sons. Bro. Eugene S. Martin is well known to the Masons of North Carolina for his Masonic learning and devotion to the Order. One of his daughters, Emma Hamblin married the celebrated naval officer, Capt. J. N. Maffit, while his daughter, Kate Dudley, married Capt. Eugene A. Maffit, likewise a conspicuous naval officer in the Confederate Navy, and one of the officers of the Confederate cruiser *Alabama*.

Bro. Alfred Martin was made a Master Mason in St. John's Lodge, No. 1, at Wilmington, in January, 1843, and was always a most ardent and devoted student of Masonry. He was the oldest living member of that Lodge at the time of his death. There are perhaps but few men, if any, who have been longer identified with Masonry in this State. He has been several times Master of St. John's Lodge. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for two terms—



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from 1857-'58 and from 1858-'59—and has served the Grand Lodge also in the capacity of Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. He has been Grand High Priest and Eminent Commander of Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, and a member and officer of the Council and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

The lives of few craftsmen have been more conspicuous for devotion to the cause of Masonry, and personally illustrative of its moral education.

Bro. Alfred Martin was for many years a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and a Vestryman of St. James' Parish, at Wilmington.

In his venerable age he enjoyed the highest esteem of his fellow-citizens, the highest respect of the Masonic Fraternity, the affection and solicitude of devoted children and grandchildren, and in the afternoon of a well-spent life the radiance of its rich virtues were reflected by his setting sun.









MASONIC HALL—OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM,  
Where the Grand Lodge of North Carolina held its last Annual Communication.  
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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

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AT OXFORD,

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th, 12th and 13th.

1898.

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OXFORD:  
ORPHAN ASYLUM PRINTING DEPARTMENT  
1898.

## ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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### ELECTED OFFICERS.

WALTER E. MOORE .....	GRAND MASTER.....	Webster.
RICHARD J. NOBLE.....	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.....	Selma.
BEVERLY S. ROYSTER.....	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.....	Oxford.
H. I. CLARK.....	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.....	Hamilton.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	GRAND TREASURER.....	Raleigh.
JOHN C. DREWRY.....	GRAND SECRETARY.....	Raleigh.

### APPOINTED OFFICERS :

C. L. HOFFMANN.....	GRAND CHAPLAIN.....	Charlotte.
BENJAMIN W. HATCHER.....	GRAND LECTURER .....	Liberty.
FRANCIS D. WINSTON.....	SENIOR GRAND DEACON.....	Windsor.
THOMAS J. REED .....	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.....	Biltmore.
JOHN L. CURRIN.....	GRAND MARSHAL.....	Henderson.
J. FRANK TILSON.....	GRAND SWORD BEARER.....	Grapevine.
MARTIN S. WILLARD.....	GRAND PURSUIVANT .....	Wilmington.
WILLIAM L. LONDON.....	GRAND STEWARD .....	Pittsboro.
JAMES F. GRIFFITH.....	GRAND STEWARD .....	Salisbury
ROBERT H. BRADLEY .....	GRAND TILER.....	Raleigh.

## GRAND OFFICERS.

A LIST OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF  
NORTH CAROLINA, FROM 1787 TO 1898, INCLUSIVE, AND  
DATES WHEN ELECTED.

Samuel Johnston.....	1787.	Wm. F. Collins.....	1847, 1848, 1849.
Richard Caswell.....	1788.	A. T. Jerkins.....	1850, 1851, 1852.
Samuel Johnston.....	1789, '90, '91.	Clement H. Jordan.....	1853, 1854.
William R. Davie.....	1792, '93, '94.	P. A. Holt.....	1855, 1856.
'95, '96, '97, '98.		Alfred Martin.....	1857, 1858.
William Polk.....	1799, 1800, 1801.	Lewis S. Williams.....	1859, 1860.
Jno. Louis Taylor.....	1802, 1803, 1804.	W. G. Hill.....	1861.
John Hall.....	1805, 1806, 1807.	E. F. Watson.....	1862, 1863.
Benj. Smith.....	1808, 1809, 1810.	John McCormick.....	1864.
Robert Williams.....	1811, 1812, 1813.	E. G. Reade.....	1865, 1866.
Jno. Louis Taylor.....	1814, 1815, 1816.	R. W. Best.....	1867.
Calvin Jones.....	1817, 1818, 1819.	Robert B. Vance.....	1868, 1869.
John A. Cameron.....	1820, 1821.	Charles C. Clark.....	1870, 1871.
James Smith.....	1822.	John Nichols.....	1872, 1873.
Robert Strange.....	1823, 1824.	George W. Blount.....	1874, 1875.
H. G. Burton.....	1825, 1826.	Horace H. Munson.....	1876, 1877.
L. D. Wilson.....	1827, 1828, 1829.	William R. Cox.....	1878, 1879.
R. D. Speight.....	1830, 1831.	Henry F. Grainger.....	1880, 1881.
S. J. Baker.....	1832.	Robert Bingham.....	1882, 1884.
S. F. Patterson.....	1833, 1834.	Fabius H. Busbee.....	1885, 1886.
L. H. Marsteller.....	1835, 1836.	Charles Robinson.....	1887, 1888.
D. W. Stone.....	1837, 1838, 1839.	Samuel H. Smith.....	1889, 1890.
S. J. Baker.....	1840.	Hezekiah A. Gudger.....	1891, 1892.
D. L. Crenshaw.....	1841.	John W. Cotton.....	1893, 1894.
J. H. Wheeler.....	1842, 1843.	Francis M. Moyer.....	1895, 1896.
P. W. Fanning.....	1844, 1845, 1846.	Walter E. Moore.....	1897, 1898.





## PROCEEDINGS.

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THE Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in its One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, located on the Orphan Asylum grounds, in the city of Oxford, Tuesday evening, January 11th, A. D., 1898, at 7:30 o'clock, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

M. W. WALTER E. MOORE.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R. W. RICHARD J. NOBLE.....	<i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" BEVERLY S. ROYSTER.....	<i>Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" H. I. CLARK.....	<i>Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN C. DREWRY.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
W. C. L. HOFFMAN.....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
" B. W. HATCHER.....	<i>Grand Lecturer.</i>
" F. D. WINSTON.....	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" THOS. J. REED.....	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" JOHN L. CURRIN.....	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" J. FRANK TILSON.....	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" MARTIN S. WILLARD.....	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" WM. L. LONDON.....	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
" JAMES F. GRIFFITH.....	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
" ROBT. H. BRADLEY.....	<i>Grand Tiler.</i>

Past Grand Officers present :

H. H. Munson, P. G. M.; F. M. Moye, P. G. M.; John W. Cotten, P. G. M.; S. H. Rountree, P. J. G. W.; W. H. Bain, P. G. Sec'y.

### Grand Representatives present :

California—John C. Drewry, of Raleigh, N. C.  
 Indiana—H. H. Munson, of Wilmington, N. C.  
 Mississippi—E. F. Lamb, of Elizabeth City, N. C.  
 Oregon—John W. Cotten, of Tarboro, N. C.  
 New Jersey—W. H. Bain, of Raleigh, N. C.  
 Sweden—W. W. Willson, of Raleigh, N. C.  
 Virginia—F. M. Moye, of Wilson, N. C.  
 West Virginia—B. S. Royster, of Oxford, N. C.  
 Wisconsin—R. J. Noble, of Selma, N. C.

Bro. D. S. Hamilton, from the Committee on Credentials, presented a report, which, on motion, was accepted and recommitted with instructions to record the names of the representatives as they presented themselves :

ST. JOHN'S.....	No.	1.....	H. H. Munson, proxy for officers.
ROYAL WHITE HART..	"	2.....	W. W. Parish, proxy for officers.
ST. JOHN'S.....	"	3.....	T. W. Dewey, W. M.
CHARITY.....	"	5.....	Dr. H. V. Dunstan, W. M., F. D. Winston, S. W.
UNANIMITY.....	"	7.....	Jas. Dinwiddie, proxy for officers.
PHOENIX.....	"	8.....	Chas. W. Elliott, W. M.
AMERICAN GEORGE.....	"	17.....	A. Rosengarten, proxy for officers.
PHALANX.....	"	31.....	C. L. Hoffman, W. M. and proxy for S. W., L. A. Dodsworth, J. W.
STOKES.....	"	32.....	M. L. Moore, J. W.
DAVIE.....	"	39.....	John C. Tynes, W. M.
HIRAM.....	"	40.....	J. C. Fraps, W. M., C. P. Snuggs, S. W., W. W. Parrish, J. W.
LIBERTY.....	"	45.....	R. N. Hackett, W. M.
HALL.....	"	53.....	B. W. Hatcher, proxy for officers.
KING SOLOMAN.....	"	56.....	R. T. Stevenson, W. M.
CONCORD.....	"	58.....	John W. Cotten, proxy for officers.
EAGLE.....	"	71.....	S. M. Gattis, W. M.
GOLDEN FLEECE.....	"	74.....	Jno. B. Yarbrough and R. N. Featherston, proxies for officers.
WIDOW'S SON.....	"	75.....	E. F. Lamb, proxy for officers
GREENSBORO.....	"	76.....	J. C. Fraps, proxy for officers.
ZION.....	"	81.....	C. J. Mattock, W. M.
FELLOWSHIP.....	"	84.....	Elias Rose, proxy for officers.
MORNING STAR.....	"	85.....	Jos. J. Cockrell, S. W.
SKEWARKEY.....	"	90.....	W. H. Carstarphen, proxy for officers.

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JOSEPH WARREN.....	No.	92....	W. H. Applewhite, proxy for officers.
JERUSALEM.....	"	95....	O. W. Frizell, W. M., G. C. Edwards, proxy for S. W., J. J. Edwards. proxy for J. W.
ST. JOHN'S.....	"	96....	Sam'l H. Rountree, Sr., proxy for officers.
FULTON.....	"	99....	T. C. Lynn, S. W.
WARREN.....	"	101....	A. J. Harrell, proxy for officers.
COLUMBUS.....	"	102....	W. L. London, proxy for officers.
PERQUIMANS.....	"	106....	J. P. Jessup, proxy for officers.
WAYNE.....	"	112....	I. G. Lee, Myer Strauss, and John H. Hill, proxies for officers.
PERSON.....	"	113....	C. H. Hunter, J. W.
ST. ALBANS.....	"	114....	John C. Drewry, proxy for officers.
HOLLY SPRING.....	"	115....	John C. Drewry, proxy for officers.
MT. LEBANON.....	"	117....	W. J. Boykin, J. W., proxy for W. M. and S. W.
MT. HERMON.....	"	118....	J. H. Woody, W. M.
LOGAN.....	"	121....	J. L. Parrish, proxy for officers.
FRANKLINTON.....	"	123....	N. M. Barrow, proxy for W. M.
MILL CREEK.....	"	125....	John E. Wilson, proxy for officers.
HANKS.....	"	128....	J. B. Griggs, proxy for officers.
RADIANCE.....	"	132....	J. E. Grimsley and F. L. Carr, proxies for officers.
LINCOLN.....	"	137....	A. Nixon, W. M.
KING SOLOMON.....	"	138....	W. W. Wilson, proxy for officers.
MOUNT ENERGY.....	"	140....	M. L. Winston, W. M., S. L. Moss, S. W., R. J. Jeffreys.
CAROLINA.....	"	141....	N. L. Brown, proxy for officers.
CHEROKEE.....	"	146....	W. W. Parrish, proxy for officers.
ADONIRAM.....	"	149....	Jas. R. Hart, W. M., B. T. Winston, S. W.
CHALMERS.....	"	151....	G. Willcox, W. M.
WHITE STONE.....	"	155....	W. H. Hester, proxy for J. W., W. E. Weathers, proxy for W. M. and S. W.
ROLESVILLE.....	"	156....	W. W. Rogers and W. B. Bowlings proxies for W. M. and S. W.
KNAP OF REEDS.....	"	158....	L. A. Wilkins, S. W., J. L. Peed, proxy for W. M.
YADKIN.....	"	162....	N. L. Brown, proxy for officers.
DEEP RIVER.....	"	164....	C. W. Toms, proxy for officers.
ARCHER.....	"	165....	B. W. Hatcher, proxy for officers.
WINSTON.....	"	167....	H. L. Riggins, proxy for officers.
BUFFALO.....	"	172....	W. E. Murchison, W. M.

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POLLOKSVILLE.....	No. 175....	C. J. Mattock, proxy for officers.
MECKLENBURG.....	" 176....	W. P. Williams, W. M.
SANDY CREEK.....	" 185....	C. E. Gupton, W. M., H. D. Egerton, proxy for S. W., J. W. Gupton, J. W.
PINE FOREST.....	" 186....	Neill McLeod, proxy for officers.
CENTRAL CROSS.....	" 187....	G. A. Wheliss, proxy for W. M. H. A. Hines, S. W., C. Benton, J. W.
BALFOUR.....	" 188....	E. G. Pusey, proxy for officers.
GRANITE.....	" 191....	Henry Rose, proxy for officers.
CLEVELAND.....	" 202....	H. D. Wilson, proxy for officers.
ROANOKE.....	" 203....	F. W. Garrett, proxy for officers.
BEREA.....	" 204....	Wm. T. Allen, W. M., M. Blaylock, S. W., A. L. Cooch, J. W.
LONG CREEK.....	" 205....	D. S. Hamilton, proxy for officers.
MINGO.....	" 206....	John E. Wilson, W. M.
RANDLEMAN.....	" 209....	E. G. Pusey, proxy for officers.
WM. G. HILL.....	" 218....	D. S. Hamilton, S. W.
THOMASVILLE.....	" 214....	F. S. Lambeth, proxy for officers.
WILSON.....	" 226....	R. H. Bradley, proxy for officers.
JONESVILLE.....	" 227....	R. H. Bradley, proxy for officers.
HENDERSON.....	" 229....	W. E. Moss, S. W. and proxy for J. W., A. J. Harris, proxy for W. M.
WILLIAM T. BAIN.....	" 231....	John C. Drewry, proxy for officers.
GUNTER.....	" 232....	C. P. Snuggs, proxy for officers.
COKEBURY.....	" 235....	Wm. Simpson, proxy for officers.
CATAWBA.....	" 248....	S. L. Rhyne, W. M.
ROCKFORD.....	" 251....	C. B. Davis, J. W.
LEE.....	" 253....	J. L. Gwaltney, J. W.
BEULAH.....	" 257....	H. C. Rose, W. M.
EXCELSIOR.....	" 261....	F. M. Winchester, W. M.
HIBRITEN.....	" 262....	M. E. Shell, proxy for S. and J. W., N. H. Hailey, W. M.
FARMINGTON.....	" 265....	C. F. Bahnson, W. M.
DURBIN.....	" 266....	Chas. W. Elliott, proxy for officers.
DUNN'S ROCK.....	" 267....	W. L. Hume, proxy for officers.
UNAKA.....	" 268....	T. C. Lynn, proxy for officers.
TOBASCO.....	" 271....	W. C. Michael, W. M., D. E. Wago- ner, proxy for J. and S. W.
WATAUGA.....	" 273....	T. L. Critcher, W. M.
GREEN LEVEL.....	" 277....	A. Herndon, W. M., M. F. Johnson, S. W.
REHOBOTH.....	" 279....	Bernard Harris, proxy for officers.
GREENVILLE.....	" 284....	J. M. Reuss, W. M., R. Williams S. W.



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FLAT CREEK.....	No.	285....	C. P. Snuggs, proxy for officers.
CEDAR ROCK.....	"	286....	Joe Stallings proxy for W. M., T. W. Stokes. S. W., W. M. Boone, J. W.
FRENCH BROAD.....	"	292....	J. E. Bryan, W. M.
STONEWALL.....	"	296....	W. R. Whichard, Jr., W. M., J. A. Whitley, proxy for officers.
TOISNOT.....	"	298....	W. L. Grimmer, W. M.
HUNTING CREEK.....	"	299....	J. L. Crater, proxy for officers.
LILLINGTON.....	"	302....	J. H. Withers, W. M.; F. M. McKoy, S. W.
LAURINBURG.....	"	305....	K. A. Blue, W. M., W. H. McLaurin, S. W.
PATTERSON.....	"	307....	A. Rosengarten, proxy for officers.
HATCHER.....	"	310....	Wm. Hinnant, W. M.
NEW LEBANON.....	"	314....	Geo. H. Riggs, proxy for officers.
EUREKA.....	"	317....	J. B. Griggs, S. W.
WILMINGTON.....	"	319....	W. P. Oldham, proxy for W. M. and S. W.
SELMA.....	"	320....	Thos. W. Winston, proxy for officers.
WHITE HILL.....	"	321....	Hugh Jackson, proxy for officers.
WENTWORTH.....	"	324....	Jas. A. Scales, J. W.
FALLING CREEK.....	"	325....	A. J. Harrell, proxy for officers.
BLACK CREEK.....	"	330....	F. M. Moye, proxy for officers.
BAYBORO.....	"	331....	L. G. Hinnant, proxy for J. W., W. D. Alfred, W. M.
ASHPOLE.....	"	335....	E. C. McNeill, proxy for W. M. N. T. McLean, S. W.
IONIC.....	"	337....	Ira T. Hunt, proxy for officers.
HARMONY.....	"	340....	J. M. Perkins, J. W., J. E. Davis, proxy for W. M.
NUMA F. REID.....	"	344....	J. L. Parrish, J. W.
DURHAM.....	"	352....	E. T. Rollins, W. M., Jas. Southgate for S. and J. W.
MORAVIAN.....	"	353....	F. B. Hendren, W. M. W. G. Meadows, proxy for S. W., J. L. Hemphill, J. W.
DELLAPLANE.....	"	355....	A. Rosengarten, proxy for officers.
SNOW.....	"	363....	W. W. Wilson, proxy for officers.
CRAIGHEAD.....	"	366....	J. L. Choat, W. M.
MARS HILL.....	"	370....	J. F. Tilson, proxy for officers.
BETHEL.....	"	372....	J. C. Hines, W. M., C. B. Covington, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
ELK.....	"	373....	N. L. Brown, proxy for officers.
STATE LINE.....	"	375....	Wm. Simpson, proxy for officers.
YOUNGSVILLE.....	"	377....	J. W. Woodlief, W. M.
SEABOARD.....	"	378....	Jos. A. Harris, W. M.

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COHARIE.....	No.	379..	Jas. Dinwiddie, proxy for officers.
REIDSVILLE.....	"	384....	J. F. Clack, J. W.
KEDRON .....	"	387....	T. J. Rickman, proxy for officers.
COPELAND .....	"	390....	W. H. Wolfe, proxy for officers.
LEBANON .....	"	391....	J. F. Muselwhite, W. M.
TALLY HO.....	"	393....	S. H. Green, S. W., A. Walters, J. W.
CAPE FEAR.....	"	394....	W. L. Williams, proxy for officers.
ORIENT .....	"	395....	M. S. Willard, W. M.
OXFORD .....	"	396....	W. B. Ballou, W. M. J. C. Biggs, S. W., B. K. Hays, J. W.
BALD CREEK.....	"	397....	J. B. Hensley, proxy for officers.
CENTRE .....	"	398....	W. J. Cloutz, W. M.
CONOHO.....	"	399..	H. I. Clark, W. M., V. R. Taylor, S. W.
SILER CITY.....	"	403....	Jas. Dinwiddie, proxy for officers.
FARMERS' .....	"	404....	C. H. Lewis, proxy for officers.
IVY .....	"	406....	J. F. Tilson, proxy for officers.
LIBERTY GROVE.....	"	407....	Henry Harris, proxy for officers.
UNIVERSITY.....	"	408....	James B. Mason, proxy for officers.
BULA.....	"	409....	T. E. Allen, proxy for W. M.
ASHEVILLE.....	"	410....	T. J. Reed, proxy for officers.
ROCKVILLE .....	"	411....	V. A. J. Glover, S. W., Jimerson Pearson and I. F. Finch, proxies for W. M. and J. W.
HENRY F. GRAINGER .....	"	412....	I. R. Fuller, W. M., C. F. Crews, S. W. and J. L. Capps, J. W.
ROYAL .....	"	413....	J. A. Turner, proxy for officers.
OAK GROVE.....	"	415....	Henry Harris, proxy for officers.
POTECASI .....	"	418....	P. B. Murphy, W. M.
GREENWOOD.....	"	419....	Wm. Simpson, proxy for officers.
BOONVILLE.....	"	421....	C. B. Davis, proxy for officers.
BALTIMORE .....	"	424....	William Spillman, W. M.
STOKESDALE .....	"	428....	P. H. Simpson and B. S. Brown, proxies for officers.
ROCKYFORD.....	"	430....	W. H. Wolfe, proxy for officers.
RELIEF .....	"	431....	E. L. Hall, S. W.
STAR.....	"	437....	Jas. Allen, W. M.
MARBLE SPRINGS .....	"	439....	D. S. Hamilton. proxy for officers.
CLINGMAN .....	"	440....	R. H. Bradley, proxy for officers.
PLEASANT MOUNT .....	"	441....	W. F. Beasley, proxy for officers.
ROPER .....	"	443....	J. L. Savage, proxy for officers.
MARIETTA .....	"	444....	H. H. Jordan and J. O. Forrester, proxies for officers.
MOUNTAIN PARK.....	"	445....	W. W. Willson, proxy for officers.
BILTMORE .....	"	446....	P. F. Jones, S. W.
ENFIELD.....	"	447....	John Beavans, proxy for officers.

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INGOLD .....	No.	448....	A. F. Robinson, W. M.
POLENTA .....	"	450....	J. W. Smith, S. W.
ELKIN .....	"	454....	C. F. Fields, proxy for officers.
PINEVILLE .....	"	455....	D. E. Allen, proxy for officers.
RUSK .....	"	456....	W. A. L. Norman, proxy for officers.
GRAPEVINE .....	"	457....	J. F. Tilson, W. M.
DILLSBORO .....	"	459....	T. C. Lynn, proxy for officers.
HENRIETTA .....	"	460....	V. E. McSwain, proxy for officers.
SOUTH FORK .....	"	462....	J. B. Griggs, proxy for officers.
CURRITUCK .....	"	463....	S. M. Beasley, S. W.
GULF .....	"	465....	Frank D. Jones, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
MILLINGPORT .....	"	468....	B. W. Hatcher, proxy for officers.
SANFORD .....	"	469....	R. E. McIver, W. M. for officers.
GRASSY KNOB .....	"	471....	J. L. Crates, proxy for officers.
LEXINGTON .....	"	473....	Dr. John Thames, W. M., H. B. Var- ner, S. W.
ST. PAULS' .....	"	474....	N. T. Humphrey, proxy for officers.
GRIMESLAND .....	"	475....	Furney Powell, S. W., W. E. Proc- tor, J. W.
EAGLE SPRINGS .....	"	477....	H. T. Monroe, proxy for officers.
FOUR OAKS .....	"	478....	S. R. Young, W. M.
SPRING HOPE .....	"	481....	T. R. Christman, proxy for officers.
SALUDA .....	"	482....	J. D. Morris, proxy for officers.
TRAP HILL .....	"	483....	Henry Harris, proxy for officers.
ABERDEEN .....	"	484....	J. T. Webster, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
THOS. M. HOLT .....	"	492....	J. C. Hocutt, W. M.
ROCKINGHAM .....	"	495....	Jos. G. Blalock, W. M.
MOORESVILLE .....	"	496....	M. W. White, proxy for officers.

Bro. J. W. Hays of Oxford Lodge made an address welcoming the Grand Lodge to Oxford. Grand Master responded.

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GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Master delivered his address, which was on motion, referred to a special committee, which the Deputy Grand Master announced as follows viz.: H. H. Munson, John W. Cotten, F. M. Moyer.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

BRETHREN :—For the first time in its history, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in North Carolina, at its Annual Communication in Raleigh in January, 1897, conceived the idea that in January, 1898 (the date of its Regular Annual Communication), would be a proper time to pay a visit to its Institution at Oxford, and for a brief season visit the children at their home, and with them have a pleasant time around the fire side, and over the farm and see for themselves what is being done by the Grand Lodge in the interest of, and for the protection, care and maintenance of those, otherwise unable to care for themselves. It has been my desire and constant hope that every Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction would send a representative to this Annual Communication ; and I have urged the Lodges, through the *Friend* and otherwise to that end. The occasion for this must be plain to every one. First, the Craft throughout the State could know what the Grand Lodge is doing to make noble men and women out of children, who would have grown up in ignorance, want and ruin, but for the timely establishment of the Oxford Orphan Asylum. Second, that the representative so sent could afterwards return to his Lodge and report what he had seen and what was being done, and thereby arouse a deeper interest among the brethren in maintaining this Institution.

The brightest page in the history of Masonry in North Carolina was written when the Grand Lodge established this Institution, for a home for the homeless, the fatherless and motherless within the bounds of this Grand Jurisdiction, and that "Page" grows brighter as we see the Masons year after year striving to maintain it, increase its capacity, and thereby its usefulness, and while we, as Masons, are doing this, we must not be unmindful, but ever grateful to those (who are not Masons) who have so liberally contributed of the means with which God has blessed them, to aid us in this great work. Upon such may the God of Heaven continue to shower His richest blessings. I cherish the hope that this meeting of the Grand Lodge at Oxford will result in a revival of interest on the part of the Craft in behalf of this



Institution, and renewed energy in striving to maintain it, and increase its usefulness.

The Grand Lodge was fortunate indeed in locating the Asylum at this place, besides being one of the healthiest places in the State, the people of Oxford deserve the everlasting gratitude of the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction for the unselfish and loyal manner in which they have always contributed of their means and time in aid of its support, and the loving kindness, they have ever shown the "little ones" (under its care,) and its officers during hours of sickness and sore distress. Such people are not without their reward.

If it were possible for me to add one more word to what has already been written and spoken, that would arrest the attention of the Craft throughout this Grand Jurisdiction in the cause of our Orphan Asylum. I feel it would be a pleasure to do so. That this home for the fatherless and motherless is now, and must become, as time rolls on, the greatest monument to Masonry there is no question, for it was born of sympathy founded in love, and lives in the hearts and prayers of the good and true. The widow in her lonely home will breathe a silent prayer for Heaven's blessings to rest upon the Craft who have made it possible by their care and foresight to give a home to her orphan child surrounded with every comfort, without which it would have been a castaway and an object of charity. Our craftsmen throughout this Grand Jurisdiction as they toil day by day for an honest living for themselves and their families, and annually contribute to the support and maintenance of this Institution, can do so with the assurance, that should their offspring become orphans, the doors of this home will be open to take care of them and bring them up to be useful men and women.

It would be a happy sight could we have here to-night those brethren who first conceived the idea of establishing an Orphan Asylum here to be under the care and control of this Grand Lodge. A great many of those brethren who first looked forward to this home for the orphan, have fallen asleep, but others have taken their places, on whom their mantle has fallen, and in whom their continuance of belief in our hope for an Asylum like this, and of us who have assembled here this evening it may be said that our faith is lost in sight and our hope ends in fruition, and this through the boundless mercies and infinite love of the Grand Ruler of the Universe and Father of all, to whom be honor and praise forever that we are permitted to assemble, inspect and enjoy for awhile with the children this splendid Orphan Asylum.

I am glad to report that I consider the Craft doing well, and from the reports of the Grand Lecturers and my correspondence, Masonry has taken no backward step this year. The Lodges seem to be working well, and where they have had doubts about questions that would

arise and have asked me for advice or decision, I have I believe in every instance answered at the earliest possible moment, and I wish to say that my observation has been, during the last year that almost nine tenths of the troubles in the various Lodges, that have been reported to me were caused either directly or indirectly by intoxicating liquors, and I recommend to the subordinate Lodges that when petitions for the degrees or membership are presented that they use the ballot in such way as to save them from such troubles in the future. The ballot box is not guarded now with the same jealous care that it was in the days of our fathers. We are entirely too anxious to increase our numbers, and are not careful enough as to the kind of material that is taken from the quarries, and as a legitimate result, great numbers of men are finding their way into our Lodges, who have no sympathy with the objects, teachings and principles of Masonry; are being made Masons in name only; at once become drones in the Masonic hive, and by their conduct and utter disregard of the tenets of our order bring reproach and disgrace upon the Craft.

Masonry never suffered for lack of numbers.

#### SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions still continue to be of the most friendly and fraternal nature.

In one or two instances I have been requested by Grand Masters of other Jurisdictions to allow a Subordinate Lodge in his Jurisdiction to confer the remaining degrees upon a brother who had been elected and received one or two degrees in this Jurisdiction and have in each instance granted the request and where I have made like requests they have in like manner and in the same fraternal spirit been granted.

It having come to my knowledge through the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine M. W. Joseph A. Locke, that the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Republic of Peru has changed its fundamental Law whereby the "Book of the Law," the great Light in Masonry is excluded from its Altar and the Altars of its subordinate Lodges, and thereby it and they have ceased to be Masonic Bodies. I therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge do not establish any fraternal communication with said Grand Lodge of the Republic of Peru or any of its subordinate Lodges or members until they restore to the Altar the Holy Bible or renounce their allegiance to said Grand Lodge on account of said change in its fundamental law.

#### FRATERNAL DEAD.

We are called upon to mourn the loss of our venerable brother Most Worshipful, Alfred Martin, Past Grand Master, who died at his home in Wilmington, N. C. on September, 1st, 1897. Brother Martin was

Grand Master of this Grand Lodge from December 7th, 1857 to December 5th, 1859 and at the time of his death, the oldest living Past Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction, he was also one of the oldest Masons in the State. In the death of Brother Martin the State has lost a beloved and promineut citizen and Masonry regrets the departure of a conspicuous and devoted son.

Most Worshipful, Dr. Eli Faucette Watson, Past Grand Master, died at his home in Alamance county, this State, on October 19th, 1897. In all the relations of life Brother Watson attained distinction, as a physician he was successful; as a christian he rendered faithful and efficient service to his church; as a citizen he was honored by being elected to represent his county in the General Assembly of North Carolina.

Early in the forties he was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and served this Grand Lodge as its Grand Master from December 3rd, 1862 to December 7th, 1864, and at one time he filled the position of Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter.

Brother Watson was born on March 4th, 1811, and at the time of his death was nearly eighty-seven years old.

Being greatly respected and beloved by his neighbors, the community in which he lived and died joins us in mourning for our aged brother.

As we enter the Grand Lodge to-night we sadly miss the presence of Right Worshipful Jas. A. Leach, Past Junior Grand Warden, who for a quarter of a century was the most regular attendant upon the Communications of the Grand Lodge. He died at his home in Thomasville, July 20, 1897. It is hard to realize that Bro. Leach will never again greet us in the Grand Lodge below. He was a zealous Mason, a good citizen and neighbor, an honest man. Peace to his ashes! We are called upon to mourn with some of our sister Jurisdictions, in the loss of some of their wise and trusted counselors.

R. W. Cicero Lewis, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, died at his home in the City of Portland, January 5th, 1897. In all the walks of life Brother Lewis stood pre-eminent among his associates and with one accord they join in the deepest regrets at his departure.

R. W. Andrew Martin Walihin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, died at his home in Macon, February 22nd, 1897. Though dead, his memory still lives in the affections of his brethren, and living will bless the future Masons of Georgia.

M. W. Joseph Norton Dolph, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, died on March 10th, 1897. Peacefully and painlessly with his family gathered about him, the distinguished Oregon ex-Senator and Past Grand Master passed away, closing a long career of honor and usefulness.

M. W. John Headly Bell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, died on March 16, 1897, and was buried by the Grand Lodge on March 18, 1897. He filled every position to which he had been called with marked ability.

M. W. John Stedman, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, died March 28, 1897. His death was particularly sad, as he was cut off without a moments warning, in the open air and sunshine with none present but his devoted wife, and with no time for even a parting word to her.

M. W. John William Morrison, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, died April 11, 1897. He was a true and zealous Mason and was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and New Brunswick from the organization of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island until the date of his death.

R. W. Theodore Schreiner, Grand Tiler of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, died at his home in Mt. Pleasant, April 14th, 1897. Father Schreiner, as his brethren and friends called him, was beloved by all. He was Grand Tiler of the Grand Lodge of Iowa from 1859 to the time of his death. Was also Grand Tiler of all Masonic Grand Bodies in Iowa.

"Can you forget him? No:  
His earthly form may go,  
His kindly smile be hidden in the sod;  
But when those gavel's ring,  
Fond memories they will bring  
Of the old Tiler gone to rest with God."

M. W. James M. Harkey Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas died near Sweet Home, Ark., Sept. 28th, 1897. He served the Grand Lodge long and faithfully. His character was strong and plain, filled "with rugged maxims, hewn from life."

M. W. John Q. A. Fellows Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana died Nov. 28th, 1897 in the seventy-third year of his age and the forty-eight of his Masonic life. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has suffered a great loss, in the death of Bro. Fellows,—a man beloved, a brother never to be forgotten, a true friend, a wise counselor, frank, generous, noble.

#### APPEALS FOR AID.

I have had many applications during the last year to approve appeals for aid. I have approved none of the applications until I first submitted to the Master of the Lodge making the appeal a list of questions, which were recommended by P. G. M. Moye and approved by this Grand Lodge January 1897, and getting his answer under the seal of the Lodge. In some instances the appeal first sent would set forth

circumstances amply sufficient to warrant the Grand Master in approving the appeal, but when the questions were put directly to the Master and he required to answer upon his honor as a Mason and under the seal of the Lodge it would then assume quite a different tone. For instance I have put this question, "Do you unqualifiedly and unreservedly recommend this appeal in every particular, and think it a proper one to send out to the Craft," in several cases this question was answered "No," I therefore at once returned the appeal to the Lodge sending it without my approval. In other cases I have had it stated to me that a brother had lost a horse, the only one, or had lost his barn or some other building by fire and was asked to approve an appeal for aid in behalf of the unfortunate brother. And when I would ask how much his Lodge had contributed to aid him, and how much property the brother still had, would get the answer that his Lodge had contributed nothing, and that the brother had a good farm and in some cases worth several hundred dollars in other property. I failed to see how I could consistently approve the appeal in such case and ask brethren throughout this Jurisdiction to aid that brother when perhaps a great many of them were not half so well situated. The object as I consider it is not to make a brother whole who happens to some misfortune or makes a bad business investment, but to aid those in distress and in actual need. "Masonic relief is restricted to necessities not luxuries." There seems to be a great tendency to substitute the Lodge for the individual, instead of standing by the ancient landmarks of charity between brother and brother. Ancient charges emphatically declare: "If you discover a true and genuine brother in want, you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved." Let me quote from the Charity Committee of the Grand Lodge of Indiana: "Let Masonic charity continue to extend from the Aurora Borealis in the North to the procession of the equinoxes in the South, from the primeval chaos in the East beyond the day of Judgment in the West, throughout the boundless realms of eternity."

#### SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The Grand Lodge was called in Special Communication during the year as follows viz:

At Oxford June 24th. This is the usual Annual picnic and celebration at the Orphan Asylum. These annual celebrations are greatly enjoyed by us all and always result in good for the Asylum and I trust they will be kept up.

On September 1st. at Durham, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the public library. This speaks well and is only in keeping with the public spirit, progress and energy of her people.



On December 22nd, at Asheville for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Vance Monument in the public square in front of the county's court house. Notwithstanding the very disagreeable day there were large crowds present including leading citizens from various parts of the State. It was exceedingly proper that this corner stone should have been laid by the Masonic fraternity. Zebulon B. Vance was a true Mason and during his life lived up to its teachings, and was beloved by the people of North Carolina as perhaps none other ever was, and while the granite monument to be erected to his memory may decay and pass away, still his virtues will live as long as people study history and tradition forwards along with the march of time the heroes and patriots of the past.

On December 29th, at Washington, N. C., for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Methodist church.

#### DISPENSATIONS, &C.

I have during the year granted about nine dispensations for the formation of new Lodges, and in every case I have tried to act for the very best interest of the Craft. I have ordered the restoration of charters of seven dormant Lodges and have approved the removal of four Lodges. For a fuller report I refer you to the Grand Secretary's report. I have been requested however to grant a great many dispensations during the year and where I thought after a full investigation that the Craft would be benefited thereby I have granted them. In cases where I have been requested to grant dispensations to Lodges to receive petitions for the degrees without the twelve month residence,—and to act upon the petitions without having lain over one month, I have in nearly every case refused to grant them.

#### DECISIONS.

I have been called on to decide a great many questions, during the year, a great many more than was necessary if the brethren had only consulted the Code and the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

If a Lodge becomes dormant and surrenders its charter, its members at once become non-affiliated, and at any time before that Lodge resumes labor, can petition another Lodge (having Jurisdiction) for membership, but when the dormant Lodge has its charter properly restored and resumes labor, that restores all members to the same standing in the Lodge they had when it became dormant, who have not in the interim become members of, or have had charges preferred, been tried, and sentence passed by other Lodges.

After a candidate has been elected to the degrees, and has taken one or two degrees, his failure to present himself for the remaining degree

or degrees does not affect his right to have the same conferred, lapse of time alone does not debar him, but any member has a right under the Code of 1892, Section 14, Article 10, to call for a ballot on his application to be passed or raised.

I have been called upon to construe this Section as to whether a member can call for a ballot on a candidate who has been elected to the degrees, when he presents himself for the Entered Apprentice degree. I decided he could not as Section 14 of Article 10 of the Code of 1892, applied only to passing and raising. I am fully aware that this decision runs counter to the decision of Past Grand Master Gudger, in Proceedings of 1892, page 12. I have always considered that what the statute does not authorize in plain terms it prohibits. I have construed this Section strictly and take it that if the Grand Lodge intended it to apply to an Entered Apprentice it could easily have inserted the word "initiation."

I have been requested to grant dispensations to allow Lodges to act on petitions for degrees, without having lain over one month on the ground that it was a case of pressing emergency, that the candidate was about to journey abroad, and on investigation found that the candidate was simply moving out of the Jurisdiction of the Lodge and not out of this Grand Jurisdiction. I refused the dispensation and decided that the word "abroad" meant beyond the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. A Mason in a sister Jurisdiction who was tried, convicted and expelled for illegal intercourse with a brother Mason's daughter, afterwards moved into this Grand Jurisdiction and petitioned a Subordinate Lodge for membership, and I was asked to decide if his Masonic crime followed him into this Jurisdiction. I without hesitation, mental reservation, or evasion decided that it did and should follow him to the ends of the Earth. "Our Institution is the first in history to throw a strong arm around female virtue. It is the first to teach men that they shall not only respect, but protect, a brother Mason's wife, mother, daughter, and sister. Masonry raised woman to be man's equal socially. It is due to our Order to-day that she fills the position in society she does. In the rapid progress man has made woman could not be left behind and remain man's companion, and Masonry by teaching that she was man's equal and binding all for her protection furnished the first stepping stone for her present greatness."

I find that my report is growing much too long, but before bringing it to a close, I wish to thank my associates in office, and the brethren throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, for the uniform kindness and courtesies they have shown me. I have never made a request that was not cheerfully granted. It is such a pleasure to be a Mason and have fraternal intercourse with Masons.

"Looking backward we are convinced of the stability of Masonry. It has toiled with the busy millions in the ages gone. Like an Angel

of light it has lifted aching heads and cheered sorrowing hearts. It has sweetened life's bitter cups to many a burdened soul, and now it marches on with the race and keeps step with the age."

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER E. MOORE,

January 11th, 1898.

Grand Master.

## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

*To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

WILLIAM SIMPSON, GRAND TREASURER,

*In account with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.*

		DR.	
1897.			
Jan.	1	To balance on hand as per last report.....	\$ 4 351 11
Mch.	22	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.....	708 40
July	3	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.....	697 20
Oct.	15	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.....	832 10
Nov.	30	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.....	695 25
1898.			
Jan.	5	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.....	776 80
	7	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.....	1 021 27
		To cash from overpaid check.....	2 20
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			\$ 9 084 33

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1897.			
Jan.	14	By cash paid Francis D. Winston, J. G. D.....	\$ 19 40
	14	By cash paid E. B. Neave, Gr. Marshal.....	9 45
	14	By cash paid M. L. Winston, Gr. Chaplain.....	12 00
	14	By cash paid T. J. Reed, Gr. St.....	23 50
	14	By cash paid F. M. Moyc, Grand Master.....	35 00
	14	By cash paid W. W. Willson, Asst. Gr. Sec'y.....	50 00
	14	By cash paid B. W. Hatcher, Gr. Lr.....	16 20
	14	By cash paid W. H. Applewhite, Gr. P.....	6 75
	15	By cash paid Walter E. Moore, Grand Master.....	66 15
	15	By cash paid Grand Masters' Private Sec'y.....	175 00
	15	By cash paid H. I. Clark, G. S. D.....	16 50
	15	By cash paid A. J. Harrell, G. S. B.....	15 35
	16	By cash paid Jerry Petty, Janitor.....	6 00
	16	By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Gr. Tiler.....	44 10
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		Amount carried forward.....	\$ 485 40

1897.	Amount brought forward .....	\$ 485 40
16	By cash paid C. F. Bahnson, G. L. ....	13 00
16	By cash paid B. S. Royster, Gr. J. W. ....	9 00
18	By cash paid Wm. G. Hill Lodge .....	50 00
22	By cash paid Postage .....	10 00
22	By cash paid G. Rosenthal, Treasurer .....	1 500 00
22	By cash paid G. Rosenthal, Treasurer .....	1 000 00
22	By cash paid G. Rosenthal, Treasurer .....	80 00
22	By cash paid G. Rosenthal, Treasurer .....	64 13
29	By cash paid "News and Observer," advertising .....	2 65
Feb'y 8	By cash paid Drewry & Gatling .....	112 50
13	By cash paid John A. Collins, reporter .....	150 00
16	By cash paid Alfred Williams & Co. ....	1 50
27	By cash paid W. H. Gregory, Agt., Insurance .....	180 00
Mch. 10	By cash paid Edwards & Broughton, Printing .....	60 75
April 12	By cash paid Jno. C. Drewry, Gr. Sec'y .....	17 35
12	By cash paid Jno. C. Drewry, Gr. Sec'y, salary .....	700 00
23	By cash paid Drewry & Gatling, Insurance .....	22 50
29	By cash paid Postage .....	10 00
May 27	By cash paid N. C. Home Insurance Co. ....	30 00
29	By cash paid Postage .....	40 00
June 2	By cash paid Express Company .....	56 00
5	By cash paid Mystic Tie Lodge .....	28 20
7	By cash paid Postage .....	10 00
15	By cash paid W. S. Primrose, Agt., Insurance .....	30 00
15	By cash paid G. Rosenthal, Treasurer .....	100 00
18	By cash paid Alfred Williams & Co. ....	1 10
25	By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler .....	14 50
28	By cash paid S. McQueen, Gr. Chaplain .....	7 80
29	By cash paid Walter E. Moore, Grand Master .....	30 00
30	By cash paid W. B. Hatcher, G. L. ....	7 40
July 1	By cash paid Wm. Simpson, Gr. Treas., salary .....	75 00
2	By cash paid Edwards & Broughton .....	3 05
5	By cash paid "Orphans' Friend," printing .....	610 40
10	By cash paid J. F. Griffith .....	8 85
19	By cash paid M. S. Willard .....	17 10
22	By cash paid Francis D. Winston, S. G. D. ....	15 50
Sept, 16	By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Gr. Tiler .....	5 00
25	By cash paid Postage .....	10 00
29	By cash paid Postage .....	20 00
Oct. 8	By cash paid N. C. Home Ins. Co. ....	13 00
Dec. 7	By cash paid Postage .....	10 00
17	By cash paid Postage .....	10 00
20	By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Gr. Librarian .....	50 00
23	By cash paid "Orphans' Friend," printing, etc. ....	337 53
24	By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Gr. Tiler .....	20 05
25	By cash paid W. H. Willson, A. Gr. Sec'y .....	15 55
31	By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Gr. Tiler .....	14 35
1898.		
Jan. 1	By cash paid Wm. Simpson, Gr. Treas., salary .....	75 00
5	By cash paid H. I. Clark, Gr. J. W. ....	41 50
4	By cash paid C. P. Wharton .....	12 50
	Balance on hand .....	2 886 17
		\$ 9 084 33

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## GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

A short outline of the duties performed by me during the past Masonic year, together with the present condition of the various Lodges in the jurisdiction, and other details in connection with my office worthy of mention, are as usual herewith submitted for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

### NEW LODGES.

New Lodges have been established under the dispensation of the Grand Master as follows :

1897.

February 10—*Bugaboo*, at Dimmette, Wilkes county.

March 20—*Homing*, at Candler, Buncombe county.

April 30—*Thos. M. Holt*, at Graham, Alamance county.

May 29—*Lucia*, at Lucia, Gaston county.

July 20—*Mooreville*, at Mooresville, Iredell county.

August 14—*Pilot Mountain*, at Pilot Mountain, Surry county.

September 22—*Rockingham*, at Rockingham, Richmond county.

October 16—*Royal Hart*, at Littleton, Halifax county.

December 23—*John A. Graves*, at Yanceyville, Caswell county.

### LODGES REVIVED.

The charters of the following Lodges have been restored, and they have resumed work :

1897.

February 26—*New Found Lodge*, No. 400, Leicester, Buncombe county.

April 9—*Cary Lodge*, No. 198, Cary, Wake county.

April 29—*Dan River Lodge*, No. 129, Madison, Rockingham county.

May 3—*Warren Lodge*, No. 101, Kenansville, Duplin county.

June 2—*Randolph Lodge*, No. 309, Ophir, Montgomery county.

August 19—*Kinston Lodge*, No. 316, Kinston, Lenoir county.

August 30—*Long Creek Lodge*, No. 205, Bristow, Mecklenburg county.

### LODGES REMOVED.

The following Lodges have by consent of the Grand Master, moved their sites as indicated, viz :

*McCormick Lodge*, No. 228, moved to Broadway.  
*Rundolph Lodge*, No. 309, moved to Troy.  
*Beulah Lodge*, No. 257, moved to Kenly.  
*Lebanon Lodge*, No. 391, moved to Hope Mills.  
*Shawnee Lodge*, No. 382, moved to Sherrill's Ford.

## DUPLICATE CHARTERS.

The following Lodges have by order of the Grand Master had duplicate Charters issued to them, it appearing that the original had been destroyed by fire :

*Liberty Lodge*, No. 45, Wilkesboro.  
*St. Albans Lodge*, No. 114, Lumberton.  
*White Stone Lodge*, No. 155, Wakefield.

## CONTINUED UNDER DISPENSATION.

The following Lodges were continued under dispensation at the last session of the Grand Lodge :

*Linville Lodge*, at Linville, Mitchell county.

## CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

The following Lodges have surrendered their Charters and ceased to work :

*Blowing Rock Lodge*, No. 458, Blowing Rock, N. C.  
*Mount Mourne*, No. 347, Mount Mourne, N. C.  
*Campbell Lodge*, No. 374, Mooresville, N. C.  
*Clinton Lodge*, No. 107, Yanceyville, N. C.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following appointments of Grand Representatives have been made during the year, and they have been commissioned accordingly:

From this Grand Body near other Grand Lodges, Right Worshipful Brother A. Fisher, at La Belle, for Missouri, and Right Worshipful Brother William Crawford, of Medicine Hat, District of Assiniboia, for Manitoba.



## REVENUE.

Receipts to December 1st, from all sources.....	\$4 73 <sup>1</sup> 02
From Lodge dues.....	\$4 399 15
Charter fees, less Grand Secretary's fees.....	133 00
Dispensation fees, less Grand Secretary's fees.....	81 00
Bequest of Mrs. Rebecca Baird.....	98 50
Received from Mt. Mourne Lodge, charter surrendered. }	12 47
Sales of Codes, etc.....	7 00
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	\$4 73 <sup>1</sup> 02
Paid to Wm. Simpson, Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts....	\$4 73 <sup>1</sup> 02

## LIBRARY.

The following report from the Grand Librarian, Brother Robert H. Bradley, shows what has been done in that department during the present year :

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

*John C. Drewry, Esq., Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—I herewith submit my report as Librarian to the Grand Lodge for the past Masonic year.

I have had but few volumes of proceedings bound the past year, as I have been endeavoring to secure some missing numbers of proceedings of different Grand Lodges.

My desire was that I might get all the missing copies possible so that two or more could be bound together to save expense, as I have done heretofore.

Several of the Grand Lodges send us bound copies of their proceedings to exchange with us, and I would respectfully suggest that you have a sufficient number of copies of our proceedings bound to exchange with those Grand Lodges, if not with all, provided this has not been done heretofore.

The following are the Grand Lodges that send us bound copies, viz: Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, Vermont and West Virginia.

I have received no books since my last report other than proceedings of our sister Grand Lodges.

I am waiting patiently and hoping that some enthusiastic brother or brethren will open their hearts, and make some substantial contribution of Masonic literature to the Grand Lodge Library, which would be duly acknowledged and appreciated.

I have had forty-five (45) copies of proceedings of different Grand Lodges bound in fourteen (14) volumes, taken together with exchanges received the past year make the net additions to the Library as follows:

Bound during the year.....	45 copies in 14 volumes
Received during the year.....	17 copies board.
Received during the year.....	65 copies pamphlets.

Total.....127 copies.

I have received exchanges from all the Grand Jurisdictions since I was appointed Librarian except British Columbia, '96, Mississippi '96, Nevada '95, and Virginia '96.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

R. H. BRADLEY,  
*Librarian.*

#### CODE REVISION.

The Committee appointed on Code revision at the session of the Grand Lodge in 1895, and continued at the session of 1896 has labored diligently in regard to this work.

Special mention should be made of my two associate members on the Committee, Brothers W. A. Withers and C. F. Bahnson, both of whom were faithful to their trust, and rendered valuable and patient service. It was an undertaking of no small proportions to revise the Code and get it in such shape as to be most useful to the Craft.

In arranging and revising the Code we have followed, as stated in the preface, as near as possible, the outlines and general forms of the old Code, except where we felt sure that a change was needed. We felt that this conservative course would give more beneficial results than an entire radical revision.

Our desire was to condense and systematize the work as far as we felt justified in doing. We have brought it up to date and made it as complete in form and matter as we could.

The general arrangement of the Code as published in 1875 and again re-published in 1892 has proven satisfactory, so we have preserved the general outlines of the old Code as a testimony of the love which we all have for the memory of Brother Donald W. Bain, and as a fitting mark of our appreciation of the fidelity and zeal which he displayed in originally revising the Code, whose work it was.

While the Code has been thoroughly revised, and all the amendments noted to date, yet it can be used on nearly all occasions jointly with the old one without causing confusion.

This will save considerable expense to the subordinate Lodges by not placing upon them the necessity of providing themselves with new

Codes We believe, however, that the new Code will be found more convenient in form and arrangement, and will be of much assistance to those Lodges securing them.

We had 1500 copies printed, 500 of which we had bound ready for use. The printing was done at the Orphan Asylum at a cost of \$325.53 and is in our opinion a credit to any printing establishment.

This book has been arranged and selected both in manner of style and cost so that it could be disposed of at the same reasonable cost as the old one, which is 50 cents per copy.

The work is presented to this Grand Body with some feeling of pride on the part of the Committee, who trust that it may meet with your entire approval and fully supply the needs of the subordinate lodges. I say that it is presented with some feeling of pride, and I can say advisedly that it is a commendable pride as it is the well spring of a consciousness of duty faithfully performed, for while disclaiming any credit for the humble part which I have taken in the work, I can truly say that my colleagues on the Committee have labored earnestly and given their best thought and attention to it, striving with the true Masonic zeal and brotherly love to attain to the highest possible results for the good of the Order.

#### RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS.

Number of Lodges in the Jurisdiction .....	298	
Number of Lodges that have made returns.....	259	
Number of Master Masons at date of last report.....		10 370
Number initiated .....	651	
Number passed.....	609	
Number raised .....		615
Number admitted.....		215
Number reinstated .....		80
Total.....		11 280
Number suspended.....	50	
Number expelled.....	14	
Number excluded .....	289	
Number withdrawn.....	250	
Number died.....	177	780
Number of Master Masons, October 31, 1897.....		10 500

The above figures are to some extent estimated, as only 259 Lodges out of a total number of 298 had sent in their returns yesterday, January 10th, when this report was closed. This is a decided improvement over former years, but if the Secretaries of the subordinate Lodges

would exercise a little more promptness in sending in their returns, it would facilitate my work very much and would enable me to make a more accurate and full report to the Grand Lodge, one based on actual facts instead of estimated results.

It will be noted that we show a net gain during the year of 130 members, which is in my opinion encouraging when we consider the financial depression that has overshadowed our Jurisdiction during the past Masonic year.

All of which is Fraternally submitted.

JOHN C. DREWRY,  
*Grand Secretary.*

## REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Bro. F. D. Winston, for the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, submitted the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Orphan Asylum :

We are pleased to inform your Grand Body that the controversy over the property in Minneapolis, left the Asylum by the late Mr. James A. Bradley, of Oakland, California, has been settled at last and the funds in the hands of the Receivers have been distributed, thanks to the untiring efforts of Bro. F. H. Busbee, our attorney.

The money due us from this source, amounting to \$552.53, has been used in part payment of attorneys' fees, in addition to which we have paid for the same purpose \$592.00 and owe Bro. Busbee a balance of \$65.06. This settles a most troublesome litigation and our thanks as well as those of the Grand Lodge are due Bro. Busbee, who although he has done the bulk of the work and spent nearly a month in California, has been satisfied with a very reasonable fee. He informs us that we may expect about \$500.00 a year as our share of the rents. As appears from the decree of the court in Minnesota, Davidson College was declared the owner of the property which institution has conveyed one undivided half to Bro. G. Rosenthal as Trustee for the Oxford N. C. Orphan Asylum and the Grand Lodge of N. C.

The Orphan Asylum having in the mean time been incorporated, we have requested Bro. Rosenthal to convey title to it, and this will be done as soon as Bro. Busbee can draw the necessary papers for the transfer.

You will remember that we purchased a wood-working shop for the sum of \$3,800.00, paying \$1,000 cash and agreed to pay the balance in one, two and three years with interest at six per cent per annum.

We have paid the first note amounting with interest to one thousand and seventy-four (\$1,074.00) dollars and now owe \$1,800 and interest, of which one thousand dollars and interest for two years will be due in the spring. The boys—five in number—detailed for work in the shop, are doing well and the foreman is satisfied with their progress; additional boys will be put to work when necessary.

The cottages and hall have been completed at a cost of \$21,963.13, and we have on hand materials costing \$835.00 which can be utilized in the future.

The Directors earnestly hope that the improvements begun through the liberality of our co-director Mr. B. N. Duke, and carried forward by your Grand Body, may be brought to a successful conclusion by the erection of additional buildings as planned originally, and we congratulate the Grand Lodge that it is able to hold this annual meeting in its own hall, located at its own institution, giving you an opportunity to examine in detail the work you are accomplishing for the orphans of the State.

We recommend that you appropriate three thousand dollars for the support of the Asylum for the current year.

In conclusion we beg to submit the able and concise report of the Superintendent which shows in detail the work of the institution for the past year. The report gives us great pleasure and we congratulate you that your institution is presided over by officers so capable and efficient.

Fraternally submitted,  
(Signed) R. J. NOBLE, D. G. M.  
and President of Board.  
T. A. GREEN,  
J. M. CURRIN,  
B. N. DUKE,  
N. B. BROUGHTON,  
J. S. CARR,  
J. N. RAMSAY,  
C. W. TOMS,  
G. ROSENTHAL,  
*Directors.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Bro. F. D. Winston, for the Treasurer of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, submitted his report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Orphan Asylum :

*To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

I beg to present herewith my report as Treasurer of the Oxford Orphan Asylum for the fiscal year ending November 30th, 1897. In spite of the hard times and gloomy aspect of affairs we are able to enter the coming year with a small balance in our favor, having been compelled however to borrow \$2,500.00 from the Bank of Granville, which debt remains unpaid.

The money thus borrowed was used to finish the new buildings, which on account of several changes and improvements cost rather more than was at first estimated.

## BUILDING FUND.

Dec. 1st, 1897, balance on hand.....	\$	828 97
Receipts to November 30th, 1897.....		4,958 81
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		\$5,787 52
Disbursements for same period.....	\$	5,787 52

I append an itemized statement of both receipts and disbursements for your information.

## GENERAL FUND.

Dec. 1st, 1896, balance on hand.....	\$	1,001 95
Receipts as per statement herewith Dec. 1, '96 to Nov. 30, '97.....		23,087 68
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	\$	24,089 63
Disbursements as per statement herewith.....	\$	23,096 40
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Balance .....	\$	993 23
Less two checks in favor of Edwards & Winston not presented at the Bank.....	\$	600 00
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Dec. 1, 1897, actual amount on hand.....	\$	393 23

At the June meeting of the Board of Directors, I was instructed to discontinue the Building Account, and let all receipts and disbursements appear on one account. The reason for this action was that the receipts of the Building Fund had dwindled down to next to nothing and it was thought useless to continue the account any longer.

Fraternally,

G. ROSENTHAL,

*Treasurer.*



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 RECEIPTS OF BUILDING FUND FROM DEC. 1896, TO NOV. 30, 1897.

1896.		
December	1 Balance on hand.....	\$ 828 71
"	12 C. D. McIver.....	\$ 5 00
"	19 Biltmore Lodge, No. 446.....	25 00
"	23 W. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218.....	62 25
"	23 Widow's Son Lodge, No. 75.....	10 00
"	26 W. S. Liddell.....	100 00
"	26 University Lodge, No. 408.....	30 00
"	26 From shop work.....	34 60
"	26 Sale of Lime.....	26 25
1897.		
January	22 Grand Lodge of N. C.....	1,000 00
"	22 Insurance premium refunded by the Grand Lodge.....	64 13
"	2 Rebate on railroad freight.....	16 52
"	4 J. M. Brookshire.....	10 00
"	5 W. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218.....	37 75
"	6 Falling Creek Lodge, No. 325.....	3 00
"	7 W. S. Liddell.....	200 00
"	11 Blackmer Lodge, No. 170.....	5 25
"	14 Durham Lodge, No. 352.....	30 00
"	14 Lenoir Lodge, No. 233.....	25 00
"	14 Stokes Lodge, No. 232.....	25 00
"	14 Mayon Lodge, No. 360.....	5 00
"	14 Unanimity Lodge, No. 7.....	12 50
"	14 Jones W. Shuford.....	25 00
"	14 R. J. Noble.....	20 00
"	14 A. M. Noble, Jr.....	2 50
"	14 R. P. Noble.....	2 50
"	14 B. W. Hatcher.....	5 00
"	14 W. T. Calio.....	5 00
"	14 M. C. S. Noble.....	10 00
"	14 W. S. Liddell.....	29 25
"	19 Mt. Energy Lodge, No. 140.....	50 00
"	23 J. J. Barrow.....	5 00
"	23 Lillington Lodge, No. 302.....	4 00
"	23 George H. Riggs.....	5 00
"	30 Shop work.....	13 42
February	8 G. A. Grimsley.....	5 00
"	17 R. J. Reynolds.....	333 33
"	27 Shop work.....	9 55
"	27 Sale of Brick.....	2 50
April	12 Borrowed from General Fund.....	2,000 00
May	5 Borrowed of Bank of Granville.....	2,500 00
"	13 Eagle Lodge, No. 71.....	25 00
"	27 Air Line Lodge, No. 369.....	9 50
July	3 Transfer from General account.....	170 01
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		\$ 7,787 52
Less amount from Building Fund.....		2,000 00
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Total receipts.....		\$ 5,787 52

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 RECEIPTS OF GENERAL FUND FROM DECEMBER 1ST, 1896, TO  
 NOVEMBER 30TH, 1897.

1896.

December 1 Balance on hand..... \$ 1,001 95

*December 1896.*

Concord Lodge, No. 58.....	\$ 10 00
Widow's Son Lodge, No. 75.....	2 00
Fulton Lodge, No. 99.....	50 00
Columbia Lodge, No. 102.....	5 00
Franklin Lodge, No. 109.....	5 00
Hanks Lodge, No. 128.....	15 00
Blackmer Lodge, No. 170.....	18 13
Cleveland Lodge, No. 202.....	25 00
Corinthian Lodge, No. 230.....	25 00
Cokesbury Lodge, No. 235.....	5 00
Hibriten Lodge, No. 262.....	10 00
Farmington Lodge, No. 265.....	1 00
Dunn's Creek Lodge, No. 267.....	3 00
Flat Creek Lodge, No. 285.....	2 00
Laurinburg Lodge, No. 305.....	15 00
Hickory Lodge, No. 343.....	5 00
Dellaplane Lodge, No. 355.....	5 00
Craighead Lodge, No. 366.....	10 00
Bethel Lodge, No. 372.....	11 00
Conoho Lodge, No. 399.....	13 80
Farmer Lodge, No. 404.....	3 00
University Lodge, No. 408.....	9 23
Maxton Lodge, No. 417.....	3 10
Baltimore Lodge, No. 424.....	5 00
Waxhaw Lodge, No. 442.....	5 00
Matthews Lodge, No. 461.....	7 00
Gulf Lodge, No. 465.....	10 00
Lexington Lodge, No. 473.....	7 75
St. Paul's Lodge, No. 474.....	5 00
Rainbow Lodge, No. 479.....	1 00
Hiram Lodge, No. 40.....	} 53 75
Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218.....	
Asheville Chapter, No. 25.....	30 00
Miss Ida Marriott, Rocky Mount.....	2 30
Dr. W. R. Stephen, Seaboard.....	2 50

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 Amount forwarded.....\$ 380 56 \$ 1,001 95

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Amount brought forward .....	\$	380 56	\$ 1,001 95
F. M. Reese, Seaboard.....		1 00	
J. G. L. Crocker, Seaboard .....		1 00	
W. T. Gray, Seaboard.....		25	
R. W. Edwards, Seaboard.....		25	
R. R. Pinkston, Henderson.....		4 00	
J. R. Smith & Bro., Aylen .....		5 10	
D. Y. Cooper, Henderson.....		10 00	
Mrs. Henry Weil, Goldsboro.....		25 00	
Miss M. F. Debnam, Greensboro.....		1 00	
Mrs. R. R. Bridgers, Wilmington .....		5 00	
P. L. Bridgers, Wilmington .....		5 00	
M. Rathgen, Wilmington.....		1 00	
W. M. Bond, Edenton.....		6 00	
Melville Dorsey, Henderson.....		5 00	
Rev. J. R. Dozier, Dozier.....		1 00	
Mr. Johnson.....		50	
Paul J. Wells, Columbia, S. C.....		4 00	
W. C. Kendall, Norwood.....		2 75	
J. B. Flora, Elizabeth City.....		25 00	
Rev. L. O. Wyche.....		1 00	
Sheriff Hargett, Jacksonville.....		3 00	
Rev. W. C. Norman, Raleigh.....		25	
Rev. F. B. McCall.....		25	
J. W. Sheppard, Polloksville.....		1 00	
Col. W. J. Hicks, Raleigh.....		5 00	
B. J. Wood, Roper.....		1 25	
J. M. McMurray, Roanoke Rapids.....		1 00	
Jno. K. Hughes, Sheriff, Hillsboro.....		71 00	
Pruden Vann & Pruden, Edenton.....		2 00	
Friend .....		25	
Mrs. E. M. Short, Washington .....		2 00	
John Pearce, Polloksville.....		10 00	
J. M. Currin, Oxford.....		2 00	
Dr. E. C. White, Oxford.....		2 00	
B. S. Royster, Oxford.....		1 00	
Christian Church, Kinston.....		2 68	
Christian Church, Newbern.....		5 00	
Union services, Raleigh.....		19 25	
Union services, Saxapahaw .....		3 28	
Union services, Murfreesboro.....		6 45	
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Amount forwarded.....	\$	623 07	\$ 1,001 95

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 623 07	\$ 1,001 95
Union services, Wake county.....	3 51	
Union services, Windsor.....	10 40	
Christian Endeavor, Kinston.....	2 55	
Citizens, Wilson.....	43 00	
Citizens, Goldsboro.....	49 00	
Citizens, Kinston.....	19 39	
H. M. Norths school children, Candor.....	1 00	
Snow Hill Academy.....	2 85	
Ashland school, Ashland.....	50	
Bright Jewels, Trenton.....	3 90	
Young people, Trenton.....	7 10	
Oak Ridge Institute S. S. Oak Ridge.....	6 00	
Meadow Branch S. S.....	1 25	
Manly Sunday School.....	5 00	
Fife meeting, Henderson.....	42 60	
Hay Street Methodist church, Fayetteville.....	22 00	
Fremont Methodist church.....	7 00	
Laurinburg Methodist church.....	16 05	
Centenary Methodist church, Newbern.....	36 20	
Aberdeen Methodist church.....	18 05	
Hillsboro Methodist church.....	5 58	
Main Street Methodist church, Durham.....	390 36	
Trinity Methodist church, Durham.....	34 83	
Carr church, East Durham.....	2 00	
Grace church, Wilmington.....	16 91	
St. Pauls church, Goldsboro.....	43 75	
St. Johns church, Goldsboro.....	5 00	
Plymouth Methodist church.....	3 78	
Sanford Methodist church.....	6 60	
Enfield Methodist church.....	5 28	
Littleton Methodist church.....	17 06	
Siler City Methodist church.....	6 06	
Lumberton Methodist church.....	36 56	
Wilson Methodist church.....	20 00	
Selma Methodist church.....	10 50	
South Camden Methodist church.....	4 28	
Pantego Methodist church.....	1 71	
Rocky Mount Methodist church.....	10 00	
Gibson Station Methodist church.....	8 00	
Blacks Chapel Methodist church.....	1 00	
Henderson Methodist church.....	11 07	
Amount forwarded.....	\$ 1,560 75	\$ 1,001 95

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Amount brought forward.....	\$ 1,560 75	\$ 1,001 95
Ridgeway Methodist church.....	6 50	
Gates Methodist church.....	6 25	
Elizabeth City Methodist church.....	10 00	
Louisburg Methodist church.....	15 11	
Jacksonville Methodist church.....	2 70	
Cary Methodist church.....	20 40	
Kenly Methodist church.....	1 75	
Roseville Methodist church.....	3 56	
Burlington Methodist church.....	7 00	
Lillington Methodist church.....	3 30	
Haw River Methodist church.....	11 25	
Williamston and Hamilton Methodist church.....	4 25	
Mattamuskeet Methodist church.....	6 07	
Greenville Methodist church.....	23 50	
Grimesland Methodist church.....	50	
Perquimans Methodist church.....	4 00	
Columbia Methodist church.....	3 00	
Vanceboro Methodist church.....	2 75	
Whiteville Methodist church.....	3 00	
Fairfield Methodist church.....	8 00	
Pittsboro Methodist church.....	7 00	
Aurora Methodist church.....	3 35	
Newton Grove Methodist church.....	3 38	
Leasburg Methodist church.....	6 90	
Battleboro Methodist church.....	3 50	
Southport Methodist church.....	6 80	
Chapel Hill Methodist church.....	5 05	
Clayton Methodist church.....	3 00	
Snow Hill Methodist church.....	4 71	
Bladen Methodist church.....	2 27	
Tar River Methodist church.....	6 00	
Washington Methodist church.....	10 70	
Maxton Methodist church.....	12 25	
Roanoke Island Methodist church.....	5 00	
Roper Methodist church.....	10 00	
Spring Hope Methodist church.....	2 00	
Deep River Methodist church.....	3 00	
Buckhorn Methodist church.....	2 64	
Rockingham Methodist church.....	4 00	
Hertford Methodist church.....	8 00	
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Amount forwarded.....	\$ 1,813 19	\$ 1,001 95

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Amount brought forward.....	\$ 1,813 19	\$ 1,001 95
Lagrange Methodist church.....	12 36	
Kinston Methodist church.....	3 51	
Elizabeth Methodist church.....	4 76	
Beaufort Methodist church.....	8 34	
Onslow Methodist church.....	12 00	
Clinton Methodist church.....	4 00	
Franklinton Methodist church.....	22 00	
Northampton Methodist church.....	4 00	
Edenton Methodist church.....	10 00	
Burlington Methodist church.....	2 15	
Roxboro Methodist church.....	20 00	
Oxford Methodist church.....	3 07	
Dunn Methodist church.....	4 54	
Madison Methodist church.....	4 25	
Statesville Methodist church.....	8 31	
Caldwell Methodist church.....	2 36	
Albemarle Methodist church.....	3 30	
Mt. Airy Methodist church.....	8 00	
Walnut Cove Methodist church.....	82	
Monroe Methodist church.....	22 00	
West Market Methodist church, Greensboro.....	16 80	
Centenary Methodist church, Greensboro.....	5 00	
Trinity Methodist church, Charlotte.....	12 11	
Davidson Methodist church.....	25 45	
Newton Methodist church.....	5 60	
Wentworth Methodist church.....	75	
Forest Hill Methodist church, Concord.....	15 85	
Salisbury Methodist church.....	11 00	
Stanly Methodist church.....	2 40	
Lexington Methodist church.....	8 45	
Concord Methodist church.....	12 00	
Rutherfordton Methodist church.....	3 00	
Mills River Methodist church.....	2 00	
Hickory Methodist church.....	2 00	
Danbury Methodist church.....	6 00	
Greensboro circuit.....	4 75	
Chrysanthemum Show, Wilmington.....	151 98	
Thanksgiving party, Hookerton.....	50 08	
Friend, Elkin.....	2 90	
Amount forwarded.....	\$ 2,311 08	\$ 1,001 95

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Amount brought forward.....	\$ 2,311 08	\$ 1,001 95
Friend, Murphy.....	12 45	
Friend, Seaboard.....	5 00	
Friend, Jacksonville.....	1 55	
Friend, Grimesland.....	9 00	
Subscriptions to the <i>Orphans' Friend</i> .....	189 01	
Job work.....	3 75	
Sale of brooms.....	18 00	
Sale of wood.....	3 00	
Board.....	9 00	
		2,561 84

## January, 1897.

State of North Carolina.....	2,500 00	
Grand Lodge of N. C., balance for 1896.....	500 00	
Grand Lodge of N. C., appropriation 1897.....	1,500 00	
Interest 1896 on B. F. Moore legacy.....	80 00	
Collection in Grand Lodge.....	61 72	
		\$ 4,641 72
Joseph Warren Lodge, No 92.....	3 70	
Atlantic Lodge, No. 238.....	10 00	
Hatcher Lodge, No. 310.....	1 00	
Durham Lodge, No. 352.....	4 31	
Mayon Lodge, No. 360.....	5 00	
Oxford Lodge, No. 396.....	1 27	
New Hope Lodge, No. 415.....	5 00	
Biltmore Lodge, No. 446.....	1 10	
Ashler Lodge, No. 451.....	2 55	
Millington Lodge, No. 468.....	2 75	
Grassy Knob Lodge, No. 471.....	5 00	
J. C. Chase, Wilmington.....	5 00	
Friends.....	5 39	
Salem Methodist church.....	2 75	
Mount Gilead Methodist church.....	4 17	
Warren Plains Methodist church.....	5 00	
Warrenton Methodist Sunday School.....	13 00	
Tarboro Methodist church.....	7 50	
Leaksville Methodist church.....	3 00	
Wilkesboro Methodist church.....	2 00	
Grafton Methodist church.....	3 25	
Morganton Methodist church.....	12 00	
Sale of old clothes.....	25	
Board &c.....	24 80	
Subscription to the <i>Orphans' Friend</i> .....	81 61	
Amount forwarded.....	\$ 211 40	\$ 8,205 51

Amount brought forward.....	\$	211 40	\$ 8,205 51
Job work.....		44 75	
Advertisements.....		10 00	
Shoe Shop—custom work.....		33 00	
Sale of brooms.....		13 10	
Sale of wood to employees.....		1 00	
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	\$	313 25	
Less amount from Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, put to General Fund in Dec. which they wanted changed to Building Fund.....		5 25	
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	\$		308 00

*February, 1897.*

Greenville Lodge, No. 284.....		4 75	
Atlantic Lodge, No. 294.....		3 00	
Wentworth Lodge, No. 324.....		6 00	
Bula Lodge, No. 409.....		2 11	
Oconee Lodge, No. 427.....		10 00	
T. A. Crocker.....		2 00	
G. H. A. Lilly, Allenton Ferry.....		1 45	
Church Street Methodist church, Charlotte.....		1 08	
Subscriptions to the <i>Orphans' Friend</i> .....	100	43	
Job work.....		1 55	
Advertisements.....		2 22	
Shoe Shop—custom work.....		36 45	
Wood sold employees.....		50	
Medicine sold employees.....		2 55	
Board.....		10 60	
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	\$		184 69

*March, 1897.*

Phoenix Lodge, No. 8.....	\$	5 00	
Roanoke Lodge, No. 203.....		3 00	
Henderson Lodge, No. 229.....		20 00	
Clay Lodge, No. 301.....		5 00	
Hatcher Lodge, No. 310.....		2 00	
King Solomon Lodge, No. 313.....		4 38	
Rainbow Lodge, No. 479.....		1 00	
Spring Hope Lodge, No. 481.....		2 55	
Saluda Lodge, No. 482.....		1 04	
Friend, Newton Grove.....		1 50	
J. F. Edwards, Oxford.....		1 00	
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Amount forwarded.....	\$	46 47	\$ 8,698 20

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Amount brought forward.....	\$	46 47	\$ 8,698 20
Dr. T. L. Booth, Oxford.....		1 00	
Bank of Granville, Oxford.....		1 00	
Friends, Kinston.....		1 25	
W. H. Gregory, Stovall.....		27 00	
Subscriptions to the <i>Orphans' Friend</i> .....		286 13	
Job work.....		49 00	
Advertisements .....		38 50	
Shoe shop—custom work.....		16 00	
Sale of wood to hands.....		2 00	
Sale of Vegetables.....		3 80	
Sale of brooms.....		30	
Sale of bread.....		10	
Sale of old clothing.....		65	
Shop work.....		28 04	
		—————	\$ 501 24

*April, 1897.*

State of North Carolina.....			2,500 00
Lily Valley Lodge, No. 252.....		10 00	
Salem Lodge, No. 289 .....		12 94	
Bayboro Lodge, No. 331.....		2 71	
Bula Lodge, No. 409.....		1 00	
Sale of vegetables.....		5 04	
Board and bread.....		21 30	
Subscriptions to the <i>Orphans' Friend</i> .....		157 66	
Advertisements .....		35 75	
Job work.....		8 25	
Old press.....		15 00	
Shoe Shop—custom work.....		17 30	
Sale of brooms.....		15 90	
Shop work.....		44 01	
		—————	\$ 346 86

*May, 1897.*

Repaid by building fund .....			2,000 00
Perquimans Lodge, No. 106.....		2 00	
Temperance Lodge, No. 389.....		2 00	
Biltmore Lodge, No. 446.....		1 65	
Enfield Lodge, No. 447.....		5 00	
Bequest, J. B. Siddle, Yanceyville.....		124 00	
Dr. W. S. Black, Littleton.....		6 00	
Mrs. L. C. Wheeler, High Point.....		2 00	
R. R. Pinkston, Henderson.....		50	
Friend .....		2 00	

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Amount forwarded.....\$ 145 15\$ 14,046 30

Brought forward.....	\$	145	15	\$1,404	30
Reidsville Methodist church.....		2	15		
Subscriptions to the <i>Orphans' Friend</i> .....		128	54		
Advertisements .....		10	00		
Job work.....		1	25		
Sale of paper.....		4	00		
Shop work.....		136	66		
Shoe Shop—custom work.....		19	10		
Vegetables sold.....			85		
Sale of clothing.....			75		
				\$	448 45

June, 1897.

Miss Baird's legacy.....				100	00
Greensboro Lodge, No. 76.....		4	00		
Orr Lodge, No. 104.....		3	75		
Catawba Valley Lodge, No. 217.....		12	50		
Harmony Lodge, No. 340.....		10	00		
Roper Lodge, No. 443.....		1	25		
Polento Lodge, No. 450.....		5	00		
Henry Dunn, Kinston.....		5	00		
Thos. S. Kenan, Raleigh.....		5	00		
Mattie Peden, Oxford.....		1	00		
Friend, through Miss Debnam.....			25		
W. E. Moore, Webster.....		1	00		
O. W. Carr, Greensboro.....		2	16		
Jno. Pearce, Pollocksville.....		4	00		
Friend, Baltimore.....		1	00		
Methodist church, Trinity, by O. W. Carr.....		2	84		
Willing Workers, Williamston.....		2	50		
Subscriptions to <i>Orphans' Friend</i> .....		179	42		
Job work.....		41	00		
Board and provision sold.....		29	47		
Freight refunded.....		9	66		
N. M. Lawrence, goods from Andrews.....		6	35		
Shoe Shop—custom work.....		28	80		
Sale of vegetables.....		2	70		
Shop work.....		4	82		
Sales lemonade &c., June 24th, net.....		77	14		
				\$	440 61

July, 1897.

State of North Carolina.....	2,500	00		
Refunded by Treasurer.....		2	80	
				2,502 80
St. John's Lodge, No. 3.....	9	30		
Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92.....	2	05		
Amount forwarded.....	\$	11	35	\$17,538 16

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Brought forward.....	\$	11 35	\$17,538 16
Rountree Lodge, No. 243.....		2 35	
Hickory Lodge, No. 343.....		3 00	
Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 441.....		1 00	
Roper Lodge, No. 443.....		25 00	
Biltmore Lodge, No. 446.....		1 10	
Scotland Neck Lodge, No. 470.....		23 82	
Grimesland Lodge, No. 475.....		15 66	
Rainbow Lodge, No. 479.....		1 30	
J. A. Waller, Knap of Reeds.....		5 00	
American, Baltimore, Md.....		2 00	
Rev. C. W. Byrd.....		3 00	
D. W. Byerly, Charlotte.....		4 00	
Subscriptions to <i>Orphans' Friend</i> .....		151 62	
Advertisements .....		106 00	
Job work.....		667 33	
Board, &c.,.....		13 21	
Shoe Shop—custom work.....		40 60	
General account, N. M. L.....		16 65	
Shop work.....		97 46	
Laundry work.....		16 27	
Sale of bricks.....		6 17	
Singing class, weeks tour.....		150 10	
Sale of wood.....		50	
		—————	\$ 1,364 49

*August, 1897.*

Franklin Lodge, No. 109.....		1 45	
Junaluskee Lodge, No. 145.....		3 60	
Winston Lodge, No. 167.....		57 00	
Salem Lodge, No. 289.....		45 85	
Stonewall Lodge, No. 296.....		2 00	
Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 359.....		2 25	
Biltmore Lodge, No. 446.....		1 25	
Ingold Lodge, No. 448.....		5 00	
H. A. Nicholson, Hassell.....		1 00	
American, Baltimore, Md.,.....		1 00	
Methodist Sunday School, Harrelsville.....		2 05	
Subscriptions to <i>Orphans' Friend</i> .....		68 94	
Job work.....		32 50	
Advertisements .....		11 61	
Board &c.,.....		11 00	
Shoe Shop—custom work.....		9 35	
Amount forwarded.....	\$	255 85	\$18,902 65

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Brought forward.....	\$ 255 85	\$18,902 65
Sale of brooms.....	25	
Sale of bricks.....	98 60	
Shop work.....	33 51	
Singing class.....	511 37	
	<hr/>	\$ 899 58

*September, 1897.*

Refunded for bill of goods W. H. & R. S. Tucker & Co.,.....		48 91
Hall Lodge, No. 53.....	5 00	
Perquimans Lodge, No. 106.....	2 00	
Roanoke Lodge, No. 203.....	8 28	
Bula Lodge, No. 409.....	2 37	
Biltmore Lodge, No. 446.....	2 00	
South Fork Lodge, No. 462.....	3 00	
Masonic picnic, Rich Square.....	18 50	
R. F. Joyce, Mt. Airy.....	1 00	
Friend, Baltimore, Md.....	1 00	
Friend, on Railroad.....	5 00	
Methodist Sunday School, Roxboro.....	1 25	
Methodist church, Affinity.....	2 25	
H. H. Eatman, Oxford.....	1 00	
R. J. Reynolds, Winston.....	333 34	
Unanimity Lodge, No. 7.....	12 50	
Subscriptions to <i>Orphans' Friend</i> .....	127 81	
Advertisements.....	71 00	
Job work.....	277 27	
Sale of paper.....	1 60	
Shops—receipts from work.....	302 22	
Shops—freight refunded.....	15 80	
Sale of bricks.....	119 85	
Shoe Shop—custom work.....	40 85	
Board and sale of provisions.....	22 75	
Sale of brooms.....	18 40	
Post Office key.....	10	
Receipts from singing class.....	112 21	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,508 35

*October, 1897.*

State of North Carolina.....		2,500 00
Charity Lodge, No. 5.....	5 00	
Perquimans Lodge, No. 106.....	5 00	
Green Level Lodge, No. 177.....	1 50	
Amount forwarded.....	\$ 11 50	\$23,859 49



Brought forward .....	\$	11 50	\$23,859 49
Pamlico Lodge, No. 300 .....		2 50	
Hickory Lodge, No. 343 .....		5 00	
Fallston Lodge, No. 356 .....		10 00	
Coharrie Lodge, No. 379 .....		75	
Roper Lodge, No. 443 .....		2 00	
Biltmore Lodge, No. 446 .....		2 00	
Saluda Lodge, No. 482 .....		1 75	
Rich Square picnic, Rich Square .....		20 00	
G. A. Philips, Washington, N. C. ....		25 00	
B. N. Duke, Durham .....		100 00	
E. N. Howard, Mechanic .....		2 00	
Subscriptions to <i>Orphans' Friend</i> .....		83 91	
Advertisements .....		43 00	
Job work .....		14 02	
Balance on old press .....		10 00	
Shops— custom work .....		133 88	
Board &c. ....		10 05	
Shoe Shop—custom work .....		19 45	
Sale of clothing .....		10 33	
Sale of brick .....		7 80	
Receipts from singing class .....		66 08	
	—	\$	581 02

## November, 1897.

Phoenix Lodge, No. 8 .....		16 00	
Concord Lodge, No. 58 .....		4 35	
Widows Son Lodge, No. 75 .....		10 00	
Hiram Lodge, No. 98 .....		5 00	
Franklin Lodge, No. 109 .....		2 05	
Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 117 .....		35 00	
Hanks Lodge, No. 128 .....		10 00	
Buffalo Lodge, No. 172 .....		5 00	
Cleveland Lodge, No. 202 .....		25 00	
Ashpole Lodge, No. 335 .....		16 00	
Biltmore Lodge, No. 446 .....		6 35	
South Fork Lodge, No. 462 .....		2 00	
Lexington Lodge, No. 473 .....		5 00	
Mr. Rogers .....		1 55	
Mrs. Stilley, Aurora .....		2 00	
Mrs. Benton, Kinston .....		2 00	
G. H. A. Lilly, Allenton Ferry .....		1 00	
R. R. Pinkston, Henderson .....		5 00	
Amount forwarded .....	\$	153 30	\$24,440 51

Brought forward.....	\$	153	30	\$24,440	51
J. G. Cooley, Sandersville, Ga.....		1	50		
John A. Karr, Wilmington.....		4	00		
J. B. Fonvielle, Goldsboro.....		5	00		
W. L. London, Pittsboro.....		5	00		
J- A. Waller, Knapp of Reeds.....		5	00		
W. D. Pruden, Edenton.....		2	00		
J. S. Brown, Oxford.....		5	00		
J. S. Carr, Durham.....		100	00		
Kings Daughters, Woodland.....		5	00		
Masons and friends, Lexington.....		17	30		
C. C. College, Ayden.....		4	00		
State Hospital, Dr. P. L. Murphy, Morganton.....		6	00		
Knights of Pythias, Laurinburg.....		6	45		
Neuse Lodge, I. O. O. F., Goldsboro.....		10	00		
I. H. N., Rocky Mount.....		50			
Chrysanthemum Show, Wilmington.....		142	73		
Madison Methodist church.....		10	00		
Greensboro Methodist church.....		16	23		
Waynesville Methodist church.....		1	26		
Pineville Methodist church.....		2	85		
Other Methodist churches.....		4	41		
Weaverville Methodist church.....		4	80		
Webster Methodist church.....		3	05		
Mt. Airy Sunday School.....		5	10		
Enfield Methodist church.....		5	88		
Greenville Methodist church.....		30	00		
Littleton Methodist church.....		11	88		
Laurinburg Methodist church.....		14	15		
Roxboro Methodist church.....		23	25		
Rockingham Methodist church.....		2	66		
Wilson Methodist church.....		25	04		
Trinity Methodist church, Durham.....		32	71		
Main Street Methodist church, Durham.....		632	61		
Subscriptions to <i>Orphans' Friend</i> .....		150	33		
Job work.....		5	00		
Advertisements.....		1	50		
Sale of bricks.....		22	45		
Board.....		20	00		
Shoe Shop—custom work.....		69	10		
Sale of pigs, wood and sundries.....		8	25		
Ticket paid back.....		2	50		
Shops—cash received for work.....		70	68		
Sale of old clothing.....		75			
	\$			1,649	22
				26,089	73
Less repaid by building fund.....				2,000	00
				\$24,089	73

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Bro. N. M. Lawrence, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, submitted his report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Orphan Asylum :

*To the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum :*

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith respectfully submit a report in detail of the operations of the Oxford Orphan Asylum for the year ending November 30th, 1897.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT—Receipts and Expenditures.

#### CLOTHING ACCOUNT.

Cost of clothing.....	\$ 1,232 90	
Salary of Matrons.....	412 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,645 40
Less, old clothing sold.....		12 73
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		\$ 1,632 67

#### SHOE SHOP ACCOUNT.

Cost of material.....	\$ 413 40	
Salary of manager.....	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 663 40
Less amount received for work....		330 00
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		\$ 333 40

#### PROVISION ACCOUNT.

Cost of supplies.....	\$ 3,489 77	
Salary of matrons and baker.....	559 58	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,049 35
Less provisions sold—bread, etc..		259 08
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		\$ 3,790 27

#### FARM ACCOUNT.

Cost of labor, seeds, etc.....	\$ 1,563 49	
Salary of manager.....	480 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,043 49
Less products sold.....		20 64
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		\$ 2,022 85

#### GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Cost of supplies.....	\$ 1,292 50	
Salary of superintendent, clerk, etc.....	1,831 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,123 50
Less sundries sold.....		25 60
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		\$ 3,097 90
Amount forwarded.....		<hr/>
		\$ 10,877 09

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Amount brought forward..... \$10,877 09

## WOOD AND COAL ACCOUNT.

Cost of wood and coal.....\$ 924 55  
 Less amount sold employees..... 7 00  
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 \$ 917 55

## LAUNDRY ACCOUNT.

Cost of running.....\$ 214 47  
 Less washing done..... 16 27  
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 \$ 198 20

## HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.

Cost of medicine and doctor's salary.....\$ 487 17  
 Salary of matron..... 205 33  
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 \$ 692 50  
 Less sale of drugs..... 2 55  
 -----  
 \$ 689 95  
 Total .....  
 \$12,682 79  
 Cost of clothing, feeding and keeping an  
 average of 210 children 12 months  
 per capita.....\$ 60 39

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Cost of books S. S. Literature, &c.....\$ 116 16  
 Salaries of 8 teachers..... 2,305 00  
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 \$ 2,421 16  
 Less earnings of the singing class ..... 839 76  
 -----  
 \$ 1,581 40  
 Total .....  
 \$14,264 19  
 Cost of educating 210 children twelve  
 months per capita.....\$ 7 53  
 Total cost of maintaining and school-  
 ing, per capita.....\$ 67 92

## PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

Cost of material, &c.....\$ 1,352 22  
 Salaries.....\$ 1,020 00  
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 \$ 2,372 22  
 Less cash earnings..... 3,211 26  
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 \$ 867 08  
 Profit .....  
 \$ 354 78  
 Repairs and improvements.....  
 Amount forwarded.....  
 \$14,618 97

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Amount brought forward.....	\$ 14,618 97
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## SHOP ACCOUNT.

Cost of material, labor, &c.....	\$ 1,437 95	
Salary of manager five months.....	375 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 1,812 95
Less cash earnings.....		867 08
		<u>          </u> \$ 945 87

## BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Cost of completing buildings.....	\$ 1,131 76	
Less sale of brick, &c.....	254 87	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 876 89

## BROOM ACCOUNT.

Broom account.....	\$ 2 12	
Sale of brooms.....	65 95	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 63 93
Balance .....		\$ 134 58
Christmas.....		<u>          </u>
		\$16,576 31
Less profits as shown above.....		902 87
		<u>          </u>
		\$15,673 44
Total amount expended as per drafts on G. Rosenthal, Treasurer.....		\$ 21,586 23

*Statement.*

Cost of maintenance and education .....	\$ 14,264 19	
Other expenses .....	1,407 70	
Repairs and improvements.....	2,323 26	
Cash in bank.....	393 23	
Uncollected accounts.....	918 35	
Clothing account. Material on hand....	110 00	
Shoe shop. Shoes and material on hand	130 00	
Provisions on hand.....	355 00	
General account. Chairs, crockery, &c	235 00	
Wood and coal on hand.....	590 00	
Printing account. Material on hand....	244 50	
Shop account. Material on hand.....	175 00	
Farm acct. Corn, hay, &c., on hand....	440 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 21,586 23

*Cash Received.*

Asylum earnings.....	\$ 5,912 79	
Masonic Lodges.....	971 20	
Churches, individuals, etc .....	3,910 36	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 10,794 35
Deposited in bank to credit of		
G. Rosenthal.....		\$ 10,794 35

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Number of children on roll last report.....	211
Received during the year—girls 24, boys 25.....	49
Readmitted, girls.....	2
<div style="text-align: right;">Total.....</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">262</div>
Discharged.....	48
Died.....	2
	— 50
Total now in Asylum, 111 girls and 101 boys.....	212
Of those discharged—	
17 had homes secured for them,	
23 went home to their parents,	
2 ran away,	
2 expelled,	
4 sent to Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro.	
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48	
2 died.	
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50	

65 of the 96 counties in the State were represented in the Asylum during the year.

The year has been one of decided progress. On June 14th the boys were moved into the new buildings and all the children are now under the direct supervision of the Superintendent. All the teachers and Matrons are brought into direct personal contact with each other and the work, and the effect upon the conduct and discipline of the children has been marked and the result exceedingly gratifying.

The boys are now much more comfortably provided for than the girls, having the advantage of home life which they have never had before, so needful and helpful in an Institution of this kind and which cannot be had to the same extent in a large building where there are so many children together.

The arrangements of our new kitchen, dining-rooms and bake-room are simply admirable. One matron supervises the entire work. The children's dining-rooms are furnished with substantial ironstone ware, not easily broken. The children are better fed than ever before, there is less waste and the cost is less than last year.

Notwithstanding the hard times the donations in cash have been larger than last year, but the donations in clothing, etc., have been exceedingly small, almost nothing. The gross earnings of the Asylum are larger by over 50 per cent. than last year, which was the largest of any previous year.

Two children have died during the year. Laura Threadgill, from



Anson county, May 19, aged 15 years from Pernicious Anæmia, and John Helms, from Mecklenburg county, aged 7 years from Bowel Consumption. We had 40 cases of Grippe during the severe weather in January last, and more or less sickness until June, since which time only two children sick enough to be in bed. We have a good deal of trouble from sore eyes, which seems hard to get rid of. We are indebted to Dr. R. H. Lewis, of Raleigh, for prescriptions and kind attentions, for which we beg to thank him.

#### THE SCHOOL.

While there has been no change in our scholastic course, the boys and girls who have heretofore been going to school separately are now together.

The school work has been rearranged to suit the changed conditions and is more satisfactory than ever before. In order to make the school more efficient Miss Sallie J. Davis, one of our teachers, was put in charge as principal and much of our success is due to her efficient supervision.

The change in the school work has been stimulating to the boys and they are doing better work than ever before.

Four of our girls Bessie Horton of Caldwell, Margaret Hayes of Franklin, Elizabeth Porter of Wake and Mary Boyce of Chowan having reached the age of discharge (18 years), through the kindness of friends who loaned them the money, entered the Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro, and three of them who went through our 8th grade stood their examinations and entered the Sophomore class.

They are all girls of great promise and will reflect credit upon this Asylum.

The earnings of the Asylum Choir during a four weeks trip in the summer amounted to \$839.75 which is a fraction more than a third of the whole amount paid for education during the year.

#### THE FARM.

We raise all of our vegetables, and corn and forage enough for our stock. We have five mules and one horse, 23 head of cattle, 59 hogs and pigs, and the ordinary farming implements. For the past six months the children have had milk once a day and butter once or twice a week.

We suggest to the Board the advisability of buying 10 or 15 more cows and that the herd be increased to the capacity of the farm to support them profitably.

We have detailed for regular farm work 20 boys, 7 of these boys help milk and feed the cows, clean up the stables and lot and in the summer graze the cows. 13 boys do the regular work and as many others as can be utilized.

Mr. A. H. Prince, of Vance, a graduate of the A. & M. College, is the manager of the farm.

#### THE SHOE SHOP.

Mr. J. I. Hill of Johnson who has had charge of this department for several years resigned in July and Mr. F. I. Becton of Wayne was elected in his place taking charge August 1st. Both these young men were educated and learned their trade at the Asylum. The business for the year has been eminently satisfactory. Enough custom work has been done to more than pay the salary of the Manager and the cost of shoeing the children is \$1.59 per capita; which is much less than it has been for several years.

We have four boys at work in this department but will double the number as soon as possible.

#### PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

This is the only industrial department of the Asylum that pays a profit.

We have had a busy year. The wisdom of fitting up our Printing Office with new presses and type has been demonstrated by the large increase of work and the footing up of the business shows a very fair profit.

Mr. E. W. Jones is manager of this department and to his energy and untiring industry is due this gratifying result.

We have now employed in the office 8 boys and will increase this number to 12 as soon as we can. These boy's set all the type for the *Orphans' Friend* and two of the boys can do very creditable Job Work.

#### MACHINE SHOP.

Up to July 1st the cost of running the shop was charged to the "Building Account" because nearly all the work done was for the completion of the New Buildings. Since that time it has been run on its merit.

At present five boys are employed and this number will be increased as fast as they can be used to advantage. They are learning rapidly and giving great satisfaction to the Manager, Mr. L. J. Steed, of Durham who is a good workman and a very efficient man.

We believe that this department in a year or two at farthest, will not only be self-sustaining, but in addition thereto will keep up the necessary repairs to the property.

Detail statements of Farm, Shoe-shop, Printing Department and Machine Shop are herewith submitted for your information.

## STATEMENT OF FARM.

4,300 pounds green pork, at 5cts.....	\$ 215 00
4,000 head of cabbage, at 4cts.....	160 00
150 bushels of tomatoes, at 50cts.....	75 00
150 bushels irish potatoes, at 50cts.....	75 00
558 bushels sweet potatoes, at 30cts.....	167 40
150 bushels of beets, at 30cts.....	45 00
41 bushels of turnips, at 60cts.....	24 60
22 two horse loads corn stover, at \$2.....	44 00
20 tons hay and fodder, at \$12.50.....	250 00
1,011 dozen ears green corn.....	84 00
648 bushels corn, at 40cts.....	259 20
7,053 gallons milk, at 20cts.....	1,410 60
Products sold.....	20 64
Green peas, cucumbers, beans, squash, snaps, salad, onions, asparagus, strawberries, apples, peaches, grapes, melons, etc. valued at.....	100 00
	<u>\$2,930 46</u>
Cost of running same .....	2,043 49
Profit.....	<u>\$ 886 95</u>

## STATEMENT OF PRINTING OFFICE.

Salary of manager.....	\$ 720 00
Salary of editor.....	300 00
Paper, stationery, material, etc.....	294 77
Extra labor.....	254 99
Gasoline .....	28 00
Postage .....	96 46
Correspondence .....	48 90
	<u>\$ 2,372 22</u>

*Credit.*

Subscriptions .....	\$ 1,703 41
Job work.....	1,145 67
Advertisements.....	329 58
Sundries .....	30 60
Work for Asylum.....	135 58
Uncollected accounts.....	618 16
Paper and stock on hand.....	244 50
	<u>\$ 4,209 29</u>
Profit .....	<u>\$ 1,837 07</u>

## STATEMENT OF SHOE SHOP.

Material, etc.....	\$ 413 40
Salary of manager.....	250 00
	<u>\$ 643 40</u>
<i>Credit.</i>	
Cash received for work.....	\$ 330 00
Uncollected account.....	45 15
Work for Asylum—	
making 396 pair shoes at \$1.....	396 00
mending shoes.....	225 25
leather, etc., on hand.....	40 00
	<u>\$1,009 70</u>
Profit.....	\$ 346 30

## STATEMENT OF MACHINE SHOPS.

Cost of operating from July 1st to November 30th, 1897.

Paid for lumber and logs.....	\$ 589 84
Paid for wood.....	109 05
Salary of manager five months.....	375 00
Extra workmen employed.....	459 21
Sundries.....	34 52
	<u>\$ 1,567 62</u>
<i>Credit.</i>	
Cash received for work.....	\$ 867 08
Uncollected accounts.....	255 08
Work done for Asylum.....	577 41
Lumber, moulding, etc. on hand.....	175 00
	<u>\$ 1,874 57</u>
Profit.....	\$ 306 95

*Permanent Improvements not included in above account.*

1 sash and door heads, 1 panel raiser and sash and door clasp, tools and freight on same .....	\$ 245 33
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## SUGGESTIONS.

We respectfully suggest to the Board that in our judgment there ought to be two leading industrial features in the Asylum—a well equipped wood-working shop and a modern dairy.

The shop we already have, and all that is necessary is to fit it up with such machinery as will give the boys such practical instruction and training that will enable them to be independent, self-supporting

citizens when they leave the Asylum, making them valuable factors in building up the material and industrial interests of the State and thereby to some extent pay back the money invested in them.

The building of a modern dairy would cost money, and necessitate an increase in our herd of cattle, but the advantage to the children and to the Asylum would be incalculable.

1st. It would give employment to a great many boys and girls, learning them a useful and profitable business, and secure to them situations at good wages when they leave the institution.

2nd. It will furnish the children with a most nutritious and healthy article of diet.

3rd. It will give us butter to sell.

4th. The refuse milk will be an excellent feed for hogs.

5th. The manure of the cattle will fertilize our land and greatly increase its production.

This department would require a good man and his wife at the head of it, and would apparently increase the cost of running the Asylum. I firmly believe, however, that in the long run, if properly managed, it will pay, especially if a good stock of cattle and hogs are kept.

The industries we now have—the printing office, shoe shop and laundry can only employ a very limited number of children. These other industries will greatly increase their opportunities and will enable the institution to turn them out into the world to be workers instead of drones, independent instead of dependent, with a manliness and ambition to make life a success. This is the great aim and object of the Oxford Orphan Asylum. The work that it has done and is still doing, with greatly enlarged possibilities for the future, makes it one of the greatest blessings to our State and an honor to our Masonry.

The best investment of money, in my judgment, is not in banks and corporations, in stocks and bonds, in houses and lands, but in human lives whose influence for good will touch other lives, extending and widening until it reaches the very throne of God itself.

We desire to express our thanks to every one connected with the institution for their hearty and cordial co-operation for their unfailing courtesy and the enthusiasm and zeal with which the work in all the departments has been done. Our intercourse with every one has been exceedingly pleasant, especially since the occupation of the new buildings which has brought all the employees in touch with the management.

Fraternally submitted,

N. M. LAWRENCE,  
*Superintendent.*

Bro. J. W. Cotten presented the following report on Grand Master's address which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

After hearing the excellent address delivered by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, we have read the same with much care, and great interest and pleasure to ourselves.

As the head of the Order in the State, and at the close of his first term of office, we congratulate him, upon his wise, conservative and successful administration.

We note with satisfaction the material progress made during the past year, and are gratified to see that peace and harmony prevails throughout our borders, while nothing has occurred to disturb the pleasant relations long existing with our sister Grand Jurisdictions.

We recommend that the portion of the address referring to Oxford Orphan Asylum be referred to Committee on Orphan Asylum.

That portion recommending to Lodges action on petition for degrees being already provided for by Law needs no further action.

All decisions and dispensations be referred to Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That the recommendation as to action in regard to Grand Lodge of Peru, be approved by this Grand Lodge.

That so much as refers to fraternal dead be referred to Committee on Necrology.

We approve the action of the Grand Master in appeals for aid.

We recommend that a special committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Grand Lodge at the death of Past J. Grand Warden Jas. T. Leach.

All of which is Fraternally submitted.

H. H. MUNSON,  
F. M. MOYE,  
JOHN W. COTTEN.



Standing Committees were announced as follows :

*Foreign Correspondence :*

John Beavans, S. H. Rountree, Jas. Southgate.

*Finance :*

T. W. Dewey, C. B. Covington, T. C. Linn.

*Printing :*

J. L. Gwaltney, W. W. Rogers, S. M. Beasley.

*Unfinished Business :*

T. L. Critcher, W. H. Wolfe, J. L. Crater, C. B. Davis, M. E. Shell.

*Propositions and Grievances :*

No. 1—W. H. McLaurin, A. J. Harris, Jas. Dinwiddie.

No. 2—H. L. Riggins, Myer Strauss, W. W. Parrish.

*Credentials :*

D. S. Hamilton, C. P. Snuggs, D. C. White.

*Appeals :*

W. L. Grimmer, Geo. H. Riggs, H. H. Jordan, T. S. Lambeth.

*Fraternal Dead :*

Dr. John Abrams, C. J. Mattocks, F. M. Winchester, J. C. Hines.

*Schools :*

T. R. Christman, W. L. Humes, J. O. Forrester, W. C. Michael, Jas. Allen.

*Returns of Subordinate Lodges :*

No. 1—W. B. Ballou, J. J. Cockrell, J. F. Muselwhite, J. M. Perkins, J. B. Hensley.

No. 2—C. E. Gupton, J. H. Woody, J. E. Wilson, N. H. Hailey, J. L. Choat.

No. 3—J. L. Parrish, S. L. Rhyne, W. D. Egerton, W. J. Clontz, C. F. Fields.

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*Charters and Dispensations :*

No. 1—W. B. Hatcher, Elias Rose, W. H. Carroll.

No. 2—C. F. Bahnson, I. R. Fuller, Jas. E. Bryan.

No. 3—A. J. Harrell, W. H. Applewhite, W. P. Williams.

*Jurisprudence :*

E. F. Lamb, J. Crawford Biggs, H. B. Varner, W. S. Liddell.

*On Orphan Asylum :*

John W. Cotten, F. M. Moye, D. E. Allen, Frank W. Garrett, S. M. Gattis, Dr. J. B. Griggs, Dr. John H. Hill, P. F. Jones, W. E. Murchison, W. L. London, Geo. Willcox, H. V. Dunston, W. P. Oldham.

Special Committee to draw up suitable resolutions on the death of Bro. Jas. A. Leach was announced by the Grand Master as follows :  
F. D. Winston, M. L. Winston and J. W. Hays.

Bro. M. S. Willard introduced the following resolution which was read and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence :

Whereas at the regular annual Communication of this Grand Lodge in 1895, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in his address reported the following decision made by him :

“That a Mason who demits from his own Lodge moves into the jurisdiction of another Lodge, petitions for membership, is rejected, cannot apply for membership in any Lodge without the consent of the Lodge which rejected him as long as he lives in that Jurisdiction.”

And whereas this decision without being referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for consideration was inadvertently approved by the Grand Lodge ;

And whereas, it has been made to appear to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge that the decision is not in accordance with well established Masonic law and custom ; therefore be it

*Resolved 1st*, That the approval of the decision aforesaid is hereby revoked, and the said decision disapproved and declared to be contrary to law.

*Resolved 2nd*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge and it so declares, that it is the right and privilege of a Master Mason who has received a demit from his Lodge to apply for membership to any regular Lodge, and if rejected to apply to the same or any other Lodge as often as he may be rejected.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1898.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 10 o'clock, Most Worshipful Grand Master, W. E. Moore, presiding.

The proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

Bro. F. D. Winston, from Special Committee to draw up suitable resolutions commemorative of the death of Bro. Jas. A. Leach, submitted the following report which was read and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

James Addison Leach was born in Randolph county, at Trinity College.

At the age of twenty-one years he enlisted in the Confederate army and followed its leader to the end of the war. He assumed the obligations of Masonry with his manhood. He was made a Master Mason in the army by a traveling Lodge from the State of Mississippi. His fraternal connection in the Grand Jurisdiction was with Richland Lodge No. 214, now Thomasville Lodge. There was the home of his Masonic life. He filled all Lodge stations and for a long time was Master. The teachings of the Order early turned him to works of love and charity and in 1866 he became the vice-Principal and Steward of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum, at Raleigh. The unfortunate and the afflicted thus became the objects of his charity, care and love.

In 1868 he lost the position in the upturn of politics, but in 1871 he was reinstated and continued to fill the difficult and delicate duties of that office with humanity, tenderness and diligence until 1873. He then returned to his home at Thomasville and engaged in the manufacture of shoes for wholesale trade and in the making of cigarettes. He was a man of splendid business judgment. Bro. Leach had the confidence of all men and that confidence was strongest in the hearts of those who knew him best and with whom his life was spent. For years he was Mayor of Thomasville and the people of his county made him their representative in the General Assembly. He was a careful, conscientious and just magistrate. In all the relations of life he lived up to the teachings of the Order. We knew him best as a member of this Grand Lodge. For nearly a generation he attended its Communi-

cations. For some years he was chairman of the Orphan Asylum Committee. He was the early, constant and loving supporter of that Masonic trust. In the body, in the debates looking to its establishment; on this spot when its doors were open to ragged and homeless youth, in its early struggle for existence, in its splendid present condition of usefulness, James A. Leach stood firm and true to the Oxford Orphan Asylum. At one time he was agent of the Institution and for four years he took to various parts of the State, a class of orphans whose entertainments brought needed help to their support.

He filled exalted stations in this Grand Body. Repeatedly appointed to high station, often a member of the Grand Master's staff, his Masonic life was rounded and completed at the Grand Communication in 1895, when he was with great unanimity elected Junior Grand Warden. He wore the jewel of that high office with prudence, fidelity and circumspection.

He was a christian. All men had a claim on his good offices. He was faithful to his fellows and to his God. We admire him as a brave soldier on the field of battle and a brave brother in life's conflicts. We record our admiration for his life of usefulness and honor and our love for his devotion of heart to the interests of the afflicted and the lowly. His was a brave life, and it was closed in ample form on the 20th day of June, 1897.

*Resolved 1st.* That the Grand Secretary, in memory of his virtues and in token of our high regard and brotherly love for him, record on one blank page of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, the name James Addison Leach.

*2nd.* That an engrossed copy of these resolutions under the seal of this Grand Lodge be sent to his family and that a copy be furnished the *Davidson Dispatch* and the *Orphans' Friend* for publication.

FRANCIS D. WINSTON, Chairman,

JOHN W. HAYS,

M. L. WINSTON,

*Committee.*

Bro. John Beavans from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the report of Bro. John A. Collins, the able Chairman of the Committee, which was read and adopted, and on motion it was ordered that the report be printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

Bro. W. B. Hatcher from Committee on Charters and Dispensations, No. 1, presented the following report which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

We your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, No. 1, beg leave to report that we have examined the papers and records of the following Lodges under dispensation :

Rockingham, Richmond county, and Harmony, Buncombe county, and respectfully recommend that Charters be granted and that their representatives be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge.

B. W. HATCHER,  
ELIAS ROSE,  
*Committee No. 1.*

Bro. C. L. Hoffman made some beautiful and instructive remarks in connection with the gavel which was presented to the Grand Lodge by the Asheville and Biltmore Lodges, and about Bro. Goldsmith, the skillful workman and faithful craftsman who did the work.

The Grand Master also made appropriate remarks expressing the grateful thanks of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Williams from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, No. 3, submitted the following report which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

We, your Committee No. 3, on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report that we have examined the records of Mooresville Lodge, U. D., at Mooresville, N. C., and find them correct, and recommend that a Charter be granted them, and that their representatives be granted a seat in this Grand Body.

We have also examined the records of Jno. A. Graves Lodge, U. D., and find them correct, and recommend that Charter be granted them, and that their representatives be granted seats in this Grand Body.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WILLIAMS,  
A. J. HARRELL,  
W. H. APPLEWHITE,  
*Committee No. 3.*

Bro. W. B. Hatcher from Committee on Charters and Dispensations, No. 1, read the following report which was adopted :

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*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

We, your Committee No. 1, on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the papers and records of Thos. M. Holt Lodge, U. D., Graham, Alamance county, and find them models of neatness and accuracy and respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted and the representatives be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge.

B. W. HATCHER,  
ELIAS ROSE,  
*Committee No. 1.*

Bro. J. Crawford Biggs, from Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report, which was read and continued to the afternoon session. The report was adopted.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence beg to submit the following report :

Whereas at the regular annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, in 1895, Most Worshipful, Grand Master, in his address reported the following decision made by him :

"That a Mason who dimitts from his own Lodge moves into the jurisdiction of another Lodge, petitions for membership, is rejected, cannot apply for membership in any other Lodge without the consent of the Lodge which rejected him as long as he lives in that Jurisdiction."

And whereas this decision without being referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for consideration was inadvertently approved by the Grand Lodge ;

And whereas it has been made to appear to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge that the decision is not in accordance with well established Masonic law and custom ; therefore be it

*Resolved 1st.* That the approval of the decision aforesaid is hereby revoked and the said decision disapproved and declared to be contrary to law.

*Resolved 2nd,* That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge and it so declares, that it is the right and privilege of a Master Mason who has received a dimit from his Lodge to apply for membership to any regular Lodge and if rejected to apply to the same or any other Lodge as often as he may be rejected.



Craighead Lodge, No. 366, which has held its meetings heretofore on the 1st and 3rd Fridays in the month has been allowed to change, for the convenience of the members to the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in each month.

Ratified and submitted by Committee on Jurisprudence,

E. F. LAMB,  
W. S. LIDDELL,  
H. B. VARNER,  
J. C. BIGGS,  
*Committee.*

Bro. C. F. Bahnson, from Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations submitted the following report which was read and adopted :

*To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

We, your Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the proceedings and petitions of the following Lodges working under dispensations, to-wit:

Buggaboo, Dimmette.....Wilkes County.

Pilot, Pilot Mountain.....Surry County.

Linville, Montezuma.....Mitchell County.

and find them in the main correct, in all material matters, and recommend that Charters be granted them, and that their representatives be admitted to seats on the floor.

We also respectfully recommend that a duplicate Charter be granted to Warren Lodge No. 101, Kenansville, Duplin County, to replace the original which was unavoidably lost.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. BAHNSON,  
I. R. FULLER,  
JAS. E. BRYAN,  
*Committee No. 2.*

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1898.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock, P. M., Most Worshipful Grand Master, W. E. Moore, presiding.

The proceedings of the morning session were read and approved.

Bro. E. F. Lamb, from Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which Committee was referred that part of the Grand Masters Address touching his decisions, submitted a verbal report affirming all the decisions of the Grand Master, which report was adopted and approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following proposition from Mr. B. N. Duke :

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA, JANUARY 8TH, 1898.

JOHN C. DREWRY, ESQ.,

*Grand Secretary Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of N. C., Oxford, N. C.*

SIR :—I was much pleased when I learned that the Grand Lodge, at its last meeting, had decided to hold its next session at Oxford, the home of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, that noble charity, organized and so largely supported by your order. I congratulate the Orphans especially, and the Masons and citizens of Oxford generally, upon having the representatives of the Masonic Fraternity among them. I feel sure that it means a great deal to the unfortunate children of our State, who find homes in your Institution, for it will give so many of your people an opportunity of coming in close contact with, and seeing for themselves, something of its workings and the great good they are instrumental in accomplishing, as well as seeing the importance of enlarged and improved facilities for carrying forward the work.

As those who have been familiar with the affairs of the Asylum for the past years know, much has been done recently to add to its convenience and comforts, but much more needs to be done to add to its efficiency and place it in position to be more useful in future. The

dormitories now occupied by the girls, and other surroundings, are not what they should be, to obtain the best results, and I am anxious that the changes be made as early as possible. For the purpose of carrying out this idea, I cheerfully make the following proposition, viz :

I will contribute the sum of seven thousand five hundred (\$7,500.) dollars during 1898, provided the Masons of North Carolina will raise a like amount, to be used in building and furnishing cottages for the girls, similar to those now occupied by the boys, and for such other buildings and improvements as may be deemed necessary. In other words, to complete the work as originally planned by the Board of Directors, the drawings of which our Superintendent, Mr Lawrence, will doubtless exhibit and explain to you. To do this, I estimate that fully fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars will be required.

I believe you will agree with me as to the importance of making these additions and improvements, and I trust you will see your way clear to accept my offer.

In conclusion, allow me to congratulate the Masonic Order upon being the first to establish and maintain a home for orphan children in North Carolina.

Wishing you a very pleasant and profitable meeting,

Yours most faithfully,

B. N. DUKE.

On motion of Bro. J. C. Biggs, the following resolution was read and adopted :

That the proposition of Mr. B. N. Duke be accepted and that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina extend to Mr. Duke its heartfelt appreciation of this munificent manifestation of his generosity and philanthropy.

Bro. H. L. Riggins, from the Committee No. 2, on Propositions and Grievances submitted the following report which was read and referred back to the Committee. The Committee after mature consideration again made the same report which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, No. 2, beg leave to submit the following report :

In the matter of the Grievances of Moravian Lodge, No. 353 against Liberty Lodge, No. 45, which was referred to said Lodges and New

Hope Lodge, No. 415, at last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge (see page 113 proceedings of last year) the majority and minority reports of the Committees of these Lodges, having been submitted to us, we recommend that the division boundaries established in said report by said Committees be confirmed.

We further recommend that the matter of fees of Junius St. Clair and Thomas Davis be referred back to said Lodges with orders that a survey be made by said Lodges to ascertain whether said material lived nearer New Hope Lodge, No. 415, or Moravian Lodge, No. 353, at the time Liberty Lodge, No. 45 conferred the degrees on them. If said survey discloses the fact that they lived nearer Moravian Lodge, No. 353, at that time then Liberty Lodge, No. 45, shall pay over to said Lodge the fees for degrees. If however said survey shall disclose the fact, that said material at that time, was nearer New Hope Lodge, No. 415, New Hope Lodge having waived all claims to material and fees, in that event Liberty Lodge shall retain said fees.

In the matter of the Grievance of Liberty Lodge, No. 45, relative to the fees of Bro. A. W. Stedman, upon whom degrees were conferred by Moravian Lodge, No. 353, while as is claimed by Liberty Lodge, No. 45, he was their material, your Committee recommends that the matter be referred to the Worshipful Masters of Moravian and Liberty Lodges, who shall determine whether the father of Brother A. W. Stedman lives nearer Liberty Lodge, No. 45 or Moravian Lodge, No. 353. If it is ascertained that the residence of Brother A. W. Stedman's father is nearer Liberty Lodge, No. 45 than Moravian Lodge, No. 353, then Moravian Lodge, No. 353 shall pay the fees for his degrees to Liberty Lodge, No. 45.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. L. RIGGINS,  
W. W. PARRISH,  
M. STRAUSS,  
*Committee.*

Bro. W. H. McLaurin, from Committee No. 1, on Propositions and Grievances submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge :*

We, your Committee No. 1 on Propositions and Grievances respectfully report :

1. That the application of Royal Lodge, No. 413, asking that its name be changed to "Louisburg Lodge," No. 413 be granted.

2. The petition of Cedar Rock Lodge, No. 286, asking for remission of dues for 1896, be granted. They spending so much for necessary charities in their own Lodge.

The application of Healing Springs Lodge, No. 467, asking that its dues for 1896 and 1897 be remitted, be not granted as they still show no sufficient cause for the remission of their dues. We refer them to the action of the Grand Lodge for year 1894, page 42, in regard to the question of boundary between border Lodges on the Virginia and North Carolina line, making their jurisdiction equi-distant from their respective Lodges.

4. The application of Trap Hill Lodge, No. 483, be not granted—and further call attention of officers and members of No. 483 to Article 10, Section 7, Page 3, Code 1897, also Page 51 Proceedings 1893.

5. We call attention of St. Alban's, No. 114 to Proceedings of Grand Lodge 1897, Page 103 and refer this Communication to Bro. Hatcher, Grand Lecturer, for suitable action.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McLAURIN,

J. C. DINWIDDIE,

A. J. HARRIS,

*Committee.*

Bro. W. H. Wolfe, from Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business report as follows :

Committee on Re-print of Grand Lodge Proceedings, Bro. Jas. Southgate, Chairman—pp. 92.

Question of Masonic Relief from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin—pp. 97 and 106. Bro A. J. Harris, Chairman.

Bro. W. P. Williams' resolution for the admission of disabled candidates referred to Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence—pp. 111.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. L. CRITCHER,

WM. H. WOLFE,

M. E. SHELL,

J. L. CRATER,

C. B. DAVIS,

*Committee.*

Bro. J. L. Choat, from Committee No. 2, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

Committee No. 2 on Returns of Subordinate Lodges beg leave to report errors in the following returns.

Air Line Lodge, No. 369, without the seal of the Lodge and signature of the Secretary.

Kinston Lodge, No. 316, without the seal of the Lodge.

Bula Lodge, No. 409, without seal.

French Broad Lodge, No. 292, without seal. (Seal broken.)

Bayboro Lodge, No. 331, without seal.

Harmony Lodge, No. 340, without seal.

Oxford Lodge, No. 396, without seal.

Ionic Lodge, No. 337, without seal.

Unaka Lodge, No. 268, without seal. (Seal out of fix.)

Fraternally submitted,

C. E. GUPTON,  
*Chairman.*

J. L. CHOAT,

*Secretary.*

January 12th, 1898.

Bro. W. B. Ballou, from Committee No. 1, on Subordinate Lodges submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your Committee No. 1, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges submit the following report of Lodges correct :

St. John's, No. 1; Royal White Hart, No. 2; St. John's, No. 3; Charity, No. 5; Unanimity, No. 7; Phoenix, No. 8; American George, No. 17; Phalanx, No. 31; Stokes, No. 32; Davie, No. 39; Hiram, No. 40; Hall, No. 53; King Solomon, No. 56; Concord, No. 58; Kilwinning, No. 64; Eagle, No. 71; Golden Fleece, No. 74; Widow's Son, No. 75; Greensboro, No. 76; Zion, No. 81; Fellowship, No. 84; Morning Star, No. 85; Skewarky, No. 90; Western Star, No. 91; Joseph Warren, No. 92; Jerusalem, No. 95; St. John's, No. 96; Neuse, No. 97; Hiram, No. 98; Fulton, No. 99; Warren, No. 101; Columbus, No. 102; Perquimans, No. 106; Franklin, No. 109; Wayne, No. 112; Person, No. 113; Holly Springs, No. 115; Mt. Hermon, No. 118; Logan, No. 121; Mill Creek, No. 125; Hanks, No. 128; Radiance, No. 132; Lincoln, No. 137; King Solomon, No. 138; Mt. Energy, No. 140; Carolina Lodge,



No. 141; Cherokee, No. 146; Adoniram, No. 149; Chalmers, No. 151; White Stone, No. 155; Rolesville, No. 156; Knap of Reeds, No. 158; Winston, No. 167; Buffalo, No. 172; George Washington, No. 174; Mecklenburg, No. 176; Sandy Creek, No. 185; Pine Forest, No. 186; Central Cross, No. 187; Balfour, No. 188; Granite, No. 191; Burnsville, No. 192; Cary, No. 198; Cleveland, No. 202; Roanoke, No. 203; Berea, No. 204; Long Creek, No. 205; Mingo, No. 206; Lebanon, No. 207; William G. Hill, No. 218; Wilson, No. 226; Youngsville, No. 227; McCormick, No. 229; Gunter, No. 232; Lenoir, No. 233; Cokesbury, No. 235; Mystic Tie, No. 237; Atlantic, No. 238; Catawba, No. 248; Rockford, No. 251; Lilly Valley, No. 252; Lee, No. 253; Beulah, No. 257; Harnett, No. 258; Excelsior, No. 261; Hibriten, No. 263; Farmington, No. 265; Durbin, No. 266.

The following Lodges we find without seal, otherwise Returns are correct :

LaFayette, No. 83; Orr, No. 104; Mt. Lebanon No. 117; Franklinton, No. 123; Mocksville, No. 134; Junaluskee, No. 145; Deep River, No. 164; Archer, No. 165; Blackmer, No. 170; Pollocksville, No. 175; Randleman, No. 209; Thomasville, No. 214; Catawba Valley, No. 217; William T. Bain, No. 231; Rountree, No. 243; Monroe, No. 244; Pythagoras, No. 249.

Fraternally submitted,

W. B. BALLOU, *Chairman,*

J. F. MUSELWHITE,

J. M. PERKINS,

J. B. HENSLEY,

J. J. COCKRELL,

*Committee No. 1.*

Bro. C. F. Bahnson, from Committee No. 2, Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, No. 2, respectfully report that the following Lodges under Dispensation have failed to send in the necessary papers and petitions for Charters :

Lucia, Lucia, N. C.

Royal Hart, Littleton, N. C.

From evidence given us, we believe the delay to be unintentional, and would therefore respectfully recommend that they be continued under Dispensation.

We also recommend that a duplicate Charter be furnished Kinston Lodge, No. 316, Kinston, N. C., to replace the original which was destroyed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. BAHNSON,  
I. R. FULLER,  
JAS. E. BRYAN,  
*Committee No. 2.*

Bro. J. L. Parrish, from Committee No. 3, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

*To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your Committee No. 3, on Returns, submits the following report :

We have examined, and find the returns of the following Lodges correct :

Marietta, No. 444; King's Creek, No. 432; Blue Ridge, No. 435; Star, No. 437; Vanceboro, No. 433; Marble Spring, No. 439; Pleasant Mount, No. 441; Clingman, No. 440; Roper, No. 443; Ingold, No. 448; Polenta, No. 450; Clyde, No. 453; Grifton, No. 452; Pineville, No. 455; Elkins, No. 454; Rusk, No. 456; Grape Vine, No. 457; Dillsboro. No. 459, Henrietta, No. 460; Matthews, No. 461; South Fork, No. 462; Currituck, No. 463; Boiling Springs, No. 464; Gulf, No. 465; King Hiram, No. 466; Healing Springs, No. 467, Millingport, No. 468; Sanford, No. 469; Scotland Neck, No. 470; Grassy Knob, No. 471; Sonoma, No. 472; Lexington, No. 473; St. Paul's, No. 474; Grimesland, No. 475; Big Lick, No. 476; Eagle Springs, No. 477; Four Oaks, No. 478; Mill Creek, No. 480, Spring Hope, No. 481; Saluda, No. 482, Traphill, No. 483; Brass Town, No. 485; Lawndale, No. 486; Statesville, No. 487; Rich Square, No. 488; Laurinburg, No. 305.

Returns without seal of Lodge :

Aberdeen, No. 484; Enfield, No. 447; Waxhaw, No. 442; Biltmore, No. 446.

Returns without seal and name of Secretary : Rainbow, No. 479.

Returns with dues not paid :

Ashler, No. 451; Lone Oak, No. 449, Henry F. Grainger, No. 412; Mountain Park, No. 445; Siler City, No. 403; Coharie, No. 379; Watauga, No. 273; Mount Pleasant, 157; Waynesville, No. 259; Yadkin, 162; Corinthian, No. 230.

Returns with dues unpaid and without seal of Lodge : Gatesville, No. 126; Tally Ho, No. 393.

J. L. PARRISH, *Chairman*,  
W. J. CLONTZ,  
H. D. EGERTON,  
S. L. RHYNE,

*Committee No. 3.*

Bro. H. H. Jordan, from Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the Appeal of Brother L. H. Wells. of Beulah Lodge, No. 257, have examined the transcript of the record of the trial and statements of the evidence on appeal and find :

1st. That, the charges set forth in specification first of the Bill of Charges is not sustained by the evidence and should have been dismissed.

2nd. That, specification second is defective in that it fails to set forth any specific charges upon which to base a judgment.

3rd. That, the trial was irregular and illegal in that a visiting Brother was allowed to remain in the Lodge when the ballot was taken for suspension, Article 14, Section 5.

We therefore recommend that the action of Beulah Lodge, No. 257, indefinitely suspending said Brother be not sustained.

W. L. GRIMMER, *Chairman*.  
F. S. LAMBETH,  
GEO. H. RIGGS,  
H. H. JORDAN, *Secretary*.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-night at 7:30 o'clock.





JAMES A. LEACH, JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, 1895.

## SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1898.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., Most Worshipful Grand Master, W. E. Moore, presiding.

The proceedings of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Bro. John Thames, from the Committee on Fraternal Dead, presented the following report, which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

We, your Committee on Fraternal Dead report with *deepest sorrow* the death of many faithful brethren in sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Master in his Address referred briefly to many of them.

We as a Grand Jurisdiction mourn deeply with Sister Grand Jurisdictions in their loss. We who survive them should profit by their noble and exemplary lives.

In our own Grand Jurisdiction we have lost a number of worthy Masons, whose lives have been an honor to the Fraternity, among them we mention Right Worthy Past Junior Grand Warden, Jas. A. Leach, who was called from labor to reward July 20th, 1897, by whose death Thomasville Lodge, No. 214 suffered a great and irreparable loss and the Grand Lodge of North Carolina also suffers a very material loss.

We recommend that a page in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge be dedicated to his memory.

Since the meeting of your Committee on Fraternal Dead, we have learned with sorrow of the death of M. W. Past Grand Master, Eli F. Watson, who was Grand Master in 1862 and 1863—"during that critical period which tried men's souls." He was called from the terrestrial to the celestial Lodge above, about two months ago.

We also recommend that a page in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge be dedicated to his memory.

We have also learned of the death of M. W. Past Grand Master Alfred Martin, who was one of our best and most beloved Craftsmen, and one of the truest sons with which our State was honored.

We recommend that a memorial page in the proceedings be dedicated to his memory.

While mourning deeply with Sister Grand Jurisdictions and grieving over our own loss, our hearts are moved with gratitude to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in that we have been called upon to mourn the loss of so few of our own Brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN THAMES, *Chairman,*

F. W. WINCHESTER,

J. C. HINES,

C. J. MATTOCK,

*Committee.*

Bro. W. E. Murchison, from the Committee on Orphan Asylum, presented the following report, which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your Committee on the Oxford Orphan Asylum respectfully report that they have proceeded to the discharge of their duties, and beg leave to submit to this Grand Body the following observations and recommendations, to-wit :

1. They note with approval the words of commendation so fitly employed by the Grand Master, in his address, upon the objects, the progress, the situation, and the prospects of the Asylum, and they heartily concur in the hope expressed by him "that this meeting of the Grand Lodge at Oxford will result in a revival of interest on the part of the Craft in behalf of this Institution, and renewed energy in striving to maintain it and increase its usefulness." And they further endorse most heartily all the sentiments expressed by him concerning the Asylum.

2. They recommend that as large a number of boys be detailed for work in the wood-working shop, as the accommodations, machinery, appliances and fitness of the boys will warrant, the Committee being of the opinion that the number of boys employed therein is totally inadequate to the amount of capital invested for its support.

3. They further recommend that the Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum be authorized and instructed to enlarge the herd of cattle kept at the Asylum, by purchase of a sufficient number from time to time during the current year, to enable him to have available, for milking purposes, at all times, 25 cows, the same to be selected by himself, as opportunity of purchase may offer; and for the care and



accommodation of such increased number, he be empowered and directed to provide such additional facilities as may be, by him, deemed adequate.

4 They note with especial gratification the success achieved in the Printing Department of the Asylum, as shown in detail by the Superintendent's report, and they take occasion to say that the showing therein made is exceedingly creditable to those responsible for such success.

5. They are highly pleased with the evidences of good and successful management in every Department of the work, as has been furnished them by the thorough and candid reports of the persons in charge, and by the information furnished by them.

6. They are gratified further (and desire to make mention of the fact) that the Superintendent of the Asylum is enabled to furnish them, as he has with the statement that the conduct of the children under his charge has been exceptionally good since his last report.

7. They recommend the appropriation by this Body for the support of the Asylum the amount of twenty-five hundred dollars, as more nearly conforming to the ability of the Grand Lodge to pay, than the sum recommended by the Board of Directors.

8. They hereto attach, with approval of the suggestions contained therein, the report of their Sub-Committee which is asked to be taken as a part of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. COTTEN,  
*Chairman of Committee.*

The Sub-Committee to investigate the conditions of the Machine Shops, desire to report as follows :

Having visited the plant, we find the machinery to be in *very good* condition, and with some slight repairs, will be in first-class condition and suitable for the purposes intended—but we find the buildings in a decaying and unsuitable condition and the location at a very great disadvantage.

We recommend that the buildings and machinery be removed to a more suitable location within the Asylum grounds, and so arranged that the power now used for the shops, may also be used for operating the Laundry and for any other purposes, when so desired—dispensing with the small engine now used by the Laundry.

We have approximated the cost of the change and find that it will be about \$2,500, which would include the erection of a brick building.

We also believe the money now being expended, in operating both of these plants, under the present system, could be saved that would within three years meet the cost of making the contemplated change.

Besides, the land occupied by the shops, could be converted into cash, thereby helping to defray the expenses of making the change.

P. F. JONES,  
JNO. H. HILL,  
W. P. OLDFHAM,  
H. V. DUNSTON,  
*Committee.*

Bro. T. W. Dewey, from Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

RALEIGH, N. C., January 11th, 1898.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

The members of the Finance Committee regret their inability to attend this Communication of the Grand Lodge and respectfully report that we have examined the books, vouchers and receipts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and report as follows :

1ST. THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Received from December 15th, 1896, to November 1897, from dues of Lodges, the sum of.....	\$ 4,399 15
Received from Theo. F. Davidson, Ex. of Rebecca Baird, bequest for the Oxford Orphan Asylum.....	58 50
Received from funds of Mt. Mourne Lodge, No. 347. charter surrendered.....	12 37
Received from sale of Charters, less fees.....	133 00
Received from Dispensations, less fees.....	81 00
Received from sales of Codes, &c.....	7 00
Total.....	\$ 4,731 02

Which sum of \$4,731.02 has been paid regularly and in full to the Grand Treasurer, as evidenced by his receipts.

2ND. THE GRAND TREASURER

Balance on hand at last report.....	\$ 4,353 31
Received from the Grand Secretary.....	4,731 02
Total.....	\$ 9,084 33
The Grand Treasurer has paid out, by proper vouchers.....	6,198 16
Leaving on hand a balance of.....	\$ 2,886 17
which is deposited in the Citizens National Bank of Raleigh, as evidenced by statement of that Bank.	

We find that both accounts are neatly kept and are in good order.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. PRIMROSE,

B. R. LACY,

F. W. HUNNICUTT, by P.,

*Finance Committee.*

The hour for the Special Order having arrived, viz : The collection for the Orphan Asylum to meet the proposition made by Mr. B. N. Duke, it was taken up and the following amount was raised \$1,605.00.

The Grand Orator, Bro. J. H. Mills being unavoidably absent by reason of sickness, his address as follows was read by Bro. R. N. Hackett :

My subject is the compromises of King Solomon.

These were included in the necessary preparations for the building of the temple. Not only were the gold, silver, wood, granite and marble collected from all parts of the known world, but the workmen were specially prepared to execute the work with remarkable skill. Even those deceitful Gibeonites who deceived Joshua with their old clothes and decayed food and pretended to live very far away were made to furnish 150,000 men to be hewers of wood and drawers of water, or as we would now call them choppers and scorers and cooks and waiters. Masonry runs back into the Eleusinian Mysteries. These can not be definitely prescribed because they were imparted orally. But we know that these secrets were in charge of seven officers and their assistants, that the candidates were rigidly examined and carefully instructed in many valuable lessons. In Solomon's day there were Lodges in Tyre, Thebes, Babylon and other parts of the known world, and he not only felt the need of divine help, in governing a great nation ; but he needed the friendship of all the surrounding nations. He needed the assistance of all the Kings of the earth, so he made treaties of peace and commerce and took wives even among many degraded heathen nations. King David was not allowed to build the temple because his hands were so bloody. Solomon had a special endowment of wisdom, wealth and fame and he was determined to have peace at any cost. He was thirteen years building a house for himself, his wives and his visitors. His tables groaned every day under ten thousand pounds of meat, and corresponding quantities of bread, fruits and delicacies. He granted what some call "religious toleration" to his 700 wives, allowing them

public money for heathen temples and heathen worship. We consider it our duty and pleasure to care for the children of our deceased brethren and friends; but Solomon's wives were worshipers of water and fire. To them the rolling river was a living God, just as some still worship the Nile in spite of the plagues of Egypt. They could put their own children in the fire and claim merit for the horrible outrage. No marvel that Solomon in his old age lamented that he had not been able to find one good woman among a thousand. There is only one way to find anything and that is to look where it exists. There were thousands of good and noble women in Israel. He ought to have prayed the Lord to guide him in his search for a suitable wife. But he failed to consult the Lord on the subject. He did not even profit by Samson's sad experience with the deceitful Delilah and he and his offspring suffered for the unfortunate compromise. Here is a valuable lesson for our younger brethren. When the whole world was searched to find a proper wife for a great King, a poor orphan girl was chosen. She had been trained by her uncle. And our uncle Nathan Lawrence has to-day some who are equal to the noble and famous Esther.

Religious liberty is a fundamental principle of good government. Yet men have no right to cook and eat each other in the name of religion. Judge Story says North Carolina once allowed any one to kill a person who reached the age of 16 without joining the church. One of our pious Governor's claimed that it was right to slander a political opponent, and one of our preachers insisted that the Apostle Paul gave him permission to violate one of the Ten Commandments. Elijah had 400 priests of Baal (the sun god) killed because they killed and burned children in offering their sacrifices to the Sun. A minister in Oxford once insisted that the venerable Dr. Doll ought to be tied by the officers of the law and brought to him for valid baptism. Religion ought to restrain our rulers and our laws ought to restrain the injustice and cruelty of fools and fanatics. King Solomon ought to have enforced the laws of the land in spite of the follies of his wives. But Solomon made a great and praiseworthy compromise with Hiram, King of Tyre. The building of the temple was a great work. It was intended to surpass in beauty and durability any other house on the face of the earth. The heart of cedar (into which no worm was ever known to insert a tooth) had to be brought from Mt. Lebanon. The shores of the Mediterranean and banks of the Nile were to furnish granite and marble; long caravans of camels were to bring precious metals and gems across the deserts; ships were to scour the seas for all that mankind admired. At that time Pythagoras had not taught that the square of a hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle was equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides, and the rules for the measurement of surfaces were unknown.

The finest houses and the skillful workmen of the world were found in Tyre. So the friendship of Hiram was indispensable. Solomon bargained with him for lumber and stones to be delivered at Joppa, and also for workmen to build the Temple. A famous Tyrian mechanic had formed the acquaintance of a Hebrew girl, had married her and moved her to Tyre. Their son was the famous Hiram who was a carpenter, a moulder, a gold smith, a silver smith, an engraver, a stone cutter, a dyer, an embroiderer and above all the inventor of the Keystone. This (simple as it now seems) was a wonderful invention. The problem was to shape a stone so that it would support two walls, and at the same time be supported by them. He was the architect of the temple and having learned the language of Tyre from his father and the language of the Hebrews from his mother, he was understood by all the workmen employed in the Temple. Hiram's father died and he with his mother moved to Jerusalem where he was known as the widow's son. To secure the services of such a workman and such a friend as King Hiram Solomon made his compromise in which he agreed that the allusions made to the Sun might be retained in Masonic ceremonies, and Hiram agreed that every Mason should declare his belief in the true God before the secrets of Masonry could be imparted to him. This was a great sacrifice on the part of Hiram ; for he was a worshipper of the Sun. This compromise was the corner stone of the warm friendship between Hiram and Solomon which was so necessary and honorable to them both. In the contract for supplies and workmen, Solomon had promised Hiram 20 cities. These were necessarily on the border.

They were far from all the markets and not such cities as Hiram naturally expected to see. When he had paid for them and went to see them, he expressed his opinion in a single word which is the equivalent of one word "ash cat." Still he remained the firm friend of Solomon and at his death was buried by King Solomon and the Grand Lodge of Jerusalem.

What faithful friends Masons are and ought to be to each other ! Solomon was speaking from experience when he said "there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

Bro. A. J. Harris introduced the following resolution which under the rules was laid over until tomorrow :

Whereas, there are many members of the Masonic Fraternity in North Carolina, who have for many years borne the burdens of Masonry uncomplainingly, and without any reward except consciousness of duty well done; and whereas, it is well that there should be attainments possible in this life ; therefore be it

*Resolved, etc.,* That when a Brother has paid dues in a Subordinate Lodge for 30 years consecutively, he shall then be a life member of said Lodge, free from all claims or demand for dues—and entitled to all the benefits and privileges of Masonry.

A. J. HARRIS,  
B. S. ROYSTER.

Bro. F. D. Winston introduced the following resolution of thanks, which was read and unanimously adopted :

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Oxford Lodge, No. 396, and to its Committee on reception and the citizens of Oxford for their generous and kind hospitality and that the thanks of this Body are due the transportation companies for reduced rates.

Bro. J. C. Biggs introduced the following resolution of thanks to Bro. J. H. Mills, which was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved,* That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are extended to Bro. Mills for his excellent address and that the same be incorporated in the minutes of this Grand Communication.

The hour for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the Grand Master appointed the following tellers, viz : Martin S. Willard, T. C. Lynn, J. C. Biggs and A. J. Harris.

The election resulted as follows :

WALTER E. MOORE.....	Grand Master.
RICHARD J. NOBLE.....	Dept. Grand Master.
BEVERLY S. ROYSEER.....	Sr. Grand Warden.
H. I. CLARK.....	J. Grand Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	Grand Treasurer.
JOHN C. DREWRY.....	Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master announced the selection of Past Grand Master H. H. Munson as installing officer.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.



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THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, January 13, 1898.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock, A. M., Most Worshipful Grand Master, W. E. Moore, presiding.

The proceeding's of last evening's session were read and approved.

Bro. Jas. Southgate, from Committee on Reprint of the Grand Lodge proceedings asked for further time, which was granted.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your Committee on the Reprint of the early proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, beg leave to report that satisfactory arrangements have not yet been made and ask to be continued.

JAMES SOUTHGATE, *Chairman.*

Remarks in regard to the death of Bro. Alfred Martin and Bro. Eli F. Watson were then made by several Brethren in a touching and appropriate manner, which voiced the deep grief of those present and the sincere love and affection which was treasured by the Fraternity for these two noble souls which had been called from labor to rest.

Bro. A. J. Harris, from special Committee on matter of Uniform Relief, as presented by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was read and adopted :

We, your Committee to whom was re-referred the question of Masonic Relief as submitted by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin beg leave to report :

That after correspondence with the champions of the measure in Wisconsin, we are satisfied that there is much in it that commends



itself to the Fraternity; but we do not believe that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina is in a position that would justify us in accepting same at this time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. COTTEN,  
A. J. HARRIS,

*Committee.*

On motion of Bro. Hatcher, the Grand Treasurer was instructed to pay the Janitor \$5.00 for services rendered during the session of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. S. Carr was unanimously elected a Director of the Orphan Asylum for a term of five years, beginning 1897.

Bro. T. A. Green was unanimously elected a Director of the Orphan Asylum for a term of five years, beginning 1898.

Bro. A. J. Harris called up his resolution which was introduced yesterday and on motion it was rejected.

Bro. B. S. Royster presented a petition from Bro. W. N. Critcher of Henry F. Grainger Lodge, No. 412, and on motion the action of the Lodge was declared irregular and void.

Bro. W. E. Murchison, from Committee on Orphan Asylum submitted the following supplemental report, which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your Committee on the Oxford Orphan Asylum, in addition to their report heretofore submitted, respectfully submit further :

1. That in view of the action of your Grand Body, since the adoption of said report, accepting the proposition of Mr. B. N. Duke to donate, upon conditions, the sum of \$7,500 for special purposes in said proposition set forth; and it appearing to your Committee that some practical plan for raising the funds necessary to be raised for the beneficial use of such proposed donation, is required, they do recommend that the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a Committee of five members of this Grand Lodge, who shall be charged with the duty of formulating and carrying out some plan for the successful consummation of the will of the Grand Lodge, as expressed in its resolution accepting the proposition of said B. N. Duke.

2. That it be made incumbent upon said Committee to take such action, as they may deem wise, tending to the collecting of the sums subscribed by individuals, and pledged by Subordinate Lodges, for the purpose of raising the fund necessary to be raised to make the proposed donation of Mr. B. N. Duke available.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. COTTEN,  
*Chairman for Committee.*

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee:

F. D. Winston, T. J. Reed, N. B. Broughton, M. S. Willard, W. S. Liddell.

The Grand Master announced his appointments.

The Grand Officers were installed by Past Grand Master H. H. Munson, Bro. J. Crawford Biggs acting as Grand Marshal.

#### ELECTED OFFICERS.

WALTER E. MOORE.....	Grand Master.
RICHARD J. NOBLE.....	Deputy Grand Master.
BEVERLY S. ROYSTER.....	Senior Grand Warden.
H. I. CLARK.....	Junior Grand Warden.
WM. SIMPSON.....	Grand Treasurer.
JOHN C. DREWRY.....	Grand Secretary.

#### APPOINTED OFFICERS.

CHAS L. HOFFMAN.....	Grand Chaplain.
BENJ. W. HATCHER.....	Grand Lecturer.
FRANCIS D. WINSTON.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
THOS. J. REED.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
JOHN L. CURRIN.....	Grand Marshal.
J. FRANK TILSON.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
MARTIN S. WILLARD.....	Grand Pursuivant.
WM. L. LONDON.....	Grand Steward.
JAS. F. GRIFFITH.....	Grand Steward.
ROBT. H. BRADLEY.....	Grand Tiler.

The Standing Committees for the ensuing year were announced as follows :

*Jurisprudence :*

F. H. Busbee, E. F. Lamb, Walter Clark, J. C. Biggs, H. B. Varner.

*Propositions and Grievances:*

No. 1.—W. H. McLaurin, A. J. Harris, Jas. Dinwiddie.

No. 2.—H. L. Riggins, Myer Strauss, W. W. Parrish.

*Foreign Correspondence:*

Dr. John A. Collins, John Beavans, S. H. Rountree.

*Finance:*

W. S. Primrose, F. W. Hunnicutt, T. W. Dewey.

*Credentials:*

D. S. Hamilton, C. P. Snuggs, A. L. Baker.

*Orphan Asylum:*

John W. Cotten, H. H. Munson, F. M. Moye, W. S. Liddell, T. C. Linn, R. N. Hackett, Elias Rose, John H. Hill, D. E. Allen, S. M. Gattis, Dr. J. B. Griggs, P. F. Jones, W. E. Murchison, W. P. Oldham, Geo. Wilcox, H. V. Dunstan.

*Centennial Services, Bro. Geo. Washington:*

Jas. Southgate, H. W. Stubbs, Frank W. Garrett.

*Reprint of Grand Lodge Proceedings:*

Jas. Southgate, W. L. London, W. B. Ballou.

Bro. Robert H. Bradley was appointed Grand Librarian.  
The Grand Lodge having concluded its business, the

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proceedings of the morning session were read and approved.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

WALTER E. MOORE,  
*Grand Master.*

ATTEST:

JOHN C. DREWRY,  
*Grand Secretary.*

## LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF  
NORTH CAROLINA.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
St. John's.....	1	Wilmington.....	New Hanover.
Royal White Hart.....	2	Halifax.....	Halifax.
St. John's.....	3	Newbern.....	Craven.
Charity.....	5	Windsor.....	Bertie.
Unanimity.....	7	Edenton.....	Chowan.
Phoenix.....	8	Fayetteville.....	Cumberland.
American George.....	17	Murfreesboro.....	Hertford.
Phalanx.....	31	Charlotte.....	Mecklenburg.
Stokes.....	32	Concord.....	Cabarrus.
Davie.....	39	Roxobel.....	Bertie.
Hiram.....	40	Raleigh.....	Wake.
Liberty.....	45	Wilkesboro.....	Wilkes.
Hall.....	53	Indian Town.....	Currituck.
King Solomon.....	56	Jackson.....	Northampton.
Concord.....	58	Tarboro.....	Edgecombe.
Kilwinning.....	64	Wadesboro.....	Anson.
Eagle.....	71	Hillsboro.....	Orange.
Golden Fleece.....	74	Milton.....	Caswell.
Widow's Son.....	75	Camden C. H.....	Camden.
Greensboro.....	76	Greensboro.....	Guilford.
Zion.....	81	Trenton.....	Jones.
LaFayette.....	83	Jacksonville.....	Onslow.
Fellowship.....	84	Smithfield.....	Johnston.
Morning Star.....	85	Nashville.....	Nash.
Skewarkey.....	90	Williamston.....	Martin.
Western Star.....	91	Rutherfordton.....	Rutherford.
Joseph Warren.....	92	Moyton.....	Wilson.
Jerusalem.....	95	Hookerton.....	Greene.
St. John's.....	96	Kinston.....	Lenoir.
Neuse.....	97	Neuse.....	Wake.
Hiram.....	98	Clinton.....	Sampson.
Fulton.....	99	Salisbury.....	Rowan.
Warren.....	101	Kenansville.....	Duplin.
Columbus.....	102	Pittsboro.....	Chatham.
Orr.....	104	Washington.....	Beaufort.
Perquimans.....	106	Hertford.....	Perquimans.
Franklin.....	109	Beaufort.....	Carteret.
Wayne.....	112	Goldsboro.....	Wayne.
Person.....	113	Roxboro.....	Person.
St. Albans.....	114	Lumberton.....	Robeson.
Holly Springs.....	115	Holly Springs.....	Wake.
Mount Lebanon.....	117	Wilson.....	Wilson.
Mount Hermon.....	118	Asheville.....	Buncombe.
Logan.....	121	Jamestown.....	Guilford.
Franklinton.....	123	Franklinton.....	Franklin.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Mill Creek .....	125	Newton Grove.....	Sampson.
Gatesville.....	126	Gatesville.....	Gates.
Hanks.....	128	Franklinsville.....	Randolph.
Dan River.....	129	Madison.....	Rockingham.
Radiance.....	132	Snow Hill.....	Greene.
Mocksville.....	134	Mocksville.....	Davie.
Lincoln.....	137	Lincolnton.....	Lincoln.
King Solomon.....	138	Burgaw.....	Pender.
Mount Energy.....	140	Mount Energy.....	Granville.
Carolina.....	141	Ansonville.....	Anson.
Mount Vernon.....	143	Ore Hill.....	Chatham.
Junaluska.....	145	Franklin.....	Macon.
Cherokee.....	146	Murphy.....	Cherokee.
Palmyra.....	147	Dunn.....	Harnett.
Adoniram.....	149	Adoniram.....	Granville.
Chalmers.....	151	Tempting.....	Moore.
White Stone.....	155	Wakefield.....	Wake.
Rolesville.....	156	Rolesville.....	Wake.
Mount Pleasant.....	157	Rogers' Store.....	Wake.
Knap of Reeds.....	158	Knap of Reeds.....	Granville.
Yadkin.....	162	Yadkinville.....	Yadkin.
Deep River.....	164	Coleridge.....	Randolph.
Archer.....	165	Archer Lodge.....	Johnston.
Winston.....	167	Winston.....	Forsythe.
Blackmer.....	170	Weaverville.....	Buncombe.
Buffalo.....	172	Jonesboro.....	Moore.
George Washington.....	174	Elm Grove.....	Chatham.
Pollokville.....	175	Pollokville.....	Jones.
Mecklenburg.....	176	Davidson.....	Mecklenburg.
Siloam.....	178	Harrell's Store.....	Sampson.
Sandy Creek.....	185	Laurel.....	Franklin.
Pine Forest.....	186	Leaflet.....	Harnett.
Central Cross.....	187	Hunt's.....	Nash.
Balfour.....	188	Ashboro.....	Randolph.
Fair Bluff.....	190	Fair Bluff.....	Columbus.
Granite.....	191	Clayton.....	Johnston.
Burnsville.....	192	Burnsville.....	Yancey.
Mount Olivet.....	195	Erect.....	Randolph.
Cary.....	198	Cary.....	Wake.
Cleveland.....	202	Shelby.....	Cleveland.
Roanoke.....	203	Weldon.....	Halifax.
Berea.....	204	Berea.....	Granville.
Long Creek.....	205	Bristow.....	Mecklenburg.
Mingo.....	206	Bass.....	Sampson.
Lebanon.....	207	Whiteville.....	Columbus.
Randleman.....	209	Randleman.....	Randolph.
Thomasville.....	214	Thomasville.....	Davidson.
Catawba Valley.....	217	Morganton.....	Burke.
William G. Hill.....	218	Raleigh.....	Wake.
Jefferson.....	219	Jefferson.....	Ashe.
Wilson.....	226	Olin.....	Iredell.
Jonesville.....	227	Jonesville.....	Yadkin.
McCormick.....	228	Broadway.....	Moore.
Henderson.....	229	Henderson.....	Vance.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Corinthian .....	230	Rocky Mount .....	Nash.
William T. Bain .....	231	Kader .....	Wake.
Gunter .....	232	Haywood .....	Chatham.
Lenoir .....	233	LaGrange .....	Lenoir.
Cokesbury .....	235	May .....	Harnett.
Mystic Tie .....	237	Marion .....	McDowell.
Atlantic .....	238	Moyock .....	Currituck.
*Rountree .....	243	Grifton (Pitt) .....	Lenoir.
Monroe .....	244	Monroe .....	Union.
Catawba .....	248	Newton .....	Catawba.
Pythagoras .....	249	Southport .....	Brunswick.
Rockford .....	251	Rockford .....	Surry.
Lily Valley .....	252	Sunbury .....	Gates.
Lee .....	253	Taylorsville .....	Alexander.
Beulah .....	257	Kenly .....	Johnston.
Harnett .....	258	Bradley's Store .....	Harnett.
Waynesville .....	259	Waynesville .....	Haywood.
Excelsior .....	261	Charlotte .....	Mecklenburg.
Hibriten .....	262	Lenoir .....	Caldwell.
Farmington .....	265	Farmington .....	Davie.
Durbin .....	266	Autryville .....	Sampson.
Dunn's Rock .....	267	Brevard .....	Transylvania.
Unaka .....	268	Webster .....	Jackson.
East Bend .....	269	East Bend .....	Yadkin.
Tobasco .....	271	Gibsonville .....	Guilford.
Bingham .....	272	Haw River .....	Alamance.
Watauga .....	273	Boone .....	Watauga.
Beaver Dam .....	276	Marshville .....	Union.
Green Level .....	277	Ewing .....	Wake.
Rehoboth .....	279	Teacheys .....	Duplin.
Wake Forest .....	282	Wake Forest .....	Wake.
Eureka .....	283	Concord .....	Rowan.
Greenville .....	284	Greenville .....	Pitt.
Flat Creek .....	285	Fall Creek .....	Chatham.
Cedar Rock .....	286	Cedar Rock .....	Franklin.
Salem .....	289	Salem .....	Forsythe.
French Broad .....	292	Marshall .....	Madison.
Vance .....	293	Democrat .....	Buncombe.
Atlantic .....	294	Swan Quarter .....	Hyde.
Stonewall .....	296	Robersonville .....	Martin.
Toisnot .....	298	Elm City .....	Wilson.
Hunting Creek .....	299	Eagle Mills .....	Iredell.
Pamlico .....	300	Aurora .....	Beaufort.
Clay .....	301	Hayesville .....	Clay.
Lillington .....	302	Lillington .....	Harnett.
Evergreen .....	303	Spout Springs .....	Harnett.
Pleasant Hill .....	304	Repose .....	Lenoir.
Laurinburg .....	305	Laurinburg .....	Richmond.
Galatia .....	306	Hope Mills .....	Cumberland.
Patterson .....	307	Mount Pleasant .....	Cabarrus.
Randolph .....	309	Ophir .....	Montgomery.
Hatcher .....	310	Boyett .....	Wilson.
Notla .....	312	Culberson .....	Cherokee.
King Solomon .....	313	Lumber Bridge .....	Robeson.



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New Lebanon.....	314	South Mills.....	Camden.
Kinston.....	316	Kinston.....	Lenoir.
Eureka.....	317	Elizabeth City.....	Pasquotank.
Wilmington.....	319	Wilmington.....	New Hanover.
Selma.....	320	Selma.....	Johnston.
White Hill.....	321	Greenwood.....	Moore.
Granite.....	322	Mount Airy.....	Surry.
Went worth.....	324	Wentworth.....	Rockingham.
Falling Creek.....	325	Grantham.....	Wayne.
Winton.....	327	Winton.....	Hertford.
Mattamuskeet.....	328	Englehard.....	Hyde.
Black Creek.....	330	Black Creek.....	Wilson.
Bayboro.....	331	Bayboro.....	Pamlico.
Lock's Creek.....	333	Wade.....	Cumberland.
Ashpole.....	335	Rowland.....	Robeson.
Ionic.....	337	Kittrell.....	Vance.
Fair View.....	339	King's Mountain.....	Cleveland.
Harmony.....	340	Fremont.....	Wayne.
Rock Spring.....	341	Triangle.....	Lincoln.
Hickory.....	343	Hickory.....	Catawba.
Numa F. Reid.....	344	High Point.....	Guilford.
Stanly.....	348	Albemarle.....	Stanly.
Durham.....	352	Durham.....	Durham.
Moravian.....	353	Moravian Falls.....	Wilkes.
Dellaplane.....	355	Straw.....	Wilkes.
Double Shoal.....	356	Fallston.....	Cleveland.
Bakersville.....	357	Bakersville.....	Mitchell.
Mount Vernon.....	359	Stonewall.....	Pamlico.
Mayon.....	360	Ammon.....	Bladen.
Snow.....	363	Sugar Grove.....	Watauga.
Craighead.....	366	Huntersville.....	Mecklenburg.
Mount Pisgah.....	368	Williams' Mills.....	Chatham.
Air Line.....	369	Gastonia.....	Gaston.
Mars Hill.....	370	Mars Hill.....	Madison.
Bethel.....	372	Morven.....	Anson.
Elk.....	373	Elk Cross Roads.....	Watauga.
State Line.....	375	Grover.....	Cleveland.
Youngsville.....	377	Youngsville.....	Franklin.
Seaboard.....	378	Margarettsville.....	Northampton.
Coharie.....	379	Huntley.....	Sampson.
Granville.....	380	Grisson.....	Granville.
Forest City.....	381	Forest City.....	Rutherford.
Shawnee.....	382	Monbo.....	Catawba.
Reidsville.....	384	Reidsville.....	Rockingham.
Scottsville.....	385	Furches.....	Ashe.
Pigeon River.....	386	Canton.....	Haywood.
Kedron.....	387	Hendersonville.....	Henderson.
Mooresboro.....	388	Mooresboro.....	Cleveland.
Temperance.....	389	Coxville.....	Pitt.
Copeland.....	390	Copeland.....	Surry.
Lebanon.....	391	Hope Mills.....	Cumberland.
White Rock.....	392	White Rock.....	Madison.
Tally Ho.....	393	Hargrove.....	Granville.
Cape Fear.....	394	Little River Academy.....	Cumberland.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Orient .....	395	Wilmington .....	New Hanover.
Oxford .....	396	Oxford .....	Granville.
Bald Creek .....	397	Bald Creek .....	Yancey.
Centre .....	398	Jupiter .....	Buncombe.
Conoho .....	399	Hamilton .....	Martin.
New Found .....	400	Leicester .....	Buncombe.
Joppa .....	401	Old Fort .....	McDowell.
Dobson .....	402	Dobson .....	Surry.
Siler City .....	403	Siler City .....	Chatham.
Farmers .....	404	Farmers .....	Randolph.
Ocean .....	405	Morehead City .....	Carteret.
Ivy .....	406	Paint Fork .....	Madison.
Liberty Grove .....	407	North Wilkesboro .....	Wilkes.
University .....	408	Chapel Hill .....	Orange.
Bula .....	409	Burlington .....	Alamance.
Asheville .....	410	Asheville .....	Buncombe.
Rockville .....	411	Stanhope .....	Nash.
Henry F. Grainger .....	412	Dabney .....	Vance.
Louisburg .....	413	Louisburg .....	Franklin.
New Hope .....	415	Purlear .....	Wilkes.
Bellview .....	416	Cobbs .....	Cherokee.
Maxton .....	417	Maxton .....	Robeson.
Potecasi .....	418	Potecasi .....	Northampton.
Greenwood .....	419	Godwin .....	Cumberland.
Harmon .....	420	Cross Roads Church .....	Yadkin.
Boonville .....	421	Boonville .....	Yadkin.
Yadkin Falls .....	422	New London .....	Stanly.
Sparta .....	423	Sparta .....	Alleghany.
Baltimore .....	424	Tracadia .....	Yadkin.
Eastern Star .....	425	Green Mountain .....	Yancey.
Montgomery .....	426	Ranger .....	Cherokee.
Oconee .....	427	Bryson City .....	Swain.
Stokesdale .....	428	Stokesdale .....	Guilford.
Sea Side .....	429	Swansboro .....	Onslow.
Rockyford .....	430	Kapp's Mill .....	Surry.
Relief .....	431	Benson .....	Johnston.
King's Creek .....	432	Piney Creek .....	Alleghany.
Vanceboro .....	433	Vanceboro .....	Craven.
West Bend .....	434	Panther Creek .....	Yadkin.
Blue Ridge .....	435	Highlands .....	Macon.
Star .....	437	Star .....	Montgomery.
Marble Spring .....	439	Marble .....	Cherokee.
Clingman .....	440	Clingman .....	Wilkes.
Pleasant Mount .....	441	Absher .....	Wilkes.
Waxhaw .....	442	Waxhaw .....	Union.
Roper .....	443	Roper .....	Washington.
Marietta .....	444	Ramseur .....	Randolph.
Mountain Park .....	445	Hot Springs .....	Madison.
Biltmore .....	446	Biltmore .....	Buncombe.
Enfield .....	447	Enfield .....	Halifax.
Ingold .....	448	Ingold .....	Sampson.
Lone Oak .....	449	Robbinsville .....	Graham.
Polenta .....	450	Polenta .....	Johnston.
Ashler .....	451	Stony Fork .....	Watauga.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Grifton .....	452	Grifton .....	Pitt.
Clyde .....	453	Clyde .....	Haywood.
Elkin .....	454	Elkin .....	Surry.
Pineville .....	455	Pineville .....	Mecklenburg.
Rusk .....	456	Rusk .....	Surry.
Grapevine .....	457	Grapevine .....	Madison.
Dillsboro .....	459	Dillsboro .....	Jackson.
Henrietta .....	460	Henrietta .....	Rutherford.
Matthews .....	461	Matthews .....	Mecklenburg.
South Fork .....	462	McAdensville .....	Gaston.
Currituck .....	463	Coinjock .....	Currituck.
Boiling Springs .....	464	Boiling Springs .....	Cleveland.
Gulf .....	465	Gulf .....	Chatham.
King Hiram .....	466	Edonia .....	Cumberland.
Healing Springs .....	467	Crumpler .....	Ashe.
Millingport .....	468	Millingport .....	Stanley.
Sanford .....	469	Sanford .....	Moore.
Scotland Neck .....	470	Scotland Neck .....	Halifax.
Grassy Knob .....	471	Osbornville .....	Iredell.
Sonoma .....	472	Sonoma .....	Haywood.
Lexington .....	473	Lexington .....	Davidson.
St. Paul's .....	474	St. Paul's .....	Robeson.
Grimesland .....	475	Grimesland .....	Pitt.
Big Lick .....	476	Big Lick .....	Stanley.
Eagle Springs .....	477	Eagle Springs .....	Moore.
Four Oaks .....	478	Four Oaks .....	Johnston.
Rainbow .....	479	Arapahoe .....	Pamlico.
Mill Creek .....	480	Harpers .....	Johnston.
Spring Hope .....	481	Spring Hope .....	Nash.
Saluda .....	482	Saluda .....	Polk.
Trap Hill .....	483	Trap Hill .....	Wilkes.
Aberdeen .....	484	Aberdeen .....	Moore.
Brasstown .....	485	Brasstown .....	Clay.
Lawndale .....	486	Lawndale .....	Cleveland.
Statesville .....	487	Statesville .....	Iredell.
Rich Square .....	488	Rich Square .....	Northampton.
Linville .....	489	Montezuma .....	Mitchell.
Buggaboo .....	490	Dimmette .....	Wilkes.
Hominy .....	491	Candler .....	Buncombe.
Thomas M. Holt .....	492	Graham .....	Alamance.
Pilot .....	493	Pilot Mountain .....	Surry.
John A. Graves .....	494	Yanceyville .....	Caswell.
Rockingham .....	495	Rockingham .....	Richmond.
Mooresville .....	496	Mooresville .....	Iredell.

\*The names in parentheses indicate the county in which the post-office of the Lodge is located.

Linville Lodge, at Linville, in Mitchell county, was continued under dispensation.

## STATEMENT

OF THE TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS OF LODGES  
GIVEN IN RETURNS OF MASONIC YEAR 1897.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
ALAMANCE COUNTY.		
Thomas M. Holt.....	492	First Friday night in each month.
Bingham .....	272	Saturday nights on or before the full moon in each month.
Bula .....	409	Every third Saturday evening in each month.
ALEXANDER COUNTY		
Lee.....	253	Friday before the first Sunday in each month.
ALLEGHANY COUNTY.		
King's Creek.....	432	Second and fourth Saturdays in each month.
Sparta .....	423	Saturday before the first Monday in each month, and Monday night of each Superior Court.
ANSON COUNTY.		
Bethel.....	372	Friday nights on or before full moon in each month, June 24, December 27.
Carolina.....	141	Friday at 3 o'clock, P. M., on or before each full moon, June 24, December 27.
Kilwinning.....	64	First Monday night in each month. June 24, December 27.
ASHE COUNTY.		
Jefferson .....	219	Saturday before full moon, Monday of Superior Court, June 24, December 27.
Scottsville.....	385	Saturday after the full moon in each month.
Healing Springs.....	467	First Saturday in each month.
BEAUFORT COUNTY.		
Orr.....	104	First and third Tuesday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.
Pamlico .....	300	First Saturday in each month at 2 o'clock P. M.
BERTIE COUNTY.		
Charity .....	5	First Monday evening in each month.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Davie .....	39	Friday before the third Sunday in each month.
BLADEN COUNTY.		
Mayon .....	360	Third Saturday in each month.
BRUNSWICK COUNTY.		
Pythagoras.....	249	First Tuesday in each month.
BUNCOMBE COUNTY.		
New Found .....	400	
Asheville .....	410	Third Thursday in each month.
Biltmore .....	446	First and third Tuesdays in each month.
Blackmer.....	170	Saturday on or before each full moon.
Centre .....	398	Saturday after each full moon at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Mount Hermon.....	118	First Thursday in each month.
Vance.....	293	Saturday on or before each full moon at 1 o'clock P. M.
Hominy.....	491	Third Saturday in each month.
BURKE COUNTY.		
Catawba Valley.....	217	First and third Monday evenings in each month.
CABARRUS COUNTY.		
Patterson.....	307	Saturday on or before each full moon, June 24, December 27
Stokes .....	32	Monday night on or before the full moon in each month.
CALDWELL COUNTY.		
Hibriten .....	262	Thursday before each full moon, Tuesday evenings of Superior Courts, June 24, December 27.
CAMDEN COUNTY.		
New Lebanon .....	314	First Friday in each month.
Widow's Son.....	75	Third Saturday each month at 10 o'clock A. M.
CARTERET COUNTY.		
Franklin .....	109	First and third Mondays in each month, at night.
Ocean.....	405	First Friday evening in each month.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
CASWELL COUNTY.		
John A. Graves.....	494	First Monday at 12 o'clock M., and third Saturday.
Golden Fleece.....	74	First Friday at 2 o'clock P. M., and third Friday at 7:30 o'clock P. M.
CATAWBA COUNTY.		
Catawba.....	248	Friday night on or before full moon in each month, June 24, December 27, and on Monday night of each Court week.
Hickory .....	343	First and third Monday nights, June 24, and December 27.
Shawnee .....	382	Saturday evenings on or before each full moon.
CHATHAM COUNTY.		
Columbus.....	102	First Tuesday night in each month, Tuesday night in each Court week, June 24, December 27.
Flat Creek.....	285	Saturday before second Sunday in each month, June 24, December 27.
George Washington..	174	Saturday before the fourth Sunday in each month.
Gunter.....	232	Saturday before the third Sunday in each month.
Mount Pisgah.....	368	Fourth Saturday evening in each month.
Mount Vernon.....	143	Third Saturday in each month.
Sapona .....	280	Third Saturday in each month at 2 o'clock P. M., and on June 24 and December 27.
Siler City.....	403	Saturday evenings on or before each full moon.
Gulf .....	465	Saturday evening before first and third Sundays in each month.
CHEROKEE COUNTY.		
Bellview .....	416	Fourth Saturday each month, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Cherokee .....	146	First Monday night in each month.
Marble Spring.....	439	Saturday on or before each full moon, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.
Montgomery .....	426	Second Saturday in each month.
Notla .....	312	Third Saturday each month, at 10 o'clock A. M.
CHOWAN COUNTY.		
Unanimity .....	7	First and third Tuesdays in each month, June 24, December 27.
CLAY COUNTY.		
Brasstown.....	485	.....



NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Clay .....	301	Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.
CLEVELAND COUNTY.		
Cleveland .....	202	Friday night before full moon in each month.
Double Shoal .....	356	Saturday night on or before each full moon, and each St. John's Day.
Fairview .....	339	First Monday night before full moon in each month, June 24, December 27.
Lawndale .....	486	
Mooreboro .....	388	Saturday night on or before each full moon.
State Line .....	375	Saturday on or before the full moon in each month, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Boiling Springs .....	464	Saturday evening before the third Sunday in each month.
COLUMBUS COUNTY.		
Fair Bluff .....	190	Second Saturday in each month, and December 27, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Lebanon .....	207	Saturday on or before full moon in each month, at 11 o'clock A. M.
CUMBERLAND CO.		
Galatia .....	306	On or before first moon in each month.
Cape Fear .....	394	Fourth Saturday in each month.
Durbin .....	266	Second Saturday in each month.
Greenwood .....	419	Second Saturday each month, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Lebanon .....	391	First Saturday night after each full moon.
Lock's Creek .....	333	First Saturday night in each month, June 24, December 27.
Phoenix .....	8	Every Friday evening.
King's Hiram .....	466	Saturday before the first Sunday in each month.
CURRITUCK COUNTY.		
Atlantic .....	238	First Thursday in each month.
Hall .....	53	First Saturday in each month.
Currituck .....	463	Third Wednesday in each month.
CRAVEN COUNTY.		
St. John's .....	3	Second Wednesday evening in each month.
Vanceboro .....	433	Second Wednesday in each month.
DAVIDSON COUNTY.		
Lexington .....	473	
Thomasville .....	214	Saturday night before each full moon, June 24, December 27.



NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
DAVIE COUNTY.		
Farmington.....	265	Second Friday evening in each month.
Mocksville.....	134	Third Friday evening, Tuesday evening of each Court week, June 24, December 27.
DUPLIN COUNTY.		
Rehoboth.....	279	Friday before the fourth Sunday in each month, except June and December, and on June 24 and December 27.
Warren.....	101	
DURHAM COUNTY.		
Durham.....	352	Second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, June 24 and December 27.
Eno.....	210	Monday before full moon in each month.
EDGECOMBE COUNTY.		
Concord.....	58	Second and fourth Tuesday evenings in each month.
Rising Sun.....	438	Wednesday before the second and fourth Sundays in each month.
FORSYTHE COUNTY.		
Salem.....	289	First Tuesday night in each month.
Winston.....	167	Second Monday evening in each month, June 24, December 27.
FRANKLIN COUNTY.		
Cedar Rock.....	286	Third Saturday each month at 1 o'clock P. M.
Franklinton.....	123	Last Saturday and second Friday in each month.
Louisburg.....	413	First Monday night in each month.
Sandy Creek.....	185	First Saturday each month at 2 o'clock P. M.
Youngsville.....	377	Thursday before the first Sunday in each month.
GASTON COUNTY.		
Air Line.....	369	Friday night before full moon in each month.
Gaston.....	263	
South Fork.....	462	First Friday after the full moon in each month.
GATES COUNTY.		
Gatesville.....	126	First Thursday at 11 o'clock A. M.
Lily Valley.....	252	Fourth Saturday in each month.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
GRAHAM COUNTY.		
Lone Oak.....	449	First Monday evening in each month.
GRANVILLE COUNTY.		
Adoniram.....	149	Second Saturday in each month.
Berea.....	204	Saturday before the second Sunday in each month at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Granville.....	380	Fourth Saturday in each month.
Knap of Reeds.....	158	Saturday before the fourth Sunday in each month, June 24 and December 27 at 2 o'clock P. M.
Mount Energy.....	140	First Saturday in each month, June 24 December 27.
Oxford.....	396	First Monday night in each month.
Tally Ho.....	393	Saturday afternoon before the second Sunday in each month, June 24, Dec. 27.
GREENE COUNTY.		
Jerusalem.....	95	Second Saturday in each month at 10 o'clock A. M., June 24 at 3 o'clock P. M.
Radiance.....	132	First Friday in each month.
GUILFORD COUNTY.		
Nuna F. Reid.....	344	Second Monday night in each month.
Greensboro.....	76	Second Thursday in each month.
Logan.....	121	Second Saturday in each month.
Stokesdale.....	428	Saturday evening on or before each full moon.
Tobasco.....	271	Second Saturday in each month, June 24, December 27.
HALIFAX COUNTY.		
Enfield.....	447	Second and fourth Monday nights in each month.
Roanoke.....	203	First Tuesday evening in each month.
Royal White Hart.....	2	First and third Wednesdays in each month.
Scotland Neck.....	470	.....
HARNETT COUNTY.		
Cokesbury.....	235	Saturday before third Sunday in each month, June 24, December 27.
Evergreen.....	303	Second Saturday evening in each month.
Harnett.....	258	Friday before the first Sunday in each month, June 24, December 27.
Lillington.....	302	Saturday before first Sunday in each month, at 4 o'clock P. M.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Palmyra.....	147	First Friday night at 7 o'clock, each third Saturday at 10:30 A. M.
Pine Forest.....	186	Saturday evening on or before each full moon, June 24 and December 29.
HAYWOOD COUNTY.		
Clyde .....	453	Tuesday on or before full moon each month.
Pigeon River.....	386	Thursday evening after full moon in each month, June 24, December 27.
Sonoma .....	472	Thursday night before full moon in each month.
Waynesville.....	259	Friday night on or before full moon in each month.
HENDERSON COUNTY.		
Kedron .....	387	Friday night before full moon in each month.
HERTFORD COUNTY.		
American George.....	17	First Saturday each month at 2 o'clock P. M.
Winton .....	327	Saturday before the fourth Sunday in each month at 2 o'clock P. M.
HYDE COUNTY.		
Atlantic.....	294	Second Saturday in each month, and Tuesday nights of Court weeks.
Mattamuskeet.....	328	Fourth Saturday in each month.
IREDELL COUNTY.		
Mooreville .....	496	First Saturday each month, Friday night before third Sunday in each month
Grassy Knob.....	471	.....
Hunting Creek.....	299	Saturday evening before the third Sunday in each month at 2 o'clock P. M.
Statesville .....	487	First and third Tuesdays in each month.
Wilson.....	226	Saturday on or before the full moon in each month at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
JACKSON COUNTY.		
Dillsboro.....	459	First and third Saturdays in each month.
East LaPort.....	358	Saturday on or before full moon in each month, June 24, December 27.
Unaka .....	268	First and third Fridays in each month at 7 o'clock P. M.
JOHNSTON COUNTY.		
Four Oaks.....	478	First Friday in every month.
Archer .....	165	First Saturday each month at 11 o'clock A. M.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Beulah.....	257	Saturday before the fourth Sunday in each month, June 24, December 27.
Fellowship.....	84	Second Saturday in each month at 10 o'clock A. M., fourth Tuesday at 8 o'clock P. M.
Granite.....	191	Third Saturday each month, 10 o'clock A. M.
Polenta.....	450	Saturday before the second Sunday.
Relief.....	431	First Friday night in each month.
Selma.....	320	Third Friday each month, 7:30 o'clock P. M.
Mill Creek.....	480	.....
JONES COUNTY.		
Pollokville.....	175	Second Wednesday in each month.
Zion.....	81	Third Saturday in each month.
LENOIR COUNTY.		
Kinston.....	316	First and third Monday nights in each month.
Lenoir.....	233	First Thursday each month.
Pleasant Hill.....	304	First Saturday each month at 10 o'clock A. M.
Rountree.....	243	First Saturday each month at 10 o'clock A. M.
St. John's.....	96	Second Wednesday in each month at 10 o'clock A. M.
LINCOLN COUNTY.		
Lincoln.....	137	First Monday night in each month.
Rock Spring.....	341	Saturday on or before the full moon in each month.
MACON COUNTY.		
Blue Ridge.....	435	Friday on or before each full moon.
Junaluskee.....	145	First and third Tuesday nights each month.
MADISON COUNTY.		
French Broad.....	292	Friday on or before the full moon in each month, June 24, December 27.
Grapevine.....	457	Saturday after the change of the moon in each month, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Ivy.....	406	Saturday on or before each full moon at 2 o'clock P. M.
Mars Hill.....	370	Saturday on or before each full moon.
Mountain Park.....	445	Saturday on or before the full moon in each month.
White Rock.....	392	Saturday on or before each full moon.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
MARTIN COUNTY.		
Conoho .....	399	First Friday evening in each month.
Skewarkey .....	90	Second and fourth Tuesday evenings.
Stonewall .....	296	Saturday before third Sunday in each month.
MCDOWELL COUNTY.		
Joppa .....	401	Second and fourth Saturdays in each month at 7 o'clock P. M.
Mystic Tie .....	237	Friday night before each full moon, June 24, December 27, and on first Tuesday night of each term of Superior Court.
MECKLENBURG CO.		
Long Creek .....	205	Second and fourth Saturday at 9 o'clock A. M.
Craighead .....	366	First and third Friday nights in each month.
Excelsior .....	261	First Tuesday of each month.
Phalanx .....	31	Second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.
Pineville .....	455	Every other Friday night.
Matthews .....	461	Second and fourth Thursdays in each month at 7:30 P. M.
Mecklenburg .....	176	First and third Thursday evenings in each month.
MITCHELL COUNTY.		
Linville .....	489	Friday afternoon before full moon of each month.
Bakersville .....	357	First Monday in each month, June 24 and December 27, and the first Tuesday of Fall and Spring Courts.
MONTGOMERY CO.		
Randolph .....	309	On or before full moon in each month.
Star .....	437	Saturday before the fourth Sunday in each month, June 24, December 27.
MOORE COUNTY.		
Aberdeen .....	484	.....
Eagle Springs .....	477	Friday before second Saturday each month.
Chalmers .....	151	Saturday night nearest the full moon in each month, June 24, December 27.
White Hill .....	321	Third Saturday evening in each month June 24, December 27.
McCormick .....	228	Third Saturday each month at 2 o'clock P. M.
Sanford .....	469	Second and fourth Tuesday evenings in each month.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
NASH COUNTY.		
Central Cross.....	187	Second Saturday in each month and December 27.
Corinthian .....	230	Second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.
Morning Star.....	85	First and fourth Saturdays in each month.
Rockville .....	411	First Saturday in each month.
Spring Hope.....	481	First Friday night and third Saturday in each month.
NEW HANOVER CO.		
Orient .....	395	First Wednesday evening in each month.
St. John's.....	1	Second Tuesday evening in each month.
Wilmington .....	319	Third Tuesday in each month.
NORTHAMPTON CO.		
King Solomon.....	56	First Saturday each month at 2 o'clock P. M.
Potecasi.....	418	Saturday before the third Sunday in each month at 2 o'clock P. M.
Seaboard.....	378	Thursday before the third Sunday each month.
Rich Square.....	488	.....
ONSIOW COUNTY.		
LaFayette.....	83	Third Saturday in each month.
Seaside .....	429	Fourth Saturday in each month.
ORANGE COUNTY.		
Eagle .....	71	Friday night on or before each full moon.
University .....	408	Friday evening on or before the full moon in each month.
PAMLICO COUNTY.		
Bayboro.....	331	Fourth Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M.
Mount Vernon.....	359	Second Saturday in each month, June 24, and December 27, at 10 o'clock, A. M.
Rainbow .....	479	Third Saturday each month, 10 o'clock A. M.
PASQUOTANK CO.		
Eureka.....	317	First and third Tuesdays in each month.
PENDER COUNTY.		
King Solomon.....	138	Second Saturday in each month.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
PERSON COUNTY.		
Person .....	113	Second Monday evening in each month.
PERQUIMANS CO.		
Perquimans .....	106	Every Tuesday evening, June 24, December 27.
PITT COUNTY.		
Grimesland .....	475	Third Friday in each month.
Greenville.....	284	First and third Monday evenings and first Thursday each month, June 24, December 27.
Grifton.....	452	Third Wednesday in each month.
Temperance.....	389	Third Saturday in each month.
POLK COUNTY.		
Saluda .....	482	.....
RANDOLPH COUNTY.		
Randleman .....	209	Third Saturday night in each month and on St. John's day.
Balfour .....	188	.....
Deep River.....	164	Saturday night before full moon in each month, June 24, December 27.
Farmers.....	404	Saturday on or before full moon each month.
Hanks .....	128	Third Saturday night in each month, June 24 and December 27.
Marietta .....	444	First Saturday night in each month.
Mount Olivet.....	195	Saturday after the first full moon in each month at 4 o'clock, P. M.
RICHMOND COUNTY.		
Rockingham .....	495	.....
Laurinburg .....	305	Tuesday on or before each full moon.
ROBESON COUNTY.		
St. Paul's.....	474	First Tuesday evening in each month.
King Solomon.....	313	First Saturday evening in each month.
Maxton .....	417	First Friday night in each month.
St. Albans.....	114	First and third Fridays of each month.
Ashpole .....	335	.....
ROCKINGHAM CO.		
Dan River.....	129	.....



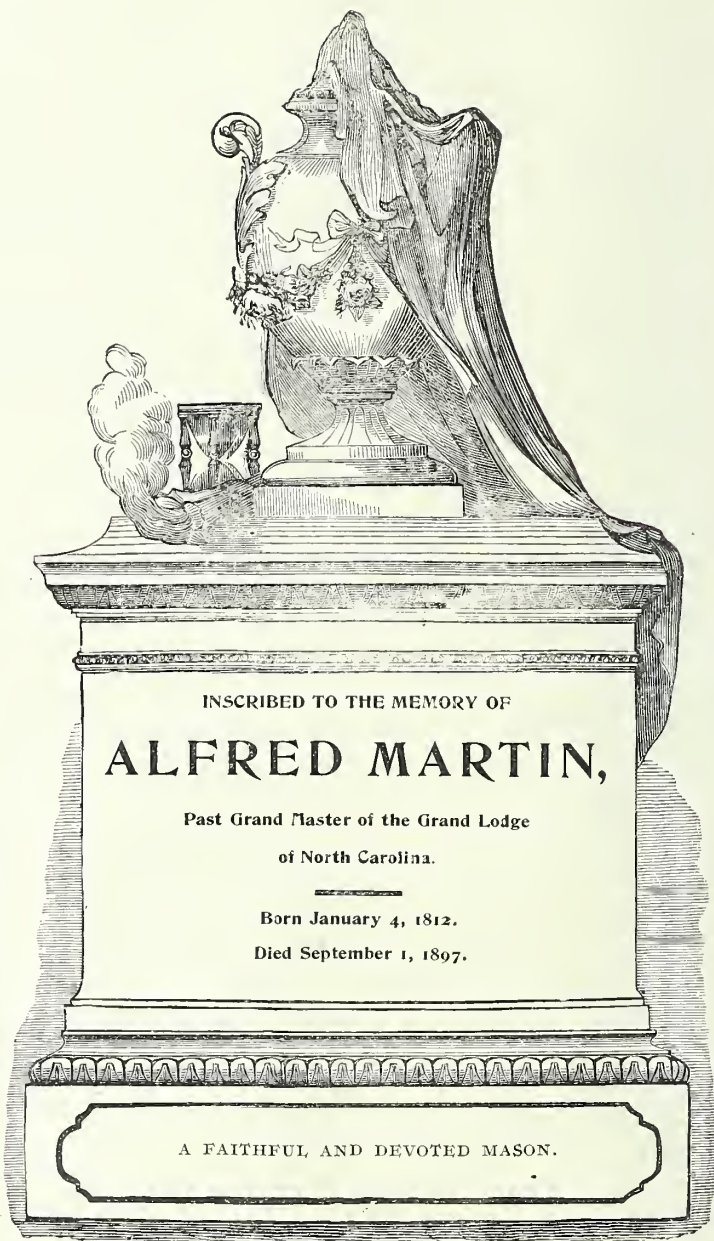
NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Reilsville .....	384	First and third Thursday nights in each month.
Wentworth .....	324	Saturday before third Sunday in each month.
ROWAN COUNTY.		
Eureka .....	283	First Saturday in each month, June 24 and December 27, at 1 o'clock, P. M.
Fulton .....	99	First and third Friday evenings each month.
RUTHERFORD CO..		
Forest City .....	381	Tuesday night on or before each full moon.
Henrietta .....	460	Saturday evening before the fourth Sunday in each month.
Western Star .....	91	Tuesday evening on or before every full moon, June 24, December 27.
SAMPSON COUNTY.		
Coharie .....	379	Saturday before fourth Sunday each month.
Hiram .....	98	Third Friday in each month.
Ingold .....	448	Last Thursday in each month.
Mill Creek .....	125	First Friday in each month.
Mingo .....	206	First Friday each month, June 24, December 27.
Siloam .....	178	Thursday before fourth Sunday each month.
STANLY COUNTY.		
Big Lick .....	476	
Stanly .....	348	Saturday evening on or before the full moon in each month.
Yadkin Falls .....	422	Second and fourth Saturday evenings in each month.
Millingford .....	468	Friday evening before the second and fourth Sundays in each month.
SURRY COUNTY.		
Pilot .....	493	First and third Friday in each month.
Copeland .....	390	Second Saturday evening in each month.
Dobson .....	402	First Monday each month, June 24, December 27.
Elkin .....	454	Tuesday night on or before each full moon.
Granite .....	322	First and third Tuesday nights each month.
Rockford .....	251	Saturday evening on or before each full moon.
Rocky Ford .....	430	Saturday on or before each full moon.
Rusk .....	456	Saturday on or before each full moon, June 24, December 27.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
SWAIN COUNTY.		
Oconee.....	427	First Monday and third Thursday in each month, and Tuesday night of each Superior Court.
TRANSYLVANIA CO.		
Dunn's Rock.....	267	Friday on or before the full moon in each month at 1 o'clock P. M.
UNION COUNTY.		
Beaver Dam.....	276	Friday on or before each full moon.
Monroe .....	244	First and third Friday evenings each month.
Waxhaw .....	442	Second and fourth Saturdays in each month.
VANCE COUNTY.		
Henderson .....	229	First and third Tuesdays in each month.
Henry F. Grainger....	412	Saturday before the second Sunday in each month at 2 o'clock P. M.
Ionic.....	337	First Friday in each month.
WAKE COUNTY.		
Green Level.....	277	Saturday before second Sunday each month at 10 o'clock A. M., June 24, December 27.
Hiram .....	40	Third Monday evening in each month.
Holly Springs.....	115	Saturday before the fourth Sunday in each month at 12 o'clock M.
Mount Pleasant.....	157	Saturday before the first Sunday in each month at 1 o'clock P. M., and June 24.
Neuse.....	97	Saturday before second Sunday each month.
Rolesville .....	156	First Saturday each month at 2 o'clock P. M.
Wake Forest .....	282	Thursday before the second and fourth Sundays in each month at 2 o'clock P. M.
William G. Hill.....	218	Second and fourth Monday nights in each month.
William T. Bain.....	231	Saturday before third Sunday each month at 10 o'clock A. M., June 24, Dec. 27.
White Stone.....	155	Fourth Saturday in each month.
Cary .....	198	Saturday before the third Sabbath in each month 4 o'clock P. M.
WASHINGTON CO.		
Roper.....	443	Tuesday nights after the first and third Sundays of each month.
WATAUGA COUNTY.		
Ashler .....	451	Saturday before the full moon each month, June 24, December 27.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Blowing Rock.....	458	Second Saturday in each month, June 24, December 27.
Elk .....	373	Fourth Saturday of each month, June 24, December 27.
Snow .....	363	First Saturday in each month, June 24, December 27.
Watauga .....	273	Saturday at 1 o'clock P. M. on or before the full moon each month, June 24, Dec. 27, and on Monday nights of Court week.
WAYNE COUNTY.		
Falling Creek.....	325	Saturday before the third Sunday in each month, June 24, December 27.
Harmony .....	340	First Thursday in each month.
Wayne .....	112	First and third Mondays in each month.
WILKES COUNTY.		
Buggaboo .....	490	On Saturday evening before the second Sunday in each month.
Clingman .....	440	Saturday after each full moon.
Dellaplane .....	355	Saturday on or before each full moon at 2 o'clock P. M.
Liberty .....	45	First Monday in each month.
Liberty Grove.....	407	First Saturday after full moon in each month at 10 o'clock A. M.
Moravian .....	353	Friday nights on or before each full moon.
New Hope.....	415	Second Saturday each month, 1 o'clock P. M.
Pleasant Mount.....	441	Friday on or before the full moon in each month, June 24, December 27.
Trap Hill.....	483	Saturday on or before each full moon.
WILSON COUNTY.		
Black Creek.....	330	Second Saturday in each month, and June 24, at 11 o'clock A. M.
Hatcher.....	310	Third Saturday in each month, June 24, December 27.
Joseph Warren.....	92	First Thursday at 11 o'clock A. M., and third Monday at 7:30 o'clock P. M. each month.
Mount Lebanon.....	117	First and third Monday evenings in each month.
Toisnot .....	298	Second and fourth Saturdays in each month.
YADKIN COUNTY.		
Baltimore .....	424	Saturday before fourth Sunday each month, June 24, December 27.
Boonville .....	421	Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.

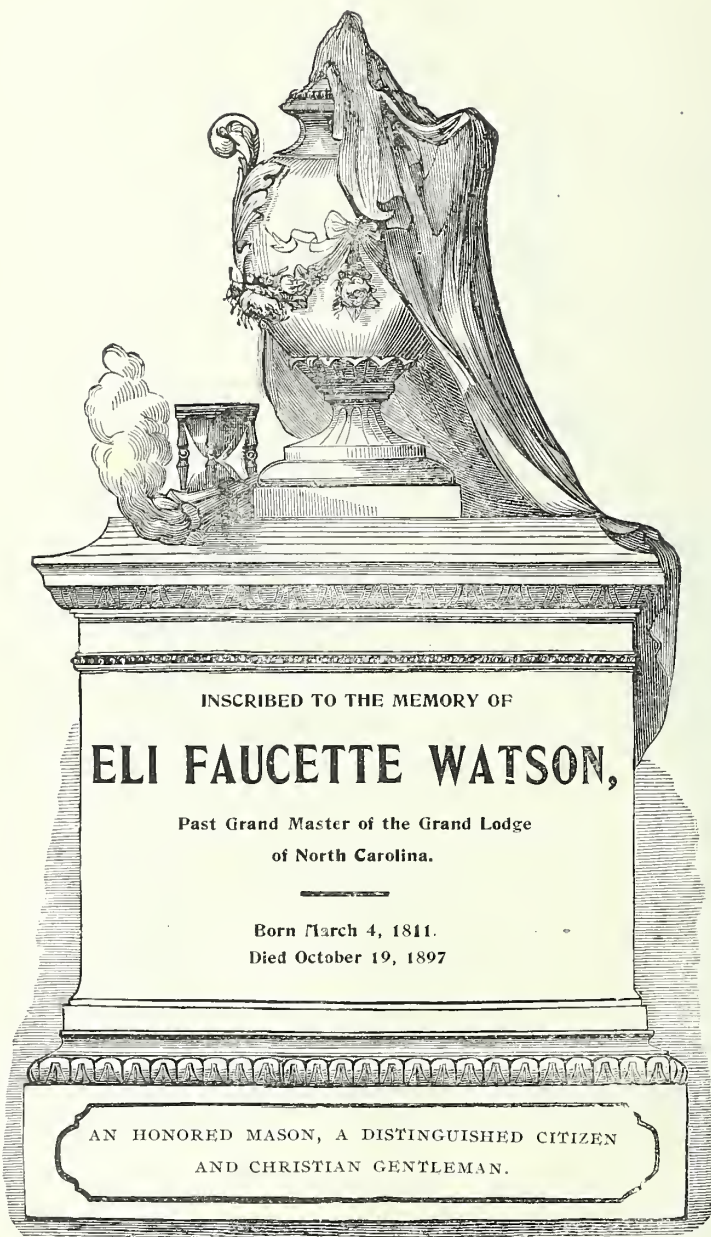
NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
East Bend.....	269	Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.
Harmon.....	420	Saturday night preceding the full moon in each month.
Jonesville .....	227	Friday night on or before the full moon in each month, June 24, December 27.
West Bend.....	434	Second Saturday evenings in each month.
Yadkin .....	162	Saturday night after the full moon in each month.
YANCEY COUNTY.		
Bald Creek.....	397	Saturday after each full moon.
Burnsville.....	192	Second Saturday in each month.
Eastern Star.....	425	Saturday before each full moon, June 24, December 27.











INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY OF

**ELI FAUCETTE WATSON,**

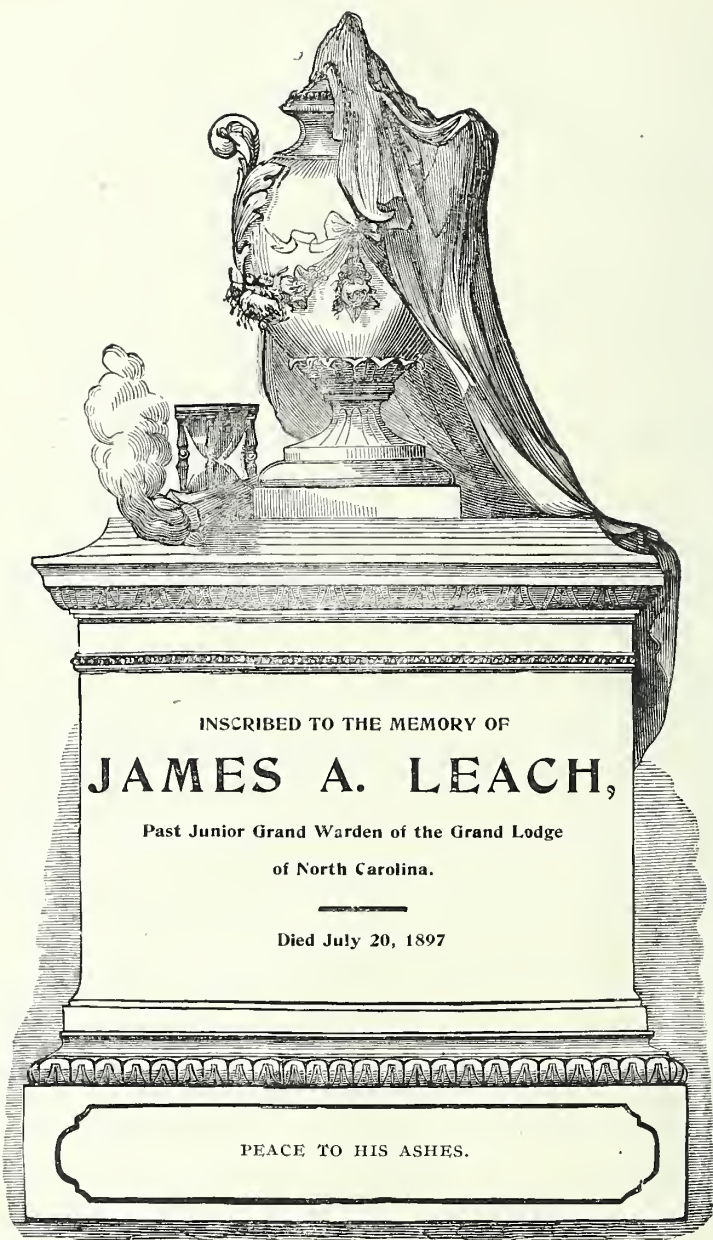
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge  
of North Carolina.

Born March 4, 1811.

Died October 19, 1897

AN HONORED MASON, A DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN  
AND CHRISTIAN GENTLEMAN.





INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY OF

**JAMES A. LEACH,**

Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge  
of North Carolina.

Died July 20, 1897

PEACE TO HIS ASHES.

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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

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THE Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in Special Communication at the Orphan Asylum Hall, at Oxford, Thursday morning, June 24th, A. D. 1897, at 11 o'clock, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented.

Prayer was led by the Grand Chaplain.

## PRAYER OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

O Almighty and Eternal God, Supreme Architect of the Universe, Grand Master and Maker of all men, and of all things, grant us, we beseech and implore Thee, Thy Divine blessing and gracious favor. Grant that we may ever walk in the ways of righteousness and in the paths of peace; that harmony may prevail amongst us now and at all times, and that we may ever be found on guard against the arch enemy of mankind—Satan the adversary and the deceiver.

Make us to realize, in all its glory and beauty how good and pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Grant us grace to consecrate and devote our lives to Thy service and to Thy honor, and thus obtain Thy Divine approval and blessing. Endue us with the fullness of heavenly wisdom, that we may be enabled to illustrate in our daily walk and conversation the beauties of holiness to the glory of Thy great Name. Grant that our hearts and our consciences may be divested of all the vices and superfluities of life, that we may thereby be fitted as lively and living stones for that Spiritual Building, that House not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens.

Grant that our characters may be adorned with the precious jewels of *Humanity, Friendship and Brotherly Love*, and that we may discreetly practice the virtues of *Silence and Circumspection*, and so grow in strength from day to day.

And above all, O Heavenly Father, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, that when our time shall come to join that innumerable caravan constantly moving onward towards the realms of Light, we may be found *duly and truly prepared, worthy and well qualified to enter* upon Eternal life in Thy beatific presence forever more.

And to Thy Holy Name be glory, might, majesty, and dominion,  
both now and ever, world without end.

So mote it be.—Amen.

### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. W. W. E. MOORE .....	Grand Master.
R. W. R. J. NOBLE .....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. B. S. ROYSTER .....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. S. H. ROUNTREE .....	as Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. L. C. TAYLOR .....	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. JOHN C. DREWRY .....	Grand Secretary.
W. STUART MCQUEEN .....	Grand Chaplain.
W. B. W. HATCHER .....	Grand Lecturer.
W. F. D. WINSTON .....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. H. H. EATMAN .....	as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN L. CURRIN .....	Grand Marshal.
W. OWEN DAVIS .....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. MARTIN S. WILLARD .....	Grand Persuivant.
W. W. N. HARRIS .....	as Grand Steward.
W. JAS. F. GRIFFITH .....	Grand Steward.
W. R. H. BRADLEY .....	Grand Tiler.

### PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE .....	Past Jr. Grand Warden.
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The following Lodges were represented. :

Mount Energy, No. 140; Granville, No. 380; Oxford, No. 396; Berea; No. 204; Adoniram, No. 149; Tally Ho, No. 393; Wm. G. Hill, No. 218, Henry F. Grainger, No. 412; Roanoke, No. 203; Royal White Heart, No. 2; St. John's, No. 96; Henderson, No. 229; Winston, No. 167; Knap of Reeds, No. 158; Youngsville, No. 377; Mount Pisgah, No. 157; Franklin, No. 123; Orient, No. 395; Wilmington, No. 319; St. John's, No. 1; St. John's, No. 3.

On motion it was decided not to take up a public collection. Bro. W. F. Beasley was requested to take up a special

collection for the specific purpose of providing a library for for the Asylum. The collection amounted to \$16.90.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment during the will and pleasure of the Grand Master.

A procession was formed under the direction of the Grand Marshal, and the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the platform erected in the grove on the beautiful Asylum grounds.

The following program was carried out and much enjoyed by every one present :

*Morning.*

Song, by the children.

Prayer.

Song, by the children.

Speech of Welcome, by Hon. J. C. Biggs.

Response, by F. D. Winston, Senior Grand Deacon.

Song, by the children.

Introduction of Speaker, by Walter E. Moore, Grand Master.

Orator, Dr. C. D. McIver.

Song, "Old North State," by the children, the audience requested to join in the chorus.

Recess for dinner.

*Evening.*

Entertainment, by the children—3 o'clock.

The Grand Orator was introduced by the M. W. Walter E. Moore.

The oration of Bro. McIver, was an intellectual gem of rare excellency and beauty.

The Grand Lodge then returned to the Hall and was called from refreshment to labor, and no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

JOHN C. DREWRY,  
*Grand Secretary.*



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### SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

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THE Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, convened in Special Communication, at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Durham, Saturday evening, September 4th, A. D., 1887, at 5:15 o'clock and was opened in due form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented.

Prayer was led by Brother W. J. Twilley, acting as Grand Chaplain.

### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

R. J. NOBLE.....	as Grand Master.
JAS. SOUTHGATE.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
E. T. ROLLINS.....	as Senior Grand Warden.
C. E. TURNER.....	as Junior Grand Warden.
C. C. TAYLOR.....	as Grand Treasurer.
JOHN C. DREWRY.....	Grand Secretary.
F. M. SHARP.....	as Senior Grand Deacon.
J. T. BOBBITT.....	as Junior Grand Deacon.
J. A. WOODALL.....	as Grand Marshal.
H. A. REAMS.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
A. RICHARDSON.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
L. L. PAMPLIN.....	as Grand Steward.
A. J. FAUCETT.....	as Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY.....	Grand Tiler.
W. J. WEIR.....	Grand Architect.



A letter was read from the Grand Master granting a Dispensation to convene the Grand Lodge in special session for the purpose of assisting in the ceremony of laying the corner-stone for the new Public Library at Durham.

The procession was then formed under the direction of the Grand Marshal, and the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the place where the building was to be erected and proceeded with the regular Masonic custom used on such occasions.

The ceremony was beautiful and impressive.

The speakers for the occasion were, Mr. C. H. Mebane, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Rev. J. G. Dowell, Maj. W. A. Guthrie, W. W. Flowers, Superintendent of the Graded School, and Dr. J. C. Kilgo, President of Trinity College.

The ceremonies having been completed, the Grand Lodge returned to Masonic Hall and no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

JOHN C. DREWRY,

*Grand Secretary.*

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina, convened in Special Communication in Masonic Hall in the city of Asheville, N. C., Wednesday morning, December, 22, A. D., 1897, A. L. 5897 at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened in ample form by M. W. Walter E. Moore, Grand Master, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented. Prayer was led by the Grand Chaplain.

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### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. W., WALTER E. MOORE.....	Grand Master.
R. W., ROBERT BINGHAM.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W., THOS. J. RICKMAN.....	as Senior Grand Warden.
R. W., H. I. CLARK.....	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W., W. C. SPRINKLE.....	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W., W. W. WILSON.....	as Grand Secretary.
W., R. R. SWOPE.....	as Grand Chaplain.
W., F. D. WINSTON.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W., T. J. REED.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W., J. L. CURRIN.....	Grand Marshal.
W., J. F. TILLSON.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
W., A. L. PARKER.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
W., M. D. KINSLAND.....	as Grand Steward.
W., M. D. COWAN.....	as Grand Steward.
W., R. H. BRADLEY.....	Grand Tyler.
W., J. G. COLVIN.....	Grand Architect.

### PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

ROBERT BINGHAM.....	Past Grand Master.
F. H. BUSBEE.....	Past Grand Master.

The following Lodges were represented :

Nos. 5, 40, 118, 151, 168, 170, 192, 218, 229, 259, 268, 292, 293, 358, 386, 387, 397, 399, 406, 410, 444, 446, 457 and 472. \*

The Grand Master in appropriate remarks stated the object of the Special Communication, which was to perform the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the Vance monument.

Bro. Locke Craig in behalf of the Lodges at Asheville and Biltmore, presented to the Grand Lodge a gavel made from a piece of chestnut wood taken from the house in which Senator Vance was born.

It was accepted by Grand Master Moore in behalf of the Grand Lodge, with appropriate remarks.

Bro. W. F. Randolph on behalf of the local Lodges extended to the members of the Grand Lodge an invitation to a banquet to be given at the Battery Park hotel to-night at 9 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment during the will and pleasure of Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded in a body to Court Square, and the beautiful Masonic ceremony was rendered with the usual solemnity and impressiveness; at the conclusion of which Past Grand Master F. H. Busbee briefly enumerated the ceremonies and gave their symbolic meaning, and closed his remarks by paying an eloquent tribute to Senator Vance.

The Grand Lodge then retired to the Court House and listened to an oration delivered by Bro. R. R. Swope, Grand Orator.

The Grand Lodge then returned in a body to Masonic Hall and was called from refreshment to labor.

There being no further business the proceedings were read and approved.

The Grand Lodge was at 1:30 o'clock closed in ample form.

WALTER E. MOORE,  
*Grand Master.*

ATTEST:

W. W. WILLSON,  
*as Grand Secretary.*

# GRAND LODGES—MONTH OF MEETINGS—ADDRESSES OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND LODGES.	MEETS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	ADDRESSES.
Alabama.....	December.....	Henry C. Armstrong.....	Montgomery.
Arizona.....	November.....	Geo. J. Roskruege.....	Tuscon.
Arkansas.....	November.....	Fay Hemstead.....	Little Rock
British Columbia.....	June.....	W. J. Quinlan.....	Victoria.
California.....	October.....	George Johnson.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	July.....	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado.....	September.....	Ed. C. Parmelee.....	Denver.
Connecticut.....	January.....	John Barlow.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	October.....	B. F. Bartram.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	November.....	W. R. Singleton.....	Washington.
Florida.....	January.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	October.....	A. M. Wolihin.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	September.....	Chas. C. Stevenson.....	Boise City.
Illinois.....	October.....	J. H. C. Dill.....	Bloomington.
Indiana.....	May.....	William H. Smythe.....	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory.....	August.....	J. S. Murrow.....	Atoka.
Iowa.....	June.....	Theo. S. Parwin.....	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas.....	February.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	October.....	H. B. Grant.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	February.....	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	May.....	Stephen Berry.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	June.....	William G. Scott.....	Winnipeg.
Massachusetts.....	December.....	Sereno D. Nickerson.....	Boston.
Maryland.....	November.....	Jacob H. Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Michigan.....	January.....	Jefferson S. Conover.....	Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	January.....	Thos. Montgomery.....	St Paul.
Mississippi.....	February.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	October.....	John D. Vincil.....	St Louis.
Montana.....	September.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	June.....	Wm. R. Bowen.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	June.....	C. N. Noteware.....	Carson.
New Brunswick.....	April.....	J. T. Hart.....	St. John.
New Hampshire.....	May.....	George P. Cleaves.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	January.....	T. H. R. Redway.....	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	October.....	A. A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New York.....	June.....	E. M. L. Ehlers.....	New York.
North Dakota.....	June.....	Frank J. Thompson.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	June.....	W. Ross.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	October.....	J. H. Bromwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	February.....	J. S. Hunt.....	Stillwater.
Oregon.....	June.....	James F. Robinson.....	Eugene.
Pennsylvania.....	December.....	W. A. Sinn.....	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island.....	June.....	Neil Mackelvie.....	Summerside.
Quebec.....	January.....	John H. Isaacson.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	May.....	Edwin Baker.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	December.....	Charles Inglesby.....	Charleston.
South Dakota.....	June.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Flandreau.
Tennessee.....	January.....	John P. Garrett.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	December.....	John Watson.....	Houston.
Utah.....	January.....	Cristopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	June.....	Warren J. Reynolds.....	Burlington.
Virginia.....	December.....	Geo. W. Carrington.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	September.....	Thomas M. Reid.....	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	November.....	George W. Atkinson.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	June.....	John W. Laffin.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	December.....	W. L. Kuykendall.....	Saratoga.

## LIST OF FOREIGN GRAND LODGES, WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	ADDRESSES.
Argentine Republic .....	Otto E. Recke .....	Buenos Aires.
Belgium .....	Rian Ncdgrot .....	Brussels.
Brazil .....	Dr. Henrique Valladares .....	Rio de Janeiro.
Bavaria, Grosse Landesloge zur Sonne .....	G. H. Fischer .....	Bayreuth, Bavaria.
Chili .....	A. Echeverrea .....	Valparaiso.
Columbia .....	Damaro Zapota .....	Carthagena.
Cuba, Gran Logia Unida .....	Jose F. Pellon .....	Habana 55, Habana, Cuba.
Denmark .....	Rasmus Oelgard Neilson .....	Copenhagen.
Egypt .....	F. F. Oddi .....	Alexandria.
England, United Grand Lodge .....	Edward Letchworth .....	Free Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W. C.
Frankfort, Eklektic Union .....	Dr. Emil Wenz .....	Steinweg, 6, Frankfort, Germany.
Greece .....	Etienne Stephanos, Dr. Jur .....	24 Rue Houmère, Athens, Germany.
Hamburg, Grosse Loge .....	Joseph Ikl .....	Roemerstrasse 14, Worms, Germany.
Hesse-Darmstadt, Grosse Loge zur Eintracht .....	Karl Weiss, Dr. Phil .....	Wattner-Boulevard 45, Budapest, Hungary
Hungary, Symbolische Grosse Loge .....	M. Gellert .....	Palazzo Poli 42, Rome, Italy.
Italy .....	Ettore Ferrari .....	Free Masons' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin.
Ireland, Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. .....	Archib'd St. George, D. G. S .....	Monrovia, Africa.
Liberia .....	H. A. Williams .....	Mexico.
Mexico .....	Garniellet Arenat .....	Free Masons' Hall, Castlereagh Street, Sydney.
New South Wales, United Grand Lodge .....	A. H. Bray .....	Auckland, N. Z.
New Zealand .....	William Ronaldson .....	Wichman-Strasse 2a, Berlin.
Prussia, Grosse Loge Royal York Freundschaft .....	Karl August Bouche .....	Spitgerberger-Gasse 3, Berlin.
Prussia, Grosse Loge zu den drei Weitkugeln .....	Johannes Shuman .....	Orantenburger-Strasse 72, Berlin.
Prussia, Grosse Landesloge .....	Wilhelm Kabe .....	Casa Bravo y ca Playa Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.
Puerto Rico, Gran Logia Soberano .....	Alberto Nadal .....	Kurfürsten-Strasse 26 III, Dresden, Germany.
Saxony, Grosse Landesloge .....	Frederick G. Stenbler .....	Free Masons' Hall, 98 George Street Edinburg.
Scotland, Grand Lodge of .....	David Murray Lyons .....	Free Masons' Hall, Flinders Street, Adelaide, Aus.
South Australia, Grand Lodge of .....	J. H. Cunningham .....	Madrid.
Spain, Gran Logia Simbolica of Sevilla .....	Joaquin Reiz .....	Blaisetholmen No. 6, Stockholm, Sweden.
Sweden .....	Hugo Martin .....	Berne, Schweiz.
Switzerland, Grosse Loge Alpina .....	Charles Breeson .....	Free Masons' Hall, Hobart, Tasmania.
Tasmania .....	J. G. Steele .....	Valle de la Megherda, Tunis, Africa.
Tunis .....	Edward Murri .....	Free Masons' Hall, Melbourne, Australia.
Victoria, United Grand Lodge of .....	T. H. Lempiere .....	Caracas.
Venezuela .....	Jose B. Alovzna .....	

## REPRESENTATIVES

*Of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of North  
Carolina.*

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Arkansas .....	Fabius H. Busbee.....	Raleigh.
British Columbia.....		
Canada .....	W. H. Summerell.....	Winston.
California .....	John C. Drewry.....	Raleigh.
Colorado .....	William A. Blair.....	Winston.
Delaware.....	W. A. Withers.....	Raleigh.
District of Columbia.....	Charles H. Robinson.....	Wilmington.
Florida.....	Logan M. Totten.....	Hickory.
Georgia .....	H. J. Lovick.....	Newbern.
Idaho .....	J. H. Mills.....	Thomasville.
Illinois .....	Hezekiah A. Gudger.....	Asheville.
Indiana .....	Horace H. Munson.....	Wilmington.
Iowa .....	Charles H. Robinson.....	Wilmington.
Kansas .....	M. C. S. Noble.....	Wilmington.
Louisiana .....	Robert B. Vance.....	Asheville.
Maine .....	David Bell.....	Enfield.
Manitoba.....	Samuel H. Smith.....	Winston.
Maryland.....		
Michigan.....	Robert Bingham.....	Asheville.
Mississippi.....	Enoch F. Lamb.....	Elizabeth City.
Nebraska.....	Will X. Coley.....	Mocksville.
Nevada.....	Walter Clark.....	Raleigh.
New Hampshire.....	John C. Chase.....	Wilmington.
New Jersey.....	W. H. Bain.....	Raleigh.
New York.....	N. B. Broughton.....	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia.....	Thomas S. Kenan.....	Raleigh.
Oregon.....	John W. Cotten.....	Tarboro.
Ohio .....	Albert M. Noble.....	Selma.
Pennsylvania.....	William R. Cox.....	Raleigh.
Rhode Island.....	H. W. Reinhart.....	Thomasville.
South Carolina.....	W. T. Caho.....	Newbern.
Sweden .....	W. W. Wilson.....	Raleigh.
Vermont .....	Samuel Northorp.....	Wilmington.
Virginia.....	Dr. F. M. Moye.....	Moyton.
Washington .....	Jonathan W. Albertson.....	Elizabeth City.
West Virginia.....	B. S. Royster.....	Oxford.
Wisconsin.....	Richard J. Noble.....	Selma.



## REPRESENTATIVES

*Of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina near other  
Grand Bodies.*

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Arkansas .....	F. E. Taylor .....	Forest City.
British Columbia .....	James Stone .....	Bakersville.
Canada .....	Wm. Crawford .....	Medicine Hat, Canada.
California .....	Hiram N. Rucker .....	Oakland.
Colorado .....	Andrew L. Lawton .....	Colorado Springs.
Connecticut .....	Augustus C. Golding .....	Norwalk.
Delaware .....	Dr. Frank Belville .....	Delaware City.
District of Columbia .....	Jesse W. Lee, Jr. ....	Washington City.
Florida .....	Jesse J. Combs .....	Apopka.
Georgia .....	A. M. Wolihin .....	Macon.
Idaho .....	F. G. Mock .....	Mountain Home.
Illinois .....	Edward C. Pace .....	Ashley.
Indiana .....	Elisha L. McLallen .....	Columbia City.
Iowa .....	John M. Zane .....	Sac City.
Kansas .....	Alex. A. Sharp .....	Larned.
Louisiana .....	Samuel M. Todd .....	New Orleans.
Maine .....	W. R. G. Estes .....	North Anson.
Manitoba .....	Duncan J. Campbell .....	McLeod-Alberta.
Maryland .....	Samuel Eccles, Jr. ....	Baltimore.
Michigan .....	Marcus M. Atwood .....	Dansville.
Minnesota .....	William S. Combs .....	St. Paul.
Mississippi .....	Rev. A. H. Barkley .....	Crawfordsville.
Missouri .....	A. Fisher .....	La Belle.
Nebraska .....	Robert W. Furnas .....	Brownville.
Nevada .....	Joseph F. Triplett .....	
New Hampshire .....	John McLane .....	Milford.
New Jersey .....	William H. DeWolfe .....	Hackensack.
New York .....	William H. Kennedy .....	Baldwins, L. I.
North Dakota .....	James McDonald .....	Grafton.
Nova Scotia .....	Rev. H. D. Deblois .....	Annapolis.
Ohio .....	Stith M. Sullivan .....	Dayton.
Pennsylvania .....	Michael Nisbet .....	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island .....	Joseph L. Dyer .....	Alberton.
Rhode Island .....	John P. Sanborn .....	Newport.
South Carolina .....	J. T. Barron .....	Columbia.
South Dakota .....	W. H. Boals .....	Clark.
Sweden .....	Justus C. Osterman .....	Stockholm.
Tennessee .....	Henry A. Chambers .....	Chattanooga.
Texas .....	E. G. Bower .....	Dallas.
Vermont .....	Thos. L. Snow .....	St. Johnsbury.
Virginia .....	Alfred R. Courtney .....	Richmond.
Victoria .....	Andrew Thomson .....	Middle Cres't-Br'ht'n.
Washington .....	Nathan S. Porter .....	Olympia.
Wisconsin .....	E. J. Farr .....	Eau Claire.



## RETURNS

FROM THE

## SUBORDINATE LODGES.

The post-offices of the Lodges are given on foregoing pages. The place mentioned at the head of each of the following returns is the locality of the Lodge, which is, in some instances, remote from the post-office.

## WARREN LODGE, No. 101.—KENANSVILLE.

## OFFICERS:

T. M. Lee.....M.	A. F. Williams.....Sec'y.
Jas. W. Blount.....S. W.	James M. Archer.....S. D.
I. D. Southerland.....J. W.	I. B. Kelly.....J. D.
S. O. Middleton.....Treas.	B. C. Bowden.....Tiler.

## MEMBERS:

L. Hussey, H. C. Moore, D. J. Middleton, John W. Swinson.

## CARY LODGE, No. 198.—CARY.

## OFFICERS:

H. P. Guess.....M.	W. M. Sorrell.....Sec'y.
Dr. J. M. Templeton.....S. W.	H. B. Jordan.....S. D.
A. S. Crocker.....J. W.	Thos. J. Harrison.....J. D.
Young Stone.....Treas.	J. W. Creel.....Tiler.

## MEMBERS:

A. B. Booker, Robt. J. Harrison, Rufus H. Jones, Jno. P. Massey,  
Jno. L. Stephens.

LONG CREEK LODGE, No. 205. — ST. MARKS CHURCH.

## OFFICERS:

R. D. Whitley.....M.	T. M. McCoy.....S. D.
E. M. McCoy.....S. W.	J. A. Kerns.....J. D.
S. J. Stewart.....J. W.	W. L. Hutchinson.....} Stew'ds.
J. M. Houston.....Treas.	A. R. Hendersar.....}
A. McCoy.....Sec'y.	W. H. Ally.....Tiler.

*Orphan Asylum Committee.*—T. Gluyas, R. W. Kerns, C. W. McCoy.

KINSTON LODGE, No. 316.—KINSTON.

## OFFICERS:

L. Harvey.....M.	Chas. F. Harvey.....Sec'y.
J. M. White.....S. W.	A. D. Parrow.....S. D.
J. W. Grainger.....J. W.	A. Oettinger.....J. D.
D. Oettinger.....Treas.	

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## MEMBERS:

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RANDOLPH LODGE, No. 309.—TROY.

## OFFICERS:

W. G. Davis.....M.	M. W. Thayer.....Sec'y.
F. K. Shaw.....S. W.	Ira Sanders.....S. D.
N. F. Hopkins.....J. W.	I. E. Sanders.....Stew'd.
N. M. Thayer.....Treas.	

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## LINVILLE LODGE, U. D.—MONTEZUMA.

## OFFICERS:

Jordan Cook.....	M.	W. C. Franklin.....	Sec'y.
J. L. Banner.....	S. W.	T. W. Keller.....	S. D.
W. E. Blackburn.....	J. W.	J. L. Cook.....	J. D.
R. B. Braswell.....	Treas.	Newton Clark.....	Tiler.

## MEMBERS:

J. L. Banner, W. E. Blackburn, R. B. Braswell, Jordan Cook, J. L. Cook, Newton Clark, T. P. Clark, W. C. Franklin, T. W. Keller, I. L. Moore.

## BUGGABOO LODGE, U. D.—DIMMETTE.

## OFFICERS:

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## MEMBERS:

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## THOS. M. HOLT LODGE, U. D.—GRAHAM.

## OFFICERS:

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W. A. Wood.....	J. W.	W. C. Moore.....	J. D.
Thos. C. Foust.....	Treas.	Jos. B. Thompson.....	Tiler.

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## MEMBERS:

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## OFFICERS:

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E. Slade .....	Treas.	W. D. Nash.....	
F. A. Pierson.....	Sec'y.	A. L. Reid.....	Tiler.

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## MEMBERS:

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## OFFICERS:

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L. R. Connelly.....	J. W.	G. G. Freeze.....	} Stew'ds.
H. A. Ludwig.....	Treas.	J. E. Powers.....	
S. J. Brawley .....	Sec'y.	J. A. McNeely.....	Tiler.

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*Abstract of Returns from Subordinate Lodges Masonic Year ending October 31, 1897.*

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St. John's.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	85	15	100	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$0 00
R'y'l White Hart	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	12	10	22	7 30	7 20	22
St. John's.....	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	68	68	68	40 80	40 80	00
Charity.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	54	7	61	32 40	32 40	00
Unanimity.....	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	11	41	18 00	18 00	00
Phoenix.....	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	66	12	78	39 60	39 60	00
American George	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	2	16	8 40	8 40	00
Phalanx.....	31	4	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	63	63	63	37 80	37 80	00
Stokes.....	32	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	45	45	45	27 00	27 00	00
Davie.....	39	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	48	2	50	28 80	28 80	00
Hiram.....	40	6	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	62	4	66	37 20	37 20	00
Liberty.....	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	3	24	12 60	12 60	00
Hall.....	53	2	5	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	40	5	45	24 00	24 00	00
King Solomon.....	56	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	54	16	70	32 40	32 40	00
Concord.....	58	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	36	36	36	21 60	21 60	00
Kilwinning.....	64	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	47	13	60	28 20	28 20	00
Eagle.....	71	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	34	34	34	20 40	20 40	00
Golden Fleece.....	74	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	3	22	11 40	11 40	00
Widow's Son.....	75	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	52	10	62	31 20	31 20	00
Greensboro.....	76	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	2	27	15 00	15 00	00
Zion.....	81	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	25	2	27	15 00	15 00	00

La'ayette.....	83							4			3	2		40		40	24 00	24 00
Pellowship.....	84	2	2	2										33	10	43	19 80	19 80
Morning Star.....	85	2	2	2					3					42		42	25 20	25 20
Skewarkey.....	90	2	2	2	1			3				2		55	2	57	33 00	33 00
Western Star.....	91	1						1			1	2		28	12	40	16 80	16 80
Joseph Warren.....	92				2						2			43	4	43	25 80	25 80
Jerusalem.....	95										1		3	21	7	28	12 60	12 60
St. John's.....	96	4	5	5							2	2		67	18	85	40 20	40 20
Neuse.....	97													25		25	15 00	15 00
Hiram.....	98									1				40	15	55	24 00	24 00
Fulton.....	99	11	10	10	5				1	1			1	68	18	86	40 80	40 80
Warren.....	101													12		12	7 20	7 20
Columbus.....	102	2	6	5	2							1		20	5	25	12 00	12 00
Orr.....	104											2		43		43	25 80	25 80
Perquimans.....	106	3	2	2	1			3			1	3	2	31	12	43	18 60	18 60
Franklin.....	109	2	2	2							1	1	1	56	10	60	33 60	33 60
Wayne.....	112	5	4	4	3				2	1	1	1		87		87	52 20	52 20
Person.....	113			1				6			4	1		33		33	19 80	19 80
St. Albans.....	114																	
Holly Spring.....	115	1	1	1	1				4			2		33		33	19 80	19 80
Mt. Lebanon.....	117	1	1	1	2	1						2		44		44	26 40	26 40
Mt. Hermon.....	118	5	5	6	4			1			4		1	49		49	29 40	29 40
Logan.....	121	3	3	3								2	2	25	1	26	15 00	15 00
Franklinton.....	123				1				11					24	18	42	14 40	14 40
Mill Creek.....	125										2	1		29	19	48	17 40	17 40
Gatesville.....	126										1			19	3	22	11 40	11 40
Hanks.....	128	5	5	5				2			1			32	9	41	19 20	19 20
Dan River.....	129																	
Radiance.....	132	1	1	1							2			32		32	19 20	19 20
Mocksville.....	134	4	4	4	3	3					1			56	3	59	33 60	33 60
Lincoln.....	137				2				1		2	2		45	8	53	27 00	27 00
King Solomon.....	138													41	3	44	24 60	24 60
Mount Energy.....	140	1	1	1					1					47	7	54	28 20	28 20
Carolina.....	141											1		19	16	35	11 40	11 40

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Mount Vernon.....	143											1	57	3	60	34 20	34 20	
Junaluskee.....	145			1												31 80	31 80	
Cherokee.....	146	5	4	1	2	4							53	2	55			
Palmyra.....	147																	
Adoniram.....	149								1				17	6	23	10 20	10 20	
Chalmers.....	151	2	1	2	1					1	1		27	6	33	16 20	16 20	
White Stone.....	155	1								1			29	5	34	17 40	17 40	
Rolesville.....	156			1							2		21	3	24	12 60	12 60	
Mount Pleasant.....	157								11	1	1		31	14	45	18 60		18 60
Knap of Reeds.....	158	2	1	1					5	1			35	15	50	21 00	21 00	
Yadkin.....	162												29		29	17 40	17 40	
Deep River.....	164								5	1			15	4	19	9 00	9 00	
Archer.....	165	1											39		39	23 40	23 40	
Winston.....	167	1	2	2	2				1	1	5	1	124	6	130	74 40	74 40	
Blackmer.....	170		3	1									40	4	44	24 00	24 00	
Buffaloe.....	172	1	1	1		6							25		25	15 00	15 00	
Geo. Washington.....	174								3				19	9	28	11 40	11 40	
Pollockville.....	175	1	1	1									29	4	33	17 40	17 40	
Mecklenburg.....	176												20	2	22	12 00	12 00	
Siloam.....	178																	
Sandy Creek.....	185	1	2	4					2	1	3		37	9	46	22 20	22 20	



Pine Forest.....	186	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	12	35	13	80	11	00	2	80
Central Cross.....	187	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	29	.....	29	17	40	17	40	.....	.....
Balfour.....	188	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	12	7	20	7	20	.....	.....
Fair Bluff.....	190	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Granite.....	191	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	.....	29	17	40	17	40	.....	.....
Burnsville.....	192	9	9	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	63	25	88	37	80	37	80	.....	.....
Mt. Olivet.....	195	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cary.....	198	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	11	24	7	80	7	80	.....	.....
Cleveland.....	202	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	15	81	39	60	39	60	.....	.....
Roanoke.....	203	11	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	37	3	40	22	20	22	20	.....	.....
Berea.....	204	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	37	22	20	22	20	.....	.....
Long Creek.....	205	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	.....	13	7	80	7	80	.....	.....
Mingo.....	206	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	6	39	19	80	19	80	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	207	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	55	27	82	33	00	33	00	.....	.....
Randleman.....	209	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	25	23	48	15	00	15	00	.....	.....
Thomasville.....	214	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	52	31	20	31	20	.....	.....
Catawba Valley.....	217	10	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	61	6	67	36	60	36	60	.....	.....
William G. Hill.....	218	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	112	4	116	67	20	67	20	.....	.....
Jefferson.....	219	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilson.....	226	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	3	38	21	00	21	00	.....	.....
Jonesville.....	227	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	7	28	12	60	12	60	.....	.....
McCormick.....	228	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	6	16	6	00	6	00	.....	.....
Henderson.....	229	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	6	56	30	00	30	00	.....	.....
Corinthian.....	230	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	.....	41	24	60	24	60	.....	24 60
William T. Bain.....	231	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	3	17	8	40	8	40	.....	.....
Gunter.....	232	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	15	9	00	9	00	.....	.....
Lenoir.....	233	7	6	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	36	4	40	21	60	21	60	.....	.....
Cokesbury.....	235	2	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	4	24	12	00	12	00	.....	.....
Mystic Tie.....	237	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	15	57	25	20	25	20	.....	.....
Atlantic.....	238	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	2	14	7	20	7	20	.....	.....
Rountree.....	243	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	21	.....	21	12	60	12	60	.....	.....
Monroe.....	244	2	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	48	7	55	28	80	28	80	.....	.....
Catawba.....	248	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	52	5	57	31	20	31	20	.....	.....
Pythagoras.....	249	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	3	25	13	20	13	20	.....	.....

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Rockford .....	251	1	1	1	1				2			25		25	15 00	15 00	
Lilly Valley .....	252	2	2	1				1	2			25	5	30	15 00	15 00	
Lee .....	253	8	5	6	2		1			1		100	5	105	60 00	60 00	
Beulah .....	257	9	9	9	2	1					2	36		36	21 60	21 60	
Harnett .....	258	1	1	1		1			2	2		19	2	21	11 40	11 40	
Waynesville .....	259			3							1	50	15	65	30 00		30 00
Excelsior .....	261	9	8	8	6	3			2			95		95	57 00	57 00	
Hibriten .....	262	2	2	1	4	1	1		1			73	11	84	43 80	43 80	
Farmington .....	265									2		22	4	26	13 20	13 20	
Durbin .....	266	1			1				1			21	5	26	12 60	12 60	
Dunn's Rock .....	267	4	4	4					2			68	4	72	40 80	40 80	
Unaka .....	268	2	3	1								36	1	37	21 60	21 60	
East Bend .....	269	4	3	3		1				1		20	11	31	12 00	12 00	
Tobasco .....	241	4	2	1	3				1			26	7	33	15 60	15 60	
Bingham .....	272	3	3	3	3	3			2			18	10	28	10 80	10 80	
Watauga .....	273																
Beaver Dam .....	276	5	1	2					1	1		27	3	30	16 20	16 20	
Green Level .....	277									2		13	4	17	7 80	7 80	
Rehoboth .....	279				1							37		37	22 20	22 20	
Wake Forest .....	282																
Eureka .....	283	3	3	2				3	1			30		30	18 00	18 00	

Greenville.....	284	3	4	4	2	1				3		3	66	5	71	39	60
Flat Creek.....	285		1	1									19	9	28	39	60
Cedar Rock.....	286				1								40		40	11	40
Salem.....	289	3	3	3	1	1				1			53		53	31	80
French Broad.....	292		1	1	1				42				56		56	33	60
Vance.....	293				1								60		60	36	00
Atlantic.....	294									3		3				36	00
Stonewall.....	296	1	1	2								1				33	00
Toisnot.....	298								5				55	7	62	33	00
Hunting Creek.....	299	5	5	5	3					1			27	3	30	16	20
Pamlico.....	300	4	3	2									52	6	58	31	20
Clay.....	301	3	2	3	1	3				3			22	4	26	13	20
Lillington.....	302			1									47	15	62	28	20
Evergreen.....	303												19		19	11	40
Pleasant Hill.....	304								1				14		14	8	40
Laurinburg.....	305												15	1	16	9	00
Galatia.....	306												28		28	16	80
Patterson.....	307	1	1	1									9	2	11	5	40
Randolph.....	309	5	4	1	4					1			32	2	34	19	20
Hatcher.....	310										2		18	4	21	10	80
Notla.....	312	4	2	2		1			1		2	1	26	7	33	15	60
King Solomon.....	313											5	40	2	42	24	00
New Lebanon.....	314	1	1		1							1	45	4	49	27	00
Kinston.....	316								7			2	17	8	25	10	20
Eureka.....	317	7	5	6								10	10		10	6	00
Wilmington.....	319	2	3	3	3				1	1	1	2	81	13	94	48	60
Selma.....	320	4	2	2					1				58	10	68	34	80
White Hill.....	321	2	2	2	1					2			41	2	43	24	60
Granite.....	322								1	1	1		16	20	36	9	60
Wentworth.....	324	4	4	4									20	1	21	12	00
Falling Creek.....	325	5	6	8							2		40	1	41	24	00
Winston.....	327																
Mattamuskeet.....	328																
Black Creek.....	330	2	2								2		14		14	8	40

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Bayboro.....	331	1	2	2		1							36		36	\$ 21 60	\$ 21 60	
Lock's Creek.....	333												19	3	22	11 40	11 40	
Ashpole.....	335	5	3	3							1	1	24	7	31	14 40	14 40	
Ionic.....	337												24	7	31	14 40	14 40	
Fair View.....	339	5	6	5	1					1		2	24	2	26	14 40	14 40	
Harmony.....	340	2	2	2						1	1		39	5	44	23 40	23 40	
Rock Spring.....	341	1	1	1						7			27	3	30	16 20	16 20	
Hickory.....	343	3	3	3	1							2	50	8	58	30 00	30 00	
Numa F. Reed.....	344	2	3	3					8	2	1	1	49	11	60	29 40	29 40	
Stanly.....	348	5	1	3						2	2		33	7	40	19 80	19 80	
Durham.....	352	1							3	1	2		67	55	122	40 20	40 20	
Moravian.....	353	6	6	5		1					1		33	1	34	19 80	19 80	
Dellaplane.....	355	1	1	1						4			33		33	19 80	19 80	
Double Shoal.....	356	2	1	1	4				2				46	7	53	27 60	27 60	
Bakersville.....	357	2	1	3		5					3		85		85	51 00	51 00	
Mt. Vernon.....	359																	
Mayon.....	366		1							1			46	9	55	27 60	27 60	
Snow.....	363					2					1	1	73		73	43 80	43 80	
Craighead.....	366			14	1					10	1	2	32	1	33	19 20	19 20	
Mount Pisgah.....	368												15	1	16	9 00	9 00	
Air Line.....	369												42	10	52	25 20	25 20	

Mars Hill.....	370	7	10	7	1	1	7	4	1	3	63	.....	63	37 80	37 80	.....
Bethel.....	372	3	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	20	11	31	12 00	12 00	.....
Elk.....	373	2	1	1	3	3	.....	.....	1	.....	40	5	45	24 00	24 00	.....
Campbell.....	374	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
State Lane.....	375	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	27	.....	27	16 20	16 20	.....
Youngsville.....	377	.....	1	1	3	3	.....	3	.....	.....	26	5	31	15 60	15 60	.....
Seaboard.....	378	3	3	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	25	.....	25	15 00	15 00	.....
Coharie.....	379	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	1	.....	18	9	27	10 80	10 80	.....
Granville.....	380	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	30	2	32	18 00	18 00	.....
Forest City.....	381	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	32	.....	32	19 20	19 20	.....
Shawnee.....	382	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	1	1	12	5	17	7 20	7 20	.....
Reidsville.....	384	2	1	1	1	1	.....	13	1	.....	21	19	40	12 60	12 60	.....
Scottsville.....	385	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	28	16 80	16 80	.....
Pigeon River.....	386	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	3	32	1	33	19 20	19 20	.....
Kedron.....	387	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	54	.....	54	32 40	32 40	.....
Moorestboro.....	388	4	4	3	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	81	.....	81	48 60	48 60	.....
Temperance.....	389	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	1	14	7 80	7 80	.....
Copeland.....	390	2	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	55	.....	55	33 00	33 00	.....
Lebanon.....	391	2	2	1	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	19	.....	21	11 40	11 40	.....
White Rock.....	392	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	1	1	45	12	57	27 00	27 00	.....
Tally Ho.....	393	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	4	.....	.....	33	2	35	19 80	19 80	.....
Cape Fear.....	394	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	39	.....	39	23 40	23 40	.....
Orient.....	395	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	44	.....	44	26 40	26 40	.....
Oxford.....	396	2	3	3	3	.....	.....	1	2	3	43	7	50	25 80	25 80	.....
Bald Creek.....	397	6	5	6	1	1	.....	4	2	1	87	1	88	52 20	52 20	.....
Centre.....	398	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	23	13 80	13 80	.....
Conoho.....	399	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	52	.....	52	31 20	31 20	.....
New Found.....	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Joppa.....	401	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	37	22 20	22 20	.....
Dobson.....	402	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	37	6	43	22 20	22 20	.....
Siler City.....	403	3	3	3	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	33	20	53	19 80	19 80	.....
Farmers'.....	404	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	3	22	11 40	11 40	.....
Ocean.....	405	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	6	28	13 20	13 20	.....
Ivy.....	406	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2	52	.....	54	31 20	31 20	.....

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Liberty Grove.....	407				2					2			22		22	\$ 13 20	\$ 13 20	
University.....	408									2			33		42	19 80	19 80	
Bula.....	409	4	2	2	6	1			1	4	2		47	9	47	28 20	28 20	
Asheville.....	410	1			6			3	8	6			44	9	53	26 40	26 40	
Rockville.....	411				2								19		19	11 40	11 40	
H. F. Grainger.....	412	1	1	1					3		1	1	35	2	37	21 00	21 00	
Royal.....	413	5	3	4	6				7	2		1	31	8	39	18 60	18 60	
Oak Grove.....	415					1		1		1	1		28		28	16 80	16 80	
Bellview.....	416	1	3	3					3	3	1		17		17	10 20	10 20	
Maxton.....	417	3	1	1	7	1				1			26		31	15 60	15 60	
Potocasi.....	418	8	8	7	1					1		3	38	1	39	22 80	22 80	
Greenwood.....	419												21	2	23	12 60	12 60	
Harmon.....	420	3										1	22	1	23	13 20	13 20	
Boonville.....	421	2	1										22	5	27	13 20	13 20	
Yadkin Falls.....	422				1					2			20	6	26	12 00	12 00	
Sparta.....	423																	
Baltimore.....	424	1	1	3					1				33	8	41	19 80	19 80	
Eastern Star.....	425	1	1	2						1	1		20	41	61	12 00	12 00	
Montgomery.....	426	3	3		1		1			2	1		35		35	21 00	21 00	
Oconee.....	427		1	1	2				10				43	8	51	25 80	25 80	
Stokesdale.....	428								8				10	35	45	6 00	6 00	

Sea Side.....	429	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	24	14 40	14 40
Rockyford .....	430	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	43	22 20	22 20
Relief .....	431									20	25	12 00	12 00
King's Creek .....	432									10	12	6 00	6 00
Vanceboro .....	433	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	43	25 80	25 80
West Bend .....	434									11	11	6 60	6 60
Blue Ridge .....	435	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	45	45	27 00	27 00
Star.....	437	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	23	27	13 80	13 80
Marble Springs.....	439	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	39	23 40	23 40
Clingman .....	440									26	26	15 60	15 60
Pleasant Mount.....	441									15	18	9 00	9 00
Waxhaw .....	442									20	20	12 00	12 00
Roper .....	443	5	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	41	49	24 60	24 60
Marietta.....	444	5	5	4						47	47	28 20	28 20
Mountain Park .....	445									22	22	13 20	13 20
Biltmore .....	446	3	3	2						41	42	24 60	24 60
Enfield .....	447	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	54	29 40	29 40
Ingold .....	448									16	17	9 60	9 60
Lone Oak .....	449	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	58	58	34 80	34 80
Polenta.....	450									20	20	12 00	12 00
Ashler .....	451	2	3	2						32	32	19 00	19 00
Gritton .....	452	1	2	2						14	18	8 40	8 40
Clyde .....	453	2	2	1						32	32	19 20	19 20
Elkin .....	454	3	2	1	2					17	23	10 20	10 20
Pineville .....	455	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	17	20	10 20	10 20
Rusk .....	456									20	26	12 00	12 00
Grapevine .....	457	4	4	2	2	3				43	43	25 80	25 80
Dillsboro .....	459	2	2	2						35	35	21 00	21 00
Henrietta .....	460	1	1	1	3	2				37	39	22 20	22 20
Matthews .....	461	1	1	1						23	23	13 80	13 80
South Fork .....	462	4	6	7	2	1				40	40	24 00	24 00
Currituck .....	463	3	3	3	1					27	30	16 20	16 20
Boiling Springs.....	464	3	3	3						28	28	16 80	16 80
Gulf .....	465	1	1	1						16	22	9 60	9 60



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King Hiram.....	466	1	1	1	1		4						19	1	20	\$ 11 40	11 40	
Healing Springs.....	467	6	5	5					2	2			16	3	19	9 60	9 60	
Millingport.....	468	2	2	2						2	2		33	2	35	19 80	19 80	
Sanford.....	469				1								25	5	30	15 00	15 00	
Scotland Neck.....	470	1	3	2	3							2	35		35	21 00	21 00	
Grassy Knob.....	471	1	1	1	3	1					1		42	3	45	25 20	25 20	
Sonoma.....	472			1	1								14		14	8 40	8 40	
Lexington.....	473	3	3	4	1					1			24	9	33	14 40	14 40	
St. Paul's.....	474	2	2	3							1		27	2	29	16 20	16 20	
Grimesland.....	475	10	6	5								1	28		28	16 80	16 80	
Big Lick.....	476	3	2	4	1			1		2		1	21	6	27	12 60	12 60	
Eagle Springs.....	477									1		1	18	3	21	10 80	10 80	
Four Oaks.....	478		1	1	1								15		15	9 00	9 00	
Rainbow.....	479										1		10		10	6 00	6 00	
Mill Creek.....	480	3	2	2							2		13	3	16	7 80	7 80	
Spring Hope.....	481	1	3	4	2					2			18		18	10 80	10 80	
Saluda.....	482	3	4	3									13		13	7 80	7 80	
Trap Hill.....	483										1		29	7	36	17 40	17 40	
Aberdeen.....	484	5	3	3									14		14	8 40	8 40	
Brasstown.....	485	7	7	6	3							1	18		18	10 80	10 80	
Lawndale.....	486	3	3	3	2								18	1	19	10 80	10 80	

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The following Lodges have not sent in their returns for year 1897, viz: St. Albans, No. 114; Mount Vernon, No. 143; Palmyra, No. 147; Siloam, No. 178; Fair Bluff, No. 190; Mt. Olivet, No. 195; Jefferson, No. 219; Watauga, No. 273; Wake Forest, No. 282; Atlantic, No. 294; Granite, No. 322; Winton, No. 327; Mattamuskeet, No. 328; Lock's Creek, No. 333; Mount Vernon, No. 359; New Found, No. 400, and Sparta, No. 423.



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## APPENDIX.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina:*

Your Committee on Correspondence begs leave to present its second annual report, and trusts that its brief review of the transactions of those Grand Lodges with which we hold fraternal relations may be of profit to the membership in this Grand Jurisdiction by giving them a general picture of the numerical strength, the benefactions and the aspirations of the Craft throughout the world.

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are taught at every altar and practiced by the Fraternity wherever dispersed, and nothing will more forcibly convey these facts to the mind of the individual Mason than an inspection of these condensed histories of the doings of Grand Lodges.

As to the questions mostly engaging the attention of Grand Lodges, that of a time limit to jurisdiction over rejected candidates, as proposed by the Grand Lodge of Maine, has been made a subject of discussion and of serious consideration in almost every American Grand Lodge. A minority hold to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, but a great majority repudiate it entirely, and require only a short time limit of one or two years, and it is not unlikely that within a few years there will be practical uniformity in this respect.

The request for recognition by the Gran Dieta Simbolica, of Mexico, as a legitimate Masonic Body, has perhaps elicited more heated controversy within the last few years than any other single topic. The origin and the practices of the Gran Dieta have been very thoroughly investigated, and the result of the inquiry so far is to make the Grand Lodges very slow in according recognition. This policy of delay in taking the Gran Dieta into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges is not accepted as just or Masonic by a few Grand Jurisdictions, notably those of Texas, New York and Iowa, each of which has recognized the Mexican Grand Lodge as an independent and sovereign Masonic Body. The general consensus of Grand Lodges, however, is to "make haste slowly" in this matter and wait for developments.

On the subject of Masonic Relief the Wisconsin plan of uniformity has been before Grand Lodges for several years and is generally declined because it is believed to be dangerous, unwise and not in accord with the teachings of Masonry.

But the Fraternity is now, as it always has been, a unit on the subject of extending relief to the needy Brother within her gates and, after he

is gone, to his dependents. There is no difference except as to the best method of bestowing it. Some believe that the beneficiaries should be cared for in a Home where there would be no sense of receiving alms, and where all the inmates could be most efficiently attended to. Many Grand Lodges acting on these views have erected costly Homes and, through their agency, are doing incalculable good.

Other Grand Lodges disapprove of the "Home" because of the ostentation implied in its construction and the undue cost of maintenance, but mostly because aged beneficiaries would grow heart-sick away from friends and familiar scenes, and would ever feel that they were breathing the atmosphere of the prison or the poor house, were they never so well provided.

But in either case the good work goes on without stop or pause, whether it is done in the Home or the orphanage, or in the quieter ways known to the Craft, and it will continue to do so until there shall be no more bereavement, nor sorrow, nor affliction, nor death.

Now that the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina, is assembled in Annual Communication under the very shadow of the most enduring monument it has ever builded or can build,—the Oxford Orphan Asylum—it will not be deemed indelicate or vain-glorious to say in very truth that the value of this institution is beyond estimation in giving to the State and to humanity every year, young men and young women who will contribute to North Carolina's stock of modest virtue. If Masonry had done no other thing to deserve well of the State than the loving care and tenderness it has bestowed on these fatherless children, it would be entitled to the respect and commendation of all who can appreciate the factors that go to make good citizens and sturdy men and women.

The influence of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, under its earnest, faithful and God-fearing management, will be potent for good in the years yet to come, when the names and the memories of those good men and Masons who bethought them of this noble work shall have faded from the minds of men and shall nowhere be found except in the record book of that Supreme Lodge where the Great Architect of the Universe presides.

Fraternally submitted,  
JNO. A. COLLINS,  
*For the Committee.*

## ALABAMA 1896.

## 76TH ANNUAL. MONTGOMERY, DECEMBER, 1ST AND 2ND.

In the opening of his address the Grand Master, Geo. P. Harrison, congratulates the Grand Lodge for the satisfactory condition of the Craft in Alabama, in this wise:

We have many reasons to be thankful to the Supreme Architect of the universe; our order has grown and prospered during the past Masonic year; our membership has increased, and new Lodges have been formed. Upon the whole, the past year in this jurisdiction has been a prosperous one.

The rulings of the Grand Master were generally approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence. Decision 14,

That a Grand Master has no right to grant a Dispensation to fill a vacancy in the office of Worshipful Master whilst either the Senior Warden's or Junior Warden's station is filled by a duly elected and installed officer

was disapproved by the Committee, on the ground that "it might be an invasion of the Grand Master's prerogative," but the Grand Lodge sustained the ruling.

Decision 20 is as follows:

That any Mason who is a tippler and a profane swearer, and who captiliously prevents any Minister of the Gospel from affiliation with the Lodge of which he is a member, simply because he is such, is guilty of unmasonic conduct and should be dealt with by his Lodge.

To this the Committee answers:

We do not agree with this decision of the Grand Master, for the reason that no one has a right to know anything whatsoever with reference to a ballot in a Masonic Lodge, how it was cast, or the motives which may or may not have actuated the member casting the ballot

and the Grand Lodge held the same opinion.

A number of Special Dispensations were granted to confer degrees out of time, and of this exercise of authority the Committee on Distribution and Reference says:

Your Committee is constrained to say that, in its opinion, without intending in the least degree to criticise or reflect upon the Grand Master, that the power of granting Dispensations to confer degrees out of their regular time is too freely exercised in this jurisdiction, and in the opinion of your Committee this power should be exercised with the greatest caution and only in extreme cases.

Miss Leila Herbert, vice-Regent for Alabama of the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association for Preserving the Home and Tomb of Washington, addressed a strong appeal to the Masöns of Alabama for aid towards enlarging the Endowment Fund. This fund is at present not quite \$50,000.00, and it is believed that a sum less than \$200,000.00 will not yield the revenue necessary to meet the yearly expenses of the Association in its patriotic efforts.

The Grand Lodge believing that it had no right to divert any of its funds to purposes of this kind, no matter how meritorious or laudable they might be, declined to make any appropriation, but recommended to the delegates to present the petition of the Association to their respective Lodges and forward all contributions that may be received to the Special Committee on the Home and Tomb of Washington.

Miss Herbert presented to Grand Lodge photographs of the Mount Vernon property and a gavel made from the wood of a magnolia, the last tree planted by Washington before his death. The gavel is made on the exact model of that which Washington used in laying the corner stone of the capitol, the original being now in possession of Potomac Lodge, No. 5.

The Maine proposition of a five-year limit of jurisdiction over rejected candidates was not acted upon, the committee having asked for further time in which to consider the overture.

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, having continued its Committee on Masonic Relief, is not willing to cease its efforts in what it believes to be a good cause because of adverse criticism and ridicule. The committee has issued another circular letter explaining more fully the scope of the plan, and answering some of the arguments against it. The committee closes its paper as follows:

We have put the question plainly: What is to be done with cases, constantly occurring, where a sick or destitute brother is stranded in the jurisdiction of a weak Lodge, unable to care for him? We have never been able to obtain but one answer. Brother Drummond, when asked point blank, says that when we have done what we can, there is the end. In other words, the brother must go to the poorhouse. We have a hopelessly sick brother from Iowa, with a family, whom we have been supporting several years. We should drop him and let the town take care of him. We are now supporting the widowed daughter of a former Grand High Priest of Ohio. Shall we send her to the poorhouse?

The Grand Lodge referred the matter to a Special Committee for report at the next annual meeting.

In recognition of the devotion, ability and zeal displayed by the retiring Grand Master, Geo. P. Harrison, in the discharge of his official duties, the Grand Lodge appointed a committee of three to procure a suitable testimonial as a token of the appreciation of his brethren.

The work of reviewing the proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Lodges is done by Bro. P. J. Pillans, who does credit to himself and to his Grand Lodge by the excellency of his report. North Carolina for 1896 receives fraternal notice, and the address of Grand Master Moye is complimented by quoting its eloquent peroration.

Number of Lodges, 375; membership, 11,113.

JAMES A. BILBRO, Gadsden,  
*Grand Master.*

H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, Montgomery,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### ARIZONA—1896.

15TH ANNUAL. TUCSON. NOVEMBER 10TH, 11TH AND 12TH.

This neat pamphlet of about fifty pages contains the routine proceedings of Grand Lodge in its three days session.

At the opening of Grand Lodge there were present its officers, six Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of ten Chartered Lodges, and a number of Past Masters, entitled to seats.

The Grand Master, Brother A. L. Grow, reports that no questions have arisen calling for his decision, and that his duties have been light. He reports having issued a dispensation to a Lodge working under dispensation to open a Lodge and transact business with six members, instead of the constitutional minimum—seven. The Jurisprudence Committee expresses its disapproval of the Grand Master's act but recommends the confirmation of the business transacted by the constituent Lodge.

Notwithstanding the magnificent distances between the Lodges the Grand Master was able to make visitations to several of them, and in this way, to give pleasure as well as profit to the Craft.

At the close of his address the Grand Master, like most of the Executives in other Grand Jurisdictions, makes due acknowledgment of his obligation to the Grand Secretary for "his untiring energy and watchful care."

It is seen from the Report of the Grand Secretary, Past Grand Master George J. Roskrue, that the number of chartered Lodges is only eleven, and the Lodges U. D. three, with a total membership of 569, and yet the finances have been so well managed that the Widows' and Orphans' Fund as well as the General Fund have been steadily growing.

The report of the Committee on Grievances is as follows:

Your Committee on Grievances takes great pleasure in stating that nothing has been brought before it for consideration, which shows that no discord or strife exists in this Grand Jurisdiction, but peace and harmony prevail.

There was no rush of business at this meeting, but what there was

to be done was done well. Nor was there any effort at display, so far as the record goes, or vain glorifications. Those present exhibited an earnest desire for the advancement of the Craft—only that.

M. W. WILLIAM FRANCIS NICHOLS,  
*Grand Master.*

M. W. GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### ARKANSAS—1896.

57TH ANNUAL. LITTLE ROCK, NOVEMBER 17TH AND 18TH.

At the opening of the Grand Lodge there were present nearly a 1 the grand officers, many District Deputy Grand Masters, thirteen Past Grand Masters and the representatives of thirty-five Grand Lodges, together with a constitutional number of delegates from subordinate Lodges—380 out of 446 on the roll. The representative of North Carolina, Brother F. E. Taylor, was among those present at the first roll call.

The Grand Master, A. G. Washburn, reports in his address that the Fraternity in that jurisdiction has not escaped the ill effects of hard times and scarcity of money, but looks hopefully to the future.

He refers tenderly to the death of Bro. Frederick Kramer, for many years Grand Treasurer, and says of him:

It is enough to say of any man that he was 'a true man and a Mason.' Such, in every sense, was Bro. Kramer. Generous to a fault; honorable, honest and careful in business; he was the idol of his friends, and held the highest place in the estimation of his brethren.

He reports having issued dispensations for the formation of seven new Lodges.

The Grand Master adverts to the immense saving of time and energy, if not also of good nature which would follow were Worshipful Masters more given to the study of the book of the law, as found in the Edicts of the Grand Lodge. Other Grand Masters occasionally make references of this kind, too, so that Bro. Washburn could hardly make claim of priority of discovery.

Of seven decisions only two are unqualifiedly approved by the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, and the report of the committee was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Thirteen District Deputies make reports of the condition of the Craft in their respective territories, and are agreed in expressing the opinion that where the Lodges are languishing, "just hanging on," it is because of lack of money.

The Grand Master, as President of the Board of Control of the



Temple, announces that the revenues have fallen off, the need of repairs is urgent and the contributions have not come in as expected. Under the circumstances the Board asked the Grand Lodge to appropriate \$500 to its use, and upon approval of the Finance Committee, the allowance was made.

The Wisconsin proposition of Masonic Relief is considered "not a wise one" and is disapproved by Grand Lodge.

The five-year limit of jurisdiction over rejected material, as proposed by the Grand Lodge of Maine, was adopted by Grand Lodge after a favorable report by the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage.

Bro. John H. Dye, the President of Galloway Female College, at Searchy, offered to Grand Lodge a scholarship in that institution, the recipient of the gift to be nominated by the Grand Lodge. The generous offer was thankfully accepted, and it was decided that only daughters of deceased Masons should be eligible to the place, and the successful candidate determined by election in Grand Lodge.

The Special Committee appointed to visit the State School for the Blind reported that they had been cordially welcomed to the institution in an address by Miss Hattie Bradley, a member of the senior class. The chairman, Bro. J. H. Van Hoose, utilized the incident to appeal to the fraternity to make haste in paying off the Temple debt, so that its revenues could be used as an endowment for the maintenance of such a Masonic Home as that supported by the Masons of Kentucky.

In the Grand Jurisdiction there are 437 chartered Lodges; 7 Lodges under dispensation; and membership, 13,264.

The Grand Orator, Bro. John T. Hicks delivered an address on the subject of the innovations authorized by some Grand Lodges in printing cypher codes and selling them to their subordinate Lodges.

Bro. Sam H. Davidson, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, furnishes a very interesting and excellent review of the proceedings of American and foreign Grand Lodges. For one reason or another his colleagues of the Committee were unable to do their share of the work, and he himself was late in making a beginning, but he "shouldered the responsibility alone and went to work," and his brethren have no reason to make apologies for the quality of the finished product. Under pressure Bro. Davidson can do an immense amount of work in a very short time.

The announcement that he will ask to be relieved from further service on the Committee is to be regretted by his Grand Lodge and by those who have received profit and pleasure from reading his reports.

The proceedings of North Carolina for 1896 receive kindly treatment and the oration of Brother W. H. Summerell high commendation for its excellence.



Bro. C. C. Ayers, the Deputy Grand Master, was advanced to the Grand East, and R. W. Brother Fay Hempstead, as a matter of course, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA—1897.

26TH ANNUAL. VICTORIA, JUNE 17TH AND 18TH.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Alex. Charleson, in an address which is a model of clearness and brevity gives an account of his stewardship.

The foreign and domestic relations of the Craft are reported to be characterized by good fellowship and brotherly love. The sorrowful announcement is made of the translation of two distinguished brethren—Bro. H. F. Heisterman, late Grand Treasurer, and Past Grand Master Marcus Wolfe, late Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence—who were loved and respected by all who knew them.

The Grand Master made but few rulings and these were brief and to the point, and received the approval of Grand Lodge.

The condition of the Lodges in the jurisdiction is reported as "peaceful, prosperous and progressive."

The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. E. D. McLaren also presented an address in which he reported some visitations and installations, and at its close an affectionate tribute to the memory of Bro. Marcus Wolfe.

The Grand Secretary's report covers nearly six pages and gives in detail the work of his office, which is all the doings of Grand Lodge, even to the extent of making personal visitations when things were not going on properly.

From the Grand Treasurer's report it is seen that the balance to credit of the General Fund is \$1,103.95, and to the Charity Fund the sum of \$6,289.08

Four out of the six District Deputy Grand Masters presented interesting reports and rarely had occasion to censure. Their detailed statements give confirmation to the report of the Grand Master as to the state of the Craft.

An eloquent and appropriate sermon was delivered in the First Presbyterian church by V. W. John A. Logan, the Grand Chaplain.

As loyal subjects of the Crown, an address of congratulation to Her Majesty the Queen, on the completion of the sixtieth year of her reign was drafted and forwarded by cable to the Rt. Hon. Secretary of State.

After full discussion the Wisconsin proposition was rejected.

Chartered Lodges 24: membership 1,242.

Owing to the death of Bro. Wolfe, the other members of the Committee, Bros. W. A. DeWolf Smith and A. R. Milne furnished the Cor-

respondence report, and a very good one, reviewing the proceedings of 52 Grand Lodges, North Carolina for 1897, being included.

M. W. E. D. McLAREN,  
*Grand Master.*

V. W. W. J. QUINLAN,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### CALIFORNIA—1896.

47TH ANNUAL. SAN FRANCISCO, OCTOBER 13TH-17TH.

The address of the Grand Master, Edward Myers Preston, is very exhaustive and gives a full account of his official acts. The paper itself stands in the front rank of productions of its kind. It is strong, dignified and clear, and merits all the praise accorded to it by the committees to which it was referred. As showing the excellent quality of the entire address the following extract is made from the conclusion:

In the varied congregations of humanity there is no other temporal fraternity which is founded on more liberal principles of religious toleration, or that teaches a more perfect equality before the law, that admonishes a truer loyalty to country, or inspires a more sincere reverence for the Creator and his works. \* \* \* \* \* Masonry teaches a conception of the Creator which is more comprehensive than that of those religions which are limited by creed and dogma. It inculcates a more reverent devotion than mere compulsory obedience to law, inspires a faith in God which cannot be impugned by heresy, and proclaims a recognition of the birthright of man, which is the foundation of religious and political liberty. It imposes on us greater obligations than those which we assume at the altar, and teaches us to manifest nobler attributes for honorable recognition than mere grips and passwords.

All the official acts of the Grand Master received the cordial endorsement of the Grand Lodge, and as to his decisions, which were numerous, this is the entire report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Your Committee have carefully examined those portions of the address of the Grand Master which have been referred to them, and they are happy to report that all the decisions upon questions of Masonic law rendered by him receive their hearty concurrence, and recommend their approval by the Grand Lodge.

In the report of the Grand Secretary, the sixth of its kind from that capable officer, he says of the condition of the Craft:

At date of last report there were two hundred and sixty-one Lodges borne upon the roll of the Grand Lodge, with a membership of seventeen thousand four hundred and thirty-one. Since that time two dispensations to form new Lodges have been granted. One Lodge (Fall

River, No. 270) has had its charter revoked, which leaves a net gain of one Lodge, and seven hundred and and seventy-seven members, the largest increase in many years past.

At the close of his report he makes a statement highly creditable to the subordinate secretaries:

The returns from all the Lodges in the jurisdiction have been received. Those which were not at first correct have been corrected, and all dues have been paid in full.

In the report of the Masonic Board of Relief of San Francisco, through its chairman, Bro. Charles Parshall Overton, the following extract is taken as showing the character of some of the applicants for help:

While fully recognizing the thrift and enterprising nature of the Scotch people, yet our experience with applicants claiming membership under Scottish jurisdiction is such as to convince us, as well as other Boards of Relief, that a great laxity exists, at least in some of the seaports of Scotland, regarding the quality of the material from which Masons are made. It appears to be the custom to take in sailors, cooks and stewards of vessels lying in the port, for no reason that we can imagine except to get the small initiation fee; and we are repeatedly beset by applications from negro cooks and stewards who are without sufficient intelligence to comprehend any of the principles of Masonry, except that which gives them pecuniary aid; and we respectfully recommend that the Committee on Correspondence of this Grand Lodge get such facts in this connection as can be obtained from our Boards of Relief, and enter into correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Scotland respecting the quality of Masons which a few of their Lodges launch upon the Fraternity at large.

In the financial statement of this Board of Relief it is seen that the immense sum of \$350,924.87 has been disbursed in charity by the Lodges of San Francisco since 1856, and that nearly seventy-five per cent. of the beneficiaries hailed from other jurisdictions.

There are other Boards of Relief at Los Angeles, Oakland, Sacramento, San Diego and Stockton, and each has its record of benefactions to the deserving needy Brother and his dependents. This is a grand record of the Craft in California and deserving all praise!

To make fuller her measure of well-doing the Grand Lodge laid the corner-stone of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home at Decoto on the second day of the session. This charity has been a subject of solicitude for many years to the Craft of California, and they are to be congratulated on the bright prospect of the speedy completion of the Home.

The five-year limit of jurisdiction over rejected candidates proposed by the Grand Lodge of Maine was carefully considered by the Com-

mittee on Jurisprudence and an adverse report made. The Committee says that since 1883 rejection bars for only one year, and it has been so satisfactory there is no need of changing the rule.

California is in accord with Wisconsin as to the need of a uniform system of Masonic relief.

The Grand Lodges of Victoria and New Zealand were duly recognized as independent Grand Lodges.

One of the most pleasant things to note in the proceedings, though it has but modest space in the record, is the ample provision made for the comfort of one of her Past Grand Masters in his declining years. In being thus delicately mindful of this venerable Brother the Grand Lodge has honored itself and added another chaplet to its crown.

The Report on Correspondence is a review of the transactions of fifty American and fourteen foreign Grand Lodges—thirty-four for 1895, and thirty for 1896. As heretofore the same experienced reviewer, Bro. William A. Davies, has made a report alike creditable to himself and to his Grand Lodge. North Carolina for 1896 receives fraternal notice.

In the review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California for 1894, and in contesting the position of Grand Master Orme that affiliation should be permitted without any pecuniary requirement, this reporter has made the Grand Master seemingly contradict himself. The argument of Bro. Orme and the comments of the reviewer, through failure of the printer to notice quotation marks, are put down *in black* and appear to be the enunciation of the Grand Master, radically contradictory as they are. We are exceedingly sorry for this mistake in the printed page.

R. W. William Thomas Lucas, Deputy Grand Master, was elected Grand Master, and V. W. George Johnson, in the fitness of things, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### COLORADO—1896.

36TH ANNUAL. DENVER, SEPTEMBER 15TH AND 16TH.

At this communication every Grand officer was present, and all the subordinate Lodges were represented except two.

The representatives of other Grand Lodges were invited to the East and fraternally welcomed by the Grand Master. Past Grand Master Henry P. H. Bromwell, responded on behalf of the Grand Representatives in a brief and eloquent address. North Carolina's representative, Bro. A. L. Lawton, was not present.

As to the condition of the Craft, the Grand Master says in his address that

There has been but little work, as compared with former years, but the material presented has been of excellent character.

In reporting his official visitations, he says that every Lodge visited deserves commendation and praise.

The decisions of Grand Master Peirce were all approved, and only a verbal change made in No. 8, so that it was made more compact and precise.

The Committee on the Wisconsin plan of relief presented the following resolution at the close of an able report:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Colorado declines to endorse the proposition of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, for the reason that it is opposed to the introduction into the system of Freemasonry of any feature that tends in the direction of compulsory relief.

The Committee on Jurisprudence after careful consideration of the Maine proposition of jurisdiction over rejected candidates, recommends that the matter be recommitted to the Committee for final report at the next Annual Communication. The Committee expresses the belief that some legislation of this kind should be adopted.

The Committee on the Washington Memorial Services, through Past Grand Master, Wm. D. Todd, submitted a report of what had been done, and made some recommendations as to what remained yet to be done. The Committee says that in the very inception of the proposed ceremonial it was considered that the Grand Lodge of Virginia should take the leadership; and the Committee asked for permission to make formal request of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to do so, provided the committees of other Grand Lodges agree to the arrangement. Grand Lodge clothed the committee with this authority.

The oration of Brother Joseph W. Milsom was an appeal for the daily performance of 'little acts of kindness, little deeds of love' to the living, struggling brother, rather than eulogies and flowers when he is dead.

Besides reviewing the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges, in his usual able style, Past Grand Master Lawrence N. Greenleaf, the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, has also made a Digest of Decisions as reported in the proceedings under review. This is evidently to him a labor of love.

GEORGE W. ROE,  
*Grand Master.*

ED. C. PARMELEE,  
*Grand Secretary.*

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1896.

86TH ANNUAL. WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 11TH.

Four Special Communications were held—on February 26th for the burial of Brother Abner T. Langley Past Junior Grand Warden; on March 30, for the exemplification of the degrees; on September 9, for laying the corner stone of Trinity M. E. church; and on October 21, for laying the corner stone of the American University.

At the half yearly Communication of May 13 there were present the Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of twenty-two Lodges, a goodly number of Past Masters and the Representatives of twenty or more Grand Lodges. Past Grand Master Jesse W. Lee, Jr., one of the working members of the Grand Lodge, represented North Carolina

Upon the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was duly recognized.

A veteran of the late war, carrying a slightly maimed right hand, but not sufficiently injured to "prevent him from imparting instruction, having once obtained it," is kept in waiting from 1865 to 1896 for no other cause than this unimportant defect.

Permission was granted to Hiram Lodge, No. 10, to allow an Eastern Star Chapter to use its hall, and subsequently this permission was made general.

In the beginning of his address at the Annual Communication, Grand Master G. W. Baird speaks thus hopefully of the improved personnel of the Fraternity in the District :

The greatly increased number of rejections of candidates for the degrees this year points to the vigilance of the lodges and lends distinction to those who have been accepted. The social improvement of our Craft is quite noticeable. It is yearly occupying a plane more elevated, more refined.

But few decisions were reported by the Grand Master, and these approved "as in accordance with Masonic usage and the Constitution of this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Master refers with satisfaction to the work of the Masonic Board of Relief, and to the certainty of bestowing its aid only on those who are worthy and deserving.

A Masonic life insurance society known as the "Masonic Mutual Relief" is strongly commended by Grand Master for its cheapness and its practical help to the widows and orphans in their time of greatest need. The organization is thirty years old and has a membership of 1100 within the District.



The Grand Lecturer, Bro. Joseph Hamacher, reports that "the ritual has been closely followed and that the Lodges are in a prosperous condition, and have been well attended."

The Fraternity of the District is seriously considering the necessity of erecting a new Masonic Temple on a site that will cost \$60,000 to \$75,000, and the Committee with whom the matter is in charge thinks that the proposed home for the Craft may be completed in six or seven years, if a united and earnest effort is made to that end.

The Maine proposition, as it is called, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, but no report has yet been made.

In a foot note at the close of the minutes of the Annual Communication it is stated that :

The R. W. Grand Secretary, William R. Singleton, was prevented from attendance by sickness, the only time he has been absent from the stated and Special Communications of the Grand Lodge since he was elected, November 10, 1875, save one emergent Communication in 1881, when he was absent from the city.

The number of Lodges is 31, and the membership 5,357, a net gain of 168 for the year.

M. W. Matthew Trimble was elected Grand Master, and Brother W. R. Singleton re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Report on Correspondence is, like that of last year, from the pen of Bro. Singleton, and is a full review of the proceedings of forty-four Grand Lodges. North Carolina for 1896 is among the number and receives fraternal treatment.

#### ENGLAND.

In the report of last year the quarterly communication of September 1896 was the last part of the proceedings of the United Grand Lodge of England which then received notice.

The Quarterly Communication, of December 2nd, 1896, and of March 3rd, 1897, have been received since the last review.

The former communication seemed to be entirely a business meeting in which the reports on the receipts and disbursements of the Benevolent and General Funds were considered.

The Prince of Wales was nominated for re-election as Grand Master, and the names of two distinguished Masons were presented for the position of Grand Treasurer.

At the Communication of March 3rd, 1897, the Earl of Lathom presided in the Grand East. A motion made in the name of the Grand Master to donate a thousand guineas to the famine sufferers of India was adopted unanimously.



An amendment to the Book of Constitutions was proposed, so that Lodges or District Grand Lodges in the colonies could legally assemble for the purpose of discussing the desirability of erecting a Sovereign Grand Lodge. Heretofore it was illegal, if not treasonable, for Lodges or District Grand Lodges in the Colonies to think of severing their connection with the Mother Grand Lodge of England.

The contributions to the Fund of Benevolence are made every quarter, and the amount on hand for the quarter ending on September 30, 1896, was £3450, 17.0. or more than \$17,000. For the quarter ending December 31, 1896, it was £4082, 10.2, or over \$20,000. The quarterly disbursements from this fund are correspondingly large, and the individual donations are frequently very generous.

V. W. Edward Leftwitch continues as Grand Secretary.

#### FLORIDA—1897.

68TH ANNUAL. JACKSONVILLE, JANUARY 19TH, 20TH, 21ST.

The Grand Lodge was opened with nearly all its officers present, as well as many Past Grand Officers, Past Masters and the representatives of 137 "Particular" Lodges, as the constituent Lodges in Florida are called.

Although this volume is small—about 100 pages—the want of any index will render its examination inconvenient.

In his address the Grand Master, James W. Boyd, gives a full statement of his official acts during the year and a very clear history of the condition of the Craft in that Grand Jurisdiction. He adverts to the disasters left by storm and flood upon a considerable area of the State and especially to the serious losses entailed upon many of the Lodges in the total destruction of their lodge-rooms and other property. But he is not one to "cry over spilled milk" and speaks thus hopefully of the future:

Although storm and disaster has been the portion of the inhabitants of a large area of our fair State, yet we have been blessed in health and sufficient store, and absolute want is unknown, and the spectre of pestilence has not entered our borders. Notwithstanding the chastening rod has fallen heavily, yet out of the chastisement comes fortitude, strength and courage, and we already begin to see the light of a brighter day dawning, and approaching prosperity promising greater stability, by reason of the severe discipline.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of three new Lodges, and many special dispensations granted for conferring degrees out of time and at special meetings called for that purpose.

The Grand Master commends the zeal and tact of his District Deputy

Grand Masters and acknowledges their helpfulness to him in the discharge of his duties.

Among the official communications received is one from the Grand Master of Italian Masonry relating to the anti-Masonic Congress held in Trent in 1896. Influenced no doubt by this communication the Grand Master recommends the creation of a Standing Committee on Foreign Relations,

One of whose duties shall be to ascertain the status of Foreign Bodies claiming to be Masonic and seeking fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge.

The brethren in Florida seem to be in mortal fear of these anti-Masonic manifestations. Last year the orator, Rev. R. H. Weller, depicted the dangers to the Craft concealed in the pontifical robes of the pope of Rome. In this year's address the same reverend Brother seems to be in yet greater trepidation on account of the hostile movements and veracious statements of Diana Vaughan who held repeated interviews with the devil in a Masonic Lodge in Charleston, S. C. Our Charleston brethren ought to be ashamed of themselves for dethroning the orthodox devil of the forked tail and putting in his stead one so young and handsome as to play the devil with the chaste Diana. Bro. Weller's defense of Masonry is strong, but isn't the brother wasting ammunition?

Some of the Florida Lodges have suffered sorely, and to these when it could be done, the Grand Lodge has given some assistance, besides being able to pay \$1,600 on her bonded debt.

Four Lodges received charters, making the total number of Lodges 154, with a membership of 4,393.

M. W. JAMES M. HILLIARD, Pensacola,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. WILBER P. WEBSTER, Jacksonville,  
*Grand Secretary.*

GEORGIA—1896.

110TH ANNUAL. MACON, OCTOBER 27TH, 28TH.

At the opening of the Grand Lodge there were present its officers ; seven Past Grand Officers, who are permanent members ; eleven District Deputies ; fifty Past Masters not representing Lodges ; and the Representatives of thirty-four Grand Lodges. Three hundred and eighty-nine subordinate Lodges were represented by their Worshipful Masters or their proxies.

In his address Grand Master John P. Shannon speaks with satisfac-

tion, as he did last year, of the marked higher tendencies of the Craft and of the successful efforts to put the Fraternity on a moral and social plane in keeping with its teachings. He says :

Our numerical increase is not large, but the men who have joined our ranks during the year are almost without exception the best in the State.

He reports several public functions conducted by himself and associate Grand Officers, the result of which has been pleasant and profitable.

Eight Lodges were constituted and dispensations granted for the erection of seven new ones. Of Special Dispensations to confer degrees out of time the Grand Master reports eleven but states that in each case the requirement of proficiency was always insisted upon.

The District Deputies receive high commendation from the Grand Master for their fidelity and skill.

Fifty-four decisions are submitted, and the Committee on Jurisprudence approves them generally as being in accord with the laws of the Jurisdiction. Where there is dissent it is not violent, and the Grand Master receives very high praise at the hands of the able brethren who preside over the Law Department.

As to the Masonic Home, the Grand Master says his zeal is in no wise abated, and he confidently hopes to see it established, but the time is not ripe for it. He suggests as a means of forming a nucleus for a Home Fund that the mileage be reduced to something near the actual cost of transportation, which is stated to be now five times the railway fares paid out.

The subordinate Lodges, however, do not seem to take kindly to the new departure.

The Grand Master at the close of his fine address makes special acknowledgment of his many obligations to the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Brother Andrew M. Wolihin, the Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina near the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Grand Master Shannon received a rising vote of thanks for having pushed the business of Grand Lodge to completion in two days, instead of three, and thus saving to the Fraternity the sum of twelve hundred dollars.

A resolution was passed declaring that "no man who deals or traffics in intoxicating liquors shall be eligible to membership in any Lodge in this Jurisdiction," and those now engaged in the business are invoked to find some other occupation.

There are 410 Lodges, with a membership of 17,317,—a net gain of 6 Lodges and 479 members.

The readable Report on Correspondence is furnished by the same ready writer of last year, Bro. W. S. Ramsey, and very kindly review is accorded to the proceedings of North Carolina for 1896.

M. W. JAMES W. TAYLOR, Luthersville,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. A. M. WOLIHIN, Macon,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### IDAHO—1896.

29TH ANNUAL. BOISE, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 9TH, 10TH.

This compact and attractive volume contains only about 200 pages, but is full of information in all matters affecting the Fraternity in Idaho.

The portraits of Grand Master Weiler and Past Grand Masters Ainslie and Pinney are distributed through the volume.

Grand Lodge was opened in emergent Communication on January 6th for the purpose of committing the body of a dead Brother to the earth—Augustine Haas, the Grand Tyler, and first Senior Grand Warden.

The address of the Grand Master, Isadore S. Weiler, gives a complete account of his administration, and shows the Craft in Idaho enjoying peace and prosperity.

He adverts to "non-affiliates" and "non-payment of dues," and suggests that some Masons, thus becoming out-casts, are so of necessity, because actually unable to pay after their dues commence doubling.

The Orphan Fund with accrued interest amounts to \$27,000, and so far there seems to be no intention of lessening this fund, although every year part of the interest is applied to the relief of the orphans of deceased Masons. The hope is expressed by the Grand Master that a Masonic Home may be established and maintained in the near future.

"Masonic (?) Life Insurance Companies" and other enterprises of similar name receive the unqualified condemnation of the Grand Master of Idaho, and he suggests that, for the better protection of the Fraternity in those States in which these institutions do business, the Grand Lodges should have a Committee to make inquiry as to their solvency and methods.

The Grand Lodges of Victoria and Oklahoma were recognized as independent Grand Lodges.

Upon the recommendation of the Grand Master "the original set of tin jewels of Placer Lodge, No. 3," were formally accepted by Grand Lodge and provision made for their preservation. The special Com-

mittee to whom the matter was referred say in part of these old jewels:

While not gorgeous in appearance, nor valuable, except for the memories which cluster around them, when we think of those who were instrumental not only in their production, but also saw that at that time there was a fruitful field for the dissemination of Masonry in what is now the State of Idaho.

Of the 'old guard' who wore these rude implements of the Craft when they were first used, but few are left, and they, rounding out the last days of their Masonic career will soon have passed away.

In this Jurisdiction there are 27 chartered Lodges and 2 Lodges under dispensation.

The Report on Correspondence is submitted by Brother Charles C. Stevenson, the Grand Secretary, and is, like that of last year, of most excellent quality. He reviews in kindness the proceedings of fifty-one Grand Lodges, and is good enough to say some pleasant things of North Carolina, besides quoting liberally from the oration of Brother W. H. Summerell delivered at the session of 1895.

Brother Fred G. Mock, the Representative of North Carolina, was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master; and it goes without saying that Brother Stevenson was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### ILLINOIS—1897.

58TH ANNUAL. CHICAGO, OCTOBER 5TH, 6TH, 7TH.

This handsome volume of proceedings is adorned by the picture of Grand Master Owen Scott, and is full to the last page of valuable Masonic information.

The address of the Grand Master covers nearly twenty-three pages, and the wonder is that he has succeeded in so compressing it when it is remembered that this powerful Grand Jurisdiction has 725 active Lodges and a membership of 53,285.

In the opening of his annual message to the Fraternity, among many beautiful things and true, he says:

The home is the unit of civilization. Its absence makes barbarism. The home is the flower of which heaven is the fruit. Masonry throws its mighty arms around this vital institution of civilized life and protects and exalts it. The purity of womanhood and the exaltation of childhood are cardinal doctrines taught in every lodge. Our mothers, wives, sisters and daughters have one more sworn defender in every man who rises from the altar of Masonry.

He pays appropriate tribute to those who have "crossed over the river and rest in the shade of the trees." Among the number he

tenderly mentions M. W. Bro. Jerome R. Gorin, Grand Master in 1866-1867, who, in the fullness of his four score years, literally fell on sleep.

He reports that orders have been drawn on the Charity Fund for \$20 a month in aid of a needy Past Grand Master, and recommends its continuance; also a draft of \$50 on the same fund for the relief of a widow of a Master Mason who was a member of a Lodge now defunct.

Six Lodges were constituted, and dispensations granted for the erection of five new Lodges.

Three Masonic Halls were dedicated, and the corner stone of a Presbyterian church laid at Decatur.

As to the reports of the thirty District Deputy Grand Masters, he says they furnish profitable reading, and that these officers deserve well of Grand Lodge for their efficient and unremunerated services.

This reporter was premature in stating last year that the Grand Lodge of Egypt had been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The request for recognition was repeated this year but the Committee on Correspondence, at its own recommendation, is holding the matter for further consideration.

The Grand Master reports having issued a circular letter to the District Deputies suggesting to them that their efforts should be directed not alone to teaching the recognized work, but also to infusing prompt business methods into the business of the lodges; and ten days later advised each subordinate lodge of what he had done, and urging cooperation with the Deputies.

The charters of two Lodges were arrested for violations of the laws, but in one case the charter was restored after a suspension of sixty days, and in the other the Grand Master recommends that the name and number be erased from the roll of Lodges. As to the execution of the latter punishment the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that striking from the roll be deferred until the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1898, and this recommendation to mercy was adopted.

Under the head of "Discipline" the Grand Master makes a statement which will be accepted as eminently correct:

One of the greatest tendencies towards violating the law by lodges is in connection with the ballot. Too great anxiety for numbers leads to wrong.

Life membership in Lodges meets with earnest disapproval of the Grand Master and of the Grand Lodge as well.

The subject of the Washington Memorial celebration is commended by the Grand Master, but the Finance Committee to which it was referred, owing to the want of any definite understanding as to the method or cost of the ceremonial, ask that the matter go back to the Grand Master for further consideration.



As to Lodges appearing in public the Grand Master says:

No Masonic Lodge can properly be seen in public merely for show or to help others to make a show.

He felt obliged to disapprove appeals for help to rebuild Lodges which had been destroyed by fire and on which there was no insurance, but on the other hand, in appeals for aid to worthy individual Masons whose needs had been subjected to his careful review and had received his approval, it was urged that every Lodge should give something.

As to his decisions the Grand Master says "not many questions of sufficient general importance to be reported, have arisen," and these were approved.

The address of Grand Master Scott is an admirable paper, full of good sense and giving abundant evidence of his zeal for the promotion of the highest ideal of Masonic life and conduct.

The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Wiley M. Egan, reports cash balance to credit of General Fund \$48,361.73, in the Charity Fund \$722.86, and besides, there is profitably invested the handsome sum of \$58,000.

From the Recapitulation of the Grand Secretary it is seen that at this Grand Communication there were present 918 of the representative citizens of the State of Illinois.

The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of Nebraska, Bros. Jno. A. Ehrhardt and F. H. Young were welcome visitors and received the recognition due to their exalted stations.

The annual Oration by R. W. Bro. William E. Mason, United States Senator from Illinois, was a semi-humorous speech, but full of pith and marrow, on "The Evolution of a Nation." He received the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge.

From the Report of the Committee on Chartered Lodges it is seen that there has been a net gain of 776 in the membership of the Lodges; that there has been contributed by Lodges for their own needy members, their widows and orphans, \$25,557.33, and for those not members, \$7,147.39, and to the Orphans' Home \$1,354.75, a total contribution for charity by the Lodges of \$34,059.47.

It goes without saying that a Jurisdiction so numerically strong must also be financially strong, but a superficial inspection of the records will show that to preserve the compactness, efficiency and discipline of this army of Masons its officers must be alert, skillful and loyal. And this is the case in Illinois. Besides the labors of the subordinate Lodge officers and the thirty district deputies in the effort to preserve uniformity of work and to require absolute obedience to the laws, there is the Board of Grand Examiners whose duty it is to supplement, enlarge and make permanent what has already been accomplished.



This Board of Grand Examiners, with the aid and under the auspices of the Grand Officers, has held seven Schools of Instruction, four in different parts of the State and three in the city of Chicago, at which there was a gross attendance and registration of 2156 members, 479 Lodges of the Jurisdiction 47 Lodges of other Jurisdictions, and a representation of 61 other Grand Lodges; or an average at each School of 308 members, 68 Illinois Lodges, 9 Grand Lodges and 7 Lodges of other Jurisdictions. The value of this work is simply beyond estimate and should be an inspiration to other Grand Lodges to do likewise, if not in the magnitude at least in the method of the effort.

The report on Correspondence is a review of the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges, and is in itself a book of 314 pages, not padded, but full of Masonic information of intrinsic value. Past Grand Master, Bro. Joseph Robbins, is the author of the report and to its execution he has brought a mind well stored with Masonic learning and a hand not the least bit shaky. He discusses fairly, fearlessly and vigorously every matter of interest to the Craft, and on subjects which do not commend themselves to his judgment he does not mince words in expressing disapproval, and where he believes a sham or pretense is hidden he has a terrible propensity for using the knife to the bone. He is pronounced in his hostility to the recognition of the Gran Dieta Simbolica, of Mexico as a legitimate Masonic Body, and is merciless in his exposure of its history and methods of administration, and argues forcibly against the adoption of this "hybrid," as he calls it, into the family of Grand Lodges of Ancient Craft Masonry.

He is equally vigorous and forceful in his opposition to the Wisconsin plan of Masonic Relief. The North Carolina proceedings of 1897 receive very kindly and full notice at the hands of Bro. Robbins, who praises when he can, and when he can't—he doesn't. As to the report which was adopted, forbidding any subordinate Lodge from entertaining any appeal for aid unless approved by the Grand Master, he says :

Begging circulars are an uncomfortable nuisance sometimes, but it is a question whether immunity from the infliction ought to be purchased at the expense of putting the Lodge in leading strings. It is a question whether it will not soon be impossible for a Lodge to pay its fuel bills, or a brother to ask permission to retire without a dispensation from the Grand Master. If a Lodge is going to retain judgment enough to repair a roof when it leaks, or a brother retain knowledge enough to go in when it rains, they must be left under the burden of some little responsibility.

By what token does a Grand Master or a Grand Lodge claim the right to forbid a distressed worthy brother to ask charity or relief from any Mason or body of Masons except itself ?"

For kind personal reference this reporter desires to make suitable acknowledgment to Bro. Robbins.

M. W. EDWARD COOK,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. J. H. C. DILL,  
*Grand Secretary.*

# INDIAN TERRITORY—1897.

24TH ANNUAL. ARDMORE, AUGUST 10TH, 11TH.

An Emergent Communication was held July 3, 1897, at Salisaw, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a Lodge building.

At the Regular Communication there were present a goodly number of Past Grand Officers, the Grand Officers and the representatives of seventy-two constituent Lodges.

A very eloquent address of welcome was delivered by the W. M. of Ardmore Lodge, No. 31, Bro. Henry B. Furman, to which suitable response was made by Bro. James E. Humphrey, of Purcell, who in closing said:

We know your hearts are ours and ours are yours, and we feel like the noble Saxon when he greeted the illustrious Dane with these words:

Normans and Saxons and Danes are we,  
But all of us Danes in our welcome to thee.

Only we paraphrase it by saying:

Choctaws and Chicasaws and Cherokees and Creeks are we,  
But all of us Masons in our welcome to thee.

In his address, the Grand Master, Bro. Silas Armstrong, expresses the pleasure he derives from these annual gatherings of the Craft, invokes the brethren to guard the portals against the admission of unworthy material, to so live as to disarm the hostile criticism of the outside world and to look well to the landmarks. He warns especially against the dangers of the "Masonic Congress," the promoters of which desire only personal prominence or notoriety.

He reports Masonry in the Territory as in a very prosperous condition, and harmony prevailing at home and abroad. A slight difference, growing out of the Grand Representative System, has been pleasantly settled with the Grand Lodge of New York.

At the close of his address the Grand Master said he expected to be weighted down with onerous duties, not always pleasant, but was agreeably surprised to find he had little to do, and that little rather pleasant.

The Grand Lecturer, Bro. B. G. Martin, reported having visited and instructed 46 Lodges, and the "total number of days of solid work as being one hundred and twenty-one, and the entire expense to Grand Lodge, \$730.05.

The Grand Secretary stated that no report on Correspondence was prepared because of the additional expense of printing the report, estimated at \$300, and the Grand Lodge decided, for considerations of economy, that no report should appear for next year.

A resolution presented by Bro. Furman, and adopted by Grand Lodge, provides that the Grand Lecturer and the Custodians of the Work shall meet for consultation and practice, not more than three times in the Masonic year, and receive as compensation \$2.50 a day and expenses, each meeting not to be continued beyond two days.

Whole number of chartered Lodges is 86; the membership, 3,107, a net gain of 135.

A gratifying feature shown in the Grand Secretary's Recapitulation is the rejection of 109 petitioners for initiation, showing that the brethren of Indian Territory are not over anxious to increase their numbers. It is a mighty good sign!

It is observed that North Carolina has no Representative near the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory.

M. W. JAMES A. SCOTT,  
*Grand Master.*

M. W. JAMES S. MURRAN,  
*Grand Secretary.*

INDIANA 1897.

76TH ANNUAL. INDIANAPOLIS, MAY 25TH, 26TH.

The portraits of Grand Master Mason J. Niblack and of two early Grand Masters, John and William Sheets, are printed in this volume and, with the exception of four that are missing, the portrait gallery of Grand Masters is complete. It is probable, the Grand Secretary thinks, that these breaks can never be filled, and quite certain that two of them never will be.

Four hundred and seventy-nine of the four hundred and eighty-three chartered Lodges were represented—all but four. The payment of mileage and per diem, which does not obtain in North Carolina, may have some influence in bringing about this full attendance.

The Grand Master, Simeon P. Gillett, is in despair because the realms of poesy and rhetoric have been despoiled of all their riches by his predecessors in the Grand East, so that there is not left one little bud that does'nt show the wear and tear of former frequent use on these occasions of floral display.

He sadly reports the death of four hundred and nineteen Master Masons and invokes the infinite tenderness of the Almighty to give comfort and succor to the widow and the fatherless in their bereavement.

Dispensations for the formation of five new Lodges were granted and five other Lodges duly constituted.

Several Masonic functions, such as dedicating halls and laying corner stones are reported.

The renewed presentation of the Wisconsin conception of Masonic relief is answered in the strong words of dissent used last year.

As to the Washington Memorial services the Grand Lodge says she will aligu herself with her sisters when the proper time arrives for moving forward.

The Grand Lodge made suitable provision for removing the remains of her first Grand Master from an unmarked grave in Missouri to a public cemetery at Cape Girardeau. The deceased brother, Alexander Buckner, held high civic office, having been United States Senator from Missouri. The reinterment was conducted with appropriate Masonic ceremonies in which the Fraternity of Missouri took part.

The Grand Master recommended that the history of Freemasonry in Indiana be written by some one who has the capacity, data and zeal needed for the work. The recommendation was adopted and the labor assigned to Past Grand Master Daniel McDonald as one eminently equipped for the task.

The decisions reported met the approval of the Grand Lodge.

The condition of the Craft in Indiana is prosperous, and a gain of 948 in the membership would seem to indicate progress.

The financial condition is so satisfactory that a strong effort was made to reduce Grand Lodge dues to a merely nominal sum. The permanent investments amount to \$30,974.79, and a cash balance on hand of \$14,296.90. Its net rental after paying taxes, improvements, repairs, etc., amounting to \$6,289.03, was a clear revenue of \$1,858.11.

The Grand Secretary announced his purpose of publishing a complete digest of decisions of the Grand Lodge and other information of use to Lodge officers, and referred to it not for the purpose of asking Grand Lodge to assume any of the expense but simply to ask its approval of the undertaking. The approval was given without dissent.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was duly recognized as an independent Grand Lodge.

The membership is 29,387; Lodges 483; net gain in membership, 948.

A statement of the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Indiana to the use of cyphers was overlooked earlier in this report. but failure to make record of its hostility would be injustice not alone to Indiana but to other Grand Lodges.

The report on Correspondence covers a review of the proceedings of fifty nine Grand Lodges and is written by Past Grand Master, Bro. Nichols R. Ruckle, in a style that shows the skill of the practiced workman. The proceedings of North Carolina for 1896 and 1897 had not been received by Bro. Ruckle.

M. W. MASON J. NIBLACK,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE  
*Grand Secretary.*

IOWA—1897.

54TH ANNUAL. OSKALOOSA, JUNE 1ST, 2ND, 3RD.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge the Grand Master "announced that he had appointed Bro. Amos Norris Alberson Grand Tyler, in place of Bro. Theodore Schreiner, deceased, who had filled the position with honor to himself and credit to the Fraternity through a period of thirty-eight years."

In his address Grand Master G. W. Ball, while commending this country for avoiding entangling alliances or dangerous international controversies, takes occasion to rebuke other nations for standing idly by when Turkey forced Greece to partake of humble pie, and thinks it not amiss to take a fling at Spain for her cruelty to Cuba. There are not many in this country who will contest the position of Bro. Ball or question his right to give voice to popular sentiment in regard to these matters, but it is doubtful if such topics should be referred to in a Masonic assembly.

The Grand Master pays loving tribute to the memory of Father Schreiner and recommends that the usual honorarium given to the Grand Tyler be continued to the widow of the deceased Brother as long as she lives. This was done, and a gift of \$250 added, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Dispensations for the formation of five new Lodges were granted during the year.

The Grand Master argues forcibly against the Wisconsin plan of Relief but submits the matter anew to the Grand Lodge which, like nearly all the other Grand Lodges, expresses the belief that it is not in accord with the principles governing Masonic charity.

The Grand Lodge also accepted the findings of its Law Committee on the question of jurisdiction over rejected candidates—"that in this jurisdiction no further legislation is necessary."

The Gran Dieta received favorable notice from the Grand Master in his address and was recognized by Grand Lodge as a legitimate and independent Grand Lodge, and "all Masons in Mexico hailing from

Lodges or Grand Lodges not in affiliation with said *Gran Dieta Symbolica* be denied admission to our Lodges."

Suitable tributes to the merits and virtues of two excellent ladies who had recently died—the wives of Grand Secretary T. S. Parvin and Grand Treasurer Blanchard—are published in the proceedings.

Interspersed through the volume are portraits of Grand Master Almon Ralph Dewey, Jas. R. Hartsock, Grand Master 1858–60, Theodore Schreiner, and Grand Secretary Parvin, seated in his own proper domain, the Library. There are prints of different parts of the interior of the library as well as one showing the appearance of the building, and Brother Parvin may be pardoned his pride in this handsome result of his labors.

The Report on Correspondence is again presented by Bro. J. C. W. Coxe, and in force and clearness of diction is entitled to first place. The brethren of Iowa especially and all the readers of his delightful reports are become the debtors of Bro. Coxe for his labors in this department. The proceedings of North Carolina had not been received and, for that reason only, do not appear in this report. Bro. Coxe is not in accord with his Grand Lodge on the status of Mexican Masonry, and holds to the view that there should be no haste in acting on a matter of so much importance to the Fraternity, as is involved in the recognition of the *Gran Dieta*. His language on this subject is at once manly and modest.

This strong Jurisdiction has four hundred and eighty-two Lodges and a growing membership of 27,489.

M. W. ALMON RALPH DEWEY,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. T. S. PARVIN,  
*Grand Secretary.*

KANSAS—1897.

41ST ANNUAL. SALINA, FEBRUARY 17TH AND 18TH.

On September 10, 1896, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was called for the purpose of dedicating the Masonic Home in the city of Wichita. A print of the structure occupies the fly-leaf of the volume and shows in its exterior the plan of an elegant, attractive home, and has nothing of the appearance of a poorhouse or jail or reformatory. The president of the Board of Directors, Past Grand Master David B. Fuller, made the Presentation Address and said that the movement for establishing the Home took definite form at the Grand Lodge meeting in 1893 by the adoption of a resolution that a Masonic Home be instituted. In May of the same year the Home was incorporated. There were seventeen Directors—nine from the Grand



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Lodge, two from the Grand Commandery, two from the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and two from the Order of the Eastern Star.

In continuation of the history of the Home Brother Fuller says in part :

Bids were asked for by the Board of Directors for the selection of the Home, and from the large number of tempting offers this location was unanimously selected. The property originally cost about \$30,000. It was purchased by the Board for \$21,000, of which the Masonic bodies of Wichita donated the liberal sum of \$5,000. Since the purchase of the property necessary repairs have been made aggregating the sum of \$5,101.30. If the requirements of the institution demand, the Board has adopted the plan of constructing separate buildings, suitably located, to effect a beautiful, perfect and complete cottage system.

Every bill to date is paid, and there now remains in the hands of the Board the sum of \$24,000. The Order of the Eastern Star took upon itself the furnishing of the Home, and it has ample funds in its hands to complete the work in the durable and elegant manner so well begun. These remarks would be incomplete were it not stated that at all times the Board has had the united support of the Order. It is the only Grand Organization interested in this work that has a provision for its permanent support. Because of the interest and enthusiasm evidenced by this Order it is worthy of emulation, and is entitled to the gratitude and commendation of all good Masons wherever dispersed.

The women of the Eastern Star are entitled to all the praise given by Bro. Fuller, and more, for it is clearly evident that the celerity of execution and the good taste in selecting the site of an ideal home is due entirely to the zeal and loving kindness of these good ladies, and not to their plodding fathers, husbands or brothers.

In his very beautiful address of Dedication the Grand Master, Chiles C. Coleman, pays a fine tribute to the women of Masonry in the following extract :

In the foundation and maintenance of our Masonic Home every grade and shade of Masonry has joined on an equal plane. Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies and Consistories have joined their efforts, all in one great purpose to make the Home a fact. We do not by any means forget the powerful aid and influence of the Eastern Star and its Chapters. Without their aid and the support of the women of Masonry we could boast neither of past successes nor of future hope. Already furnished almost throughout by woman's hands, our Masonic Home leans upon the great heart of woman for its chief support, cheered by her smile, soothed by her tenderness, warmed by her love, sustained by her strength, her influence and presence shall ever remain its chief attraction and the mainstay of its permanence.

At the annual Communication there were present 27 present and past Grand Officers, 3 Custodians, 5 Assistant Lecturers, 153 Past Masters, and 392 other members of Grand Lodge—making a total attend-



ance of 580 distinguished Brethren. Among the number was W. Bro. Alex. A. Sharp, the Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Bro. Sharp earned his wages by service on the Committee on Finance and Mileage.

The Grand Master, M. W. Chiles C. Coleman, made a full accounting of his official doings in a well-written address. He makes sorrowful reference to the death of Past Grand Master Owen A. Bassett who had been for years the most prominent figure in Kansas Masonry, and the peer of the best Masons anywhere. He says of Bro. Bassett's position in Grand Lodge :

One of its earliest Grand Masters, he formulated its beginning, and almost to the very time of his death, held in his hands the reins that directed its course.

Later a memorial service in honor of Bro. Bassett's memory was held by Grand Lodge and the speeches were all befitting the solemn occasion.

Yet more sad than the death of so eminent a Brother as Past Grand Master Bassett is the announcement that the Senior Past Grand Master of the Jurisdiction is now in a condition of physical and intellectual decline, his fortune having been entirely lost. He is properly cared for by the local Fraternity and there is no likelihood that the Grand Lodge will be called upon for aid, but should it become necessary, the Grand Master says:

I recommend to my successors diligent watch-care over the declining years of this illustrious brother, whose estate among us was once as high as now it is lowly and cast down.

Three Lodges are reported as having been constituted, and authority given for the formation of three others, under dispensation.

The decisions of the Grand Master, indeed all his official acts, were unreservedly approved by the committees of reference and by Grand Lodge.

Cash balances of \$18,306.85 in the General Fund and \$1,811.39 in the Charity Fund are reported.

From the report of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Albert K. Wilson, it is found that there are 353 chartered Lodges with a membership of 19,185, a net gain of 410.

Bro. John D. Milliken delivered the annual oration in which he considered his subject—Masonry—under four heads, namely, "first, as an ideal; second, its misconception; third, its lessons; fourth, our duties and privileges in relation to it." Bro. Milliken received the thanks of the Grand Lodge by a rising vote.

The Masonic Mutual Benefit Society of Kansas, presumably a life insurance organization; seems to be operating under the auspices of the Grand Lodge and to be subject to its control. The Board of Inspectors appointed by the Grand Master, made report of the condition of the society, and on motion the report was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes. This Society is in the twenty-fourth year of its history and makes a creditable showing of its affairs. "The Permanent Fund is about \$50,000, and the Benefit Fund, available for payment of death claims, amounts to \$13,738.54, and no unpaid assessments or death losses."

As to the Maine proposed time limit of jurisdiction over rejected material the Committee on Jurisprudence recommends non-concurrence, because "the Constitution of this Grand Lodge will not permit such legislation."

The Report on Correspondence is, like that of last year, from the pen of Past Grand Master M. M. Miller and is of most excellent quality. No more interesting or instructive review has been received this year.

The proceedings of North Carolina for 1896 are noticed kindly, and the oration of Bro. Summerell pronounced to be "interesting."

M. W. WILLIAM M. SHARER,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. ALBERT K. WILSON,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### KENTUCKY—1896.

97TH ANNUAL. LOUISVILLE, OCTOBER 20TH, 21ST, 22ND.

At the opening of the Grand Lodge only its officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters and eleven Past Masters are reported as being present.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. F. C. Gerard, in the beginning of his address recites briefly the early history of the Grand Lodge, and of the five Lodges on which it was builded. He says:

October 16, in the year of light 5800, the Grand Ruler of the Day smiled upon these five Lodges that had been born of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, then only about twenty-two years of age. The sun rose again to find they had left the parental control, having established the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which became the mother of more than 700 children, 468 of whom survive. These have produced an army of noble Craftsmen, who have been men of renown in the field, on the bench, in the pulpit and in the councils of the nation.

In addition to its other good works, the Grand Master says the Grand Lodge of Kentucky "has now undertaken to prepare for the

establishment of an "Old Masons' Home" ON THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY of its own birth, which, as the crowning glory, will deservedly provoke a prolonged "hallelujah" by the worthy brethren of this jurisdiction."

The Centennial Committee having in charge this matter of a Home for aged and indigent brethren think that the work should not commence with a less sum than \$50,000 in hand, and are gratified to report that \$25,000 has already been subscribed by less than one-tenth of the Craft in the Jurisdiction. The Brethren of the Committee predict that it is only a question of a very short time before the subscriptions will reach the sum of \$200,000.

Dispensations were granted for the establishment of ten new Lodges. Citations were served upon thirteen Lodges to show cause why their charters should not be arrested for failure to comply with the law. Five of these lost their charters.

Reviewing the causes which force Lodges into delinquency and death, the Grand Master believes that procrastination in making returns and in paying dues are active factors, and urges that the laws governing these matters should be vigorously enforced or repealed. He furthermore thinks that the mistaken clemency of Grand Lodge is to some extent accountable for the continuance of the conditions complained of.

The visitations of the Grand Master were not solely for the purpose of having "a good time," but, according to the record, for work and instruction; and it would perhaps be better if the brethren on these occasions gave less attention to the hospitality implied in the banquet, and let the Grand Master have an opportunity of closely inspecting the business methods of the Lodge.

In the report of a case of alleged unmasonic conduct on the part of a Master of a Lodge, it seems there is no provision in the laws of the Grand Lodge for his trial at an earlier date than that of the next Grand Communication. The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended an amendment to the Constitution which provides for the trial of an accused Master by his peers—three Past Masters—who are to report their findings to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master says there is great need of uniformity in the by-laws of Lodges, and the Law Committee endorses this view and recommends the preparation of a set of by-laws by the Grand Secretary subject to the approval of the incoming Grand Master, for general use among the Lodges.

The Grand Master suggests that the Past Master's degree should have a written ritual, as advised by his immediate predecessor; and also thinks that, for reasons of economy, the reports of the Com-

mittee on Foreign Correspondence should be greatly abbreviated and published from time to time in Home Journal. The Jurisprudence Committee expresses its dissent in these matters.

The Home, which is the pride of Kentucky M<sup>a</sup>sons, now contains 242 inmates, the widows or orphans of M<sup>a</sup>sons, and is said by the Grand Master to be in a prosperous condition. The Grand Lodge by a rising vote offered its thanks to the President and Directors of the Home, and to the medical staff, for their long continued and unrequited and faithful performance of the duties confided to them.

Permission was granted to Lodges singly or collectively to decorate the graves of their dead some time in June of each year, and to wear their regalia on such occasions.

Kindly greetings were extended to the Grand Lodge of Ohio then in session, and fraternally reciprocated by that Grand Body.

The period of Jurisdiction over rejected material in Kentucky is one year, and Grand Lodge therefore declined to accept the five year limit proposed by Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Wisconsin plan of Masonic Relief is considered of sufficient importance to demand very careful consideration, and is recommitted to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for report at next Annual Communication.

A free-will offering of \$79 was taken up and the money entrusted to the Grand Chaplain for the use of a needy Brother of Herschel. In the Grand Jurisdiction of Kentucky there are 469 Lodges, of which 36 were not represented in Grand Lodge. The total membership is 18,367, showing a net gain of 249.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is made by its chairman, Past Grand Master, W. W. Clarke, and covers the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges. Bro. Clarke gives North Carolina very liberal space and quotes from the address of Grand Master Moye, and that of Bro. Summerell approvingly. He does not approve of Bro. Moye's doctrine that Demitted M<sup>a</sup>sons have no right to visit a Lodge, and puts it thus:

We are disposed to remark that in our opinion Grand Lodges are going too fast in legislating against non-affiliates. We hear much these days about ancient landmarks. Was there not a time not extremely remote when men were made M<sup>a</sup>sons but not members of Lodges? Was there not a time when all M<sup>a</sup>sons were non-affiliates? Could these non-affiliates visit the convocations of their brethren?

W. M. ROBERT F. PEAK,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. H. B. GRANT,  
*Grand Secretary.*

## LOUISIANA—1897.

85TH ANNUAL. NEW ORLEANS, FEBRUARY 8TH, 9TH, 10TH.

An Emergent Communication was held April 15, 1896, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Young Men's Hebrew Building in the city of New Orleans; and on July 28, 1896, another special session of Grand Lodge was held at Donaldsonville for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new hall of Ascension Lodge, No. 251.

The Grand Master, Albert G. Brice, conducted the ceremonies and delivered an address on each occasion. Both of these discourses are of the finest quality and give evidence of scholarship and ability in the author.

At the Annual Communication there were present the Grand Officers, the representatives of sixty-eight subordinate Lodges and the Representatives of twenty-seven Grand Lodges. Past Grand Master Samuel M. Todd, one of the most eminent members of Grand Lodge, was present in behalf of North Carolina and several other Grand Jurisdictions. Bro. Todd having reached the fiftieth anniversary of his Masonic life, was made the recipient of a testimonial in the form of an engrossed address which was ordered to be spread upon the records, as evidence of the love and respect of his Brethren, as follows:

The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, F. & A. M. at this their eighty-fifth Annual Grand Communication, confers upon our venerable and distinguished brother, Samuel Manning Todd, Past Grand Master, this mark of their fraternal love and appreciation of an allegiance unswerving, a merit unsurpassed and a service of great honor, covering this day a completed period of fifty years as a Master Mason. It is superfluous to recapitulate his record—it is indelibly stamped upon the annals of Masonry in Louisiana. The love of his brethren goes out towards him, and they wish him many more days of his stalwart manhood.

In his address the Grand Master submitted an account of his official acts, and stated that the condition of the Craft was satisfactory, the numerical gain was small but the outlook for the future was bright. As bearing on the financial condition of Grand Lodge it is stated that the claim by the State for taxes is still *subjudice* in the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Grand Master seems to be a little shaky as to the effect upon Masonry of the last Council of Trent, and advises the brethren to so live that no reproach will be brought upon the Order. Don't bother, Brother,—that last Council only shows that *all* the fools ain't dead, no more. Grand Lodge contributed a thousand dollars to the relief of the suffering and want caused by a protracted drouth in the northern part of the State. In the distribution of aid by Louisiana Relief Lodge some one hailing from North Carolina received \$15.

The total number of Lodges is 130, and the membership 5,363, a gain of 17.

The Report on Correspondence, *sui generis*, is the work of Past Grand Master J. Q. A. Fellows, and such as only a man of judicial mind and ample leisure could produce. The topics selected are presented as they appear to different and differing reviewers, and Bro. Fellows sometimes takes a hand in the debate, always to elucidate or harmonize.

He quotes approvingly from the oration of Bro. W. H. Summerell, on "the duties of Masons—What is Masonry."

Bro. Albert G. Brice was re-elected M. W. Grand Master, and Bro. Richard Lambert as R. W. Grand Secretary.

#### MAINE—1897.

##### 78TH ANNUAL. PORTLAND, MAY 4TH, 5TH, 6TH.

At the opening of Grand Lodge the Committee on Credentials reported as present the representatives of 176 Lodges; thirty Permanent Members, its Grand Officers and the Grand Representatives of forty sister Grand Lodges, among the latter M. W. Brother William R. G. Estes holding the commission of North Carolina. Bro. Estes was in harness as a member of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

The Grand Master, Augustus B. Farnham, extended a warm welcome to every member of Grand Lodge, not only to the older and honored members by whose counsels and labors the Grand Lodge has attained its eminence in the Fraternity, but also and especially to the younger members to whom in a short time would fall the duty of guiding the destinies of the Craft in its upward progress.

He congratulates the Grand Lodge for the harmony and prosperity which has blessed it, and deplores the loss sustained by the Order at large in the death of so many distinguished and useful Brethren.

He reports the laying of the corner stone of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital, at Bangor, on July 15, 1896; and the constitution of Columbia Lodge, No. 200, at Greenville, on September 15. After this latter function there was a delightful excursion and a splendid dinner, but the best thing is the Grand Master's closing sentence:

The officers and members are men of standing in the community, and I have no doubt that Columbia Lodge will soon be classed as among our most prosperous Lodges.

In reporting the holding of five conventions for Masonic work the Grand Master commends to the recognition of Grand Lodge the fruitful labors of the Grand Lecturer, Past Grand Master, Frank E. Sleeper; and of this method of conveying instruction, he thinks it one of the best yet devised and a direct means of bringing about uniformity of work.



The few decisions reported by the Grand Master relate to the status of non-affiliates, the eligibility to receive the degrees of Masonry by a man whose right hand is cut off at the wrist, the attendance of Lodges in Masonic clothing in honor of the Mayor of a city, and as to the procedure necessary to procure a dimit are in accord with the laws of North Carolina.

The Grand Master made a suggestion that as the law now stands in regard to the five year limit of jurisdiction over rejected candidates, there would be a possibility, under certain circumstances, of nullifying the present law and making it operate as perpetual. He says "this (five year) rule is of no avail to a candidate who remains in the jurisdiction of the rejecting body; because a waiver requires an unanimous vote, and a candidate rejected through prejudice must either leave his home and reside elsewhere or he may be forever kept out."

The Committee on amendments to the Constitution submitted an Amendment to the rule, granting waiver unless there are three or more negative votes.

The Grand Master reports an object lesson showing the possible dangers to Lodges or Grand Lodges that may grow out of the adoption of the Wisconsin plan of Relief. In this case a former member of a Maine Lodge was cared for by the San Diego (Cal.) Board of Relief, and in January, 1892, the Maine Lodge paid for burial and relief \$172.38, and notified the California Brethren that it could assume no further pecuniary responsibility.

Since September, 1891, the San Diego Board of Relief has paid out for the Maine Brother and his family the sum of \$1,070, and asks to be reimbursed.

Pleasant telegraphic greetings were exchanged between the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan and the Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Grand Lodge Charity Fund is reported at the handsome sum of \$31,458.62.

In the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine there are 192 chartered Lodges and a membership of 22,085, showing a net gain of 132 during the year.

To the comparatively few who read the reports on Correspondence it goes without saying that the exhaustive reviews of Masonic questions which emanate from the Grand Lodge of Maine attract universal attention. This is due largely to the ability, and not a little, perhaps, to the personality, of the distinguished Brother, Past Grand Master Josiah H. Drummond, who presides over this department. He has given kindly notice to the proceedings of North Carolina for 1897, and amiably encourages this reporter to move up with the lines and take a hand in the fray.

For the deep sorrow which has fallen on our Brother's heart and



home on account of the death of his youngest daughter, who was her father's companion, comrade and friend, we feel and desire to express to him the sincerest sympathy.

Joseph A. Locke was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, and R. W. Stephen Berry reelected Grand Secretary.

#### MANITOBA—1897.

##### 22ND ANNUAL. WINNIPEG, JUNE 9TH, 10TH.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held at the village of Grenfell, District of Assiniboia, on September 14, 1896, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple to be erected by Evening Star Lodge, No. 57, A. F. & A. M.; and three days later, September 17, another Special was held at Selkirk, Province of Manitoba, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a Public School House.

At Winnipeg, on March 18th, 1897, the Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of performing the last sad duty of attending the funeral of Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother John Headley Bell, and thus exhibiting their respect to his memory.

At the opening of the Annual Communication there were present the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge, a long list of Past Masters, and the Representatives of Lodges and of sister Grand Jurisdictions, twenty-two of the latter. Brother Duncan J. Campbell, North Carolina's Representative, was not there.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke, reports the Constitution of two Lodges and the granting of dispensations for the formation of two others. Bro. Locke reports but few decisions, and they referring to physical qualifications, which indicates that the "laws are comprehensive and intelligible." Many visitations were made, and there is fraternal reference to the Masonic dead. As a loyal subject of the Throne, he directed the Board of General Purposes to prepare an address to the Queen, to be transmitted through the Grand Master of Masons of England, the Prince of Wales, and conveying to Her Majesty the congratulation and love of her servants in the North-West Territories.

The Freemasons' Hospital, at Morden, founded by the unaided efforts of the Craft, is not for the treatment and care of Masons exclusively, but is open to the general public.

The Grand Master suggests the propriety of an effort being made to turn the Grand Orient of France from its fatal error of disbelief in the overruling power of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and believes that only a presentation of the matter is needed to bring these strayed Brethren into the great Masonic fold.

The Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show the Craft to be in a prosperous condition, albeit few in numbers.

Although some of the Lodges are constitutionally slow in making returns, the Grand Secretary says that "all returns have been received, and all dues and other indebtedness paid."

The number of Lodges reported is 59, and the membership, December 27, 1896, 2641. At the same time there were credits to the funds as follows :

Current account.....	\$691 98
Special account.....	\$352 29
Benevolent account.....	\$ 81 16

The Library is reported to be increasing the number of valuable books, Masonic and miscellaneous, on its shelves.

Adopting the recommendation of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity, the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution adverse to the Wisconsin proposition of Masonic Relief, for these reasons: That "absolute necessities" is only a relative term, differing widely in meaning in different localities; that it is not businesslike to assume an unknown obligation, just as it would be to sign a blank check; and that in a numerically weak jurisdiction it would be especially dangerous to accept any scheme of this kind.

Bro. James F. Lawless, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, was received with Grand honors and made appropriate acknowledgment of the courteous reception accorded to him.

Past Grand Master, C. N. Bell was presented with a handsome chain collar as a testimonial of the esteem of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended that provision be made for publishing a review of the proceedings of Grand Lodges with whom the Grand Lodge is in fraternal communication, the report to be presented at the next annual Communication.

M. W. THOMAS ROBINSON,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. WM. G. SCOTT,  
*Grand Secretary.*

MARYLAND—1896.

110TH ANNUAL. BALTIMORE, NOVEMBER 17TH, 18TH.

There is a portrait of R. W. William Henry Shryock, the Grand Treasurer, in the fly-leaf of this handsome volume. Bro. Shryock, has for ten years given the finances of Grand Lodge his closest attention, and has the gratification of knowing that, on his voluntary withdrawal, the money affairs of the Grand Jurisdiction are in a more satisfactory condition than ever before. And his brethren know that to his skill and fidelity they are indebted for this handsome showing.

The semi-annual Communication of May 12 was opened with all the Grand Officers, many Past Grand Officers, and the representatives of ninety four constituent Lodges present.

The Grand Master, Thomas J. Shryock, stated that the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction were in a greatly improved condition.

Two dispensations for the formation of new Lodges were granted and charters issued to two others.

A resolution of condolence with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on account of the death of Grand Secretary Michael Nisbet was adopted at this meeting.

From the Abstract of returns it is gleaned that there are in the Grand Jurisdiction 7,052 Master Masons.

A Special Communication was held on June 15th for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the New Court House. This was an occasion of more than ordinary interest and was attended with all the pomp and ceremony of such important functions. An historical "sketch of the old Court Houses of Baltimore," by P. G. M. and P. G. H. P. John M. Carter is very interesting and gives an entertaining account of the process of evolution which ended in Baltimore as it is to-day.

There was also a very fine address by Hon. William Pinkney Whyte.

The address of the Grand Master at the Annual Communication shows the Craft in Maryland to be "prosperous beyond precedent." On account of the thorough instruction in the work and knowledge of Masonic Law by the officers of Lodges the Grand Master had no occasion to render a decision throughout the year.

The Committee on Correspondence believes in the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction and recommends that the proposition of the Grand Lodge of Main lie over until next Annual Communication.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Edward T. Schultz, and is, like that of last year, of excellent character. The proceedings of North Carolina for 1896 receive friendly notice.

M. W. THOMAS J. SHRYOCK,

*Grand Master.*

R. W. JACOB H. MEDAIRY,

*Grand Secretary.*

#### MASSACHUSETTS 1896-97.

These four volumes of proceedings contain the records of four quarterly Communications, one Stated Meeting, and ten Specials.

After the opening of Grand Lodge at the quarterly Communication of June 10, 1896, the Grand Master read a note of a few lines from Bro. John H. Collamore, in which he enclosed a check for five thousand dollars to be added to the John H. Collamore Charity Fund. The gift was accepted with thanks of Grand Lodge to the generous Brother.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Master the Committee on Music urged, not very positively however, that the music in degree work should not be so pronounced a feature of the ceremonial as it now is in many of the strong city Lodges.

Another recommendation of Grand Master Holmes is expressed in the last clause of the Committee's report—"that the Grand Lodge order the discontinuance in this jurisdiction of the costuming of the Fellow Crafts," and it was adopted.

Five hundred dollars was appropriated to the use of the Committee on Charity.

June 13, 1896, a Special Communication was held for the purpose of celebrating the centennial of Union Lodge, of Dorchester. Rain, storms, eastwinds and the opening of the flood-gates could not keep the brethren away from the feast and speech-making. On the following evening, Sunday, 14th, the ceremonies were closed with religious services at St. Mary's Episcopal church.

Harmony Lodge, at Northfield, celebrated its centennial on June 17th, and Cincinnati Lodge, at Great Barrington, had similar exercises a week later. Grand Lodge attended both of these celebrations.

A Special Communication was held September 5, 1896, at Boston, for the purpose of attending the funeral of R. W. and Rev. Lucius R. Paige. A steel engraving of Bro. Paige adorns the volume.

At the Quarterly Communication of September 9, 1896, the Maine proposition was referred to a committee consisting of Bros. S. Lathrop Thorndike, Charles C. Dame and Sereno D. Nickerson.

The Committee appointed to represent the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at the consecration of the Masonic Temple at Budapest, Hungary, reported that they had attended that ceremonial and were treated with distinguished courtesy and hospitality by the Hungarian Brethren.

Grand Lodge was assembled three times for the purpose of laying corner stones, and once for the dedication of a Masonic Hall.

The Fourth Quarterly was held Dec. 9, 1896, and the attendance was large. Fine steel engravings of Grand Master Edwin B. Holmes and of Bro. Benjamin Apthorp Gould, distinguished in science and letters as well as in Masonry, adorn this volume of proceedings.

In his address Bro. Holmes sorrowfully reports a long list of prominent Craftsmen who have been called up higher, amongst them the liberal giver, John H. Collamore.

He reports an unusual number of official visitations.

After enumerating the several Funds under the control of the Grand Lodge the Grand Master urges strongly the formation of a Grand Charity Fund of not less than \$500,000, so that its income could be regularly applied to the relief of the needy, and cites his brethren to

the noble work in this direction by very poor and weak jurisdictions. At the conclusion of his address Bro. Holmes says, "I am not a candidate for the office of Grand Master for the ensuing year."

Charles Carroll Hutchinson was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The number of affiliated Masons in this jurisdiction is 37,763.

On December 15th Grand Lodge convened for the purpose of attending another Centennial Celebration—that of Thomas Lodge, at Palmer.

At the stated Communication of December 29th the retiring Grand Master installed his successor, and after the completion of the installation ceremonies the Worshipful Master of Revere Lodge asked for permission, as the representative of his Lodge, to present a Past Grand Master's jewel to Bro. Holmes as a token of the love of his brethren of Revere Lodge. The presentation address and the response were both eloquent and in good taste.

The banquet, and the speeches, and the enthusiasm, and the good-fellowship were all that they should be, and a credit to the Fraternity of Massachusetts.

As usual on these delightful occasions the Grand Feast ended with singing "Auld Lang Syne" by all the brethren present.

Two Special Communications—one of them the centennial celebration of St. Paul Lodge, at Ayer, and the other the dedication of the Masonic apartments of Hope Lodge, at Garner,—were held on January 26th and February 22, 1897, respectively.

At the Quarterly Communication of March 10, 1897, the address of Grand Master Holmes received the warmest commendation from the Committee to which it was referred.

The constitutional amendment making five years the limit of jurisdiction over rejected candidates was passed by a nearly unanimous vote.

The question of selling the Temple property, or of repairing or remodeling it, has been before Grand Lodge since the time of the fire, and it was only at this meeting that any decisive step has been taken. It was decided unanimously to clothe the Board of Directors with power to build anew, to repair or remodel as they thought best, and to borrow as much as was needed, not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars, for the execution of the plan they should adopt. They were also empowered to give such security as was necessary for the payment of this loan.

CHARLES C. HUTCHINSON,  
*Grand Master.*

SERENO D. NICKERSON,  
*Grand Secretary.*

## MICHIGAN—1897.

53RD ANNUAL. SAGINAW, JANUARY 26TH, 27TH.

This handsome and well printed volume of proceedings is adorned with the portraits of the present Grand Master, John J. Carton, and of deceased Past Grand Masters Dowling and Hatheway, as well as that of Bro. Alexander McGregor, late Grand Tiler.

The attendance upon this session of Grand Lodge consisted of its officers, fourteen past grand officers, twelve members of standing committees and the representatives of three hundred and seventy constituent lodges.

The address of Grand Master Carton is a voluminous document and includes an itemized statement of all his official doings—the issuing of charters and dispensations, a long list of decisions, thirty-seven in number, the laying of corner stones, dedications of halls, obituaries of deceased brethren and very many other subjects requiring his attention.

The Grand Master says of “Masonic Insurance” and other “Masonic” enterprises that the names are assumed on account of the facility with which unwary members of the Fraternity are taken in, and recites two cases which came under his own observation in which the family of Past Grand Master Dowling in one case has been refused payment on account of a mere technical plea, on a \$5,000 policy issued by The Knights Templar and Masons’ Life Indemnity Co. This Company has solicited and secured considerable business in North Carolina.

The other case mentioned by the Grand Master is that of a member of his own Lodge who held a policy in the National Masonic Accident Association, of Des Moines, Iowa, and who after sustaining serious accident has been refused any compensation. The recommendation of the Grand Master that the use of the word “Masonic” as descriptive of any business, except that of furnishing Masonic supplies, be considered a Masonic offense was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodges whose members have suffered through these deceptive concerns are paying more attention to the abuses that have grown out of them, and it is probable that this business sign will have to be removed for good and all, and the sooner the better.

The Masonic Home of Michigan is reported to be in urgent need of more money, and if it is not secured the Grand Master fears it will have to be closed. In accordance with the report and recommendation of the Special Committee on the Home Grand Lodge agreed to accept the property and contribute to its maintenance jointly with the Grand Commandery, The Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star.



The finances of Grand Lodge are reported to be steadily improving as shown by the report of the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master notes a threat of invasion of Michigan territory by one H. Goode, of Philadelphia, who claimed to be a Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Spain. The Grand Master issued a proclamation warning the brethren against the proposed incursion, and nothing has been heard from it since.

The Maine proposition did not commend itself to Grand Lodge, the Committee on Jurisprudence reporting

That we find no practical difficulty under the rule which prevails in this jurisdiction.

Ordinarily there is no difficulty in procuring a release of personal jurisdiction, if the circumstances warrant it.

The Wisconsin Plan is also disapproved by Grand Lodge which adopted the language of the Special Committee, the closing paragraph of whose report is as follows :

And we invite the attention of all true Masons to sections 7 and 13 of the General Regulations where they may learn that the charities were voluntary gifts to the Lodge and not assessments. *His necessity and your ability* control Masonic Relief.

In the Report of the Grand Secretary is a letter from a member of Ostego Lodge, No. 78, Bro. Arthur T. Stark, in which is given an account of a very serious accident which befell the brother while in England, and which would probably have proved fatal but for the brotherly love and care of some brethren in Liverpool, one of them a physician who attended him without a cent of recompense, and left his practice and accompanied the wounded Brother to the United States at his own expense. The Grand Lodge returned its thanks through the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England to each of the Brothers in Liverpool.

The Grand Secretary reports the condition of Masonry in Michigan to be very gratifying. The number of Lodges, 384; membership, 38,668, a net gain of 962.

LON B. WINSOR,  
*Grand Master.*

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,  
*Grand Secretary.*

MINNESOTA 1897.

44TH ANNUAL. ST. PAUL, JANUARY 13TH, 14TH.

In the opening of the Grand Lodge 195 of the 202 subordinate



Lodges answered to the roll-call. This large attendance is creditable and would be surprising but for the fact that the disbursement for per diem and mileage amounts to \$2,306.35. In North Carolina the constituent Lodges bear this expense.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. James F. Lawless, in his annual address gives full account of his stewardship and is forced to admit that Masonry in that Jurisdiction has not escaped the depressing effects of hard times and partisan excitement.

The Grand Master reports having in person constituted three Lodges, and issued dispensations for the formation of four others. Seven petitions for Dispensations were denied outright or held up, because he believed "that there are serious objections to chartering lodges which may but feebly live for, or pass out of existence in, a few years."

The decisions of the Grand Master, few in number, are approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and his stand against dispensing with any of the requirements of those seeking entrance to the Craft receives the hearty commendation of the Law Committee.

In June and July 1896 the corner stones of a county courthouse, at Lesueur Center, and a schoolhouse at Heron Lake, were laid with appropriate Masonic ceremonies; and previously Masonic Halls had been dedicated at Minneapolis and at Marshall.

The schools of instruction held by the Board of Custodians are, in the opinion of the Grand Master, productive of good, and he advises the continuance of the \$500 annual appropriation for this purpose.

In his visitations the Grand Master found the work excellent, comfortable lodge-rooms and efficient officers. Banquets and pleasant entertainments followed and the Grand Master, to show that he was in with the boys, on one or more of these occasions, "essayed to trip the light fantastic, evidently to the amusement of the ladies and the Grand Secretary." Judging by the portrait in the frontispiece, Minnesota's Grand Master has the youth and vigor which will forbid his saying for many years to come that "all is vanity."

After appropriate reference to the distinguished dead of other Jurisdictions the Grand Master refers especially to the loss that Masonry and the State have sustained in the death of Christopher H. Smith and Alonzo Jay Edgerton. Both these brethren had held the office of Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and were also made the recipients of high political honors.

A very pleasant incident of this meeting was the hearty and enthusiastic reception accorded to Bro T. S. Parvin, Past Grand Master, and present Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Bro. Parvin is, by reason of fifty-two years service, the oldest Grand Secretary in the world, and he is held in special regard by the brethren of Minnesota because he had helped to organize the first Lodge in that State in

1844, and was present at the formation of the Grand Lodge and became its first Grand Secretary. Bro. Parvin returned thanks in the name of his own Grand Lodge for the handsome treatment he had received.

An inspection of the excellent reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer will show the Grand Lodge of Minnesota to be in fine condition numerically and financially. Her membership is 15,428, a net gain of 293 since last year; her General Fund is ample and the Widows' and Orphans' Fund is \$18,239.10 and \$1,700 was devoted to the relief of the needy without any flourish of trumpets.

The Saloon business has few friends in Grand Lodge, and, although there were efforts to postpone action, the general temper was for immediate and vigorous action. Anti-Saloon resolutions were passed by a nearly unanimous vote.

The annual oration by Bro. Lyman R. Barto on Masonic duties is a well-written exposition of his subject and merits its place in the proceedings.

A goodly portion of this volume is given to the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association in its fifth annual reunion.

In the papers read and in oral communications much matter of interest to Masons in the North West will be found.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Irving Todd and is, like that of last year, full without redundancy. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1896 receive ample and kindly notice.

M. W. Bro. James F. Lawless was re-elected Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas Montgomery was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### MISSISSIPPI—1897.

#### 79TH ANNUAL. BILOXI, FEBRUARY 11TH, 12TH.

At the opening of Grand Lodge there were present its Officers, a long list of Past Grand Officers, eight District Deputy Grand Masters, five Custodians of the Work, and twenty-seven Grand Representatives. Among the latter was Past Grand Master A. H. Barkley, the ambassador from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

The likeness of Grand Master James F. McCool occupies the fly-leaf of this volume of proceedings.

In his exordium the Grand Master dispenses with the usual floral offerings and goes at once into a specific accounting of the acts of his administration. Many Special dispensations were granted for conferring degrees out of time, for laying corner stones and for changing place of meeting.

He reports having issued a charter to a Lodge U. D., and having revoked the charter of another Lodge.

The Grand Master reports having made some appointments to fill what he argued were vacancies in the Board of Custodians, but his Law Committee failed to see the legality of his action in all the appointments, and the Grand Lodge sustained the Committee in its contentions. The result is only a slight change in the personnel of the Board. The Grand Master urged that as Jackson was the legal domicile of Grand Lodge its annual Communications should be held there. He said in part :

There is no longer any good reason why the Grand Lodge, like a billy goat, jumping from hill to hill, or a locomotive, running from place to place, should be kept on wheels, to its detriment. *Let it be permanent.*

For all that Grand Lodge decided by a vote made unanimous that the next meeting be held in Water Valley.

Among the recommendations is this :

Amendments to the law should be made so that any Mason, who had taken the Chapter, Council and Commandery degrees, should be eligible to any office in the Grand Lodge, provided his election or appointment should be desired.

To this deliverance the Jurisprudence Committee answers that, with all due respect, they cannot even recommend it for consideration by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master says that since his promotion, on account of feeble health, he has not been able to attend a single Lodge meeting, and has been for more than half the time dwelling in the border land between life and death and expresses the belief that his restoration to health was in answer to the prayers of the brethren.

The Committee on Distribution recommended that in token of gratitude Grand Lodge rise and sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." "The members of Grand Lodge then arose and united in singing the hymn of praise."

The exposition of questions of Masonic Law submitted to the Law Committee makes a very voluminous report, and it is plain that every question received the careful consideration of able lawyers.

The Liquor question, supposed to have been settled, is presented to Grand Lodge again in this form :

Is one who travels for a wholesale grocery house, and who in addition to soliciting orders for groceries also solicits orders for wines and liquors, eligible for initiation ?

This question gave rise to a report from each member of the Jurisprudence Committee, two of them, Bros. Paxton and Harrison, practically uniting in a negative answer, and the chairman, Bro. Speed, in

an able plea for conservatism, arguing for his eligibility. In Grand Lodge the question must have been warmly debated, as the vote stood 310 against the grocery solicitor and 299 for him.

Towards the close of his minority report Bro. Speed speaks very earnestly, as follows :

Thinking that I see it, I reluctantly raise my voice, and, without abating one jot or tittle from the position I have held for many years, that the business of making men drink is not compatible with Freemasonry, I think we have gone just as far as it is safe to go, unless we are bent upon making Masonry something else than what it has been from the Beginning, a temperance society, but not a total abstinence club. I believe that, consistently with the written law of this Grand Lodge, though perhaps not with the sentimental, this candidate is eligible.

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi when it gives a commission to its representative at a foreign court expects some recognition of its favor in the way of actual service, and if there is failure for two years the credentials will be revoked.

As to the Maine proposition the Grand Lodge is willing to adopt it with the reservations in the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, that when a majority of the Grand Lodges of America shall agree "that the effect of a rejection shall be limited to five years, and that during that time the candidate shall be allowed to petition only the lodge which rejected him," the Grand Lodge of Mississippi will so amend its laws as to make such agreement binding and effective upon the lodges of its obedience.

*Resolved*, that it fraternally rejects so much of the proposition of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine, as would permit a candidate to renew his petition in another Lodge, unless the same shall be amended so that the same shall require the consent of all the members of the rejecting Lodge.

The Grand Lodge in declining to accept the Wisconsin plan of Masonic relief begs her sister Grand Lodges to believe that she is actuated only by motives of fraternal love and affection. In this connection the acknowledgment of the generosity of the Fraternity in the North to their brethren in the South, when pestilence walked through the land, is a noble expression of noble sentiments.

The total number of Lodges is 273, with a membership of 9,110—a net gain of 179.

The report on Correspondence is submitted by Bro. A. H. Barkley, who stands at the head of the list as senior Past Grand Master. North Carolina for 1896 receives brief and friendly notice from her Representative near the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

M. W. JOHN S. COBB,  
*Grand Master.*

V. W. J. L. POWER,  
*Grand Secretary.*

## MISSOURI—1897.

77TH ANNUAL. ST. LOUIS, OCTOBER 19TH, 20TH, 21ST.

The Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Dorsey A. Jamison whose portrait forms the frontispiece of the volume.

The annual address of Bro. Jamison is a plain recital of the history of his administration, and as a whole receives the commendation and approval of Grand Lodge. He issued dispensations for the formation of five new Lodges and, for sufficient reasons, refused two others. The charters of four Lodges were arrested for failure to make returns and pay dues to the Grand Lodge, although the Grand Master says that the death of the Masonic spirit in these Lodges more than their financial weakness prompted his action. Another charter was arrested on account of eternal discord, and yet another charter suspended until this session of Grand Lodge, on account of violation of law growing out of ignorance rather than intent.

The suspensions of four Masters of Lodges, either for official or personal misconduct, are reported.

Schools of Instruction or State Lodges of Instruction were held in different parts of the Jurisdiction under his personal supervision, but the Grand Master modestly gives the credit for good results to Grand Lecturer, Bro. Allan McDowell, who was always present. The Grand Master pays a high tribute to the fidelity, skill and zeal of Bro. McDowell, who has given twenty-five years to this service.

Having been told by learned brethren that verbal changes in the ritual were optional and permissible, the Grand Master sees in this assumption dangers of radical changes and recommends the appointment of a Standing Committee on Ritual who will guard against these possible innovations. The Grand Lodge agreed with the Grand Master and the Special Committee on Ritual was formed with Bro. Allan McDowell, the Grand Lecturer, at its head.

The Grand Master's construction of the law as to physical qualifications was sustained, as well also as his disapproval of begging circulars.

His decisions, thirteen in number, are approved by the Law Committee except two (Nos. X, XI): No. X holds that a married daughter of a Master Mason has no claim for charity upon the Craft.

Replying to this the Committee says in part:

She is as much a Master Mason's daughter after her marriage as before, and entitled to recognition as such. Masonic charity knows no bounds, and is certainly not limited by the *duties* imposed by our obligations.

No. XI refers to the case of an Entered Apprentice who received the degree prior to 1892, and in 1897 was black-balled on a petition for advancement. The Grand Master held that his status was that of a profane and that he must wait twelve months before he can again petition.

In answer to this the Committee says:

We are of opinion that the one year prohibition applies to profanes only and that the candidate referred to in this decision may make application for another ballot at the next stated meeting of the Lodge after the one at which he was black-balled, if he sees fit.

The Grand Master calls attention to the fact that the corporate name of the Grand Lodge, given by the State legislature in 1843, is "The Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri of Free and Accepted Ancient Masons," and that it would be well to bear this in mind. The Jurisprudence Committee, however, for the sake of euphony, recommend the retention of the name of "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons," except in the case of legal proceedings, and then the corporate name should be used.

The vexed question of Mexican Masonry receives more consideration from the Grand Master than any other topic in his address. He gives a brief history of the Gran Dieta, its present status, and recommends its recognition, provided the Special Committee to which he advised its reference, reported favorably. That committee, on account of its importance, asked until the next session of Grand Lodge for final action on the question, and it was so decided.

Since the last session of the Grand Lodge the Masonic Home has been greatly enlarged by the building of a new dormitory of seventy-four cots, and by the addition of the "Eastern Star Chapel," this latter building having been erected and furnished by the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star at a cost of \$3,600, and without any expense to the Grand Lodge.

From the report of the Superintendent there were, October 1, 1897, "a total of 124 inmates of the Home—52 girls, 33 boys, 22 old gentlemen and 17 old ladies."

The total receipts for the establishment amounted to \$49,880.42, and the disbursements for all purposes to \$46,383.87, leaving a cash balance of \$3,496.55. The per capita cost of maintenance is not given.

A Memorial Session of Grand Lodge was held October 20, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of paying appropriate tributes to the memories and virtues of two Past Grand Masters who had laid down their working tools Samuel H. Saunders and George R. Hunt.

Like his predecessors in the Grand East, Bro. Jamison makes acknowledgment in ample form and special manner to the Grand Secretary, Bro. John D. Vincil, for valuable services.



It is noted that on the morning of the third day Brother A. Fisher presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and was cordially welcomed as such by the Grand Master

The number of Lodges is 561, a falling off of 2; and the membership about 30,000.

The Report on Correspondence is a review of the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges, North Carolina for 1897 being of the number. The report comes from the hands of the oldest living Past Grand Master of the Jurisdiction, Bro. John D. Vincil, or if not the oldest in years, at least holding the rank of Senior Past Grand Master, since the death of his friend, M. W. Bro. Saunders.

In the discussion of questions demanding the attention of the Fraternity, Bro. Vincil does not shirk any of them, and though pronounced in his views he is ever the courteous gentleman and charitable Mason according to others the freedom of opinion which he exercises himself. Bro. Vincil's kind reference to the "possibilities" hidden in this writer is sincerely appreciated, but the implied hope of better work will hardly be realized.

M. W. F. J. TYGARD,  
*Grand Master.*

M. W. JOHN D. VINCIL,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### MONTANA—1897.

33RD ANNUAL. HELENA, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 16TH.

Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held at Bozeman, October 21, 1896, at Butte, December 12, 1896, and at Helena, March 30, 1897, for the purpose of laying corner stones on the two former occasions, and on the latter of giving Masonic burial to the remains of Past Grand Master John Stedman, late member of Morning Star Lodge, No. 5.

At the regular annual Communication the Grand Master, Chas. H. Gould, whose portrait adorns this volume of proceedings, delivered his address and reported the principal acts of his administration. He reports "plenteous harvests, prospering mines, requited industry and returning prosperity" as causes for thankfulness and congratulations.

He pays a handsome tribute to the hardy pioneers who laid the foundations of Masonry in the Territory of Montana more than a generation ago, and recites the agency of the Craft in repressing crime during those chaotic times.

He refers tenderly to the sudden death of Past Grand Master Stedman, and to thirty-two other well beloved brethren who had passed beyond the veil.



No decisions are reported, because, as the Grand Master says, of the nearly perfect system of laws in that Jurisdiction.

Among his recommendations is one for the enforcement of a resolution adopted six or seven years ago declaring persons engaged in the liquor traffic as unfit for the degrees of Masonry, and another urging examination in the Third Degree.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the latter recommendation but seems to have overlooked the liquor question.

The Grand Master adverts to the "misplaced humor" exhibited by some brethren during the conferring of the degrees and properly denounces the practice as unmasonic. The Masters of Lodges if they were so minded could easily stop the funny fellows. Why don't they!

Official visitations are declared to have been "few and far between" but decidedly pleasant.

Bro. Hedges, as chairman of a Special Committee charged with the duty of procuring a testimonial for Past Grand Master James H. Mills, reports having presented Bro. Mills with a silver tea set and a pair of candelabra, and the pleasant correspondence by which the presentation was made and accepted is published.

The Charity Fund is growing and now amounts to the sum of \$5,249.84, and the Finance Committee recommends that the money be invested in State or other safe securities.

The Grand Lodge declares against the Maine Overture, as inconsistent with its ideas.

A Resolution looking to making the minimum fees for the degrees \$35 instead of \$50 was laid on the table—it is to be hoped to stay.

Telegraphic greetings were exchanged between Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Idaho then in session.

The Grand Representatives present were welcomed by the Grand Master and many of them made pleasant speeches about the Grand Jurisdictions from which they were accredited. Bro. Hedges as the ambassador from the Gran Dieta of Mexico replied to the criticisms to which he had been subjected for favoring its recognition and argued that it was right to lend a helping hand to those who were honestly trying to do better.

The Grand Lodges of Tasmania, Greece and Italy were duly recognized.

After the Grand Officers had been installed the retiring Grand Master invested his successor with the Signet Ring, a custom which has been observed in Grand Lodge for ten years. The Ring bears this inscription: "Samuel Wood, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to his successors." The presentation address was very appropriate and eloquent, and was ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

A jewel was voted to the retiring Grand Master, but perhaps the most graceful thing in this line of compliments to worthy officials was the adoption of a resolution giving the Grand Master the power to procure a suitable testimonial to the Grand Secretary in recognition of his twenty-five years' continuous service to Grand Lodge, as historian, Correspondent and man of all work. Bro. Hedges has impressed his own excellent personality upon the doings of his Grand Lodge and deserves well of his Brothers and Fellows.

The Recapitulation shows that there are 42 working Lodges; total membership 2705, showing a gain of 80; dismissals to become non-affiliates only 4, and but one expulsion.

The report on Correspondence, exceedingly clever and brotherly, is an easy and delightful excursion from one Grand Jurisdiction to another, and the Montana Mason who fails to read what Bro. Cornelius Hedges tells is a great loser. North Carolina Masons love their Home for the Orphan and the fatherless, and it is pleasant to receive such praise as Bro. Hedges gives for the performance of a duty the importance of which, perhaps, we exaggerate.

These volumes of proceedings are in many respects so valuable that we have never mutilated a single one and never intend to do so. Being far from the printer, we see no proof and must needs make our "copy" fairly legible before it is forwarded to Grand Lodge. So you see, Brother, that the jewel of the guild, to fit this reporter, must be the quill only—every word has been written by his own hand.

M. W. EDWARD C. DAY,  
*Grand Master.*

M. W. CORNELIUS HEDGES,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### NEBRASKA—1896.

39TH ANNUAL. OMAHA, JUNE 10TH, 11TH.

At this Communication two hundred and fourteen chartered Lodges out of a total of two hundred and twenty—all but six—were represented.

The Grand Master, Bro. Henry H. Wilson, gives the usual detailed statement of his official acts for the year and reports the Craft in that Jurisdiction to be prosperous, and that the outlook was never fairer. Seven Lodges were constituted, and dispensations were issued for the continuance or formation of nine others.

The twenty-three decisions reported by the Grand Master were generally approved, but No. 18—

While it is irregular to pass a ballot with no black balls in it, yet an election upon such a ballot will not be void.

Is disapproved in this wise:

A ballot taken where the opportunity to cast a white or black ball is withheld is void, and all officers or members conspiring to take away from any Master Mason in good standing the right to a secret ballot should be disciplined by the Grand Master or other proper Masonic authority.

Under the head of "Discipline" the Grand Master has the courage to express himself plainly on the disposition to condone Masonic offenses or to apply inadequate punishment. He says:

If more care were exercised in the selection of the material from which our lodges were replenished, the necessity for invoking the penal powers of the Order would be less frequent. It cannot be too often stated and reiterated that Masonry is not a reformatory. None should be received into our ranks except those whose character and conduct give assurance that they will not bring disgrace upon the Fraternity. \* \* \* \* I do not hesitate to say that a lodge of a score of members, all of whom are of high character, is a greater power for good in any community than one of double that number over the character of some of whom we must draw the mantle of charity. \* \* \* It should be understood that punishment is the legitimate and should be the inexorable consequence of every willful, serious violation of the law. \* \* \* \* If there be those upon whom the solemn and impressive lessons of Masonry have made no impression, it is no charity to them, but a wrong to Masonry, to spare the knife. Where these rare cases occur and the remedy has been applied, still greater care should be exercised in reinstating those who have been once expelled. That one was once admitted to the Fraternity is no reason for his readmission. The fact that he was once expelled is a *prima facie* reason why he should remain so.

The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Christian Hartman, reports in the General and Relief Funds the sum of \$13,423.86, and the Grand Secretary says that

After three years of general depression and two years of partial failure of crops, all the returns and funds are received except net debits amounting to \$136,31. As I have done for forty years, at all times and places, so I continue to stand up for Nebraska.

The funds of the Grand Lodge have been so carefully managed that the Educational Fund has grown to be over \$27,000; and the Grand Lodge is able besides to disburse considerable sums in charity. Among other acts of the kind, it contributes to its first Grand Master, now nearing the goal of all human kind, the sum of \$300, "as a small recognition of his valuable services on behalf of the Craft of Nebraska."

Besides this substantial appreciation of the labors of the venerable Grand Master, and perhaps more grateful to his heart, was the action of his young brethren in sending a special Committee in a carriage to conduct him to the Grand Lodge, where "he was received with the grand honors of Masonry, with flowers, and with many expressions of friendship and brotherly love."

Well done, Brethren of Nebraska!

An excellent oration was delivered by Bro. Frank G. Simmons, for which he received the thanks of the Grand Lodge, because of "its beauty of thought and elegance and simplicity of expression."

R. W. Wm. R. Bowen, the Grand Secretary, wields the Reviewer's pen and presents in his usual clear style a condensed report on Correspondence in which North Carolina receives fraternal consideration.

M. W. CHARLES J. PHELPS,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. Wm. R. BOWEN,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### NEW BRUNSWICK—1896.

29TH ANNUAL. ST. JOHN, AUGUST 25TH, 26TH.

At the opening of Grand Lodge there were present its Officers, the Representatives of nineteen constituent Lodges and of seventeen Grand Lodges,

In his address the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Julius T. Whitlock, is rejoiced to know that peace, love and harmony prevail within her borders, and that from the outside—from the east and west, from the north and south—have come expressions of brotherly love and charity. In practical evidence of the sincerity of these expressions he reports the case of a member of Zion Lodge, who was overtaken by mortal sickness in distant Colorado, and would have died friendless and alone had not a Masonic emblem which he wore brought to his bedside Worshipful Master Stewart of Mount Moriah Lodge. The dying Mason had found a friend and brother in the remote West. At the close of his narration of the incident the Grand Master says—

The world is wide, but distance cannot place us beyond the reach of a Mason's Charity.

Tender reference is made to the death of two Past Deputy Grand Masters in his own Jurisdiction, Bros. Duffell and Wetmore, and to the losses sustained by other Grand Jurisdictions.

It seems they are growing old in New Brunswick for two of the Lodges have celebrated their semi-centennials with attractive observances and interesting histories.

The Board of General Purposes referred the overture of the Grand Lodge of Maine to a Special Committee, which recommended that, on account of its importance, it be recommitted to the Board of General Purposes for consideration during recess, and, if deemed advisable, to report at the next annual Communication.

The report of the District Deputies indicates that the Craft of New Brunswick is in very good condition, and the Lodges with one or two exceptions zealous and prosperous.

There are thirty-one Lodges, with a membership of one thousand, seven hundred and seventy-four.

JULIUS T. WHITLOCK, M. W.,  
*Grand Master.*

FREEMAN W. WISDOM, V. W.,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE—1897.

108TH ANNUAL. CONCORD, MAY 19TH.

The Semi-Annual Communication of December 29, 1896, for the exemplification of work in the degrees was held at Manchester, and the duty of conferring the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees was assigned to Rising Star Lodge, No. 47, Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 32, and Washington Lodge, No. 61, respectively.

The Grand Master conveyed the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the officers of these Lodges for "the impressive, able and careful manner in which the work had been rendered.

The address of the Grand Master, Bro. Henry A. Marsh, is an excellent accounting of the work of his office. It recites succinctly all the official acts which should be submitted to the Grand Lodge, and closes with this wise injunction:

Let us then, my brothers, make fewer Masons, if by so doing we make better ones.

Twenty-one pages of fine print is devoted to the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters. These officers show the constituent Lodges in the Jurisdiction to be proficient in the ritual, careful in their business and zealous for the advancement of Masonic principles.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted a very strong report in support of and for the continuance of the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, arguing from the position of a Mason within the fraternity, and not from that of a profane on the outside. The latter has "no rights with reference to the fraternity," and the Craft should take no chance of disagreement or disruption on his account,—let him stay on

the outside. This is the opinion of the Committee and is approved by the Grand Lodge.

The subject of Mexican Masonry is presented to Grand Lodge through a petition of one made a Mason under the Jurisdiction of a Mexican Grand Lodge in open rebellion to the Gran Dieta Simbolica, and who prays for admission to visit the Lodges in New Hampshire.

Replying to the request of the petitioner, the Committee says his application should be made to the special Lodge that he desires to visit, and that "all the questions in such cases may be considered by the Lodge itself if it shall see fit to do so.

The Committee reviews the history of the Gran Dieta so far as it is known, makes no recommendation and asks to be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was duly recognized as an independent Grand Lodge and entitled to be accepted as such.

The Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance of \$3,776.48 safely invested, after paying all expenses of the Communication.

There are 77 Lodges on the roll, with a membership of 9,111, an increase of 148.

It is gratifying to report that Bro. John McLane, the Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, was elected Deputy Grand Master.

The Report on Correspondence is a review of fifty-nine Grand Lodge transactions and is submitted by Bro. A. S. Wait. The North Carolina proceedings had not been received up to the time of going to press. These reviews make very pleasant and instructive reading, and although Bro. Wait is never dogmatic or belligerent, he has a way of puncturing bubbles that is decidedly pleasant to witness.

M. W. HENRY A. MARSH,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. GEORGE P. CLEAVES,  
*Grand Secretary.*

NEW JERSEY 1897.

110TH ANNUAL. TRENTON, JANUARY 27TH, 28TH.

This volume of proceedings is a thing of joy to the reviewer by reason of its beautiful typographical execution and its ample index.

There was a Special Communication in April, 1896, "for the purpose of constituting Arbutus Lodge, No. 170, F. & A. M., setting them to work, and the installing officers;" and another on the 18th February, 1897, for the purpose of installation of Grand officers appointed by Grand Master.

Owing to the illness of Grand Master George W. Fortmeyer the



Grand Lodge at its regular annual Communication was opened by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Josiah W. Ewan, and the annual address was read by Past Grand Master, Hamilton Wallis. Bro. Fortmeyer gives a detailed statement of his official doings for the year, and shows that he is a strict constructionist of the Masonic law, even to the extent of imposing discipline for infractions that seemed to be unintentional.

Under the head of Necrology, he says :

*Cuba*—Worshipful Jose M. Bustillo, Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Cuba, died in the city of New York, January 4th, 1897, under peculiarly distressing circumstances. Exiled from home and penniless, he was stricken with mortal illness among strangers, in a strange land. But he found friends among the Brethren of New York, who cared for him in his last hours and finally laid him reverently in the tomb. Under these peculiar circumstances, it seems to your Grand Master that the Grand Lodge of New Jersey should ask from Kane Lodge, No. 454, of New York, the privilege of refunding the amount which they expended in the burial of the Worshipful Brother whom we chose to represent us at the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and I so recommend.

This recommendation was approved by the Finance Committee and the reimbursement authorized by the Grand Lodge.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized as an independent Grand Lodge, and an interchange of Representatives authorized.

During the session of 1896 the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution inviting all the Grand Lodges of the world to send delegates to a Masonic Congress, to be holden in London some time in the future, for the purpose of harmonizing the differences said to exist "in the body of the great Masonic family." In accordance with that resolution Grand Master Fortmeyer on July 15, 1896, addressed a letter direct to the Grand Master of Masons in England, the Prince of Wales, acquainting him with the object of the movement and asking His Royal Highness to make known his decision before the expiration of the year. Brother Fortmeyer naively adds—

I have not received a reply to this letter.

The Grand Lodge has a Charity fund of between \$11,000 and \$12,000 now available, and the "Home" contagion seems to be in the Jersey atmosphere. A Standing Committee to be known as the Committee on Masonic Home, consisting of the Grand Master and five other members, was appointed at this session. The duty of the Committee is "to obtain a proper building and surrounding property;" to adopt necessary rules and regulations for its government; and to inaugurate measures to secure necessary funds.



An appropriation of \$200 was made for the family of a deceased Past Grand Master.

The Report on Correspondence, covering a review of sixty Grand Lodges, is from the pen of Brother George B. Edwards and makes very pleasant and profitable reading. Delicate humor is found hidden in nearly every page, and where that stingless weapon is insufficient to conquer error he attacks boldly and punctures many an imposing bubble.

The proceedings of North Carolina for 1896 receive fraternal notice and the oration of Bro. Summerell is adjudged to be "delightful reading."

The number of Lodges is 167, and the membership on January 1st, 1897, 16,094, a net gain of 419.

M. W. GEO. W. FORTMEYER, East Orange,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. THOS. H. R. REDWAY, Trenton,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### NEW MEXICO—1896.

19TH ANNUAL. EAST LAS VEGAS, OCTOBER 5TH, 6TH.

An Emergent Communication was held at Clayton, November 2, 1895, for the purpose of constituting Clayton Lodge, No. 23.

At the annual session of Grand Lodge the Grand Master, James H. Wroth, reported the work of his administration, his visitations to the widely dispersed Lodges of the Jurisdiction and an honest review of the condition of Masonry in New Mexico, which he fears is not as good as it should be. The financial status is fairly good, but the Grand Master says that the obligation to defend the good name and person of a Brother is too often disregarded. Evidently the state of affairs is worse than the Grand Master reports. It may be that his gloomy forebodings, and his urgent advice for the rigorous enforcement of Masonic law have grown out of the murder of Col. Albert J. Fountain and his twelve year old son by parties still unknown. Bro. Fountain was a Past Master of Aztec Lodge, No. 3, and a Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and naturally his brethren and friends are using every effort to bring the assassins to punishment. The Grand Lodge, through a committee, is endeavoring to collect evidence sufficient to warrant going before the grand jury, and the Grand Master says there is now in the hands of the Committee evidence that, "if substantiated on trial, will disclose a depth of public depravity that should call forth the condemnation of all reputable citizens," and that will require the concerted action of all classes to purify and preserve the good name of the Territory and of the Craft."

This would seem to indicate a very bad state of affairs among the people generally, and that Masonry in that wild country has become affected, or infected.

The remedy for this demoralization is at hand, the Grand Master says, and easy to apply:

Let you and me, and every one of us—your subordinate Lodge and mine—do its duty. Do not wait for anybody else to do it. Let it once be understood that no violation whatever of Masonic law will be tolerated by any Mason, high or low, in politics, in business, in Masonry or elsewhere, and the end will be obtained. Do not wait for the injured brother to become the accuser. Do not allow any compounding of crime. Both parties may be guilty, and it is the duty of the Lodge to act and act promptly. I repeat, if we have not the intent to enforce Masonic obligations, let us stop administering them.

The National Masonic Home for Consumptives is still engaging the attention of the Grand Lodge, although the Committee having the matter in charge reports no progress beyond the distribution of literature.

The Maine proposition of jurisdiction over rejected candidates was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but no report seems to have been made.

The Committee on Grand Master's address reported favorably on his recommendation that fifty dollars be the minimum fee for the degrees, and the report was adopted.

An invitation to Grand Lodge to hold its next annual Communication at Socorro was declined and the declaration made that Grand Lodge will hold its next Annual Communication at its established home—Albuquerque.

There are 20 Lodges in the Jurisdiction, and a membership of 894, a small gain over last year.

The Report on Correspondence, without fee or reward, is the work of Past Grand Master, Max Frost, and covers the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges, North Carolina for 1896 of the number.

CHARLES BOWMER,  
*Grand Master.*

ALPHEUS A. KEEN,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### NEW SOUTH WALES—JUNE 1895 TO JUNE 1896.

This pamphlet of a little over a hundred pages contains the transactions of Grand Lodge in four quarterly and two Special Communications, besides the proceedings of the Freemasons' Orphan Society, and "the Fifth Annual Report of the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution for the Relief of Aged, Distressed, or Infirm Freemasons, their Wives or Widows."

There are 186 working Lodges, and 1 "in abeyance," with a membership of 7078, showing a loss of 10 in the Lodge roll, and 620 in the membership. The General and Benevolent Funds have grown although the amount disbursed in the latter was larger than before, or £1105, 3s, 6d.

Looking at these results at the end of the Masonic year, the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. T. E. Spencer says :

The foregoing figures will naturally cause us to pause and consider our position, and in doing so, in the light of my knowledge of the various Lodges and their working, I feel that we have no real cause for regret. We are not a public company or commercial organization, whose success is to be measured exactly by our income, or our increase in membership. I have thought, and others have thought, that Freemasonry has in these latter days been increasing too rapidly, and I have for years been trying to impress the brethren with the fact that our success as Freemasons depends far more upon quality than quantity. I am convinced that wholesale initiations are a great element of weakness and danger to the best principles of the Craft, and I also believe that our present decrease is due to the facts, that a large number of undesirable members are gradually dropping out, that greater caution is being exercised in the issuing of Warrants for new Lodges, and that the members generally are getting increasingly careful as to the kind of men they introduce into our Order. If this is correct, then the decrease in our membership and the falling off in our revenue may be received with equanimity and with a feeling of satisfaction.

At the Quarterly Communication held in September, 1895, the Deputy Grand Master reported that Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. Sedgwick had died on August 17, just preceeding, full of years and honours. As it was the wish of the deceased brother that his burial should be free from all display, the Grand Lodge respected his wish in this regard.

Pending the adoption of "drastic measures" which were threatened against delinquent Lodges last year, the Board of General Purposes has extended grace to the sinners, but several have been declared ineligible to attend Grand Lodge meetings.

An invasion of jurisdiction, though inadvertent and unintentional, is punished by fine of two guineas. An apology was not sufficient.

The Grand Inspector of Workings, through special and exact information received from the District Deputy Grand Masters, reports nearly all the Lodges in fairly good condition.

As the marble tablets to the memory of distinguished Grand Officers would occupy too much space the Grand Lodge decided that bronze tablets of uniform design should be used in future. One of these is to be placed in position to commemorate the virtues of Grand Master, Sir Robert Duff.

It is inspiring to the highest Masonic effort to note the large charities dispensed with no niggard's hand by these 7,000 big-hearted

Masons. Indeed the Grand Lodge seems to have no other purpose than to care for the widow and fatherless and the sick and the needy within her gates. There is the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge, the Carrington Convalescent Cottage Home for the treatment of the sick poor of the Craft, the Freemasons' Orphan Society and the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, this latter however supported entirely by voluntary subscription. The Freemasons' Benevolent Institution pays regular annuities to those who come under its care, the beneficiaries the while being at their own homes, with friends and relatives. There are now 16 annuitants whose ages run from 60 to 87, the average age being 74. In like manner the Orphan Society voted to each of twenty sons or daughters of Masons the sum of £13, or about \$65 for the half-year's support in advance, an allowance of nearly \$11 a month.

The very last matter of record in this little volume is the report of a lecture on Masonic Charity delivered by Deputy Grand Master Spencer, at Silver Oak Lodge, on April 24, 1896, in aid of the Benevolent Fund of that Lodge. Brother Spencer has the Masonic heart, and it is just exactly in the right place. After briefly reciting the immense sums contributed to charity by the Masons of England he briefly relates what has been done in New South Wales in the building up of Charity Funds of all kinds, and now aggregating nearly £35,000.

The M. W. Grand Master is Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott, K. C. M. G., Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and well suited to the station, is Bro. Thomas E. Spencer.

V. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Arthur H. Bray.

NEW YORK 1897.

116TH ANNUAL. NEW YORK, JUNE 1ST, 2ND, 3RD.

The Grand Lodge of New York having under its obedience seven hundred and forty subordinate Lodges and a membership of not far from a hundred thousand must require a large volume for the record of its transactions, and this is a large one.

Two fine steel-plate portraits of Past Grand Treasurers John J. Gorman and Jerome E. Morse adorn this volume.

The number of those who have passed over to the silent majority is large, 1568 having died during the year.

Of those in attendance on this Communication besides the Grand Officers there were the representatives of seven hundred and thirty-four constituent Lodges, fifty-four representatives of other Grand Lodges, R. W. William H. Kennedy appearing for North Carolina.

Two distinguished visitors, the Grand Master of New Jersey and the District of Columbia, were received with the usual honors.

The address of the Grand Master, John Stewart, gives a full history of his administration. During the time he reports many things calling for earnest commendation, and other matters for correction and reprehension.

Of Masonic functions held he reports the laying of the corner stone of the Memorial Building of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund at Utica, and the dedication of a Monument erected by the State of New York in honor of General Herkimer, a patriotic soldier of the Revolution and a distinguished Mason. This latter ceremonial was held at Little Falls under the direction of R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, the Grand Secretary, acting as Grand Master, and was the occasion for the delivery of eloquent addresses and scraps of history of the days that "tried men's souls," especially in the valley of the Mohawk.

The Grand Master reports with pleasure the official visits made to every part of "this vast jurisdiction," and is satisfied that the standard work of the Craft as presented by the Grand Lecturer, Bro. John R. Pope, is appreciated by the brethren who show a laudable desire to be instructed.

Of the Hall and Asylum Fund the Grand Master says :

While our revenue has not materially increased, our expenses have assumed much larger proportions, and it behooves the Brethren to exercise the utmost care to the end that ample means may at all times be at hand to maintain this most excellent charity.

Under the caption of "Foreign Relations" the Grand Master invites the attention of Grand Lodge to the Winconsin plan of Masonic Relief and to the Maine proposition of jurisdiction over rejected candidates. As to the former the Jurisprudence Committee to which it was referred says it needs further information before expressing any positive opinion on the matter, and as to the latter the same Committee says :

We are not prepared at this time to recommend an extension of that time to five years merely for the sake of uniformity, and until such uniform legislation is adopted, *we must be governed by the laws of the Grand Lodge under whose authority the candidate is rejected.*

The Grand Lodge having abandoned the usage of perpetual jurisdiction and having fixed the limit at one year, is hereafter to be guided by the laws of those Grand Lodges with which it holds fraternal relations.

The Grand Master submitted to Grand Lodge the history of gross irregularities and defiant disregard of Masonic law in the matter of the admission of candidates by Enterprise Lodge, No. 228, of New York City, and left it to the discretion of the Grand Lodge whether the

offending members be tried and disciplined or the charter of the Lodge be revoked. After reference to the Committee on Charters, and a report advising the wiping out of the whole concern, the charter of Enterprise Lodge, No. 228, was arrested by the Grand Lodge.

In commending the good works of the Board of Relief of New York City the Grand Master says in part:

There is probably no other place in the world where so many poor and distressed Masons from other States, and from foreign countries, find relief as in New York.

We relieve their affliction as a duty, a labor of love, yet never have we sought or suggested reimbursement.

The work of Past Grand Master Jesse B. Anthony, the Superintendent of the Home, and of his good wife, in making this shelter a home indeed for those who seek its benefits, receives the hearty approval of the Grand Master.

The earnest recommendation that the Book of Constitutions be made a subject of study and thought at each stated Communication of every subordinate Lodge indicates that Grand Master Stewart recognizes the necessity of instructing every Master Mason until he becomes acquainted with the provisions of the law.

From the report of the Superintendent of the Home it is seen that the per capita cost of maintenance of its inmates—186—is \$191.52, or nearly three times as much as that of the Oxford Asylum in our own State.

The report on Correspondence is from the hand of Past Grand Master Jesse B. Anthony and bears evidence of being the work of an experienced Craftsman. Besides the review of the transactions of English-speaking Grand Lodges, there are translations of the doings of the continental Grand Lodges, and notices and statistics of Grand Jurisdictions in every part of the world. These tables prepared by Bro. Anthony are of great value to the Fraternity and especially so to the Masonic reviewer.

North Carolina does not appear in this report.

WM. A. SOUTHERLAND,  
*Grand Master.*

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### NEW ZEALAND.

The Journal of the semi-annual Communication of October 21, 1896, is the only part of the transactions of this Grand Lodge that have come to hand.

The Board of General Purposes reported the erection of the monument over the grave of Past Grand Master Gillon, which was authorized



by Grand Lodge at the meeting of April last, and it is, as the Board says, "chaste and appropriate in design." The cut of the monument, enclosed in the proceedings, shows it to be very handsome.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents, Bros. Niccol, Michel and Bree, show the Craft and the private Lodges to be in a prosperous condition.

It is announced by the Board that Grand Lodge has been recognized during the past half year by the Grand Lodges of Michigan, Oregon and the District of Columbia, and Representatives duly accredited.

M. W. BRO. WILLIAM BARROW,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. BRO. REV. WILLIAM RONALDSON,  
*Grand Secretary.*

NEVADA—1897.

33RD ANNUAL. ELKO, JUNE 8TH, 9TH.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held at De Damar, February 14, 1897, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of All Saints Episcopal church with Masonic ceremonies.

At the Annual Communication Grand Master Enoch Strother rendered an account of his administration in a clear and unpretentious address. He commends the zeal of the Brethren in traveling great distances, often by primitive means, to attend this annual gathering of the Craft; adverts feelingly to the losses sustained by death in the Fraternity; reports his visitations, and calls attention of the Grand Lodge to the Wisconsin and Colorado propositions. The official communication from the Grand Lodge of Italy as to the doings of the anti-masonic Congress held in Trento, and the animus which brought that fanatical body together and prompted its calumnies, is submitted to the Grand Lodge. He recommends that the Committee on Correspondence be continued and that provision be made for compensation and publication of the reports.

Owing to the estimated deficit in Grand Lodge funds for the ensuing year the Finance Committee recommended that a *per capita* assessment of fifty cents be laid to meet the shortage, and the same was adopted.

The Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions were received and welcomed to seats in the Grand Lodge, Bro. I. T. Triplett, North Carolina's representative, being of the number.

Bro. A. D. Bird submits a condensed review of the proceedings of forty-two Grand Lodges, and states that the labor was undertaken at the request of Bro. Lewers who stood in need of the vacation from his work of professor in the University. But for Bro. Bird's compliance



Bro. Lewers' holiday outing would have been lost. Bro. Bird includes in his report the comprehensive and admirable Digest of Decisions compiled by Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, of Colorado.

The Lodges number 40, and the membership shows a falling off, being now only 832. This numerical loss, however, is evidently no loss to Masonry, for the Brethren are true and hopeful.

ALBERT LACKEY,  
*Grand Master.*

CHAUNCEY N. NOTEWARE,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### NORTH DAKOTA—1897.

8TH ANNUAL. FARGO, JUNE 8TH, 9TH.

A good picture of the Grand Master, William T. Perkins, occupies the fly-leaf of this volume of neatly executed proceedings, and he appears again in reduced scale with six other Grand Masters, five of them his predecessors in the Grand East, and one his immediate successor. These distinguished Brethren are, in order of service, Frank J. Thompson, 1890-1891; John F. Selby, 1891-1892; Albert B. Herrick, 1892-1893; George L. McGregor, 1894-1895; William H. Best, 1895-1896; Robert M. Carothers, 1897-1898.

The Grand Master, Bro. Robert M. Carothers, repeats the experience of many other eminent brothers, in like station, of good intentions bearing short fruitage. In this case, however, it could not be otherwise, owing to the absence of the Grand Master from the Jurisdiction and the unexpected duty of visitations falling upon the Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master makes an announcement which must be gratifying to the Craft that "the old indebtedness has been paid, and we start upon the present year, the first time in our history, with all debts paid and a surplus in the treasury."

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Frank J. Thompson, reports the Library to be increasing in the number and value of the books in the collection, and fears the shelf room is inadequate. He reports two dispensations for the formation of new Lodges. The financial condition is better than ever before, and this is due in part to the determination of Bro. Thompson to present Grand Lodge with a clean balance sheet rather than a voluminous report on Correspondence.

The Grand Representatives present were cordially welcomed by the Grand Master. Bro. John McDonald, the Representative of North Carolina was not of the number present.

The Committee on Grand Lecturer's Visitations presented a resolution which was adopted that a Compulsory School of Instruction be

held annually in each subordinate Lodge by the Grand Lecturer. and that each Lodge pay a fee of \$5.00 for this service, the Grand Lodge paying traveling expenses.

The Special Committee on the recommendation of Grand Lecturer that every newly made Master Mason should within sixty days exhibit in open Lodge satisfactory proficiency, or else be denied the rights and privileges of this degree, reported favorably, but the Committee on By-laws to which the report was referred could not see its way to approval and recommended postponement of the matter to the next session of Grand Lodge.

A new departure, and seemingly not unwise, was the establishment of a "quiz-class," because of inability to exemplify the work in the usual way. The announcement of this informal method, looking like a snap judgment on the unprepared, had the effect of reminding some brethren of urgent calls on the outside. Many asked permission to withdraw but others forgot this usage in their haste to get beyond range of shot and shell.

Enough remained, however, to show the Grand Master that they were well fitted to instruct and govern the Lodges under their charge.

In order to save expense and because of other duties which could not be deferred. the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Bro. Frank J. Thompson, concluded to make no review of the doings of other Grand Lodges.

There are in the Grand Jurisdiction 46 Lodges, 43 of which were represented at this Communication, and a membership of 2,702.

ROBERT M. CAROTHERS, Grand Forks,  
*Grand Master.*

FRANK J. THOMPSON, Fargo,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### NOVA SCOTIA—1896.

31ST ANNUAL. HALIFAX, JUNE 10TH, 11TH.

Two Special Communications were held,—one on July 11, 1895, for the purpose of dedicating the Hall of Welsford Lodge, at Windsor, and the other on September 26, 1895, at Halifax, for the purpose of devising means of securing the payment of the debt on Freemasons' Hall. The Welsford Lodge Building is well suited for its purpose, having spacious and well appointed apartments. The ceremonial of dedication over, the Brethren closed the day with a banquet and music.

As to the debt on Freemasons' Hall, there was free discussion and the presentation of many plans for its extinguishment, but none of them met with general favor except that of creating a sinking fund, which was adopted as the best way out of the difficulty. At the close

of this Communication a Silver Service was presented to Grand Master William F. MacCoy, Q. C., as a token of the esteem in which he was held by his brethren.

At the Annual Communication there were present the Grand Officers, eighteen Past Grand Officers, the Representatives of thirty-nine out of sixty-four chartered Lodges, and the Representatives of twenty-six Grand Lodges.

Grand Lodge formed procession and marched to church, headed by a military band, to hear a sermon from Rev. Canon Brook on the text "God said, let there be light, and there was light."

In his address the Grand Master reported the condition of the Craft as very satisfactory, and decidedly better than it was two years ago. His visitations have been numerous and in every case productive of good. As against the hopeful outlook, it is a cause for regret that one Lodge surrendered its charter and six others have to struggle for existence. These Lodges will be specially looked after and placed on a more solid foundation by the incoming Grand Officers.

The Grand Master alludes to an effort being made by a body of Christians, presumably Catholics, to excite an anti-Masonic crusade through the publication of a novel the author of which is hostile to Masonry. The Grand Master says of the author of the book:

I presume this is the same writer who a few years ago complained about a label on a Canadian beer-bottle as being a Masonic emblem, and being unable to have it removed, appealed to Cardinal Taschereau to have both bottled beer and bottle, with bell, book and candle condemned, but the Cardinal decided that the triangle was not a Masonic emblem, and there the matter ended.

If it is of sufficient importance to give it further attention you will find, Bro. MacCoy, that this man of small brain and feeble heart, who has a propensity for writing novels, is own brother to Diana Vaughan, the charming woman who was initiated into all diabolic mysteries by the Freemasons of Charleston, South Carolina. Investigate, and you will find him of that ilk beyond any doubt.

A project for the founding of a Masonic Home by the joint effort and for the common good of the Craft in Nova Scotia, Prince Edwards Island and New Brunswick is now under consideration, and the initial steps to that end have been taken by the appointment of Committees of Conference who, after an interchange of views as to the ways and means, will make report to their respective Grand Lodges. It is a big undertaking, but "where there's a will, there's a way."

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence, owing to the necessities of the case, is the work of Brothers Flint and Willet of the Committee, assisted partially by Bro. Mowbray and the Grand Secretary, William Ross.

The proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges are fairly reviewed and North Carolina for 1896, receives consideration and ample space at the hands of Bro. Willet who quotes approvingly from the address of Grand Master Moye.

There are 64 Lodges and a membership of 3,351.

M. W. JOHN W. RUHLAND,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. WILLIAM ROSS,  
*Grand Secretary.*

OHIO—1896.

87TH ANNUAL. CINCINNATI. OCTOBER 21ST. 22ND.

A fine picture of Grand Master William B. Melish adorns the frontispiece of this volume, and a group of ten Past Grand Masters, with Brother Melish reproduced, occupies the succeeding page.

The Mayor of Cincinnati heartily welcomed Grand Lodge to the city and, at the request of the Grand Master, the civility was acknowledged by the Deputy Grand Master. Bro. Barton Smith, in appropriate style.

After congratulating the Brethren present for this happy reunion the Grand Master submitted a detailed statement of his official acts. He reports the constitution of five Lodges, and the issuing of a dispensation for the erection of a new Lodge, and the surrender of charter by one Lodge. He takes pleasure in stating that he has made no ruling, and the Committee on Grievance has but one case referred to it, so that the Committee on Jurisprudence and on Appeals and Grievance are having a pic-nic. He regrets having had occasion to administer discipline to the Masters of a few Lodges, not so much for the commission of any wrong as for failure to acquaint themselves with the laws in force in the Jurisdiction. Brother Melish reports that the Court of highest resort in the State sustains the Grand Lodge in its sovereign authority over its members, and indorses its right to expel or otherwise discipline those who encourage Cerneauism or other unlawful organization. Defending this suit has cost Grand Lodge \$800 in fees but its authority is upheld.

Under the head of "a Masonic Tramp," the Grand Master tells the following story of the enterprise of a "Man and Brother," which is real funny to this reporter. Here it is:

It will be remembered by many that at our last session a black man presented himself for admission as a visitor, claiming to hail from a Lodge in Scotland. He was also very officious at the dedicatory exercises of the Masonic Home, and disported himself with his antique and greasy plug hat in the most prominent parts of the building and

grounds as a "Foreign Brother." He was politely informed that no time could be taken during the Grand Lodge session to verify his statements as to his Masonic connection. \* \* \* \* \* He has been bulletined by the National Masonic Relief Association as an unmitigated scamp and imposter, and the Lodges of this and other Jurisdictions are again warned against him. He wrote me for aid from Columbus, Ohio, and I offered to pay his car fare if he would come to Cincinnati for a personal interview. He was altogether too smart, however, and my proposed free initiation of him to Workhouse fare and the pleasure of breaking rock was unavoidably postponed.

The Grand Master expresses himself strongly against the physical qualifications required in that Jurisdiction and recites cases of exclusion because of unimportant defects. He asks Grand Lodge to enact a law on this subject that will declare imperfection disabling only when it prevents the candidate from complying with the form and ceremonies set forth in the Masonic Ritual. The Jurisprudence Committee says it would require a constitutional amendment to pass a law of the kind recommended by the Grand Master. Besides, the Committee thinks such a change undesirable, and instead recommends the following as a true construction of the law on the subject :

A candidate for the degree of Entered Apprentice should be able, physically as well as mentally, to receive and impart all the essentials for Masonic recognition, and this the Lodge may determine.

Grand Lodge sustained the view of the Committee.

On the question of the occupancy of Masonic Lodge rooms by other Societies and especially by Chapters of the Eastern Star, the Grand Master, owing to the conflict in the laws touching the matter, has refused to grant permission for such use of Masonic property, and recommends that, if the present laws are repealed, the question be settled by the Lodges themselves without requiring the approval of the Grand Master. To this the Committee on Jurisprudence replies that the conflict in the laws is more apparent than real, and that the enactments of 1894 and 1895 contain the laws governing the question, namely, that "Chapters of this Society, when constituted as specified in that section (79 of the Code) may use Masonic property with the permission of the Masonic Bodies occupying the property, and with the consent of the Grand Master, and not otherwise."

The Masonic Home is ready for occupancy, barring the necessary furnishing, and in this connection the Committee on Charity, being unwilling to embarrass Grand Lodge, makes no recommendation for any appropriation beyond the donation of \$7,957.06 referred to by the Grand Secretary in his report. This Committee recommends also that the Wisconsin proposition be laid over till next year.

There are 498 Lodges, and a membership of 40,839.

Besides furnishing an admirable review of the proceedings of 62 English-Speaking Grand Lodges, and of 11 non-English Speaking Grand Lodges, Past Grand Master, W. M. Cunningham has, in his conclusion, written instructively on the History of Freemasonry, Symbolism, Non-affiliation, Cerneauism and many other topics now engrossing the attention of the Craft everywhere. Bro. Cunningham gives more than usual space to the proceedings of North Carolina for 1896, and commends the excellent work of the Grand Secretary, John C. Drewry.

M. W. BARTON SMITH,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. J. H. BROMWELL,  
*Grand Secretary.*

OKLAHOMA—1897.

5TH ANNUAL. NORMAN, FEBRUARY 9TH, 10TH.

Three Special Communications were held—two for the purpose of laying corner stones of school buildings, and one for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a Baptist church, this latter ceremony taking place on Sunday.

The Committee on Grand Master's address disapproved the act of granting dispensation to perform such function on Sunday, and declared it to be a violation of Art. 30 of the Constitution. Grand Lodge sustained the Committee.

At the Annual Communication much of the address of the Grand Master, Henry Rucker, is devoted to the manner in which two Texas Lodges, Mangum No. 685, and Altus No. 711, were transferred bodily to the Jurisdiction of Oklahoma. Greer county, in which these lodges were located, until recently was a part of the State of Texas, but by an act of Congress, sustained by the Supreme Court of the United States, this county was transferred to the Territory of Oklahoma.

Bro. B. R. Abernathy, the Grand Master of Texas, knowing that this transfer of territorial sovereignty would affect these two lodges and perhaps the two Grand Lodges, set to work like a true Mason to make smooth the way of these brethren to their new allegiance. His initial effort to ascertain the status of these two lodges led to the discovery that there was a Grand Lodge in Oklahoma, of which he was heretofore ignorant. Then followed a correspondence between the two Grand Masters, to the credit of each and to their respective Grand Lodges, by which Texas lost and Oklahoma gained two subordinate lodges, without friction or ill-will. All the brethren concerned deserve the commendation of the Craft everywhere.

The Grand Master ruled that a minister of the gospel, simply on



account of his vocation, was not entitled to exemption from the payment of Lodge dues. The Grand Lodge held the same view.

The Wisconsin proposition was laid over until next year.

Number of chartered Lodges, 34; membership 1,340.

M. W. ALBERT W. FISHER,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. JAMES S. HUNT,  
*Grand Secretary.*

# OREGON—1897.

47TH ANNUAL. PORTLAND, JUNE 16TH, 17TH, 18TH.

This handsome volume of proceedings, well printed and indexed, is adorned with the portraits of four Grand Masters, Julius C. Moreland, 1893; Philip S. Malcolm, 1894; Morton D. Clifford, 1895, and Phil Metschan, 1896. Short biographies of each are added, and show that the merits of these brethren are recognized in the affairs of State as well as in the body of the Craft.

There were present at this Communication the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand Officers and the representatives of 101 Subordinate Lodges, out of a total of 103. There were also the representatives of thirty-two Grand Lodges, North Carolina not in the number. An exchange of Representatives seems to have been overlooked.

After paying a just tribute to the pioneers who were active in laying the foundations of Masonry and of a prosperous State in that far away region, Grand Master Metschan tells sorrowfully of the inroads of death in that and other Jurisdictions. A notable loss to the Craft in Oregon was the death of Past Grand Master Dolph, for many years one of the representatives of Oregon in the United States Senate, and a prominent figure in that body.

The decisions of the Grand Master are, with some verbal changes and elisions, approved by the Law Committee, which, in the discharge of its duty, gently hints that Worshipful Masters might profitably give a little time to the study of the laws of the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Orator, Bro. W. E. Carll, delivered an eloquent address for which he received the thanks of Grand Lodge. Later in the day, R. W. Brother Voorsanger, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of California, delivered an address upon "the aims and duties of Masonry," for which he received a rising vote of thanks.

The Wisconsin plan of Relief is looked upon favorably by the Grand Lodge, but the matter is recommitted to Committee for final disposition at the next Communication.

The membership of the 103 Lodges of the jurisdiction is put down in the Grand Secretary's Report at 4,904, an increase of 30 over last year.



The excellent report on Correspondence by Past Grand Master Robert Clow is a comprehensive review of the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Lodges, and a brief but readable resume of the questions more prominently before the Fraternity. North Carolina's proceedings do not seem to have reached Bro. Clow.

M. W. W. H. HOBSON,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. JAS. T. ROBINSON,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### PENNSYLVANIA—1896.

This compact volume is adorned by steel engravings of two Past Grand Masters, John K. Mitchell, 1858, and Henry M. Phillips, 1859-1860, as well as a wood cut of the Masonic Temple. It contains the transactions of the four quarterly Communications held in March, June, September and December, and of two emergent Communications, one of which was called for the purpose of making a Mason at sight. The recipient of the honor conferred by the Grand Master's prerogative was J. Lee Patton.

At the June Communication Grand Master Henderson appointed Brother Wm. A. Sinn Grand Secretary to fill the vacancy made by the death of Past Grand Master Michael Nisbet. The Grand Master paid a high tribute to the worth of Brother Nisbet when he said he was "a gentleman and a Mason."

At the Annual Grand Communication of December 28th there were addresses by the outgoing Grand Master, Matthias H. Henderson, and by his successor, R. W. William J. Kelly. The address of Brother Henderson refers only to those subjects that he believes to be of importance to that Grand Jurisdiction.

On the matter of electioneering for office in the Grand Lodge he says :

Such a method of obtaining favor in the minds of electors savors more of ward politics than it does of Masonic elections, and appeals to their grosser appetites instead of to their intelligence. I hope it will not be a cause for further comment.

Pennsylvania is sensitive as to any invasion of her jurisdictional rights, and with such an executive as Grand Master Henderson there is little fear of infractions of her sovereignty. On a matter nearly related to this the Grand Master says :

A subject that requires notice is that of residents of Pennsylvania who go to foreign countries, especially England, Ireland and Scotland, are there made Masons, and expect to be recognized as such on their

return. Some of them do this unwillingly, acting under the bad advice of friends ; others do it understandingly, and because the degrees cost less there than here. No person so made can be recognized by our Lodges. If they desire to enjoy the privileges of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, they must resign from their foreign Lodge, surrendering all allegiance to it and to the Grand Lodge under which it holds, and apply in regular course for initiation and membership, paying the fees required by the by-laws of the Lodge to which they apply.

By an inspection of the disbursements made by the officers of the different Charity Funds it will be seen that more than \$8,000 was granted to "poor and respectable Brethren." Of those receiving help 3 are reported from North Carolina.

Of the Masonic Home Grand Master Kelly says that since its organization it has taken care of eighty aged Brethren, and now has thirty-six inmates. Its entire salary list is only six hundred and sixty dollars a year.

Past Grand Master Michael Arnold, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence reports "that it has not been able to prepare the usual review of the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal correspondence, and therefore the Brethren will be deprived of the information and pleasure which such a review affords."

In this powerful Jurisdiction there are 430 Lodges, a membership of about 52,000, divided into 37 Masonic Districts.

WM. J. KELLY, Philadelphia,  
*Grand Master.*

WM. A. SINN, Philadelphia,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—1897.

22ND ANNUAL. CHARLOTTETOWN, JUNE 24TH.

Two Special Communications were held at Charlottetown, on August 18, 1896, for the purpose of participating in the funeral services over the remains of R. W. Bro. Benjamin Wilson Higgs, Past Grand Secretary, and on April 13, 1897, for the purpose of giving Masonic Burial to Past Grand Master John W. Morrison. These brethren were distinguished as upright men and Masons, and died full of years.

In his brief address the Grand Master, John L. Thompson, makes fraternal reference to the death of eminent brethren at home and abroad.

Referring to the Queen's Jubilee Bro. Thompson in part says :

Any words which I might utter at this time would appear superfluous and what greater or more fitting tribute can we offer than that of rising and singing our National Anthem—God save the Queen.

The Grand Master announced that St. John's Lodge of Charlotte-town, will celebrate its Centennial year in October and that Grand Lodge in his opinion should take some action in regard to so notable an event, and the Grand Lodge in token of respect to St. John's Lodge "granted them the privilege of wearing Blue and Gold regalia for their officers and members, if they desire it.

Electioneering for office in the Grand Lodge or any of its subordinates is declared to be a Masonic offense, and that any brother so transgressing shall be subject to trial and, if found guilty, shall be punished.

A recommendation of the Committee on Grand Masters address to set apart one-tenth of the income of Grand Lodge for application to the Benevolent Fund failed of approval by Grand Lodge.

The question of raising a fund for the establishment of a Masonic Home is just now secondary to that of the consolidation of the Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. This latter proposition is under advisement with the probability of soon assuming definite shape.

There are 12 Lodges, and a membership of 520.

M. W. LEONARD MORRIS,  
*Grand Master.*

V. W. NEIL, MACKELVIE,  
*Grand Secretary.*

QUEBEC—1897.

27TH ANNUAL. MONTREAL, JANUARY 27TH, 28TH.

There are in this volume of proceedings portraits of three Past Grand Masters—John Hamilton Graham, M. A., L. L. D., who presided in the Grand East for nine terms, James Dunbar, Q. C., D. C. L., two terms, 1874 and 1876, and Hon. Melbourne McT. Tate. two terms, 1877 and 1878.

There were present at this Communication the Grand Officers, a very long list of Past Grand Officers, the representatives of fifty-two subordinate and thirty Grand Lodges, North Carolina not being of the number.

The address of the Grand Master, Col. Fred Massey, is brief when compared with similar State papers. He says the year has been uneventful, but is satisfied that in the Lodges and among the rank and file of the membership Masonic Charity has been generously practiced.

The relations, foreign and domestic, are reported to be satisfactory and fraternal.

Of the Constitution adopted at the last annual Communication the Grand Master says "it may fairly be considered the most complete and carefully constructed Constitution in existence."

He reports the finances of Grand Lodge to be in satisfactory condition.

The death of distinguished Craftsmen at home and abroad receives appropriate notice from the Grand Master.

As a loyal subject of the Queen he refers to the coming celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of her reign, and expresses the love and homage due to her by her people.

From the report of the Grand Secretary, John H. Isaacson, it is seen that there is a slight numerical loss, accounted for by the surrender of two warrants and the general depression in business.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters—six in number—show the Craft to be generally harmonious and fairly prosperous.

An excellent discourse was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Charles G. Rollit, in answer to the inquiry "what is Masonry and what is it doing."

Fraternal greetings were exchanged between Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons then in session.

Upon the question of jurisdiction over rejected candidates the Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee would advise Grand Lodge that the question referred to in the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Maine has already been considered by this Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, January, 1895, when this Grand Lodge decided to adhere to its own rules that the application of a profane for initiation does not place the applicant under the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he may apply, but prevents him, in case of rejection, from again applying for initiation for the term of one year; and that it is the duty of the Committee of Enquiry to inform themselves carefully of and report upon the moral character of the candidate. We believe Grand Lodge still adheres to this position and recommend that the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Maine be so advised.

The Committee on the State of Masonry congratulates Grand Lodge on the satisfactory condition of the Craft, the harmony prevailing and the increase of new material, but touching "the Social Element" it thinks Lodge funds should not be used for purposes of that kind and that those who are present and enjoy the "spreads" should foot the bills—"those who dance must pay the piper." And the report was adopted.

The Report on Correspondence, the eleventh from the same hand, is written by Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, who lays down the pen (tempora-

rily it is hoped) only to take up the gavel. The proceedings of North Carolina for 1896 receive kindly notice and the oration of Bro. Summerell flattering quotations.

M. W. E. T. D. CHAMBERS,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. J. H. ISAACSON,  
*Grand Secretary.*

### RHODE ISLAND—1896.

106TH ANNUAL. PROVIDENCE, MAY 18TH.

A Festival Communication was held at Boston, Mass., August 27, 1895, "in response to an invitation from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to become their guests for the day, and with them to witness the Great Triennial Parade of the M. E. General Grand Encampment of the United States, and its subordinates." The Rhode Island delegation were furnished an excellent position from which to view the parade, and were afterwards handsomely entertained at lunch by the Massachusetts Fraternity.

At the semi-annual meeting of November 18, 1895, the Committee on Credentials reported that there were present one hundred and thirty-one brethren entitled to vote. The business routine of this Communication was varied by the presentation of a Past Grand Master's Jewel and Apron to Past Grand Master Elisha H. Rhodes.

An Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge was held on December 29, 1895, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the late Grand Treasurer, Bro. Darius Bullock Davis, who died suddenly in Atlanta, Ga., while on his way to Florida in search of health.

The Grand Lodge was convened in Special session on April 13, 1896, for the purpose of consecrating to Masonic uses a beautiful Altar, presented by Worshipful Master Alpheus B. Slater, Jr., to his Lodge, Mt Vernon, No. 4. The ceremonies on the occasion were very impressive and appropriate.

In his address at the Annual Communication the Grand Master, M. W. Edward P. Lowden, reports the destruction by fire of the Masonic Temple, and deplores the loss of the portraits of the Past Grand Masters as one of the greatest calamities of the fire.

From the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and that of the Grand Lecturer, it is a pleasure to see that the Craft of Rhode Island is in excellent condition, and maintains a healthy growth.

After the death of the Grand Treasurer the Grand Master appointed Bro. William R. Greene to fill the position until the meeting of Grand

Lodge. At the election of Grand Officers Bro. Greene received the suffrages of his brethren, who thus gave evidence of their approval of the Grand Master's appointment.

Having been assigned to that duty, Bro. Henry W. Rugg submitted a Memorial Sketch of the late Grand Treasurer, Darius B. Davis, and it is apparent that the deceased Brother was held in high esteem for his many excellent qualities as a Mason and a man.

M. W. William H. Crawley was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Edwin Baker re-elected Grand Secretary.

There are 37 Lodges, and a membership of 4,893, a gain of 232.

The Committee on Correspondence made a verbal report that nothing had been referred to it for consideration.

Perhaps the most pleasant meeting of the Grand Lodge during the year was that held at Warren, on June 24, 1896, and known as the Festival Communication, for the purpose of uniting with Washington Lodge, No. 4, in celebrating the centenary of its existence. The occasion brought together a large number of the brethren who thoroughly enjoyed the banquet, the speeches and the good time generally. The most pleasant incident of the Festival was the presentation of a set of sterling silver collars, with the corresponding jewels, by all the other Lodges of the Jurisdiction to Washington Lodge No. 4. Besides the presentation to the Lodge there was also personal recognition of W. Bro. Henry C. Clarke, the Master, who became the recipient of a solid gold Master's jewel. It was a love-feast and all enjoyed it.

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA—1897.

At the half-yearly Communication held at Adelaide, October 21, 1896, there were present the Grand Officers, several Past Grand Officers and the representatives of fifteen Lodges and fifteen Grand Lodges. North Carolina has no ambassador at this court.

The Board of General Purposes reports the surrender of Warrant of St. John's Lodge, No. 17, on account of scattered membership; the consecration of Port Darwin Lodge, which promises to have a prosperous career; and the issuance of a Warrant for the opening of a new Lodge at Naracoorte under favorable auspices. There is prospect of erecting a Masonic Hall at Yorktown, and the laying of the corner stone of Masonic Hall at Strathalbyn, on September 11, 1896, and entirely free of debt, is reported.

Besides making contributions to the needs of 54 worthy applicants for aid, £50 was added to the Benevolent Funds of Grand Lodge.

By permission of the Grand Master the Grand Representative of Maine, Bro. Ebenezer Cooke, presented the proposition of that Grand Lodge as to jurisdiction over rejected candidates, and its further consideration laid over until the next annual meeting.



At the opening of the annual Communication of April 21, 1897, the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Philip Sansom, occupied the Grand East in the absence of the M. W. Hon. S. J. Way, whose political duties detained him elsewhere.

The Board of General Purposes reports the surrender of Warrant by St. James Lodge, No. 23, thus making two defunct Lodges reported since October, 1896.

The Maine proposition of jurisdiction was adopted, and to this end a change in clause of the Constitution was effected.

A joint address of congratulation to the Queen on the completion of the 60th year of her reign from the Grand Lodges of Australasia was prepared and will be forwarded through the M. W. Grand Master, the Right Honorable Chief Justice Way.

During the half year 58 petitioners have been relieved by such sums as were necessary in each case.

The Grand Inspector of Lodges, V. W. Bro. Dakers, reports the condition of all the Lodges but one as being satisfactory.

Chief Justice S. J. Way was elected Grand Master and V. W. the Hon. J. G. Jenkins, M. P., as Deputy Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, 38, and membership, 2266.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA—1896.

##### 120TH ANNUAL. CHARLESTON, DECEMBER 8TH AND 9TH.

There were two Special Communications of the Grand Lodge, one July 28, 1896, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the courthouse at Red Bank, the capital of the newly formed county of Saluda, and the other at Dillon, on July 22, 1896, for laying the corner stone of the Graded School. Both of these ceremonies were conducted by the Grand Master, M. W. Claude E. Sawyer.

In his address at the annual meeting the Grand Master gives an account of his stewardship, and a perusal of this excellent paper will show that in his official doings Grand Master Sawyer was guided always by his sense of duty and an ardent love of Masonry.

Upon the matter of granting Special Dispensations to confer the degrees out of time the Grand Master has pronounced views and does not shrink from expressing them. He says, in part:

The power to grant dispensations in cases of emergency is a wise provision, for without it much inconvenience would arise and many Masons and lodges suffer, but brethren should learn that it is no small matter to set aside the solemn requirements of the Constitution and grant special privileges to some men that were not enjoyed by so many thousands who have gone before them. Some men wait till they are about to start on a long journey and then suddenly conceive



the idea of seeking the mysteries of Freemasonry. The time is short and they must invoke the prerogative of the Grand Master to rush them through in such haste that it is impossible for them to understand the symbolism of the ceremonies, and unless they apply themselves diligently afterwards they will never be Masons in anything save the name. Why should men become Masons when about to go away from home? Is it because only then they desire to be virtuous and moral men? Is it because they happen to conceive a favorable opinion of Masonry just at the moment they are about to leave, or is it because they believe it will be of some pecuniary interest or personal advantage? If the latter, they should not be allowed to become Masons under any circumstances. If they are seeking personal advantages, when they no longer need the assistance of Masonry they will become drones in the hive or join that ever increasing army of non-affiliates.

The decisions reported by the Grand Master were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master holds the opinion that the laws as to physical qualifications should be made less vigorous, as is now the case in very many Grand Lodges, but the Committee on Grand Master's address cannot agree with him. They say:

With regard to physical qualifications we adhere to the view held so fixedly by this Grand Lodge, and notwithstanding the able presentation of the Grand Master we recommend that the rule and the law as administered in this Jurisdiction be rigidly applied.

Grand Lodge sustained the finding of the Committee.

The Grand Master acknowledges the value of the Grand Secretary's service by saying that he had been an "assistant Grand Master." That is all true and goes without saying, but it may be added that there are not a few Grand Secretaries who are Grand Masters and Grand Lodges as well, for it is by their thoughtful and intelligent labor that the work of many Grand Lodges goes on so smoothly.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show the Craft generally to be in fairly good condition, but on the other hand, they sometimes refer to lodges or groups of lodges that are sadly in need of instruction and, perhaps,—discipline. By increasing the number of the Masonic Districts, and thus lessening the labor of the individual Deputy, it is hoped that another year will show uniform and creditable work.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized and welcomed to the fraternity of independent Grand Lodges.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence shows its appreciation of the ability and versatility of Bro. Charles Inglesby, the Grand Secretary, who is also the Reporter on Correspondence. They say in part:

With great skill Bro. Inglesby has examined and presented in condensed form the action of fifty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, culling with rare faithfulness and practical discrimination the most important rulings and the latest news of the Masonic World.

The report is a mine of information giving to the thoughtful student of Masonic history a knowledge of the vital questions which are being discussed by the Craft in other parts of the world.

Your Committee notes with pride the very high opinion in which the work of our Grand Secretary is held by the Correspondence writers of other Grand Jurisdictions and the many and deserved compliments which are paid to his graceful and fluent style, his discriminating criticism, and his sound exposition of Masonic law.

Bro. Inglesby gives North Carolina for 1896 fraternal notice.

177 chartered Lodges, 4 Lodges U. D. are reported. There is a loss in the number of Lodges and in the membership as compared with last year.

In the annual election of officers Bro. Jacob T. Barron, of Columbia, was made Grand Master, and Bro. Charles Inglesby, of Charleston, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA—1897.

23RD ANNUAL. MITCHELL, JUNE 8TH, 9TH.

The Grand Lodge was welcomed to Mitchell by Brother Timan J. Spangler, W. M. of Resurgam Lodge, No. 31, in words of hearty greeting, and past Grand Master William Blatt made a fitting and eloquent response in behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Portraits of Past Grand Master Geo. H. Hand and the present Grand Master, James Lewis, adorn this volume of proceedings.

The address of the Grand Master is an unpretentious paper, but sufficiently full to show that South Dakota had a zealous and sensible presiding officer and one that looked after the interest of the Craft during recess.

At the beginning of his paper the Grand Master calls the attention of Grand Lodge to the important service rendered by Bro. Blatt in accepting the duty of presiding over the department of Correspondence, and the time and labor required in its performance.

The state of the Craft is reported to be fairly good, with a substantial increase in membership, notwithstanding hard times.

The Grand Master refers sorrowfully to the death of eminent Masons in his own and other Jurisdictions.

He reports two Lodges as having been constituted, and the granting of dispensations for the formation of three others.

Of the Ceremonials conducted by him the dedication of the Masonic Temple at Aberdeen was the most notable. This building was erected

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for Masonic uses exclusively, at a cost of \$16,000, and every dollar has been paid. Very properly the ceremonies were followed by "a sumptuous banquet and ball, attended by nearly 400 people."

The Wisconsin plan of Masonic Relief having been submitted again during the recess, the Grand Master says :

Our Grand Lodge took such decided action on this question at the last annual Communication as to leave nothing more to be said. I therefore courteously directed their attention to the report of the Committee on Resolutions adopted by this Grand Lodge at its last session.

The Grand Master intends that the ambassadors to and from the court of South Dakota shall earn the honors they wear. He therefore requests of the Brethren at other courts to make written reports of important legislative acts at the Grand Lodges to which they are accredited, and copies of the published proceedings will not be received in place of specific reports. The resident diplomats are officially notified of the time of the annual Communications, and invited to come and receive the honors awaiting them. If all the Grand Masters will line up with Bro. Lewis those who have heretofore been sneering at the "ornamental" Grand Representative System will be forced to hold their peace.

Of special dispensations granted, that to Aberdeen Lodge, No. 38, for the purpose of attending divine service on Easter Sunday, under escort of a Commandery of Knights Templar, failed to receive the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence. Its dissent is thus expressed :

Membership in the Masonic Lodge is denied to no one on account of creed or religion. Our membership, while largely, if not nearly entirely composed of those professing Christianity, yet we have members of diverse faiths. A Lodge therefore, should as such, do nothing in which each and every member cannot conscientiously participate, and which by precedent has a tendency to encourage practices subversive of our boasted and liberal universality.

The same Committee says of the Maine proposition that it is contrary to the law of South Dakota, but is one which deserves careful and candid consideration, and it therefore recommends that the subject be referred to the particular Lodges before final action is taken by Grand Lodge. This final action will probably be taken at the next annual Communication.

In the Grand Jurisdiction of South Dakota there are 94 Lodges, and a membership of 4305.

The report on Correspondence is written by Past Grand Master

William Blatt and is, like that of last year, of most excellent quality. Bro. Blatt regrets not having received the proceedings of North Carolina for 1897.

ALBERT W. COE,  
*Grand Master.*

GEO. A. PETTIGREW,  
*Grand Secretary.*

### TENNESSEE—1897.

83RD ANNUAL. NASHVILLE, JANUARY 27TH, 28TH, 29TH.

The address of the Grand Master, Philip N. Matlock, is a good paper and shows the Craft in Tennessee to be progressive and prosperous. He says :

The tendency of the Masonic Fraternity in our State, I am pleased to affirm, has been more rigid in discipline and requires Masons to live more in accord with Masonic teaching. Masonry is elevating the moral and Masonic standard of its members, and peace, good feeling and unity, except in a very few localities, prevails throughout this Jurisdiction.

Many Commissions were issued by the Grand Master for constituting subordinate Lodges, dedicating Masonic Halls and laying corner stones. Special dispensations in large number were granted, but not one to examine and ballot out of time or to rush degree work.

The Grand Master reports twenty-five official visitations which gave him pleasure and profit to the brethren.

His rulings were of local interest and met the approval of the Law Committee and Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master pays a beautiful tribute, in the form of a circular letter, to the memory of Dr. Joseph M. Anderson, Past Grand Master, who died full of years and honors, July 14, 1896.

The permanent establishment and certain maintenance of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home has engaged the attention of the Craft in Tennessee for several years past, and it is creditable to the brethren who had the good work in hand that the Home is now practically what it was designed to be—a refuge for the Widow and the Orphan. It has been transferred to the Grand Lodge absolutely free of debt, and will hereafter be managed by a Board of Control consisting of seven members, who shall receive no compensation for their services. In the report of the President of the Board of Trustees, Bro. Marcus B. Toney, he says in part :

On Saturday, December 10, 1892, the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Tennessee was opened with six inmates. The number was

rapidly increased, so that when the Grand Lodge convened in 1893 there were fifteen inmates. The number of beneficiaries has steadily increased until, at this date, there are ninety-seven widows and orphans of our deceased brethren of Tennessee beneath its sheltering roof; the strong right arm of the great Masonic Fraternity thrown around them to defend and protect, its warm heart beating with sympathy, and its liberal hand ready to provide for their maintenance. \* \* In point of number of inmates the Home of Tennessee is only exceeded by two others in the United States. In respect to the character of training and educational facilities given to the children it is not exceeded by any. \* \* \* \* \* You are aware that the location is beautiful and attractive, convenient of access, elevated and healthy. The inmates are contented and happy, and feel that by your fraternal care they are indeed living in a home, and not in a hospital or poorhouse. \* \* \* \* It is proper that each individual Mason shall hereafter feel that he has a personal interest, a personal ownership, and a personal responsibility in the Home.

The portraits of all the Past Grand Masters have been executed, and the gallery is now complete.

It was reported that Bro. A. M. Hughes, eighty-six years old, and the oldest living Past Grand Master in the Jurisdiction, was detained at home on account of the infirmities of age, and the Grand Lodge passed the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That we miss our distinguished and worthy brother from the present deliberations ; we tender him our heartfelt greetings, and direct that this resolution be published in our proceedings and (a copy) sent to Brother Hughes as a token of our high appreciation of him and his life long services to Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

By recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, the Grand Lodge of Victoria and the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma were duly recognized as independent Grand Lodges.

The proposition of the Grand Lodge of Maine to limit jurisdiction over rejected material to five years would be acceptable to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, if the time limit were reduced to three years.

Number of Lodges 425 ; membership 17,682.

Bro. A. N. Sloan, whose portrait ornaments this volume, was elected Grand Master.

JOHN B. GARRETT, Nashville,  
*Grand Secretary.*

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Past Grand Master Geo. H. Morgan, who says this is his first effort as a Reviewer of Grand Lodge proceedings. He need make no apology for the character of his work and he places North Carolina under obligations for the kindly notice of her proceedings for 1896.

## TEXAS—1896.

61ST ANNUAL. HOUSTON, DECEMBER 1ST, 2ND, 3RD.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form with its officers, many Past Grand Officers, Representatives of twenty-three Grand Lodges and a constitutional number of chartered Lodges present.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. B. R. Abernethy, delivered his address and recited fully his official acts for the year. The paper is lengthy and, for intrinsic merit, will bear comparison with the best of its kind. Notwithstanding the stringency of the times, short crops and short prices, the heat of political warfare, and other malign influences, Masonry has kept on its way towards prosperity and well-doing.

The Grand Master refers tenderly to the loss sustained by the Craft in the Jurisdiction by the death of Bros. James Wrigley, Robert Brewster and Harry T. Youens, all of whom were part and parcel of Grand Lodge.

The constitution of seven Lodges, and dispensation for the formation of twelve others are reported. Many dispensations were granted for the laying of corner stones.

Many decisions are related, and receive generally the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence which, in its report, heartily commends the zeal and painstaking care of the Grand Master.

Quite a number of applications for dispensations were refused, and discipline administered for violations of the law by Lodges and Worshipful Masters, varying in severity from reprimand to revocation of charter.

It is seen from the Report of the Grand Treasurer, Bro. S. D. Moore, that \$7,000 from the General Fund and \$1,210.43 from the Temple Fund were transferred to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The statistics from the Grand Secretary's office show that there are 602 Lodges; 27,662 Master Masons, a loss of 103 since last report; non-affiliates 2,898; deaths 489; suspensions for N. P. D. 705; Rejections 509; Destitute Widows 94; Destitute Orphans 160; value of Real Estate and Buildings \$476,200.00; and Indebtedness \$62,187.00. Of those who use "cuss words," or tipple, or play poker, the number has decreased notably, either by death or reformation.

The matters of the proposed Masonic Home are in excellent condition, its Endowment Fund having to its credit, and safely invested, the sum of \$105,876.75. From the report of the Board of Directors it is seen that several desirable sites for the buildings are offered to Grand Lodge, and among the number that at North Galveston seems for many reasons to be the most suitable. The selection has been deferred until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.



The Report on Fraternal Correspondence, covering the proceedings of fifty-five Grand Lodges, is the work of Past Grand Master Thomas M. Matthews, and makes pleasant and profitable reading. Brother Matthews does not shrink from a tilt with the best of the debaters and whether victor or vanquished is smiling and serene. From his personal knowledge and proximity he is a leader in sustaining the claims of Mexican Masonry to universal recognition.

Bro. Matthews, being himself a physician, appreciated the difficulty this reporter had in the effort to submit a review to Grand Lodge in 1896, when, at best, there were but a few weeks for application to the work. His review of North Carolina for 1896, is courteous and he says of Bro. Summerell's oration that it is "one of the most beautiful and readable" that he has seen for a long time.

North Carolina has a Representative near the Grand Lodge of Texas in the person of Bro. E. G. Bower of Dallas, but Texas seems to have no ambassador at the court of North Carolina, and we can only unite with Bro. Matthews in asking whose fault?

M. W. A. B. WATKINS, Athens,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. JOHN WATSON, Houston,  
*Grand Secretary.*

UTAH—1897.

26TH ANNUAL. SALT LAKE CITY, JANUARY 19TH.

This volume has pictures of twenty-three Grand Masters, that of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Christopher Diehl, and very many views of Masonic buildings throughout the Jurisdiction.

On March 19, 1896, the Grand Lodge was called in Special session for the performance of a Masonic function of unusual moment to the fraternity of the State—the dedication of the New Masonic Hall erected by the united efforts of three local Lodges, Wasatch, No. 1, Mt. Moriah, No. 2, and Argenta, No. 3. The occasion was made memorable by elaborate ceremonial and by the congregation of an immense assemblage of the Craft of that and other Grand Jurisdictions, no less than eighteen of the latter being represented. The arrangements were admirable, and from first to last, up to the final reception, everything went smoothly and the brethren dispersed full of enthusiasm and good cheer.

The address of the Grand Master, William Thomas Dalby, at the annual Communication, is a clear history of his administration of the affairs of Grand Lodge for the year just past.

He pays loving tribute to the memory of those who have joined the ever-growing majority, and reports tranquility and good will at home and abroad.

The Maine proposition as to jurisdiction, and that of Wisconsin as to Masouic relief are adverted to unfavorably by the Grand Master and, upon reference, it is found that he reflected the views of Grand Lodge.

One Lodge Damascus No. 10,—was constituted February 8, 1896. and its officers installed.

A petition for dispensation to form a new Lodge, signed by one member of a local lodge and by thirty-three non-affiliates, hailing from other Grand Jurisdictions, but all long-time residents of Salt Lake, was disapproved by the Grand Master, whose action is sustained by the Committee on Lodges U. D. and by Grand Lodge.

He congratulates the Craft on the harmony and intelligence among the membership, as shown by the fact that he has not been called upon to render a single decision.

Having visited every Lodge in the Jurisdiction, and being thus able to note the direct beuefits of frequent visitations, he urges the regular observance of the custom.

The Grand Master deplors the necessity of foregoing the celebration of the Quarter-Centennial of Masonry in Utah, but since the hard times forbid any costly display he philosophically yields to the inevitable.

The subject of using the Lodge rooms for social purposes, such as dancing, card parties and the like, was referred to Grand Lodge for decision and gave rise to lively discussion, and to majority and minority reports. The majority report in favor of dauciug and "other harmless social features" was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

After the installation of the Grand Officers the retiring Grand Master, Bro. Dalby, invested his successor with the signet ring. The address and response were both appropriate and eloquent and elicited the applause of the brethren.

Number of Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction of Utah is 9, and the membership is 763.

Brother Christopher Diehl, the Grand Secretary, furnishes the report on Correspondence and gives fraternal review to the proceedings of fifty-six American Grand Lodges, North Carolina for 1896 receiving condensed but ample notice.

M. W. ABRAM DALE GASH,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. CHRISTOPHER DIEHL,  
*Grand Secretary.*

VERMONT—1897.

104TH ANNUAL. BURLINGTON, JUNE 9TH, 10TH.

A Special Communication was held at Bennington, Feby. 22, 1897,

for the purpose of dedicating the new Hall of Mt. Anthony Lodge, No. 13. The ceremonies were conducted by Grand Master Kittredge Haskins who delivered a polished and scholarly address. A fine steel engraving of Bro. Haskins forms the frontispiece to this well-executed volume of proceedings.

At the regular Communication the Grand Master submitted a report of his administration. No death had occurred in the Grand Lodge membership during the year, and appropriate reference was made to the losses sustained by other Grand Jurisdictions.

No Decisions are reported because the officers of the Lodges are so well acquainted with the law and their duties that, in the event of straying a little, it is only necessary for the Grand Master to refer to the Digest of Decisions to bring them back to solid ground.

Many special dispensations were granted, but one, to appear in regalia at the centennial celebration of the town of Burke, was denied; and the Law Committee and Grand Lodge approve this action.

The matter of honorary membership receives considerable attention from the Grand Master and he argues that the Lodges must pay their per capita to Grand Lodge for these members as well as for all others. The Jurisprudence Committee endorses this opinion.

Much of the Grand Master's address is devoted to the consideration of the building of the Masonic Temple, and the sum of \$30,000 was appropriated for that purpose.

In his conclusion Bro. Haskins enjoins upon the Craft in very eloquent words the duty of practicing the tenets of Masonry.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. W. G. Reynolds, reports the revenue of Grand Lodge for this year to be \$7,021, of which sum \$569 is derived from the sale of "Rituals, Hand Books, Lectures and Past Masters' Rituals."

In appreciation of the value of his faithful work, a Past Grand Master's Jewel was ordered to be procured and presented to Bro. Haskins.

In the Grand Jurisdiction of Vermont there are 101 Lodges with a membership of 9,758.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Past Grand Master, Marsh O. Perkins, and furnishes a pleasant review of the proceedings of 51 Grand Lodges. In his conclusion he says "the net increase in membership though less than in the preceding year, was due to a clearing out of the rubbish in and about the Temple, rather than to inactivity among the workmen, and it is believed a marked improvement will be shown in consequence another year." Bro. Perkins says he has reviewed all the proceedings except Michigan, New

Brunswick and Utah, but after diligent search North Carolina cannot be found in the ranks.

M. W. DANIEL N. NICHOLSON,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. WARREN G. REYNOLDS,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### VICTORIA.

Only the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of September 21st, 1896, have come to hand.

In the review of the transactions of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria in our report of last year, the proceedings of the Communication of June 15, 1896, were the last to come under notice.

In the absence of the Grand Master, Lord Brassy, who was kept away in consequence of an engagement of long standing, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. George Baker, P. G. M., presided at the September meeting. There were present the Grand Officers, many Past Grand Officers and the Representatives of twenty-seven Grand Lodges.

The Board of Benevolence reported nearly £300 expended for the relief of seventy petitioners during the period from June 10th to August 26th.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England notified the Grand Secretary of Victoria of a report that the latter had entertained an application for warrant from certain brethren of Western Australia. To this the Board of General Purposes directed the Grand Secretary to answer "that this Grand Lodge does not desire to assume jurisdiction."

The thanks of Grand Lodge returned to Sir W. J. Clarke for the courteous manner in which he had discharged the duty of Grand Master during the last seven years, and it was ordered that an address be prepared and engrossed under the direction of the Board of General Purposes and presented to him in acknowledgment of his unwavering fidelity to the Craft.

A special vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded in the minutes to His Honor Chief Justice Way, M. W. Grand Master of South Australia, for valuable and efficient service in installing Lord Brassy as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

The aggregate amounts contributed to the General and Benevolent Funds received from the 16th of June to 21st of September, 1896, were, respectively £443. 9. 8, and £583. 7. 11.

M. W. LORD BRASSY,  
*Grand Master.*

V. W. JOHN BRAIM,  
*Grand Secretary.*

## VIRGINIA—1896.

116TH ANNUAL. RICHMOND, DECEMBER 1ST, 2ND, 3RD.

On July 2nd, 1896, in Special Communication, the Grand Lodge laid the corner stone of the Jefferson Davis monument with appropriate Masonic ceremonies. The Grand Lodge was escorted by St. Andrew Commandery, No. 13. and a great concourse of the brethren, with many distinguished Craftsmen from abroad, took part in the ceremonial.

The address of the Grand Master, M. W. J. P. Fitzgerald, at the regular meeting of Grand Lodge, was a state paper of great merit. Like that of last year it gives evidence that its author thinks for himself, and expresses his opinions modestly in strong, perspicuous, sparkling English.

Under the head of "Necrology" he says:

The year has not passed without the death of some whom you loved and honored.

On the 24th of December, the angel of death, to him not an unexpected, and I believe, not an unwelcomed messenger, was sent to summon hence our venerable brother, R. W. George W. Dame, D. D. The old pilgrim laid down his staff, unloosed his sandals, and entered the dark waters, following his conductor, and fearing no danger, for he had long carried in his bosom a safe conduct for the journey, stamped with the signet of the King. One well-authenticated incident in his life illustrates the tenor of the whole. One morning he left his home to take a train to visit his children residing here. In the afternoon he was seen by one who had been informed of his contemplated absence, passing, as was his daily wont, from house to house of his parishioners, carrying, in his genial smile and cheerful tones, consolation to weary hearts. In answer to a question of surprise at thus finding him at home, he replied, that on getting to the depot he had seen a woman there with children at her side, whose face bore evidence of anxiety and distress, and had learned that being on her way to visit friends in a neighboring State, her means had failed, and she had been compelled to stop, a stranger in a strange city.

The questioner knew without being told, that the money intended for his, had been dedicated to the expenses of her journey. Surely our brother knew the full meaning of that which had been written,— "it is more blessed to give than to receive." We miss him, but we cannot sorely lament that he has gone to his reward.

Dispensations were granted for the institution of five new Lodges.

The Grand Master commends the claim of the Masonic Home to the consideration of the Craft, and says that this noble Charity is in every way deserving of their support and entitled to their bounty. The Board of Governors of the Home report thirty-eight children properly cared for at a per capita cost of \$130 a year.

There was no occasion throughout the year for the Grand Master to render any decision of sufficient importance to submit to Grand Lodge.

Brother Fitzgerald is also troubled by the non-affiliate, and says :

In the Jurisdiction of many, if not of every one of the subordinate lodges, there are those who have voluntarily severed their connection with the Lodge, many of whom were at one time active workers. Their presence and their lack of interest is detrimental. Men say that Masonry cannot be what we claim it is, for if it is, these who were once of us would not be thus indifferent, and they infer from such indifference that there must be something in Masonry which these non-affiliates do not approve.

An exhibit of the affairs of the Masonic Temple Association of Virginia shows an excess of assets over liabilities amounting to \$147,892.29, certainly a satisfactory condition.

It is noted in the proceedings of the third day that R. W. Brother W. H. Summerell, Deputy Grand Master of North Carolina, "was introduced and received with the honors due his station."

The Committee on Grand Master's Address says of the Maine proposition :

That our Lodges did not claim for themselves or recognize in Lodges of different jurisdiction any right or perpetual jurisdiction over rejected profanes. \* \* \* \* In view of this recent and well-considered action—with all fraternal deference to the differing opinion of our brethren in Maine—we see no occasion for any reconsideration of this question.

The same Committee says of the Wisconsin proposition that it "cannot assent to its wisdom or propriety," and suggests general membership of Grand Lodges in the Relief Association of the United States as a ready way of correcting present confusion and irregularity.

The reports of the four Grand Lecturers and the fifty District Deputy Grand Masters indicate that the Fraternity in Virginia is in a prosperous condition.

The number of Lodges making returns 251 ; number of Lodges failing to make returns 7 ; Lodges Chartered 5 ; Reviewed 1 ; under dispensation 2 ; total 266. The membership is given at 12,652.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is signed by every member of the Committee—Brothers W. F. Drinkard, William B. Taliaferro and I. W. Eggleston—and as a sample of condensation will make Conover think that his condenser could be improved. The brevity of the report is explained by the statement that—

It has been thought best to pay no attention to giving each Grand Lodge reviewed equal notice, or to go into details and statistical state-



ments. This report is intended to put Virginia as nearly as may be up to date on Masonic questions, as she would have been could our former reports have been continued to date.

M. W. A. R. COURTNEY, Richmond,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. GEO. W. CARRINGTON, Richmond,  
*Grand Secretary.*

WASHINGTON—1897.

40TH ANNUAL. SEATTLE, JUNE 8TH, 9TH, 10TH.

At the opening of the Grand Lodge there were present its Officers, fifteen Past Grand Officers, a long list of Past Masters of Lodges and the representatives of ninety-six constituent Lodges.

The Grand Master, Yancey Crawford Blalock—whose portrait appears as a frontispiece reports his official acts in a brief and business like address.

He refers sadly to the death of Past Grand Master Granville O. Haller and his burial by Grand Lodge, specially convened for that purpose, on May 4, 1897.

Five Lodges were duly constituted.

The recommendation of the Grand Master for an appropriation to put a Grand Lecturer in the field did not receive the approval of the Finance Committee and failed of adoption.

The few rulings made by Grand Master Blalock received the approval of the Law Committee and of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Thomas M. Reed, submitted a report of matters pertaining to his office, from which it appears that he has not escaped the worries that affect all Grand Secretaries. At the close of Bro. Reed's report he was congratulated by Grand Lodge upon the completion of the first half century of his Masonic Life, and received from his brethren many and cordial expressions of their fraternal regard.

Owing to the failure of the Bank in which the Grand Treasurer deposited his funds, there will be some delay in making the whole of the deposits available, but it is believed there will be no ultimate loss.

R. W. Bro. John Arthur, the Grand Orator, delivered a very interesting address on the Universality of Freemasonry, in which he shows its existence ages before the building of Solomon's temple. The address commanded the attention of the Grand Lodge and was ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

Under the head of "Masons of African Descent:"

A communication was presented to Grand Lodge, and read by the Grand Secretary from Can. A. Rideout and others, claiming to be

"Free and Accepted Masons of African Descent," and appealing to this Grand Lodge to "devise some means whereby they as true, tried and trusty Masons can be brought in communication with and enjoy the fraternal confidence of the members of the Craft in this State."

The Communication was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Bros. W. H. Upton, T. M. Reed and I. E. Edmiston, to report at the next annual Communication.

A resolution making the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage a Masonic offense was postponed until next year. Later, the resolution on the "liquor traffic" in the proceedings of 1895 was taken up for consideration and adopted—making it a Masonic offense for any Master Mason to enter the liquor business, but not applying to those already engaged in it.

In this Grand Jurisdiction there are 101 Lodges, and a membership of 4,649.

Upon the invitation of M. W. Thomas M. Reed, the Committee on Correspondence, the report of this year is furnished by R. W. W. H. Upton, the Deputy Grand Master

He discusses nearly every topic of interest to the Craft, and expresses his views fearlessly and vigorously. It is a pity that his pronounced gifts should be marred by lapses into unpleasant personalities. In his tilts with Bro. Drummond he has shown himself a brave and valiant Knight, but it is to be feared that he "lost his head" when he forgot his Knightly courtesies.

Although Bro. Clow exposed himself to a retort in kind, yet—somehow, ridicule of his academic deficiencies could generously have been dispensed with, and would not have been a loss to the more accurate writer. To strike back is mighty natural, Brother Upton, but the striking is not convincing as an argument, nor is it Masonic, and we hope you will have seen your way clear to "taking back" everything naughty long before you see this friendly notice.

M. W. ARCHIBALD W. FRATER,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. THOMAS M. REED,  
*Grand Secretary.*

WEST VIRGINIA 1896.

32ND ANNUAL. WHEELING, NOVEMBER 10TH AND 11TH.

Twelve Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held for various purposes, such as constituting new Lodges and installing their officers, laying corner stones of churches and school houses, and dedicating Masonic Halls.

Portraits of Grand Master-elect Braxton D. Gibson, and of Past Grand Master Geo. E. Thornburg adorn this volume, and there is besides a brief history of the Masonic Life of each of these eminent Brethren.

At the regular annual Communication the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was represented by R. W. Bro. Neil Robinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

The M. W. Grand Master, John M. Collins, gives a detailed statement of his official acts in an address that refers to many topics now engaging the attention of the Grand Lodge.

The advisability of establishing a Masonic Home was discussed last year and circulars issued for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiments of the subordinate Lodges. Less than one-half the Lodges made any report, and of these a respectable minority were opposed to the enterprise. The Grand Master does not favor the establishment of a Home. He says :

But from a pretty wide acquaintance among the various Masonic Lodges in our State, and considerable knowledge of the condition of our people, I am convinced that there are very few indigent orphans of Masonic parentage that could avail themselves of our bounty. I venture the opinion that these few could be maintained and educated by the Fraternity with equal benefit and much less expense in any of the homes now organized in Wheeling, in Charleston, and elsewhere in our State than by the erection and maintenance of a Masonic Orphan's Home such as is contemplated and such as exists in other Masonic Jurisdictions. \* \* \* \* It is undoubtedly true that we ought to do more good with the funds in our hands, and be able to render a better account of our stewardship. But would we be entitled to any more commendation if we expended in the purchase of large grounds, the erection of a stately building and the employment of a corps of officers and attendants, all duly equipped for the support of indigent orphans, a sum which when applied through agencies already existing, would support ten times the number of those who could avail themselves of our Charity? Out of every ten dollars in Charity thus bestowed, only one dollar would reach the true aim, only one dollar would be expended for the personal good of the orphan.

The whole matter of a Home was put off another year. In that time it is hoped the subordinate Lodges will have taken action, so that their representatives in Grand Lodge will be instructed as to how to vote.

The Grand Master reported but two decisions and these were approved by the Law Committee and by Grand Lodge.

Number of Lodges 110, of which 4 are U. D.; number of Master Masons in good standing 5867.

The report on Correspondence, the eleventh, is from the experienced hand of Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary, Bro. G. W. Atkinson, and is a credit to him and to his Grand Lodge.

North Carolina for 1896 receives ample notice.

M. W. BRAXTON GIBSON, Charlestown,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. G. W. ATKINSON, Charleston,  
*Grand Secretary.*

WISCONSIN—1897.

53RD ANNUAL. MILWAUKEE, JUNE 8TH, 9TH, 10TH,

The Grand Lodge was opened with an attendance of its Officers, more than thirty Past Grand Officers, the Representatives of 232 subordinate Lodges, and of thirty-two Grand Lodges, Bro. E. J. Farr, the Representative of North Carolina, being of the number.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Aldro Jenks, announces substantial gains in the membership, but reminds the Brethren that a strict maintenance of the trusts of the Craft is of more importance than all else.

In his recital of the ravages of death among the ranks of the Fraternity at home and abroad the Grand Master mentions the completion of his journey by Gen. Geo. W. Jones, of Dubuque, Iowa, in his 92nd year. Of him it is said :

Bro. Jones had led an eventful life. He was a drummer boy in the war of 1812, and won distinction in the Black Hawk war. He was the last delegate in Congress from the territory of Michigan, the first delegate from Wisconsin and the first United States Senator from Iowa, and he selected the names Wisconsin and Iowa. He had known every president since Monroe, was a business partner of Daniel Webster, was the colleague in Congress of Thomas H. Benton, Charles Sumner, Stephen A. Douglas, William H. Seward and James Buchanan, and was the intimate friend of John C. Calhoun, Martin Van Buren, Henry Clay, John C. Freemont, Jefferson Davis and Franklin Pierce. In December, 1843, he attended the first annual session of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and was appointed its first Grand Pursuivant by Benjamin T. Kavanaugh, our first Grand Master.

Of the decisions reported by the Grand Master those relating to physical qualifications were made according to the laws last adopted, and he used no discretion in their construction. The Committee on Jurisprudence sustains his enunciation of the law—that there shall be no pronounced physical imperfection, and adds that the mere ability to comply with the requirements of the ritual is not sufficient.

A distinguished Brother, Past Grand Master and Present Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, John D. Vincil was received as a welcome visitor and accorded the honors due his station. He

addressed the Grand Lodge and "electrified the brethren by his eloquent recital of the founding and establishment of the Masonic Home in the neighboring jurisdiction."

The Grand Treasurer reports the net cash assets of Grand Lodge to be \$12,038.72.

The Committee on Masonic Relief "report progress." The status of the proposed plan is reviewed by the Committee and the recital closes with the statement that the "proposition is gaining ground, though slowly."

The same Committee submitted a resolution which was adopted, forbidding the solicitation of profanes to join the order, or even hinting to such that their membership in the fraternity would be desirable.

Remembering the hostility of Bro. Abe Bouck to the continuance of the Correspondence department, and the dangers to the stability of the Craft growing out the license of criticism assumed by the Reporters, it is not surprising to find no review of this subject or any reference to it in the body of the transactions. There is, however, on the last cover-page this legend: "Committee on Correspondence—Aldro Jenks," which would seem to indicate that if Bro. Bouck wouldn't get mad there might be a report next year. It is to be hoped that Bro. Gabe will "let up," and not force the pen which has produced such an excellent Grand Master's address to rust in the ink-stand, or the brain which has guided it to vegetate.

In the Grand Jurisdiction of Wisconsin there are 239 Lodges, and a membership of 16,946.

M. W. NATHAN C. GRIFFIN,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. JOHN W. LAFLIN,  
*Grand Secretary.*

#### WYOMING—1897.

##### 23RD ANNUAL. RAWLINS, SEPTEMBER 14TH.

This volume, very much less bulky than the average Grand Lodge Proceedings, is very rich in its contents, and not a barren spot is to be found between its covers. It is also illustrated with the photographs of five of its Grand Masters—Robert Wilson, 1881-2, William Daley, 1888-9, Perry L. Smlth, 1891-2, Fenimore Chatterton, 1895-6, and De Forrest Richards, 1896-7.

The address of Grand Master Richards is a plain business paper in which he reports his official doings for the year just passed, and all of his acts receive the approval of the Grand Lodge.

From the Report of the Grand Secretary we find the number of

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Lodges to be fifteen, and the membership to be 1011, a slight loss from last year.

The cash balance reported by the Grand Treasurer and certified by the Finance Committee is \$2,587.73.

The Maine proposition of jurisdiction over rejected candidates being practically that of Wyoming no action was taken upon it by Grand Lodge.

All arrangements for the Washington Memorial Services, should they be approved by American Grand Lodges generally, were entrusted to the Grand Master-elect, Bro. Rohrbaugh, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Burritt, and the Grand Secretary as a continuing Committee, with power to act for Grand Lodge until the matter is finally settled.

After the Grand Lodge was closed the brethren present enjoyed the pleasures of a banquet prepared for them by the members of Rawlins Lodge, No. 5.

The Report on Correspondence, very much condensed and of excellent quality, is from the pen of Brother Wm. L. Kuykendall, the Grand Secretary, who seems to possess the critical acumen of the lawyer or the statesman, and to be ever on the alert to discover legislation that should be praised or condemned. In either case he is clear in statement and vigorous in style and, what is best of all, never forgets that he is a Mason and a gentleman. North Carolina for 1897 receives brief but kindly review, and this reporter credit for noting salient points in the transactions of Grand Lodges.

M. W. BRO. E. P. ROHRBAUGH,  
*Grand Master.*

R. W. BRO. WM. L. KUYKENDALL,  
*Grand Secretary.*



















